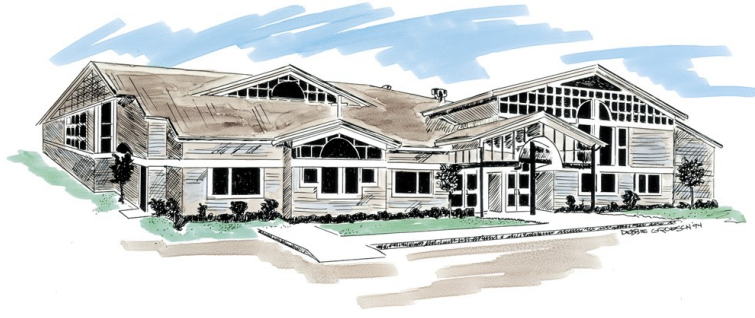


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*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

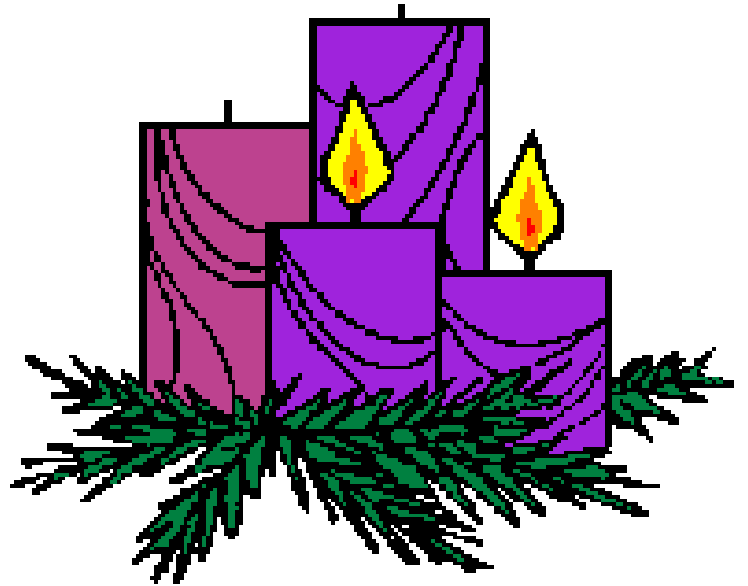
1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Luke 3:4, 6

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the
salvation of God.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Dec 5

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6:30pm- Maintenance Meeting

Tue Dec 6

9am- Mass
~~5:30pm- Confirmation Class~~
7pm- OCIA
7:30pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed Dec 7

9am- Mass

Thu Dec 8-Immaculate Conception Holy Day

9am- Mass
7pm- Mass

Fri Dec 9-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Dec 10

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass

Sun Dec 11

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

12/3	Available
12/4	8am- People of the Parish 11am- Available
12/5-12/11	Available

Next Sunday's Readings Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

God himself will come to save us.

Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?

Reflection

Recognizing that God works through the interruptions of our lives is an ongoing challenge. Very often we are tempted to think we know best, especially if we have included God in our discernment and the making of our plans. But our plans- even ones that seem good and holy- are up for interruption. Convenience is not a prerequisite for how God works. Prophets often appear in our midst in weird and inconvenient ways. They are there for a reason; they interrupt our too-small ways of understanding God. How often do we overlook prophets in our midst?

Welcome

Some Advent questions.

On *this* day, can we look within or without and see “no harm or ruin”? Can we look near or far and see the “flowering of justice” and the “fullness of peace”? Is there a part of us that wonders whether Isaiah misheard God? That thinks the psalmist must have had the best rose-colored glasses money could buy?

Maybe we just can't shake the sinking feeling that, in this Year of Our Lord 2022, Advent somehow feels more like Lent. And still, we hope. Because we are in such good company.

Welcome to my world, cries Isaiah. And the psalmist. And John the Baptist too.

Welcome to the world of Advent, a season of already and not yet. A season of longing and aching for that day when God's “glorious dwelling” will be more recognizable in our midst.

A season that dares to bring us the adult John the Baptist *in the desert*. Contrary to appearances, John has not lost the innate sense of joy that caused him to somersault within his mother's womb when he first recognized Jesus.

