SACRAMENTAL LIFE Eucharist:

<u>Mass:</u> M-F: 8:00am Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm Sun.: 8:00am & 10:30pm

<u>Adoration</u>: M-F: 6:30-7:30am Fri.: 9:00am-Noon

Reconciliation: (Confession) Sat: 4:00pm—4:30pm and *anytime* by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: (&

Ministry to the Sick) Please call the rectory, 860. 434.1660, anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit.

<u>Baptism</u>:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and ceremony date and time.

Holy Orders:

To learn more about becoming a **priest or deacon**, call Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle at the rectory or Rev. Kevin Reilly, Vocations Office, **860.887.9294**.

Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin *at least six months before* actual ceremony.

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation <u>begins in grade 9</u> and students receive the sacrament <u>in grade 10</u>. Adults can join **RCIA**. For questions about RCIA, please contact the office or Jo Ann Staves at 860.434.4374.

> Sexual Misconduct Services: 800.624.7407

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of January 26, 2025

Sat. Jan. 25

	Sat. Jan. 25		
	5:00pm	Lillian Balocki r/b her daughter Judy	
	10:00am F	First Reconciliation	
Sun. Jan. 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	8:00am	Ethyl Comerford	
	10:30am	🖡 Adelaid Kathe	
	F	Parishioners of CTK	
	9:15am F	Faith Formation Class, CTK	
	6:30pm C	Confirmation Class	
Mon. Jan. 27			
	8:00am	🕈 Robert Whitcomb r/b Rita Spring	
	Tues. Jan.	28	
	8:00am	🗜 Theodore Kiritsis r/b Rita Spring	
	7:30 pm	Right of Christian Initiation of Adults	
	Wed. Jan. 29		
	8:00am	Carol Shoro Guyer r/b the Guyer family	
	9:30am & 0	6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk"	
	7:00 pm	Small Christian Community Bible Study	
Thurs. Jan. 30			
	8:00am 🛉	• Mark Whelan r/b Rita Spring	
	<i>9:00am</i> T	hursday Bible Study	
	Fri. Jan. 31		
	8:00am	🖡 Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy	
Sat. Feb. 1 Blessing of the Throats			
	5:00pm	FElizabeth K Planeta r/b Nancy, James	
		& Katie Birge	
	2	Richard H. Miller r/b Mary Miller	
	2	Vincent J. Dougherty r/b MaryAnne & Joe	
		Dougherty	
		Funeral for Donald Abraham	
Sun. Feb. 2 Blessing of the Throats			
	8:00am 🕇	Sue Ellen Carlson r/b the family	
	-	🕈 Madeline Nichols	
		Parishioners of CTK	
	9:15am F	Faith Formation Class, CTK	

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6:30pm Confirmation Class

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of January will be lit for the Parishioners of CTK.

Christ the King Mass Times ~ Join Us!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00pm <u>SUNDAY</u>: 8:00am & 10:30am WEEKDAYS: 8:00am

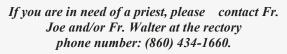


Can't join in person? Celebrate via our Zoom livestream! *Links to join are on our website*.

Parish Prayer Line

To request prayers for any intention large or small, please call <u>Michele at (860) 434-8529</u>.

Intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous.





Latest News and Events at CTK

The Parish Pot Luck is back!!

The supper will be held at Christ the King Parish Hall on Friday, January 31st @ <u>5:45pm for social hour (BYOB)</u>, with dinner at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish,

salad or dessert for all to share. All are welcome! For questions or more information, please call Nancy Gatto at 860-390-6314.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for *Monday, Feb. 3 at 7:00pm*. Attendance at PPC meetings is

<u>open to all parishioners</u>, but if possible please give the Council prior notice of your plan to attend, so that there will be ample seating. You can do this using the message form on the pastoral council page of the parish website.

The meeting agenda will also be posted there, along with minutes of past meetings.

CTK Lost and Found

Afraid you might have lost an item? Visit our Lost and Found basket, located on the bench in the hallway closest to the Narthex!

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: What do we call the successors of the apostles in communion with the pope?? Answer: Bishops. ©LPi

Do you use donation envelopes for your weekly and monthly offerings?

The parish provides envelopes for anyone who wishes to use them, but there is a cost to the parish for this service. If you are getting envelopes *but are no longer using them*, please let the office know. We can stop sending them to you & save the parish this expense.

