

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 9 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 10 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 10 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
George Murdock by Barbara and Steve White**

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

August 27 weekly collection: \$549

Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

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

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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 10, 2023: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZEKIEL 33: 7-9 • ROMANS 13: 8-10 • MATTHEW 18: 15-20

WORD OF LIFE

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." — *USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert*

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. .



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.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
— Mt 16:24-25



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 in Templeton. 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!!

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

There will be a Public Square Rosary at noon on Saturday, October 14, the Uptown Common, Main Street, Athol. For more information please call Cora at 978-249-9569 or 978-857-8306

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.

FREE CONCERT ON TEMPLETON COMMON - SEPTEMBER 17

A free concert featuring "Strictly Overtime" will be held on Templeton Common from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, September 17. The band performs classic rock pop and contemporary country music. The concert is funded by a grant from the Templeton Cultural Council.

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 sugar, kids cereal, applesauce, Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, mayonnaise. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.

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 adoror 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.



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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.