

# CHRIST the KING PARISH



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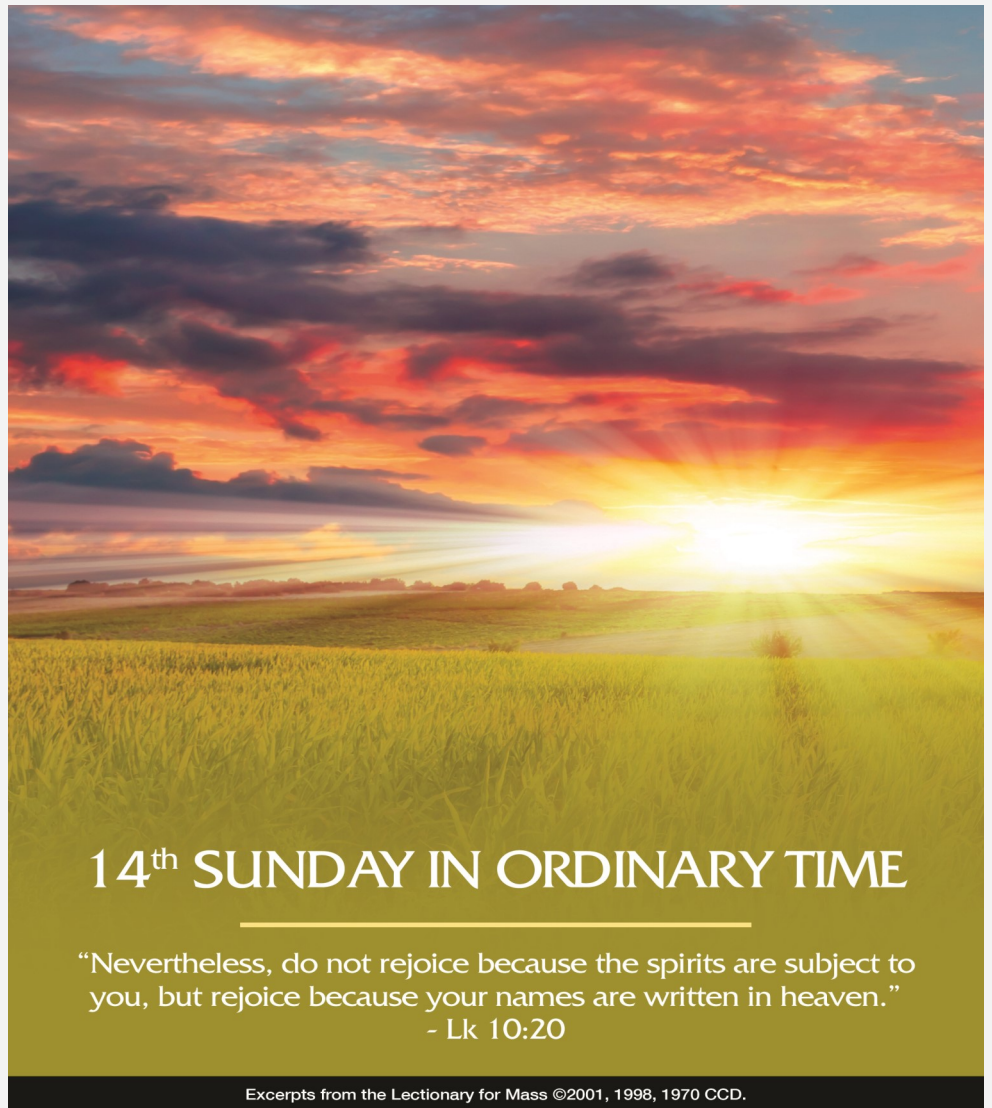
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## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”  
- Lk 10:20

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**JULY 3, 2022 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# WELCOME

## RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30pm (CC)

Saturday: 3:30pm (INC)

### Holy Hour

Saturday: 8am-9am (CC)

Daily & Saturday Vigil  
Masses also live-streamed  
on Facebook (CC)

### Daily Rosary for Peace

8:45am (INC)

### Sacrament of the Sick

We are happy and honored  
to visit the sick or  
homebound.  
Call (860) 529-2545  
to contact a priest.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

After 10:15am Sunday Mass (CC)

After 10:30am Sunday Mass (INC)

Pre-registration required. Call rectory office.

