

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100*	YTD Budget:	\$9,300*
Weekly Collection <b>09/17/23:</b>	<b>\$2,208</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$6,473
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$ 40	YTD R&M Collection:	\$ 358
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): (\$ 2,469)			

\*YTD Budget Tentative as it is based on 2022-2023 Fiscal Year until the 2023-2024 budget is determined.

**Special Collections:** Energy Needs was \$500, Annual Catholic Schools Appeal was \$5, Parish Religious Education was \$220, Sanctuary Candles was \$20, Campaign for Human Development was \$5, Propagation of Faith-World Mission Sunday was \$5, A Special Offering for Fuel was \$5, Annual Budget Appeal was \$5, All Souls Day was \$5, and All Saints Day was \$5. Thank you.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Victor Dembek, Pat Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, M/M Ronald Ladeau, Laura Lawrence, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, Victor Maillet, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Paul Benbenek, Kyle Berger, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Allen Garvey, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND:** Reminder, our monthly food drive is next weekend. Non-perishable food can be brought to the altar prior to the start of Mass or directly to the food pantry at other times. Catholic Charities has provided the following list of suggestions: **GRAINS:** Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, low sugar/high fiber cereal, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, etc., whole grain crackers, all types of pasta, whole grain rice; **PROTEINS:** canned tuna fish, salmon, & chicken, bean soup, baked beans, chili, beef stew, Chef Boyardee Ravioli's, dried & canned beans, nuts, peanut butter; **MILK:** dry milk, evaporated milk, boxed shelf-stable milk; **FRUIT/VEGETABLES:** canned vegetables, diced tomatoes, tomato juice, vegetable juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, 100% fruit juice, dried fruit, and fruit cups. All donations are gratefully appreciated. **PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES of food, as it will be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU!**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", **October 7**, at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, go to [www.wcwconference.com](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Limited seating, register early!

# Church of the Holy Cross



September 24, 2023, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

## MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women, invites all women to a Mini-Retreat, **Saturday, October 28, 8:30am to 1:00pm** at St. Anne Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. The topic, "Re-Creation," will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. The registration fee of \$25 (checks made payable to Commission for Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 20. Further information and a registration form visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women).



## 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 Kodys family. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
	Tuesday	7:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration			
	Wednesday	7:00pm	AA			

## LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**October 1, 2023: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Ezekiel 18: 25-28**  
**Philippians 2: 1-11 or 1-5**  
**Matthew 21: 28-32**

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>
4:30pm	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>
7:45am	+Leonard St. Marie by the Kodys Family
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Helen M. Piaseczny by Joe
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b>
8:00am	+Fr. Dennis O'Brien
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b>
8:00am	+Louis Charland (17 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) by Pris & Pete Vailliere
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>
8:00am	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b>
4:30pm	+Rachel Thibodeau by Michael & Christine Yablonski
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 1</b>
7:45am	
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Ann Piaseczny by Joe

## 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, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Lilah Grace Gagnon, 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, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*