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Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

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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 celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. 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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." - Mt 4:3

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—February 25th

4:00PM Leah Derr (mem.) req. of Mary Hines

Sunday—February 26th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Joan Conroy (birthday) req. of family

11:00AM Carlos Sarmiento (mem.), Maria Sarmiento (mem.), Elsa Sarmiento (mem.), Francisco Escobar (mem.) and Maria Escobar (mem.) req. of family

Monday—February 27th

7:00AM Zachary Ford (12th anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—February 28th

7:00AM Personal Intention

Wednesday—March 1st

7:00AM Mary Moran (mem.) req. of a friend

5:30PM Ellen Parker (mem.) req. of Michael Borek

Thursday—March 2nd

5:30PM Joanne Vail Pike (mem.) req. of Bill & Kathy Adams

Friday—March 3rd

5:30PM Julie Ritacco (mem.) req. of Linda Charamella

Saturday—March 4th

8:00AM Dick and Rita Herbst (mem.) req. of Paul & Ella McLaughlin

4:00PM Cynthia A. Sestito (mem.) req. of Neil & Carol Carmody

Sunday—March 5th

7:30AM Elizabeth and Newell Warner (mem.) req. of Fran & Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Kirwin and Elizabeth Matthews (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group' March 3, 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 varies a bit from month to month but we incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet **this coming Friday, March 3, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.**

Your Parish Council

The members of the Parish Council for this year of 2022-2023 are **Bob Hennigan**, chairperson, **Janet Rauktis** (representing our Social Activities Committee), **Anne Thompson** (at large and also representing CGS-Grade 6 of Religious Education), **Vincent Matulaitis**, **Dick Lane** (representing the Knights of Columbus), **Wes Cotter**, **Ralph and Claire Weirich** (our Pro-Life Committee chairs), **Sheila Sullivan** (secretary), **Bert Bolduc**, **Kris Correia**, **Teresa Bruso**, **Kathy Baker** and **Monsignor Sullivan**.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**Monday-Friday, 7:00 am, and during Lent at 5:30 pm Monday through Friday; Saturdays at 8:00 am**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week all our liturgical celebrations are Lenten weekday Masses.

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Your donations from last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$5,420.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,555.00;
Mass Stipends: \$100.00; **Fuel:** \$175.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$78.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$370.00; **Home Mission:** \$25.00;
Our Religious Education: \$25.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$25.00; **Immaculate Conception:** \$25.00; **Earthquake Relief:** \$5,016.00; **Religious Retirement:** \$25.00.

Total: \$12,839.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

All parents must participate in a team-led preparation session 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 the program if they like. It takes place in the rectory on select Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The dates for our next two 2023 sessions are: **Sundays: March 5; and April 23. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program.** Actual baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date. The next scheduled public celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on **the following Sundays: April 16, May 21, and June 18.**

A Message of Thanks from The In the Hour of Need Family Shelter

Dear Friends at Christ the King,

We can't thank you enough for everything that you do for IHN! We could not run this program without wonderful people like you! We can't thank you enough for your kindness, your support, your time and your dedication! It is truly appreciated by the Advisory Board and especially the families! The grocery gift cards and the prepared meals meant more than we can say! Thank you so much!

The IHN Advisory Board

Reminder for First Communion Class ~ Mass next Sunday Morning

The best way for our youths to prepare for a lifetime of coming to Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is to come to Sunday Mass regularly. And there is nothing like coming together as a whole class! We've invited our whole class to come to the **9:00 am Mass next Sunday, March 5**, followed by their Sunday morning class.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"COME HOME TO GOD'S MERCY" ***Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent***

Several years ago, Bishop McManus requested that every parish in the Diocese offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. We continue this practice. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament. In addition to Saturday afternoons, we will be offering confessions on Lenten Tuesday evenings.

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on all the **Fridays of Lent** including **Good Friday** of course. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on **Good Friday**. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Children's Choir of Greater Paris **Returning this Summer** **Volunteer as Host Family Now**

Many will recall the wonderful concert and two-day visit we experienced in July of 2019. And now the ***Children's Choir of Greater Paris*** will return in July of 2023. Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot about forty boys and girls (ages 11-14) will perform here on the evening of Tuesday, July 18, 2023. This is a free concert. All are welcome. For their tour the group is accompanied by several adult chaperones. Professor Bardot and his wife have met with Elise Jacques, Tom & Sue Flynn and Monsignor Sullivan to lay the initial groundwork for the group's return visit. **We are now inviting CTK families to consider hosting a child or two (or more) for the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18.** A couple of families have already volunteered on their own. If you would like to do so, please contact either **Tom Flynn** (email: fly5thom@yahoo.com) or **Sue Flynn** (email: nurse_sue52@yahoo.com). On Wednesday morning, July 19, the group will travel to Cape Cod for multiple concerts there. Plan now to join us for this wonderful evening.

Multi-Parish Light of the World Retreat

Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Ann, and St. Roch Parishes unite to present their Spring *Light of the World Retreat* at Sacred Heart of Jesus, 11 Day Street, Webster on **March 17-20**. There is no cost to attend. Fr. Adam Reid and Father Michael Roy invite you for an experience that will change your life. For details or to register call St. Roch's 508-987-8987 or visit sacredheartwebster.org/light-of-the-world-parish-retreat.

