SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist:

Mass:

Mon-Fri.: 8:00 AM Sat. Vigil: 5:00PM Sun.: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adoration:

M-F: 6:30-7:30AM Fri.: 9:00AM-Noon

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 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.

Baptism:

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

Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434 1660, if you want to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon, or contact Rev. Kevin Reilly, Vocations Office: 860 887 9294.

Matrimonv:

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

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in 10th grade.

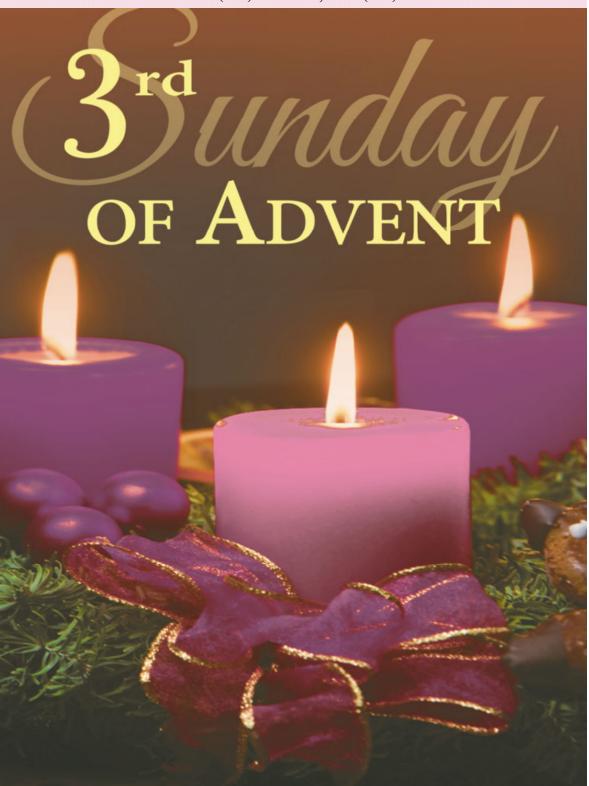
Adults can join RCIA.

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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Masses and Week at a Glance

For the week of December 17, 2023

Sat. Dec. 16

9:00am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, CTK Church

1:00pm Wedding, CTK Church

5:00pm #Elizabeth Planeta r/b James, Nancy & Katie Birge

₮ Josephine Dell'Erba r/b her family

Sun. Dec. 17 — Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am **₮** Michael Sanders

10:30am # (1st Anniv.) Walter Nagle Sr. r/b son Fr. Walter

★ Margaret Kelly r/b family

11:30am Baptism, CTK Church

Mon. Dec. 18

8:00am # Theresa LaRocque Humes

Tues, Dec. 19

8:00am # Jim Korst r/b Sue Staab

7:00pm Choir/Band Christmas Rehearsal, CTK Church

Wed. Dec. 20

NO Walking with Purpose Study Today

Thurs. Dec. 21

8:00am / Theresa Francolini r/b her husband

9:00am Bible Study Session, Classroom across from Office

Fri. Dec. 22

8:00am The Parishioners of Christ the King Church

Sat. Dec. 23

5:00pm **★** Marty Ames

Sun. Dec. 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

8:00am # (1st Anniv.) Walter Nagle Sr. r/b son Fr. Walter

10:30am **♣** Irene Matz

5:00pm The Parishioners of Christ the King Church

Mon. Dec. 25 — The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight The Parishioners of Christ the King Church 9:00am The Parishioners of Christ the King Church

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of Dec. will be lit for Theresa Francolini r/b her husband.





Christ the King Church Mass Times JOIN US ON SUNDAY or SATURDAY VIGIL MASS! SAT: 5:00PM,

SUN: 8:00AM & 10:30AM...or WEEKDAY MASS: MON-FRI: 8:00AM

Welcome to Christ the King Church!

We are currently not taking collections **during** Mass, but there are collection baskets available in the Narthex. You can also donate by text or online. Visit our website and click on the "donate" button at the top of the page.

We continue to live-stream our Masses on Zoom for those who wish to stay home. Links to join the live stream may be found 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.



Upcoming Events & Resources at Christ the King



CTK Parish Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be *closed* December 25th through January 2nd. We will reopen Wednesday, January 3rd. Have a merry and blessed holiday!



Advent Wreath Lighting

The Advent season begins the weekend of **December 3rd** and we need families or individuals to light the Advent wreath at the start of the weekend Mass during Advent!

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex. For any questions, please contact the parish office at (860) 434-1669 or ctkoldlyme@aol.com.

Special Advent Confession Times Week of Monday December 18, 2023



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 1:00pm & 6:00pm, CTK Church

There will be NO confessions on Tuesday, Dec. 19th

Christ the King Parish Holiday Mass Schedule



Weekend of Dec. 23rd-24th

We will have the normal weekend liturgies at 5:00pm, 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday, December 24th

5:00pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity with student pageant 11:30pm Concert with Adult Choir and orchestra, followed by Midnight Mass of the Nativity

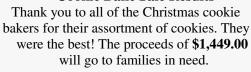
Monday, December 25th 9:00am The Nativity of the Lord

Since Christmas falls on a Monday, there will only be the one mass at 9:00am

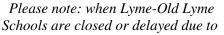
Monday, January 1st

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God *Please note, the mass will be held at 9:00am*

Cookie Bake Sale Results



Winter Weather!!



inclement weather, the Daily Mass at Christ the King Parish will be celebrated at 12:00pm Noon instead of 8:00am, and Adoration will be omitted.



