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## **Weekend Masses at Christ the King**

Saturday – 4pm Sunday – 8am, 11am

## Weekday Masses at Christ the King

Monday through Friday – 8:30am

## **Confession**

Saturdays at 3pm and by appointment

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am - 12pm

## **Weekend Masses at Ascension**

Saturday – 4pm Sunday – 9:30am

### **Weekday Masses at Ascension**

Monday through Friday - Noon

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— July 5 - St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria St. Elizabeth of Portugal

4:00 p.m. — Sam and Joe Diana

SUNDAY— July 6 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. — Priests of the Diocese of Joliet

\*11:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

(\*Please note the new Mass time change)

MONDAY— July 7 - 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. — Teresita Querubin

TUESDAY— July 8 - 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. — Deceased Members of Gonzalo Family

WEDNESDAY— July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

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

THURSDAY— July 10 - 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. — Anne Smith

FRIDAY—July 11 - St. Benedict 8:30 a.m. — Patty Alberts

SATURDAY— July 12 - 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 4:00 p.m. — Louise Biegalski

SUNDAY— July 13 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

\*11:00 a.m. — Erin Wick

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#### **Please Note**

The Mass book is now open from July 1 until the end of December 2025.

The new Mass schedule will begin July 1
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.

#### Readings for the Week of July 6, 2025

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/ Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23 **Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33 **Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/ Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

#### From the Pastor's desk....

May we ask God to bless us and our nation on this 4th of July, Holiday weekend. May all travelers reach their destination safely!

A week ago we celebrated the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a reminder, and an invitation to follow and trust in Jesus who loves us. Jesus knows our situation. May He give us good guidance in all that we do.

We are now in the hot month of July, and summer is moving right along. A few days ago, I took on the responsibility of Ascension of Our Lord Parish just to the east of us in Oakbrook Terrace on Summit Avenue. This weekend we begin our new weekend mass schedule. This weekend I will be at Ascension for mass and then next weekend I will be here at Christ the King. Fr. Bob S and I will try to rotate weekends between the 2 parishes. It may be some time before things "smooth" out with regard to priests that are willing to help with the 2 parishes. I am most grateful to our retired priests. This week, for example, I have 2 funerals besides the regular mass schedule to look over at both parishes.

Please feel free to attend either parish church. While we have an 8:00 & 11:00 on Sunday morning, Ascension has a 9:30 that you are also welcome to attend.

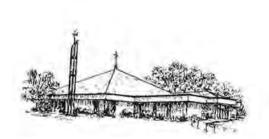
Thank you for your patience as we await the outcome of Rome's decision on the proposed Merger.

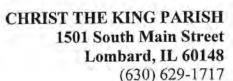
Peace.....Fr. Jeff

#### 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 <a href="mailto:carol@ctklombard.org">carol@ctklombard.org</a> or call 630-629-1717 x 2

Thank you! Carol Clishem, Parish Office







June 7, 2025

Dear Parishioners of Christ the King and Ascension of Our Lord,

As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, I am pleased to share with you the Holy Spirit's guidance regarding the Mass schedule for both parishes beginning July 1. After much prayer, and consultation with parish transition team members, I have discerned the following schedule starting Tuesday, July 1, 2025:

#### Weekday Masses:

- . 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday at Christ the King
- . Noon Monday through Friday at Ascension

#### Weekend Masses:

- . Saturday at 4 p.m. at Christ the King
- . Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ascension
- . Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Christ the King
- . Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Ascension of Our Lord

Through the generosity of retired priests this schedule is possible, maintaining weekday, Saturday Vigil, and Sunday Mass times at both Christ the King and Ascension, even though I will be the only priest formally assigned to both parishes. It will be a time of adjustment, as each location's current Mass times for Sunday are going to be different, but with change comes opportunities for growth and new possibilities. I encourage parishioners from both communities to try a Mass at the other location. For example, if the 8 a.m. is too early for some members of Christ the King, feel free to join Ascension for the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Or, if a member of Ascension would like an earlier start to their Sunday, please join the 8 a.m. Mass at Christ the King. As I mentioned in my last letter, we are all part of "one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all," – Eph. 4:5-6 (NABRE) invited to the Eucharistic table together.

I look forward to this new chapter, as the shepherd of both communities. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we venture forward on a shared mission of faith.

