

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$74,400
Weekly Collection 2/11/2024:	\$1,645	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$48,325
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$165	YTD R&M Collection:	\$3,274
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$22,801)			

Special Collections: Fuel Offering was \$39, Catholic Home Mission was \$5, Parish Religious Education was \$25 and Ash Wednesday/Priest Retirement for the Worcester Diocese was \$25. Thank you.

We are very thankful to all parishioners who continue to send in their weekly offertory envelopes, whether they are away on vacation or being safe at home to prevent the spread of illness. All your continued sacrifice to support the running of our parish is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU SO MUCH!



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, Patricia Flynn, M/M Gregory Gagnon, Doris Geyster, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Laura Lawrence, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeMieur, M/M Robert LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Fern Stellato, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy, Anderson, Helena Breton & Frederic Stacy, 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. Lawrence Mudduse, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

LENT 2024-LETTER FROM BISHOP MCMANUS: *"Jesus is calling us deeper."* The Bishop reminds us of our three-year National Eucharistic Revival, www.eucharisticrevival.org, and the call to deepen our relationship with Christ during this season of Lent. Please read his letter posted on our website: holycrossparishet.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON TOUR: Please join young adults throughout the Diocese for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, they will be coming to St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville on March 15 at 6:30pm. For a complete list of churches and times visit: <https://www.neworchester.org/>



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vattelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

Church of the Holy Cross



February 18, 2024, First Sunday of Lent

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.

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 mass. Mass intentions that were scheduled will be transferred to the next available Mass. We value the lives of our parishioners and want everyone to stay safe.

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

ALTAR CARE: This week Altar Care is provided by Michelle C.



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The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 19 for the Presidents' Holiday.

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, Maria Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Carolyn Weaver, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, and 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. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

LENTEN SCHEDULE



THE WAY OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent at Holy Cross Church.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE will be held Wednesdays during Lent. The first pilgrimage is February 21 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 10 Church St., Westminster.

Confession at 6:00pm and Adoration and Divine Chaplet at 7:00pm

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 17
4:30pm	+Anthony Manca (9 th Ann.) by Family
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 18
7:45am	+Robert LeVangie & Vivian Grenier by Bob & Judy
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 19
8:00am	+Fr. Lawrence Mudduse by Donna & Larry Martin
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 20
8:00am	+Michael John Crowley (2 nd Ann.) by Family
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 21
8:00am	+Fr. John F. Connell (9 th Ann.)
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 24
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25
7:45am	+Evan Corey by Grammy & Papa
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

February 25, 2024: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8: 31b-34
Mark 9: 2-10



There will be no Religious Education Class February 25 due to School Vacation.