

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

John 8:12

*I am the light of the
world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will
have the light of life.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon March 20

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue March 21

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

Wed March 22

~~9am- Mass~~

Thu March 23

~~9am- Mass~~
6:30pm- Eucharist Study

Fri March 24-Office Closed

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

Sat March 25

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

Sun March 26

8am- Mass- with Anointing of the Sick
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass- with Anointing of the Sick
12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Sun March 25, 11am	ROS Pedro Gloria
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit in you that you may live.

PSALM 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Romans 8:8-11

*The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus
from the dead dwells in you.*

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Reflection

The Pharisees are comfortable with their blindness, unable to recognize how much they don't see. We, too, are often content to remain in ignorance, especially when God's light reveals truth that is uncomfortable. We know God sides with the oppressed, and so we'd rather not know when we've benefitted from oppression. This is the work of Lent, though: all the prayer and fasting and alms giving are meant to illumine places where our lives are keeping us from God, and to aid us in turning us away from them, uncomfortable though it may be.

Beyond Words and Appearances

We search for ways to speak about what life in Christ means. But it goes beyond words, so we turn to metaphors and stories.

That is why the gospel of John spends so much time with the story of the man born blind. It is, as John often calls Jesus' miracles, a "sign." It is a sign of what Christ brings to the world. Jesus opens us up to life in a new way. He brings a new dimension, a new depth. [For us,] it is as radical a change as what this man experiences, seeing the world for the first time. Now we can see, not just as humans see, but as God sees. We see what is most real. We see beyond appearances. We see with the heart.

The light for this kind of seeing is all around us. And it changes the way we see. We see others differently. We stop judging people by the way they look, or what they have. We begin to see others as they are, in their uniqueness. We begin to respect others and learn from them in new ways, appreciating the mystery they carry within. We see ourselves differently, too. We stop judging ourselves according to what others think of us. We begin to see ourselves as God sees us, as we are, as we are loved. And so we become more loving toward ourselves and more free to change.

We see life differently. It's no longer about choosing sides, or using others, or hoarding things. It's not something we have to fight, or something we must endure. We see life as a gift. We savor it. We begin to use it differently. Life becomes an adventure. It offers one opportunity after another.

This way of seeing changes everything. It doesn't mean that life becomes easy. There may still be hardship, pain, and suffering; but because we are different, they will not defeat us. Even there we'll see the seeds of growth. And we'll know that we're not alone.

Fr. Mark Villano, adapted from *Journey to Jerusalem*

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On the Way Home from Mass...

I wonder how the blind man felt when Jesus said that God would be made visible through him.



Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 25/26)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Leo Gallardo	Joseph Salao Adelina Dizon	Ray Meliton	Brenda Lannen	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe & Rose Webb	Paul Clark Kristin Rehmann	John Hoppe	Clara Hoppe Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Ann Dimatulac Michelangelo Canale	Mercy Acheson	Leigh Rivera Mary Ann Green

HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEB 2023

• **Month Ending (ME): Feb 2023** (4 weekends)

