

Holy Cross Catholic Church



*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 in Ordinary time Jan 15, 2023

*John 1:14a, 12a
The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us.
To those who accepted him,
he gave power to become
children of God.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Jan 16- Office Closed: MLK Day

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Jan 17

9am- Mass
7pm- OCIA

Wed Jan 18- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Thu Jan 19

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

Fri Jan 20-Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Jan 21

1pm- Legion of Mary
2pm- Funeral Mass for Cheryl Nangle
All parishioners welcome.
~~3-4pm- Confession CXL~~
5pm- Mass

Sun Jan 22-Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Jan 16 Sun Jan 22	Available!
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 8:23–9:3

In Galilee of the Gentiles, the people have seen a great light.

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

That all of you may agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you.

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus went to Capernaum, so that what had been said through Isaiah might be fulfilled.

Reflection

The magi found signs of God’s saving work in their study of astronomy, an interest and talent that was itself a gift from God. God endows us with an astonishing variety of passions and gifts, and all of these can reveal God to the world in different ways. The fact that our interests vary is precisely why we are given each other; we each reveal a different facet of God’s infinite goodness and beauty.

Where Eucharist Takes Us

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

Some might attribute the quote to Jesus himself. Spoken where else but at the Last Supper? Not so, but John the Baptist’s “Lamb of God” line *should* take us to the Eucharist, should revive our sense of what it means to behold and to hold—to take and eat, to see and taste and touch—our Savior and Lord. The words should also vivify and rekindle our desire to come to know Christ more intimately and to make Christ known to others.

To be sure, John did not have Eucharist on his mind when he introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God who would take away our sins. He had baptism on his mind. And it is *there*—to our call as baptized Christians—that the Eucharist always takes us: “Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1392).

Insofar as Scripture texts that call us to a healthy eucharistic spirituality, we could not do much better than the fare set before us today. In the Christian tradition, we see Jesus in Isaiah’s “Servant of the Lord” oracles. And through our baptism, we share that esteemed role.

But when God says, “it is too little for you to be my servant,” God is not telling us that the more we grow in holiness, the less we need to serve others. Christ, the one who “ranks ahead” of all of us, memorably tells us he came not “to be served but to serve.” In the Body of Christ, we are all rank and file—and that is a beautiful and privileged place to be.

And when God says, “I will make you a light,” God is not telling us to become shining stars who forever seek the limelight. The more interested we are in being the “most noticed” or “most followed” or “most listened to”—the most *anything*—the more likely our motivations are misaligned. Whom, really, do we wish to make known?

Behold, the Lamb of God . . . the one who at the Last Supper in John’s Gospel does not say, “Take and eat. Do this in memory of me.” Instead, he quietly gets up from the table and stoops to wash the feet of his disciples.

I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do (John 13:15). Do *this* in memory of me.

Lo and behold . . . low and behold.

Mary Stommes

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On the Way Home from Mass...

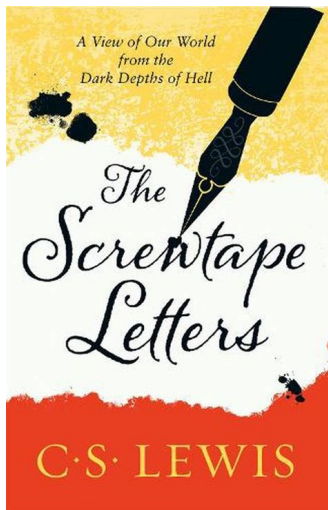
Who was John the Baptist? What kind of person was he? How can he be a good example to use on how to grow closer to God?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 21/22)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)		Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Ted Walker Cheryl Chapman	Brent Lannen	Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)		2 Volunteers Need- ed	Maureen Retzel Jason Hlasny	Mike Likar	Dora Castillo Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)		Jerica Manaois Rowdy Reynoso	Joslyn Childs	Janina Chlebowski	Cindy Tutaan Teresa Cortes

GROW YOUR FAITH THIS SPRING!

For Adults & Young Adults



Screwtape Letters continue

Our book study on C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* & the Catechism continues meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm (resuming Jan. 12 & running through Feb. 26). Each week stands on its own & does not require any pre-study or past context: we read & discuss everything during our meeting. New faces always welcome!

