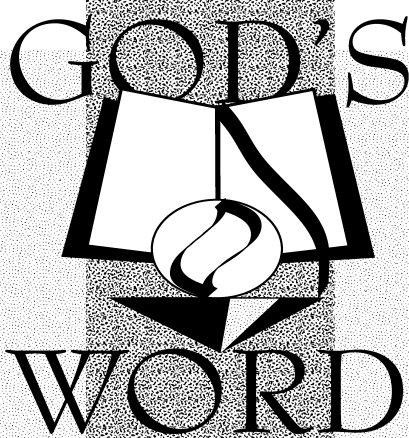
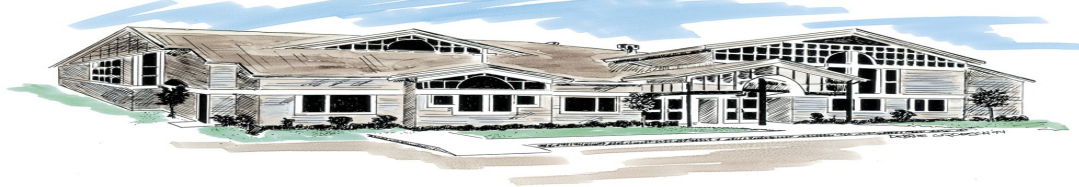


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Of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



Twenty-sixth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

The precepts of the Lord  
give joy to the heart!

The law of the LORD refreshes the soul

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## Holy Mass

Mon- Fri, 9 am  
Sat, 5 pm



Sun, 8:30 am & 11 am

Mass is livestreamed on Facebook  
weekdays, Sat 5 pm, & Sun 11 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3- 4 pm or by appointment.

## Mission Statement

*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

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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Sep 27

9 am- Mass

### Tue Sep 28

9 am- Mass

~~6:30-8 pm- HS Youth Night-CANCELLED~~

### Wed Sep 29

9 am- Mass

~~6:30-8 pm- JS Youth Night-CANCELLED~~

~40 Days for Life Campaign Begins~

### Thu Sep 30

9 am- Mass

### Fri Oct 1

**Parish Office Closed**

9 am- Mass

### Sat Oct 2

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room

3- 4 pm- Confessions

5 pm- Mass

6- 6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

### Sun Oct 3

8:30 am- Mass

9:45 am- Faith Formation

11 am- Mass

12- 12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion



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## Readings for Oct 3, 2021

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Genesis 2:18-24

*The two of them become one flesh.*

#### Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

*May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

#### Hebrews 2:9-11

*He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.*

#### Mark 10:2-16

*Therefore what God has joined together, let no human being separate.*

## Reflection

Both Jesus and St. James hold us to a high standard. As Christians, we called to examine our lives regularly and when we find sinfulness taking root, to decisively weed out the tendencies that tempt us to stray from the path of holiness.

## A Common Purpose

*Whoever is not against us is for us.*

The process of allowing things to coalesce differs fundamentally from corralling or controlling. Coalescence speaks of natural affinities, a movement toward meeting and merging that we recognize when people fall in love, when political groundswells become apparent, when families reconvene around a loss, recognizing a level of relationship that underlies the fissures and divergences of adult life. We gather, but in a deeper sense, we are gathered. Something draws us together for at least the one brief shining moment that reminds us we were put on the planet for a common purpose. And the calling continues.

The ecumenical vision is one of coalescence. If a divided church is to come together after centuries of theological opposition, it will surely be a result not only of the efforts and intentions of those who organize conferences and write books, but of the force that summons us all toward the final unity we proclaim when we sing "We are one in the Spirit," and pray "that our unity may one day be restored."

The movement toward the center is happening as surely as entropy. What has scattered will be gathered, in due time. Maybe not in our lifetimes; we are here only for a short part of a long process. But to see history and our own lives in terms of a deep dynamic of coalescence is to recognize how "centering" godly work is, how "centering prayer" opens us to coalescence, and how much of our best participation may not be paddling madly, but floating on the currents that take us all home. Marilyn McEntyre, *Word by Word: A Daily Spiritual Practice*

*Marilyn McEntyre is author of numerous books on language and faith, including Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies and Make a List: How a Simple Practice Can Change Our Lives and Open Our Hearts.*



## On the way home from Mass...

What does it mean to follow Jesus? Is it easy or challenging? Whom can we turn to for help when we are tempted to stray from the straight path?



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## United in Mission: God's Work, Our Hands

Currently we are in week 18 of the campaign.  
Thank you to all who have given!

