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

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A GOOD MEASURE, PACKED TOGETHER, SHAKEN DOWN.

Your Parish Team is Here for You! Fr. Joseph Ashe, Pastor ~ Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar <u>Contact us!</u> Rectory: 860.434.1660; Parish Office: 860.434.1669 // Office email: CTKOldLyme@aol.com Faith Formation email: DREChristTheKingOL@gmail.com Parish Website: www.ChristTheKingChurch.net US Mail: 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371

<u>Church Team/Staff:</u> Louise Young, Pastoral Associate & Director of Faith Formation; Kim Whitcomb, Parish Secretary; Erica Zapatka, Interim Faith Formation; William J. Thomas, Director of Music Ministries; Sulma Garcia, Church Cleaning & Rectory Housekeeper; Emil (Sonny) Schrafft, part-time Maintenance

Parish Council: Kathleen Burton-Chairperson, Robert Brinkerhoff, Ellen Cole, Larry Ghirardi, Robert Grissom, Elizabeth McCarthy, Cheryl Parsons, Linda Petitpas, Maureen Swarts, Al Taday, David Wohlmuth, Erica Zapatka **Finance Council**: Jean Wilczynski-Chair, Al Page, Meg Kolb, Mike Fulara, Parish Trustees **Parish Trustees:** Richard Torrenti and Marylin Clarke

Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of February 23, 2025

Sat. Feb. 22

5:00pm *H*Leslie Stack Sun. Feb. 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am **#** Conrad Brault r/b his wife Judy 10:30am 🕂 Mark Whelan r/b Paul & Rosemary Reid ₱ Richard Pankowski r/b Paul & Rosemary Reid 9:15am ***NO Faith Formation Class, CTK*** 6:30pm *** NO Confirmation Class*** Mon. Feb. 24 8:00am 🦊 Jean Pernal Tues. Feb. 25 8:00am Parishioners of CTK 7:30 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Wed. Feb. 26 8:00am F Robert Staab 9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk" 7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study Thurs. Feb. 27 8:00am Healing mass for Louise Young r/b Miriam Simmone 9:00am Thursday Bible Study Fri. Feb. 28 8:00am 🕂 Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy Sat. Mar. 1 5:00pm FElizabeth K Planeta r/b Nancy, James, & Katie Birge ₱ Mary Katherine Pellizzari r/b Joan Moylan Sun. Mar. 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am F Tom Peraro r/b Rita Spring 10:30am I Mattie Van Gorden r/b Karen & Warren Kopec ₱ Philip Diana r/b the Parsons & Flanigan families 9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK 6:30pm Confirmation Class



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of February 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 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.



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.

Latest News and Events at CTK



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for *Monday, Mar. 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.

The Parish Pot Luck is back!!

The supper will be held at **Christ the King Parish Hall** on **Friday, February 28th** @ <u>5:45pm for social hour</u> (BYOB), 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.

Lenten Program Are you seeking a simple yet meaningful way to deepen your Lenten journey?

Dynamic Catholic invites you to experience **BEST LENT EVER**, a free daily program designed to inspire and enrich your season of reflection. This year's theme centers on **Divine Mercy**, offering powerful insights and practical guidance to help you grow spiritually. All you need to do is go to this link to sign up: <u>https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html</u> Starting on Mar. 5, 2025, you'll receive daily emails that include a free video that will guide you on a life-changing journey through 33 Days to Divine Mercy.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Gagner at <u>gagnermm9@gmail.com</u> or 860.918.4785. Wishing you a Lent filled with peace, reflection, and spiritual growth.

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.*

Small Christian Community

The Small Christian Community Bible Study will continue to meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. For questions or more information, please contact Mark Fischer or Peter Kulas.

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.

Parish Readings for the Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/ Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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.

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: In Italy, where can you find the painting of the crucifixion that, according to tradition, spoke to Saint Thomas Aquinas? Answer: The Church of San Domenico in Naples. CLPi

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!



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

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.

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life

For 52 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, & reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services & the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities is in constant need of personal care and other items for the poor and homeless in the Diocese. Therefore, the Father Hussion Columbiettes are once again asking for your help as we collect unused, small, personal care items (deodorant, soaps, combs, shampoo, tissues, Q-tips, hand sanitizers, hand lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloths and face towels, socks for all ages, baby diapers and even new baby clothes in sizes Newborn to 3T) A large box will be in the main entrance of the church for these donations. Then we will assemble treasure pouches (clear plastic bags) packed with all these items for Catholic Charities to distribute. Any questions, please call or text June Getchius at 959-239-1490.

Faith Formation Roundtable

Open to all parishioners! Please join us on Saturday Mar.1 @ 1:00pm in the Parish Library for a facilitated discussion about Christ the King's Faith Formation program. What do we want our program to be? What is important to us as a parish in our faith formation program? Any questions please reach out to Erica -(860) 575-1740 or drechristthekingol@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Dinner





Take-out Meals are Available!

