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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.

Matrimony:

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
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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord.” - Lk 2:11

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Masses and Week at a Glance

For the week of December 24, 2023

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

NO Faith Formation Today

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

Tues. Dec. 26

8:00am ✠ Fr. John Ashe r/b Kathy Burton

Wed. Dec. 27

8:00am ✠ Peter and Genevieve Lotkowski r/b Paul and
Christine Wysocki

NO Walking with Purpose Study Today

Thurs. Dec. 28

8:00am ✠ Donna Calabria Poeta r/b Celeste and Michael

NO Bible Study Today

Fri. Dec. 29

8:00am ✠ Walter Nagle Sr. r/b Kathy Burton

NO Pot Luck Today

Sat. Dec. 30

5:00pm ✠ Deceased members of the Capasso, Piersa, and
Biondo families

Sun. Dec. 31 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am ✠ Kathy Mather

10:30am ✠ Gertrude Kwasniewski

11:30am Baptism, CTK Church

The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of Dec. will be lit for the Parishioners of Christ the King.



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.**

Make sure to pick up a “**Little Blue Advent Book**”, which are available in the Narthex!

If you are in need of a priest, please contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter at the rectory: (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!

Celebration of Weddings at CTK

Congratulations to

Daniella Sanzo and Joel DiLoreto

who celebrated their marriage on

December 16, 2023 at Christ the King Church!

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



Latest Baptisms at Christ the King

Torren Joseph Hawes

son of David Hawes and Carrie Reynolds was baptized here on Sunday December 17, 2023.

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

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



Christmas Flowers in Memory of...

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Fafalla

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Parish Readings for the Week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Monday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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.

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

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New registration Envelopes Change of address

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King



Winter Weather!!



*Please note: when Lyme-Old Lyme Schools are closed or delayed due to 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.*

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 start our study of the **First Book of the Kings 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**.



Cookie Bake Sale Results

Thank you to all of the Christmas cookie bakers for their assortment of cookies. They were the best! The proceeds of **\$1,449.00** will go to local families in need.

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**.

Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to call the 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. Thank you!**



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.***

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!**

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!

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News from the Diocese of Norwich

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Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

We would like to invite you to nominate a woman of faith in the Diocese for the Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award. This award was established by Bishop Michael Cote **to honor a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church**. This award will be given out at this year’s

Women’s Conference on **March 13, 2024**. The award is named after Mary our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our trust.

The winner is presented with a check for \$200 made out to the charity or ministry of her choice. The recipient will also have her name added to the Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award plaque.

The award winner will be determined by the Women’s Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full by the annual deadline date. You may access nomination forms on the diocesan website in December.

For more information, please visit the Diocese of Norwich website, or contact the **Office of Faith Events** at **860-848-2237, ext 304** or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.



Stay Informed with the Norwich Diocese!

For more all upcoming news and events, please visit <https://www.norwichdiocese.org>.

Kids’ Creative Corner



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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.

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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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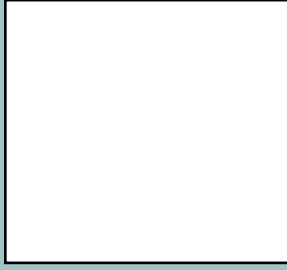


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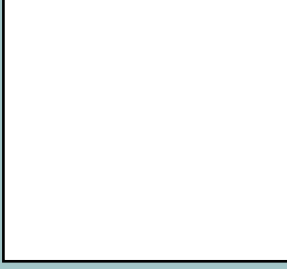


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