

# 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 of Easter May 7, 2023

*John 14:23*

*Whoever loves me will keep  
my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him  
and we will come to him.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon May 8

9am- Mass/ Communion Service  
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service  
 6pm- Finance Meeting

### Tue May 9

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

### Wed May 10

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

### Thu May 11

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

### Fri May 12-Office Closed

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

### Sat May 13

8am- Spring Clean up!  
 1pm- Legion of Mary  
 3-4pm-Confession  
 5pm- Mass

### Sun May 14

8am- Mass  
 11am- Mass  
 12pm- Rosary

### Mass Intentions

*Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.*

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

*Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

#### PSALM 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

#### Peter 3:15-18

*Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit.*

#### John 14:15-21

*I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

### Vocations Cross

We are looking for families to volunteer to pray with the vocations cross.



## Reflection

Some of the metaphors in these readings can seem obscure and unreachable. We are to wait for Jesus to prepare a place for us in his Father's house; we are in the meantime to become living stones built into another house. Reflecting on themes of home and hospitality might help these readings take on a more robust meaning.

### When Nothing Seems to Work

He had once again vanished, this unstable relative we had come to think of as the "Spirit of Chaos." On one hand we were worried, and on the other, secretly hoping he wouldn't reemerge. But that was unlikely; he always did, and I had an ominous feeling that this time it could be worse. When he finally showed up, he was in real trouble: hallucinations, memory loss, jeans that no longer "worked" (they were on backward).

I complained loudly to God, "We don't *deserve* this. Look at everything we've already done for him." And God replied in the voice of Jesus, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." I scoffed, "Oh, really? I can do everything you can do better? Then why are there wars? Why are there poor people? And why must we be forever shackled to the Spirit of Chaos?"

But God had heard all this before. We humans, stamping our little feet at the unfairness of life. Suddenly I felt it all draining out of me, my self-righteous rage at being asked to do the *one thing in the world* I most dreaded. Okay, I sighed. "Okay. But I can't do it without you, all right?"

God replied, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt 28:20). And soon, as it always does when I finally stop resisting the call, a shower of astonishing impossibilities began to fall upon us.

Paula Huston

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

What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the way"?

Ministry Schedule for next week (May 13/14)

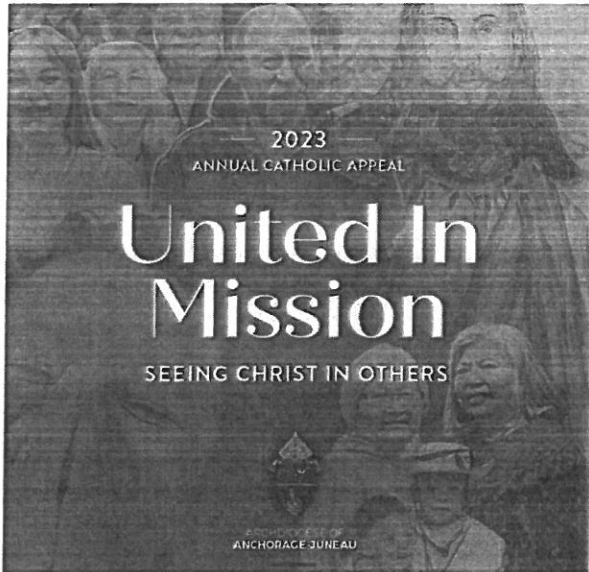
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Ray Meliton	Pat Seidl Ninia Dizon	Linda Galamgam Virtuous Marquez Matt Williams
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Henry & Annalise Maes	Paul Clark Kristin Rehmann	John Hoppe Marilyn Kerr	Dora Castillo Henry/ Annalise Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino	Joslyn Childs	Janina Chlebowski Teresa Mitchell	Degenhardt Family

## Confirmation Service Projects

Thank you for supporting Jaeden's service project for Clare House and Drake, Carsten, and Rosa's Animal Shelter Drive!

## United in Mission coming in the Fall

You may have received a letter regarding the United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal. Any one who would like to donate early is welcome to and we thank you for that! We wanted to let you know that Holy Cross will be running our 6-week campaign later on in the fall.



