

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 5 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Normal Provonsil by the family

Sunday, February 5 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

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

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

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 11 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 12 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 12 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ruth Alie by Linda and Bob Columbus

Sunday, February 12 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

January 29 weekly collection: \$585

Second Collection next week is for Catholic Home Missions

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.

WINTER WEEKDAY MASSES

When conditions warrant Delays or School cancellations, there will be NO MASS also.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration while Fr. Patrick is away. It will resume when he returns.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 12, 2023 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIRACH 15:15-20 • 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10 • MATTHEW 5:17-37

WORD OF LIFE

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." ~Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World day of the Sick 2021



INTERCESSION FOR ALL LIFE

St. Cecilia Parish, 170 Mechanic St. Leominster, will present reflections on Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Roe world followed by an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in intercession for all life from birth to natural death on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 am to noon.

FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

Volunteers are needed and welcome to participate in prayerful, peaceful vigil for an end to abortion during the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign which begins on Feb. 22. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/worcester

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The universal Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on Feb. 11. The Diocese has made available an article that explains what the Church teaches about preparing for the end of our earthly life. We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. Copies of the article, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing," are available in the vestibule.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Might God be calling you to the priesthood? Join us for our annual priestly vocation discernment retreat with Bishop McManus. This free retreat is for High School aged boys and older. It will take place March 31, 6 pm - April 1, 6 pm at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT 06260. To register, go to <https://www.worcestervocations.com/retreat>.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." — Mt 5:15-16



SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Holy Cross Church will have a Lenten Soup Supper in the church hall, Friday Feb. 24 at 5:30 pm, followed by The Way of the Cross at 7 pm. Any parishioner wishing to bring a meatless soup or bread, crackers, butter, or cold drinks etc., is asked to sign up on the sheet at the main door entrance at Holy Cross. A free will donation for the meal will be accepted and donated to "Food for the Poor."

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club will begin soon ... and there are open numbers available. If you are interested in a ticket for this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 19 at Holy Cross Church in East Templeton from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice & coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 & under with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. All proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MARDI GRAS SUPPER

St. Vincent de Paul parish in Baldwinville will hold a Mardi Gras afternoon/dinner on Tuesday, February 21. Entertainment and a small Chinese Auction will be offered starting at 3 pm, with the dinner to be served at 5 pm. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the church next weekend. Please join St. Vincent's for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

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 ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, Taco dinner kits and diapers. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The scriptures say "Love on another." Valentine's Day is approaching. Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA and Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY.

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://wwwmema.org/>.



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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.