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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

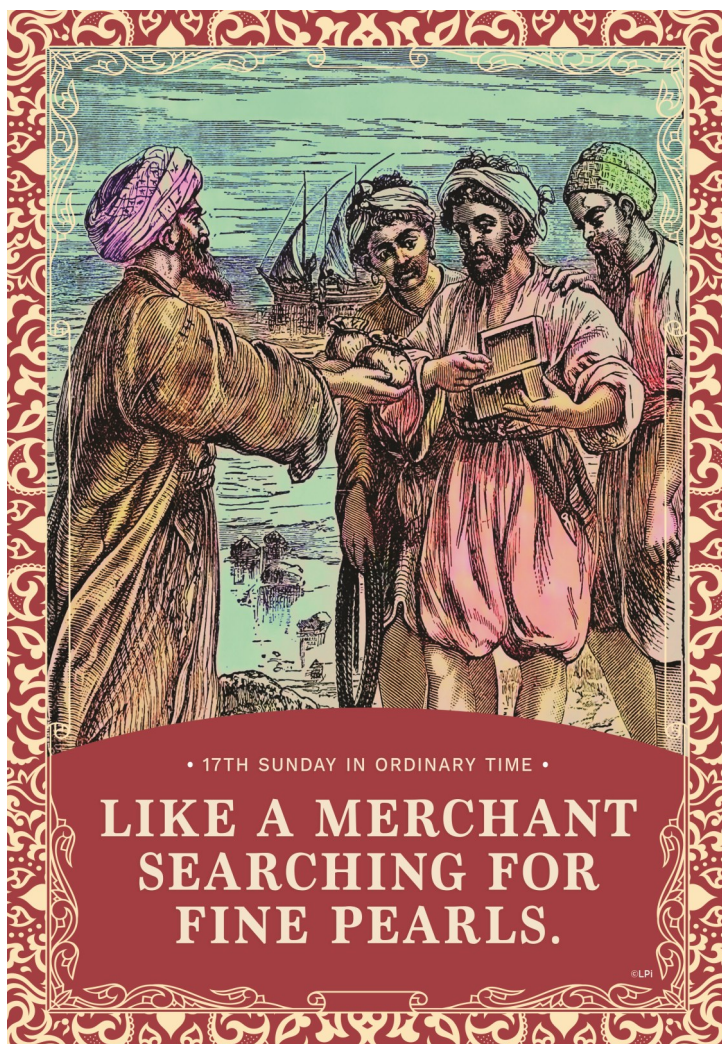
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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





Saturday—August 1st

4:00PM Joanne M. Belisle (mem.) req. of The St. Martin Family

Sunday—August 2nd

7:30AM Jaclyn Babineau (month's mind) req. of The Dulude Family

9:00AM Henry 'Hank' Cusick (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—August 3rd

7:00AM Todd J. Walles (1st anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—August 4th

7:00AM Patrick Harrington (Living for Better Health) req. of Linda Harrington

Friday—August 7th

7:00AM Rick McGuire (9th anniv.) req. of The Nalbandian Family

Saturday—August 8th

4:00PM Carol Carmody (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—August 9th

9:00AM Judith 'Judy' Juneau (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

REST IN PEACE

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

**The Completion of
Our Organ Renewal**

On **Thursday, July 23**, our organ restorers (Russell & Company, from Vermont) were present again to complete the restoration work. On that day two renewed Schwimmer plates were installed. These are floating pressure regulators attached to the bottom of the organ's windchest to maintain steady air. All the remaining refurbished pipes have been placed back into the loft. Further electrical enhancements have been made in the lofts where a thousand pipes are housed. The organ console was completely rebuilt with brand new electronic parts from Europe. We are grateful for the progress that was made in this endeavor, the first restoration ever since the organ was installed in the early 1970s. And we are grateful for the contributions made in 2019 through the *Legacy of Hope* campaign which enabled this project to be undertaken. Our estimate for the cost of the project was approximately **\$130,000**. In the end it was completed for a cost of **\$123,395.67**. The differential was because included in the estimate was the cost of hotel housing and meals as the workers were coming from Chester, Vermont. But they always chose to commute (two hours each way) each day they came over the past ten months. Steve Russell said, "there is nothing like your own bed."

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.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses. We celebrate Mass at **7:00 am** each weekday. Mass on **Saturday** mornings is at **8:00 am**. Some of the feast days or special observances celebrated this week are **Saint John Vianney, Priest** (Tuesday); **The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, in Rome** (Wednesday); **The Transfiguration of the Lord** (Thursday); **Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs** (Friday); and **Saint Dominic, Priest** (Saturday).

Offertory

Thank you for your continuing generosity as we meet the financial needs of the parish. We really do need your support and are always grateful for your goodness. This report shows your offertory gifts and donations for last weekend. Thank you.

