



Christ the King

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Catholic Church

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Sat.: 4:00-4:30pm & anytime by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: please call the rectory, 860-434-1660, anytime a person is sick & would like anointing or a visit

Baptism:

please call the parish office to arrange pre-baptismal instruction & ceremony date & time

Holy Orders:

to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon call the rectory or Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, vocations office 860-887-9294

Matrimony:

preparation for marriage must begin **at least six months before** the actual ceremony

Confirmation:

preparation *begins in 8th grade* & students receive the sacrament in 10th grade

Adults can join OCIA (for questions on this please contact the office and leave a message for Jo Ann Staves

SACRAMENTAL Life Eucharist:

Mass: M-F: 8:00am

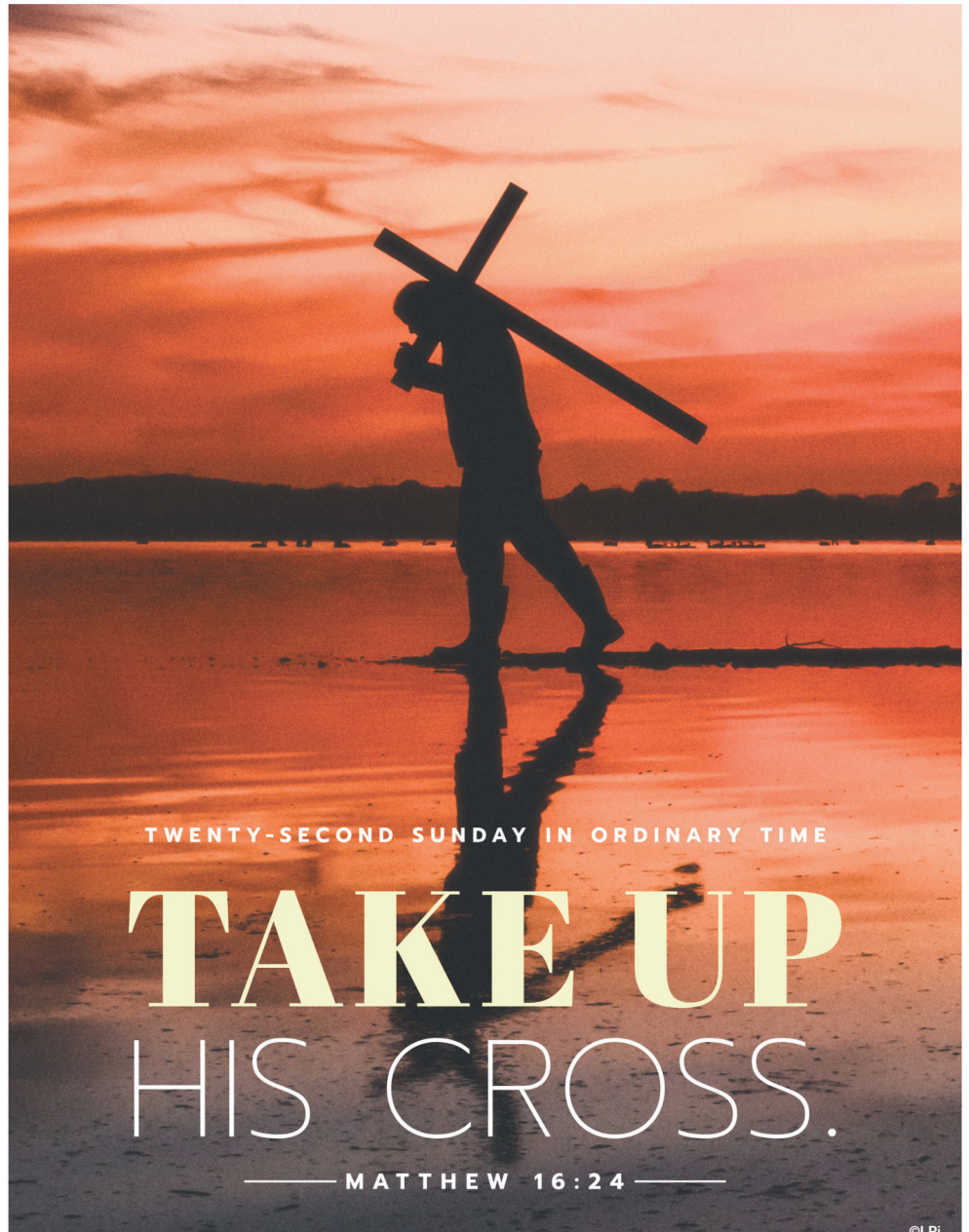
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am