### WEDDINGS

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Available on church website.

## CANDLE INTENTIONS JULY 3—JULY 9

### SANCTUARY CANDLE #1 (CC)

Burns this week in memory of Nick May Jr.,  
requested by his wife and family.



### SANCTUARY CANDLE #2 (CC)

Burns this week in memory of Carl E. Erlacher Sr.,  
requested by Barbara Goldbeck.

### BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1 (CC)

Intention available.



### BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2 (CC)

Intention available.

## CANDLE INTENTIONS JULY 4—JULY 10

### SANCTUARY CANDLE (INC)

Burns in memory of Sam Candiloro.

### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (INC)

Burns in memory of James C. Sanders & Frederick J. Sanders,  
Sr.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Good News! On Monday, we were notified that the merger of Incarnation & Christ the King Parishes into Christ the King was accepted by the State of Connecticut, effective June 1, 2022! A huge thank-you to all who worked tirelessly to make this happen. Christ the King Parish Office is located at the Corpus Christi Campus, 84 Somerset Street, Wethersfield. All business will be transacted from that location. The Phone number is (860) 529-2545.**

**Fr. Nick will be celebrating the Daily Televised Mass for the Office of Radio & Television on Thursday, July 7th at 10am on WCCT-TV.**

**We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with the weekly counting of Offertory envelopes.**

By Archdiocesan mandate, we need at least two teams of people that alternate weeks. The counting will be done on Mondays (when a holiday falls on a Monday, counting will be done on Tuesdays) beginning at 8:30am in Christ the King rectory. It usually takes no more than two hours. Federal background checks are required – we can assist you in getting that done. Anyone interested, contact Fr. Nick.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Choir Loft, Corpus Christi Church. Practice continues through July.

**CHRIST THE KING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1pm, on Wethersfield Green (on Elm Street). Don't forget to bring a chair and your knitting. If it rains, meet in Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Church.

**FRIDAY ROSARY ON THE GREEN:** Every Friday, 12 noon. Meet on the Broad Street Green.

**The Christ the King Rectory Offices will be closed this Monday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.**

**All Bulletin announcements** should be emailed to [ahsaharek@cox.net](mailto:ahsaharek@cox.net). Monday is weekly deadline.

**CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE**  
SPONSORED BY SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE. NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS MAY BE LEFT IN BOX IN CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH VESTIBULE. SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL WETHERSFIELD FOOD BANK.

**DRIVE BY COFFEE/SUGAR HOUSE OF BREAD COLLEC.** 7/3/22, 8-11AM, FR. CRAWFORD HALL.



### BAPTISMS

**CHRIST THE KING PARISH**

**Juliet Marie Gehen**

**Josephine Ruimerman**



# WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

Pastor's Corner – July 3, 2022

How good to be the chosen ones! As the United States celebrates Independence Day, we think back to colonial preachers who described their American venture in biblical terms, calling our early settlements "a new Israel, chosen by God". Abraham Lincoln told the nation that we were "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

In hindsight, we realize that those ideals, like so many human endeavors, were as flawed as they were lofty. The founders' dream of equality applied to white males. The image of being a new Israel was corroded from the start by the fact that instead of fleeing slavery, early settlers bought and sold slaves and treated the Native Americans and their cultures with contempt — all for their own gain.

It's easy to think that God is with us when we win anything from wars to ballgames but our Scriptures challenge us every time we promote an image of God leading the conquerors. On this Fourth of July weekend, Paul's letter to the Galatians, nicknamed the 'gospel of Christian freedom', challenges us with an image of power and glory that undercuts all sorts of pride. Paul says: "May I never boast of anything but the cross."

