

# 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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 22, 2023

*Philippians 2:15d, 16a  
Shine like lights in the  
world as you hold on  
to the word of life.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Oct 23

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue Oct 24

9am- Mass  
7pm- OCIA

### Wed Oct 25

9am- Mass

### Thu Oct 26

9am- Mass

### Fri Oct 27- Office Closed

9am- Mass  
6pm- Socializing with the Saints  
(contact Jerica for location)

### Sat Oct 28

1pm- Legion of Mary  
10am- Parish Nurses talk  
"Post Covid the New Normal"  
3-4pm-Confession  
5pm- Mass

### Sun Oct 29

8am- Mass  
9:15am-ALL SAINTS CARNIVAL  
11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

## Mass Readings for Next Sunday

### Exodus 22:20-26

*If you wrong the widow and the orphan, my wrath will flare up against you.*

### PSALM 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

### Thessalonians 1:5c-10

*You turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven.*

### Matthew 22:34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.*

## Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

10/23- 9am: ROS Domingo C. Sercena Sr.

10/24- 9am: ROS Pedro Gloria

10/29- 5pm: People of the Parish

## Vocations Cross

Sign up on the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

The Seidl Family will pray with the vocations cross this week!

## Reflection

Political leaders are not the only thing in our lives that run the risk of becoming an idol. Money is a common one; on its own it is a morally neutral tool that can be used for good, but when we pursue it for its own sake it can start to take a place in our hearts that ought to belong to God alone. Security is another; the way we live sometimes betrays that we value our own safety and comfort far above the solidarity to which the gospel calls us.

## A Delicate Balance

Power corrupts. Honesty and integrity are hard to maintain in positions of power, as highlighted by Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees and Herodians in today's Gospel. Those who ask him an impossible question ("Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?") are unconcerned with the truth; they seek only to entrap him. There is nothing Jesus can say that will be "correct" in that setting: he will be pegged either as a Jewish revolutionary or as a Roman sympathizer.

If Jesus were a contemporary politician, he would perhaps pivot or try to appease the people in the room by stretching the truth. Yet Jesus seeks truth, not victory. His message is grounded not in the power of this world but, as Paul says, "in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction" (1 Thess 1:5). His answer invites the audience not to political wrangling but to introspection and discernment.

As Christians, we are called to active political and social engagement, yet the danger is becoming overly caught up in the systems of this world. Jesus instructs us to give politics the attention it deserves and to give God the attention God deserves. In other words, *do not mistake one for the other*. We are invited to reflect on this delicate balance and the notion that, ultimately, for people of faith, there is no such thing as divided attention: the focus we give to the things of this world should always be grounded in and fully attentive to God.

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, adapted from

*Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study*

*Mahri Leonard-Fleckman is assistant professor of Hebrew Bible in the Religious Studies Department at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. She is author of Little Rock Scripture Study's three-volume Ponder series and coauthor of Ruth in the Wisdom Commentary series.*

## On the Way Home from Mass...

Jesus tells the Pharisees to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What do you think it means to belong to God?



## Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 28/29)

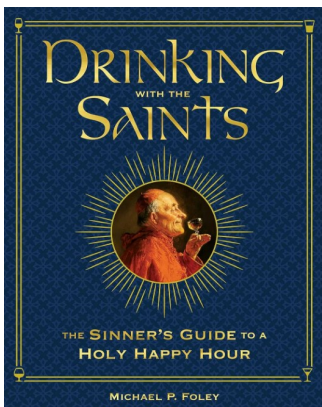
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Leo Gallardo	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Ray Meliton	Jess Manaois Jessie Maglaqui	Gallo Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry Maes	Julie Kentch	Mike Likar John Hoppe	<b>Need Volunteers</b>
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Nikylla and Nathan Marcelino	Joslyn Childs	Teresa Mitchell Elvira Taylor	Reynoso Family

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Join us for  
 Socializing with  
 the Saints! This Fri  
 Oct 27, 2023 at  
 6pm at Deb's  
 house! This is a  
 fun way to meet  
 with fellow  
 parishioners and  
 enjoy food and  
 drinks inspired by  
 the saints! Bring a  
 dish to share and  
 come learn about  
 the holy men and  
 women that have  
 come before us!

