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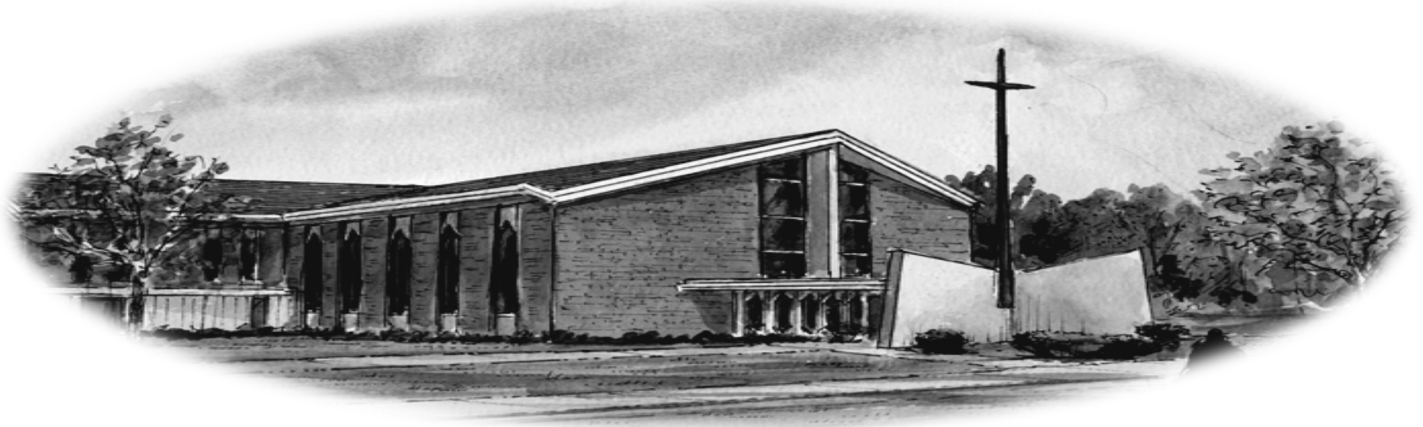
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## *Mass Schedule*

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm  
in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace:  
prior to 9:00 am daily Mass

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.  
Sundays at 12:30 pm

## *Weddings*

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

## *New Parishioner Religious Education Registration:*

The Church of the Incarnation  
welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the  
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:  
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

## *Rectory Hours*

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

# Mass Schedule

## Saturday, February 26th

5:00pm- Anthony Diana

## Sunday, February 27th

8:30am- Christine Munoz,  
Angeline Vignone and Helen Vignone  
10:30am- Paul Winiarski

## Monday, February 28th

9:00am- Guy DiStefano

## Tuesday, March 1st

9:00am- Carola Susanin

## Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

9:00am- Special Intention for Sharon  
Szczerba

5:30pm- James Moura

## Thursday, March 3rd

9:00am- For all our parishioners

## Friday, March 4th

9:00am- Daniel & Megan Alfano & Gregg  
Secor

## Saturday, March 5th

5:00pm- Santina & Donato Bellantuono

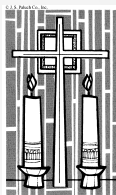
## Sunday, March 6th

8:30am- Deceased members of the Forgetta,  
Labbadia & Davia Family  
10:30am- Emilia Gaetani

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn  
from 2/28/2022-3/6/2022 in  
memory of Steven D'Onofrio.

## **The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle**

will burn from 2/28/2022-  
3/6/2022 in memory of Gerald N. & Selma  
W. Sciarra, James P. Ridolfo, Jr. & Angelo  
Tomasso, Jr..



## **This weekend marks the start of the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish.**

If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. Archbishop Blair's Homily Video will be shown this weekend at all masses. Theme is Stronger Together.

**There will be a combined Liturgy Committee meeting** Monday, February 28th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall, (Incarnation Church).



**Ash Wednesday is March 2nd....** Ashes will be distributed at Incarnation Church at the 9am mass, at a 3:30pm Ash Service and at the 5:30pm mass.

