

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

The First Sunday of Lent Sunday Feb 26, 2023

*Matthew 4:4b
One does not live on
bread alone,
but on every word that
comes forth from the
mouth of God.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Feb 27

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Feb 28

9am- Mass
5:30pm- Confirmation Class
6:30pm- Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
7pm- OCIA

Wed March 1

9am- Mass

Thu March 2

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Eucharist Study

Fri March 3-Office Closed

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Stations of the Cross

Sat March 4

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm-Confession
3:15pm- First Communion Prep
5pm- Mass

Sun March 5

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

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Feb 27-March 5	Available!
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Timothy 1:8b-10

God has saved us and called us to be holy.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus' face shone like the sun.

Reflection

The temptations the devil throws at Jesus are versions of those we encounter all the time. Food and power and security are constantly present in our lives; they are not bad in and of themselves, but when we allow them to take the place in our hearts that ought to belong only to God, they keep us from living the fullness of life that comes only from union with God.

Ultimately, Meant for Life

Our need for reconciliation begins with temptation, which we tend to think of only negatively and with pain. But remembering the temptation of Jesus right after his baptism and before he began his public ministry gives a different perspective. The Spirit who descended on Jesus at baptism led, even “drove” (Mark 1:12) him into the wilderness to be tempted. If Jesus was tempted as a human being, how should we escape it? If he had to decide how he was going to live the life and mission given him by his Father—if the Master had to do that, then surely the disciples [would too].

. . . If Jesus was led or driven by the Spirit—and the gospel says that Jesus was led there purposely to be tempted—then the ultimate meaning is for life, not death. Can we see the temptations in our lives as meant for life?

We know how Jesus dealt with temptation. He called on the word of God his Father, familiar words from Deuteronomy and the Psalms, words that came spontaneously. He responded as a Son so that we might learn to respond as disciples invited into filial relation to God, our Father.

We know all too well that we do not always come out of temptation unscathed as Jesus did. We do sin and sin is real in our lives. But just as truly as we should not minimize it, neither should we be preoccupied with it. It is not the primary focus; the gospel is the Good News, not the bad news. . . . There, in the light of the gospel, is where the focus ought to be. Still, we do need to be direct and honest about our sins and our sinfulness—with ourselves, before God, and in matters of confession in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Sr. Jeremy Hall, *Silence, Solitude, Simplicity*

Jeremy Hall, OSB (1918–2008), a gifted retreat leader, was a member of Saint Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Jesus fasted from food for forty days in the desert. What will you be fasting from this Lent?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 4/5)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pad Seidl	Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Ted Walker Deb Seidl	Matt Williams	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry & Annalise Maes	Julie Kentch Jason Hlasny	Marilyn Kerr	Garrouette Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora & JR Rivera	Ann Dimatulac Mary Anne Green	Teresa Mitchell	Gallo Family

Notice of Interest

The Finance Council is seeking members of Holy Cross who may be interested in serving on the finance council. Please call or email Greg Magee (907-575-3197 or glmagee@icloud.com) for more info.



Sacrament Prep resumes for First Communion

Please pray for our First Communion students who will continue their preparation process this Saturday, Feb. 25.

Confirmation Mass: Save the Date

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish. All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration!



Vacation Bible School

We are tentatively planning a Vacation Bible School week in June or July; this will depend on the next Faith Formation director's plans and preferences. If you'd like to be added to an interest list to help in summer 2023, please contact Anna!.

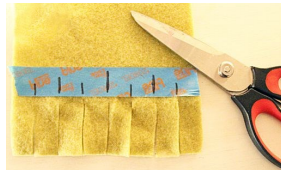


Used Glasses Drive

Olivia will continue collecting used prescription eyewear for her Confirmation Service Project which will run through March 11.

Blanket Project

Susie, Nora, and Jack are collecting fleece blankets & fabric: 40x60 inches to 90x100 inches. See flyer in foyer. Thank you!



Vocation Cross Resumes

The Holy Cross Traveling Vocation Cross will resume next week, beginning Saturday 2/18. Please sign up your family week to pray for all vocations in the church, for priests, deacons, sisters and lay persons. The sign-up list is next to the prayer book in the hall.



Walking With Moms in Need

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all parishes, to join in an effort to help pregnant and parenting moms who are in need.

In response, we at Holy Cross are forming a core team to make an assessment of what services are available in Anchorage, and how we can communicate that information to those in need. If you are interested, please contact Alice Garrod at 907-529-1161, or Fr. Pat.