Join us! Can't join in person? Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream! Links to join can be found on our website

Sexual Misconduct Services: 800-624-7407



Your parish team is here for you!

Fr. Joseph C. Ashe, Pastor

Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar

If you are in need of a priest, please

contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter

at the Rectory: 860-434-1660

Adoration:

M-F: 6:30-7:30am & Fri: 9:00am-Noon

Parish Prayer Line

to request prayers for any intention large or small please call Michele at 860-434-8529 & leave a message. intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous.

CONTACT US!

Rectory: 860-434-1660; **Parish Office** 860-434-1669

Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Faith Formation Email: drechristthekingol@gmail.com

Parish Website: www.christthekingchurch.net

Church Staff: Kimberly Whitcomb, *Administrative Assistant*; William J. Thomas, *Director of Music Ministries*; Erica Zapatka, *Director of Faith Formation*; Sulma Garcia, *Housekeeper*

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Parish Trustees: Marylin Clarke & Richard Torrenti

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

OUR MISSION

We make our journey through life in the company of one another while growing by the words of Jesus Christ, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and in the spirit of Vatican II as taught to us by the Church.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR. JOE

DON'T GET SCAMMED!! The latest email scam going around is a "special event invitation" email that appears to come from someone you know—even another parishioner! Do not click on the links in the email! Always Pause, Think, and Look for red flags – Has this person ever sent you an evite before? Or any kind of invitation? Does the email have any actual details (date, time, place, reason for event)? If you're still questioning its validity, confirm the invite with the person who "sent" it, using a different method – phone, direct email, or in person. And remember this, too: Fr. Joe does **NOT** email, so anything claiming to be from him is a SCAM.

Please just delete these!

Offertory Sign-ups for Weekend Mass Volunteers are needed to bring up the gifts during the offertory at weekend Masses.

This tradition of the faithful carrying the bread & wine to the altar symbolizes our returning to God the many gifts that he has bestowed on us. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of August 30, 2026

Sat. Aug. 29

5:00pm + Catherine Spencer r/b the Lennard's
+ Christine & David Ballard r/b Dad

Sun. Aug. 30 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am + Rita Gagner r/b Michelle Gagner
10:30am + Dr. Brendan Fox (4th Anniv.) r/b his family
+ The Deceased members of the Warren & Amy Randall family
r/b the family
11:30am Baptism, Christ the King

Mon. Aug. 31

8:00am Parishioners of Christ the King

Tue. Sept. 1

8:00am + Charles W Daly r/b Dee & Jerry Vowles

Wed. Sept. 2

8:00am + Tin Roses r/b Joan

Thur. Sept. 3

8:00am + Dennis O'Brien (8th Anniv.) r/b the family

Fri. Sept. 4

8:00am + Sister Katherine McKenna r/b D Lavoie-Gonci & family

Sat. Sept. 5

5:00pm + Louis D'Avanzo r/b Maria & Grace
+ Burton Patterson r/b the Whitcomb family
+ Gerald Holland r/c D Lavoie-Gonci & family

Sun. Sept. 6 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am + Rita, Bob, & Christopher Sulick r/b Paula Melillo
10:30am + Gerald Holland r/b Ron & Dorothy Paine
+ Skip Beebe r/b Ken & Kathy Burton
11:30am Baptism, Christ the King

**The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of August will be lit for
Bridie Craig r/b Tom & Helen Higgins**

At a meeting of the bishops of the ecclesiastical Province of Hartford, of which the Diocese of Norwich is part, the Bishops decreed that fifteen dollars (\$15) is to be the amount for stipends for Masses, effective January 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please see either Fr. Joe, Fr. Walter or Kim in the office.

