

Christmas Blessings



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Christ the King Parish



Weekend Mass

Saturday – 4 p.m.

Sunday – 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 Noon

Weekday Mass

Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m.

Confession

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 28 – **The Holy Innocents**

4:00 p.m. — William Dovalovsky Jr.

SUNDAY— December 29 - **The Holy Family**

8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

10:00 a.m. — Mary Lou and George Klein

12:00 p.m. — Helen Smotrys

MONDAY— December 30 - **Octave of the Nativity**

8:30 a.m. — Deceased Members of Gonzalo Family

TUESDAY — December 31 - **Octave of the Nativity**

8:30 a.m. — Priests of the Diocese of Joliet

WEDNESDAY—January 1 - **Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. — For World Peace

THURSDAY— January 2 - St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:30 a.m. — John Jaloway

FRIDAY — January 3 - **The Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30 a.m. — Paul and LaVerne Kalfas

SATURDAY — January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:00 p.m. — Brigido Danan

SUNDAY— January 5 - **The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

10:00 a.m. — Juan Rizal Querubin

12:00 p.m. — Eleanor Van Dyke



Readings for the Week of December 29, 2024

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

From the Pastor's desk....

Christmas Blessings to you and your loved ones! I pray that this holy time of year is a good one for you; a time of renewal for you in many ways. God is with us—He gives us His Son, Jesus! May the love, peace and hope of the Christ Child be with you in a special way during these days.

Special thanks to Gloria, one of our Food Pantry clients. Gloria and her family made a very nice, whimsical Christmas decoration that has been in our Narthex for a couple of weeks now. She is so appreciative of our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry; our volunteers and the boxed items that are received. As a reminder, you may donate food items, and place them in the wooden boxes in our Narthex or make a financial donation with your check made payable to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. At last count 75-90 cars a week come to our Pantry.

This weekend we remember the Holy Family. May we all be attentive to the need of a good, strong, healthy family today. Many challenges face families. We know that it is with God, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, our families are not alone in their daily duties and with all that life may bring.

Christmas Peace.....Fr. Jeff

A Note from the Parish Office

Has Your Address or Phone Number Changed?

If your address or phone number has changed since you registered at Christ the King Parish and you have not yet notified the office, please email Carol at carol@ctklombard.org or call 630-629-1717 x 2

Thank you!
Carol Clishem, Parish Office

Vince Zaprzal Farewell

We all know that our “Mr. Fix It” Vince Zaprzal will be leaving us at the end of this month. We appreciate having had him for the past 10 plus years here at Christ the King.

As a token of our appreciation, a reception will be held after the **4:00 p.m. Mass on December 28** with dinner being served. For the Masses on Sunday, the reception will be held with coffee and donuts being served after each Sunday Mass.

He will be missed terribly, we wish the very best for him.

Good luck Vincent!

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest

For boys and girls ages 9 – 14



Sponsored by:

**Christ the King Council 11027
and
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When: **Saturday, January 18, 2025** – (Sign-ups at 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.).
Contest 5:00 p.m. – 6:30/7:00 p.m. (Parental consent will be required to participate in the event.)

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

Questions? Contact Ray Wojkovich at rwojkovich@bulley.com or Henry Sokalski at h1021@sbcglobal.net or Chris Bauer at cbauer578@gmail.com

This is not a School Sponsored Activity

Coffee with Christ

Scripture Study

Coffee with Christ will meet in the Faith Formation Center, Room 8. Door will be open at 9:00 a.m. and we will start our discussion at 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Also, I will be doing the Zoom Session on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please see link below and share with everyone/ anyone you think would like to join via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78692392040?pwd=HvVeUCMy3OhN7hsgQ17aiV2WqQObE0.1>

Blessings,
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Dec. 14-15

Account	Amount
Weekly Offering	\$8,948.00
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1726.28
Thank You!	

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

As a reminder, monthly pledge payments for CMAA should be made in the next few days.

It is important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Thank you! **As of November 17, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$55,600
Amount Pledged: \$77,988
Amount Paid: \$76,873
Balance Due: \$1,116
2024 Rebate: \$14,891



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During this year of Eucharist Revival, join Christ the King on Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass anytime until 12 Noon for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Learn more at: www.eucharisticrevival.org



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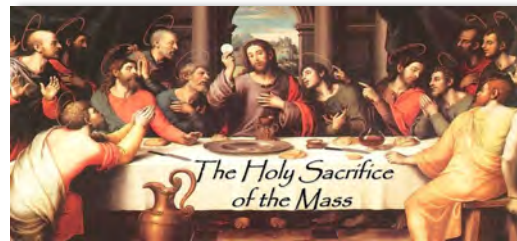
Feel Good Hair Salon Food Drive for CTK

Feel Good Hair Salon held a fall & winter food drive for our pantry. Their first haul was terrific with 20-25 bags of food and toiletries. Stop in for a style. FGH is at 1275 S. Main St. in Lombard.

Merry Christmas!
Joe Maderak & Pantry Volunteers



The “Holy Sacrifice Of The Mass”



While our parish has seen growth in recent years, the role and importance of religion in our country remains a challenge. Factors such as economic advancement tends to result in lower religious commitment. On the other hand people who practice religion say it brings meaning and purpose to their lives while also providing solace in times of grief and moral guidance when making difficult decisions. Bishop Hicks has asked us to practice evangelization, that is sharing our faith with others. The Knights of Columbus will be providing 2500 flyers for our parishioners at the Christmas Masses titled “The Holy Sacrifice Of The Mass”. This flyer explains why we go to Mass. It describes:

- . What Is The Mass?
- . How Do We Receive?
- . How Do We Prepare?
- . How Do We Give Thanks?
- . How Do We Participate?

The “Holy Sacrifice of The Mass” Flyers will be abundantly present in the pews at all Christmas Masses. We ask each person to take several flyers to read and share with family members and friends. What better gift at Christmas than to bring family and friends back to Christ and the Church!

Bible Study



JOIN US TUESDAY MORNINGS FOR:
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE
MASS



SUNDAY MID DAYS
FROM
DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 29TH
1:00PM - 2:30PM
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TUESDAY MORNINGS
FROM
DECEMBER 3RD - DECEMBER 31ST
9:30AM - 11:00AM
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PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel in the puzzle:

MARY
JOSEPH
BABY

SHEPHERDS
JESUS
ANGEL

LISTENED
WONDERFUL
NAMED

B	N	J	D	N	B	M	A	W	G	C
F	A	N	U	E	O	R	I	O	K	T
S	M	Y	L	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
L	E	H	A	M	H	F	J	D	V	O
P	D	A	N	G	E	L	P	E	S	F
I	L	R	B	V	P	Y	A	R	U	C
J	O	S	E	P	H	A	G	F	N	B
D	H	Y	W	T	E	K	W	U	J	M
W	G	K	O	T	R	C	S	L	H	A
E	I	M	R	C	D	U	P	E	D	R
A	J	E	S	U	S	L	B	A	B	Y

MISSION

Ask your parents what they enjoyed about you as a little baby. You might also want to look at some baby pictures together.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Mary, Mother of God • Luke 2:16-21

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened? ©LPi

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