### Youth & Young Adult Ministry

There will be **NO youth night Sept. 28 or 29**; Anna is traveling to Kansas for the funeral of Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun. Read his amazing story at [frkapaun.org](http://frkapaun.org)

See also: **Mission Trip.** [holycrossalaska.net/mission](http://holycrossalaska.net/mission)  
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|----------|------------|---|
| Sept. 26 | 9:45-10:45 | K-5 Classroom Session<br>6+ & <b>parents</b> Family Session<br>Adult classes with Susan G.        |
| Oct. 3   | 9:45-10:45 | K-5 & <b>parents</b> Family Session<br>Grades 6+ Classroom Session<br>Adult classes with Susan G. |

### Celebrate St. Francis: Help Anchorage Pets!

Next week, there will be a bin in the foyer to collect the following items for the Animal Control Shelter: Clean towels (old, frayed, secondhand are ok), pet toys, pet treats, and fleece cat beds (craft patterns online). A Holy Cross youth organizing the effort will deliver the items on October 4, St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. Thank you for your donations! Woof! Meow! Squeak-squeak!

### Pet Blessing

On Sun Oct 3 Holy Cross is holding a pet blessing from 12:30-1pm. All pets are welcome, and for the safety of everyone involved please keep all animals on a leash, in a carrier or in a tank! St. Francis Pray For Us!

### RCIA begins this week!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including Catholics, non-Catholics, and those who would like to receive the sacraments (baptism, communion, or confirmation). Our first meeting is this Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 5:30-8pm in the Conference Room at the parish. Contact Sandon Broek at 947-9168 to learn more.

### The Word Among Us: October

*The Word Among Us* is daily devotional gift provided to parishioners and is available on a first come first serve basis. Pick up a copy on the table at the back of the fellowship hall.

### Masks

We request that you please wear masks at Mass. Masks are still **REQUIRED** at the Sunday 8:30 am Mass.

### 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life, is a peaceful prayer campaign to end abortion, runs this autumn from Sept. 22 - Oct. 31. To sign up for vigil hours on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic on Lake Otis Parkway, please go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/anchorage/>. If you have questions about the campaign, please contact Pat Martin at [PatMartin@AlaskaRightToLife.org](mailto:PatMartin@AlaskaRightToLife.org).

### Job Opening: North Star Catholic Editor

Visit [www.aoaj.org](http://www.aoaj.org) for more details. All applicants should submit resumes to Seth Bakic at [sbakic@caa-ak.org](mailto:sbakic@caa-ak.org). The position is open until filled.

Say AMEN  
to the WORD  
of the LORD

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK (OCT 2/3)

| Mass        | Music  | Sacristan | Servers | Readers                     | E M of Communion | Hospitality   |
|-------------|--|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------|---|
| Sat 5 pm    | Anna Schulten<br>(musicians & choir<br>walk-ins welcome)               | N/A       | N/A     | Shannon Moorhead            | Mary Rerko       | Jerica Manaois<br>Jess Manaois<br>Duane Roering                 |
| Sun 8:30 am | Lead instrumentalist<br>needed. To volunteer,<br>call Sheila: 250-6234 | N/A       | N/A     | Kristin Rehmann<br>Pan Webb | Marilyn Kerr     | Jason Hlasny<br>John Hoppe                                      |
| Sun 11 am   | Sheila Soukup<br>(musicians & choir<br>walk-ins welcome)               | N/A       | N/A     | Mary Anne Green             | Mercy Acheson    | Mary Anne Green<br>Gigi Gueco<br>Justice Maiava<br>Julie Thomas |



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| <b>TITHING UPDATE</b>  |           |                        |               |
|--|-----------|------------------------|---------------|
| <i>How did we do last week in meeting our offertory goal?</i>  |           |                        |               |
| Weekly Offertory Goal:   | \$        | 6,577                  |               |
| Weekly Tithing Period:   |           | 9/13-19/2021           |               |
| <b>Income Sources</b>  |           |                        |               |
| Weekly Collections:  | \$        | 4,720                  |               |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections:  | \$        | -                      |               |
| Online Giving:   | \$        | 2,755                  |               |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>7,475</b>           |               |
| Over/(Under) Goal:   | \$        | 898                    |               |
| Actual vs. Goal (%):   |           | <b>113.7%</b>          |               |
| <i>How well did Holy Cross do in meeting the annual income goals for FY 21 (Basket/Online/Rebates from OBOB Appeal)?</i> |           |                        |               |
| Year To Date (YTD) Period:   |           | 7/1/2020 to 06/30/2021 |               |
| FY21 YTD Complete (%):   |           | 100.0%                 |               |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2021:  | \$        | 349,000                |               |
| Actual Total Income:   | \$        | 357,796                |               |
| Budget Total Income:   | \$        | 349,000                |               |
| Over/(Under) Budget:   | \$        | 8,796                  |               |
| Actual vs. Budget (%):   |           | <b>102.5%</b>          |               |
| <b>Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY21</b>   |           |                        |               |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):  | \$        | 164,391                | 45.9%         |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):  | \$        | 10,128                 | 2.8%          |
| Online Giving:   | \$        | 161,437                | 45.1%         |
| 2020 One Bread One Body Rebate(s):   | \$        | 21,840                 | 6.1%          |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>357,796</b>         | <b>100.0%</b> |

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