SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist:

Mass:

M-F: 8:00am Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm Sun.: 8:00am & 10:30am

Adoration:

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

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Sat: 4:00pm—4:30pm and *anytime* by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: (& Ministry to the Sick)

Please call the rectory, **860**. **434.1660**, anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit.

Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and ceremony date and time.

Holy Orders:

To learn more about becoming a **priest or deacon**, call Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle at the rectory or Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Vocations Office, 860.887,9294.

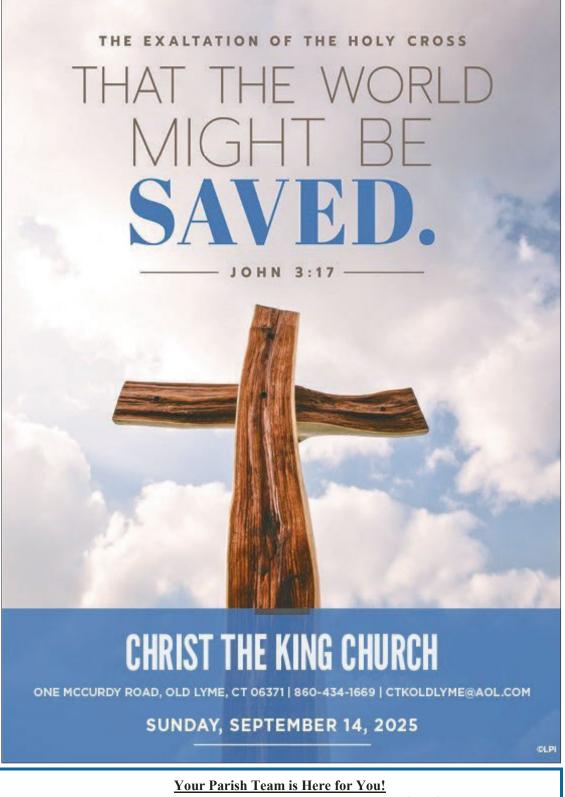
Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin *at least six months before* actual ceremony.

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in grade 8 and
students receive the
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Adults can join OCIA.
For questions about OCIA,
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leave a message for Jo Ann
Staves.

Sexual Misconduct Services: 800.624.7407



Fr. Joseph Ashe, Pastor ~ Fr. Walter Nagle, Parochial Vicar Contact us!

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Masses and Week at a Glance for the week of September 14, 2025

Sat. Sept. 13

5:00pm **** Joanne Nygard r/b Joanne's friends at the**Nearly New Shop

₮ Betty Unikewicz r/b Mark & Barbara

Fischer

** Kay Tubridy r/b the Coffee family 11:0am Funeral, John Bysko, Jr.

Sun. Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:30am / Elizabeth Margaret Brodeur r/b Kathy

& Ken Burton

* Carol Storms r/b Betty & Pete Gallagher

11:30am Baptism, CTK

Mon. Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

Tues. Sept. 16

8:00am **# Bernard Jr. & Barbara Kennedy**

Wed. Sept. 17

8:00am * Camille Schwartz (4th Anniv) r/b family

7:00 pm Small Christian Community Bible Study

Thurs. Sept. 18

8:00am **F** Robert Staab

Fri. Sept. 19

8:00am ***** Cheryl Shirley

Sat. Sept. 20

5:00pm Parishioners of CTK

8:30am—3:00pm Harvest Festival

Sun. Sept. 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am 7 Tom Kelly r/b Betty & Pete Gallagher

9:00am—Noon Harvest Festival

6:30pm Faith Formation Confirmation Class-Last Class



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week of September for the memory & generosity of Phyllis Tambini

Christ the King Mass Times ~ Join Us!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00pm SUNDAY: 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAYS: 8:00am

Can't join in person? Celebrate via our Zoom live-stream! *Links to join are on our website*.



Parish Prayer Line

To request prayers for any intention large or small, please call <u>Michele at (860) 434-8529</u> & leave a message. *Intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous.*



If you are in need of a priest, please contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter at the rectory phone number: (860) 434-1660.



Latest News and Events at CTK

Christ the King Church is Looking for Volunteers!



