


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


Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$93,000
Weekly Collection 3/24/2024:	\$1,724	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$60,046
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$10	YTD R&M Collection:	\$4,125
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): \$(28,829)			

Special Collections: Easter Offering was \$10, Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land/Good Friday was \$20 and Easter Flowers was \$195. Thank you.

 Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. Holy Cross has received **\$6,975** which is **37%** 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 to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!

MASS FOR LIFE: The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, **Monday, April 8 at 10:00am**, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester, MA. All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

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 or text **512-696-2800** for more information. Members, please come to help our council achieve Star Council.

 **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.

ABUSE VICTIMS: If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, direct line. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Church of the Holy Cross



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

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, 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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday	6:30pm	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA
Thursday	7:00pm	Boy Scouts



There will be no religious education classes March 31.

MONDAY, APRIL 1: The Parish Office will be closed and there will be NO 8:00am Mass.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, Sunday April 14 at Holy Cross Church, Templeton. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee & juice will be served from 8:00-11:00am. The price is \$7 for adults & \$3.50 for children with a maximum of \$25/family. All proceeds are for scholarships.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

BLESSING OF THE FOOD

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, Annunciation Parish,
135 Nichols Street, Gardner, MA
Confession & Adoration 2:00-3:00pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 7, 2024: Second Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



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.

ALTAR CARE: This week Altar Care is provided by _____.



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

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30 Easter Vigil

4:00pm Altar servers rehearsal @ Holy Cross
7:30pm +Alphonsine Racette (40th Ann.)
(No 4:30pm) by Suzanne Racette

SUNDAY MARCH 31 Easter Sunday

7:45am
9:15am **Mass at St. Martin's**
10:45am

MONDAY APRIL 1

8:00am **NO MASS**

TUESDAY APRIL 2

8:00am

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2

8:00am +Rachel Maillet
by Victor Maillet

SATURDAY APRIL 6

4:30pm +Joseph Y. Arsenault
by M/M Michael Beaulieu

SUNDAY APRIL 7

7:45am +Souls in Purgatory
by Glen Mularella

9:15am **Mass at St. Martin's**

10:45am +Rachel Maillet & Bryce Tolman
by Family