

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$58,900
Weekly Collection 1/8/2024:	<b>\$2,244</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$39,493
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$115	YTD R&M Collection:	\$2,324
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): (\$17,083)			

**Special Collections:** Catholic University was \$37, Catholic Home Mission was \$100, Christmas Offering was \$20, Fuel Offering was \$20, Sanctuary Candles was \$140 and Solemnity of Mary was \$240. Thank you.



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 Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Basketball Free Throw Contest, Saturday, January 27 at The Clark Memorial Community Center on Central Street, Winchendon. The event is open to all boys and girls ages 9 - 14. Registration starts at 12:30pm. Winners of their respective groups will move on to district, regional and state competition. Parental permission is required.

**THE OTTER RIVER COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** recently contributed \$6,000 from the Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund for the construction of a wheelchair ramp for a family in Winchendon who have a severely disabled young daughter. This grant was made possible because of the generosity of all who contribute to the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive which is held every Columbus Day Weekend in October. Thanks to all.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Pat Flynn, 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.

# Church of the Holy Cross



**January 14, 2024, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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**Religious Education K-11: Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator**

**Religious Education Email: [hcchurchet@gmail.com](mailto:hcchurchet@gmail.com)**

**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 is 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 Fr. Patrick a safe and restful vacation.

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

**Parish Office is closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



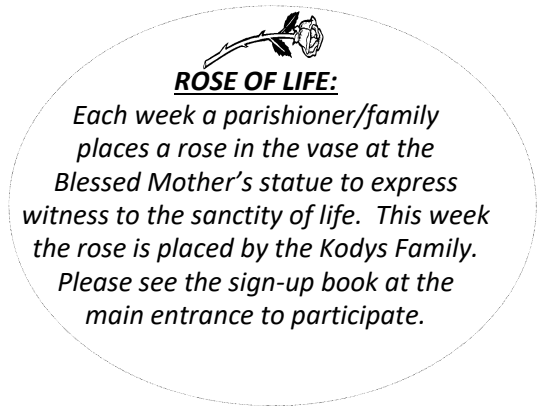
No Religious Education Class this Sunday, January 14 due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Classes will resume on January 21.

**ALTAR CARE:** This week Altar Care is provided by Chris Leblanc.



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.*



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILDREN:**

will be held Monday, January 22. This observance is designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n.373). Bishop Robert McManus asks that you observe this day. Please see the Bishop's letter included as an insert in this bulletin and posted on our website.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 13</u></b>
4:30pm	
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 14</u></b>
7:45am	
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 15</u></b>
8:00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 16</u></b>
8:00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 17</u></b>
8:00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 20</u></b>
4:30pm	
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY 21</u></b>
7:45am	+Mike Matuszewski by Tom & Luanne
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	

**LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

January 21, 2024:  
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Johan 3: 1-5, 10**  
**1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**  
**Mark 1: 14-21**