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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

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

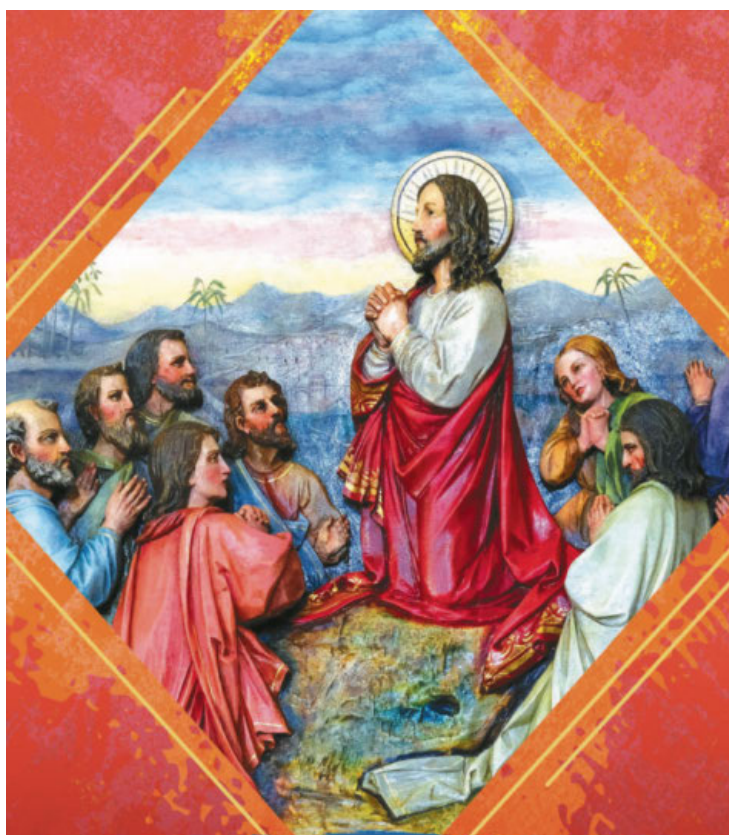
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Sunday—July 9th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Mary Leslie Patrock (12th anniv.) req. of family
11:00AM Harriet Andrukonis (mem.) and Richard Andrukonis (mem.) req. of family

Monday—July 10th

7:00AM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday—July 12th

7:00AM Claire Weirich (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce ikDubuque

Saturday—July 15th

4:00PM Richard Gaudette (wedding anniv.) req. of wife, Pauline

Sunday—July 16th

9:00AM Neil Hickey (5th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for souls of **Michael J. Desimone**, the father of Rev. Nicholas Desimone, and **John K. Mooshian**, the father of John T. Mooshian.

Our Knights of Columbus Council Organizing a July Trip to the Worcester Bravehearts

Our parish Knights of Columbus Council (Council #12691) is sponsoring a trip to a Worcester Bravehearts baseball game at Hanover Field (at the College of the Holy Cross) on **Friday evening, July 21**. The game starts at 6:30 pm. The Bravehearts will be competing against the Vermont Lake Monsters that night. If you (and your family members or guests) have an interest in coming, please be in touch with our Council's game coordinators. You can contact either **Bill Doyle** (cell: 508-450-7299; email: bcdoyle15@charter.net) or **Phil Salmon** (cell: 774-232-2118; email: phlpslmmn@charter.net). The Council hopes to inspire a good attendance from our parish for the game.

New Outdoor Sign Donated

You can't help but notice the new Christ the King sign standing on the corner of Pleasant Street and Cardinal Road. This sign, erected two weeks ago, was a gift of **Andy Gallagher**, who grew up in Christ the King Parish and who is a local contractor residing in Paxton. The gift was made in honor of his wonderful parents, **Jim** and **Mary Ann Gallagher**. While Jim died suddenly many years ago, Mary Ann died just last July. The couple raised all their sons in the parish and were involved in many parish activities. Many of our parishioners remember them. Mary Ann's two remaining siblings are **Rose Hanson** and **John Hanson** and both are parishioners who reside together in the city. Many thanks to Andy for his goodness in undertaking this important project. It means so much to all of us!

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (Monday-Friday at 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Saturdays). This week we honor **St. Benedict, Abbot** (Tuesday); **St. Henry** (Thursday); **St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin** (Friday); **St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday).

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: \$6,878.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,465.00;
Funeral Stipend: \$900.00; **Peter's Pence:** \$50.00;
Donation in Memory of Robert Boucher: \$25.00;
Catholic Communications: \$10.00; **Confirmation Registration:** \$40.00; **Religious Ed. Registration:** \$40.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00.

Total: \$9,508.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

All parents must participate in a 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. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a meeting time. Baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass or sometimes privately. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date.

Adults Seeking Confirmation!

Many of our adults, even some regularly at Mass, have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a simple process that can help you with this final Sacrament of Initiation. As he has in the past, Msgr. Sullivan will offer a preparation course this year. The program will be conducted on Thursday evenings (7:15-8:15 pm) on the following dates: October 5, 19; November 9; December 7, 14; and January 18. Bishop McManus will confirm these adult candidates at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2024. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at 508-450-2556 or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group' This Friday: July 14, 7:30-8:30 pm

Men who join us continue to meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour, **generally** on the First Friday of the month in the church. We 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. For July we meet this **second Friday of the month, July 14, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm**.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." *Pope St. John Paul II*

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." *St. Francis of Assisi*

Bible Study Series this Fall "The Gospel of St. Luke" Will Definitely Be Offered

Monsignor Sullivan is preparing a new Bible series for this fall. It will feature a study of **The Gospel of St. Luke**, a rich and colorful Gospel. The entire Gospel will be read. There will be 8 sessions, each devoted to three chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room on **Tuesday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:45 pm**. The dates are September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24 (not 31st); November 7, 14. If you are interested in participating you can email him at any time (tsullivan5@mac.com) or call him at 508-754-5361. While our sessions are in-person a suggestion has been made to broadcast it via Zoom. We will see if that is feasible. If you are interested in observing it via Zoom, please indicate that interest.

