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**Eucharist:**

**Mass:**

**M-F: 8:00am  
Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm  
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**Adoration:**

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Fri.: 9:00am-Noon**

**Reconciliation:  
(Confession)**

**Sat: 4:00pm—4:30pm and  
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**Anointing of the Sick: (&  
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Please call the rectory, **860.  
434.1660**, anytime a person  
is sick and would like  
anointing or a visit.

**Baptism:**

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  
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Fr. Walter Nagle at the  
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**860.887.9294**.

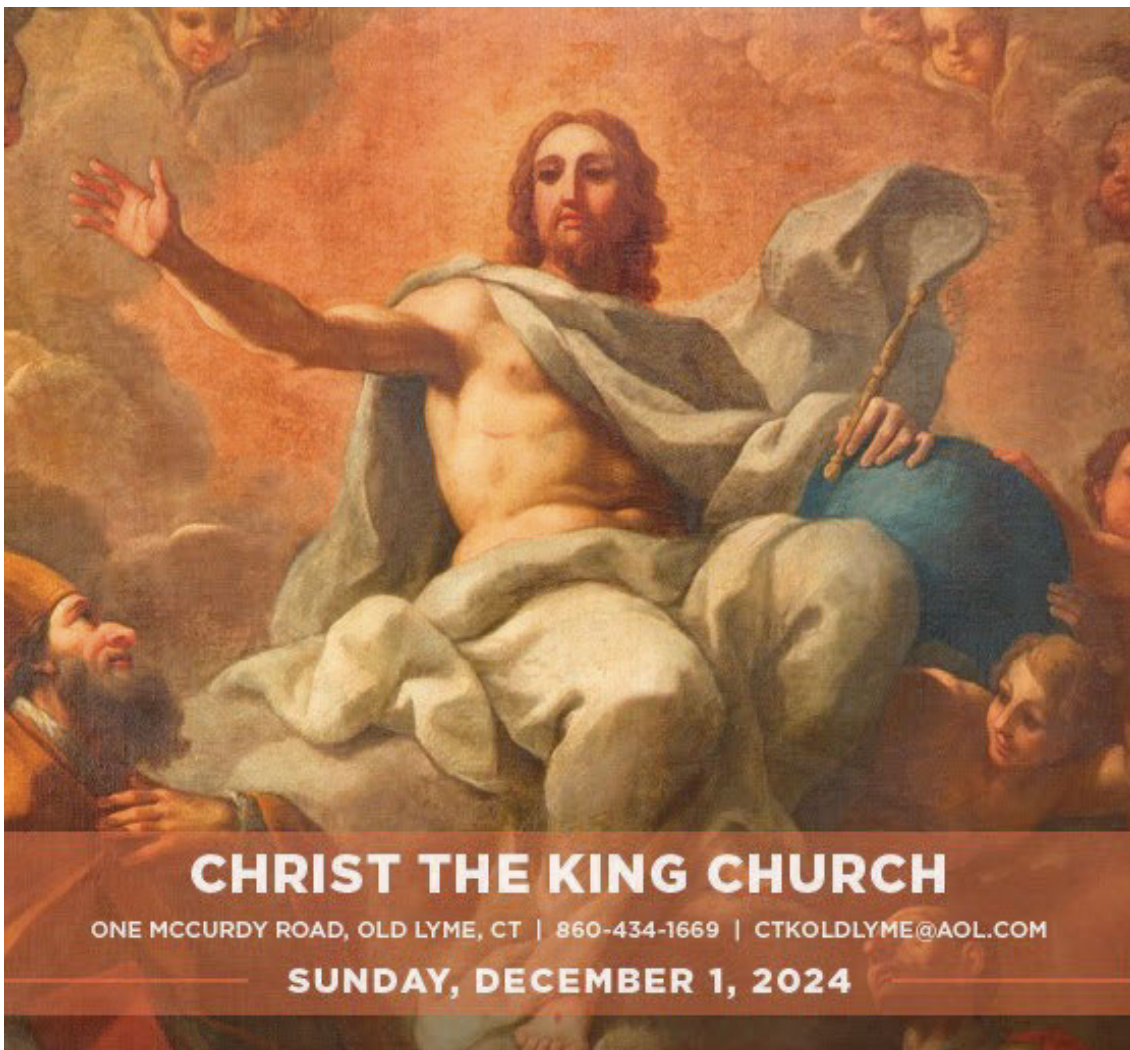
**Matrimony:**

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must begin **at least six  
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**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with  
power and great glory. But when these signs begin to  
happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your  
redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

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## Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of December 1, 2024

### Sat. Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

5:00pm ✠ Thomas Fischer r/b Paul & Rosemary Reid  
✠ Helen Kowalewski r/b her family

### Sun. Dec. 1 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am ✠ Theodore Kiritsis r/b Joan Moylan  
10:30am ✠ Roger Marks r/b Peter & Betty Gallagher  
✠ Raymond Ingram (1st Anniv.) r/b DiAnn Morrison  
✠ Angela Landolphi r/b Fr. Walter Nagle  
Baptism, CTK Church  
9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK  
6:30pm Confirmation Class