Offertory: \$7,399.98; **Online Giving:** \$1,320.00;
Mass Stipends: \$70.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$120.00; **Donation in memory of Fr. Millott:** \$50.00; **Donations to Heating System:** \$2,250.00; **Haiti Mission Co-op:** \$1,300.00; **Annual School Appeal:** \$200.00; **Assumption:** \$110.00; **Fuel:** \$100.00; **Peter's Pence:** \$25.00; **Eastern Europe:** \$110.00; **Parish Outreach:** \$106.00.

Total: \$13,160.98

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**) or email him (tsullivan5@mac.com) to schedule a meeting or a baptism.

**PARISH PICNIC ~ AUGUST 30
SAVE THE DATE**

As we have for many years, a Parish Picnic is planned for **Sunday, August 30, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.**, right here at CTK. We hope you will come, participate, and get to know your fellow parishioners better. For more information about the event or to learn what you can do to help us please contact **Janet Rauktis** at **508-752-0462** or email her at rauktisj1@gmail.com.

**Announcing Homilists for the
15th Annual Novena to St. Joseph**

We look forward to celebrating the Novena to St. Joseph in its fifteenth year. We will pray for the terminally ill and express our opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. Again, it will be held for nine straight Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:00 pm. It will **begin** on Monday, **September 14** and conclude on Monday, November 9. The guest homilists this year are Bishop Robert McManus (Sept 14); Father Stephen Gemme (Sept 21); Father Adam Reid (Sept 28); Father Richard Trainor (Oct 5); Father John Gavin, SJ (Oct 12); Father José Andrés Rodríguez (Oct 19); Father Zachary Sullivan (Oct 26); Monsignor Thomas Sullivan (Nov 2) and Father Michael Hoye (Nov 9).

Major Overhaul of Heating System We Can Use Your Help!

Currently we are undergoing a major capital project at Christ the King, a comprehensive rehab of our heating system, which embraces both the church and the rectory. Recall that last summer some amendments were made to the rectory. We added wireless, electronic thermostats. This summer's rehab is much more ambitious. Our gas burners, purchased in 2008, have been removed already. New gas burners will soon be installed. New pumps and outdoor vents are also needed to bring our system up to code. Sixty-four individual valves need to be replaced inside the church. But that job is so big that it cannot all be done in one summer. Bafaro Plumbers will have to return next year to complete the work on the installation of new valves. Most of the old ones (originals from 1958) are corroded.

The most complicated part of the work is finding a new way to heat the outer offices of the rectory, near the front entrance. In 1961, when the rectory was built, pipes from the main portion of the rectory to these offices, were buried in the floor under cement. Each time they have leaked the rectory floor has to be jackhammered open to get at that them for repair. We have already had to do this three times. New leaks in the old system could happen at any time. So, at great expense, we are re-routing the heat through new pipes to be installed in the ceiling. Asbestos abatement has already taken place in several places.

The **price tag** for this major project will be **about \$200,000**. We would **appreciate any help** you can give us. We will happily accept **checks made payable to Christ the King**. Just put in the **memo line "heating system."** You can also earmark gifts through our parish online giving portal at **ctkworc.org**.

In the fifteen years I have been here we will have **spent \$1.5 million** in necessary repairs and upgrades. After these repairs and the continued work to follow on our heating system next summer, we should be in good shape.

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

Holy Hour on First Friday Each Month ~ Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The next scheduled date is this **coming Friday, August 7**. The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. Please come from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER!

Our next collection day is Thursday, August 13. We collected 523 pounds of food on July 9. Thank you. Your donation of food nourishes our neighbors and helps to keep pantry shelves stocked. We have set up a program to collect non-perishable food items (behind the rectory) on the **Second Thursday of each month (only), between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm**.

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. For years we have **not been able to obtain any information from St. Vincent's Hospital, 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. Monsignor is entirely dependent on information that you can provide!**

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

COMING TUESDAYS THIS FALL
Introducing the Roman Catholic Faith
Tell Someone You Know!

A 15-session program to be held on Tuesday evenings this fall and early winter, this program will introduce learners to **all the major beliefs held by the Roman Catholic Church**. It is designed for two kinds of folks: (1) Inquirers unfamiliar with the belief of Catholics and/or who may be considering receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass (March 27, 2027) or later; and (2) Any interested person if they would like a "refresher" in the basic beliefs of Catholics. The program will be held in the **Johnson Room, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm**, on the following **Tuesdays**: September 1, 15, & 29; October 6, 13, 20 & 27; November 3 & 17; December 1, 8 & 15; January 12, 19 & 26.