The thing is, the more clearly we see Christ, the more Advent will cut to our core. The more we will realize that hope and hurt are close companions. The more we will recognize our own sinfulness, the “harm and ruin” we inflict within and without. And when sin hits Christ's winnowing fan, it is bound to be messy and painful. All the more reason to repent and let Christ in.

Mercy is the answer we long for. Come in. Come in.

Mary Stommes

Mary Stommes is an oblate of St. Benedict and the editor of Give Us This Day.

On the Way Home from Mass...

What does the word *repent* mean? Why is this important as we prepare for Jesus to come?



At Holy Cross

Faith Formation Classes

Dec 11	K-5	Classrooms
	Gr. 6-12	Family session
Dec. 18	All ages in Family Session	
Classes resume January 15.		

New families,
info online:
[holycrossalaska.net/
formation](http://holycrossalaska.net/formation)

OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults

To learn more about the faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, meets Tuesdays at 7pm. Call Deacon Sandon: 947-9168



Poinsettia Time

Poinsettia season is here! Art & Environment members will sell coupons @ \$12.00 each for Bell's Nursery poinsettia 4-inch potted plants. These **poinsettias** are reasonable. With the profits we decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase the coupons early! Decorate your homes and offices, give as gifts, or you may donate funds for the Holy Cross altar plants. Coupons be on sale after Mass or call Marilyn Kerr at 907-441-3082. Visit either Bell's store to choose your plants.

Forming a Library Volunteer Team

We're looking for 2 additional part-time volunteers to help maintain our library. Contact Debbie at 952-1879.



Eucharistic Miracles on the Red Bulletin Board



This week's Eucharistic Revival bulletin board features miracles from Austria that occurred in the 1300-1400s. For more info, visit miracolieucaistici.org or take one of the flyers home to read.



Giving Tree

Two Confirmation students, Joseph Salao and Lora Rivera, are hosting the Giving Tree as their service project. The collection continues through Dec 18. Take the desired amount of gift tags and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached by Dec 18. They will be collecting items for Brother Francis Shelter, Clare House, and the Covenant House. Thank you!

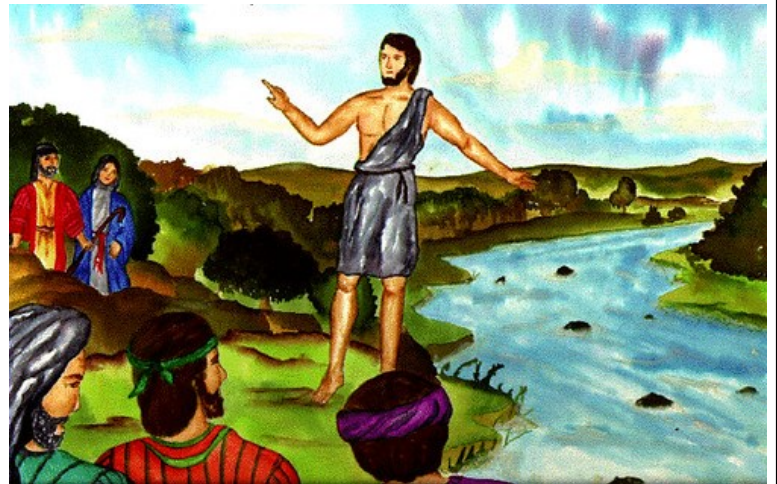
Archdiocesan Events

Advent with the Archbishop

The Archbishop is having Advent/Christmas Receptions in December. This is an opportunity for people to come have some refreshments and talk with Archbishop Bellisario, C.M. Please join us and start your Advent Season off with some holiday fun.

- Dec 6, 4-7pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Juneau.
- Dec 9, 4-7pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage

Bring a can of food and we will deliver it to one of the local food banks.



