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.

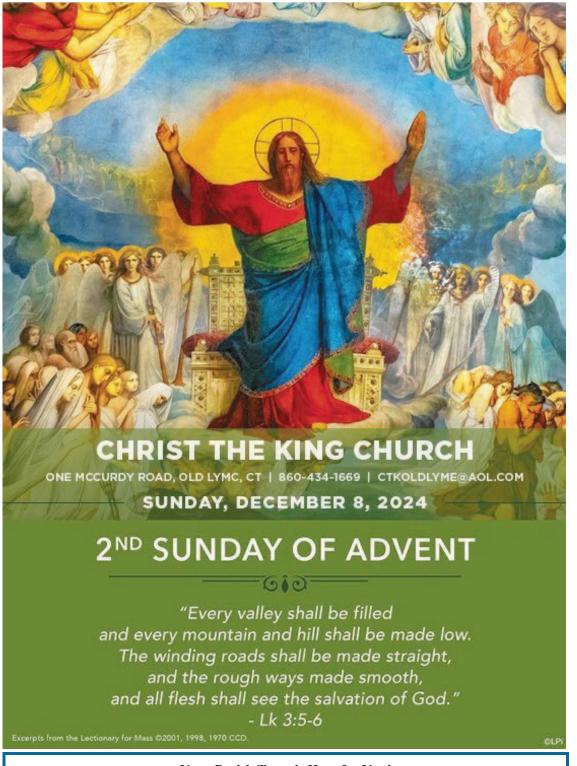
Matrimony:

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

Confirmation:

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Sexual Misconduct Services: 800.624.7407



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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of December 8, 2024

Sat. Dec. 7

11:00am Funeral Mass for Richard Hurley

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 Burns r/b the McDavit family

₱ Angela Landolphi r/b Fr. Walter Nagle

Baptism, CTK Church

9:15am Faith Formation Class, CTK

6:30pm Confirmation Class

Mon. Dec. 9

Parishioners of Christ the King 8:00am

9:00am Adult Faith Formation

Tues. Dec. 10

₮ Joseph Gentile 8:00am

7:00pm Adult Choir

7:30 pm Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wed. Dec. 11

8:00am # Jimmy Murphy r/b Joan Moylan

9:30am & 6:30pm Walking with Purpose "Coffee Talk"

7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thurs. Dec. 12

9:00am Thursday Bible Study, CTK meeting room

Fri. Dec. 13

₮ Jimmy Murphy r/b Joan Moylan 8:00am

2:30pm Middle School Friyay Fun Day

Sat. Dec. 14

5:00pm **♣** In Memory of Margaret Kelly r/b family

★ Thomas Wilkinson r/b the Wilkinson family

9:00am Pagent Rehersal

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

9:00 am & 11:30am Christmas Cookie Sale

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 livestream! 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.

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 8, 2024

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/

Lk 3:10-18

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 Monday Dec. 9, & 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 <u>JPepitone@me.com</u> with questions or to volunteer to bring coffee and baked treats for class.



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!

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.



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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, or visit the WWP webpage on our

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.

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!



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 vour 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.

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.

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.



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.



News from the Diocese of Norwich

Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich 201 Broadway



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.

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** 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, Dec. 16 at the Outreach Office – just in time for Christmas shopping. To get



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your ticket call our office 860-800-3601 and ask for

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.

In Memoriam

Christ the Kink has recently been informed of the deaths of Mrs. Joan Gilbert, mother of Reverend Francis Gilbert (Parochial Vicar at Divine Mercy Parish-St. John the Evangelist, Montville, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Quaker Hill, & Our Lady of the Lakes in Oakdale) & Brother Justin Lamoureaux of New London

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: Who does the first and second readings during Mass? Answer: The Lector.

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