

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time Feb 5, 2023

*John 8:12
I am the light of the
world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will
have the light of life.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Feb 6

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6pm- Maintenance Meeting

Tue Feb 7

9am- Mass
5:30pm- Confirmation Class
7pm- OCIA
7:30pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed Feb 8

9am- Mass

Thu Feb 9

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

Fri Feb 10-Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Feb 11

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

Sun Feb 12

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Feb 6- Sun Feb 12	Available!
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Sirach 15:15-20

No one does he command to act unjustly.

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Corinthians 2:6-10

God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory.

Matthew 5:17-37

So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

Reflection

Performing works of mercy does not always look or feel good. This work is very often thankless, unglamorous, and inconvenient. The light we become is not the literal kind others can see; it takes practiced eyes of faith to see this sort of light. God reassures us, though, that these good deeds are beautiful in God's eyes and are worthy of our time.

A Light Not of Our Own Making

Everybody loves the famous aphorism traditionally attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Always preach the Gospel . . . by words if necessary." This can come as a relief. We don't want to be one of those pushy types who are always talking about their faith. Yet this mandate to preach by example can also become an excuse for a tepid discipleship. Preaching the Gospel with our lives means more than just showing up for church, being nice to our family and friends, and avoiding heinous crimes. We are called to be instruments of God's work in the world, actively attending to the concrete needs of others. These deeds need not be dramatic, but they will likely draw us out of our comfort zone as we enter into the messiness and ambiguity of the often deeply wounded, morally conflicted, and broken lives of others. But enter those lives we must.

It is in these basic acts of care, particularly those directed beyond our circle of intimates, that the light we are to display before the world is kindled. When we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger, we discover within us a light not of our own making. Today's readings—from the prophet Isaiah to the psalmist to Jesus—are remarkably insistent that we are to reflect a light that has both its source and object in the Holy One. God is the deep origin of all that we do that is good and holy. The light of our concrete actions illuminates not our heroism and sanctity, but God's activity in and through us.

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On the Way Home from Mass...

What happens to a light placed under a bushel basket? What if light is placed on a lampstand? If our light is the love of Jesus that he has given us, what might he want us to do with it?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 11/12)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Olivia & Sebastian Maglaqui	Dave Alzheimer	Doug Williams	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe and Rose Webb	Eilisa Maes Jason Hlasny	John Hoppe	Clara Hoppe Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino	Megan Green	Ninia Dizon	Degenhardt Family

Confirmation Service Projects

This weekend (Feb 4) marks the beginning of Olivia's Confirmation Service Project that will run through March 11. She's collecting used eyewear. The collection box will be located in the Fellowship area.

Catholic Schools: Thank You & Scholarships

Thank you for supporting last weekend's special collection, which helps provide Catholic education to the young people of Anchorage-Juneau.

Holy Cross provides scholarships to families who wish to send their children to an Archdiocesan Catholic school but are facing financial difficulty. For an application form, email office@holycrossalaska.net

Upcoming: Eucharist video study

After we finish the Screwtape Letters study, we will begin a video series called *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*. Meets Thursdays 6:30-8pm, for young adults and adults alike. Sneak peek it at signup.formed.org (search for Holy Cross Anchorage & follow the prompts)

Please plan to bring your palms to church these next two weeks. They will be burned for Ash Wednesday. Thanks!



Grades 6-12 Retreat

Does God care? Does He hear me when I speak to Him? If He hears me, does He speak back, and how can I know what He is saying?

During this retreat, we will discover the love of God through His self-revelation. God has spoken, and He continues to speak. God desires a personal relationship with us, and we can learn to hear His voice by


becoming familiar with the way He has communicated throughout salvation history and ultimately through Jesus Christ.

Retreat Details: Meet at Holy Cross on Fri, Feb. 24 (5pm), overnight at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla, and return Sat, Feb. 25 (late evening). Sledding/tubing included, pending weather. Cost \$80. Financial aid available. Info & RSVP by Feb. 19: holycrossalaska.net/retreat

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THE BIDDING WEBSITE WILL OPEN IN FEBRUARY!

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HIGH SCHOOL

St. Therese's Camp 2023

Register for summer 2023 at www.stthereseak.com! Camp is for kids entering grades 3-8 in fall 2023. High school camp is for kids entering grades 9-12.

- June 4-9
- June 11-16
- June 18-June 23
- June 25-30: high school week
- July 2-7: high school week
- July 16-21
- July 23-28

St. Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential Catholic camp experience. We share the joy of the faith in a powerfully fun way. Early bird rate until March 1 is \$357 for grades 3-8 and \$373 for high school; registration goes up after that. Register before May to get a free camp t-shirt. Some financial aid is available. Contact 907-232-2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com for more information.



DONATION NEEDED FOR USED EYEWEAR

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR OLD PRESCRIPTION GLASSES
CAN BE RECYCLED! ONCE RECYCLED, IT WILL BE
DONATED TO WHOEVER NEEDS THEM!

Hello! I'm Olivia Maglaqui, I'm a 7th grade student at Northern Lights ABC. I'm currently in Confirmation class at Holy Cross Parish, and I'm collecting used (even new) eyewear for my Confirmation Service Project.

Used eyewear collection will run from February 4th
through March 11th.

Question: call at 907.360.5133

THANK YOU

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of December 31, 2022			
Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	40,620	
Parish Goal for Holy Cross *	\$	58,620	\$ 18,000 Last 3 Yr Avg Rebate Amt
Total Pledged	\$	53,080	130.7% of Diocesan Goal 90.5% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$	79	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	12,460	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(5,540)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$	51,070	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	2,010	
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$	10,450	
* Past rebate amounts at Holy Cross have averaged \$18,000 for the last 3 fiscal years (FY20-FY22).			
** The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered "Ordinary Revenue" like similar revenues from weekly collections and online giving. These revenues are assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. Since the rebate is not taxable, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross.			
DONATIONS FOR THE 2022 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 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 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.			

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- Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 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:		01/23-29/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	2,447	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,546	
Total:	\$	4,993	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(2,334)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		68.1%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period</i>			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	50.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	209,142	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	198,800	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	10,342	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	105.2%		
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	122,150	58.4%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	4,368	2.1%
Online Giving:	\$	77,999	37.3%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Other:	\$	4,625	2.2%
Total:	\$	209,142	100.0%



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