

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$77,500
Weekly Collection 2/18/2024:	\$2,013	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$50,338
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$88	YTD R&M Collection:	\$3,362
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (23,800)			

Special Collections: Ash Wednesday/Priests Retirement for the Diocese of Worcester was \$515, Christmas Offering was \$10, Sanctuary Candles was \$32, Solemnity of Mary was \$6, and Fuel Offering was \$262. Thank you.



PARTNER'S IN CHARITY: Our parish has begun conducting the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our goal this year is **\$18,800**. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Visit partners-charity.net and you can make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND: Reminder, our monthly food drive is next weekend. Bring non-perishable food directly to the food pantry prior to the start of Mass or at other times. **PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES of food, as it will be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU!**

SOUP SUPPER THANKS! A BIG thank you to all who attended our Bread and Soup supper. Special thanks to our soup makers and those who donated items to this event. Through your generous giving we were able to send a donation of \$102 to "Food for the Poor," <https://foodforthe poor.org/>. Blessings.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Patricia Flynn, M/M Gregory Gagnon, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M John Jasinski, 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.

Church of the Holy Cross



February 25, 2024, Second Sunday of Lent

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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 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.

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

Wednesday 7:00pm AA
Thursday 7:00pm Boy Scouts



WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?
Eucharistic Adoration will be held this **Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

THANK YOU! The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who came and supported the pancake breakfast this past Sunday. Approximately 70-75 were fed. The gross total was \$592 with the overhead cost was \$249, with some product left for the next breakfast. Thanks again.

LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE will be held at Holy Cross Church this Wednesday, February 28. Confession at 6:00pm and Mass at 7:00pm

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 3, 2024: Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20: 1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2: 13-25



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.



EASTER FLOWERS: Easter Flower Offering envelopes are available at the Church Entrances and may be given in memory of loved one whose names will appear in our Easter Remembrance listing and a special remembrance at our Masses during this Easter Season. To ensure your loved ones' names appear in the listing, return your envelope by **Sunday, March 24.** Thank you.



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.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 24
4:30pm	+Donald Racette (9 th Ann.) by Family
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25
7:45am	+Evan Corey by Grammy & Papa
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 26
8:00am	+Lilah Grace Gagnon by Donna & Larry Martin
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 27
8:00am	
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28
8:00am	
SATURDAY	MARCH 2
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	MARCH 3
7:45am	+Robert LeVangie by Bob & Judy
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	