Annual Mission Coop Appeal Here on July 22-23

Every diocesan parish participates in the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal each year. This is a special collection to assist the works of the Church in the mission lands and/or poor countries. On July 22-23 we are conducting this appeal and we will host the priest who will speak on the needs of his Diocese (Imphal) in northeast India. He is **Father Paul Ngaoni**. That Diocese is home to 34 tribes of Mongolian origin. The first Catholic baptism was recorded in 1952. They have 45 parishes, 8 Mission Centers, 174 priests (including 114 indigenous tribal priests). The growth of the Church has been accompanied by various persecutions. Between 1990-2001, six young missionaries were killed for witnessing the Gospel.

This past May the area saw unprecedented violence towards the Christian minority. Over 200 tribals were killed. 50,000 Christians have fled their villages as their homes were destroyed. They have taken refuge in military camps and Catholic schools. Churches have been burned down. It will take years to rebuild the damaged churches and institutions (millions of dollars) and to alleviate sufferings of its tribal communities through massive relief and rehabilitation program. Thank you in advance for whatever relief you can give in this appeal.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

HOSPITAL VISITS UPDATE

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. **St. Vincent's Hospital has recently had technical issues with their new computer system and cannot provide any information.** We can never get any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital**, members of the same institution. **Therefore you must call the rectory.**

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins September 11th

Coming this fall will be the Novena to St. Joseph on Monday nights. It's hard to believe that this will be the twelfth anniversary year. We will pray for the sick, pray for improvements in palliative care, and pray to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from **7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. The schedule of homilists are Sept. 11, **Rev. Stephen M. Gemme**; Sept. 18, **Most Rev. Robert J. McManus**; Sept. 25, **Rev. Msgr. James P. Moroney**; Oct. 2, **Rev. Paul J. Shaughnessy, SJ**; Oct. 9, **Rev. John J. Gavin, SJ**; Oct. 16, **Rev. Robert A. Grattaroti**; Oct. 23, **Rev. Richard W. Polek**; Oct. 30, **Rev. Enoch Kyermateng**; and Nov. 6, **Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan**. We hope that you will participate in this important annual event as the pressure increases on the state legislature to make physician assisted suicide the law in Massachusetts.

Save the Date! Catholic Women's Conference October 7

The next Women's Conference will be on **October 7, 2023**. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan 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 early!

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.

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 of these sacraments. 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. Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church should contact Monsignor Sullivan at either 508-754-5361 or by email: tsullivan5@mac.com.

'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.

A Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites all women to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on **Saturday, October 28**, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today, her songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. A Sarah Hart retreat experience is woven with fun, humor, songs, prayer, scripture, Sarah's personal stories and discussion time.

The retreat topic will be "Re-Creation." This program will delve into the many ways women are called to share their gifts in different chapters of their life. This is an inspirational renewal event for all generations. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. The registration fee of \$25 (checks made payable to Commission for Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Monday, July 10

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center

Tuesday, July 11

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

Friday, July 14

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

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

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration forms have been mailed to all those families known to us. Please complete the forms and get them back to us with the required registration fee at this time. If you do not have a registration form, please call us at 508-754-5361 and we can send you one in the mail.

Please give to *Partners in Charity*!

We are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. The diocesan goal is \$5 million this year and we have a long way to go to meet that goal. Tens of thousands of people are served by this essential annual campaign. We hope you will contribute now with a pledge or one-time gift. **38%** of our **parishioners** have done so thus far. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the church vestibule's book rack and at the rectory. Simply return it by mail, or by dropping it off, or by putting it in the offertory basket at Mass. All **checks** should be made payable to '*Partners in Charity*' (not Christ the King). You can donate online as well by going to: partners-charity.net/donate.

Consider Ignatian Volunteers

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days per week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director **Dave Hinch** at dhinchen@ivcusa.org.

Have Your Marriage Blessed?

We've learned, over time, that some (civilly) married parishioners have never entered into a sacramental marriage. Please call Msgr. Sullivan about having your marriage "blessed" if you would like to pursue this. 508-754-5361.

An Invitation to All - Free Concert
Children's Choir of Greater Paris
 Returning to Christ the King on Tuesday, July 18th

Many will recall the wonderful concert our Worcester area experienced four years ago. A great concert was given by the famous *Children's Choir of Greater Paris*. Now, this world-famous choir returns for a free concert in Christ the King Church on the evening of **July 18th at 7:00 pm.** **All are welcome.**

Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot forty boys and girls (ages 11-14) will perform great musical works. Opening the concert, we will hear both *The Star Spangled Banner* and *La Marseillaise*. Closing the concert, we will all sing *America the Beautiful* and *Amazing Grace*. During the concert there will be pieces in French from Gregorien, Campra, Gounod, Franck, Saint Saens, Fauré, Poulenc and others. Works in Italian and German will be included, by Caccini, Bach and Mendelssohn. There will be some secular music by Debussy, Mozart and others.

We hope all will come and bring their families and friends.

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