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<u>Weekend Mass</u> Saturday – 4 p.m. Sunday – 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 Noon

<u>Weekday Mass</u> Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

<u>Confession</u> Saturdays at 3 p.m. and by appointment

Office Hours Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

We welcome you all to be part of our community!

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Christ the King Mission Statement

"A Roman Catholic Community of believers: To know God, love Him and serve Him in this life, modeling his Son, Jesus Christ, and to be with Him in the next life."

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY — December 23 - St. John of Kanty *4:00 p.m. — Jim Tonkinson

SUNDAY—**December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent** 8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

10:00 a.m. - For World Peace

Christmas Eve 3:30 p.m. — Thomas Stoneberg

5:00 p.m. — Bernice and Ted Heffernan

MONDAY — December 25 - Christmas Day 8:00 a.m. — The Lundstrom Family

10:00 a.m. — Jesse Forss

TUESDAY — December 26 - St. Stephen No Mass

WEDNESDAY— December 27 - St. John 8:30 a.m. — Sister Helen Flemington

THURSDAY—December 28 –The Holy Innocents 8:30 a.m. — Joseph Fedorek Jr.

FRIDAY — December 29 - St. Thomas Becket 8:30 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

SATURDAY — December 30 - Sixth Day of Octave *4:00 p.m. — Helen Smotrys

SUNDAY—December 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. — Christopher Boosalis

10:00 a.m. — Bernie Golab

12:00 p.m. — Dorothy Runge

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2023

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/ Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

From the Pastor's desk....

We have a quick celebration of our 4th Sunday of Advent. Today all 4 candles on the Advent wreath are lighted! The light of the glowing wreath tells us that the light of Christ is present for us. We have prepared our hearts for the reception of the Christ Child. May we always be aware that Jesus is always with us. As we recall and celebrate his birthday, we know we are never alone.

There is no noon mass on this December 24th. Christmas Eve is here! Mass for Christmas will be celebrated Sunday afternoon, Christmas Eve, at 3:30 and 5:00. Our 3:30 mass will be most full. If you are planning on coming to that mass, please allow yourself extra time to find parking and to make your way into the church. At the first mass of Christmas, I will bless the Christ Child and the baby will be placed in the manger. The Christmas season is short; yet very powerful in our Catholic faith.

On Monday, Christmas Day, we will have 2 masses: 8:00 and 10:00.

May God watch over you and your loved ones as you celebrate Christmas. May we all keep the joy and grace of Christmas in our hearts all year long. We have much to be thankful for. Jesus is with us. He hears our prayers. May we pray that he give us good guidance in our everyday life.

Merry Christmas.....Fr. Jeff

The Parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 26. Merry Christmas!

PRAYER AT A MANGER

With the Shepherds Your Good News was sung by angels to these lowly ones in the night. Look on us in our lowliness. Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ, now and forever. Amen.



Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invites you and your families to participate in a Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer next weekend after the 4 p.m. Mass on December 30 and after the 10 a.m. Mass on December 31. By reciting the short prayer and consecration, we are proclaiming to be a beacon of Gods love through His Church. Visit our Facebook page Christ the King Parish | Lombard IL | Facebook and parish website HOME (ctklombard.org) for more information and some addition preparation steps you can take. Again please join us following the 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. masses next weekend for a short Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer.

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest For boys and girls ages 9 – 14

When: Saturday, January 20, 2024 – (Sign-ups at 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Contest 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Parental consent will be required to participate in the event.)

Where: St. Pius Gym – 601 S. Westmore Rd. Lombard, IL. 60148 Prizes will be awarded. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Contact Ray Wojkovich at <u>rwojkovich@bulley.com</u> or Henry Sokalski at <u>hrs1021@netzero.net</u> or Chris Bauer at cbauer578@gmail.com

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Gratitude for Your Generosity <u>A Pantry Christmas</u>

We're filled with gratitude for the generosity that our parishioners continue to show at Christmas and throughout the year. I'd like to share our Christmas results with you for this year!

At Christmas this year the parish came through with approximately 145 gift cards at \$25 each from Walmart & Target. Checks made out to the pantry for Christmas bought a few gift cards, the balance was deposited for the pantry's other expenses.

We were fortunate to have received a gift of 55 Walmart gift cards at \$50 each. These were from a parishioner/benefactor. This gift allowed us to give the head of each family a \$50 card and include a \$25 gift card for each of their children. We had enough \$25 cards to give each registered family's child \$25 and \$50 for each family.

Smiles all around and each family got a ham with condiments for their Christmas meals. The above is a showing of the generosity our parishioners display throughout the year.

Thank you & God bless each of you!

Joe Maderak & Pantry Volunteers

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