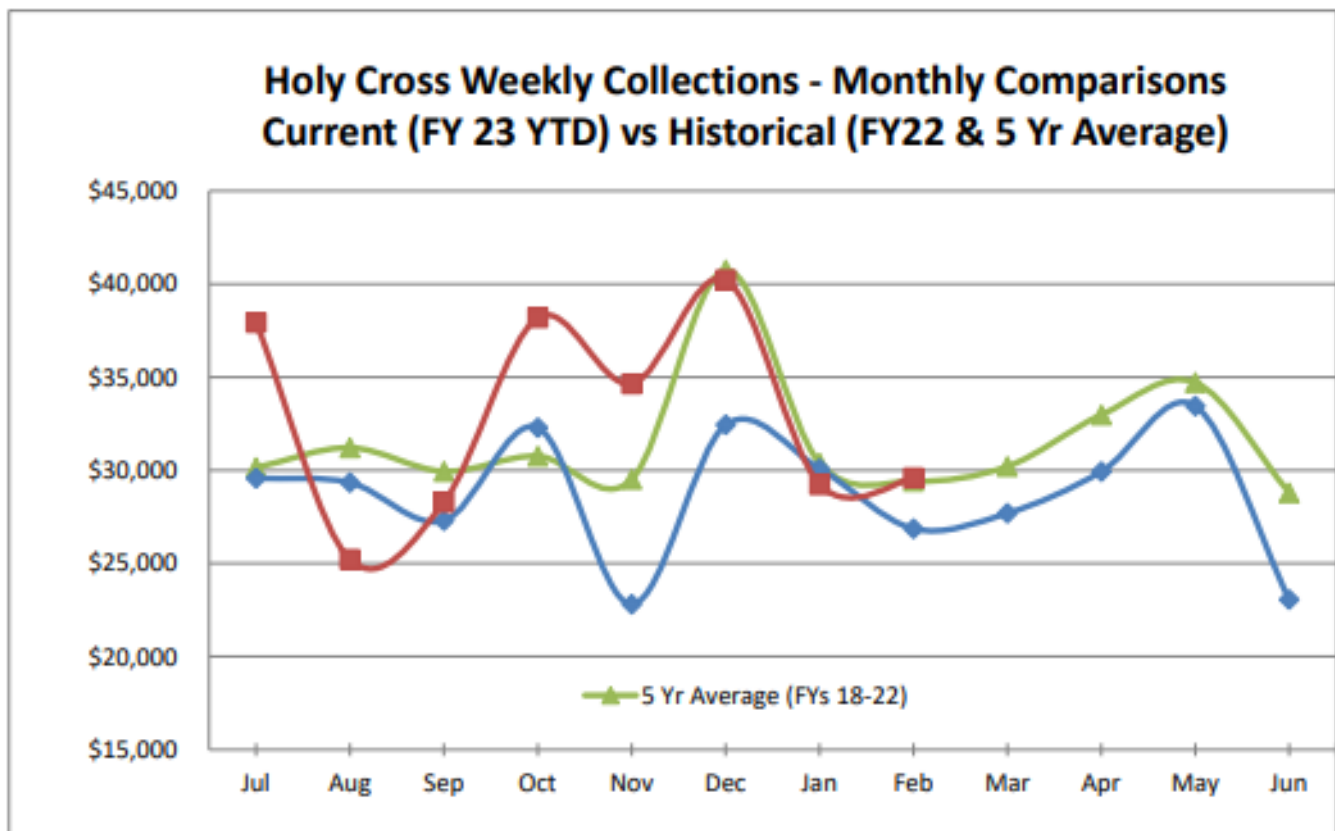
Offertory "Goal" for ME: \$ 29,308
 Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$ 29,594 (101.0%)

Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 16,786 (56.7%)
 Online Giving: \$ 11,505 (38.9%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 1,303 (4.4%)

• **Fiscal Year 2023 – Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023**

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 256,445 (Weekly Average: \$7,327)
 Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 263,344 (102.7%) (Weekly Average: \$7,524)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 154,888 (58.8%)
 Online Giving: \$ 102,520 (38.9%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 5,936 (2.3%)



Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 23 Budget	FY 23: Jul – Feb Actual	FY 22: Jul – Feb Actual	Previous Year Change
Total Income	\$ 434,000	\$ 295,004	\$ 242,490	\$ 52,514
Total Expense	\$ 434,000	\$ 270,585	\$ 261,339	\$ 9,246
Net Income (before depreciation)	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,419	\$ (18,849)	\$ 43,268

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure with Holy Cross.



BLACK AND INDIAN
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Next week, the second collection will support Black and Indian Missions. Thank you in advance for supporting this cause!

36th Annual
LUNCH, TEA & AUCTION

An event supporting the Life Affirming mission of the Community Pregnancy Center

SILENT AUCTION BEGINS AT 9 AM
LIVE AUCTION & PROGRAM BEGINS AT 11:20 AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
CHANGEPOINT CHURCH

cpc Community Pregnancy Center

All Aboard
Set sail with us for an adventure of a LIFETIME!

For more information or to purchase your table or seat, visit www.friendsofcpcanchorage.com/springlevent or call Jill at (907) 375-7303.



2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report			
As of Mar 8, 2023 week 41			
Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	40,620	
Parish Goal for Holy Cross *	\$	58,620	\$ 18,000 Last 3 Yr Avg Rebate Amt
Total Pledged	\$	54,100	133.2% of Diocesan Goal 92.3% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$	81	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	13,480	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(4,520)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$	52,895	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	1,205	
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$	12,275	

* 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.