Collectors and Lectors are needed for weekend masses! We would love for you to join & remember, no experience is required! Those interested in altar serving at CTK Parish, please call the office at (860) 434-1669 or email at ctkoldlyme@aol.com to set up a time for training.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

Parish Pot Luck Supper



Our next supper will be held at Christ the King Parish Hall on Friday, Sept. 26th @ 5:45pm for social hour (BYOB), with 6:00pm for dinner. Please bring a dish, salad or dessert for all to share. All are welcome!

For questions or more information, please call Nancy Gatto at 860-390-6314.

Faith Formation classes begin Sunday Sept. 28, 2025 for all classes! Register now if you haven't already. We are also still looking for volunteers to teach, support each class, & share their talents & faith with the youth of



our parish! Without more volunteers we CANNOT have faith formation classes. Faith Formation Class Times

K - 7th Grade Sunday mornings 9:15am - 10:15am

Confirmation 2027 (8th grade) Sunday evenings 7pm - 8pm

Confirmation 2026 (9th grade) Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8pm

Christ the King Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle may be reserved on a *weekly basis* in memory of and to honor a loved one.

The suggested weekly donation is \$10

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

Friday Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated in the Church *Fridays from 9am until* 12 Noon, with Benediction following.

*Occasionally, Adoration will not be held due to a funeral or wedding. *Please check the CTK website*



Parish Bulletin Submission Deadlines

If you would like to submit any announcements for the bulletin, the deadline is **Monday** by **noon.**

Thank you for keeping your item short. Space is limited.

Parish Readings for the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/

1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-1

BECOME A CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Franciscan University of Steubenville is offering a 3-year training program for those wishing to become certified Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during two-week winter intensives at the Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, Connecticut. All are welcome to apply; no prior experience or education required. If interested, please call 860-928-7955 or immaculateconceptioncenter.org for details.



Claudia Kokoruda & Connor McCoy

Who celebrated their marriage on August 30, 2025 at Christ the King Church! May they continually draw close to the Lord, and draw ever closer to each other!

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 and the community. We operate under three guiding principles:

- 1. *Spirituality* —we pray together, encourage retreats, and provide motivational guest speakers.
- 2. **Stewardship** we raise money and support many charitable organizations and conduct maintenance projects to maintain the church and church grounds.
- 3. **Socializing** we hold monthly meetings enjoying pizza and camaraderie, and we support numerous church social functions. For more information, please contact Bob Brinkerhoff, Men's Club President, at 860-748-9378 (call or text), email at rnbrink@comcast.net, or visit the CTK website.

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, a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

UPDATED START DATE CTK Spiritual Reading & Movie Group will begin The Screwtape Letters Mon., Oct. 6 following the 8:00am mass. All are invited to attend. For information please contact James at 203-779-9066 jpepitone@me.com This book is an engaging account of temptation & triumph over it. Please get the Red, White & Yellow cover version . \$9.64 on Amazon

Involvement Opportunities at Christ the King

CTK August Collection Summary*

Offertory & Monthly Debt \$70,912.31 **Expenses \$53,334.34**

*From Basket Collections, Faith Direct, and Mail **September Special Collection**

9/13 & 14 Catholic Elementary Schools, 9/20 & 21 Energy, 9/27 & 28 Norwich Diocesan Council of **Catholic Women Reaching Out**

2025 ACA update as of Aug. 29, 2025: Christ the King Parish, current amount donated is \$88,607.38 with 15.86% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends Dec. 31, 2025. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. **Thank you for your support!** If you have not made your contribution, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available at the church or contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

We are working with a company to place a student from Spain into a Catholic host family for the 2025- 2026 school year. Please contact Erica for more information (860) 575-1740 or DREChristTheKingOL@gmail.com

Great news—your account has now been upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving! No action required: Your recurring gifts and payment information were securely transferred at vour current gifting schedule. Please note, if you were a weekly giver your gifts will now process each week instead of once a month.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please contact us with any questions at 866-507-8757 or Donor Support at donorsupport@parishsoft.com



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting is rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:00pm.

Attendance at meetings is open to all parishioners, but if possible please give the Council prior notice of your plan to attend, so that there will be ample seating. You can do this using the message form on the pastoral council page of the parish website. Meeting agenda will be posted there, along with minutes of past meetings.



Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study - Christ the King So Much More Than A Bible Study - Grow in

faith, friendship, and community with women who share your Catholic values. WWP blends Scripture study, small group discussion, & real-life application to strengthen hearts and homes. We offer 3 studies on Wednesdays at 9:30AM or 6:30PM, beginning October 1, 2025 (with an additional morning session starting in January) at Christ the King Church, Old Lyme. Not ready to commit to a weekly study? - Come to our Connect Coffee Talks open to all women during our morning and evening sessions on 10/1, 10/29, 12/10, 1/28, 2/25, & 3/25. Visit the WWP page on Christ the King's website or www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

Community Events and Ways to Help



Christ the King Thursday Bible StudyThe Thursday morning Bible Study will begin at

9:00am Sept. 25th in the classroom across from

the parish office. We will begin the <u>First Book of Chronicles</u>. Come join us! Bring your bible or we will loan you one. All are welcome! For more information, please contact **Deb Skaar** at (860) 434-3081

Harvest Festival is next weekend! Our annual fundraising event is **Saturday**, **September 20th 8:30-3pm** (full festival) **& Sunday September 21st 9am- noon** (rummage sale, plants, silent auction) If you've signed up, thank you! If you haven't and would like to help,

email: ctkharvestfestival@gmail.com. Bake Sale goodies for the sale should be dropped off on Friday, September 19th to allow for pricing. Pies are most welcome and a very popular item, cookies, cakes and tea breads are also gladly accepted. Any questions about the bake sale can also be sent to the email address above. Look for email updates this coming week about specific volunteer instructions.

Pray for good weather and come and enjoy the finds, food, and fun!

The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, at 6:30pm Bishop Richard F. Reidy will be the principal celebrant & homilist. The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 24th through Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion.

Small Christian Community, ALL ARE WELCOME! The Small Christian Community Bible Study will continue to meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. For questions or more information, please contact Mark Fischer (860) 598-9392 or Peter Kulas (203) 490-7766.

Creating a culture of vocations...DID YOU KNOW... we all have a vocation? The way we live our life is our vocation - Marriage; Priesthood; Religious Life; or the Generous Single Life! God calls you to live in your vocation to contribute to the Body of Christ. Join Bishop Reidy at St. Joseph church in Willimantic on Friday, Sept. 19th at 6:00pm, as we join together in prayer for vocations in our diocese, particularly for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun

Question: What is the time limit that cardinals have to elect a new pope?

Answer: There is no official time limit. ©LPi

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION –All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2025 Silver & Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard F. Reidy at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at 2pm. Registration is required. To do so, send the following information: husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated & 2nd Fl, Norwich, CT 06360, faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237, x304, Deadline for registering is Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025. This is a firm date, so please register early. Couples may also email a recent digital photo of themselves in a jpeg format to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training. This training is monitored by the **Office for Safe Environments** (OSE)In addition, this training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school. It contains important information about keeping our children & youth safe.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, *Praesidium*, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, *Called to Protect*. The in person *Called to Protect* training classes are available on a very limited basis. **Praesidium** on line is available and is the preferred training at this time. For more information about in person training availability, contact the OSE. If you received training as a presenter of *Called to Protect* and are willing to conduct classes, please contact the Office for Safe Environment as soon as possible.

The **OSE** can be contacted to provide adult programs for parents, parishioners and all interested in keeping our youth safe, such as Setting Boundaries. A convenient time can be arranged. Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information. Kathy D'Amelio, Director OSE, 860-848-2237 ext.212 Revised July 2025

ART AND SPIRITUALITY RETREAT TUES., SEPT. 9TH or SAT., OCT. 18TH from 10 - 3 Well-known local artist, Ed Rosado will team with Sr. Lany Jo at teaching & demonstrating how art can be a segue into prayerful mediation &contemplation. Both Art/Retreats are for those that already have some background in art & in the media they most often use to do especially landscapes, which they will focus on at the scenic lake & grounds of the SHOTL Retreat Center. Please bring your lunch and art supplies. Coffee, tea and other hot and cold drinks will be provided. A donation of \$20 is asked for this Retreat Day. Space is limited, register ASAP at sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.



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