St. Therese's Camp


Invites you to the second-annual young adult (18-35 years old) retreat, May 19-21, 2023. This year's focus is an Ignatian-style preached retreat led by Father James Claver of the Servants of Christ Jesus. In following Ignatius' exercises, we will seek to know Jesus Christ more, follow Him more closely, and love Him more intimately. Come experience a crash course over this weekend and get set afire for the Kingdom! Cost is \$104 per person before Easter Sunday (April 9), \$114 after Easter Sunday. Some financial aid is available; contact Rudy at 907 232 2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com for more information.

Second Collection this weekend!





SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT (SPRED)



Faith Formation and Sacramental Inclusion for Children and Adults with Special Needs

SPRED is a program of religious education specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities or learning difficulties. We are currently looking for friends who would like to participate in this ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (SEAS), 2901 Huffman Road.

We will serve up to 6 individuals in one of the following age groups:

- Children: 6-10
- Adolescents: 11-16
- Young Adults: 17-21
- Adults: 22+

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm September-May at SEAS. There will be 3 months during September-May when we will meet twice in order to participate in the 12 lessons created by the SPRED ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

To learn more about this ministry and/or to refer someone who is interested in participating, contact Amber Ellis, SEAS parish chairperson. Call or Text: 501-328-3753 Email: AMBERLELLIS@ATT.NET

LENT AT A GLANCE*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEB. 19	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am & 7pm	23 Eucharist Study for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	24 Grades 6-12 Retreat Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	25 Confession 3-4pm
26	27	28 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 6:30-7:30pm	MAR. 01	02 Eucharist Study for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	03 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	04 Confession 3-4pm
05	06	07 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 6:30-7:30pm	08	09 Eucharist Study for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	10 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	11 Confession 3-4pm
12	13	14 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 6:30-7:30pm	15	16 No Study (spring break)	17 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	18 Confession 3-4pm
19	20	21 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 6:30-7:30pm	22	23 No Study (see Saturday retreat event)	24 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	25 Eucharist Retreat 9-3p Confess 3-4p, Anointing during Mass
26 Anointing of the Sick during both Masses	27	28 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 6:30-7:30pm	29	30 Eucharist Study for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	31 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	APR. 01 Confession 3-4pm
02 Palm Sunday	03	04	05	06 Holy Thursday 7pm (no 9am Mass)	07 Good Friday Faith Walk, 3pm Stations, 7pm Service (no 9am Mass)	08 Easter Vigil 8pm

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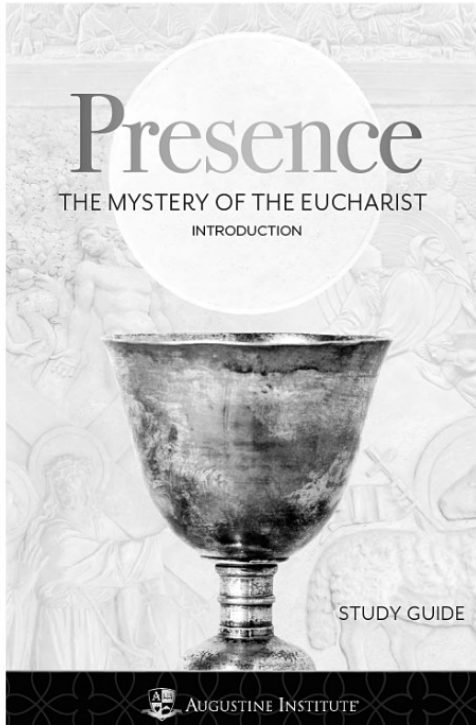
- STUDY
- CONFESSION
- ADORATION
- STATIONS
- SPECIAL MASS

09 **Easter Sunday Mass: 8am & 11am**

*Unless otherwise noted, Monday-Friday Mass 9am. Saturday Mass 5pm. Sunday Mass 8am & 11am. holycrossalaska.net

LENT 2023

LEARN. PRAY. ENCOUNTER.



EUCHARIST VIDEO STUDY

THURSDAYS OR 3/25

Join young adults & adults for 4 **Thursday nights (6:30-8pm)** for videos and discussions. Or, attend the *Presence* retreat on **Saturday, March 25** and explore 4 Eucharistic sessions in one day.

Preview the study at signup.formed.org (search Holy Cross Anchorage & follow prompts).

There is no cost for the study or the retreat!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS

Pray the Stations of the Cross **every Friday during Lent.**

Details about the **Good Friday Faith Walk in downtown Anchorage** will be available in the coming weeks.