### Mon. Dec. 2

8:00am ✠ Parishioners of Christ the King  
9:00am Adult Faith Formation  
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting in the Library

### Tues. Dec. 3

8:00am Healing mass for Louise Young  
7:00pm Adult Choir  
7:30 pm Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Wed. Dec. 4

8:00am ✠ Coach Doug Sharples r/b the Hansen family  
9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk"  
7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

### Thurs. Dec. 5

9:00am ✠ Theodore Kiritsis r/b Thursday Bible Study  
9:00am Thursday Bible Study, CTK meeting room

### Fri. Dec. 6

8:00am Healing mass for Emil (Sonny) Schrafft

### Sat. Dec. 7

5:00pm ✠ Vic Aufiero  
✠ Stephen Bartlett  
✠ Robert Whitcomb r/b Michael & Barbara Rayel

### Sun. Dec. 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am ✠ Bill Balocki Sr r/b daughter Judy  
10:30am ✠ Barbara Burnes r/b the McDavit family  
Baptism, CTK Church  
9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK  
6:30pm Confirmation Class

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of  
Dec. will be lit for the Parishioners of Christ the  
King.



### Christ the King Mass Times ~ Join Us!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00pm

SUNDAY: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAYS: 8:00am

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



If you are in need of a priest, please contact  
Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter at the rectory  
phone number: (860) 434-1660.



## Latest News and Events at CTK

### Special Masses at Christ the King

December 9th (Immaculate Conception):

Mass will be held at 8:00am only

**\*\*Please visit the Daily Mass link on Zoom to live stream!\*\***



### Advent Wreath Lighting

The Advent season begins the weekend of  
**Nov. 30—Dec.1** and we need families or  
individuals to light the Advent wreath at the  
start of the weekend Mass during Advent!

If interested, please sign up in the Narthex. For any  
questions, please contact the office at **(860) 434-1669**  
or [ctkoldlyme@aol.com](mailto:ctkoldlyme@aol.com).

St Vincent de Paul, 617 Main St, Middletown, CT 06457

Due to unforeseen circumstances they are in need of new or gently used coats of all sizes. We have set up a collection location in the Narthex for donations & added a box for monetary donations. With the weather turning colder please consider making a contribution to this worthy cause.

### Giving Tree at Christ the King

The Giving Tree project returns!

Looking for a way to help others this holiday season? The Giving Tree project provides gifts and donations to the less fortunate in Connecticut and beyond. (Madonna House, St Vincent de Paul, & others)  
**Here's how it works:** Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 30—Dec. 1) a Christmas tree in the Narthex will be covered with ornaments that are marked with gift suggestions. Take an ornament from the tree, purchase the suggested gift, bring it **unwrapped** to church the following Sunday (or during the week) with the ornament attached, and leave it under the tree by **Dec. 15th**.

Volunteers will pick up the gifts and pack them for delivery to the chosen charity. Thank you for your generosity!



### Holiday Bake Sale Sign-Ups

The Bake Sale committee is planning to have a Christmas cookie sale the **weekend of Dec. 14th & 15th** and could use your help!

If you are interested, sign up sheets are available in the Narthex. Thank you!



### Friday Morning Adoration

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

\*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**.  
**(DUE TO THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS, SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY BY NOON THROUGH DEC.)**

**\*Thanks for keeping your item short. Space is limited.\***

## Parish Readings for the Week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/  
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

### 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.

### NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Christ the King has a opportunity during Nov. and Dec. The program will continue the on Mondays (Nov. 25, Dec. 2,

Dec. 9, and Dec. 16 at 9 am) with discussion of the book *Hildegard of Bingen's Spiritual Remedies*. St. Hildegard was a Benedictine nun, mystic, visionary and healer who taught that full health can only be experienced in a state of spiritual balance. Mr. James "Pep" Peptone, who has pastoral and spiritual studies experience, will lead the program. All are welcome! Please visit our website to learn more about St. Hildegard's life and teachings. You will need to order a copy of the book, available on Amazon. Contact Pep at 203.779.9066 or [JPepitone@me.com](mailto:JPepitone@me.com) with questions or to volunteer to bring coffee and baked treats for class.



### 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—all are welcome!

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**.

### 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](mailto:aimee.wwp@gmail.com), or visit the WWP webpage on our parish website!

## Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King



### 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 training is provided.

**Altar Servers:** Open to adults or students who have made their First Communion. **How about a parent-child or grandparent-grandchild server 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 [ctkoldlyme@aol.com](mailto:ctkoldlyme@aol.com).

Visit our website for more involvement opportunities.

