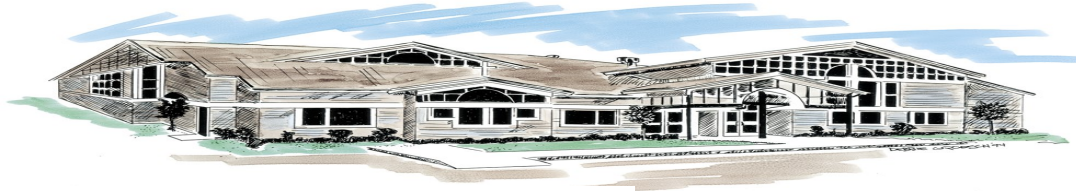


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**LEARN FROM
THE WIDOW
WHO GAVE ALL
SHE HAD.**

**CONTRIBUTE
NOT FROM
YOUR SURPLUS
BUT FROM
YOUR NEED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT
FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN.**

**Thirty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

November 7, 2021

The Lord shall reign forever!

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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 Nov 8

9 am- Mass-
Special Intentions Holy Rosary Academy

Tue Nov 9

9 am- Mass
6:30-8pm- JH & HS Youth Night

Wed Nov 10

9 am- Mass

Thu Nov 11

9 am- Mass

Fri Nov 12

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass

Sat Nov 13

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room
3- 4 pm - Confessions
5 pm- Mass
6- 6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Nov 14

8:30 am- Mass
9:45 am- Faith Formation
11 am- Mass
12- 12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion



More details to come!

Readings for Nov 14, 2021

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time your people shall escape.

Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Mark 13:24-32

He will gather his elect from the four winds.

Reflection

In your own life experience, has it been easier for you to share when you have an abundance or when resources are scarce?

Hold Nothing Back

It would be easy to look at today's stories of the two widows simply as cautionary tales, there to remind us to be generous. But generosity is just a surface-level interpretation of what is laid out for us, probably because that interpretation is more comfortable and less inconvenient than the truth. The actions of these two women—relegated to the margins because of their status—focus not on *if* we give but *how* we give. The widow who makes a cake for Elijah has nothing remaining for herself or her son. Still, she trusts that all will be well and gives the last of what she has. The widow in the Gospel gives her last two coins, holding nothing back for herself.

Remember the early days of the 2020 pandemic, when toilet paper shelves were picked clean and hand sanitizer and disinfectants were nonexistent? When we donated to the parish food pantry, did we throw in one of our coveted packs of toilet paper, or did we donate the cans of soup that no one in the house liked? Did we give from our abundance or from our lack? So often we view our entire lives from a place of lack—even when we are well fed and living in comfort. We cling to our “stuff” in fear that at some point there won't be enough, and we'll need our stockpile.

The widows are not just the moral of a story but a compass for the journey.

Mary DeTurrís Poust

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On the way home from Mass...

The widow gave all that she had to the temple treasury. How does your family decide what to contribute to the support of the parish? Discuss the kinds of contributions each family member can make in terms of time, treasure, or talent.



Confirmandi Service Project: Card Party!

Please join us Nov 21, following all Masses, to make greeting cards welcoming Afghans and other refugees arriving in Anchorage. Bring your own greeting cards or sign ours.

Creative Volunteers Needed!

Do you have at least one crafty bone in your body? Do you know how to use a stapler? Do you like to learn about and share faith in visual ways? We are seeking volunteers to help maintain our bulletin boards 1-2x/month. See Anna for info.

Faith Formation Schedule

- Nov 14:** K-5 classrooms, 6+ & parents in Family Session
- Nov 21:** K-5 & parents in Family Session, 6+ in classrooms
- Nov 28:** no class (Happy Thanksgiving!)

Congrats, First Reconciliation Students!

Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this Saturday! May God bless you on your journey toward First Communion.

Youth Ministry, According to Pope Francis

All interested parishioners (**adults and young people** in 6th grade and above) will meet on Tue, Nov 9, 6:30-8 pm to read chapter 7 of *Christus Vivit*: what is youth ministry, according to Pope Francis? Which aspects already exist in our parish, and where might we grow to meet new needs?

Next week, Thu, Nov 18, 6:30-8 pm: JH&HS Service Project.

Young Adult Ministry: Next Week

Wed, Nov 17, 6:30-8 pm. Includes a discussion on morality, discernment, & future plans for young adult ministry in 2022.

Vocation Awareness Week: Nov 7-13

We pray for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity

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"AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WE ARE UNITED IN THE TASK OF BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

United in Mission Mailing Coming!

This week, you will receive a letter in the mail from Fr. Pat. It includes updates on the United in Mission appeal and a cross-check of our donation records.

If you are a parishioner here and don't receive a letter, please let us know, as we are working on updating our mailing list. Thank you!!

Saints in Our Altar: Maria Goretti

Maria Goretti's father died while she was young, and so she, her mother, and her siblings worked at a farm and kept up the house. At age 12, an 18-year-old farm worker, Alessandro, tried to rape her. She fought him and declared that impurity it was a sin. He stabbed her 14 times and fled. When her family found her, they took her to the hospital, where the doctor performed surgery (this was before anesthesia existed), but he was unable to save her. She died the next day, after forgiving her attacker.

Alessandro remained unrepentant for many years until Maria appeared to him in a dream. He repented of his crime & after 27 years in prison, attended Maria's canonization. A few years later, he became a monk.



Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 13/14)						
Mass	Music	Sacris-tan	Serv-ers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Dave Alzheimer Shannon Moorhead	Duane Roering	Jacqueline Pantaleon Uju Morah Kaosi Morah
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Alice Garrod	Marilyn Kerr	Angie Garroutte Vince Garroutte
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Joslyn Childs	Tony Blazka	Mercy Acheson Anne Gore Justice Maiava

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
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- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
- Hospitality** - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus** - James Hogins: 229-3163
- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library** - Debi Wickler: 952-1879
- Music Ministry** - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
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TITHING UPDATE			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577	
Weekly Tithing Period: 10/25-31/2021			
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	2,228	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,350	
Total:	\$	4,578	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,999)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		69.6%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period</i>			
FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021			
FY22 YTD Complete (%): 25.0%			
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	86,210	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	85,500	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	710	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		25.2%	
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period			
FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021			
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	46,831	54.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	100	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	39,279	45.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	86,210	100.0%

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