# ALL SAINTS CARNIVAL

**FAMILY  
GAMES**

**FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP**

**DRESS AS  
A SAINT**

**29 OCTOBER, 2023  
9AM**

**HOSTED BY KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS AND  
FAITH FORMATION**





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**Thank you to  
everyone who has  
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Prayerfully consider  
giving to the appeal.

<https://aoaj.org/pledge>

2023 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of October 17, 2023			
Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	39,478	
Parish (Rebate) Goal for Holy Cross *	\$	14,000	
Diocesan Goal + Parish Goal for Holy Cross	\$	53,478	
Total Pledged	\$	20,878	52.9% of Diocesan Goal 0.0% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$	50	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	(18,600)	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(36,600)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$	17,850	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	3,028	
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$	-	

\* The Parish Goal is the Rebate Goal, which the Finance Council set as \$14,000 in the FY24 Budget. This goal amount is added the Diocesan Goal. The Diocesan Goal needs to met first before Parish Goal starts.

\*\* The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. Since the rebate is not taxed by the Archdiocese, unlike income from weekly collections and online giving, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross. That is why It's Important to meet the \$14,000 goal. A 100% return!

**DONATIONS FOR THE 2023 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](http://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 2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal.

### Pray for the Synod

Pope Francis has called together the first session of the Synod on Synodality during the month of October. Throughout the month, the Synod will focus on three main themes: Communion, Participation, and Mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church. All the faithful are asked to pray for Pope Francis and the Synod delegates from around the world as they discuss, discern and shape the Church's understanding of these important topics.

### Synod Prayer

O God,  
who care for your people with gentleness  
and rule them with love  
hear our prayers this day.  
Watch over the members of the Synod  
and endow them with a spirit of wisdom  
that your people may be led to know your truth  
and grow in holiness.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



# Parish



# Nurse

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sat Oct 28 10am**

## **Post-Covid: The New Normal and Taking Care of Yourself Talk**

**by Rev. Beverly R. Bateman, MSN, RN,  
BCMMHC**

Our wonderful Parish Nurses have arranged to have a speaker come here to Holy Cross and give a talk about the new normal post-covid and taking care of yourself. This is a free event with light refreshments. Please come! Bring a friend! Rev. Beverly Bateman will be giving the talk and is truly a wealth of information. Fall is in the air! Start this new season with her expertise in mind. You won't want to miss it!

Beverly Bateman is a registered nurse for over 30 years, and an ordained elder and pastor for over 10 years. Her education and experience cover a broad view of whole-person wellness. Her formal education includes a Master of Nursing with a specialty in Nursing Informatics. Bev was blessed to arrive in Alaska to serve as the Program Coordinator for the Alaska Faith Community Nurse Resource Center at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Now utilizing her training as a Faith Community Nurse Coordinator and Educator, she is striving to support and grow the Alaska network of faith community nurses and health ministers.

Bev is married to Keith, also an ordained elder who has pastored for over 30 years. They have five children in their blended family with nine grandchildren to enjoy. Sophie, their six-year-old Papillon, keeps them from experiencing a truly empty nest!



# PROJECT GABE

Additionally, our parish nurses have been busy equipping the church with a Project Gabe Box which has tools and resources to use in the event of an opioid overdose / misuse emergency.