May God bless you and yours today and always,

Fr. Jeff Stoneberg

#### Pledge your gift to the CMAA



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you!

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 <u>jolietdioceseappeal.org</u> 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!



"May you seek Christ, May you find Christ. May you love Christ and bring Him to others." -St. Josemaria



## **Women's Morning of Recollection**

Tues. July 8, 10-12pm. Hospitality at 9:30am.

St. James the Apostle, Glen Ellyn

The recollection is a time of reflection and prayer.

It includes a meditation guided by a priest,
a practical talk on an aspect of our faith, adoration,
benediction and opportunity for confession.





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=hvVeUCMy3OhN7hsgQ17aiV2WqQ ObE0.1

Blessings,
Michelle Dal Pino,
Director of Adult Faith Formation

#### **VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR JULY 2025**

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers- Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women and Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet

- 7/1 Brs. Peter Tripp, Thomas Dominic Vance, Robert Veselsky, John Vietoris FSC
- 7/2 Seminarian Frank Perrotta
- 7/3 Sr. Dorothy Birk OSF, Sr. Toby Marie Bonny OSF
- 7/4 Sr. Alice Drewek OSF, Sr. Martha Friedman OSF
- 7/5 Fr. Eusebius Martis, OSB
- 7/6 Dcns. Patrick Lombardo, Jose L. Lopez, Marco Lovero, Ronald Madsen, David Mahoney, Frederick Maier



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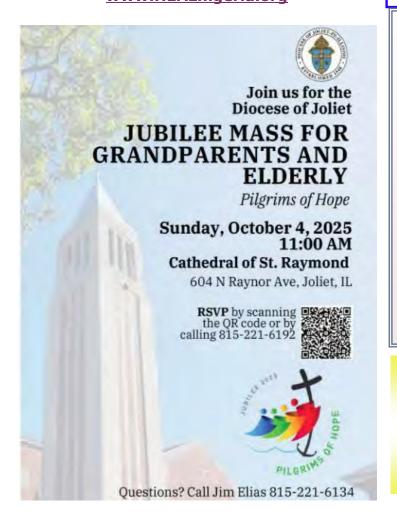
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## Support Catholic Education in Nigeria! July 12-13, 2025 Christ the King, Lombard

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Joliet's annual missionary cooperative plan (MCP), Christ the King Parish welcomes **Nick Costello**, President of Home to Enhance African Life (HEAL), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting Catholic education for poor rural village children in Nigeria! Nick will make his mission appeal at each Mass on the weekend of **July 12-13th, 2025**.

"We encourage the Catholic community in the United States to contribute its diverse talents and gifts to the continent's [Africa's] causes of justice, peace, and integral development." (USCCB, "A Call to Solidarity with Africa", November 14, 2001) For more info:

www.HEALnigeria.org



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# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON HOLD

Starting in July, we will be putting the Wednesday Adoration on a "Pause".

A new schedule will resume for Adoration once the new schedule with presiders is going well for the 2 parishes of Ascension and Christ the King. The church will still be open on Wednesday mornings for private prayer after morning Mass.

# Taking a Vacation? Don't Take a Vacation from Church

While traveling, parishioners may log on to <a href="https://www.masstimes.org">www.masstimes.org</a> or call 858-207-6277 for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the USA and other countries.







## SAVE THE DATE

The Celebration of the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Revival will take place at the Cathedral of Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on Sunday July 13 beginning with the 10:30 a.m. Mass. After the Mass Bishop Hicks will lead a Eucharist Procession around the Cathedral grounds ending in the Cathedral with Benediction.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this Mass and Eucharistic Procession.





## Bishop Hicks' Column July 2025 A Revival on the Road



"Please don't let this be a one and done!" That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this National Eucharistic Revival.

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles.

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at St. Mary Parish in Paxton, Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to Immaculate Conception in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, Bishop McNamara High School, with Bishop Spies, hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to Immaculate Conception in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50

beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of Joliet. Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to Bishop Lou Tylka in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the <u>National Eucharistic Revival</u> is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the <u>2029 National Eucharistic Congress</u> is already on the horizon!

But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this <u>Eucharistic Renewal</u> is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit <a href="https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival">www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival</a> or email us at <a href="mailto:dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org">dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org</a>.









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