

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$89,900
Weekly Collection <b>3/17/2024:</b>	<b>\$2,050</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$58,322
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$115	YTD R&M Collection:	\$4,115
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): \$(27,463)			

Easter Offering was \$20, Ascension Offering was \$5, Catholic Free Press was \$40, Fuel Offering was \$5, Easter Flowers was \$95, and Catholic Relief Services was \$130. Thank you.



Charity  
Fund Appeal

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2024 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Holy Cross has received **\$4,125** which is **22%** towards our goal of **\$18,800**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews and at the church entrance. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!



**SANCTUARY CANDLES: With no memory of:** M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Kathleen Mary Crowley, Victor Dembek, Patricia Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, 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 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, Gloria Magnuson, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.



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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FINANCIAL BENEFIT EVENT** will be held Saturday, April 6 @ 10am, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 165 Electric Ave. Fitchburg, MA. This event is open to EVERYONE. Please come and learn the benefits of investing with the Knights of Columbus in a way that is consistent with our Catholic Values. Please email, [michaelpalmatier@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelpalmatier@yahoo.com) or text **512-696-2800** for more information. Members, please come to help our council achieve Star Council.

# Church of the Holy Cross



**March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468**

**Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am-3:00pm**

**Pastor: Rev. Patrick A. Ssekoyole Phone: 978.632.2121**

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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, 6:00-7:00pm.
- 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.

*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.*



## LENTEN SCHEDULE



### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 29, 3:00pm  
here at Holy Cross

### BLESSING OF THE FOOD

Saturday, March 30, 12:00pm  
here at Holy Cross



### WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Tuesday, March 26, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.



**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.

This week the rose is placed by the Phelps Family. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

## LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

### NEXT SUNDAY'S

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts: 10-34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3: 1-4, or  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

## MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY

4:30pm

### SUNDAY

7:45am

9:15am

10:45am

### MONDAY

8:00am

### TUESDAY

8:00am

### WEDNESDAY

8:00am

### HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28

4:00pm

Altar servers rehearsal @ St. Martin's

7:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper @ St. Martin's

### GOOD FRIDAY

4:00pm

Altar servers rehearsal @ Holy Cross

7:00pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30 Easter Vigil

4:00pm

Altar servers rehearsal @ Holy Cross

7:30pm (No 4:30pm)

+Alphonsine Racette (40<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
by Suzanne Racette

### SUNDAY

7:45am

9:15am

10:45am

MARCH 31 Easter Sunday

Mass at St. Martin's



There will be no religious education classes March 24 and March 31.