**Start collecting medications  
you wish to bring in for  
TAKE BACK DRUG DAY on Oct 28-29!**



**Stewardship Fair Weekend in the sanctuary following Mass.  
There are so many ways to help and all are welcome!**



**Altar Servers**



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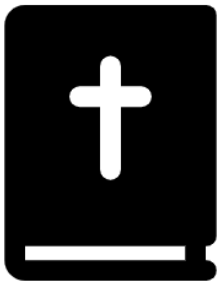


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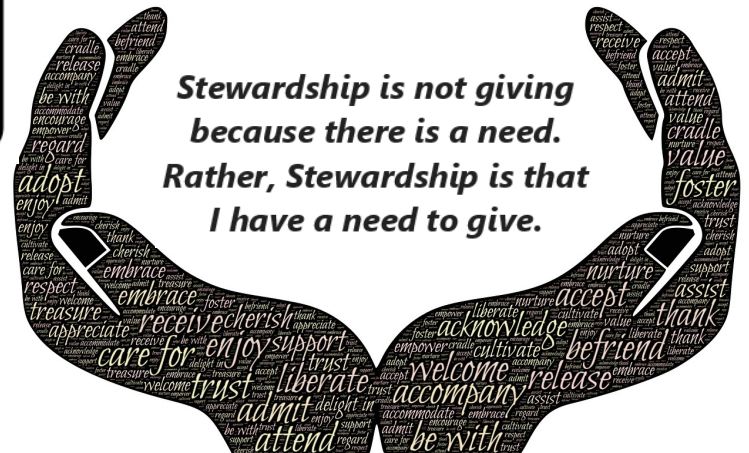


**Parish Nurses**

**Livestream Ministry**



**Music Ministry**



## Faith Formation Classes

October 29:

Everyone in Family Session

November 5:

Grades 7-12 in Family Session

Preschool-6 gr. in Classroom

***Faith Formation begins  
at 9 am and end at 10:45 am.***

*New families, register at:  
[holycrossalaska.net/register](http://holycrossalaska.net/register)*

***Interested in  
becoming  
Catholic? OCIA  
meets on Tue.  
evenings at 7pm.***



It's that time of the year again when our local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3) Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2024 summer session; for students currently in 5th, 6th and 7th grade. A 250-300 word essay written or

typed on "Who is your favorite Saint and why? What virtues did they possess that inspire you"? Applications and more information are available at your Parish or Catholic School office or can be emailed to you by contacting [kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com). You can also call Kerry at 907-230-4726. Application and essay must be entirely completed and postmarked no later than January 3, 2024 and sent to:

**CDA Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 243953  
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3953**

or emailed directly to  
[kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com)

**Please encourage your youth to participate!**



Young Men-Come spend 24 hours at St. Therese's Camp to consider the priesthood.

Hear from our own Alaskan priests about the great adventure of the priesthood. This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship.

Dates: November 3-4, 2023

Retreats begin at 5:30PM Friday and conclude at 1PM Saturday.

Cost: \$65. \$45 scholarships (final price \$20) available for limited registrants. Register soon to get the scholarship rate!

Register at [www.stcak.com](http://www.stcak.com)

Contact Fr. Arthur Roraff (907 694 2170, [frarthur@roraff.com](mailto:frarthur@roraff.com)) or Rudy Poglitsch (907) 232 2066, [campdirector@stthereseak.com](mailto:campdirector@stthereseak.com)) with questions.

## Holy Spirit Center

Seeking Vendors/Artists

Friday  
December  
15, 2023

6pm to 9pm



## Merry Christmas Holiday Arts and Crafts Pop Up

10980 Hillside Drive Anchorage

907-744-7003

## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
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- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
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- 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- 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:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:		10/9-15/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	6,588	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,609	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,197</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	1,303	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		116.5%	
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023		
FY24 YTD Complete (%):	25.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$	443,400	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	100,317	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	110,850	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(10,533)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		90.5%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	51,158	51.0%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	652	0.6%
Online Giving:	\$	35,601	35.5%
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	\$	-	0.0%
Stole Fees:	\$	1,335	1.3%
In-Kind Donations:	\$	11,915	11.9%
Investment Income:	\$	(5,629)	-5.6%
Fee Income:	\$	3,457	3.4%
Other:	\$	1,828	1.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,317</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023		
FY24 YTD Complete (%):	25.0%		
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	473,400	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	96,811	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	118,350	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(21,539)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		81.8%	
<b>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023		
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	100,317	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	96,811	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	3,506	
Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):		3.6%	

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