According to Paul, no attempt at virtue can make us worthy of God's love and grace; those are ours, free and unmerited. God took flesh to identify humbly with us, while we seek a God who conforms to our ideals of power and might.

That is why Jesus sent his disciples to serve, equipped with nothing more than the Gospel message of the reign of God. They were to demonstrate that the reign of love is the only future worth working for and the only one that will last.

In order for the disciples to understand the message they were preaching, Jesus insisted that their gift to others be couched in poverty. They were to go as missionaries without money or provisions; they needed bed and board at the same time as they sought new homes for their message. To everyone's amazement, their mission succeeded.

What are we to take from these readings on this holiday weekend?

We need to pay attention to how countercultural our Gospel is. We may live in the "most powerful nation on earth," but the might of our country has very little to do with the vulnerable, non-coercive character of divine power.

Jesus sent his disciples out without snack packs, credit cards or hotel reservations. Likewise, we too are called to give humble witness to the Gospel of peacemaking, solidarity and justice for the marginalized in a society filled with violence, individualism and private privilege.

Suddenly, being chosen begins to sound more dangerous than special.

Like our ancestors, we are called in spite of our flaws. But if we remember who has chosen us, we won't need to worry about the wolves.

**Christ the King Parish will not begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles until August of 2022.**



Corpus Christi still has some 2022 candles/Masses available. Incarnation still has 2022 candles. Call (860) 529-2545.

**Christ the King Parish.....Q:** Where can I find updated merger information?

A: The Transition Team has a Communication Committee. They are sharing info. via the bulletin, websites, Facebook, (<http://www.facebook.com/CTKParishCT>), email and announcements at Mass. Questions? Email [incarnation.ctl@gmail.com](mailto:incarnation.ctl@gmail.com).



# OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ***SATURDAY, July 2***

#### ***Vigil - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

4:00pm (CC) Carl Liba, requested by the Derech & Thompson Families

5:00pm (INC) Paolo, Santa, Antonino & Sebastiano Zocco

### ***SUNDAY, July 3***

#### ***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am (CC) Joseph & Maria Calleri, requested by the Family

8:30am (INC) Dale Duncan

10:15am (CC) Joseph Aldi, requested by his nieces

10:30am (INC) Charles Feroletto

### ***MONDAY, July 4***

#### ***Independence Day***

***The Daily Mass on Monday, July 4th will be celebrated at 9am at The Church of the Incarnation Campus only. There will be no 7:30am Mass at Corpus Christi on Monday, July 4th.***

9:00am (INC) For the intentions of the people of Christ the King Parish

### ***TUESDAY, July 5***

#### ***Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, U.S.A., St. Elizabeth of Portugal***

7:30am (CC) Maria Gilbert, requested by her family

9:00am (INC) Reverend John J. Crawford and  
Reverend John F. Edwards

### ***WEDNESDAY, July 6***

#### ***Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr***

7:30am (CC) Ann McGovern, requested by the family

9:00am (INC) For all our parishioners

### ***THURSDAY, July 7***

7:30am (CC) Frank Gerco

9:00am (INC) Joseph & Maria Orsini & Deceased members  
of the Nicotera & Orsini Families

### ***FIRST FRIDAY, July 8***

7:30am (CC) Carmela & Dominick Arienzone, requested by  
the family

9:00am (INC) Joseph Aiudi

### ***SATURDAY, July 9,***

#### ***St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs; BVM***

7:30am (CC) 23rd Anniversary for Carmine Attanasio,  
requested by his wife

### ***SATURDAY, July 9***

#### ***Vigil - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

4:00pm (CC) Intention available

5:00pm (INC) Dale Duncan

### ***SUNDAY, July 10***

#### ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am (CC) Jennette Romano

8:30am (INC) Christopher Barnoski and Charlie & Millie  
Christadore

10:15am (CC) Nicoletta Casasanta, requested by her family

10:30am (INC) Donato Gaetani

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Christ the King Parish:

Online registration for 2022-2023 Religious Education will be up and running at the end of June.

