

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

John 14:23

*Whoever loves me will keep
my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him
and we will come to him.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon May 15

9am- Mass/ Communion Service
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue May 16

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Wed May 17

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Thu May 18

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Fri May 19-Office Closed

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Sat May 20

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

Sun May 21

8am- Mass
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary
1-4pm- Parish Picnic and Schulten Farewell

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Tue 5/16- ROS Raul Garaygay

Wed 5/17- Special Intention RJ Garaygay

Fri 5/19- ROS Jean Armstrong

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Ephesians 1:17-23

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

Matthew 28:16-20

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Vocations Cross

The Higgins Family will pray with the vocations cross this week. To sign up see the pedestal just outside the sanctuary.

Reflection

There have always been and will always be struggles that accompany a life of faith, and we might wonder why Jesus does not make his presence more visible and obvious to us and to those who would criticize us. But God is not about “winning” in the way we would sometimes choose; the “win” here is not that we will never struggle or suffer but that we will never be left alone in our struggles.

Preparing for the Battle

This promise [to send the Holy Spirit] shows once again Christ’s consideration. Because his disciples did not yet know who he was, it was likely that they would greatly miss his companionship, his teaching, his actual physical presence, and be completely disconsolate when he had gone. Therefore he said, “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another [Advocate],” meaning another like himself. . . . They received the Spirit after Christ had purified them by his sacrifice. The Spirit did not come down on them while Christ was still with them because this sacrifice had not yet been offered. But when sin had been blotted out and the disciples, sent out to face danger, were preparing themselves for the battle, they needed the Holy Spirit’s coming to encourage them. If you ask why the Spirit did not come immediately after the resurrection, this was in order to increase their gratitude for receiving him by increasing their desire. They were troubled by nothing as long as Christ was with them, but when his departure had left them desolate and very much afraid, they would be most eager to receive the Spirit. . . .

Earlier he had said, “Where I go you shall come” and “In my Father’s house there are many mansions” [John 14:2]. But since this was a long time off, he gives them the Spirit in the intervening time. They did not know what that [Spirit] was, however, and so they derived little comfort from what he said. . . . And so he promises them what they required most: his own presence. He says, “I will come to you.” But he intimates at the same time that they are not to look for the same kind of presence all over again. “Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more,” as if he said, I will come to you but not to live with you every day as I did before.

St. John Chrysostom, *Homily 75 on the Gospel of John*
John Chrysostom (ca. 347–407) was one of the early Church Fathers. As a priest he gained a reputation for his eloquent preaching on Sacred Scripture—“Chrysostom” means “golden-mouth.” He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Is it difficult to keep Jesus’ commandments? Is there one commandment that is harder for you to follow?



Ministry Schedule for next week (May 20/21)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Joseph Salao Adelina Dizon	Deb Seidl	Brent Lannen Brenda Lannen	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe & Rose Webb	Maureen Retzel	Marilyn Kerr Mike Likar	Clara & Rosa Hoppe Karin Hermansen
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Mary Anne Green	Mercy Acheson Teresa Mitchell	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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HEARTS
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RECIEVED
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COMMANDMENTS
REVERANCE

Summer Lawn Care at Holy Cross
Thank you to the Maintenance Committee and all the parishioners who helped at the spring spruce-up this Saturday morning! If you have a green thumb and would like to help with summer mowing or yard care, please contact our new Lawn & Garden coordinator, Julie S or the office to help!

Save the Date: Golf Tournament!
Archbishop's Golf Tournament is back! It will be on Aug 10 at Moose Run. Any questions please call 907-297-7789

Next Sunday, May 21, 1-4pm: Parish Picnic



At the annual Parish Picnic we will have a celebratory send-off for Anna and Mark. Knights bring the main course; please bring a side dish. We wish the Schulten's the best on their journey!

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MAY 21

PARISH PICNIC

1:00 - 4:00PM

- Lunch (bring a side or dessert)
- Bouncy House & Dunk Tank
- Car Blessing (plus RVs, bikes, etc.)

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VBS



Vacation Bible School

- Date:** June 13-15 (Tues-Thurs)
- Time:** 5pm Family Dinner, 5:30-8pm VBS
- Location:** Holy Cross Parish
- Ages:** entering K-6
- Volunteers:** grades 7+ and adults
- Cost:** \$20 per student (limited space available)
- Signup:** holycrossalaska.net/vbs

VBS Volunteer Info:

Register at holycrossalaska.net/vbs

Meeting & Training Dates:

- May 14, 12:15pm: Orientation
- June 11, 12:15pm: Leader Training



At-home training/prep:

- May 28: station supply list due
- June 5: Background Check (age 16+) and Safe Environment (age 18+) complete.
- June 12: Setup Night
- June 16: Cleanup Night (if needed)

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
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- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
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- Faith Formation- Anna Schulten: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance- Mike Likar: 529-9015
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- 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:		05/1-7/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,288	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:			
Online Giving:	\$	3,782	
Total:	\$	8,070	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	743	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		110.1%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period</i>			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	75.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	415,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	308,139	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	311,700	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(3,561)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		98.9%	
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	172,148	55.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	5,936	1.9%
Online Giving:	\$	115,950	37.6%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	\$	8,175	2.7%
Other:	\$	5,930	1.9%
Total:	\$	308,139	100.0%
* Pending Rebate Payment = \$4,190			



Online Giving

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