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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 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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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Saturday—September 2nd

4:00PM Michael T. Houlihan (mem.) req. of Jeannine & Scott Sherman

Sunday—September 3rd

7:30AM Alec and Evelyn Szuch (mem.) req. of Fran & Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM James and Clara Farquhar (mem.) req. of The Nalbandian Family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Thursday—September 7th

7:00AM Cathy Chase (18th anniv.) req. of beloved son, Marshall Mohamed

Friday—September 8th

8:00AM Fernand Leelezio, Sr. (birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

4:00PM Nancy and Larry O'Connell (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—September 9th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Madelyn and Cornelius Hickey (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Patricia McKeon (10th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for **all the souls of the faithful departed.**

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." *St. Dominic Savio* (teenage saint)

"You will accomplish more by kind words and a courteous manner than by anger or sharp rebuke, which should never be used except in necessity." *St. Angela Merici*

Please 'Make Up' Your Summer Envelopes

We realize that many of our parishioners have been away during the summer and hope that you will 'make up' your Offertory envelopes for those weeks or months. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

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 all laborers, past and present, on **Labor Day** (Monday, 8:00 am); **the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Friday); and **St. Peter Claver** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Our Offertory and online donations for the past two weekends are as follows:

Offertory: \$11,576.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,400.00;
Mass Stipends: \$75.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$900.00; **Assumption:** \$1,176.00; **Religious Ed. Registration:** \$880.00; **Eastern Europe:** \$210.00; **Good Friday:** \$5.00; **Fuel:** \$50.00;
Donation: \$200.00.

Total: \$11,472.00

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. The **scheduled sessions** (*Sundays, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rectory*) for the year ahead are: **2023: October 8, and December 3.** In **2024**, they are **January 14, March 10 and May 19.**

Baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass (or sometimes privately). The scheduled **dates for the actual baptisms** at the **11:00 am Mass** on Sundays are: **2023: September 24, October 15, November 19 and December 10.** In **2024**, they are **January 21, April 7, May 5, and June 11.** Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Join Us For CHRIST THE KING'S ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 ~ 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Please plan on having your family join us for this fun-filled day! All parishioners are invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts and drinks will be provided. There will be children's games and a chance to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. As always, we need helping hands. Anyone interested in helping please contact Janet Rauktis either via email: janet.rauktis@ipfs.com or by phone: Home: 508-752-0562 ~ Cell: 508-450-7496. We need help with setup, cooking, serving and clean up.

LABOR DAY MASS TOMORROW

We remind you that on civic holidays like **Labor Day** our daily Mass begins at **8:00 a.m.**, not 7:00 a.m.

2024 Men's Conference Kick-off Breakfast Next Saturday!

The 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference Kickoff Breakfast will be held **next Saturday, September 9**, at Holy Family Parish, 750 Union Street, Leominster, MA. This is the first year that this organizational breakfast will not be held at Christ the King (since the late 1990s). It will begin with an 8:00 am Mass. At 8:30 there will be a breakfast and quick meeting. It will feature special guest Mr. Michael Donovan from the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance. The program will wrap up by 9:15 am. All current Parish Contacts, as well as anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Contact should attend. It would be good if someone from Christ the King could go and represent our parish. For further information, please contact our parishioner, Todd Jarvis. You can call Todd and leave a message at **774-239-5412** or connect with him by email at: tjarvis1618@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Aurora Siena Clark** and **Nathan Kambale Isemwami** who were baptized here last Sunday morning at the 11:00 am Mass by Msgr. Sullivan. Aurora's parents are **Bradley and Brittany (Walker) Clark**. Nathan's parents are **Edmond Isemwami** and **Grace Neema**. Aurora and Nathan, may you always live in the light of Christ!

Congratulations, Nora Oliver!

We congratulate Nora Oliver who was installed as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the 9:00 am Mass last Sunday. Nora is a member of our most recent Confirmation class and for several years has been an aide working with our First Communion classes. She is a senior at Leicester High School. God bless you, Nora!