In an effort to save paper & money, we will automatically stop sending to anyone who has not used them in six months or more.



Friday Morning Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated in the Church on *Fridays from 9am until 12 Noon*, with Benediction <u>following</u>.

*Occasionally, Adoration will not be held due to a funeral or wedding. *Please check the CTK website for updates.**

Parish Bulletin Submission Deadlines

If you would like to submit any announcements for the bulletin, the deadline is **Monday** by **noon.**

Thanks for keeping your item short. Space is limited.

Parish Readings for the Week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/ Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/ Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/ Mk 4:3541 Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3

Liturgical Ministry Opportunities

Serving as an Altar Server or a Lector is a terrific way to get involved in our Parish. Newcomers are welcome and <u>training is provided</u>.



Altar Servers: Open to adults or students who have made their First Communion.

How about a parent-child or grandparent-grandchild team? Lectors: Open to Confirmed adults/high school students.

You must be registered with Parish to participate. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (860) 434-1669 or <u>ctkoldlyme@aol.com</u>.

Visit our website for more involvement opportunities.

Christ the King Parish Needs You!

Christ the King Parish depends on your generous support. Although we do not "pass the basket" at this time, your contributions are needed & deeply appreciated.



To give "Text-to-Give" a try text **ENROLL**" to Christ the King's special phone number: **860**

-935-8488, or scan this QR code. You'll have to register with a credit card the first time, but later gifts will only require texting a dollar amount.

New Adult Faith Formation Opportunity!

Join James Pepitone on Monday, Jan. 27, & Feb. 3, following 8 am Mass, in the parish library, we will begin reading the book "Too Deep For Words" by Thelma Hall that presents an ancient Christian method of praying with Scripture known as

Lectio Divina, which has contemplation as its assumed culmination. Contemplative prayer is consent to that love. Lectio Devine is a proven path to contemplation. Thelma Hall was a member of the Religious of the Cenacle and co-director of Cenacle Retreat House in Bedford Village, New York. Sr. Hall was a spiritual director and retreat director for priests,

sisters and lay people.

Please read to page 35 for Jan. 27 & page 56 for Feb. 3. There will not be any cost to the program aside from purchase of the book. New copies of the book can be purchased from Amazon for \$10.

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

Twenty Years at One McCurdy Road!

In November 2025 we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of our church complex at 1 McCurdy Road. Our parish leaders and volunteers spent years planning, designing, and creating the facility that we now call home, and since we moved in we have celebrated Mass every day; rejoiced in baptisms and weddings and found comfort at funerals; educated our young people through Faith Formation classes; gathered together for dinners and special events; and reveled

in the camaraderie of the annual Harvest Festival. But twenty years has taken its toll on the bricks-and-mortar of our church complex, and there are a number of urgent repairs needed, as well as long-term maintenance that will ensure the

future of our church complex. For this reason, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided that Christ the King Parish will

embark on a capital campaign in this next year, with the objective of expanding our maintenance fund significantly. Between now and the launch of the campaign, we ask every parishioner to prayerfully consider their responsibilities as stewards so that we may fully realize our objective. We are also in the early stages of planning a fundraising event for late Spring or early Summer. Anyone interested in helping to plan and implement this event is welcome and can sign up at

the parish website or by emailing christthekingchurcholdlyme@gmail.com! More details to come soon. We will celebrate the 20th anniversary next November with a special Mass on Christ the King Sunday, followed by a parish-wide reception. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this joyous celebration!

Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study is being held at 9:00am in the classroom across from the parish office. Come join us!

We can loan you a Bible if you do not have one. All are welcome! For more information, please contact **Deb Skaar** at (860) 434-3081

February Diaper Drive

The Holy Trinity Pro Life Committee is sponsoring a Mini Diaper and Wipe Drive

for our local Pregnancy Care Centers in the Norwich Diocese from Saturday Feb. 1st-Friday 14th. Please contribute to the boxes in the church entrances. All sizes encouraged from Newborn through size 8? Thank you!!

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

WWP Bible Studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us!

Wednesdays at **9:30AM or 6:30PM** here at Christ The King. To learn more, please contact *Aimee Finnegan* at

aimee.wwp@gmail.com, or visit the WWP webpage on our parish website!

