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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.

Christ the King Parish

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



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—September 8th

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

Monday—September 11th

7:00AM Isabelle O'Connor (30th anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—September 12th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday—September 14th

7:00AM John Bowler (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Saturday—September 16th

4:00PM Richard Gaudette (4th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—September 17th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Maria Simoes (9th anniv.) and Jason Simoes (4th anniv.) req. of husband and family

11:00AM Marsha Bombard (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Raymond J. Lauring**.

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

"Love never says 'I have done enough!'" *St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus*

"Lean on your Beloved because the soul who abandons themselves in the hands of Jesus in all they do, is carried in his arms." *St. Clare of Assisi*

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 the **Most Holy Name of Mary** (Tuesday); **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Wednesday); the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (Thursday); **Our Lady of Sorrows** (Friday) and **Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Our Offertory and online donations for **Labor Day weekend** were as follows:

Offertory: \$7,912.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,565.00;
Mass Stipends: \$150.00; **Assumption:** \$10.00; **Religious Ed. Registration:** \$560.00; **Eastern Europe:** \$10.00; **Catholic Communications:** \$10.00; **Peter's Pence:** \$10.00; **Fuel:** \$187.00; **Donation:** \$25.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$85.00.

Total: \$10,524.00

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 **next 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

Today ~ 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Please plan on having your family join us for this fun-filled experience! 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.

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

Please join us for the Novena to St. Joseph which begins tomorrow evening. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from **7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. We 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 schedule of homilists is 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 Kyeremateng**; 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.

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**.

"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.

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!

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.**

Partners in Charity Thanks

My dear fellow parishioners,

I wish to thank our parishioners for your support of the *2023 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. We finished the Appeal on August 31st and had another wonderful success. Our parish **goal** was **\$110,700** and we succeeded in raising **\$167,226** (151% of goal, the highest percentage over goal in the Diocese). 39% of our parishioners made a donation.

All those parishioners who participated can take satisfaction in the knowledge that we will help thousands of needy people in the year ahead through assistance given through over two dozen diocesan charities and agencies. Please know my deep gratitude for your gifts. Your support for this important annual appeal is heartwarming and a further example of your care for others.

Monsignor Tom

A New Fiscal Year Begins

On August 31st we closed our books on FY 2023, as did all parishes and the Diocese itself. We had a good fiscal year and will shortly make our full annual report to you. We know already, however, that the next fiscal year will be more challenging. To deal with a nearly \$17,000,000 debt that the Central Administration of the Diocese owes to the Diocesan Expansion Fund (the savings of all parishes and some diocesan investments) each parish will now see an increase of 2.5% in its 'Cathedraticum' share (a tax which each parish pays to support the Diocese). For decades that assessment was 7.5% of its annual income. A couple of years ago it went to 8.5%. And now to 11%. The Diocese has had to inaugurate a 30-year payback plan. Essentially, what has happened since the late 1990s is that when some parishes do not pay their bills (i.e., necessary insurances) and/or when there are shortfalls in various diocesan funding needs (e.g., priests' retirement, Catholic schools, etc.), the Central Administration of the Diocese must still pay these bills. To accomplish this, it has had to borrow funds from the DEF. So, for more than two decades this debt has been growing. Our cathedraticum tax, built around the fiscal year that just ended, will be 11% going forward. Thus, we appreciate the goodness of those who donate to our parish and know that you will understand the challenges that lie ahead.

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.

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.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

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

Monday, Sept 11

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare

5:00 pm - Women's Guild

7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, Sept 12

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

Wednesday, Sept 13

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, Sept 14

7:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Sept 15

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts

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

Saturday, Sept 16

12:30 pm - Private Baptism

Sunday, Sept 17

9:00 am - Confirmation Covenant

Signing Mass

10:00-11:00 am - Rel Ed, CGS-Grade 6

6:00-7:30 pm - Rel Ed, Grades 7-10

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES BEGIN NOW!

All classes for CGS through Grade 10 begin next Sunday. (The Confirmation program has already begun). 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 as soon as possible. If you do not have a registration form, please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can get one to you.

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.

The benefits of Religious Education

Religious Education makes a positive difference in the lives of children and teens. Extensive research done by social scientists and educators, over the past fifty years, show that young people who are given a strong foundation in faith gain several advantages. These benefits are:

A higher level of happiness, security and connection to a community

The ability to make friends more easily

Development of better coping skills during times of stress and illness

The capacity to hold more positive societal values and make better decisions

Lower rates of depression

Fewer problems with alcohol, drug abuse and sexual promiscuity

The tendency to have more successful marriages

This research only confirms what religious educators already know. The surprise is not the results of such study. The surprise is that they come from sources who claim no stake in the conversation about faith. This is why many parents, who now see the value of what they were given as children, want to provide a similar foundation to their children. They do so despite the challenges contemporary family life poses. Christ the King is here to help you do this for your children.

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