

# 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

## First Sunday of Lent Feb 18, 2024

*Matthew 4:4b  
One does not live on bread  
alone,  
but on every word that comes  
forth from the mouth of God.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Feb 19

9am- Mass  
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service  
 6pm- Youth Night  
 6:30pm- Liturgical Ministry Leads Meeting

### Tue Feb 20

9am- Mass  
 6pm- Confession and Adoration  
 6pm- Finance Meeting  
 7pm- OCIA

### Wed Feb 21

9am- Mass  
 6:30pm- Transforming Power of Confession

### Thu Feb 22

9am- Mass

### Fri Feb 23- Office Closed

9am- Mass  
 6pm- Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper  
 6pm- Youth Night

### Sat Feb 24

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

### Sun Feb 25

8am- Mass  
 9am- Faith Formation  
 11am- Mass followed by Rosary

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

Sun 8am Mass is offered for the People of the Parish

2/17- 5pm: ROS- Julia Acune

2/18- 11am: ROS- Julia Acune

### Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross.

Sign up outside the sanctuary.

Soukup Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

#### PSALM 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

#### Romans 8:31b-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

#### Mark 9:2-10

*This is my beloved Son.*

## Jesus's Temptation

In today's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert for forty days to pray and is tempted by Satan. He is among wild beasts, and the angels come to minister to him. Jesus needs this time of preparation before he begins his public ministry. What about our own preparation? Is it easy to prepare when illness, suffering, and temptation surround us? How do you prepare yourself and your family for those times that seem to be especially challenging?

### Plumbing the Depth's of Lent

It is striking that, unlike other psalms with similar appeals to God, Psalm 130 does not provide any further description of the psalmist's suffering. This has led some to argue that the real cause of anguish here is not any painful physical or social situation but rather an acute awareness of how sin has compromised our relationship with God. Indeed, verse 3 may even suggest that the real depths out of which one prays this psalm are the realization that sinfulness seems to be an inevitable feature of human existence.

Such a radical view of the human condition requires an equally radical view of repentance. This may already be present in the psalm's opening verse. After all, anyone who is truly aware of the depths of human sinfulness must surely cry to God, not just with one's lips but "out of the depths" of one's innermost being. Only with such a humble recognition of how completely we rely on God's mercy (v. 4) will we be able to take on the psalmist's stance in the second half of this psalm, that of confidently waiting for God's "plenteous redemption."

The presence of Psalm 130 at the beginning of Lent already looks ahead to that which is to come at its end, when God's startling embrace of the depths of human suffering brings redemption from both our sins and the power of death. The undeserved gift of such a new relationship with God is indeed something worth waiting for, even more than weary watchers in the night wait for the light that breaks at dawn.

Harry P. Nasuti

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### On the Way Home from Mass...

Jesus went to the desert to pray. What does that tell us about how we can prepare ourselves to make good choices? Praying and reading God's Word, the Bible, will help us stay close to Him.



### Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 24/25)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Fleur Bases	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Alison Walsh Dave Alzheimer	Brenda & Brent Lannen	Dizon Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Jaime Tran Henry Maes	Kristin Rehman Nicholas Boring	Pam Webb Marilyn Kerr	Dora Castillo Clara & Rosa Hoppe
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Amabel Richtarcsik	Landon Sabino Lilly Vogt	Katie Sklarosky Megan Green	Julia Morrison-Lugo Teresa Mitchell	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes

## Faith Formation Classes

Feb 25:

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

Mar 3:

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](http://holycrossalaska.net/register)*

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



### This mini-series:

*Will explore the grace and healing offered in Confession and show how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love.*

### Held Wednesday evenings throughout Lent.

Beginning Wed, Feb 21 6:30-8:00pm

*Please contact Jerica for additional details.*



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## First Sunday of Lent

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JOHN

## Penny's Stations and Soup Confirmation Project

Join us Friday 2/23 at 6pm for Mixed Vegetable Soup

Donations are appreciated! You can drop them off in the bin in the foyer or sign up to help out in the kitchen.

You can reach Penny at [higgins678@gmail.com](mailto:higgins678@gmail.com) or text 907-952-5069





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- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaio: 306-9363

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### TITHING UPDATE

*How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?*

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,894
Weekly Tithing Period:	02/05-11/2024	
<b>Income Sources</b>		
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,509
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,481
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,990</b>
<b>Over /(Under) Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,904)</b>
<b>Actual vs. Goal (%)</b> :	<b>75.9%</b>	

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FOR SINS  
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THAT HE  
MIGHT LEAD  
YOU TO GOD  
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