Parish Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/

Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/

Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/

Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,

29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines

If you would like to submit any announcements for the Jan. 7th bulletin, the deadline is December 27th by noon.

*We kindly ask that you keep your blurb short, as
we may need to edit for space.*

Make sure to pick up a copy of the "Little Blue Advent Book", which are available in the Narthex!!

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study



Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? We invite you to consider joining **Walking with Purpose** at Christ the King in Old Lyme, CT. **Register Today!** Choose from three 22-week bible study courses.

Meeting times: Touching The Divine: Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am; Opening Your Heart and Keeping in Balance: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm.

Latecomers welcome anytime throughout the year!
Interested in registering or learning more? Please contact
Aimee Finnegan at aimee.wwp@gmail.com, or visit
www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

Do you want to register with the parish? Welcome!

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please contact the office, 860-434-1669, or email at ctkoldlyme@aol.com. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to:

1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 *Please print clearly*

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Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

Christ the King Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study will be held at 9:00am in the classroom across from the parish office. We will finish the <u>Second Book of Samuel</u> and then study the Advent Sunday mass readings **beginning November 30**.

We will start our study of the <u>First Book of the Kings</u> in January 2024. 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.

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.



Here's how it works: Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2nd-3rd) 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.

Volunteers will pick up the gifts and pack them for delivery to St. Vincent de Paul and Madonna House. Thank you!

Pro-Life Christmas Candy Sale

The Holy Trinity Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a Christmas Candy Sale after all the Masses on the *weekend of December 16th and 17th*. The candy is presented in holiday boxes courtesy of The Chocolate Shell in Old Lyme. Each box is either \$10.00 or \$15.00 depending the size of the box.

Perfect for stocking stuffers or hostess gifts!

Proceeds from the bake sale will support pro-life activities within the Holy Trinity cluster of parishes, as well as supporting various pro-life organizations in our diocese such as pregnancy care centers and statewide organizations like the Family Institute of Connecticut and the Connecticut Catholic Conference.

Offertory Sign ups for Weekend Mass

Volunteers are needed to bring up the gifts during the offertory at weekend Masses. This tradition of the faithful carrying the bread and wine to the altar symbolizes our returning to God the many gifts that he has bestowed on us. If interested, a sign-up sheet is *available in the Narthex*.



Friday Morning Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to be celebrated in the Church on *Fridays from 9am until 12 Noon*, with Benediction following immediately after.

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

Staying updated with Christ the King



Are you receiving parish emails? Subscribe to our website or scan the QR code on your phone and fill out a simple form to receive our newsletters.

Christ the King Website

Visit Christ the King Church website for updated news and information about parish happenings. For Mass schedules, Zoom Links and more, visit *christthekingchurch.net*.

Donate to Christ the King by text!

Christ the King Parish has recently set up a "Text-to-Give" feature with its e-giving partner, Faith Direct.

To use this feature, please text "ENROLL" to Christ the King's special phone number: 860-935-8488, or scan the following QR code:

You'll have to register with a credit card the first time, but later gifts will only require texting a dollar amount to this number. Thank you for your generous donations!

Get the CTK Bulletin delivered to your email! Sign-up @: parishesonline.com

Community Events and Ways to Help

2023 ACA Update

Congratulations to Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$76,925.23 with 14.78% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. Urgent – Please help us reach goal — there is still time to donate! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

CTK Scam Texts

Parishioners are receiving suspicious texts that appear to be from Fr. Joe, asking for money or for help, etc.

Please note: these are *NOT* from Fr. Joe, so we kindly ask that you ignore and delete these scam messages.

We want you all to be safe, so thank you for understanding!



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DIOCESAN ADVENT MISSION

The Office of Faith Events is offering a Virtual Diocesan Advent Mission with speaker Fr. Jeffrey Ellis. The final date is **this Tuesday, December** 19th from 7:00 – 7:45pm.

Fr. Ellis will focus the mission on the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

Please register by emailing **Marianne Nicholas** at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or at 860-848-2237, 304.

Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes

Have you not completed your sacraments? Did you make Baptism and First Communion but never completed your sacraments of initiation by making Confirmation? Have you ever thought about completing Confirmation in the Catholic Church? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you should register for the Diocesan Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes. Beginning in January, The Office of Faith Events will be offering a 7-week online course taking place on Tuesday evenings that will prepare adults for Confirmation in their home parish. To join the class, please contact your pastor to register for this program.



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For more all upcoming events, please visit https://www.norwichdiocese.org.

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains.

The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15

P.M. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19,

2024. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services

Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

RCIA Retreat

The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team are gearing up to assist Candidates and Catechumens prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Spend the day discovering God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience God's mercy in reconciliation. The Holy Spirit Awaken Retreat for RCIA will take place on Saturday, February 24th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill from 9:30am—5:00pm with Mass from 5:00pm—6:00pm.

To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas @norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ex.305.

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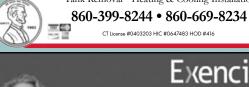
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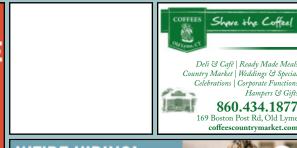
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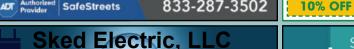
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