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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.



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 4th

4:00PM Agnes Campbell (mem.) req. of friend, Evelyn

Sunday—November 5th

7:30AM John Bowler (mem.) req. of Joe & Carol
Carlomagno

9:00AM Raymond Lauring (mem.) req. of Paul & Mary
Ann Franco

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—November 6th

7:00AM Ashley Frost (Living) req. of Roger Frost

Tuesday—November 7th

7:00AM Kenneth Klucznik (mem.) req. of Paul & Mary
Ann Franco

Wednesday—November 8th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday—November 9th

7:00AM Patricia Coyne (month's mind) req. of family

Friday—November 10th

7:00AM Robert Cote (mem.) and Patricia Camosse
(mem.) req. of John Stevens & Nancy Berube

Saturday—November 11th

8:00AM Patricia Coyne (mem.) req. of John Townsend
& family

4:00PM Paul Ford (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—November 12th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Raymond Lauring (mem.) req. of Helen
Fitzgerald

11:00AM Owen J. Murphy, Jr. (5th anniv.) and Mary
Ellen Murphy Stidham (15th anniv.) req. of
family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for all the souls in Purgatory.

Praying for Peace Now

Perhaps the words of Jesus (the 'Beatitudes') found in the fifth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel could be words we offer for peace:

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus, they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 celebrate **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** (Thursday); **Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church** (Friday); and **St. Martin of Tours, Bishop** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. The Offertory and other related donations for last weekend are noted below:

Offertory: \$6,001.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,305.00;
Mass Stipends: \$60.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00; **Fuel:**
\$35.00; **Donation in Memory of Patricia Coyne:** \$250.00
Prop. Of Faith (World Mission): \$45.00; **Rel. Ed. Registration:** \$80.00; **All Saints:** \$45.00; **All Souls:** \$113.00.

Total: \$8,534.00

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: December 3** and 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: 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." *St. Gregory Nazianzen*

"There is nothing impossible to God." *St. Rita*

Celebration for Msgr. Reidy!

Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, November 26**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, at **5:00 pm**, we are all invited to join Bishop Robert McManus at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for Vespers in recognition of the appointment of **Monsignor Richard F. Reidy** as a Chaplain to His Holiness. A reception with light refreshments will follow in *The Cenacle* (the hall beneath the Cathedral for social gatherings). Vespers is the "Evening Prayer" of the Church. It is **not** Sunday Mass. St. Paul's Cathedral is located at the corner of Chatham Street and High Street in Worcester. We hope you will be able to attend!

**Annual Novena to St. Joseph
Concludes Tomorrow ~ November 6**

Please join us for the Novena to St. Joseph tomorrow evening. **Msgr. Sullivan** will be our homilist. The Novena is celebrated 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. 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.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

If you missed out on getting a donation envelope three weeks ago, you can receive one from Donna Byrnes (call or text her at 508-579-9918). Checks should be made payable to **Visitation House, Inc.** (not Christ the King). You can mail your check to Visitation House at 118 Endicott Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Note that it comes from Christ the King. The funds it generates support the mothers and newborn children who receive high-quality hospitality and care through **Visitation House**, which has provided a residence and care for 302 pregnant women and their infants since 2005. You can also donate online at visitationhouse.org.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS'
Annual Diaper Drive
TODAY!**

In recent years our Knights of Columbus Council has worked with Catholic Charities to make this drive very successful. It serves the needs of untold numbers of poor mothers in Worcester County. Catholic Charities has established a program where they will purchase diapers at a low, wholesale price. State benefit programs do not pay for diapers. Most licensed day care providers require that babies be in disposable diapers (sometimes up to 12 a day). The typical monthly cost for poor mothers is about *\$80 per month per child*. This is difficult for many struggling families in our area. We hope to raise **\$5,000** to assist Catholic Charities in their hope of purchasing and distributing 50,000 diapers in the year ahead. We hope you can help us. We will be receiving donations in the foyer of the church today. We will be happy to accept cash gifts or checks. If you use a *check* please make it payable to **'Knights of Columbus Council 12691'** (not Christ the King). You can mail it to the parish. Or you can make an online donation at: www.ccworc.org/diaper-program-donate/

**Why Do Catholics Believe Christ is
Really Present in the Eucharist?**

Fr. Steve Lundrigan is giving a presentation on this subject next Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 pm in the church hall at St. Columba Church, 10 Richards Ave. in Paxton. All are welcome!

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.

