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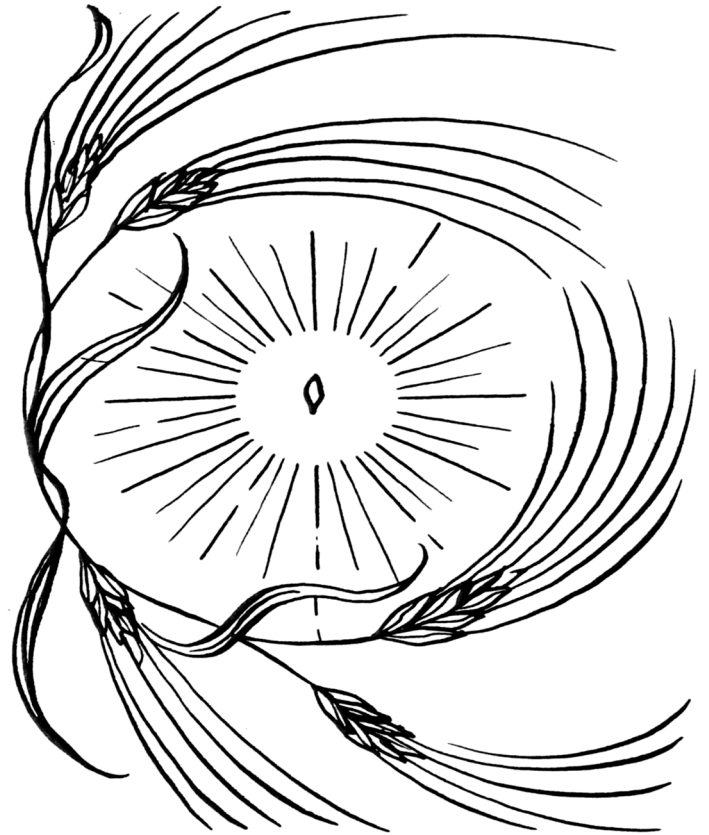


*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*
1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

Fifth Sunday of Lent Mar 17, 2024

John 12:26

*Whoever serves me must
follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there
also will my servant be.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Mar 18

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6pm- Youth Night

Tue Mar 19

9am- Mass
6pm- Confession & Adoration
7pm- OCIA

Wed Mar 20

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

Thu Mar 21

9am- Mass

Fri Mar 22- Office Closed

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

Sat Mar 23

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

Sun Mar 24

8am- Palm Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)
9am- Faith Formation
11am- Palm Sunday 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.
3/16- 5pm: *Special Intention- Mark Manaois*

Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross sign up outside the sanctuary.
Seidl Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

PSALM 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

Mark 11:1-10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Reflection

Neither Perfected nor Defective

Some years ago, I mentored students in a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program. These were highly gifted, extremely motivated people, and it wasn't hard to see where they could be in ten years if they stuck with it. On the other hand, they were virtually blind when it came to imagining their future selves. They already knew who they were, thank you very much. Some saw themselves as much better writers than they could possibly have been at that point in the journey. Others were convinced that, no matter how hard they tried, they were doomed to failure. My primary job as a mentor was to help them topple these false self-images, which were blocking their way forward.

But this toppling process was painful—a kind of death. Whether they suffered from bravado or from an inferiority complex, they'd become dependent on this self-made identity. The thought of letting go caused both grief and fear. Yet as Jesus points out in these mysterious lines from John, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." What has to crumble before we can be born anew is the image we've created of ourselves. Great adventures lie ahead, but we can only taste and see what God has prepared for us if we're able to accept ourselves as we actually are: neither perfected nor defective, but instead, overflowing with potential.

Like grains, which—though tiny—contain universes.

Paula Huston

Paula Huston is a longtime Camaldolese Benedictine oblate and the author of ten books. Her most recent titles are *One Ordinary Sunday: A Meditation on the Mystery of the Mass* and *The Hermits of Big Sur*.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Why do you think that Jesus tells us the seed must die before it can grow? The seed has died when it is under the soil, and a little plant comes to birth. If the seed has died, is it finished?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 23/24)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Fleur Bases	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Brenda Lannen Dave Alzheimer	Julie Spradling Matt Williams	Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe & Rose Webb	Maureen Retzel Kristin Rehmann	Gig Currier John Hoppe	Kentch Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Amabel Richtarczik	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino	Mary Anne Green Leslie Holland	Julia Morrizon-Lugo Alvira Taylor	Villa Family

VOLUNTEERS INVITED!