## May 13: Spring Clean Up!

The maintenance team will start clean up at 8am on Sat May 13. We welcome any help we can get! Bring rakes, brooms, and shovels. Many hands make light work!



## May 21, 1-4pm: Parish Picnic & Farewell

At the annual Parish Picnic we will have a celebratory send-off for Anna and Mark. Knights bring the main course and parishioners are encouraged to bring a side dish. We wish the Schulten's the best on their journey!



## Vacation Bible School

- Date:** June 13-15 (Tues-Thurs)
- Time:** 5pm Family Dinner, 5:30-8pm VBS
- Location:** Holy Cross Parish
- Ages:** entering K-6
- Volunteers:** grades 7+ and adults
- Cost:** \$20 per student (limited space available)
- Signup:** [holycrossalaska.net/vbs](http://holycrossalaska.net/vbs)

## VBS Volunteer Info:

Register at [holycrossalaska.net/vbs](http://holycrossalaska.net/vbs)

### Meeting & Training Dates:

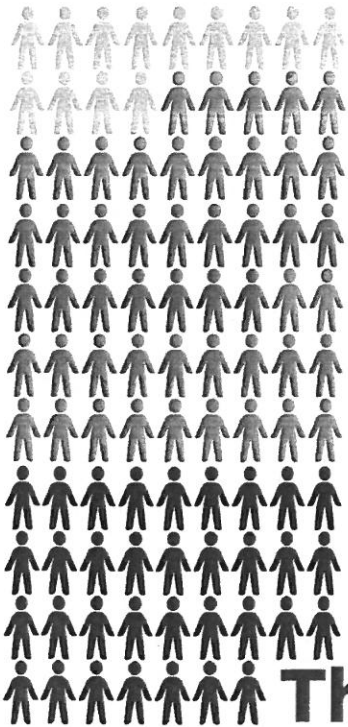
- May 14, 12:15pm: Orientation
- June 11, 12:15pm: Leader Training

### At-home training/prep:

- May 28: station supply list due
- June 5: Background Check (age 16+) and Safe Environment (age 18+) complete.
- June 12: Setup Night
- June 16: Cleanup Night (if needed)

## Faith Formation Early Bird ends today!

Register or re-register for '23-24 Faith Formation during class or online by this Sunday, May 7, for \$10 off your fee. Learn more at [holycrossalaska.net/formation](http://holycrossalaska.net/formation)



## That's a wrap!

**64 students** in Faith Formation this year.

**13 students** were Confirmed.

**16 students** received First Communion.

**34 volunteers** supported this ministry.

## Thank you!

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5582507/>

## FUNERAL MASS FOR FR FISHER

The Funeral Mass for Father Al Fisher (Alfred John aka AJ) will take place on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope you will be able to come celebrate Father Al and join us at a light reception which will follow.

Father Fisher had been in assisted living and passed away at age 95 on April 21, 2023. May he rest in peace.



## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418  
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 Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852  
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 Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580  
 Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197  
 Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180  
 Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133  
 Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127  
 Lawn & Garden- Looking for help!  
 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  
 Snow Plowing- Looking for help!  
 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:	04/24-30/2023	
<b>Income Sources</b>		
Weekly Collections: \$	2,816	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:		
Online Giving: \$	2,829	
<b>Total: \$</b>	<b>5,645</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal: \$	(1,682)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	77.0%	
<b>Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:</b>		
<b>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period</b>		
FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	75.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: \$	415,600	
Actual Total Income for Period: \$	308,139	
Budget Total Income for Period: \$	311,700	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period: \$	(3,561)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	98.9%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period</b>		
FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	172,148	55.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	5,936	1.9%
Online Giving: \$	115,950	37.6%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	8,175	2.7%
Other: \$	5,930	1.9%
<b>Total: \$</b>	<b>308,139</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
* Pending Rebate Payment = \$4,190		



## Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit [holycrossalaska.net/give](http://holycrossalaska.net/give)

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