

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

Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023

Matthew 16:18

*You are Peter and upon this rock
I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Aug 28

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Aug 29

9am- Mass

Wed Aug 30

9am- Mass

Thu Aug 31

9am- Mass

Fri Sep 1- Office Closed

9am- Communion Service

Sat Sep 2

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

Sun Sep 3

8am- Mass
~~9:15am- Faith Formation~~ **Faith Formation Cancelled!**
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has brought me derision.

PSALM 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

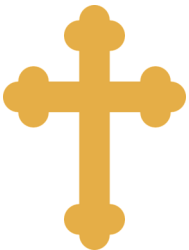
Mass Intentions

8/26- 5pm: ROS Fr. Richard Pighini

8/27- 8am: People of the Parish

8/27- 11am: ROS Fr. Richard Pighini

8/30- 9am: ROS Abraham Munoz



Vocations Cross

The Walker Family will pray with the vocations cross.

Consider signing up to pray with the vocations cross at the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

Reflection

When church leadership fails us, it can often cause a crisis of faith. This is absolutely understandable, especially given the ways that we are often miscatechized about the relationship between power and holiness. But the leadership never really belonged to imperfect humans who failed us. It is, in the end, God who gave the power and who promises to side with the lowly ones.

“Build My Church”

Peter was no Virgin Mary. When the angel Gabriel paid Mary a visit and announced that God chose her to be the mother of Jesus, she hesitated but said yes. When Jesus first met Peter and filled his nets with fish, Peter’s response was something short of the Blessed Mother’s fiat: “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). I certainly get why Peter may have considered himself unworthy. The Gospels recount several times when Peter fell short, including when he denied Jesus three times before the cock crowed.

I have also thought myself unworthy when I have felt Jesus calling. It could be as simple as leading a small group at the Newman Center in college or as complicated as being a husband and father. All too often, the magnitude of the responsibility overcomes me. I feel unqualified. “Lord, are you sure you want *me* for this?” I have to remind myself that God accomplishes wondrous things through his lowly servants.

It was God who revealed Jesus’ identity to Peter. I sometimes wonder if Peter fully understood his own words, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Peter may have stumbled, but he clearly loved the Lord. Jesus did not build his Church on sand—but on rock. It is Jesus who built it, and Peter who cooperated.

That Church still stands. It reaches souls in every nation on earth and will remain until the Lord comes again. In the meantime, Jesus calls his followers, like you and me, to do our part to spread the Gospel. In us, Jesus continues the work he began in Peter. We have only to repent of our shortcomings and receive the grace God offers. The Lord will never depart from us.

J. D. Long-García

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On the Way Home from Mass...

I wonder how Simon Peter felt when Jesus said, “Blessed are you... Upon this rock I will build my church.” I wonder if he fully understood what Jesus was asking of him.



Ministry Schedule for next week (Sept 2/3)

| Mass | Music | Sacristan | Servers | Readers | EM | Hospitality |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 5 pm | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Matt Williams | Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon | Deb Seidl Cheryl Chapman | Pat Seidl Ninia Dizon | Gallo Family |
| Sun 8 am | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | John Hoppe | Henry & Annalise Maes | Kristin Rehmman | Pam Webb Marilyn Kerr | Matthew Walsh Clara & Rosa Hoppe |
| Sun 11 am | Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome) | Volunteer Needed | Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt | Mary Anne Green | Teresa Mitchell Janina Chlebowski | Reynoso Family |

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Romans

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Faith Formation Classes

September 3: No Classes! Have an amazing Labor Day weekend.

New families, register at:
holycrossalaska.net/formation

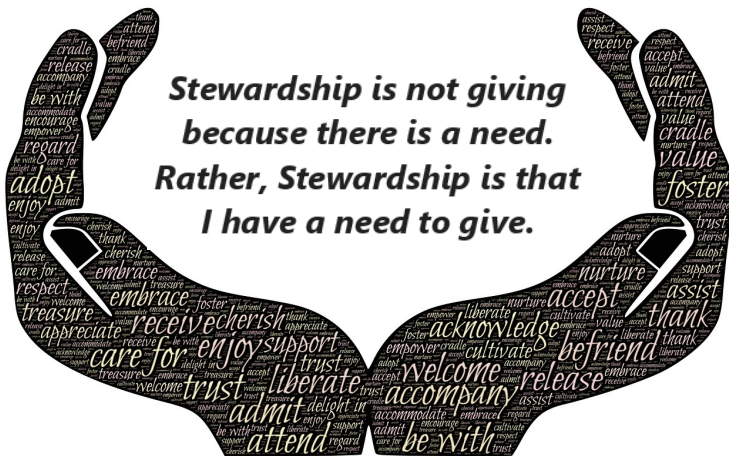
*Interested in becoming Catholic? OCIA will meet
Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting Sep 12!*



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- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaos: 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: | | 8/14-20/2023 | |
| Income Sources | | | |
| Weekly Collections: | \$ | 2,279 | |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections: | \$ | - | |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 2,949 | |
| Total: | \$ | 5,228 | |
| Over/(Under) Goal: | \$ | (2,099) | |
| Actual vs. Goal (%): | | 71.4% | |
| Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 | | |
| FY23 YTD Complete (%): | 100.0% | | |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: | \$ | 434,000 | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ | 474,258 | |
| Budget Total Income for Period: | \$ | 434,000 | |
| Over/(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ | 40,258 | |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | | 109.3% | |
| Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY23 YTD Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 | | |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 225,425 | 47.5% |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 6,650 | 1.4% |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 152,780 | 32.2% |
| 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): * | \$ | 11,870 | 2.5% |
| Stole Fees: | \$ | 7,086 | 1.5% |
| Investment Income: | \$ | 15,620 | 3.3% |
| Fee Income: | \$ | 7,340 | 1.5% |
| Employee Retention Credit: | \$ | 38,426 | 8.1% |
| Other: | \$ | 9,061 | 1.9% |
| Total: | \$ | 474,258 | 100.0% |
| * Pending Rebate Payment = \$1,275 | | | |
| Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 | | |
| FY23 YTD Complete (%): | 100.0% | | |
| Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023: | \$ | 434,000 | |
| Actual Total Expenses for Period: | \$ | 405,267 | |
| Budget Total Expenses for Period: | \$ | 434,000 | |
| Over/(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ | (28,733) | |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | | 93.4% | |
| Actual "Total Net Income" for FY23 YTD Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 | | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ | 474,258 | |
| Actual Total Expenses for Period: | \$ | 405,267 | |
| Actual Total Net Income for Period: | \$ | 68,991 | |
| Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%): | | 17.0% | |

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