United In Mission

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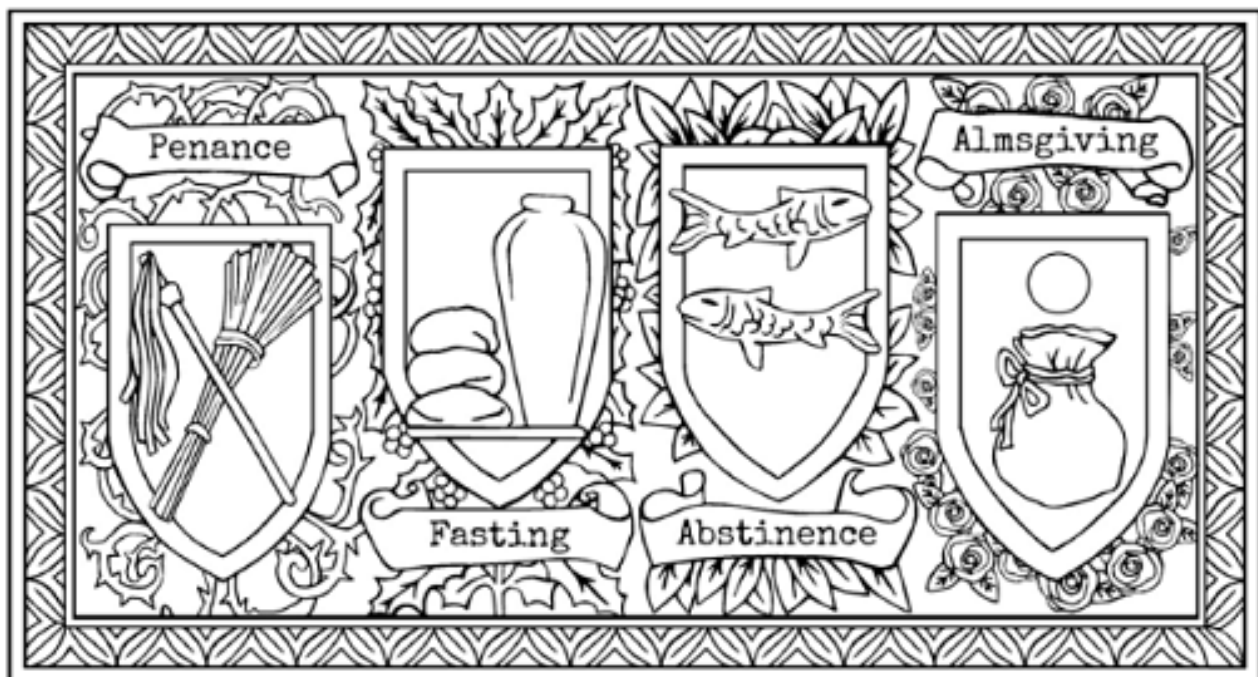
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aoaj.org/pledge

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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- VISIBLE
- BLIND
- LIGHT
- SILOAM
- WASHED
- SYNAGOGUE
- ANOINTED

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5400622/>



Save the date: Holy Week

Palm Sunday Masses:

