



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. High Mass

**Monday-Saturday:** 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

**Holy Days:** *please consult the bulletin*

### Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays before both Masses) & First Fridays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

### Devotions

**Every Thursday:** Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Masses this Week

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Elizabeth Jean Nelson  
*requested by Mary L. Nelson*

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

### Monday of the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - Abbé Paul McKown  
*requested by Parishioners*

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Thomas Aquinas

{Institute Patron — Plenary Indulgence}  
7:45 a.m. - Joseph B. Weaver  
*requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family*

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - Andrew & Shannon Palaia  
*requested by Susan Dowd*

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

### Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - J. Kim  
*requested by J. Kim*

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

### Friday of the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Elizabeth Attenborough  
*requested by Raymond Dunne*

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Joseph Adam, Jr.  
*requested by Marian Adam*

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - Living Branch Members  
*requested by Saint Joseph Society Branch 19*  
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

After the High Mass, please join us in the church hall for birthday cake with Abbé McKown

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Plenary indulgence for this feastday of one of the Institute's patron saints

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Holy Hour & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Lenten morning of recollection for gentlemen sponsored by the Saint Joseph men's group

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Catechism class after Mass—*these classes are mandatory*

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

LÆTARE SUNDAY

Monthly social hour after the High Mass

*Try your hand at making a traditional simnel cake!*

**\*\* No Vespers or Benediction \*\***

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH {transferred}

High Mass at 6:00 p.m.—*Servers needed*

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Adult Theology Class at 7:00 p.m.

Theme of talk: "The Blessed Virgin Mary"

*(Please note change of date!)*

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

March for Life in Hartford (bus from the Oratory)

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers needed after Mass to veil the images in church for Passiontide

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

PASSION SUNDAY

Solemn Choral Vespers at 6:00 p.m.—*Servers needed*

## One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal

The Respect Life Ministry supports the Diocese’s efforts to promote and uphold the Church’s teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages. It assists parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. It strengthens parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year. Pastoral care is provided through Project Rachel Ministry and addresses the wounds of abortion. Days of Prayer and Healing are held throughout the year with monthly gatherings for individuals suffering from past abortion experiences. The Ministry will expand its pastoral reach to mothers in need by providing resources to pregnant and parenting mothers.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit: [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), or please call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your mobile 'phone.



## Canon Fragelli, R.I.P.

Dear Friends of the Institute,

On this first day of the month of March, dedicated to St. Joseph, patron saint of a good death, it is with great sadness that we inform you that Canon Henrique Fragelli passed away early this morning in Brazil at the age of 59 years after suffering from a pulmonary infection.

Ordained to the priesthood on July 3, 2008 by His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, he exercised his priestly ministry in Wausau, in the diocese of La Crosse (United States), then in Oakland (United States) and finally in Mouila (Gabon). Through his tireless work and great zeal, he was able to give new life to our mission in Mouila. He established a school, a dispensary and an orphanage.

Having contracted Covid in the spring of 2021, he had to be hospitalized for a long time. Many of you prayed for his recovery. After his miraculous recovery, his health became very fragile.

Deeply grateful for the spiritual support you have generously offered him, I now ask you to pray for the repose of his priestly soul. May he who gave his life in the service of Holy Mother Church within the family of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest now receive the eternal reward promised to those who labor in the vineyard of Our Blessed Lord.

I also entrust the family of Canon Fragelli to your prayers in this time of sorrow, as well as all those who are afflicted by his passing. Throughout this holy season of Lent, may our Mother of Sorrows strengthen us all in the hope of the Resurrection of her divine Son and in the joyful expectation of the heavenly life to come. *Requiescat in pace.*

In Christo Rege,  
Msgr. Gilles Wach, Prior General

## MARCH FOR LIFE IN HARTFORD Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring reduced fares for round-trip bus rides from our parish (departure around 10:15 a.m.; exact time to be confirmed). Visit [rally.co/ct-march-for-life](http://rally.co/ct-march-for-life) and use the code **KOC23SCM** in order to book a discounted seat. **March 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up!** Buses are leaving from several area parishes, so make sure to click on the link for Saints Cyril & Methodius. Canon Altieri will accompany the group from our parish. For more information, please contact Mrs. Maureen Ciardiello, Coordinator of Respect Life Ministry for the Diocese of Bridgeport, at: [mciardiello@diobpt.org](mailto:mciardiello@diobpt.org).

## The Catholic Bridge - A Diocesan Mentorship Program

The diocese has launched a mentorship program benefiting young adult Catholics as they look for career and life guidance. The program consists of one monthly meeting with your mentor or mentee for six months. Meetings can be held in person or via Zoom. If you or someone you know is interested in participating as either a mentor or mentee, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at [CEgloff@diobpt.org](mailto:CEgloff@diobpt.org) or visit [www.FormationReimagined.org/Bridge](http://www.FormationReimagined.org/Bridge).

## We welcome you today to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next monthly social. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 5 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Please hold all conversations outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

### RECTORY MEAL TRAIN

If you are able to provide an occasional meal for the rectory (two persons), please sign up at this link:

[www.mealtrain.com/trains/yv0r1y](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yv0r1y)

Thank you for your help!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m.

After the Stations, there will be the veneration of the relic of the Cross and time for confessions



### THIS SATURDAY! March 11<sup>th</sup> Lenten Morning of Recollection "With Christ in the Desert"

Sponsored by the Saint Joseph Men's Group, this half-day retreat is free-of-charge and is open to all Catholic men. After the morning parish Mass, there will be coffee in the church hall, followed by two spiritual conferences, then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with time for confession before Benediction, and finally a potluck lunch.

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

Second Sunday of Lent