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Daily Masses
Mon. – Sat. 7:30am
Weekend Masses
Sat. – 4:00pm Vigil
Sun. – 8:00am & 10:15am
5:15pm—first Sunday of the month
Daily and Saturday Vigil Masses
also live-streamed on Facebook
Reconciliation Sat. – 2:30pm
Holy Hour Sat. – 8:00am-9:00am

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BAPTISMS

After 10:15am Sunday Mass
Registration is required.



CHRIST^{the} KING PARISH

Corpus Christi Church

601 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:4-5)

PSALM:

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)

SECOND READING:

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13)

GOSPEL:

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Lk 4:24)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life
Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint of the Week

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

We are happy and honored to visit the sick or homebound. Please notify the rectory.

MATRIMONY

Please contact rectory office at least six months in advance.

WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Combined Liturgy Meeting for Christ The King and Incarnation: Please help us plan the Lenten and Holy Week Season. Join us at this combined Incarnation / Christ the King liturgy meeting this Monday, January 31st—7pm, in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church. All are welcome to attend.

Beyond Bible Study will now meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, (please note new date) rather than on Mondays. For now, we will meet via Zoom. Contact Deacon Michael for the link: mecassella@gmail.com, or call (860) 965-2526.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Saturday from 8 am-9 am



Jesus is truly present

CANDLES—JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 5

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Denise Fote, requested by Christ the King Parish Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE #2

Jose M. Carrion, One Year Anniversary, requested by his wife.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1

Intention Available.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2

Intention Available.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29—Vigil Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

National Catholic Schools Week begins

4:00pm Edward Pytel, requested by friends.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Gary Johnston, requested by Nora Uricchio

10:15am Catholic Schools Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 31— Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

7:30am—Rosanna Niri, requested by Mommy and Daddy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1—

7:30am—Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2— The Presentation of the Lord
7:30am— For the intentions of the people of Christ the King Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3— Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:30am—Andrea Kapo Scacca & Carlo Scacca, requested by the family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4—

7:30am—Francois Dupuis, requested by his Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5— St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30am—Maria Golino, First Anniversary, requested by the Cultrera & Salemi-Pantanon Family

Vigil Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm—Rosemarie Cattanio, requested by family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am—Mary Curtin Uricchio, requested by Bob & Nora Uricchio

10:15am—Marie Boucher Parslow, requested by her sister Jean & niece Rebecca

5:15pm—Rose & Robert Colgan, requested by the family

WORD TO THE FAITHFUL



Pastor's Corner – January 30, 2022

Where **does** the time go? 2022 is already 1/12th over! Wow! It has certainly been a productive and busy first month, and we are progressing nicely toward our merger into one parish later this year. This coming week is just as busy. Here are some of the things happening in our church community this week.

First, today we begin Catholic Schools Week. Corpus Christi School has been, and continues to be, a vibrant and integral part of who we are as Catholics here in Wethersfield. We have a dedicated faculty and staff who work with our parents tirelessly to instill a Catholic education in our children. I thank you for your ongoing support of our school as well. Following the 10:15 Mass at Christ the King, there will be an Open House to which you are all invited.

Second, Wednesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. We will have a special blessing of candles to be used for various liturgies in our church throughout the year at morning Mass, and invite you to bring a candle you use for your prayer time at home to be blessed at that time as well.

Third, Thursday is the Memorial of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr. Traditionally, the church has had a Blessing of Throats on that day, asking the intercession of St. Blasé. While we will give a General Blessing at Masses this weekend, individual blessing of throats will take place at morning Mass on Thursday.

On Friday, we will have a Praise & Worship Holy Hour at Christ the King at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

And next weekend, please keep the men of Christ the King Parish in your prayers as they make their annual retreat at Holy Family Retreat House in Farmington. The Men of Incarnation will also make their retreat there February 25-27. It is open to men from either parish. Call Audrey at Incarnation rectory for more details.

I thank our Lord for all the blessings He has and continues to bestow on us here in Wethersfield!