ADORATION & CONFESSION

TUESDAYS

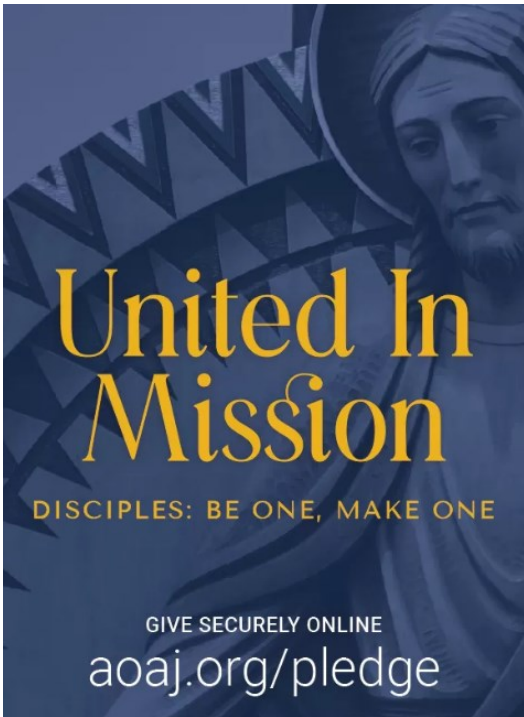
Join us for Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions **every Tuesday (6:30-7:30pm)** instead of a Reconciliation Service.

Build a weekly prayer habit and encounter Christ in a new way!



FREE RESOURCES

Daily videos for **kids (and adults!)** are available online at Formed. You can also pick up a "**Little Black Book**," *Word Among Us*, or **CRS Rice Bowl** from the foyer. Have a blessed Lent!



2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report			
As of Feb 22, 2023			
Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	40,620	
Parish Goal for Holy Cross *	\$	58,620	\$ 18,000 Last 3 Yr Avg Rebate Amt
Total Pledged	\$	53,080	130.7% of Diocesan Goal 90.5% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$	79	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	12,460	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(5,540)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$	51,070	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	2,010	
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$	10,450	
* Past rebate amounts at Holy Cross have averaged \$18,000 for the last 3 fiscal years (FY20-FY22).			
** The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered "Ordinary Revenue" like similar revenues from weekly collections and online giving. These revenues are assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. Since the rebate is not taxable, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross.			
DONATIONS FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.			
HOW TO MAKE AN ANNUAL APPEAL DONATION			
There are 2 ways to make a donation. 1) Go to Archdiocese website: www.aoaj.org/appeal to make a secured donation online or 2) Place your donation (check or cash) in an United in Mission envelope. These envelopes are available at Holy Cross in the pews and foyer. Please submit your envelope to Fr Pat or Fr Dan. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation online or by envelope that you are a parishioner from Holy Cross.			
Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.			

First Sunday of Lent

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40 LBS A DAY FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT FOOD DRIVE

In Alaska, **1 in 8 adults** and **1 in 6 children** experience hunger daily. At Catholic Social Services, our St. Francis House Food Pantry provides food for those in need, **distributing 819,978 lbs. to an average of 116 families a day in 2022.**

During this season of **Lent** (February 22- April 8), we are asking for your help in meeting the need by gathering **12,000 lbs of food** to give to hungry families!

WHAT WE NEED MOST:

- Pasta & rice
- Canned proteins
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

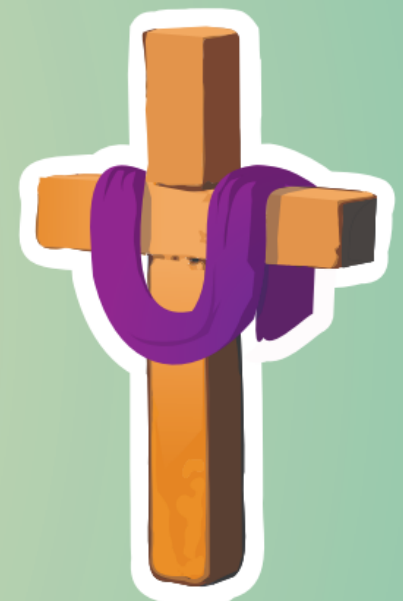
To help drive us toward our 12,000 lbs goal,
WE ARE HOSTING A FRIENDLY COMPETITION
to see which group can gather 40lbs a day for the 40 days of lent!

The winners who donate the most over Lent will receive a shoutout on social media, Parish Announcements, and the Catholic Social Services Summer Newsletter!

Drop donations off at **3710 E 20th Ave, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.** (You can still donate even if you don't want to participate in the competition.)

Each week we will update the status of the drive on social media so look out for our posts!

To join the competition or if you have any questions, reach out to Kelly Mullin at **kmullin@cssalaska.org** or at **907-717-3093.**



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 Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,327
Weekly Tithing Period:	02/13-19/2023	
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,757
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,949
Total:	\$	6,706
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(621)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	91.5%	

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:

Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	58.3%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	238,735
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	231,933
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	6,802
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	102.9%	

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	138,102	57.8%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	4,633	1.9%
Online Giving:	\$	91,015	38.1%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Other:	\$	4,985	2.1%
Total:	\$	238,735	100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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