



# 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 6:00 p.m.

**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

July 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. - T.R. & Michelle Rowe & children

*requested by Colleen M. McCarty*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Saint Ignatius Loyola**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Andrew W. Paluha

*requested by Michael & Crystal Howley*

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Saint Peter in Chains**

7:45 a.m. - George Smith

*requested by Denise Manoni-Smith*

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

7:45 a.m. - Joshua Paul Santiago

*requested by Delimarie Malanao*

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Votive Mass of Jesus Christ,  
Eternal High Priest**

7:45 a.m. - Gustilo-Hamar Family

*requested by R. Hamar & Lil Gustilo*

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Jeffrey M. Monks

*requested by Grace Monks*

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

**Our Lady of the Snows**

7:45 a.m. - Canon Altiere

*requested by Parishioners*

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Michael Manoni & Matthew Manoni

*requested by their Parents*



## Upcoming Events

*Please note that the usual Sunday Vespers and Thursday Holy Hours are currently not being held during the summer months.*

**July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Visit of Canon Pierre Dumain while Canon Altiere is home visiting his family for a brief rest

**Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

FIRST FRIDAY— \* *Please note adapted schedule!* \*

No evening Mass or confessions (7:45 a.m. only)

**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

FIRST SATURDAY {Our Lady of the Snows}

Devotions & Benediction after Mass

**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

{*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

High Mass & Blessing of Herbs at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

SECOND SSCM ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

Old Mine Park (Trumbull)

Please sign up using the sheet available at the back of church to indicate which items you are able to bring (there is only *one* copy, to avoid duplication).

We also need 3 propane grills (no charcoal), as well as 3 volunteer chefs! Also several serving tables!

Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn games and other fun activities!

Wine and Beer are permitted at the park (no kegs or glass bottles, however), but not hard liquor.

*We look forward to seeing you all there!*

**September 2023**

Beginning of First Holy Communion Catechism class (one Saturday per month at 9:00 a.m.) and Adult Theology Class (a total of 12 meetings in the course of the year, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.)

## The Power of the Sacraments

By coming into this world, Our Lord Jesus Christ wished to bring holiness within the reach of all men. For this end He provided certain means to fill up all their deficiencies, and supply all their needs in the supernatural order.

Those wonderful means of sanctification are the sacraments. Their outward signs harmonize admirably with the grace which they contain, and with the effects which they produce. By their means, in a truly divine order of things, creatures, which have so often captivated man and drawn him away from God, become instruments for bringing him back. Themselves rehabilitated and ennobled by the use now made of them, these lower creatures will no longer appear hurtful, but rather good and wholesome, just as when they first came from the hand of the same Creator that made all things, both those that are visible and those that are invisible. The economy of the sacraments is the power of God exerted in behalf of man's sanctification. The principal



mission of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, which itself is constituted by the sacrament of holy orders, is, first of all, to render glory directly to God by the sacrifice, and then to confer the sacraments upon all men. It is in these sacraments that God has concentrated the certain and authentic help of His grace; it is there that, without fettering in any way the liberty of His divine munificence, He has guaranteed to us the complement indispensable to our nature, in order to perfect us and unite us to Himself.

The superiority of the sacraments over all other forms by which grace comes to us is evident, since, in the language of the schools, they give grace *ex opere operato*, and not simply *ex opere operantis*. Grace is produced in the soul of man in this latter way, when God gives it through the dispositions of the individual, in consequence of his personal acts; whereas when grace is produced *ex opere operato*, as in the sacraments, it is bestowed by virtue of the divine ordinance, independently of the virtues or merit of the agent. Certain dispositions are indeed needed, but only as conditions, as removing an obstacle, but not as intrinsically modifying the grace inherent in the sacramental form, nor as determining the bestowal of that grace.

We maintain, then, that the sacraments, with the power proper to them, are the means instituted by God for enabling man to attain to holiness, without there being any need to look to extraordinary means. [...] The sacraments being the regular, normal, certain and authentic means of our sanctification, our principal concern should be rightly to receive them and to make good use of the forces which they have laid up within us. They contain God whilst at the same time they veil His splendour; they communicate God to man, and hence they all tend to divine union; they are provided with the energy necessary to bring it about, and they enable us fully to attain our end.

— *from* THE SPIRITUAL LIFE AND PRAYER (*chapter 5*) *by* Abbess Cécile Bruyère

### PROPER ATTIRE IN CHURCH

Even with the warm summer weather, let us still continue coming to church modestly and decently dressed, even if in lighter and more comfortable materials. This is a concrete way to honor the dignity of God's house, where Our Lord dwells in the tabernacle. Revealing or tight-fitting clothing does not meet the norms for Christian modesty. Gentlemen and boys are encouraged to wear slacks in church (no shorts, please) and, especially on Sundays, a dress shirt. Ladies' and girls' dresses or skirts should fall below the knee; the apostolic tradition of covering the head in church is very strongly encouraged. Thank you for expressing your love for God's house and edifying your neighbor by your respectful attire and demeanor in church!

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

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 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 7 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. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held 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.

### **Welcome, Canon Dumain!**

Originally from France, Canon Pierre Dumain was ordained in 2015. He has previously served at the Institute's international school in Brussels, Belgium, and he is currently stationed at the Institute's Saint Francis de Sales Oratory in Saint Louis, Missouri.

We welcome Canon Dumain to Bridgeport this week and thank him for filling in for Canon Altieri!

Congratulations to the 17 members of the Oratory community who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Cardinal Raymond Burke in a moving ceremony last Monday. We thank His Eminence for visiting our church to confer this holy sacrament on our new soldiers of Christ!

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

*The church secretary is present at these times, and meetings with Canon can also be scheduled during these times.*

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