Sat, 3/23 9:30am

Decorate Sanctuary for Palm Sunday.

Please contact Marilyn Kerr.



NEXT WEEK is



LENT FOOD DRIVE

Contributions: 733 pounds and counting!

Currently in 4th place for our diocese!

Donation drop-offs in Church Foyer.



LOCK-IN A ROARING SUCCESS!

Mar 10—Mar 11, 2024

Youth Group Students

Had sooo much fun they are asking...

Do It Again!!!

Check with Jerica.



Annual "Acies"

Saturday, March 23 1pm

This prayer service is hosted by **The Legion of Mary.**



The renewal of the Legion's act of consecration is known as the Acies, Latin for "a standing army."

It involves the participants entrusting themselves to Mary's motherly intercession.

All are welcome. Reception following.

Holy Family Cathedral
800 W 5th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501



GOOD FRIDAY FAITH WALK MARCH 29, 2024

Where: HOLY CROSS parking lot

When: 9am to Carpool (Carpool Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.)

**** No need to sign-up in advance. ****

Begin: 10am Brother Francis Shelter, 1030 E. Third Ave
End: 11:15am-Town Square / AK Center for Performing Arts, 621 W. Sixth Ave

More information at <http://aoaj.org/>



BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER

Youth Group Service Project

*Holy Cross Youth Group will prepare and deliver food to...
Brother Francis Shelter.*

A **Second Collection** will occur the next two weekends, 3/16-17 and 3/23-24 for this project. That way we may purchase exactly what is needed to prepare these meals.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth in their many endeavors.



Third Annual Young Adult Retreat

Ages: 18-35

May 10-12, 2024

Theme: Eucharist

Leader: Deacon Columban Hall, Holy Family Old Cathedral

Why: Does our Lord give Himself to us in this way?

What: Do the Fathers and Doctors of the Church have to say about the Eucharist?

How: Can this enrich our own reception of this Most Blessed Sacrament?

The infinite riches of the Sacrament of the Eucharist must not only be savored with the heart but contemplated by the mind. Come delve into the mystery and meaning of this sublime spiritual food.

Cost: \$110 per person before April 19, and \$120 after April 19. Register at www.stcak.com

Financial aid: Available. Contact Rudy: 907-232-2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com for more information.



SUNDAY SMILES

To teach the students the power of prayer, the faith formation teacher asked the class, "What does the Bible tell you to do before making a decision?"

"Check with Bernie," replied little Joey.

"Who is Bernie?" asked the teacher.

"He's the guy Moses got his instructions from," explained Joey. "Bernie Bush"



Retreat for Teen Girls

Saturday, March 23 10am to 5pm

Hosted by: The Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monastery.

Where: 2645 E 72nd Ave

What: We will be learning about and preparing for Holy Week.

Call or email the Sisters for information or to register.

(907) 344-3330 or
sistersofperpetualak@gmail.com



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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FRUIT
BETHANY

HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR February 2024

- Month Ending (ME): Feb 2024** (4 weekends)

Offertory "Goal" for ME: \$ 31,576
 Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$ 29,782 (94.3%)