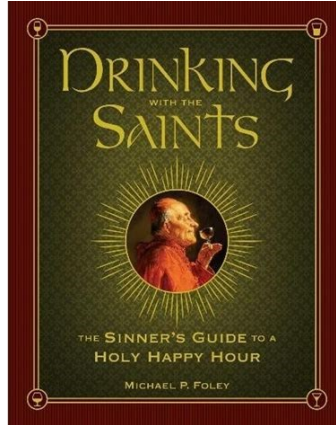
Lectio: Eucharist

In honor of the Eucharistic Revival, we will host a mini-series on the Eucharist throughout Lent & Easter. Here's a sneak peek from Formed.org:



"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body & the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater & deeper context of Scripture & Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body & Blood are an integral & wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. Acclaimed author & teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, & Apostolic teaching.

Join us on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm, beginning Thursday, February 23. This study is for young adults & adults.



A Holy Happy Hour

A group of Holy Cross parishioners host a monthly social called "Drinking with the Saints," where we gather for a potluck dinner, drinks, & a discussion based on the lives of that month's saints.

Meetings are usually held on 3rd or 4th Fridays of the month & rotate among host families. The first social of the year will be held January 24 (6pm drinks, 6:30pm dinner). Contact Anna Schulten for details on this or future month's dates/locations.

For Teens & Children

Faith Formation: 50% off & Financial Aid

It's not too late to sign up for Faith Formation classes! Although sacrament preparation classes begin in the fall each year, families can sign up for Family Session & classrooms anytime.

In Holy Cross Faith Formation, students spend every other weekend in classrooms (learning with peers in age-group sessions) & Family Sessions (learning with parent(s) or other adult family/friend in large groups).

Join us for the spring semester for half off the fall registration costs:

- 1 child: \$40
- 2 children: \$60
- 3+ children: \$75



Financial aid is also available. Learn more, view the calendar, & sign up online: holycrossalaska.net/formation



Middle School & High School Spring Retreat

Save the Date: Feb. 24-25 at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for students in 6-12th grade. Sledding and/or tubing day included, weather permitting. More information coming later this month.

Confirmation Service Projects

Each year, Confirmation students lead the way in community outreach as they prepare to receive the sacrament this spring. Please consider supporting a cause you care about:



Homeless Outreach

ASHER, AIDAN, AND ROWDY
DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 29



Glasses Drive

OLIVIA
FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 11



Fleece Blanket Project

SUSIE, NORA, AND JACK
FEBRUARY 12 - MARCH 5



Supporting Animal Shelters

ROSA, CARSTEN, AND DRAKE
MARCH 26 - APRIL 16

Information on future projects will be shared in the bulletin in the weeks surrounding the project. Thank you for your support!



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Jan 14: after 5pm Mass- Hamburger Soup, salad & garlic bread

Jan 20-28: *9 Days for Life Novena Rosary*

The Knights will lead the Rosary following the Sat 5pm Mass on Jan 21 and Jan 28 at 6pm. Please join in! The community is encouraged to come to the church for those two dates AND pray the rosary at home in between for the end of abortion. This will coincide with the Right to Life walks going around the country the weekend of Jan 27 & 28.

Jan 22: Pancake breakfast following both 8am and 11am Mass!



To volunteer or contribute call Pat Seidl at 907-242-1127



Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau

2023 Special Collection Schedule

January 29, 2023 – [Archdiocesan Catholic Schools](#)
100% supports Catholic education in our Archdiocese

February 19, 2023– [Catholic Home Missions](#)

February 26, 2023 – [Catholic Relief Services](#)
(Lent: Feb 22- April 6) [CRS Rice Bowl](#)

March 26, 2023 – [Black & Indian Missions](#)

April 7, 2023 – [Holy Land](#) (Good Friday)

May 2023–[Annual Catholic Appeal](#)

July 2, 2023 – [Peter's Pence](#)

July 16, 2023 – [Church in Latin America](#) & [Solidarity for Church in Africa](#)
50% supports each organization.

August 20, 2023 – [Church in Central & Eastern Europe](#) & Russia
50% supports the Mission to Magadan, Russia

September 17, 2023 – Communications Collection
33% supports each organization: [North Star Catholic Newspaper](#), [Catholic Communications Campaign](#) & [Catholic University of America](#)

October 22, 2023 – [World Mission Sunday](#)
Supports the Society of the Propagation of the Faith (91%) & Catholic Near East Welfare Society (9%)

November 5, 2023 – [Catholic Social Services](#)/[Catholic Community Services](#)
50% supports Catholic Social Services & 50% supports Catholic Community Services

November 19, 2023 – [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](#)
75% supports National Office – 25% supports local programs

December 17, 2023 – [Retirement Fund for Religious](#)

Optional:

September 24, 2023 – [St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor](#)

Questions?

