

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100*	YTD Budget:	\$40,300*
Weekly Collection <b>11/26/23:</b>	<b>\$2,511</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$25,362
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$332	YTD R&M Collection:	\$1,717
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): (\$13,221)			

\*YTD Budget Tentative as it is based on 2022-2023 Fiscal Year until the 2023-2024 budget is determined.

**Special Collections:** Fuel Offering was \$426, Annual Budget Appeal was \$505, Cycle of Poverty/ Human Development was \$5, Christmas Flowers was \$280, All Souls' Day was \$5, and All Saints Offering was \$5. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS:** Please return Christmas Food Baskets items by **Sunday, December 10**. Items can be left in or near the food pantry. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AMPLIFY NIGHT IN WESTMINSTER:** Middle school youth (6th-8th grade) are invited to middle school Amplify night Friday, Dec. 15, 5:30-8:30pm at St. Edward the Confessor, Westminster. Join us for pizza, games, skits, witness talks, music, & Eucharistic Adoration. There is **NO COST** to attend. Sign-up using the following link so we can get a headcount for food: <https://neworchester.org/middle-school-amplify> These events are planned and run by the Diocesan high school Discipleship Team.

**CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you wish to make an offering for our Christmas flowers/decorations an envelope is available in the vestibule. Offerings may be given in memory of loved ones whose names will appear on our Christmas Flower listing and who will have a special remembrance at Masses during our Christmas Season. Please return these offerings by **December 10** to allow time for printing. *Thank you.*

**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND:** Reminder, our monthly food drive is next weekend. Please bring non-perishable food directly to the food pantry. **PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF food, as it will be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU!**

**MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 15!** There's still time to register for the bus trip to the 51<sup>st</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, DC, Friday, January 19, 2024! For details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311, or email [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org). Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation to help defray expenses for students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** M/M Michael Beaulieu, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Pat Flynn, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Laura 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:** Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

# Church of the Holy Cross



December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent

Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468  
Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am-3:00pm

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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.

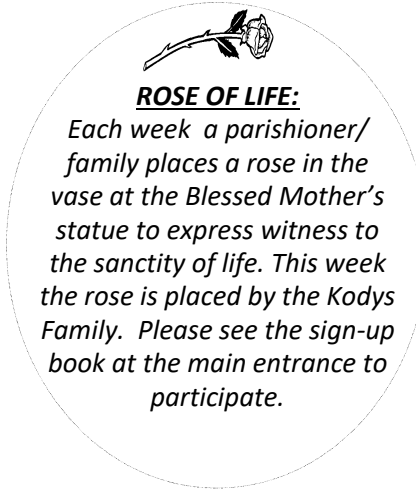
**Pastoral Ministries:** There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor or to members of the Parish Council or the Religious Education Program.

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

**Weekday Mass in Winter:** When conditions warrant delays or school cancellations, there will be NO WEEKDAY MASS. Mass intentions for that day will be transferred to the next available mass. We value the lives of our parishioners. Stay Safe!

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

**OPLATEK:** Holy Cross Parish has Oplatek available in the sanctuary and at the Rectory for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.



**LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE**  
*Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...*  
**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**December 10, 2023:**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**  
**2 Peter 3: 8-14**  
**Mark 1: 1-8**

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



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, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Lilah Grace Gagnon, 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, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

<b>SCHEDULE OF MASSES</b>	
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 2</u></b>
4:30pm	+DeGrace/Richard Families Deceased Members by Mike & Mary Beaulieu
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 3</u></b>
7:45am	+Doris LeVangie by Bob & Judy
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Catherine & +Theodore Piaseczny by Joseph
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 4</u></b>
8:00am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Mularella
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 5</u></b>
8:00am	+Laura LeBlanc (27 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) by Pris & Pete Valliere
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 6</u></b>
8:00am	+Larry Morin by Laura Lawrence
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>
8:00am	
12:00pm	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
7:00pm	
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 9</u></b>
4:30pm	
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 10</u></b>
7:45am	+Scott Young (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by Family
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	