April 1st at 5 pm

April 2nd at 8 am and 11 am



Holy Thursday Mass, April 6th at 7 pm

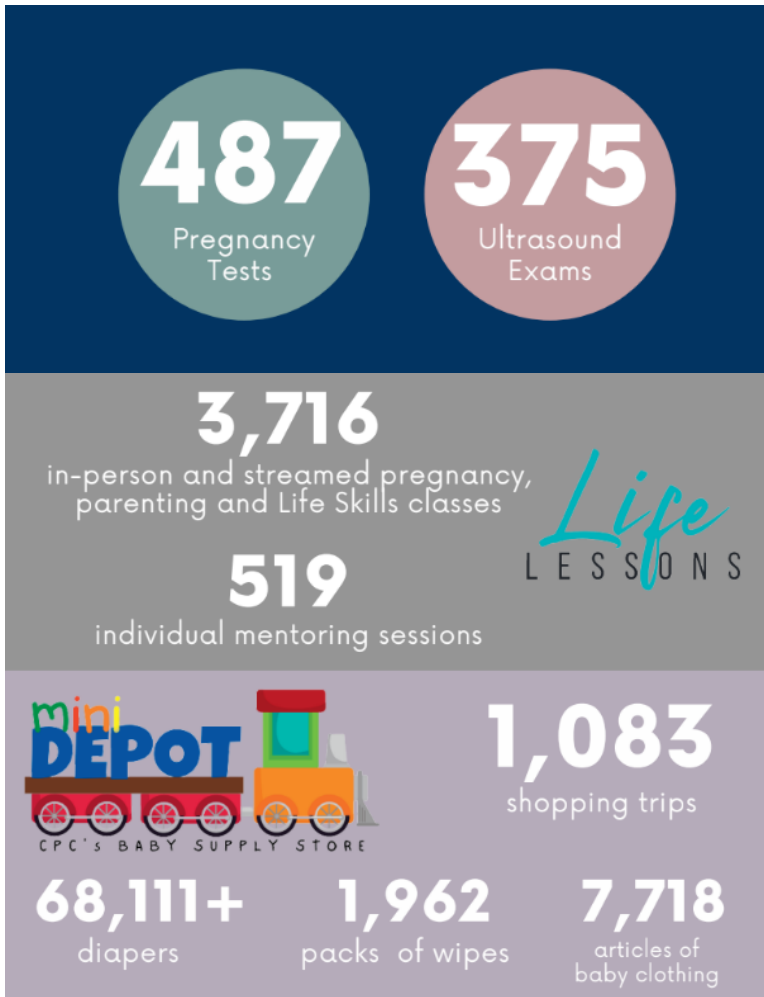
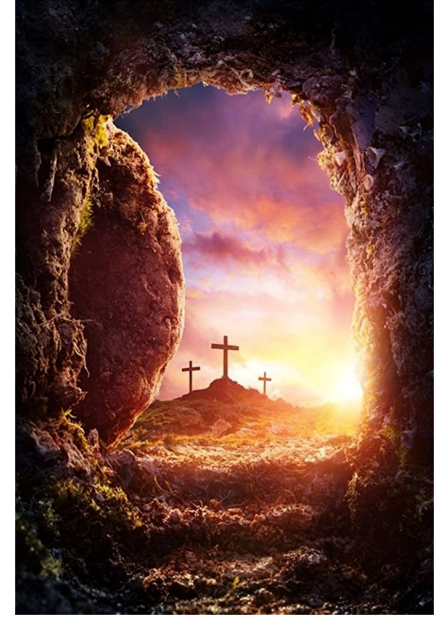
Good Friday, April 7th:

Stations at 3 pm

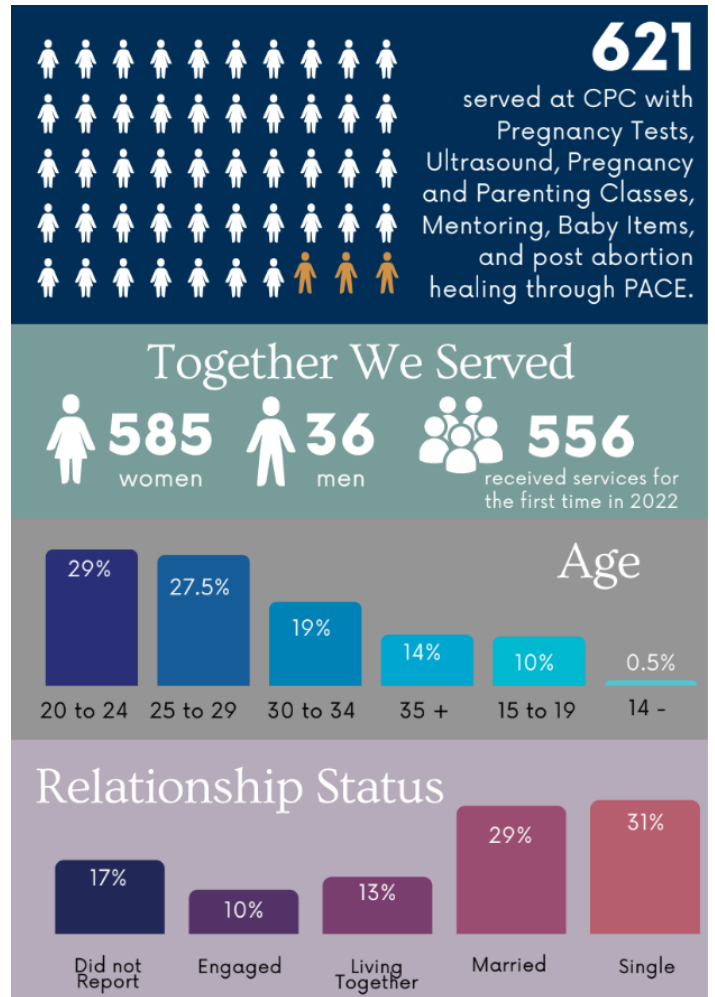
Mass at 7pm

Easter Vigil Mass, April 8th at 8 pm (no 5 pm)