CTK Parish Office Summer Hours

For the summer season, the office will close early on Fridays (at 12:30pm)

**Christ the King Sanctuary Candle may be reserved on a weekly basis in memory of
or to honor a loved one.** The suggested weekly donation is \$10

If interested, please contact the parish office at ctkoldlyme@aol.com or (860) 434-1669.

**If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass & would like one of our
Eucharistic Ministers to deliver, please contact Kim at the parish office to make arrangements**

Sustaining our Legacy: Nurturing our Community of Faith - PROJECT UPDATE

We have completed several projects with funds from the Capital Campaign.

- Insulated the crawlspace in the rectory
 - Replaced wooden columns with steel in rectory basement
 - Replaced Sanctuary and Narthex roofs
 - Repaired Sanctuary Dormers
 - Replaced older furnace and A/C unit in rectory
- We are beginning the update of the church heating system to improve efficiency and reviewing options for replacement of the hall carpet. All of this is made possible through your generosity and faith!

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" -

Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

The Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted Sept. 12th & 13th throughout the Diocese. This will be an in-pew collection and informational flyers/ donation envelopes are available in the church. Appropriately titled, Faith for the Future, the collection recognizes that our future is dependent upon our children receiving the best education possible. Our 9 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment providing exceptional academic, social and moral growth, preparing our children to become the future leaders of our church and communities.

Please make checks payable to your parish and in the memo write Catholic Schools/FFF. We truly appreciate whatever sacrifice you can make to support our fine elementary schools.

Bring any unwanted silver (& silver-plate), gold, jewelry (broken or mis-mate) & earring backs and donate to Christ the King. Our elves will have it turned into cash to benefit the church. Drop off to the office anytime during regular office hours or arrange to meet at a time that works for everyone!!

Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept 19th - 8:30-3:00 & Sunday Sept 20th - 9am-noon (Rummage and Silent Auction)
WE NEED YOU! Volunteers needed to help plan and run a great event! Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex, online sign up at church website, or email
ctkharvestfestival@gmail.com

Silent Auction DONATIONS: Donations of new items or gift certificates are needed. Completed baskets or gift certificates should be brought to the office by September 11th. Also, please include the value of completed basket or item so we know where to start the bidding. Questions concerning Silent Auction should be directed to Donna Staab 732-809-2712.

Rummage Sale: volunteers needed, for intake & prep as well as cashiers, & room attendants on Saturday & Sunday. Many hands make light work!!

Intake days: Mark your Calendars! 9am-noon
Tues-Sept 1st through Saturday Sept 12th
with Evening hours 5-7:00pm: Thurs Sept 3rd & Thursday Sept 10th

Quality please: We will gladly accept clean and gently used household items, jewelry, small furniture, Christmas treasures, children's toys, books, and sports equipment. Please mark sizes of linens, sheets, and tablecloths. **A full list of acceptable items is posted near the office as well as on our website.**

Plant Sale: Home grown perennials are always a hit at the plant sale, plan to donate your separated and potted perennials to our sale.

Bake Sale: We will need many bakers to make yummy treats for the bake sale. Get your favorite recipes ready and sign up to bake!

Kids Games: A great way for confirmation students to earn service hours! Help with supervising the outdoor kids games on Saturday. ***Volunteering in any capacity is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners and be involved with our wonderful CTK community!!***

Today we will conduct the **National Combined Collection (NCC)** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please connect people with Christ through communication resources, & help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

**Christ the King Church Men's Club
is looking for members!**

We are an active organization that meets once monthly, at 6pm on the first Thursday, to support the needs of both the church & the community.

We operate under three guiding principles: 1) spirituality 2) stewardship 3) socializing
for more information, contact Bob Brinkerhoff, President, at 860-748-9378 (call or text), email at rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the CTK website

The newly formed Christ the King Women's Club is looking for members!