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 Yv0nn3@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.

Upcoming CYC Activities

If your youths plan on joining in our activities please respond to Mia McDonald whose email is mia.c.mcdonald@gmail.com.

March 11 (Saturday) - We will be visiting the Our Lady of Fatima shrine in Holliston. We will walk the 950-foot-long outdoor Rosary and then travel to a nearby pizza shop for pizza afterwards. We plan to meet at the church at 2:00 pm and travel 45 minutes to the shrine. Please do RSVP for this event so we can make sure we have enough seats in the cars.

In April, movie nights (separate for junior high school students and high school students). In May an indoor/outdoor game night.

FRIDAY MORNING "COFFEE & BOOKS" **Are you Interested?**

Are you interested in a little socializing after Friday's morning Mass with "Coffee & Books" in the Johnson Room (first and last Fridays of the month)? Come and introduce yourself, have a cup of coffee to start your day, and browse the books in our lending library. The session would last from 7:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome! Even if you can't make it to Mass, you'd be most welcome to join us! If interested, email Catherine Doyle: cathdoyle1710@gmail.com or text/leave a message: 508-340-6532. Hope to see you this Friday!

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.

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 mindy1052@gmail.com.

Diocesan Youth Retreat

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **May 19-21** at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. Cost is \$125/person. **Deadline to register is April 25.** To sign up or to get more information, go to

neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat. If you have any questions, contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdioecese.org.

Extra Masses in Lent & Your Mass Intentions

We have a **5:30 pm Mass each weekday (Mon-Fri) during Lent**. This is our 12th year of this practice. Daily Mass during the holy season of Lent is a rich spiritual experience. Also, if you have a Mass intention but find the morning Mass is already taken by someone else, or inconvenient for you to make, you may want to consider designating this late afternoon Mass for your intention. If interested, just call Mindy at 508-754-5361. These late afternoon Masses run until Wednesday, April 5, the day before Holy Thursday.

Just One Month Away! The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for **Assumption University on Saturday, March 25, 2023**. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Bear Woznick, Jeff Joaquin, Msgr. Jim Moroney, David Niles, Adam Minihan** and **Fr. Chris Alar, MIC**. Visit the conference website at www.catholicmenworc.com for information and to purchase tickets online. For further information, call Fr. José Rodríguez at 978-537-3016 or Shawn Shields at 508-523-2224. For assistance with the purchase of tickets call Corinn Dahm at 508-835-8551. **Adult tickets are \$50 until March 13th, afterwards \$65, including at the door. Student tickets are always \$30.**

Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday Afternoons

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We began this two years ago. The time is **3:00-3:30 pm**. We encourage you to join in.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 26

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Ed.

Monday, Feb. 27

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

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

7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Wednesday, March 1

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts Hall

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus

Thursday, March 2

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 3

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

7:30-9:00 am - Coffee & Books, Johnson Room

3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall

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

7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group, church

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am Mass - First Communion Class

10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed. for CGS & Grades 1-6

1:00-2:30 pm - Parents Baptism Program

6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

Today, Sunday, February 26: No morning classes are scheduled because of the final hours of the school vacation break. **But evening classes are scheduled tonight for those in Grades 7-10, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.**

Next Sunday, March 5, classes will be held for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and **Grades 1-6** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. During the evening Monsignor Sullivan will teach the **Confirmation program, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

Calendar Raffle Benefit

The Guild of Our Lady of Providence is sponsoring their annual calendar raffle. The cost of the March calendar is \$10. 31 chances to win \$100, \$50 or a gift card worth \$50. To purchase, call Jo-Anne Cronin at 508-842-1569. Proceeds assist the Guild in its mission to assist with the medical and educational needs in the Diocese of Worcester.

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.

Lent Has Begun!

On Ash Wednesday we welcomed many to Christ the King. The ashes that were imposed on our foreheads demonstrated that all who came that day were desirous of turning away from sin and living as truly committed disciples of Jesus Christ. There is no better time than Lent to rethink old attitudes and practices. It is a time to walk conscientiously with Christ, and to enter more intensely into the saving mystery of His life, death, and resurrection. If we do so, Lent will be a time of considerable personal conversion and renewal.

For Catholics, spiritual renewal is found in many ways. During the forty days of Lent, I encourage all to attend Mass more frequently and receive the Sacrament of Penance, to read the Scriptures, to pray the Stations of the Cross, and to commit oneself to performing the Corporal Works of Mercy. Particular attention should also be given to our traditional practices of fasting and abstinence.

Living like an authentic Christian is not easy, and it runs counter to many practices in our self-indulgent society. It takes courage and conviction to “*repent and believe the Good News.*” (Mark 1:14-20). It may be too early to be able to interpret with confidence all that God is teaching us through the current challenges to world peace, a fragile environment and economic inequality. However, it seems clear that we are being asked to reconsider our lifestyles.

As Catholics, we believe that all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, and we are bound to pray and work for the common good of all. With the help of God’s grace, let us try to follow Jesus more closely during this penitential season by praying more fervently, doing penance more sincerely, and caring for others more generously. Having done so, we will experience abundantly the joy and peace that only the Risen Lord can give at Easter.

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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