News from the Diocese of Norwich



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SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER 194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441 ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN. A WOMAN AHEAD OF HER TIMES Discussion of her accomplishments Jan. 29, from 10:00 – 12:00pm A film of her life.

One of the Four Women Doctors of the Church from the Middle Ages. St. Hildegard Bingen, was a person of wide range knowledge and learning. She was as a philosopher, writer, poet, musician, botanist to name a few of her talents. Presenter: Jim Pepitone To register either call Sr. Patricia

at 203-606-4830 or email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com

SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER 194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441 SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY THE SIGNATURE OF JESUS by Brennan Manning Six Wednesdays Feb. 5 to Mar. 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 Have you wished to make Lent more meaningful? Brennan Manning in his book "The Signature of Jesus" challenges us to live Christianity radically. Find out what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus. As Brenan states: "I am not a follower of Jesus if I live with him only in Bethlehem and Nazareth and not in Gethsemane and Calvary." This is a powerful journey where only love can move us to change.

To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or Email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com Suggested donation for each session \$10.00

St John School will be having an open house on Sunday, Jan. 26 42 Maynard Rd, Old Saybrook (860) 388-0849

7TH ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE On

Sunday, Feb. 9th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is excited to welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne for the
7th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. Young adults (ages 18-39, both single & married) are invited & encouraged to bring friends. The Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Coyne, beginning @ 7:00pm, followed by a reception at the Catholic Center.

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church will be holding a Marian Discernment Retreat on Feb. 7th-9th at the mother-house in Baltic. The retreat is open to single young women, aged 18-33, who are discerning or are interested in the vocation to the religious life. There will be an opportunity for daily Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer, conferences on discernment alongside our Lady, and recreation with the sisters. To register, please contact Sister Gabriella at <u>vocations@sistersofcharity.com</u> or (860) 964-0468.

Open House at the Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic CT for 7th & 8th grade girls, Feb. 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. To attend, register on the school's website: <u>ahfbaltic.org</u> or call the office: 860-822-9272. Must register to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!! December 17, 2024 Dear Father Ashe.

St. Vincent de Paul Middletown greatly appreciates Christ the King's generous support of St. Vincent de Paul Middletown's coat drive. We found ourselves in a difficult situation in late October when the usual supporter of this drive announced that they could no longer help us. We made one call to your church and the kind and efficient Kim and Ellen ensured that we had beautiful coats to give to those in need within two days!

Your parishioners' donations are truly valued by our clients. You have helped keep many people warm this winter. Please let your parishioners know how grateful our clients and we are. Thank you for your help and support. We wish you a blessed

Christmas and a peaceful and joyous New Year.

Kindest regards, Maryellen Shuckerow, MSHA Emily Moore, MPH

HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER SHORELINE MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 4-6, 2025 How about a Spring get-away weekend to our annual reunion with eighty or more Shoreline Parish men. The 2025 theme is particularly fitting to celebrate your loved one from the Gospel of John 15: 9-12 "As the Father loved Me, I also have love you; IN MY LOVE ABIDE! <u>CTK Promotors Richard Feil & Carl Monti</u> <u>invite you</u> to visit holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats for more info & to register early for April 4-6 or call Ted on 860-760-9705 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT

The Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8:30 am Please join our celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral..

STEUBENVILLE EAST Join teens from across the U.S. for 3 days of fellowship, faith, & worship at Steubenville East in Springfield, MA, Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27. This event is open to 8th–12th graders, with a cost of \$300, which covers the conference, meals, and transportation. Additionally, the cost of housing is \$150 for a 2-person room or \$75 for a 4-person room for two nights. A \$100 deposit is required by Feb. 27 to reserve your spot with the Office of Faith Events. To register, please speak with your Faith Formation Leader. For questions, contact Liza Roach at <u>Iroach@norwichdiocese.net</u> or call 860-848-2237 ext. 305.

The Franciscan Univ. School of Spiritual Direction is offering an Open House for those interested in training to be certified Spiritual Directors at their satellite program in Connecticut. This will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 30, at immaculate Conception Center, 600 Liberty Hwy, Putnam, CT) All are welcome to attend & no commitment is necessary. No prior training is needed if you decide to enroll in the program. For more information, visit <u>www.immaculateconceptioncenter.org/</u> programs or call 860-928-7955.



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