### Our Program includes:

**ELEMENTARY GRADES K-6 & MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 7-9.**



The Second collection next weekend is the **Monthly Collection.**

### Please note:

In the near future the weekly & online financial information from Christ the King Parish will be available.

**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**

*Both Incarnation and Corpus Christi Churches offer Low Gluten Hosts for parishioners who need them. Please let the presider know prior to Mass of your request.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world.

Our local council, James J Gannon #4193 is always looking for Catholic men to join Knights of Columbus.

Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus), enter your info. & our council number 4193 to start the process. For info. about the Weth., Council – call Jeff Lojko at 860-965-8036.

## Social Action Committee News

### Help needed for Human Trafficking Survivors

5 of us from the Social Action Committee are now part of the Care/Support Program through a joint partnership of The Underground New England & The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) of the Archdiocese of Hartford. We are the first congregation and first group to be part of this program to pray for and indirectly help meet the needs of human trafficking survivors through their mentor, who works for The Underground.

For this month, we have received requests from the mentor for prayers and items needed for three survivors so far. The five of us can meet a number of the requests on our own, but we can really use some help to fulfill the remaining bigger requests. Here are the requests that we can use help with, which will always include specific prayer requests that anyone can do:

**Survivor #1, female:** Recently got her own apartment & walks 2 hours to get a bus, which then takes her 2 more hours to get to her job by bus, one way. She cannot afford to repair her car, which would greatly shorten her travel time to & from work. We are waiting to learn the approx. cost of car repairs. Money to repair the car is greatly needed. To donate any funds, please put the money or check (made out to CTK Social Action, with “survivor 1” in the memo line) & put in collection basket at either church. The 5 of us are providing a portable A/C unit for her apartment & a gift card to purchase dress clothes for interviewing.

**Prayers:** For job opportunities/a new job (retail) that is close to where she lives/positive interviews for interview process.

**Survivor #2, male:** He just moved into his own apartment & is in need of a dresser, small hutch & small flat screen TV. Our team of 5 will meet the other needs of a tool box, tools, an area rug, a bath mat, and a small coat rack for the wall.

**Prayers:** For strength as he juggles his very full schedule of work/school.

**Survivor #3, female:** Recently moved from temporary housing into an apartment with her Emotional Support Animal (ESA), who needs training. She is incredibly excited about having her own place, decorating it, & hanging her own art on the walls, but she’s overwhelmed by all of the work ahead of her, as she works on her health, school and a job.

**Another need:** She is very crafty and artistic and would like a sewing machine.

Our team of five is providing Walmart gift cards, so she can purchase food because she is not on SNAP benefits yet through the state.

**Prayer Requests:** Peace, calm & structure as she figures out how to balance her schedule. Resources for training her ESA. She’s had to remove someone from her life, and it’s been very painful. Please pray for comfort & strength to make safe choices. If you can donate any needed items besides money, please contact Nancy Kiely at 860-989-5548 or email: [nkiely80331@cox.net](mailto:nkiely80331@cox.net). Thank you so much!!

### Light Up the Dark Event for Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a world-wide public health issue that is happening in increasing & alarming numbers, all over the world, our country, & all over CT. Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking regardless of sex, age, race, citizenship status or level of educational achievement.

An exciting event called, **Light Up the Dark, is Sat., July 30<sup>th</sup> 2-9:30 pm**, Cove Park in Torrington.

Enjoy a day in the park with family/friends for food, music, crafts/face painting. Music by The Wendy May Jam group from 6:30-9:30 pm. Goal of this event is to raise awareness about child trafficking/to protect our youth by supporting local anti-child trafficking efforts. Proceeds benefit anti-trafficking organizations such as The Underground of New England & Love 146, who seeks to end child trafficking/exploitation.



