

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Fiscal Year: 09/01/2023-08/31/2024**

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$102,300
Weekly Collection <b>4/14/2024:</b>	<b>\$1,940</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$66,811
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$220	YTD R&M Collection:	\$4,705

YTD **Surplus** (Shortfall): (\$30,784)

Special Collections: Fuel Offering was \$10 and Knights of Columbus Donation was \$250. Thank you.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2024 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Holy Cross has received **\$9,520** which is **51%** towards our goal of **\$18,800**. For those who are yet to make a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews and at the church entrance. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!

**THE OTTER RIVER COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Star Council Status:** Congratulations to the Otter River Council for being the first council in Massachusetts named as a Star Council. This award is given to those Councils that meet goals in membership as well as church, family and community activity. Thank you for supporting all of the Knights' programs, food drives, breakfasts and tootsie roll drives. This would not be possible without your support.

**Baby Shower Items** are being collected now through Mother's Day. Donations can be left in the basket at the Church entrance. All donations go to Carenet Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to assist young mothers with their baby's needs. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND ADULT YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS:** Sign-up for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team is now OPEN to all grade 9-12 youth (as of August 2024) & adult leaders who serve them. If you are interested in diving deeper into the Catholic Faith, looking to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, and interested in Christian leadership & evangelization opportunities, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! The program begins with a retreat in August followed by monthly meetings. The team is divided into 3 regional teams: North Team (meetings in Leominster), South Team (meetings in Auburn), and the Blackstone Valley Team (meetings in Uxbridge). Complete details & online sign-up can be found at [www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team](http://www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team) or contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org) or 508-929-4360. Deadline to sign up is July 1.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** With no memory of: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Kathleen Mary Crowley, Victor Dembek, Patricia Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Steven Charland, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Gloria Magnuson, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, & Barbara Yablonski.

# Church of the Holy Cross



April 21, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468  
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Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Holy Days of Obligation: As announced.
- Eucharistic Adoration: Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:00pm.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by appointment.
- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the rectory for registration, preparation and details.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call the rectory at least one year in advance of the desired date to begin the Couple to Couple Marriage Preparation Program.
- Sacrament of the Sick/Communion Calls: Please notify the rectory if anyone is hospitalized or confined to home due to illness, handicap or age, so that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and support them with the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and the Sick.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you into our parish family and invite you to enter fully into our spiritual and social life. Please introduce yourself after Mass and arrange to enroll as a member.

**Coffee Hour:** You are cordially invited to join us in our Church Hall, the first Sunday of every month, after the 7:45am Mass. Good conversation and tasty treats. We hope to see you there.

**Parish Bulletin:** All items must be submitted in writing at the rectory prior to 9:30am on Monday mornings, preferably 2 weeks in advance.

**Parish Council:** Every parishioner is welcome to submit items for consideration, by calling the rectory or through any council member. You may contact Thomas Royer, Chair at 978.939.2593.

**Religious Education:** For information about our Religious Education Program, Grades K-11, please contact Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator, at hchurchet@gmail.com.

**AA Meetings:** Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

**Pastoral Ministries:** There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor or to members of the Parish Council or the Religious Education Program.

**Rosary Devotion:** The Rosary is commonly recited 30 minutes before weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.


**WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Register Now! All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on **Saturday, October 5**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit [www.wcwconference.com](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

**ALTAR CARE:** This week Altar Care is provided by \_\_\_\_\_.

MEETING SCHEDULE			
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA	
Thursday	7:00pm	Boy Scouts	

*Prayer Requests* You are requested to remember in your prayers the following: an anonymous cancer patient, Doris Bickford, Stacy Bishop, Jared Blais, Raymond Boudreau, Randall Carrol, Henry Connery III, Judy Davis, Mike Dembek, Ruby Dembek, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Guthrie, Paul Jurgelonis, Sandy Kulvete, Marie LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Joyce Moschetti, Kirk Moschetti, Simone Nash, Gabe Olszak, Kevin Richard, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Marie Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by illness.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*

  
**ROSE OF LIFE:** Each week a Parishioner/family places a rose in the vase at the Blessed Mother's statue to express witness to the sanctity of life. This week the rose is placed by Priscilla Stacy. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

**LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE**  
*Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S  
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 20</b>
4:30pm	+May Cormier (18th Ann.) by husband
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 21</b>
7:45am	+Scott Young by Family
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Helena M. Breton (8th Ann.) by Priscilla Stacy
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 22</b>
8:00am	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 23</b>
8:00am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 24</b>
8:00am	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 27</b>
4:30pm	+Barbara Yablonski by Ed, Mike & Christine
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b>
7:45am	+Anthony Manca by Family
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Stanley & Nellie Koczan by Joyce & Shirley

## YOUNG ADULTS CATHOLIC FAMILY FEUD:

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to Catholic Family Feud, Saturday April 27 at 6pm, St. Edward the Confessor Hall, Westminster! Free of cost and pizza will be served! Questions? Contact Dan Doyle at (508) 365-7779.