Contact the Director of the Office of Stewardship and Communications LeAndra Gee Childs, at (907) 297-7789 or email lchilds@aoaj.org

Save the Date: Lent & Easter

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) 9am and 7pm

Holy Thursday (Apr. 6) 7pm

Good Friday (Apr. 7): 3pm Stations of the Cross & Liturgy at 7pm followed by confessions. The Good Friday Faith Walk will also happen downtown this spring.

Easter Vigil (Apr. 8) 8pm (no 5pm Mass)

Easter (Apr. 9) (8am & 11am)

Weekly during Lent:

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm: Confession & Adoration

Fridays 6pm Stations, followed by Soup supper



Funeral Mass for Cheryl Nangle

Long time parishioner, Cheryl Nangle, recently passed away. All parishioners are invited to attend her funeral Mass here at Holy Cross on Sat Jan 21 at 2pm. Confession will be cancelled on that day due to the funeral.

Monastery New Beds Needed

The Monastery is looking for new beds for the new addition to the building. If you can help please contact Fr. Pat. Continue to pray for an increase in religious vocations.



Considering Catholic Education?



Holy Cross offers financial aid scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau. It is not too late to apply! Contact the office to get an application.

Email office@holycrossalaska.net



Holy Cross Director of Faith Formation Opening

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 & coordination of all evangelization programs in the parish, ensuring that the mission & vision of missionary discipleship is fulfilled, with a particular focus on the parish's children, youth & young adults. He/she is responsible to coordinate the recruitment, training, support & 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, & for more information, contact Fr. Pat Travers at pjtravers@att.net.

St. Therese's Camp Summer 2023

Register for St. Therese's Camp summer 2023 at www.stthereseak.com! Except for the two high school weeks, camp is for kids entering grades 3-8 in fall 2023. High school camp is for kids entering grades 9-12 in fall 2023.

Camp weeks:

June 4-9

June 11-16

June 18-June 23

June 25-30: high school week

July 2-7: high school week

July 16-21

July 23-28



St. Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential Catholic camp experience. We share the joy of the faith in a powerfully fun way. High school weeks include a multi-lake canoe journey!

Other activities include making friends, Mass, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, swimming, boating, gaga ball, archery, campfires, arts and crafts, singing, volleyball, and more! (and bb guns, slingshots, air rifles for high school)

Early bird rate until March 1 is \$357 for grades 3-8 and \$373 for high school; registration goes up after that. Register soon and save money! Campers registered before May get a free camp t-shirt.

Some financial aid is available. Call 907-232-2066 or email campdirector@stthereseak.com for more information.

Thank you for supporting St. Francis House Food Pantry!

St. Francis House Food Pantry serves nearly 100 households a day & we can serve our neighbors because of contributions from you! Thank you for helping make sure that our neighbors are fed!

Holy Family Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council 4859 contributed 5,349 pounds of food to SFH! The Knights then donated 10 cents per pound, & since they met the 5,000 pound challenge, the national Knights Supreme Council will be adding their own \$500 donation! PLUS, a parishioner donated \$1,000, so the drive resulted in 5,349 pounds of food plus \$2,035 for St. Francis House to buy fresh produce to distribute to those in need.



In-Kind Donation Needs

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

Rice, Quart size freezer bags to distribute rice & oats

Clare House: Donations can be dropped off at 4110 Spenard Rd, 7 days a week from 10am-6pm.

Cereal

Complex Care: Donations can be dropped off at 303 West Fireweed, 7 days a week from 9am-6pm.

Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes

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

New pillows, Twin & queen comforters, Winter coats, gloves, boots for children & adults

Brother Francis Shelter Medical Respite: Donations can be dropped off at 1021 E 3rd Ave, 7 days a week 9am-6pm.

Journals, Colored gel pens, Adult coloring books, Seeds/for the indoor garden

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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:	1/2-1/8/2023
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections:	\$ 3,733
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	
Online Giving:	\$ 2,821
Total:	\$ 6,554
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$ (523)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	92.6%
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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