

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Fiscal Year 09/01/2023-08/31/2024

Weekly Budget: \$3,100 YTD Budget: \$52,700

Weekly Collection **12/24/2023:** **\$1,865** YTD Weekly Collection: \$34,369

Weekly R&M Collection: \$0 YTD R&M Collection: \$2,201

YTD **Surplus** (Shortfall): (\$16,130)

Special Collections: Sanctuary Candles was \$40, Solemnity of Mary was \$10, Christmas Flowers was \$20 and Christmas Offering was \$2,297. Thank you.

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE: Tickets are available for the 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, March 16, 2024, Worcester's DCU Center. Tickets are \$50-Adults & \$30-Students. Purchase online at www.catholicmenworc.com or call 978.537.3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark & Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burk-Sivers, "The Dynamic Deacon," and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include Lunch, the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50+ relevant vendors, in the spacious & ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center. Sound, lighting, seating, comfort and convenience will be a huge upgrade for 2024, in addition to our usual great slate of speakers.

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION JANUARY 13: All are invited to attend a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection & Enrichment, Saturday, January 13, 9:00am-1:00pm, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Pat Flynn, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Laura Lawrence, M/M Stanley Lawrence, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. Lawrence Mudduse, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

ABUSE VICTIMS: If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, direct line. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Church of the Holy Cross



December 31, 2023, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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, 7:00-8:00pm.
- 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 hcchurchet@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.

No Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday January 1-February 9. Weekday Masses will resume Monday, February 12.

Fr. Patrick will be on vacation January 1 – February 9. During this time, visiting priests will be covering weekend masses and there will be no weekday masses. Please pray and wish for Fr. Patrick to have a safe and restful vacation.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1 due to the holiday.




There will be no Religious Education Class on Sunday, December 31 due to the New Year's holiday. Classes will resume on January 7.



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, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Maria Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Carolyn Weaver, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

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. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

ALTAR CARE: This week Altar Care is provided by _____.

MEETING SCHEDULE					
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri. Sat.
Tuesday	6:30pm	Knights of Columbus			
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA			

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 30</u>
4:30pm	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31</u>
7:45am	+Kenneth Weighill by Glen Mularella
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	+Fr. Lawrence Mudduse by Holy Cross Parishioners
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 1</u>
10:00am	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 2</u>
8:00am	NO MASS
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 3</u>
8:00am	NO MASS
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 6</u>
4:30pm	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>JANUARY 7</u>
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 7, 2024:
 The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a; 5-6
 Matthew 2: 1-12