### Sandwich Collection July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:

The monthly sandwich collection for ImmaCare, Inc’s Outreach Program is this weekend. Sandwiches are needed even more during the summer. Thank you to ALL who donated sandwiches in the past! The following is a guide on how to make them:

- Any type of bread may be used.
  - 2 slices meat (ham/salami/ bologna/& a slice of cheese per sandwich
  - About one pound of meat is needed for a loaf of bread. You can vary the ingredients if you don’t have enough of one kind to finish the loaf.
  - DO NOT put condiments/butter on the bread.
  - Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches are also very popular.
- Sandwiches are individually wrapped, put back in the bread wrapper, twisted, and placed in the box in the church foyer at Christ the King.*

## LEARN, GROW & SHARE—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### The Will of God

Every creature comes into this world because God wills its existence. He always sees a purpose in what he creates. Of all creatures, human beings are created as rational beings and as such, they are capable of seeing the good in all he does better than any other creature. The only thing God knows is “Love” which he manifests in different ways and at all times. “The safest place to be is in the center of God’s will”. Carrie Ten Boom.

Once there lived a king who had a very honest minister who was always optimistic in his comments. He served his king faithfully, but God’s will was his number one priority. His favorite comment was “everything happens for good”. He was always convinced that things happened because God willed it so.

One day a war broke out with the neighboring country. It was a great victory for the king, but he lost one of his fingers on his left hand. All the ministers offered their sympathies except his favorite and most admired minister who calmly said that it had “happened for good”. This time the king lost his patience and put him in the prison for not understanding his pain and loss.

A few months later, after recovering his health, he went on an expedition when he was captured and taken as a hostage by the tribal people, who were practicing human sacrifices to their gods and goddesses. The king was chosen for the sacrifice and upon revising his physical conditions, they found him unfit for the sacrifice, because he had a mutilated hand. According to the tribal law, only the best and flawless offerings were offered to appease gods.

Finally, he understood the meaning of the saying “everything happens for good”. The minister was released from the prison and was rewarded for his words of wisdom. “Good is not always God’s will, but God’s will is always good” Watchman Nee.

“Our difficulty is not that we don’t know God’s will. Our discomfort comes from the fact that we know His will, but we do not want to do it”  
Anonymous Author.

“Grace is the privilege of being able to understand the will of God upon your life”  
Gift Gugu Mona.

“If you seek nothing but the will of God, he will always put you in the right place at the right time”  
Smith Wigglesworth.

“God’s plans for you are better than any plans you have for yourself. So, don’t be afraid of God’s will, even if it’s different from yours”  
Greg Lourie.

The Old Testament Icon Abraham, was the father of our faith. He is revered by Jews, Muslims and Christians for his unconditional faith in God. He was even willing to sacrifice his only son as a holocaust. Nothing came between him and the Will of God. St. Joseph, the faithful husband of Mother Mary, firmly believed in the Will of God even in his dreams in order to protect Jesus and Mary. “Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want, it is the belief that God will do what is right”. Max Lucado. “Spiritual maturity is not reached by the passing of years, but by obedience to the will of God”. Oswald Chambers

“He who fights the will of God, fights himself”.  
Gugu Mona.

Jesus came into this world only to fulfill the Will of the Father. There never was a moment when he forgot God’s Will in his life. He also said the “For whoever does the Will of my Father in heaven is my brother, sister and mother”. Mathew 12:50. This is Jesus’ highest tribute to a believer who trusts and does the Will of God. His final word from the cross was “Father, into your hands, I commend My Spirit” Let us imitate Jesus. God will never let us down. Trust in him all the days of your life. “Obedience to God’s Will is the secret of spiritual knowledge and insight” Eric Riddel.

“The Will of God-nothing less, nothing more, Nothing Else” J.E. Marsh. “The whole duty of man is summed up in obedience to God’s will”  
George Washington. Fr. Zach