> **Kids \$10** Adults \$25

A traditional Corned Beef Dinner with all the fixings! **BYOB! *Sponsored by the Men's Club*** For questions, please contact Men's Club President **Bob Brinkerhoff at (860)748-9378** or RNBrink@comcast.net. Tickets available after mass & at parish office!!

The Christ the King book & movie group will meet Monday, Mar. 10 & the following Mondays throughout lent, after the 8am Mass. We will be reading Saint Francis and the Way of Lent. Week 1: Lent as a Balanced Way of Life; 2: The Lost Art of Compunction; 3: Spending Time Alone; 4: Imitating Christ. Short introductions are written by the editor and designed to preface selections from the primary texts, these are followed by questions for discussion or reflection. There are six readings per chapter, followed by prayers of intention & spiritual practice suggestions to deepen your Lenten journey as you follow Christ in the Way of Saint Francis. Please read Chapter 1 for the March 10 meeting. There is no charge except for purchasing the book (available on Amazon & other retailers for \$17.36. Some used copies available

News from the Diocese of Norwich



Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 860-887-9294



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, March 1 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass 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. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Finding Recovery Through Art with Sue Ellen Landwehr March 8, 2025

Participants will create a 12-step art journal using mixed media techniques like collage, watercolor, and pen & ink to explore their recovery journey. Guided meditations and writing prompts will help develop a personal, expressive style in a supportive environment. All materials are provided, and all recovery seekers are welcome!

Program Price (per person) \$125.00 (includes materials and lunch) Sign up now at <u>enders.is/programs</u> or call 860.536.0565 x0 ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT 1 ENDERS ISLAND, MYSTIC CT. 06355

STEUBENVILLE EAST Join teens from across the U.S. for 3 days of fellowship, faith, & worship in Springfield, MA, Friday, July 25 to Sunday, 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 lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 305.

A Lenten Hobo Honeymoon with Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN March 12, 2025

Want to be a Hobo this Lent? The word Hobo translates to Homeward Bound; and for us, it is homeward bound to our God. This retreat will invite us to reverence the good seed and Loving Creator God planted within each of us before we were born... promising with our "yes" to bring life to our mutual desires; God's for us and ours for God.

Sign up now at <u>enders.is/programs</u> or call 860.536.0565 x0 Program Price (per person): \$75.00 (includes lunch) ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT 1 ENDERS ISLAND, MYSTIC CT.

Diocesan Women's Conference ~ Please join women from the diocese for the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference entitled *Dinner with Jesus* **March 19,** 2025, at the Great Neck Country Club in Waterford. Lisa Irish, author, bereavement chaplain, and both a spiritual and retreat director, will be the featured speaker at this year's conference speaking on the topic *How Are We the I mage of Christ.* Tickets for the conference, which includes dinner, are \$70 and still available. To register, go online at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER Hear much more at the Christ the King Men's Club meeting: March 6 @ 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Ready for LENT beginning Mar. 5, ASH WEDNESDAY? Jesus calls us to remain in love as the branches remain with the vine for life & sustenance. Prayer is the best means of making the connection between humanity & God. Explore the depths of a life of prayer & learn to converse with God through Christ, at our annual retreat Apr. 4-6. Unique conferences and interactive workshops & a Sacrament of Reconciliation service.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 - 7:30 pm Friday evening or arrive that morning for a DAY TO BREATHE personal time & hot lunch. The retreat will conclude on <u>the 5th</u> <u>Sunday of LENT</u> with the beautiful celebration of the Eucharist and hymns at 10:45 a.m. Your families of are welcome to join for Mass & the Noon hot brunch at no extra charge.

Retreat Center staff will talk and to answer your questions. All parish families are welcome to attend. <u>Contact President Bob</u> <u>Brinkerhoff at RNBRINK@COMCAST.NET</u> or <u>860-748-9378</u> to join us at 6 p.m. for pizza & refreshments.

Visit holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats for more info and to register early for Apr. 4-6 or call Ted on 860-760-9705 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

Connecticut March for Life in Hartford will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 19. The parishes of Christ the King & St. Pio, along with the Holy Trinity Pro-Life Committee, are sponsoring a bus. **Please join us.** By marching we show our local legislators we want protection and life affirming laws for both the unborn and their mothers. The rally will begin at 12:00 pm outside the State Capitol and the March will start at 1:00 pm in Bushnell Park. **Transportation on the bus is free**. The bus will leave from Christ the King Church in Old Lyme, at 1 McCurdy Road, at 10:30 am, on March 19th. The bus will leave the Capital at 3:00 pm and return directly to Christ the King. To reserve a seat on the bus please contact Rosellyn Giampietro, at 203-715-7227 or by email at <u>lateran84@gmail.com</u>. **Reservations must be made by Monday, March 17th**.

The Way of the Cross: The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

March 7: Through the eyes of social justice March 14: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled March 21: Through the eyes of immigrants and refugees March 28: Through the eyes of seniors April 4: Through the eyes of the bereaved April 11: Through the eyes of Mary April 18: Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all seven. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at <u>mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net</u>.



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