On Nov. 20, we celebrated the 19th Anniversary of our new Church, a beautiful building where we gather to pray and celebrate our Faith. But as Fr. Joe pointed out at 8 a.m. Mass, what makes our church special are the people who celebrate here and the way we use our God-given gifts to help others. God has blessed all of us with many special gifts — a giving spirit, an ability to listen to others, a welcoming smile, the ability to reveal God's presence to others as we teach, heal, build, create, parent or care for others. He not only wants us to use our special gifts, but to know that He will help us when we use them to help other people. When we do that, when we use and share our special gifts to help others, we make these blessings from God a part of our life. Examine the gifts God has given you, Fr. Joe said, and know that every gift we have is important. God has a reason for blessing each of us in a special way, and we give thanks and glory to Him by using them to help others.



### CTK Pot Luck Dinner

In observance of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Pot Luck will be cancelled. The dinner will resume in January; stay tuned for updates!

### 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!

### Christ the King Parish Needs You and Thanks 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.



### Parish Prayer Line

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

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



## Community Events and Ways to Help

**Bring Christmas Cheer with a Miracle Bag This Christmas** St. Vincent de Paul Place will be spreading warmth & kindness by delivering roast beef dinners to those in need. With each meal, we want to offer a "Miracle Bag" of essential items & thoughtful touches to remind them that they are valued & not alone this holiday season.

**Help Us Fill 700 Miracle Bags** with warm hats & gloves (men & women), shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, and razors, \$10 gift cards (for Wal-Mart, grocery stores, or restaurants)

**Share Your Heartfelt Words** Create a card with uplifting messages to offer hope this challenging season, a simple note can make all the difference.

**Please bring your donations to** St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff Street, Norwich by Dec. 16th. Every donation, no matter how small, helps spread the warmth of the season. To arrange a Drop-Off Call: 860-889-7374 Email: Celia at [cgs99@aol.com](mailto:cgs99@aol.com) All contributions are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated.

Congratulations to John McGuire on earning High Honors during the first quarter at Xavier High School!

### **SAINT JOHN SCHOOL 2024 LUXURY RAFFLE**

Thank you for your support of Saint John School! We are almost sold out! Tickets may still be available by phone (860-575-7553) or visit St. Pio Parish Office during normal business hours.

**We will commemorate this year's raffle drawing with a free pasta dinner at Saint John School gym from 5-7pm Dec. 6.**

2024 ACA update: As of Nov. 6, 2024, **Christ the King Parish** has donated **89.63%** of its goal, & **14.76%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends Dec. 31, 2024. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available or go to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

**VIRTUAL ADVENT MISSION** Join us on Thursday Dec. 5, 12, & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The theme of this year's mission is, "The Hospitality of Advent," and invites participants to explore the profound significance of opening both our hearts & homes to welcome Jesus during the Advent season.

To register, contact Alvania Tejada at [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ex. 304

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREES AT WADSWORTH**

The Office of Faith Events is seeking donations of new children's books and new gloves or mittens for their Annual Wadsworth Christmas Trees. These trees will be displayed at **Wadsworth Atheneum's 50th Annual Festival of Trees and Tradition, happening from Dec. 5 to Dec. 15.** Donations can be dropped off at the Diocese of Norwich Chancery Office at 201 Broad St., Norwich. For questions, please contact Andrea Hoisl at [ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860) 848-2237 ext. 312. Thank you for your generosity!



## News from the Diocese of Norwich

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### **Bereavement Day of Prayer**

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Goodbyes*** on **Saturday, December 7** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by December 2 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

### **WINTER BEREAVEMENT RETREAT**

This retreat will explore the many facets of loss, including the pain of grief and the complexities of bereavement. Participants will reflect on the hope of healing through God's grace, find strength in times of sorrow, and share in a supportive community of mutual care. Doubts, fears, uncertainties, worries, questions...all are welcome, and all are pertinent to the group's quest. Join us for this program lead by Fr. Demetri Belsito Dec. 14. Program Fee: \$75. Sign up [enders.is/programs](http://enders.is/programs) or call 860.536.0565 x0 St. Edmunds Retreat, 1 Enders Island, Mystic, CT



**Do you want to Win \$10,000?** It is the only prize awarded, with only 400 tickets sold; \$100 each. The raffle drawing will be at Noon on Monday, December 16 at the Outreach Office – just in time for Christmas shopping. To get your ticket call our office 860-800-3601 and ask for LoAnn, visit our website

[www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org) or send your check to Outreach to Haiti, 815 Boswell Ave., Norwich, CT 06360.

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti feeds malnourished children & expectant mothers, provides health care, education, and training for micro-businesses to thousands of families in the poverty-stricken, Christ the King neighborhood and fourteen parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Donations of any amount are gratefully received. God bless you.

### **Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun**

Question: What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?  
Answer: A crucifix always includes Christ's body and a cross does not. ©LPi



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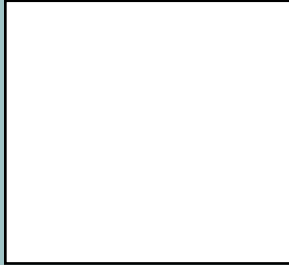
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