

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

Epiphany of the Lord Jan 7, 2024

*Matthew 2:2
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Jan 8

9am- Mass
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service
 6pm- Finance Council

Tue Jan 9

9am- Mass
 7pm-OCIA
 6:30pm- Knights of Columbus

Wed Jan 10

9am- Mass

Thu Jan 11

9am- Mass

Fri Jan 12- Office Closed


9am- Mass

Sat Jan 13

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

Sun Jan 14 Both Masses Followed by Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



 8am- Mass
 11am- Mass

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.
 Sun 8am Mass is offered for the People of the Parish

Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross.
 Sign up outside the sanctuary.

Kerr Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Your bodies are members of Christ.

John 1:35-42

They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

Reflection

In this life, we do not always see the splendor that God has promised. It can be hidden under all the pain and brokenness still present in our world. But God has fulfilled these promises and continues to fulfill them. Like the magi, we might need to look in places we don't expect. God is present not in wealth and worldly splendor, but in humble family homes.

The Diligent Search

[W]hile the magi depart from Jerusalem to "go and search diligently for the child," Herod himself remains seated on his red velvet cushion. The magi continue their thousand-mile trek, but Herod is not curious enough to join them for the final five miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to see for himself. "When you have found [the child], bring me word," he commands. Scripture, yes, he has that; but not one ounce the spirit of a scientist. Indeed, he sees [the magi's] quest as dangerous. As threatening the status quo.

So often in our modern world . . . scientific pursuit and religious faith are caricatured as opposing options and we are asked to ally with one or the other. Some say it's impossible nowadays to be a scientist who also is part of a faith community. Some say they've never met a religious person who remains curious and open to pursuing tough questions. . . . [But] close observation of the natural world coupled with rigorous curiosity is a path that we can trust will lead us closer to God, not further away. When we are fearful and afraid of upsetting the status quo, we will be tempted to perch on our own red velvet cushions and look at others who have traveled different paths with suspicion. But when we love and seek truth, wherever and however it is found, we find all paths merge, eventually leading to the same place.

. . . [T]he magi—those seekers from the East, who, upon having their curiosity struck by the rising of a new star, will not stop searching for its meaning, no matter how far they must travel. And pursuing truth wherever it leads, in whatever form it comes, they arrive at the place genuine seekers always inevitably seem to end up: face to face with God.

Ann M. Garrido, *Let's Talk about Truth*

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On the Way Home from Mass...

In what ways do the events in today's Gospel tell us more about who Jesus came for? The shepherds lived near Bethlehem, and they were Jewish. What about the Magi?

Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 13/14)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon	Cheryl Chapman Deb Seidl		Matt Williams Dean Pagalilauan Dihan Pagalilauan
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Henry Maes Casen Kallman	Julie Kentch		Kentch Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Nikylla and Nathan Marcelino	Michelangelo Canale		Kaira Brooks Mary Anne Green

Faith Formation Classes

January 14:

Preschool-6 in Family Session
Grade 7-12 in Classroom



January 21:

Grade 7-12 in Family Session
Preschool-6 in Classroom

Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Registration is on-going at: holycrossalaska.net/register

Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more at an OCIA meeting happening on Tue evenings at 7pm.

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Throughout Lent, we will host a mini-series on Confession. Here's a sneak peek from Formed.org:

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm, beginning Wednesday, Feb 21. This event is only for young adults and adults. If you are interested in attending this event, let Jerica know.

SAVE THE DATE!

All women of the Archdiocese are invited to join the Ladies of St. Andrew Parish in Eagle River for our annual retreat on Sat, Jan 13, 10am-1pm. Our presenter, Monica Anderson, will help us explore the Good Samaritan story from a different lens: How does our own vulnerability deepen our ability to be compassionate? Email standrewsladiesgroup@gmail.com for more information.

RETROUVAILLE

[HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Pronounced re*tro*vi', is a faith-based program designed to help all marriages, the union of one man and one woman, regardless of faith or creed, rediscover the love and trust that brought them together. Retrouvaille can help couples learn new tools for healthy communication, intimacy, and personal growth. For confidential information or to register for the next Retrouvaille of Alaska program, beginning with a weekend experience on Jan 21, 2024, call 907-863-8000; email: anchor-age@helpourmarriage.org; or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.org

National Eucharistic Congress 2024

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival



so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it. The event will occur on July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you are interested in attending this event, please sign up at the Fellowship Hall.



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**Eucharistic
Revival**

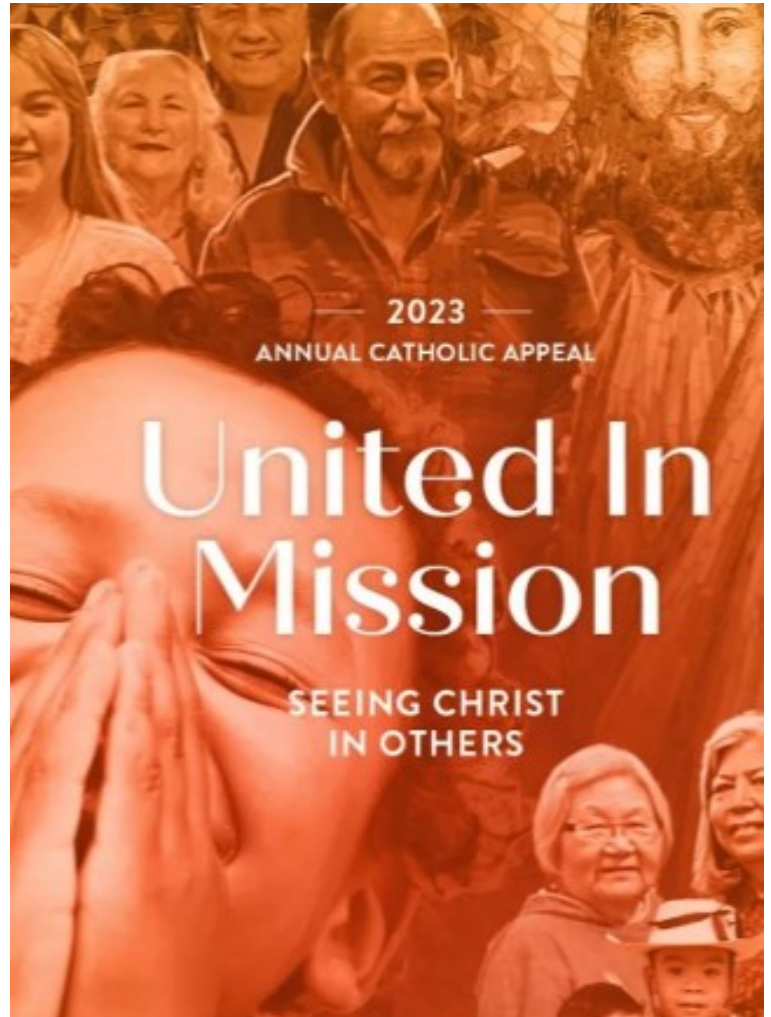
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

Youth
GRADES 6-12
NIGHT
BEGINS ON JANUARY 15TH
FROM 6-9PM
DINNER PROVIDED
PARENTS, PLEASE ATTEND THE FIRST NIGHT TO SIGN FORM(S)

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
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- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
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- 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
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