A Wonderful Spiritual Experience

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, a 30-week directed prayer experience, will begin on September 26 at St. Peter's Church in Worcester. Applications are due by Sept. 7. You can call Dick Kirk at 508-887-0107 for information. Information and application form are available at www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com. You can send an email to worcspex19@gmail.com. An information video which includes a personal reflection can be found at: <https://www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com/home/worcester-area-30-week-retreat-in-daily-life/information-videos>.

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Starting Sept. 19

Monsignor Sullivan will offer a study of the **Gospel of St. Luke**. **35 people have signed up** for it thus far. The entire Gospel will be read. There will be 8 sessions, roughly 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.

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**, the same institution. **Therefore you must call the rectory.**

Botany Bay Community Annual Yard Sale

This **coming Saturday, September 9**, on Botany Bay Road, off June Street. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. No early birds, please! Rain date is Sunday, September 10.

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.

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!

G.K. Chesterton Society Invites You!

Exciting news! The G.K. Chesterton Society in Worcester is now meeting every second Saturday evening of the month at Immaculate Conception Church's lower hall, 353 Grove Street, Worcester. The next meeting starts at 6:30 pm, September 9th, with discussions on our reading of his vast writings. We always welcome new members. For further information, contact **Candace** at cjaegle787@gmail.com.

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 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.

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.

Christ the King a Voting Center for Elections

Christ the King will again be a local voting center on three days this fall: **Tuesday, September 5**, (the day after Labor Day), **Tuesday, October 10** (a special election for the recent state senatorial vacancy), and **Tuesday, November 7** (general election). We made this agreement as a contribution to the City's civic life after City officials approached us again. This agreement will not interfere with our morning Mass at 7:00 am or other parish activities.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day

8:00 am - morning Mass
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Voting - All Day in hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, Sept. 6

6:00 pm - Boy Scouts, hall
7:00 pm - KofC, Johnson Room
7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 7

7:30 pm - 1st Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Sept. 8

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

Saturday, Sept 9

4 pm Mass - KofC recruiting

Sunday, Sept 10

All Masses - KofC recruiting
12:00-1:00 pm - Parish Picnic
6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation class

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes begin in two weeks. Religious Education registration forms were mailed in early June to all those families known to us and have been sent out on Flocknotes and personal emails as well. 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 will make arrangements to get one to you.

Welcoming New Cub Scouts!

Although kids can join at any time of the year, our local Pack 37 is about to kick off its annual registration for 2023-24! Are you interested in a combination of fun, educational activities, new friendship and lifelong values? Scouting also helps parents and their children strengthen character and faith, develop citizenship and physical fitness. We are welcoming boys entering grades K-5. Boys and their leaders meet at Christ the King in the lower hall on select Friday evenings during the school year. For more information and a calendar for the year, please contact **Tony Penny**, Cubmaster 508-826-2956 or email: pack37cubmaster@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Recruiting

Dick Lane, the Grand Knight of the KofC here at CTK, will speak briefly at the end of all Masses next weekend to recruit new members. KofC members will be available after Mass to take your questions.

Novena to St. Joseph **STARTS IN ONE WEEK - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Our 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph begins **Monday, September 11**, at 7:15 pm. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. 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. Running for nine consecutive Mondays it will conclude on November 6.

The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be **mailed** to our rectory office, or called in to **508-754-5361**, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

Our homilists this year are:
Fr. Steve Gemme (Sept. 11)
Bishop Robert McManus (Sept. 18)
Msgr. James Moroney (Sept. 25)
Fr. Paul Shaughnessy, SJ (Oct. 2)
Fr. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 9)
Fr. Bob Grattaroti (Oct. 16)
Fr. Richard Polek (Oct. 23)
Fr. Enoch Kyermateng (Oct. 30)
Msgr. Tom Sullivan (Nov. 6)

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