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 30, 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

**Christ The King Holy
Family Women's Retreat: March 4-6,
Theme is In the Spirit of Trust:**

To have a relationship with God, we need to be able to trust that God will provide for us and guide us on our journey through life. That kind of trust begins in our relationships with others. Join our fellow parishioners on a weekend retreat at Holy Family. Call Mary Tyler (860) 202-9400.

The Incarnation Men's Club wants YOU!

Our Annual Membership drive is underway and renewal letters have been mailed to all current members. Applications are at the entrances. All men are invited to join especially members of Christ the King Parish. Dues—\$10 per year. Call Incarnation for info. at (860) 529-2533.

Church of the Incarnation MEN'S RETREAT will be held at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford on February 25, 26, & 27, 2022. Join Holy Family's retreat team for a wk. of peace & reflection in an exploration of simplicity. In an age of stress, distraction & technology, we'll explore the simple message at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is really essential and important in our lives. We'll explore what it means to live a simple life so that we can discover true freedom and joy. Call John Ewaski at 860-563-3887 or Bill Carroll at 860-604-6793 or visit Holy Family's web site at: www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

Parish Support

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1/23/2022

Offertory:

\$5,218.00

Online Giving:

\$2,084.51

Total: \$7302.51

**We are so grateful to all who
continue to support Christ the
King Parish with your prayers and
financial contributions!**

**Consider online giving!
Sign up on our Parish website**

**The second collection this week-
end is the Catholic High Schools**

Collection. Our Catholic schools provide over 100,000 hours of student led community service. Our students are taught to respect, love and care for others as they prepare for leadership in the church and society.

Day 1 of 9 Days for Life:

**May the tragic practice of
abortion end. Today's prayer and
action:**

www.respectlife.org/day-1

Our Parish Mission Statement

Nourished weekly at the Table
of the Lord, we go forth as
disciples of Jesus to proclaim
what we believe through our
every word and deed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



January 30th

Grades K-6

8am Mass,

Corpus Christi Church

Grades 7-8

6-7pm Class,

Corpus Christi School

Grades 9-10

Fr. Crawford Church Hall

(Incarnation Church)

6:30pm-7:30pm, Blessing Bags

February 6th

Grades K-3

Class 9:05-10:05 am

Corpus Christi School

Grades 4-6

8am Mass, Corpus Christi Church

Grades 7-10

5:15pm Mass, Corpus Christi Church

WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE

We will continue to collect food for our Town and Hartford Churches the third weekend of the month. Ongoing food needs per the Wethersfield Hunger Action Taskforce include:

Canned green beans, carrots, and peas, canned ravioli, ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, soups (Chunky or Progresso), snacks, jelly, peanut butter, and pasta sauce.

After many years of devoted service to our SAC food drive, Catherine Curran and her husband have decided to take a well deserved break. We are now in need of a food deliverer for the 3rd weekend of the month to the Wethersfield Food Bank.

Call MJ Densmore to serve this worthy cause (860) 529-9928.



Novena to End Human Trafficking

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

is observed annually on February 8, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. St. Bakhita is the patroness of survivors of human trafficking. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) invites you to invoke her intercession for all those involved in human trafficking and an end to this societal ill by participating in a novena. Beginning Feb. 8 the link to the daily prayer will be posted on OCSJM's Facebook channel, the Archdiocesan website, and the Archdiocesan YouTube page. Please follow or subscribe to one of these outlets.

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** weekend **March 25-27th in Farmington, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness & compassion. Both women & men have participated in past retreats. Fee for wknd. is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For info. contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

The First Connecticut March for Life! Spread the Word!!!! Let our Connecticut legislators and governor know there are people in our state who value all human life.

Mark your calendar and watch for details. Start planning now to attend. Organize a bus from your parish.

HOMELESS BAGS

Thank you for all donations so far!!

Because of your generosity we have been able to make

400 bags to be distributed thus far. We recently made 100 bags for children. They received snacks, hats and mittens.

