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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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1986, 1970 CCD, GLP)

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 9th

4:00PM James M. Noonan (mem.) req. of Curt & Pat Degen

Sunday—November 10th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Mary Mullaney (mem.) req. of John & Kathy Laurant and family

11:00AM Frank and Angela Buffone (mem.) req. of family

Monday—November 11th

7:00AM Paul Ford (2nd anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—November 12th

7:00AM Matthew Schnur (Living) req. of Elisa Schnur

Wednesday—November 13th

7:00AM Gabriella Maher (Living Birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Thursday—November 14th

7:00AM Bob Wilcox (mem.) req. of Catherine Wilcox

Friday—November 15th

7:00AM Marcia Reidy (mem.) req. of Gerry McCarthy

Saturday—November 16th

8:00AM Krystyna Plewa (mem.) req. of a friend

4:00PM Kenneth Klucznik (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—November 17th

7:30AM Ann Degen (1st anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Joseph and Carol Lysiak (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Francis R. Carroll**, the father of Lisa Carroll, **Stella M. McNamara**, the mother of Brian McNamara, **Paul F. Dumas**, the brother of John Dumas, **Evelyn T. Rivet**, and **Elias A. Dahrooge**, the father of Daniel Dahrooge.

Enjoy 'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'

Every parishioner has free access to our **WOF** digital library. The programs are produced by Bishop Robert Barron, an amazing array of excellent Catholic programming. **Here's how you can access the Word on Fire Digital Library.** First set up a 'Login.' It takes a few seconds. On your computer go to **flocknote.com/login**. Enter your email address and then click Reset or create a password **below** the big blue Sign-In button. Click the yellow 'Reset my password' button that comes up and follow the prompts from there. **Flocknotes** will email you a link to create your password. Check your email to finish. Now that you have your **Flocknotes** login go to **<https://app.flocknote.com/CTKworc/dashboard>** at any time. Click the **Visit WoFDigital.org** button (a big picture) and the library will open! It's that simple to access all the amazing content! Scroll through to your heart's content.

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: **St. Martin of Tours, Bishop** (Monday); **St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, Bishop and Martyr** (Tuesday); **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** (Wednesday); **St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday); and **St. Margaret of Scotland** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Your donations for last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$6,960.00; **Online giving :** \$1,190.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$40.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Donation in memory of George Kelley:** \$500.00; **Fuel:** \$738.00; **All Saints:** \$1,557.00; **All Souls:** \$541.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$102.00; **Prop. of Faith:** \$30.00; **Catholic Communications:** \$10.00; **Human Development:** \$140.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$5.00; **Easter:** \$5.00; **Good Friday:** \$5.00; **Ascension:** \$5.00; **Donation:** \$45.00.

Total: \$12,273 .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. **Upcoming scheduled meetings** take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: **in 2024: Today, November 10** and **in 2025: January 5, February 23, March 30, and June 1.** Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a time to meet. **Baptisms** usually take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. The remaining available date in 2024 is **Sunday, November 24.** In 2025 the available dates are: **January 12, March 2, April 27, and June 15.** Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Thanks for your Participation in Last Week's Concert

We appreciate all those who came and enjoyed the concert, *Crossing Over Into Campground*, with artists Olga Rogach (on piano) and Ron Williams (baritone soloist). What a delightful and inspirational evening! We are particularly grateful for the sponsorship of our parish's Music Ministry, for those who assisted with the reception, and for the important efforts of Elise Jacques, a friend of the artists. We look forward to many such cultural events in the future.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

We offer 'low gluten' hosts. Wheat content less than 0.01%. Go to the priest for Communion.

Information Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate

Do you feel that Christ is calling you, but you are not sure what it is He is calling you to do? He may possibly be calling you to serve His followers as a Permanent Deacon. If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 59, single or married, this form of service may just be the answer to what you may be looking. To learn more about the program, please come to one of our information sessions. We are currently in the process of putting together our next class that would begin in 2025. The final information session will be at Our Lady of Loreto parish hall in Worcester on **Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 pm**. For more information or to register for a session please contact Deacon Donald Pegg at dpegg@worcesterdiocese.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.

