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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:

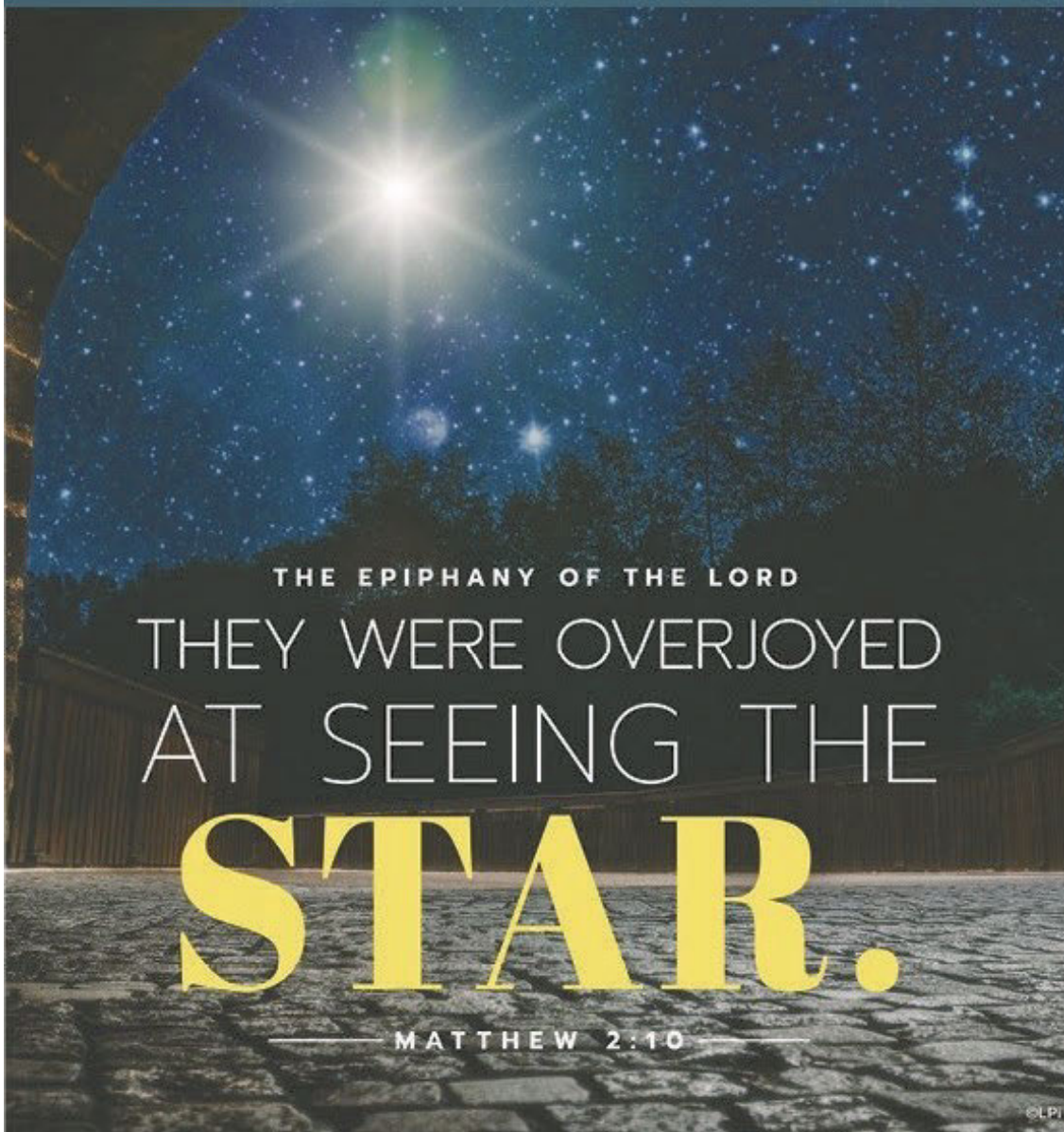
Confirmation preparation
begins in grade 9 and
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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of January 5, 2025

Sat. Jan. 4

5:00pm ✠ Joan Gilbert r/b Paul & Rosemary Reid
✠ Donna Scott r/b Paul & Rosemary Reid
✠ Peter Hodge r/b Christine Plikus

Sun. Jan. 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am ✠ Margaret Walsh r/b the Walsh family
10:30am ✠ Rosemary Strekel
9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK
6:30pm Confirmation Class

Mon. Jan. 6

8:00am Parishioners of Christ the King

Tues. Jan. 7

8:00am ✠ John Wilcox r/b his family
7:30 pm Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wed. Jan. 8

8:00am ✠ Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy
9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk"
7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thurs. Jan. 9

8:00am ✠ Phyllis Shepard-Tambini r/b Sue Staab
9:00am Thursday Bible Study

Fri. Jan. 10

8:00am ✠ John Wilcox (6th Anniv.) r/b Susan &
Bob Wickland

Sat. Jan. 11

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

Sun. Jan. 12 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am ✠ Pat Roser
10:30am ✠ Anne Pettit-Conway r/b her sister
9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK
6:30pm Confirmation Class



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

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

Giovanna Maria Iraci

Daughter of John and Kimberly Iraci

Baptized here on December 27, 2024

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



+ Celebration of Weddings at CTK +

Congratulations to

John and Kimberly Iraci

Who celebrated their marriage on

December 27, 2024 at Christ the King Church!

May they continually draw close to the Lord, and draw ever closer to each other!

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.

The Parish Pot Luck is back!!



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

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 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 Readings for the Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

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—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**

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!

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

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.

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: What is Christ often depicted pointing to when portrayed in Christian artwork?

Answer: The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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New Adult Faith Formation Opportunity!

Join James Pepitone on Monday, Jan. 20, following 8 am mass, in the parish library, we will feature the movie **CABRINI**, a 2024 film produced by Angel studios. Mother Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, providing education, health care & other services to the poor. July 7, 1946, Mother Cabrini became the first U.S. Citizen to be canonized and is not the patron saint of immigrants. There will not be any cost to this program.

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 Divina* 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 purchasing the book. New copies of the book can be purchased from Amazon for \$10.

Community Events and Ways to Help

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!



News from the Diocese of Norwich

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Presenter: Jim Pepitone To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com

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 800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

to be held at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, Jan. 4 at 8:30am** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Raymond Introvigne** 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.

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SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

THE SIGNATURE OF JESUS by Brennan Manning
Six Wednesdays from February 5 to March 19
from 10:00 to 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 Brennan Manning 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

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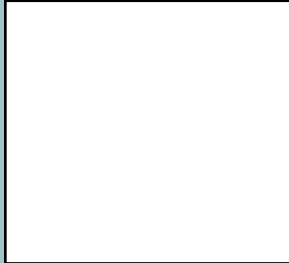
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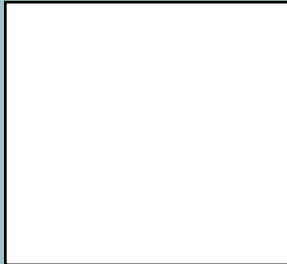
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