

**SACRAMENTAL
LIFE**

Eucharist:

Mass:

**M-F: 8:00am
Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm
Sun.: 8:00am &
10:30pm**

Adoration:

**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.

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
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
begins in **grade 9** and
students receive the
sacrament **in grade 10**.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you
with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not
worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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Fr. Joseph Ashe, Pastor ~ Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar

Contact us!

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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of December 15, 2024

Sat. Dec. 14

- 5:00pm ✠ In Memory of Margaret Kelly r/b family
 ✠ Thomas Wilkinson r/b the Wilkinson family
 ✠ John J Messer r/b the family
 9:00am Pageant Rehearsal
 6:00pm Christmas Cookie Sale

Sun. Dec. 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am ✠ John Donohue (25th Anniv.) r/b Pete & Dale Faulkner
 10:30am ✠ Barbara Burns r/b Celeste Burghardt
 ✠ Joan Gilbert r/b Ron & Dorothy Paine
 ✠ Richard & Josephine Dell'Erba r/b their family
 9:00 am & 11:30am Christmas Cookie Sale
 9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK
 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Mon. Dec. 16

- 8:00am ✠ Francis & Helen Miranda
 9:00am Adult Faith Formation

Tues. Dec. 17

- 8:00am Healing for Louise Young r/b Miriam Simone
 7:00pm Adult Choir
 7:30 pm Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wed. Dec. 18

- 8:00am ✠ Parishioners of Christ the King
 9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk"
 7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thurs. Dec. 19

- 9:00am ✠ Theresa Francolini r/b John
 9:00am Thursday Bible Study, CTK meeting room
 6:00pm Christmas Music Rehearsal

Fri. Dec. 20

- 8:00am ✠ Stephen Anthony Leonetti r/b the Leonetti family
 2:30pm Middle School Friyay Fun Day

Sat. Dec. 21

- 5:00pm ✠ Elizabeth K Planeta r/b Nancy, James, & Katie Birge
 ✠ Robert Whitcomb r/b Ron & Dorothy Paine
 9:00am Pageant Rehearsal

Sun. Dec. 22 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am ✠ Marty Ames
 10:30am ✠ Kathy Mather
 No Faith Formation or Confirmation Classes

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

Latest Baptisms at Christ the King

Brie Louise Witkowski

**Daughter of Tyler & Lyndsey Witkowski,
Baptized here on December 01, 2024**

Oliver Thomas Montano

**Son of Thomas & Caroline Montano III
Baptized here on December 08, 2024**

We joyfully welcome them to the family of God at Christ the King Parish!!

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.



Advent Wreath Lighting

The Advent season has begun & we need families or individuals to light the Advent wreath at the start of the weekend Masses 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.



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 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.**



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 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
 Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
 Lk 1:39-45
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
 Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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.



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!



Advent Week 3

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Christ the King has a opportunity during Nov. and Dec. The program will continue through Monday 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 the book, available on Amazon. Contact Pep at 203.779.9066 or JPepitone@me.com with questions or to volunteer to bring coffee and baked treats for class.

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.

Visit our website for more involvement opportunities.

Congratulations to these fine young men and women, newly Confirmed in the Faith in November!

Please pray for them as they continue to grow with the Holy Spirit.



<i>Colin Anderson</i>	<i>Callahan Lacourciere</i>
<i>Hannah Belknap</i>	<i>Grady Lacourciere</i>
<i>Zachary Belval</i>	<i>Alexa Legein</i>
<i>Madelyn Bilodeau</i>	<i>Peyton Maynard</i>
<i>Edward Friske Jr.</i>	<i>Michael Millerick</i>
<i>Leelan Fuentes</i>	<i>Maddux Murphy</i>
<i>Lauren Fulara</i>	<i>Isabella Newton Lobo</i>
<i>Samuel Gilbert</i>	<i>Grace Osborne</i>
<i>Kevin Goshaw</i>	<i>Aurthur Riccio III</i>
<i>Skylar Graybill</i>	<i>Nicholas Sokolowski</i>
<i>Brandy Hayward</i>	<i>Adeline Todzia</i>
<i>Paul Kuhn</i>	



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**.

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 All contributions are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated.

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!

2024 ACA update: As of November 25, 2024, **Christ the King Parish** has donated **90.70%** of its goal, & **15.16%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. 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, envelopes are still available, or call (860) 886-1928 and online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org **Thank you everyone for your support!**

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



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!



News from the Diocese of Norwich

Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich
201 Broadway



VIRTUAL ADVENT MISSION Join us on Thursday Dec. 12, & 19th 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 or 860-848-2237 ex 304

You Can Help Your Marriage – Consider attending a marriage help program. The next local will take place Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2025. **Retrouvaille**, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, & rediscover a loving marriage. For information, call 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.



Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

Answer: A Baldacchino or Baldachin.

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