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's new computer system cannot provide any information.** For many years we have **not** been able to obtain any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital** (the same institution) about patients listed by their parishes. **Therefore, you must call the rectory if you would like Msgr. Sullivan to visit a loved one.**

CTK Women's Guild

The Women's Guild strives to foster spiritual development and provide opportunities for friendship, collaboration and service through religious, social and educational programs and events and has done so for more than 80 years. The Board requests you consider joining the Women's Guild by including your \$10.00 check for the membership along with your regular Sunday donation, attn.: CTK Guild. Activities and events sponsored by the Guild in the recent past are: Our two Evenings of Recollection, one in Advent and the other in Lent; the featured speaker provides an enlightening program and a light meal is served; Visitation House Baby Bottle drive; Abby's House; donations to the K of C Coats for Kids program; Hat and Mitten donations to Tatnuck Magnet School; In the Hour of Need Shelter; the Parish Decorating committee and the Mustard Seed. Over the course of the past 25 years, deserving high school seniors were awarded scholarships to help defray college expenses, many of whom are now professional members of our community in business, education and medicine. Our Craft Nights are not only well attended and enjoyable, everyone goes home with a unique project! The Guild Board wants to thank our wonderful parish friends and we look forward to your continued support.

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.

Pray for All Souls

During November, please feel free to record the names of your deceased loved ones into our **Book of Remembrance**, which is in front of the pulpit.

Girl Scouts at Christ the King

Girl Scouting has been a long-standing tradition here at Christ the King. We currently have a Brownie/Junior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop that meets weekly on Mondays from 4:00-5:00 pm. We would love to welcome new girls who are presently in grades 2-8. Of course, adult volunteers are always welcome! For more information or to answer any questions you may have, please contact Brownies30139@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.

'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.

Welcoming New Cub Scouts!

Kids can join at any time of the year. Our local Pack 37 stands ready to welcome you for 2023-24! Are you interested in a combination of fun, educational activities, new friendship and life-long values? Scouting also helps parents and their children strengthen character and faith, develop citizenship and physical fitness. We welcome 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.

St. Mary School, Shrewsbury Fall Open House Wednesday

This Wednesday, November 8, 8:30-10:30 am. Talk with our teachers and students. Learn about what makes the school so special. Registration not required. For more information email: admissions@stmarysparish.org.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Day of Discovery

Christ the King will host a diocesan "Day of Discovery" for Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$25 which includes the book *Joyful Journey*. This is offered for catechists and assistants, teachers, and anyone curious about CGS! The Day of Discovery will include discussion on how CGS helps the very young child (ages 3-6) enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, an opportunity to explore a 'working' atrium where children gather to learn through Scriptures and the Sacraments, time to work in the Atrium, the role of the catechist as 'servant,' and discussion on the Montessori method of education as a mode for religious development. If you are interested, please register at worcestardiocese.org/cgs-day-of-discoverydecember22023 or let Jackie Penny know (jpenny325@gmail.com) and she can

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, Nov 4

4 pm Mass - Diaper Drive, KofC

Sunday, Nov 5

All Masses - Diaper Drive, KofC

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

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

Monday, Nov 6

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

4:00-5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Hall

6:00 pm - Women's Guild Meeting

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

Tuesday, Nov 7 - Voting at CTK

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

7:15 pm - Gospel of St. Luke *finale*

Wednesday, Nov 8

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, Nov 9

10:00 am - Church 'Harvest' Decorators

7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov 10

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

Sunday, Nov 12

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

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

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, Sunday, November 5**, from 10:00-11:00. **Classes** for those in Grades 7-10 will meet **tonight, Sunday, November 5**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, November 12**, from 10:00-11:00. **Classes** for those in Grades 7-10 will meet **next Sunday night, November 12**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

St. John's High School

Next Fall Open House

Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 am

To learn more and to register, call Justin Smith (508-842-8934, ext. 230) or visit www.beapioneer.org/experience.

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Continues Tuesday Night

Our program of studying the **Gospel of St. Luke** takes place this Tuesday night from **7:15 to 8:45 pm** in the Johnson Room.

The Importance of Having Priests

Recently, in my Sunday homily, I told a little story about the Russian baroness, Catherine de Hueck Doherty, who converted to Catholicism and founded Madonna House in northern Ontario. Among an array of disappointments and challenges, she experienced the devastating persecution of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia near the end of World War I. The following excerpt is from her memoirs:

"I remember the day when there were no priests in St. Petersburg. It was in the early days of the Russian Revolution, when things were so unsettled and priests were shot on sight, as were many other people. The Jewish rabbis, the Protestant ministers, the Orthodox priests, all were shot or "disposed of" in some way...

A little Roman Catholic parish was still surviving, and those of us who knew about it participated in the middle of the night in the Mass. It was a very short Mass, but still a Mass. One night when the priest had just consecrated the Host, the door opened, a rifle was thrust through; a shot was fired, and the priest fell dead. The consecrated Host rolled off the altar onto the floor. Two soldiers came up then, ground the Host under their heels, and turning to us said, 'Where is your God? Under our heel!'

An old man answered, 'Lord, forgive them, even if they know what they do.' Shamed or embarrassed, the two soldiers left the church. The old man gave us Communion with the remnants of the Host. He washed the desecrated floor with holy water, and we buried the priest.

And then there were no priests! No one to hear confession. No one to give us Viaticum and the last rites (as they were called then). No one to offer Mass. Anyone who has gone through such a tragedy knows what it means to be without a priest."

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