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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!**

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— May 31 - Visitation the BVM

4:00 p.m. — Lorraine Wick

SUNDAY— June 1 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. — Matthew and Emily Rusek

10:00 a.m. — Frank and Lillian Henkel

12:00 p.m. — In Thanksgiving for Fr. Jeff 35th
Anniversary of Ordination

MONDAY— June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

8:30 a.m. — Fr. Jeff 35th Anniversary of Ordination

TUESDAY— June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30 a.m. — Joseph Fedorek Sr.

WEDNESDAY— June 4 - Wed. Seventh Week of Easter

8:30 a.m. — Deceased members of Martirez Family

THURSDAY— June 5 - St. Boniface

8:30 a.m. — Richard English Sr.

FRIDAY— June 6 - St. Norbert

8:30 a.m. — Respect for All Life

SATURDAY— June 7 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 p.m. — For the Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY— June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. — For the Priests and Deacons of the
Diocese of Joliet

10:00 a.m. — Armando and Mina Dias

12:00 p.m. — Deacon Peter Robinson

Please Note

By the middle of June this year, the Mass book will be open for Masses from July 2025 until the end of December 2025. Please check the bulletin in June for more information.

Readings for the Week of June 1, 2025

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

From the Pastor's desk....

Today and next weekend we conclude our Easter Celebration. This weekend is the Ascension of the Lord—and next weekend we celebrate Pentecost. I hope that these 50 days of Easter have been going well for you as you reflect on the risen Christ; the hope, healing, and grace that comes with that. We are so blessed to have our faith, as it is a powerful foundation for all that we do in our daily life. May you always be aware of the presence of Jesus who ascended into heaven, and has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.

June 2, 1990, I was ordained a priest by Bishop Imesch at our great cathedral in Joliet. And so, with an anniversary of 35 years, I have been reflecting, and going down "Memory Lane". A lot has taken place in that time; and it is all good. The time has gone by quickly. I think of all the wonderful people in different places who have been part of my priestly life. Wow! What a blessing that has been given to me. I thank God for my family, my friends, my parishioners; and all who have been part of "doing church" since I started seminary in 1984.

We are all called to share our gifts; to share who we are with one another. As I celebrate my anniversary and look at the tools God has given me, I hope that you will look at the tools you have, given by God, to be used to build up His kingdom. Thank you for sharing your life with me. 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

Dear Parish Family,

I want to share with you that, after 19 years of serving the parish, I will be retiring at the end of June as your parish secretary.

It has been my unique privilege to support and assist you in the many ways parish secretaries are called to serve. I will truly miss you in this ministry. I leave with a heart filled with love and gratitude, and I wish you all the peace and joy that only Christ can give.

God bless you,
Carol Clishem



This Sunday, June 1
Fr. Jeff's 35th
Ordination Anniversary
Celebratory Mass & Light Reception

Join us for a Mass of thanksgiving followed by a light reception in honor of our pastor, Fr. Jeff after the Noon Mass in the Parish Life Center.

You are invited to celebrate the 35th Anniversary
of the Ordination of our pastor
FATHER JEFFREY STONEBERG
THE CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT
CARLISLE BANQUETS
435 East Butterfield Rd.
Lombard, Illinois
June 8th 2:00 - 5:00 pm



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

Are you ready to unleash your superpowers and make new friends?
 * Fellowship * Breakfast Bites *
 Bonus ~ Adult Conversation !

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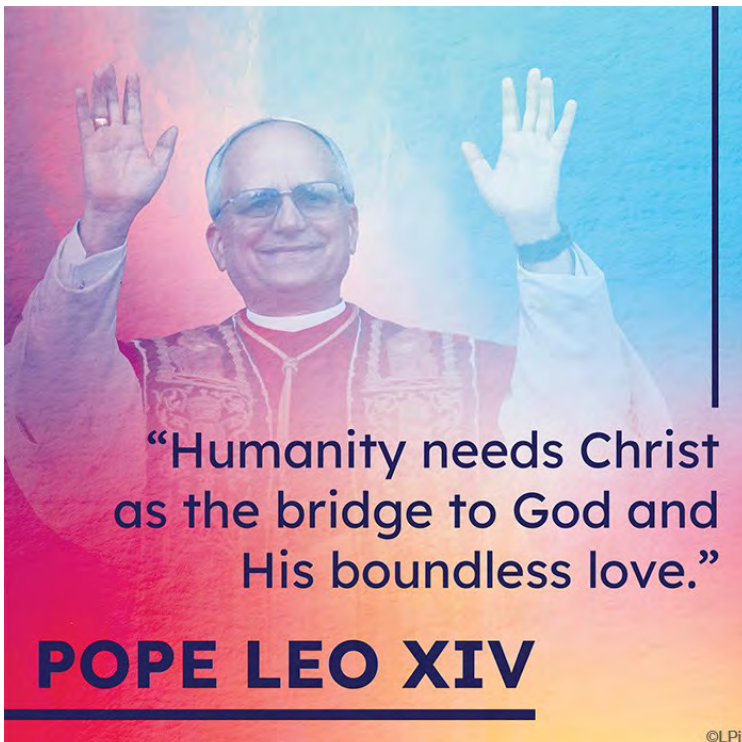
Coffee with Christ
 Scripture Study

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,
 Michelle Dal Pino,
 Director of Adult Faith Formation



“Humanity needs Christ as the bridge to God and His boundless love.”

