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Christ the King Parish



Weekend Mass

Saturday – 4pm

Sunday – 8am, 10am, and 12 Noon

Weekday Mass

Monday through Friday – 8:30am

Confession

Saturdays at 3pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am - 12pm

**We welcome you all to be part of
our community!**

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



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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 — 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

MONDAY — January 6 - St. Andre Bessette
8:30 a.m. — Deacon Dino Franch

TUESDAY — January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort
8:30 a.m. — Bob Schaffer

WEDNESDAY — January 8 - *Christmas Weekday*
8:30 a.m. — Sue Tracy

THURSDAY — January 9 - *Christmas Weekday*
8:30 a.m. — Mary Ryan

FRIDAY — January 10 - *Christmas Weekday*
8:30 a.m. — William Tarnow and Family

SATURDAY — January 11 – *Christmas Weekday*
4:00 p.m. — Santina Marie Daidone

SUNDAY — January 12 - *The Baptism of the Lord*
8:00 a.m. — Dolores Hlavac

10:00 a.m. — Conrado Abinoja

12:00 p.m. — Lorraine Airey



Readings for the Week of January 5, 2025

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-
28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

From the Pastor's desk....

The Epiphany of the Lord. Jesus shows himself, people see him, and lives are forever changed. On this Epiphany, how might we allow Jesus to touch us? How might our lives be changed by the Son of God? We are reminded today, that our personal relationship with Jesus is very important. He comes to all of us, no matter who we are. The invitation is for us to look at and answer. May we always be faithful knowing Jesus is with us all the time.

We welcome our new music director, Chris Gualberto. Chris and his family reside here in Lombard and have been members of the parish for a number of years now. Chris has had past experience with working in the Archdiocese of Seattle and Chicago. He has most recently been a member of our choir and playing the piano and organ at our Saturday 4:00 mass.

THANK YOU to all who have helped our Christmas season. Many of you are involved in the liturgical ministries, some of you have kept our beautiful poinsettias going by watering them and picking up dead leaves every day! Most of all it is your presence and active participation in the Christmas liturgies that makes this a joyful experience as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Thank you for being here.

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



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,
Michelle Dal Pino,
Director of Adult Faith Formation
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Dec. 21-22	
Account	Amount
Weekly Offering	\$18,061.30
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,355.28
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 December 29, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$55,600
 Amount Pledged: \$79,255
 Amount Paid: \$78,808
 Balance Due: \$447
 2024 Rebate: \$16,246



 A colorful graphic for "KIDS CLUB" featuring a large rainbow with stars and the text "KIDS CLUB" in bold, colorful letters.

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
SECOND SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH

- FELLOWSHIP •
- BREAKFAST BITES •
- PLAYTIME •

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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

 A graphic for "ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT" featuring a monstrance (a golden vessel containing the Eucharist) in the center, set against a background of a church roof and a cloudy sky.

Christ The King

The Epiphany of the Lord, **Solemnity**

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

Copartners in the Promise. The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

- . Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?
- . Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?
- . What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest

For boys and girls ages 9 – 14



Sponsored by:

**Christ the King Council 11027
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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

Devotions, Explained! Epiphany Blessing

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God’s blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God’s blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today’s Gospel:

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| wise men | king | Mary |
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| born | worship | dream |

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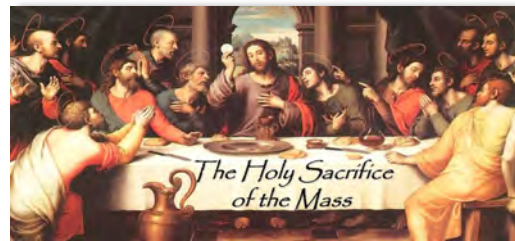
Feel Good Hair Salon Food Drive for CTK

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.

Happy New Year!
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 Prepare?
- . How Do We Participate?
- . How Do We Receive?
- . How Do We Give Thanks?

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!

Women's
Morning of Reflection

TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 10AM-NOON,
ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

THE RECOLLECTION IS A TIME OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER. IT INCLUDES MEDITATIONS GUIDED BY A PRIEST, A PRACTICAL TALK ON AN ASPECT OF OUR FAITH, ADORATION, BENEDICTION, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION.

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"What was the favorite dessert of the king who brought gold?"



"Karat cake!"



The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus. We remember them on Epiphany!

GLP!



Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2025

From Jubilee to Jubilee: A Path of Celebration and Renewal



A year ago, we launched the 75th Jubilee for the Diocese of Joliet. Gallantly, we announced we did not want this milestone to be a “one and done” event. Instead, we committed ourselves to a yearlong commemoration to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to the future with hope.

Not only did we accomplish our goal, but we also did it exceptionally well. Throughout 2024, we spent the year catechizing, evangelizing, and putting our faith into action with podcasts, blogs, calendars, banners, interviews, special prayers, intentions, psalms, a curriculum for our schools and religious education programs, service projects, a speaker series, regional Masses, and participation in the Eucharistic Revival. We kicked off our Jubilee celebration in December 2023 with an all-Diocese mass and the unveiling and blessing of a new statue of our patron saint, Saint Francis Xavier, at the front entrance of our pastoral center. We concluded our Jubilee celebration this past December with an all-Diocese mass and a beautiful commemorative book. By all accounts, our yearlong Jubilee celebration was beautiful, well-organized, creative, faith-filled, uplifting, and robust.

With great faith and trust in the Lord, we now take our next steps into year 76 and beyond, following in the footsteps of Christ as Missionary Disciples. I have been asked, “Bishop, do we need to wait 25 years to celebrate another Jubilee?” Here’s the good news: while our local diocesan Jubilee has concluded, a new universal Jubilee has just begun.

Pope Francis has gifted our worldwide Church by declaring a Jubilee year titled *Spes Non Confundit*, which in English means “Hope Does Not Disappoint.” It began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026.

The theme of this universal Church Jubilee is *Pilgrims of Hope*, promoting peacebuilding in a world threatened by war, terrorism, poverty, and climate change. Our world needs true hope more than ever, and the Holy Father wisely recognizes that. He said, “Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.”

During this Jubilee year, we are invited to make a

pilgrimage to Rome to visit holy sites, perform pious works, and seek opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and other ways to strengthen and revive our faith. If you plan to travel to Rome during this Jubilee year, please consult the *U.S. Visitors to the Vatican* website at www.pnac.org/visitorsoffice/about-the-visitors-office/, which provides information to help you plan your pilgrimage for a truly prayerful experience.

While the Pope is excited about visitors to Rome during this special year, he also understands that, realistically, most people are not able to travel to the city of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Therefore, he encourages us all to celebrate in our local churches and communities.

In solidarity with the universal Jubilee year, we will be offering the following Masses here in the Diocese of Joliet:

- . **Jubilee Mass for Deacons:** February 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- . **Jubilee Mass for Persons with Disabilities:** June 1, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Cathedral
- . **Jubilee Mass for Priests:** September 16, 2025 (for priests only during Convocation)
- . **Jubilee Mass for Grandparents:** October 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- . **Jubilee Mass for Consecrated Life:** October 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Blanchette Catholic Center (Invitation Only)
- . **Jubilee Mass for Catechists:** October 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral

Father in heaven, may the faith you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen †

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