Easter Daily Masses, April 9th at 8 am and 11 am



Community Pregnancy Center (CPC) Helps Anchorage



Confessions

Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm:

March 21st

March 28th

April 4th

Saturdays at 3-4 pm

March 25th

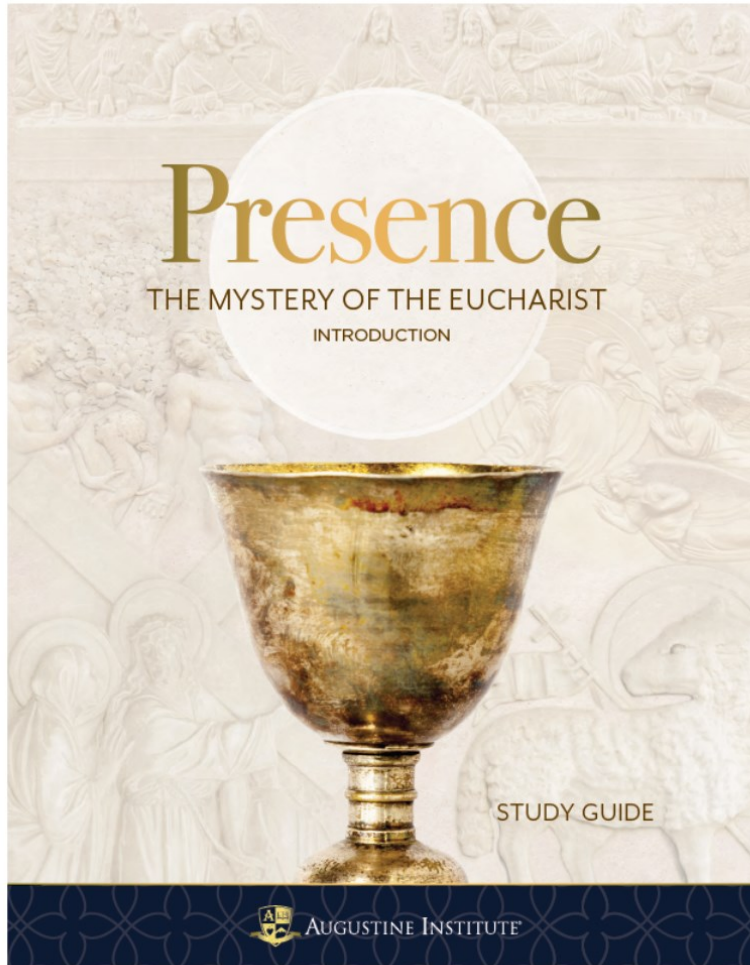
April 1st

Or by appointment



Next Weekend:

Anointing of the Sick offered at all Masses



Retreat for Adults

(Young Adults & Teens also welcome!)



8:30 — 3:00



Includes:
breakfast,
lunch,
videos,
discussion,
& prayer.



FREE EVENT! RSVP in the foyer for a food count, or contact Anna for info.

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Bereavement & Baked Goods- Joan Karcz: 344-0168
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
- Faith Formation- Anna Schulten: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance- Mike Likar: 529-9015
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- Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
- Lawn & Garden- Looking for help!
- Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
- Liturgical Ministries Coordinator- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
- Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
- Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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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:	\$	7,327	
Weekly Tithing Period:		03/6-12/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,169	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,179	
Total:	\$	6,348	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(979)	
Actual vs. Goal (%)		86.6%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 2/28/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%)	66.7%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	277,149	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	265,067	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	12,082	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%)	104.6%		
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 2/28/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	154,888	55.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	5,936	2.1%
Online Giving:	\$	102,520	37.0%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	8,175	2.9%
Other:	\$	5,630	2.0%
Total:	\$	277,149	100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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