**Christ the King will offer ashes** at a 7:30am mass, 9am ash service & 12:10pm mass at Corpus Christi Church.

## **LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

What a gift — the gift of divine forgiveness! This Lenten season, the Archdiocese of Hartford is continuing an Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lenten confessions will be offered Mondays during Lent from 6:30-7:30pm at Incarnation Church.

**Easter Communion Regulation:** Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

**Lenten Mass Schedule:** During Lent **daily Mass at Incarnation Church** will be held at 9am Monday-Friday excluding Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

**Christ the King Parish** will celebrate daily mass during Lent at 7:30am at Corpus Christi Church. **Christ the King Parish** will celebrate Saturday morning Mass during Lent at 7:30am at Corpus Christi Church.



**Lenten Regulations:** Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have not yet marked their 59<sup>th</sup> are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**For the Season of Lent**, the Holy Holy can be found on page 14 and the Lamb of God on page 27 in our missal.

**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 more information (860) 529-2533.

**FRIDAY ROSARY ON THE GREEN...FRIDAY, March 4th, 12noon.** Meet on the Green, weather permitting; otherwise meet in Corpus Christi Church.

**Day 5: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion** of heart to seek & receive the Lord's boundless mercy: [www.respectlife.org/day-5](http://www.respectlife.org/day-5)

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Building a new Parish from Incarnation and Christ the King**

**Q: Where can I find updated merger information?**

A: The Transition Team has a Communication Committee. They will be sharing information via the bulletin, the websites, Facebook, ([facebook.com/ChristtheKingCT](https://facebook.com/ChristtheKingCT)), email, and announcements at Mass. If you have questions, send email to [incarnation.ctk@gmail.com](mailto:incarnation.ctk@gmail.com).

**BAPTISM**



**Gabrielle Camryn Smith**

**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

We are delighted to share that registration is now open for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Our pre-school program is extremely popular and spots are filling up fast!! Don't be left out in the cold - schedule your personalized tour today. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in learning more about our great school, please email Coleen Antico at: [cantico@corpuschristischoolct.org](mailto:cantico@corpuschristischoolct.org) for more information and to set up a tour. Come and see how much MORE we can offer your family!! School encompasses Pre K - 8th grade.

**EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Our enrollment process is in full swing. Accepted students start scheduling classes for the next school year and finalizing this way their enrollment. New students are still inquiring, visiting as a "Shadow for a Day". Families interested in our school always have a chance to schedule a private tour. We also have a Parent Preview Night (mini-open house) coming up on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm.



## **PRAYER CORNER**

### **WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT**

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27  
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving  
 Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel  
 Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer  
 Saturday: First Saturday



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION**

**WILL BE OFFERED BY  
 DEACON MICHAEL CASSELLA  
 FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7PM  
 (NOT GOOD FRIDAY)**

### **ALTERNATING BETWEEN CORPUS CHRISTI AND INCARNATION CHURCHES**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH...CHRIST THE KING  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH....INCARNATION  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH...CHRIST THE KING  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH...INCARNATION  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST....CHRIST THE KING  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH....INCARNATION**

**CHRIST THE KING MEN'S RETREAT which was to be held at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford is rescheduled due to the omicron surge to late March or April. For info. call Brian Freeman at (860) 573-5885**  
**Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church), Wethersfield now has a 5:15pm Mass the 1st Sunday of each month throughout the school year.**

**Christ The King Holy Family Women's Retreat is March 4-6th**, The 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 us at Holy Family Monastery. Call Mary Tyler (860) 202-9400.

**Incarnation will not begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles until further notice.** Check bulletin after Easter for details. Thank you. We still have some 2022 candles available. Please call Incarnation rectory to book.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The First CT March for Life! Spread the Word! Let our CT legislators/governor know there are people in our state who value all human life. Details soon! Organize a bus from your parish.

**BIRTHRIGHT Needs Volunteers:** Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests & caring and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Please call 1-800-550-4900 to help!

**Pastor's Corner - February 27, 2022**

Someone sent in the question recently asking whether our *Prayer For Our Community* “is even a prayer”. Unfortunately the questioner did not leave a name so we could have a conversation about what prayer really is vs how they view prayer. (Yes, this prayer was written by Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr, and it speaks eloquently to what is taking place in our minds and hearts as we move forward with this transition.)

On Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent, and one of the focuses of this season is prayer (along with fasting and almsgiving). And so we would be wise to ask ourselves up front what we think prayer is, and then to reassess what this idea says about our view of and relationship with God.

I came across the following from Franciscan theologian Ilia Delio recently. She writes: “Prayer is the longing of the human heart for God. It is a yearning and desire for relationship with God, and it is God’s attention to our desire: God-in-communion with us. St. Augustine of Hippo captured the longing of the human heart in the beginning of his Confessions: ‘You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.’

“We long for God because we are created by God, and this longing is both the source of our hope in God and the very thing we resist. Prayer is an awakening to the fact that the fulfillment of my life lies in God.

God delights in creation and loves each of us with a personal love. Prayer, therefore, is God’s desire to breathe in me, to be the spirit of my life, to draw me into the fullness of life. When I pray - when I breathe with God - I become part of the intimacy of God’s life.

“To pray is to open up oneself to God who dwells within us. It means holding back nothing from God and sharing everything with God. . . . Only the grace of God can enable us to let go of our fears and allow God to be the God of our lives. True prayer is fundamental for life in God. It is that grace of conversion that opens up our hearts to realize the humble presence of God in our lives. In and through prayer we discover our true selves, the self that God has created each of us to be.

“Life in God should be a daring adventure of love but often we settle for mediocrity. We follow the daily practice of prayer but we are unwilling or, for various reasons, unable to give ourselves totally to God. To settle on the plain of mediocrity is to settle for something less than God, which leaves our hearts restless and unfulfilled.

“Prayer is that dynamic, life-giving relationship with God by which we grow deep in God’s Word, strong in God’s grace, and free in God’s love to dream with God the unimaginable.”

May our prayer this Lenten season help us to grow closer to God, and to His vision for us and for our community.

### Elementary Faith Formation

Our Pathways Family Gathering is TODAY-2/27 after 10:30am Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall. Pflaum families may pick-up their next set of Gospel Weeklies TODAY-2/27 after Mass in Fr. Crawford Hall.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is this Sunday, Feb., 27th at 10:30am Mass. Filomena Marinelli will preside.

Grades 7/8 will meet TODAY, 2/27 - from 6-7pm at Corpus Christi School.  
Grade 9 will meet TODAY, 2/27 - from 6:30-7:30pm at Corpus Christi School.

Our Lenten Family Event will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:45 in Fr. Crawford Hall. More information will be emailed to families this week.

Grade 2: Class on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30am and the Reconciliation Retreat from 1-3pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Grade 3 Class on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am. The First Holy Communion Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. Both will be held in Fr. Crawford Hall.



### LENTEN OPPORTUNITY- CRS RICE BOWL

This Lent, our parish community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our **prayers**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we **give alms**, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities. Rice Bowls are available this wkld., February 26 & 27. WE ASK THAT YOU USE BILLS OR CHECKS MADE OUT TO CRS RICE BOWL & PLEASE RETURN TO THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU!

### Something Special for Lent

**Are you looking for a little extra that you can do during Lent?** The Social Action Committee is sponsoring the "Lenten Crosses" program, which offers you suggestions for Lenten activities.

**Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, cards will be displayed at the church entrances at Incarnation and on the side ledges at Christ The King. Each card will offer opportunities for prayer (green cards), fasting (yellow cards), children's ideas (blue), good works (pink), or to make a donation (orange cards) to a worthwhile agency. These are ways to enrich your observance of Lent. Select one/or more cards & complete the activity during Lent.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2022 PRAYER

Heavenly Father, humbly we come before You knowing that all that we are and all that we have comes to us as a gift from You, our Creator and Redeemer.

We rejoice in the blessings You have bestowed upon us,  
 and we ask that You look kindly upon our Archdiocese and all the many people who dwell in it.

Open our eyes to see those in need of love and care.

Open our ears to hear those who cry out in trouble and in need.

Open our hearts to comfort the anxious and the weary.

What we have received from You as a gift, may we give as a gift to others  
 so that You may be glorified by the love we show to them.

Gracious Father, we pray that this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Stronger Together, will revitalize us as a family of faith and be blessed with success to Your praise and glory.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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