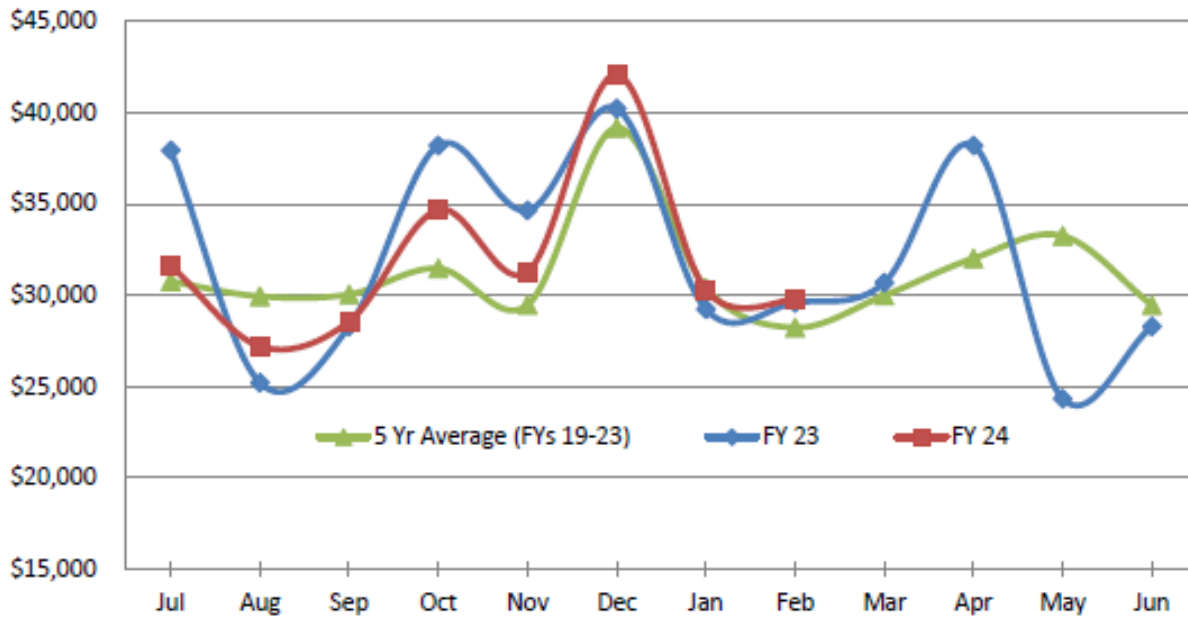
Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 16,935 (56.9%)
 Online Giving: \$ 11,618 (39.0%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 1,229 (4.1%)

- Fiscal Year 2023 – Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024**

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 276,290 (Weekly Average: \$7,894)
 Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 255,530 (92.5%) (Weekly Average: \$7,301)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 146,303 (57.2%)
 Online Giving: \$ 98,787 (38.7%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 10,440 (4.1%)

**Holy Cross Weekly Collections - Monthly Comparisons
 Current (FY 24 YTD) vs Historical (FY23 & 5 Yr Average)**



Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 24 Budget	FY 24: Jul – Feb Actual	FY 23: Jul – Feb Actual	Previous Year Change
Total Income	\$ 443,400	\$ 331,862	\$ 295,004	\$ 36,858
Total Expense	\$ 473,400	\$ 294,971	\$ 270,250	\$ 24,721
Net Income (before depreciation)	\$ (30,000)	\$ 36,891	\$ 24,754	\$ 11,937

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure with Holy Cross.

TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:		03/4-10/2024	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	-	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	-	
Total:	\$	-	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(7,894)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		0.0%	

Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period

FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 02/29/2024	
FY24 YTD Complete (%):		66.7%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$	490,900	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	331,662	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	327,267	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	4,395	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		101.3%	

Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period

FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 02/29/2024	
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	146,302	44.1%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	10,440	3.1%
Online Giving:	\$	98,787	29.8%
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	\$	13,613	4.1%
Stole Fees:	\$	3,567	1.1%
In-Kind Donations:	\$	31,773	9.6%
Investment Income:	\$	13,208	4.0%
Fee Income:	\$	5,862	1.8%
Other:	\$	8,070	2.4%
Total:	\$	331,622	100.0%

Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period

FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 02/29/2024	
FY24 YTD Complete (%):		66.7%	
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	463,900	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	294,971	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	309,267	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(14,296)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		95.4%	

Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period

FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 02/29/2024	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	331,622	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	294,971	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	36,651	
Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):		12.4%	

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
- Faith Formation- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363
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- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
- Lawn & Garden- Julie Spralding: 636-399-0892
- 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
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$ 7,894
Weekly Tithing Period:	03/4-03/10/2024
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections:	\$ 3,721
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$ -
Online Giving:	\$ 3,734
Total:	\$ 7,455
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$ (439)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	94.4%

ALERT! Holy Cross staff will not contact you requesting gift cards. Never purchase or send money/gift cards electronically.

Faith Formation Classes

March 17:

No Faith Formation Classes!

Have a wonderful Spring Break :)

March 24:

Preschool-6 in Family Session

Grades 7-12 in Classrooms

Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Registration is on-going at:

holycrossalaska.net/register



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