Those adults seeking Baptism (at Easter) will be offered the support customarily offered to "catechumens." There is no cost to participate. And each participant will be given a free copy of *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* which is used in our sessions. For further information, please contact Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan by calling him at 508-450-2556 or emailing him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

'COATS FOR KIDS' Appeal ~ August 22 and 23

It is unusual to think about winter coats during August but the Knights' leadership at Supreme Headquarters needs early orders for the winter coats for kids. We want to ensure that children in our area have a coat for the winter season. After all our parish Masses on August 22 and 23 Knights of Columbus members will conduct the appeal in the vestibule if you would like to so donate money for the purchase of coats. Our parish's KofC Council (#12691) began this endeavor ten years ago. Each year we distribute hundreds of winter coats to local children, the largest amount of any Council in Central Massachusetts. Many parishioners have contributed in the past and our Knights continue this effort. You can contribute at church or send your donation to: Wes Cotter (the Grand Knight), 8 Quaker Road, Worcester, MA 01602. **Please make checks payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council 12691' (not Christ the King).**

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

“Don’t be anxious about what you have, but about what you are.” - *Pope St. Gregory the Great*

Adult Confirmation Program

Were you baptized and received Holy Communion but were never confirmed? Do you want to be able to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor? If any are interested, our parish has preparation sessions each year for those adults who were never confirmed. The program is for adults who were baptized and received First Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) but never completed their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have not received Holy Communion, you can be prepared for that as well. Msgr. Sullivan conducts the 5-session program on Thursday evenings in the parish rectory (October 29; November 12; December 3 & 17; and January 7) from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. The Bishop of the Diocese celebrates this final Sacrament of Initiation for adults from throughout the Diocese. The Confirmation ceremony will take place at St. Paul’s Cathedral, in Worcester, in 2027, on a day and time to be announced, perhaps in the spring. Adult candidates for Confirmation should already be going to Sunday Mass. A candidate does not have to be married to be confirmed, obviously, but if already married it must in the Catholic Church. We may be able to assist you with that as well. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Sullivan at either 508-450-2556 or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Partners in Charity Appeal

The Diocese needs everyone’s help

**We Still Need \$300,000+ to meet
our Goal of \$4.8 million**

Please Donate:

Mail: check payable to: *Partners in Charity*
& send to Christ the King,
1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester 01602

Or give online: Partners-charity.net

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Not Obligatory this Year ~

This special Solemnity takes place on August 15 each year. However, August 15 falls on a Saturday this year. When it falls on a Saturday there is no obligation to attend Mass on this feast. We will celebrate the Mass for the Assumption on Saturday morning, August 15, at 8:00 am, because it is still a holy day. Saturday afternoon’s Mass will be for the Twentieth Sunday of the Year.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, August 2

9:45 am - Coffee Shop after Mass

Monday, August 3

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Friday, August 7

7:00-8:00 pm - Adoration & Benediction

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

REGISTER NOW FOR 2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration forms were mailed in June to all those families (registered in the parish and known to us) for next year’s classes. **And a week ago we sent the forms out again through Flocknotes.** Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us as you can...**with your check** (\$40 for each student enrolled) for the religious education fee. If you did not receive one (or perhaps mislaid it) please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can send one in the mail or by email. The forms we sent were for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (pre-school) through Grade 10. The *Confirmation* program is a separate process, and those candidates have already been enrolled.

Prayer for a New Diocesan Bishop

Bishop Robert J. McManus, our diocesan bishop since 2004, turned 75 years of age this past July 5. The protocol of the Church is that a diocesan bishop must tender his resignation to the Holy Father, Pope Leo, before that day. We now await the pope’s decision on a new bishop. The Diocese of Worcester prayerfully anticipates that announcement. In the meantime, we should pray for the blessing of a new bishop, the sixth in our diocesan history. The following prayer can be used:

Loving God, in your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Worcester a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors. In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ’s heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Why Religious Education is Important

We hope that all the sons and daughters of our parish will register in our Religious Education program this year. Religious Education helps us to understand our Catholic faith. We know Jesus and the Bible more deeply. We learn from the wisdom of the saints and other good people. We understand how to celebrate our faith. We grow in our understanding of Church teachings. It explores and celebrates God's truth, goodness and beauty. And it helps us to pray and worship with more understanding, depth and love.

Religious Education improves our quality of life. Catholic beliefs help us find meaning and purpose. Moral principles give direction. Prayer and liturgy bring us closer to God. And it helps us to make good choices. It helps us to develop our consciences and how to answer important questions. How can I help to heal the earth? What does it mean to be sexually healthy? How can I help those who have little?

Religious Education helps us to explore life's deep questions. Why do good people suffer? What is love? Why be just? What happens after we die? How do we know God exists? What is my purpose in life? Why should I care about other people? And it gives us practical skills for living. Reflection helps us to learn from our actions. Discernment helps us to choose between difficult choices. Critical thinking helps us to understand our own thinking patterns. Conscience formation helps us to find God's will for our lives.

Religious Education gives us tools to follow a path of life that leads to happiness and intimacy with God. It teaches us moral and spiritual paths to move us toward the ecological conversion needed to save us from environmental catastrophe.

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