

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$105,400
Weekly Collection <b>4/21/2024:</b>	<b>\$1,974</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$68,785
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$10	YTD R&M Collection:	\$4,715
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): (\$31,900)			
Special Collections: Fuel Offering was \$10. Thank you.			

We are very thankful to all parishioners who continue to send in their weekly offertory envelopes, whether they are away on vacation or being safe at home to prevent the spread of illness. All your continued sacrifice to support the running of our parish is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2024 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Holy Cross has received **\$9,520** which is **51%** towards our goal of **\$18,800**. For those who are yet to make 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!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER:** The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus is collecting donations of baby items & clothing for children under age 2 until Mother's Day, May 12. Donations can be placed in the basket at the Church entrance. All donations will be brought to The CareNet Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to assist young mothers with their baby's needs. Thank you for your generosity.



**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 LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Steven Charland, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Gloria Magnuson, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny & Barbara Yablonski.



**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!**

# Church of the Holy Cross



**April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**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.

**ALTAR CARE:** This week Altar Care is provided by \_\_\_\_\_.

	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE</b>					
	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri. Sat.
Wednesday	7:00pm			AA		
Thursday	7:00pm			Boy Scouts		


**RACHEL FRENIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** applications are now available for any parish student in a Catholic high school or college. Applications are available at the rectory or by email: [hcchurchet@comcast.net](mailto:hcchurchet@comcast.net) and are due June 1, 2024.


 **WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?** Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Tuesday, April 30, 6:00-7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

 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, 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, Marie Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by illness.

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

**LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE**  
*Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...*  
**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
 May 5, 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter  
**Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
**1 John 4:7-10**  
**John 15:9-17**

 **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.

 **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 Vatable at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 27</b>
4:30pm	+Barbara Yablonski by Ed, Mike & Christine
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b>
7:45am	+Anthony Manca by Family
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Stanley & Nellie Koczan by Joyce & Shirley
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b>
8:00am	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b>
8:00am	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>
8:00am	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 4</b>
4:30pm	+Deceased Members of the DeGrace & Richard Families by M/M Michael Beaulieu
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 5</b>
7:45am	+Judy Brooks by Bob & Judy
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	First Communion



**First Communion will be held at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, May 5 at the 10:45am Mass.**