Volunteers Needed Bishop's Holiday Dinners

Last year, with the incredible support of nearly one thousand volunteers, we served **over 6,500 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals** to those in need. We extend our deepest thanks to you all - our volunteers, sponsors, and donors - for making this possible. Catholic Charities needs volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas meal packaging, deliveries, and the sit-down dinner events! Here's how you can get involved on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Visit www.ccworc.org/bishopsdinnervolunteer/ Thank you.

St. John's H.S. Open House

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am. During this event, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff, and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to boys and young men in grades seven through twelve. To register, visit www.beapioneer.org/experience.

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

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes." - *St. Clement of Alexandria*

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** about patients listed by their parishes. **Therefore, you must call the rectory if you would like Msgr. Sullivan to visit a loved one.**

Women's Guild Events

Craft Night: Join us for a Thanksgiving/Christmas season floral arrangement with Sally from Herbert Berg Florists. This will be held on **Tuesday, November 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** in the Cost of the arrangement is \$25.00 and **RESERVATION** must be made in advance. Space is limited to 25 attendants. Sally will demonstrate how to create a holiday arrangement that promises to add to your holiday décor. Please contact Donna Byrnes at 508-753-3024 or by email: dbyrnes@charter.net for reservations **before Wednesday November 13.**

Advent Evening of Recollection: Monday December 2. Fr Tom Landry will offer his Advent message following the 5:30 Mass. A light meal will be served in the Johnson Room. Donation for the evening is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. Again, reservations (for meal planning) are required by calling Donna Byrnes at 508-753-3024 or by email: dbyrnes@charter.net before **Monday, November 25.**

We cordially invite women of the parish to join us for any events. If you have not yet joined the Guild, please drop your check or cash (\$10.00) in an envelope with the notation of Women's Guild through November 10.

March for Life Registration!

Plan now to attend the 52nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 24, 2025!** Buses will leave from St. Paul Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 23 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at Cathedral at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$150 per seat. Registration deadline is December 13. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider donating to help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank 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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' Annual Diaper Drive

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 tens of thousands of diapers in the year ahead. We hope you can help us. 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 in care of the Knights of Columbus. Or you can make an online donation at: www.ccworc.org/diaper-program-donate/

FREE HOME PICK-UP!

By St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester and Hampden Counties is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need of food, clothing, rent, and utilities. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit our website at <https://svdpworcester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact our partner (CMRK) at **508-474-8966**. Please Help us help our neighbors in need! Thank you!

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 10

1:00 pm - Baptism Prep, Rectory

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day

7:00 am - Morning Mass

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

7:15-8:30 pm - 'Intro to Catholicism'

Wednesday, November 13

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

7:00 pm - Parish Council

Thursday, November 14

7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 15

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, November 17

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

No classes are scheduled for **this weekend** because of the Veterans Day holiday.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, November 17**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10** will meet **next Sunday, November 17**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Victim Services Coordinator (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-726-2880). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** continues. The funds support the high-quality hospitality and care offered at **Visitation House** for well over three hundred pregnant women and their infants since 2005. Checks should be made **payable** to *Visitation House, Inc.* (not Christ the King). You can also donate online at visitationhouse.org.

Every Life is Sacred

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, the value of human life is being threatened by the harsh treatment of so many minority groups and the disabled as well as through physician assisted suicide, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?

The basis for all that the Church believes about the moral dimensions of economic life is its vision of the transcendent worth, the sacredness, of human beings. The dignity of the human person, realized in community with others, is the criterion against which all aspects of economic life must be measured.

There exist sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel. The equal dignity of all persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.

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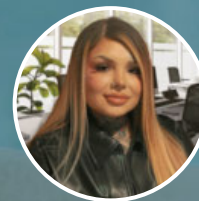
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