The goal is to create social functions, fundraising events & form a foundation where women can support each other through everyday challenges. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30. Hope to see new faces and existing members!. For more information email Terri Carreau at carreautl@gmail.com or visit the CTK website

Parishioners that need specific help are encouraged to use the bulletin board across from the Parish Office. Parishioners are also encouraged to advertise their services on the bulletin board. Please see Kim in the office with any questions. You are encouraged to view the bulletin board periodically as it contains diocesan, parish, and local information that may be of interest.

Christ the King Church is looking for volunteers!

Altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, & collectors are needed for all weekend masses!

We would love for you to join & REMEMBER;
no experience is required! Those interested please reach out to the parish office at **860-434-1669** or ctkoldlyme@aol.com to arrange training

DID YOU KNOW *If you use a credit card to make your donations through Parishsoft Giving there is a processing fee charged by the credit card company to the church for each transaction?*
Contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Stewardship Corner

At Christ the King Church, Second/Special Collections are combined with our primary collection during the Offertory each week. We will be providing information about the timing & purpose of each collection as it approaches, in the Weekly Bulletin (refer to the "Stewardship Corner") and pre-Mass announcements, as well as on our parish website. In addition to the Sunday envelopes (for parishioners using the envelopes for giving), there are "extra" envelopes provided which do not necessarily coincide with a planned Second/Special Collection. These often relate to an observance during the liturgical year which may or may not fall on a Sunday. Our online giving platform, ParishSoft Giving (formerly Faith Direct) also offers opportunities to contribute to many of these Collections. Anyone who would like to participate in the special collections may drop a blank envelope in the basket with their gift notated. Blank envelopes are available in the Narthex.

8/30 National Combined Collection

2026 ACA update: As of August 13, 2026, Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme has donated \$77,710.49 or 85.38% of its goal, and 14.00% of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

We will receive back 50% of the pledges over 100% for use here at Christ the King. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2026. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Please consider passing this bulletin on to someone you know or someone who has not been attending Mass recently. Perhaps all that person needs is a little bit of encouragement and a friendly invitation to start attending Mass again.
Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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Connecticut Catholic Men's 2026 Conference

Men are invited to attend on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Holy Cross Catholic High School in Waterbury.

Doors open 7:30am & the program begins 8:30am This inspiring day of faith and fellowship features nationally known Catholic speakers, along with opportunities for Confession, Eucharistic fellowship, Catholic exhibits and ministries, & concludes with Vigil Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher j. Coyne. Lunch is included. Tickets are \$45 for adults & \$30 for students. Deacons & seminarians attend free. Register today at: CTCatholicMen.org

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,

Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.

Amen.

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The Saint Pio Parish Ladies Guild is sponsoring a Polish Dinner Sep. 11, 5:00pm to 7:30pm at St. John School, 42 Maynard Rd (behind St. John church). Dinner will be available for dine-in or to go. Dinner will include traditional Polish favorites (Golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, sauerkraut & more.) The price for an Adult ticket is \$25. Children 8 & under are free but must have a ticket. Tickets sold after mass beginning Aug. 23/24 and the parish office beginning Sept. 1st. Last year's dinner was a sell out so get your tickets early!

The Diocese of Norwich seeks a fulltime Executive Director for the Outreach to Haiti ministry. Responsibilities include supervision of staff in the U.S. and Haiti, fundraising, financial management, oversight of operations in the U.S., and oversight of programs in Haiti, including clinic, education, twinning, and hospitality.

Qualifications: Respect and support for leadership & teachings of the Catholic Church, a bachelor's degree, & work experience in a related field. Administration experience & budget management, community relations, & fundraising skill. For a complete job description & mission statement please send an email to jobs2@outreachtohaiti.org.

Applications to be reviewed on a rolling basis as they received; candidates are encouraged to apply early.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick

213 Broadway, Norwich,

Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 8:30 am.

Please join our celebrant, Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year?

Answer: The Vigil of Easter ©LPi

Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Day of Reflection Guest Speaker - Teresa Jorgenson 'The Heart of the Apostolate in Discipleship + Evangelization'

Mass, Adoration & luncheon with Bishop Richard Reidy Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026 St. Andrew's Church - Colchester For more information and to register call Judy Pappagallo (860) 303-4977

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