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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Mass Times: Please watch our bulletin for posted times

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HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM or please call Msgr. Sullivan

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples planning a Christian marriage should contact Msgr. Sullivan following their engagement.

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptisms take place at Sunday Mass once a month. Please see information inside this bulletin.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call Msgr. Sullivan for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

WORSHIPING WITH US?

We hope you introduce yourself and register in our parish. Please call the rectory to do so.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—June 25th

4:00PM Paula Lapomardo (birthday) req. of children and brother

Sunday—June 26th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Beatrice and Edward Jardus (mem.), Edward C. Jardus (mem.) and Dorothy Kierstead (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM James E. Hedge (25th anniv.) req. of wife & children

Monday—June 27th

7:00AM Annie Roche (mem.) req. of Fran and Ann Weeks

Tuesday—June 28th

7:00AM Patricia Gibbons (mem.) req. of The Keville Family

Thursday—June 30th

7:00AM Magdalena Maher (living) req. of Alice Fenlon

Saturday—July 1st

4:00PM James Hines (month's mind) req. of wife, Mary G. Hines

Sunday—July 3rd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Mary E. Sullivan

11:00AM Katrina Wilk (2nd anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Harriet Andrukonis**, the sister of Debra Pasquale.

Upcoming 'AMPLIFY NIGHT' for Middle Schoolers

This past April, several of our CTK families gathered a small group of six middle schoolers (students in grades 6-8) to attend a Diocesan "Amplify Night" which included lawn games, pizza and snacks, praise and worship and concluded with Eucharistic Adoration. There is NO COST to attend but we would like to gather another group for the next one which is **July 24th** from 5:00-7:30 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto at 33 Massasoit Road in Worcester. It will include Dinner, Lawn Games, Music, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions.

For now, we are interested in generating interest in the July 24th date. If interested, please contact **Mia McDonald** at mia.c.mcdonald@gmail.com if interested.

Other dates to follow for 2022-23 are September 25 at St. Mary's in Uxbridge ~ January 8 (2023) at Annunciation in Gardner ~ and March 19 (2023) at St. Bernadette in Northborough.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**7:00 am Monday-Friday; Saturdays at 8:00 am**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we will celebrate the following feasts and special occasions: **St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Monday); **St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr** (Tuesday); **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (Wednesday); the **First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church** (Thursday); **St. Junipero Serra, Priest** (Friday); the **Blessed Virgin Mary** (Saturday).

Offertory

We are grateful for your gifts and donations. God bless you for your stewardship. The breakdown which follows is for collections and donations received last weekend:

Offertory: \$4,649.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,215.00;
Mass Stipends: \$70.00; **Peters Pence:** \$310.00;
Catholic Communications: \$20.00; **Free Press:** \$40.00;
Donation: \$300.00.

Total: \$6,604.00

Infant Baptism Preparation

All parents must participate in a preparation meeting with Monsignor Sullivan if this is their first child and/or if they do not worship at Sunday Masses. Parents whose children are not yet born may participate in a meeting with Monsignor Tom if they like. **Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to arrange for a meeting.** Actual baptismal celebrations take place at either our 11:00 am Mass on select Sundays or privately. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date.

Confirmation Class for 2023

Those "rising" high school juniors or seniors who wish to be included in the Confirmation Class of 2023 should contact Msgr. Sullivan for a preliminary interview. These interviews, which have already begun, take place in June and are set by appointment. Please call Monsignor at **508-754-5361** or email him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Emily Stoddard Lauring** who was baptized here at the 11:00 am Mass last Sunday by Msgr. Sullivan, and to her parents **Matthew and Rebecca (Murray) Lauring**. Emily's godfather is Peter J. Lauring and her godmother is Kasie Pasqantonio. May Emily always live in the light of Christ!

Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at tsullivan5@mac.com and he will respond.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Atrium (or prepared environment) is an important element which helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a Sacred Scripture reading (or a theme) has been presented to the young child, he or she is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the Holy Spirit. One of the early works in the Atrium is the enthronement of the Holy Bible and learning to foster love for and veneration of the Word of God.

The second year of the Christ the King Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) religious program will be held on Sunday mornings this coming fall (10:00-11:00 am). We will continue to describe a bit about the program this summer and hope you will reach out with questions and register if you know a child aged 3-6 who would like to grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the CGS program or schedule a visit to our Atrium contact Jackie Penny at jpenny325@gmail.com.

Please support PARTNERS IN CHARITY

It is Vital!

We hope you will consider a gift for the *2022 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. **37%** of our parishioners have donated. **At CTK we have raised the smallest amount ever and have fewer donors than any year in more than a decade. And the Diocese has reached just 80% of its goal.** And yet, this appeal supports all our essential diocesan charities. We need the help of all our parishioners more than ever. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Some examples: Catholic Charities - Nazareth Home for Boys - 49 retired priests - Pernet Family Health Service - seniors receiving home health care - youths seeking a Catholic education - those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate - and the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more! The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year and that will take a lot of us pitching in! Please return the gift card you received in the mail and use the special return envelope. More gift cards are available in the book rack in the church foyer. If you plan on sending a **check** it should be made **payable to Partners in Charity**. You can also donate **online** by going to partners-charity.net/donate. Thank you!

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are known as the *Sacraments of Initiation*. A Catholic is not fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church until he or she has received all three. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process of spiritual and educational formation by which adults become full members of the Catholic Church. The process welcomes both people who have never been baptized and people who were baptized in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Catholic. There is the expectation that candidates will attend Mass each Sunday as well as the formation sessions which will be offered evenings beginning in the fall. Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church should contact Monsignor Sullivan at either **508-450-2556** or by email: tsullivan5@mac.com.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The priest chaplains at our hospitals continue to serve the pastoral needs of their patients. Please let us know if someone you know is hospitalized and Msgr. Sullivan will be happy to visit that person. The best thing is for a family member or friend to call the rectory to let us know your loved one is in the hospital.

