

Church of the Holy Cross



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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule:

Weekends

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am & 10:45 am

Weekdays

Monday to Wednesday: 8:00 am

Holy Days

Vigil As Announced

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

..... 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
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.

Coordinator of Religious Education:

Grades K-11 Elizabeth Schroeder

New Parishioners

We are pleased to 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.

Parish Bulletin

All items must be submitted in writing at the rectory prior to 9:30 am on Monday mornings, but preferably 2 weeks before.

Pastoral Council

Chair: Thomas Royer (978) 939-1070
Every parishioner is welcome to submit items for consideration, by calling the rectory or through any council member.

AA Meetings: Wednesdays 7:00 pm

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 Pastoral Council or the Religious Education Program.

MASSES

Plan To Attend						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

SATURDAY JAN 29
4:30 pm +Tina Waskiewicz by Pris Valliere

SUNDAY JAN 30
 7:45 am Our Parish Family
9:15 am Mass at St. Martin's
 10:45 am +Nellie & +Stanley Koczan by Joyce & Shirley

MONDAY JAN 31
NO 8:00 am Mass

TUESDAY FEB 1
NO 8:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY FEB 2
NO 8:00 am Mass

SATURDAY FEB 5
4:30 pm +Bernice Racette by Vincent & Dorilla Leger

SUNDAY FEB 6
 7:45 am +Jamie Smart (21st Ann) by family
9:15 am Mass at St. Martin's
 10:45 am +Gerry Goguen (3rd Ann) by Terri Beaudoin



SANCTUARY CANDLES

M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Theodore Bernard, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, Pat Flynn, M/M Jim Killay, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Rene Jaillet, & In Memory of Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, John & Eleanor Quarella, Fr. George O'Brien, Gloria Magnuson, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, Bobbie Lesneski, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Philip Robichaud, M/M Allen Garvey, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Russell Taintor, Jr., M/M L. Russell Taintor, Sr., M/M George Reid, Sr., George Reid, Jr. Jamie Smart, Andrea Crowe, Jim Braun, Marla Whittle, and Michael Fichtel.

Altar Care: Judy & Michelle



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 sign up book at the main entrance to participate.



Congratulations are extended to Kayleigh Joy Stokes who was baptized here last week. The parish community prays for and welcomes this new young member.

TUESDAY: 6:30 pm, Knights of Columbus
 7:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 pm, AA



CCD in Session

For questions, contact Coordinator, Elizabeth Schroeder at hcchurchet@gmail.com or at (978) 413-8833.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year 9/1/2021-8/31/2022

Weekly Budget: \$3,100 YTD Budget: \$68,200
 Weekly Collect.: 1/23/22: \$1,791 YTD Weekly Collect: \$43,591
 R & M Collect.: \$70 YTD R & M Collect: \$3,035

YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$21,574)

Special Collections: Solemnity of Mary was \$50, and Sanctuary Candles was \$65, Immaculate Conception was 20, Solemnity of Mary was \$50, Religious Retirement was \$20, and Catholic University was \$20. **Thank you.**



WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

Eucharistic Adoration are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month here at Holy Cross, 7 pm to 8 pm, with this one being Feb. 1. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

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ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

If you wish to see a report of your giving record to the parish for your tax purposes, we can generate a copy. Just drop us a note in the collection basket or mail, email or call the rectory.

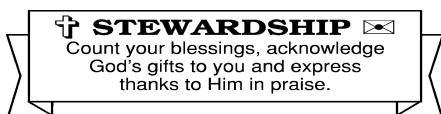
THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH AND THE HOLY FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus has produced a documentary on the life of St. Joseph and The Holy Family. This documentary is now available on YouTube by searching "St. Joseph Documentary". You can see how St. Joseph has been an inspiration to many especially to family leaders as he quietly guided his family to safety during difficult times. Men can be inspired to be stronger fathers and husbands by following the example of St. Joseph. The documentary is also available online at kofc.org/stjoseph.



He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" — Lk 4:21-22

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



You are requested to remember in your prayers the following: Brenda & Stacy Bishop, Bill Burns, Alice Chicoine, Henry Connery III., Michael Crowley, Carol Desmarais, Mike Dembek, Jane Fleck, Gail Gabis, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Guthrie, Paul Jurgelonis, Kristen, Sandy Kulvete, Rudy Kut, Benny LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Liz Melanson, Simone Nash, Mark Noel, Gabe Olszak, Brian Packard, George Racette, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Ambrose Russell, Kathy Scott, Maria Rose Schroeder, Shannon Stirling, Marie Valeri, Priscilla Valliere, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, anonymous cancer patient, And All affected by Coronavirus.

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



First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

(RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS)

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

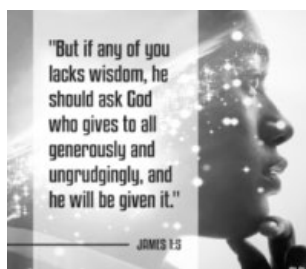
But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Living Faith Initiative

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



NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 6, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1 - 2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE – NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that we will have our monthly food drive next weekend where non-perishable food can be brought in directly to food pantry, at that time or Monday thru Wednesday during the day. Our Shelves have been running low lately. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Catholic Charities have provided the following list of other suggestions: **GRAIN GROUP:** Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, whole grain crackers, all types of pasta, low sugar / high fiber cereal – Cheerios, Raisin Bran, etc., whole grain rice; **PROTEIN GROUP:** canned tuna fish, salmon, chicken bean soup, baked beans, chili, beef stew, Chef Boyardee Ravioli’s, dried & canned beans, nuts, peanut butter; **MILK GROUP:** dry milk, evaporated milk, boxed shelf-stable milk; **FRUIT & VEGETABLES:** canned vegetables, vegetable juice, diced tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, 100% fruit juice, dried fruit, and fruit cups.

VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE look at the date of the food, as it will need to be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU.



“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).”

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Physician-Assisted Suicide Talk

The Abandonment of Hippocratic Medicine, A talk by Dr. Mark J. Rollo, will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 pm online**. It will stream at <https://bit.ly/abandonhippocratic>. Dr. Rollo is a Family Medicine Specialist, serving patients in Leominster and Fitchburg and a popular speaker on the dangers of the bill presently before the Massachusetts legislature to permit Physician Assisted Suicide, House Bill 2381, entitled “An Act Relative to End of Life Options.” “This bill is about assisted suicide. It is not about giving people the right to die,” Dr. Rollo insists, “it is about giving doctors the right to kill. Sponsored by St. Cecilia Parish ProLife Ministries.



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