

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$62,000
Weekly Collection 1/14/2024:	\$1,842	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$41,335
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$85	YTD R&M Collection:	\$2,409
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$18,256)			

Special Collections: Sanctuary Candles was \$55, Immaculate Conception was \$5, Christmas Offering was \$50, Solemnity of Mary was \$10, Priests Retirement was \$5 and Catholic Home Mission was \$5. 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 and \$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.

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 1:30pm and the contest begins at 2:00pm. Winners of their respective groups will move on to district, regional and state competition. Parental permission is required.

FOOD DRIVE: The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive for The Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, February 3 at St. Martins Church parking lot, 248 State Road, Otter River from 8:00am-12:00pm. All non-perishable food items, as well as, gift cards and cash are welcomed.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Doris Geyster, 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 21, 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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.

ANNUAL GIVING REPORT: A parish giving record will be available soon. If you have not received this record in the past and would like one, please contact the parish office by phone 978.632.2121 or email, hcchurchet@comcast.net. If you received this report last year, it will be sent again this year, you do not need to contact us. However, if you received one last year, but no longer want to receive this report, please let us know. Thank you.

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
1 Corinthians 7: 32-35
Mark 1: 21-28



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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

Tuesday	6:30pm	Boys Scouts
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	JANUARY 20
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 21
7:45am	+Mike Matuszewski by Tom & Luanne
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	
MONDAY	JANUARY 22
8:00am	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JANUARY 23
8:00am	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 24
8:00am	NO MASS
SATURDAY	JANUARY 27
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 28
7:45am	+Richard LeMieur by LeMieur & Bernard Families
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	

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 McManus asks that you observe this day. See the Bishop's letter posted on our website.



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.