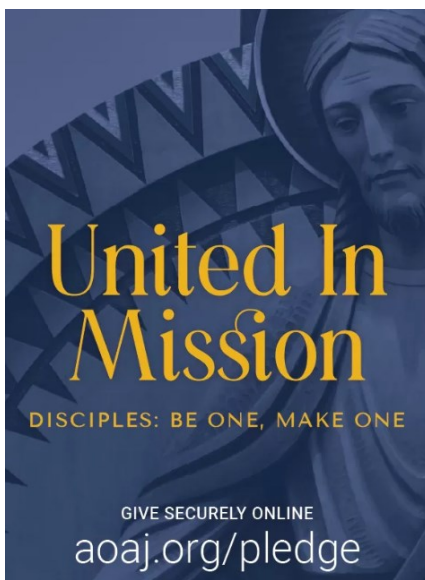
Ministry Schedule for next week (Dec 10/11)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Olivia and Sebastian Maglaqui	Ray Meliton Dave Alzheimer	Pat Siedl	Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Need 2 Servers	Paul Clark Julie Kentch	Mike Likar	Garroutte Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Kaosi Morah Adelina Dizon	Joslyn Childs	Janina Chlebowski	Teresa Cortes Kaira Brooks

Second Sunday of Advent

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2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report			
As of Nov 16, 2022			
Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	40,620	
Parish Goal for Holy Cross **	\$	58,620	\$ 18,000 Last 3 Yr Rebate Avg
Total Pledged	\$	51,125	125.9% of Diocesan Goal 87.2% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$	75	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	10,505	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(7,495)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$	47,570	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	3,555	
Total Rebate * for Holy Cross	\$	6,950	

* The rebate is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered ordinary revenue like weekly collections or online giving and thus, the rebate amount is not assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. Therefore, the rebate is not assessed or taxed and thus, the rebate paid in full (100%) to Holy Cross.

** Please note that the total rebate amounts for the past three years (FY20-FY22) has averaged \$18,000 per year. In order to meet the \$18,000 average rebate for this year (2022), Holy Cross would need to collect more pledges to increase the "Total Pledged" amount to \$58,620.

Donations can be made through December 31, 2022. There are 2 ways to make a donation.
1) Go online to www.aoaj.org/appeal to make a secured donation or 2) place your donation (check or cash) in an United in Mission envelope at the church and give it to Fr. Pat. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation that you are affiliated with Holy Cross.

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.

Catholic Social Services Announcements

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Thanksgiving a day to celebrate!

This Thanksgiving volunteers helped hand out 1,400 Thanksgiving meals at St. Patrick's Parish, helped cook and serve a delicious Thanksgiving meal at Complex Care, provided live music and served dinner at Brother Francis Shelter, and delivered a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner to Clare House too! We are so thankful for our volunteers!

This Holiday season, there are many ways to support our neighbors in need, such as donating to program-specific Wish Lists, supporting local families, and volunteering your time.



Christmas Gifts for guests at Brother Francis Shelter

We need Christmas gifts for our BFS guests! Donate new jackets and hoodies for guests to open on Christmas Day. Our goal is 120 new coats or sweatshirts for guests to open on Christmas morning. Please drop off at our Main Center at [3710 E 20th Ave.](#)

Complex Care Christmas Decorations

Complex Care is in need of holiday decorations! CSS is collecting Christmas lights, wreaths, garland, and window decorations to help make Complex Care a winter wonderland! Please drop off decorations at our Main Center at [3710 E 20th Ave.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities!

Donating Dinners

The Strengthening Families classes begin with a family meal and we would love to share your favorite dish! Volunteers can sign up to bring a main dish, salad, bread, or dessert. If you would like to help supply an item for dinner, please sign up on this link: [Catholic Social Services: Strengthening Families Dinner \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Youth Mentors

Are you interested in supporting refugee youth? RAIS is seeking adults who will be a mentor to refugees ages 15-24 who are looking to develop their academic skills and advance their career goals. This position requires weekly contact with the mentees. Many of our youth are living in the Wasilla and Palmer area.