We continue this project in church and accept monetary donations. Our next assembly will be on January 30th. Our religious education students will be assembling an additional 400 bags. We have created an Amazon link to make it a little easier for purchases.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3I5TLCG70N9S0?ref=wl_share

The success of this endeavor is all because of your incredible generosity! Call Nora Uricchio at (860) 830-5989 or Nuricchio3@gmail.com

or Daisy Trahan at

Daisy.trahan@gmail.com.



Christ the King Parish is offering a Holy Hour

at 6:30PM on February 4, 2022 in Corpus Christi Church. The Holy Hour will include Lectio Divina, Praise and Worship, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us in prayer for this beautiful event, and enjoy some special one-on-one time with our Lord.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us! On February 6, 2022, following 5:15pm Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Youth Ministry will be hosting a showing of "The Chosen", a

popular television series based on the Gospel. Pizza will be served. What is "The Chosen"? *The Chosen* is a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the top crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him."

LEARN AND GROW

Healing Therapy

There's no one in the world that doesn't desire healing from physical and/or psychological stresses and worries. It is true that we are surrounded by stressful situations in our life. Laughing is considered as one of the ways to experience healing and some others seek it in nature, just gazing at the blue sky or green fields. No doubt that these are some of the ways to experience healing of body and soul.

Unfortunately, some seek healing from worries from the very things that cause them, like for example, drugs and alcohol. Sadly, these spurious and life threatening substances are available practically on every street of our towns and cities. It is like consulting the enemy how to win the war.

Jesus proposes the best way to heal and be healed. A girl suffering from anemia was brought to the doctor. Having had undergone all the required check ups, he found that she was perfectly healthy physically. So he asked her why she was still feeling so sick. She said that she had a grudge against someone and found it extremely difficult to forgive that person.

More than two thousands years ago Jesus taught and practiced forgiveness as the best healing therapy. When you forgive some one, you heal that person as well as yourself by unburdening the accumulated hatred towards someone.

"Healing yourself is connected with healing others" Yoko Ono.

"The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world" Marianne Williamson.

"As soon as healing takes place, go out and heal somebody else" Maya Angelou.

One of the most beautiful prayers in the Bible is the Prayer "Our Father" which Jesus taught us. In this prayer, underlines the importance of forgiving some one wholeheartedly.

"Letting ourselves be forgiven is one the most difficult healings we will undertake; and one of the most fruitful" Steven Levine

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us forgive others. Help us experience your healing power always.

Fr. Zach

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Corpus Christi School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 30th – February 4th. We will begin the week with a Mass of Thanksgiving. The entire community is invited to join us for Mass *in person* on Sunday, January 30th at 10:15 A.M. at Corpus Christi Church. Immediately after Mass, we will hold an Open House at Corpus Christi School until 1 P.M. Parishioners, alumni, current and prospective families are invited to attend. Tours of the school will be available and faculty, students and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Corpus Christi School offers students:

~ MORE personalized attention with an average class size of 16 students

~ MORE specialized after school help

~ MORE opportunities to get your child back on track

Come see how much MORE we can offer your family!!

The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade. To register, visit website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic: We are opening a new chapter in our admissions process. Students who have been accepted and paid the deposit will soon be invited to schedule classes for next year! We are still accepting new applicants and offering the entrance exam in person. WeAreEC#

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

Xavier High School \$25,000 School Cash Raffle is back and \$5K richer.

- Tickets \$100 each. 800 will be sold & it's winner takes all.
- The drawing will be at 11 a.m. on April 1 at Xavier High School. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years old to purchase.
- All tax liabilities are borne solely by the purchaser. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown CT 06457. For info., call (860) 346-7735.

Xavier High School will have an Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Come see our fabulous campus as well as meet faculty, staff, and coaches. Our students are given the tools and resources to grow and take on whatever challenge is next. Academics, Athletics, Clubs, Faith, Activities & Friendship. This is what we're about. Register at xavierhighschool.org. Click on Admissions and then Open House. Director of Enrollment Matthew McCaffrey can be reached at (860) 346-7735 x 743.