POPE LEO XIV

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ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for May 17-18

Weekly Sunday Offering	\$7,400.91
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$4236.66 (\$4000 is from the Knights)

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Rick Cosenza at 630-776-2488

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Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of \$58,600. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can Open your heart to God's goodness in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org. Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

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



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 APRIL CELEBRATIONS



On May 30-June 1, the Church will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with families, grandparents and the elderly. The centering of families around grandparents and other significant adults in their lives is an important focus in the life of families. As a society and Church we rely on the elders in our communities to continue the traditions and teachings that form our lives. During these days, let us pray for all who have influenced our lives through their example. In a special way, we take time to thank our elders for being the presence of God in our lives.

A RESPECT LIFE EVENT

**3 SPEAKERS
3 AREAS OF INTEREST**



**SATURDAY
JUNE 21, 2025**

**11:30 AM - 3:00 PM
LUNCH INCLUDED**

**St. Ambrose Parish
1705 Burry Circle Drive
Crest Hill IL 60403**

This event is intended to inform Catholics on recent activity in areas that are of concern. Respect Life includes a huge range of topics and issues. The 3 being presented are just a small sample of Life related issues. Please join us in welcoming our speakers, they are all experts in their fields and filled with enlightening information. We look forward to seeing familiar faces as well as new faces!!

Registration is required for this event.

REGISTER

<https://forms.office.com/r/RddKesM>

- 11:30 am Registration and Lunch
- 12:00 pm Jacqueline Sanders from Reclaim 13: An organization that specializes in helping those who are victims of human trafficking.
- 1:00 pm Steve Karlen from 40 days for life: He is the Campaign Director and Co-Author of "What to say When". He will be speaking on Pro-Life Catholic apologetics.
- 2:00 pm Heidi Miller from Rachel's Vineyard: An organization that assists women in healing from previous abortion.



Scan QR code
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Bishop Hicks' Column June 2025

Habemus Papam: With God, All Things Are Possible



It was a moment I will never forget!

On May 9, 2025, I was traveling from Omaha back to the Diocese of Joliet after attending the installation of my classmate and friend as the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha. I was glued to my phone, watching as white smoke billowed from the chimney at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

As I stood in line for TSA security at the Omaha airport, a woman in front of me asked, "Bishop, do you think we might get an American pope this time?" I quickly responded, "No, that's impossible."

I then placed my carry-on and phone on the conveyor belt, went through the metal detector, put my belt back on, and reclaimed my phone—only to see the news that the impossible had just happened. We had a new pope, born and raised in the USA... Pope Leo XIV! That moment solidified for me that the Holy Spirit is still in charge of our Church. Indeed, *with God, all things are possible* (Matthew 19:26).

My flight home was abuzz with joy and curiosity about this new pope as passengers all around me asked, "Do you know him?" The short answer is: "Yes, I know him." While I am twelve years younger than he is, we actually grew up in the same neighborhood in the South Suburbs of Chicago. He lived in Dolton, and I was raised next door in South Holland—and we even share a favorite pizza place.

I had the privilege of meeting Pope Leo XIV when he was still Cardinal Robert Prevost. On August 7, 2024, he came to our diocese to speak at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox. I attended his lecture, which focused on the Catholic Church and Pope Francis. What struck me most was the clarity with which he spoke—he was both deeply intelligent and remarkably pastoral. His insights were not hidden behind academic jargon. Instead, they were spoken plainly and with heart, taking complex concepts and making them understandable to all.

After his talk, I still remember him saying to me, "Can we get five minutes by ourselves to talk?" Our

conversation lasted over fifteen minutes, just the two of us. I was moved by his warmth and attentiveness. He was not rushed or distracted—he was present. And as we wrapped up our conversation, he handed me his card and said, "If you ever need to talk, just call." That kind of humble openness left a lasting impression.

Besides asking if I know our new Holy Father, the other most common question I have received is: "What kind of pope do you think he will be?" That answer will unfold in the years to come. However, after greeting the world with the words *Peace be with you*, he has continued to preach about the absolute importance of cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus. While emphasizing the need for justice and peace for all people, he has also insisted that without faith, life lacks meaning.

During his inauguration Mass, Pope Leo XIV offered a powerful homily centered on unity, love, and humble service. He said, "I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family." He urged the Church to be a "small leaven of unity" in a divided world, calling us to walk together as instruments of healing, hope, and reconciliation—to foster dialogue within the Church and beyond.

So far, it seems that Pope Leo XIV—formed by the Augustinian tradition and shaped by his missionary experiences—strongly desires to be a bridge-builder, encouraging all of us to tear down walls of division and live as one body in Christ.

On one last lighter, yet poignant note—even though he grew up a Sox fan and I am a Cubs fan—it's a joy to remember that we both play on the same team: working together for Christ and for the Church!

So, giving thanks to God for our new Holy Father, please join me in prayer—asking the Holy Spirit to guide, protect, and strengthen Pope Leo XIV.

Habemus papam! And may God bless him always. †

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