In-Kind Donation Needs

St. Francis House Food Pantry: donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th Ave, Anchorage Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm
Rice, Pasta, Oatmeal

Brother Francis Shelter: donations can be delivered to [1021 E 3rd Ave](#), Anchorage 7 days a week from 9am-7pm
Twin Sheets, Blankets, Towels, Warm Winter clothing, Men's clothing- 3x-5x

Clare House: donations can be dropped off at [4110 Spenard Rd, Anchorage](#) 7 days a week, 10am-6pm
Baby wipes, Diapers size 5 and 6, Pull ups, Toothpaste, Shampoo and conditioner

RAIS: Donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th AVE, Anchorage Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

new or gently-used winter coats for adults and children, new or gently-used comforter blankets (twin and queen sizes)



Come work with us at CSS!

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a case management program for homeless, or at-risk for homelessness, Veterans and their families. SSVF Case Managers will assist you with identifying and addressing barriers, increasing self-sufficiency, and securing permanent housing. We work closely with the VA and other community service providers to ensure that our clients are connected with any and all resources available to them. We serve Veterans in the Anchorage Municipality and in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

To see all of our current job openings, visit <https://www.cssalaska.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>



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This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship. Any man interested in learning more about the priesthood is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Fr. Arthur Roraff at (907) 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com.

RETREAT TAKES PLACE AT ST. THERESE'S CAMP
7180 TWIN LAKES DR, WASILLA, AK 99654



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Cross

Director of Faith Formation

The current Director of Faith Formation, Anna Schulten, is leaving in May 2023 (read her letter to the parish on the website: holycrossalaska.net/apply). Applications are now being accepted for her successor.

The Director of Faith Formation is responsible for the development, supervision and coordination of all evangelization programs in the parish, ensuring that the mission and vision of missionary discipleship is fulfilled, with a particular focus on the parish's children, youth and young adults. He/she is responsible to coordinate the recruitment, training, support and appreciation of ministry catechists. The Director of Faith Formation reports directly to the Pastor. This is a full-time paid position. Download the description at holycrossalaska.net/apply

To apply, and for more information, contact Fr. Pat Travers at pjtravers@att.net.

Holy Spirit Center

Director

The Director is responsible for directing the overall operations of Catholic Retreat House Ministries, Inc. (Holy Spirit Center). Learn more at aoaj.org/jobs.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Pastoral Associate for Stewardship & Communications

Contact Kate Bazin at Kate@akseas.net.

Part-Time Youth Minister

Contact Theresa Austin at Theresa@akaseas.net.

At the Chancery

Accounting Associate

To provide the Accounting Staff with a high level of accounting assistance with the main focus being GL & Bank Reconciliations, Pre-posting accuracy reviews, daily desktop deposits, customer statements, and general Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau Finance Office daily functions.

Comptroller

This position reports to the Chief Finance Officer and is responsible for the overall quality of accounting and financial reporting of all general ledgers maintained by the Finance Department of the Archdiocese.

Learn more about all these employment opportunities at aoaj.org/jobs

ADVENT ENRICHMENT

Pick up a copy of the "Little Blue Book" in the foyer this weekend

Each day of this daily devotional includes a 6-minute reflection to help you dive deeper into your Advent journey and prepare your hearts and homes for Christmas.

These books are free to you and available to all parishioners because of a generous donor. Thank you!

The Word Among Us December edition is in shipping and will hopefully be available next week. Toward the end of next month, the Catholic Extension wall calendars will also be available for parishioners!

Save the Dates

Immaculate Conception

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at 9am and 7pm.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament will be offered during all Masses the weekend of December 10 & 11. For an alternate time, please contact the office or one of the priests.

Advent Reconciliation Service

The service will be held on December 14 at 6:30pm.

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 Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE	
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>	
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$ 7,077
Weekly Tithing Period:	11/21-27/2022
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections:	\$ 8,429
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$ -
Online Giving:	\$ 3,279
Total:	\$ 11,708
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$ 4,631
Actual vs. Goal (%):	165.4%
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:	
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 10/31/2022
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	33.3%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$ 397,600
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$ 129,646
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$ 132,533
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$ (2,887)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	97.8%
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 10/31/2022
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 77,290 59.6%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 210 0.2%
Online Giving:	\$ 52,146 40.2%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$ - 0.0%
Total:	\$ 129,646 100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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