

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Bertha Gonet by Pat Gale**

Sunday, August 27 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at St. Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, September 2 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 3 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 3 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
People of the Parish**

Sunday, September 3 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

August 20 weekly collection: \$598 Fuel Collection: \$320

Feast of the Assumption of Mary: \$203

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35) St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or a special intention, please see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588. The requested offering for a Mass is \$10.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JEREMIAH 20: 7-9 • ROMANS 12: 1-2 • MATTHEW 16: 21-27

WORD OF LIFE

The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Another Look at Abortion* respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

We are now accepting Religious Education Class registrations for 2023-2024 school year. Classes begin on September 17 and will be held at Holy Cross Church every Sunday from 7:45 to 9:15 am, which includes the 7:45 am Mass. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schroeder by email: hcchurchet@gmail.com or phone: 978.413.8833.

HOLY CROSS/ST. MARTIN'S COOKOUT - SEPTEMBER 10

A Family & Friends cookout with hot dogs and burgers will be held on the grounds of Holy Cross Church at 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 10. Everyone is invited. Hamburgs and hotdogs will be provided. If you can bring a side dish, we would be most appreciative. Please let us know.

Please RSVP by September 4 to hcchurchet@comcast.net or phone 978-632-2121. .



REMINDER: UPCOMING WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

This year's Conference to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on Saturday, October 7th starting at 7:30 am (registration) and Mass at 8:00 am with Bishop McManus. This year's title: "Male and Female He Created Them." Hear dynamic talks from outstanding catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan and religious riests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. For more info and to register, visit the website at: www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

There are many opportunities for ministry to our church and fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the pastor. Right now, we have a need for someone willing to launder the altar linens on a regular basis — with only one Mass per week, this is not a huge commitment, but an important one. If interested, please speak to Pat Gale.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. — Mt 16:19-20



K OF C MEETING SEPTEMBER 5

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30pm at Holy Cross Church. All Catholic men are invited to attend.

ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

Our parish Craft Group meets at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons at the rectory. All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we create items for our Holiday Fair. Got ideas, patterns, or samples? Bring them and let's see what we can create!

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club will begin soon. There are open numbers available; if you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

What is the 120 Club? For those of you unfamiliar with this parish fund-raiser: Purchase of a \$20 ticket enters you in 20 weekly drawings of \$20 — and the final "Big Drawing" with nine prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500!!

ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE IN GARDNER

A Eucharist Adoration Chapel located the new parish center at Holy Rosary Church opened in mid August. We are looking for adorers to answer God's call. Please come and spend an hour with Christ and obtain God's extraordinary blessings. You have the opportunity to participate in His friendship by being an adorers for one hour each week. The Adoration Chapel will be opened on Wednesdays 6 am to 8 pm, Thursdays and Fridays 8 am to 8 pm. Please email Maryann Lindgren at calltoadoration@aol.com or call *82-508-341-9132 if you are interested.

ST. EDWARD'S FALL FESTIVAL

Saint Edward the Confessor Parish, 10 Church St, Westminster will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 am to 4 pm on the church grounds. The festival features Chicken BBQ, games for children and adults, "Attic Treasures" flea market, cash raffle, baskets, raffles, jewelry room, baked goods, entertainment at 1pm and many locally produced craft items. Plenty of free parking. Early Bird to Attic Treasures – get in a half hour before the crowd for \$5.00 per person. Call the Parish Office at 978-874-2362 for BBQ tickets and information.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include kids cereal, applesauce, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee), Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, mayonnaise. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**

MEN'S CONFERENCE KICKOFF

The 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference Kickoff Breakfast will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at Holy Family Parish, 750 Union Street, Leominster, beginning with an 8:00 AM Mass, followed by breakfast/quick meeting at 8:30, featuring special guest Mr. Michael Donovan from the Catholic Mens Leadership Alliance. Program will wrap up by 9:15 AM. All current Parish Contacts, as well as anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Contact (we have many parishes that are not yet covered) should please attend. For further information, please contact: tjarvis1618@gmail.com.



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Rosary
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an appointment

Sacrament of Christian Marriage
Plans may be made by contacting the Pastor at least one year prior to the intended wedding date.

Ministry to the Sick and Elderly
Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized so that we may visit the confined person and offer the sacraments of the Church.

Parish Registration
If you are new to the area, we welcome you to join our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass and register in the parish. We want to know and serve you.