'HOPE FOR HOUSING' CARDS

Hope for Housing cards are sold in the church foyer after all Masses. Here's how they work: You purchase food or gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; You use the food cards for your shopping; You receive the full-face value of the card you purchase; What you don't spend remains on your card for later use; The supermarket or store donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness. Yvonne Nguyen already has a couple of volunteers but will need to engage some additional ones (as in the past). If you would like to assist her (and you will be trained) Yvonne's telephone number is **508-762-2161** & her email address is Yvonn3@aol.com. Cards are available for: The Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, TJMaxx / Marshall, Starbucks, Amazon and Target.

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wish to express my gratitude to the parishioners of Christ the King Parish for their generosity to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. As you know, your parish has exceeded its goal. In light of this important accomplishment, I offer my deepest appreciation.

This year, our theme for the Partners in Charity 2022 appeal is *Be the face of Christ*. As we have worked together to provide for the needs of thousands of people in the Diocese of Worcester in the year ahead, we are reminded that charity is the very heart and center of the plan of God's providence. Your support of our charitable, educational, and pastoral programs is an excellent witness of your own Christian generosity.

I am very grateful for the efforts of your pastor, Monsignor Thomas Sullivan, who helped to promote the annual appeal at Christ the King.

Please be assured of my appreciation for the goodness of 311 parishioners who joined as partners in the ministry of the Risen Lord to enable us to achieve this accomplishment.

All our parishes are continuing to conduct the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. Nearly 4,000 individual families throughout the Diocese have yet to make their gifts, and the Diocese is still nearly \$1million short of its goal. It is my hope that, following your inspiring example, we will continue to build on what we have already accomplished in this campaign and meet our diocesan goal.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ **Most Reverend Robert J. McManus**
Bishop of Worcester

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at [mindyd1052@gmail.com](mailto:mindy1052@gmail.com).

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference Register Now!

All women are invited to this exciting conference, "Embrace the Cross," to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA, on Saturday, October 1st. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, **Sonja Corbitt**, **Laura Mary Phelps**, **Constance T. Hull**, and **Bryan Mercier**. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish on Monday evenings this fall. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. Beginning September 12, the Novena will be celebrated nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. This year's dates and homilists are: Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 12); Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 19); Fr. James Mazzone (Sept. 26); Fr. Stephen Lundrigan (Oct. 3); Fr. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 10); Fr. Ronald Falco (Oct. 17); Fr. Anthony Mpagi (Oct. 24); Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Oct. 31; Novena and Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints); and Fr. Alfredo Porras (Nov. 7). The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be mailed or emailed beginning in late August.

CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group' Each First Friday July 1, 7:30-8:30 pm

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro of our parish are spearheading this group here for men's spiritual growth. The men who join us continue to meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format may vary a bit from month to month but we will incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet **this coming Friday, July 1, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm**.

Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

We've been offering 'low-gluten' hosts for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts meet the requirements of the Catholic Church for Holy Communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The hosts we use have gluten content of less than 0.01%. Speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to you.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, June 25

4:00 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, June 26

All Masses - Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, June 28

7:00-8:30 pm - MCFL Meeting, Johnson Room

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Friday, July 1

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

7:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group, church

Sunday, July 3

9:00 am Mass - Install Extraordinary Ministers

11:00 am Mass - Install Extraordinary Ministers

Enjoy 'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'

Every parishioner has free access to our **WOF** digital library. The programs are produced by Bishop Robert Barron, an amazing array of excellent Catholic programming. **Here's how you can access the *Word on Fire Digital Library***. First set up a 'login.' It takes a few seconds. On your computer go to [flocknote.com/login](https://app.flocknote.com/login). Enter your email address and then click Reset or create a password *below* the big blue Sign-In button. Click the yellow 'Reset my password' button that comes up and follow the prompts from there. **Flocknotes** will email you a link to create your password. Check your email to finish. Now that you have your **Flocknotes** login go to <https://app.flocknote.com/CTKworc/dashboard> at any time. Click the **Visit WoFDigital.org** button (a big picture) and the library will open! It's that simple to access all the amazing content! Scroll through to your heart's content.

NEED 'ADULT CONFIRMATION?'

Were you baptized and received Holy Communion but never confirmed? Do you want to be able to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor? If any are interested, our parish has preparation sessions each year for those adults who were never confirmed. The program is for adults who were baptized and received First Holy Eucharist (Communion) but never completed their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Msgr. Sullivan conducts the 6-session program on Thursday evenings (November 10 & 17; December 1 & 15; January 12 & 19) from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. The Confirmation ceremony takes place at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February, when Bishop McManus celebrates the sacrament for adults from throughout the diocese. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Sullivan at either 508-450-2556 or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Making Parish Donations Online

We ask all parishioners to please continue your support of the parish offertory. You can donate online. Please go to our website, ctkworc.org. Either click on the tab at the top of the page or the button in the middle of the page called 'CTK Online Giving.' You can donate using your credit card. Many thanks.

We're Now In 'Ordinary Time'

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. There's no truth there. We entered Ordinary Time again a couple of weeks ago. It begins the day after Pentecost each year, though the Sunday Masses immediately following Pentecost are celebrations of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi (last Sunday). Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which we celebrate the fact that Christ walks among us, speaks the whole Gospel, and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time - for those days when there is no special feast - is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations. Ordinary Time refers to all those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. The second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

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