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Christ the King Parish



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— August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of Cross
4:00 p.m. — Arthur and Pearl McGovern

SUNDAY— August 10 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. — Larry Beyer

*11:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish
*(*Please note the new Mass time change)*

MONDAY— August 11 - St. Clare
8:30 a.m. — Priests and Deacons of Diocese of Joliet

TUESDAY— August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal
8:30 a.m. — Edna and Jeanette Grice

WEDNESDAY— August 13 - St. Pontian, Pope & Martyr,
and St. Hippolytus
8:30 a.m. — The Poor souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY— August 14 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
8:30 a.m. — Respect for All Life

FRIDAY— August 15 - Feast of the Assumption
8:30 a.m. — Biegalski Family
12:15 p.m. — Fr. Jeff Birthday
6:00 p.m. — Peace in our world

SATURDAY— August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary
4:00 p.m. — Christ the King Parish

SUNDAY— August 17 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. — Jerry Santoro
*11:00 a.m. — Joseph Martinez
*(*Please note the new Mass time change)*

Please Note

The Mass book is now open until the end of
December 2025.
The new Mass schedule is
**Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.**

Readings for the Week of August 10, 2025

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor
15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk
12:49-53

From the Pastor's desk....

This coming Friday, August 15, is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was conceived without sin, "falls asleep" and is taken up into heaven—body and soul. We see this unique person, Mary, the Mother of God, as someone who is human, yet she carried the author of all life. Mary's assumption reminds us that you and I will one day follow her to that place that is prepared for us; the Kingdom of Heaven. We may think of our own life, and our own death. How do we live our life in such a way, that we will one day be home with the Lord? Mary gives us hope. Mary gives us encouragement. Between our 2 parishes the mass schedule is as follows: 8:30, 12:15 and 6:00 at Lombard. Mass is at noon in Oakbrook Terrace. Anyone from both parishes may attend any of the 4 masses offered.

Thank you for your participation during these summer months. I know it is difficult with all the summer activities, and yet I am so pleased to see so many of you at mass during this summertime. We are also reminded that schools will be starting very soon, starting with our college and high school students. May God watch over all our children, let them learn well, and may they be kept safe.

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 Loretta at loretta@ctklombard.org or call 630-629-1717 x 2

Thank you! Parish Office

CTK Pantry Food Drive September 5 and 6

Shared information from the NILFB (Northern Illinois Food Bank) about their budgets for the coming year being cut by \$4M is affecting all pantries across the area.

Pantries like ours will be struggling to provide needed food to their patrons. Coupled with SNAP benefits being cut it's pretty clear that our barren pantry shelves will only be more difficult.

Since the pandemic, our pantry has more than doubled in numbers of families we serve throughout the year. Your generosity has supported so many needy people over the years. That can be seen in the video we made on our website https://youtu.be/hu_kWsz8xUM to help keep our parish open a few months ago.

We are looking for your assistance again to get us over the hump with food drives. Our next drive is on **September 5 & 6**. It will be held in the Faith Formation Center, in the old school building, from **9 a.m. -12 p.m.** Help us if you can. Below is a list of items that we are most in need of soon.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Continue praying for a future filled with the love of God, our country and our neighbors.

Food Pantry Needed Items Listing

The below list is what we need at the pantry in the coming food drives. These are items that we generally can't get from NILFB.

- . Canned/packaged chicken
- . Canned beans
- . Boxes/envelopes of rice/pasta/potato side dishes
- . Non-sweetened cereal
- . Condiments, especially ketchup & salsa
- . Canned fruit
- . Paper towels
- . Toilet paper
- . Shampoo
- . Bar soap/liquid hand soap
- . Oatmeal - boxes with individual packs
- . Dish soap
- . Crackers
- . Mac and cheese

Thank you, God bless America and our parishioners!
 Joe Maderak & Volunteers
 SVDP Christ the King Food Pantry



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 jolietidoceseappeal.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!

Coffee with Chirst on Thursday Mornings

TIME: 9:30AM - 11:00AM

INTERESTED IN JOINING OTHER PARISHIONERS AND DISCUSSING THE UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS?

DOORS OPEN 9:00AM

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Taking a Vacation?

Don't Take a Vacation from Church

While traveling, parishioners may log on to www.masstimes.org or call 858-207-6277 for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the USA and other countries.

Get Ready for Football Season



The Knights of CTK will be selling football mania tickets once again after all Masses the weekend of August 23-24. Cards cost \$20 and you receive an opportunity to win anywhere from \$20 to \$400 each week for 18 weeks of the football season. You receive 3 different teams each week; and if they score a lot of points or very few points, you can be a winner. Stop by our table in the narthex and purchase a card and follow the NFL every week and possibly be a winner. Good luck!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for July 19-20

Weekly Sunday Offering	\$10,420.44
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$242.66

Thank You!

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.



Villa Park Knights of Columbus Council 8365 Blood Drive

**St. Alexander Catholic Church
Father Tuan Room**

300 S. Cornell
Villa Park, IL 60181

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



American Red Cross



REFLECTIONS ON CHURCH HISTORY

**Benedict's Crowded Cave III
*St. Benedict and his sister
St. Scholastica***

The story of St. Benedict's sister (the sister) – St. Scholastica – and the rise and fall of convent monasticism at the parish level (from the French Revolution to the Feminist Revolution)

Friday, August 22, 7:15 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Room 110
Presented by Kevin Haney



Music Notes from Ascension of our Lord

Summer Choir

Hello from Ascension of Our Lord! My name is Jonell Stetz, I am the Music Director at Ascension. Fr Jeff has graciously allowed me to invite any parishioners from Christ the King who may be attending a Mass at Ascension to join our Summer drop-in choir. During the summer months we offer a no commitment, no evening rehearsals choir Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. All are invited to “drop in” and sing with us. Maybe you have been contemplating joining your choir, “ the drop in choir” is a great opportunity to give it a try – or participate when you can (no strings attached).

If you find yourself attending the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at Ascension and would like to drop in, we’d love to have you. Join us at 9:00 a.m. now through August 17. If you have questions relating to our Music Ministry or would like to join - - Instruments and Voices always needed and welcome!

Contact me: Jonell Stetz at the Church Office 630-953-4414

PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **St. Michael Catholic Church** in Wheaton for Year 1 on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Year 2 in person classes will be held at **Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church** in Oakbrook Terrace on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

In Person Preview Events in August:

Christ the King (Lombard) August 9 (Saturday) 9-10:30 a.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!



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Bishop Hicks' Column August 2025

“We’re Going to Sell Out!” Encountering Jesus at Our Youth Conference



“We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!” That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: [Father Mike Schmitz](#) had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our [2025 Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet](#).

If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His [Bible in a Year](#) and [Catechism in a Year](#) podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural [Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference](#). Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by [Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio](#). The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27 - 29, 2025, at [Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois](#). The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, “It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years.” And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote

talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night’s Eucharistic Adoration that left the deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too.

Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples.

I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course [Partnership For Youth](#) who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: [June 26 - 28, 2026, again at Benedictine University](#). Praise be to God, it is that popular! So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long. †

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