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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— September 6 - **Blessed Virgin Mary**
4:00 p.m. — Eugene Duda

SUNDAY— September 7 - **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. — Avelina Reyes and Pedro Villanueva

*11:00 a.m. — Violeta Querubin

(*Please note the new Mass time change)

MONDAY— September 8 - **Nativity of Blessed Mother**
8:30 a.m. — Liberto Gonzalo

TUESDAY— September 9 - **St. Peter Claver**
8:30 a.m. — Connie Rodriguez

WEDNESDAY— September 10 - **23rd Week Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. — Barbara Grudziecki

THURSDAY— September 11 - **23rd Week Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

FRIDAY— September 12 - **Most Holy Name of Mary**
8:30 a.m. — Sherman Otto

SATURDAY— September 13 - **St. John Chrysostom**
4:00 p.m. — Erin Wick

SUNDAY— September 14 - **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. — Richard Dovalovsky

*11:00 a.m. — Rose Hansen

(*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.

From the Pastor's desk....

Many people have been upset over the recent shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minnesota. It is scary for many of us for the simple reason, we find ourselves in church quite a bit; a place we maybe take for granted as being a "safe" space. We go in and out of the church building for mass, maybe a meeting, a rehearsal, etc. Many things bring us to church. We expect to be okay going and coming. So, when the unexpected happens, it is very unsettling. We are encouraged at this time to pray for the children, the parents and parishioners of Annunciation. They need healing, and it will take time with God's grace. This is also a time for each one of us to be aware of our surroundings, whether we are going to church—or the store or anyplace else. The future is unpredictable. We know God wants us to be safe and healthy. He is with us and helps us along our daily activities. God understands the human condition, and He certainly is with us in our hurts. Jesus, dying on the cross, places Himself with us in our time of trial.

Both parishes, I'm happy to say, have reached, and gone beyond their goal for this year's Catholic Ministry Annual Appeal. Ascension and Christ the King have pledged beyond their respective goals, and have paid up the initial set goal. Remember, 70% of what is paid up over our initial goal is given back to the parish in the form of a rebate check. Thank you for your generosity and kindness in being an active participant in the different ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff

Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

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



CHRIST THE KING COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S 2025/2026 Happenings

Hello, ladies! Get ready for an amazing year ahead with the Council of Catholic Women. We are happy to announce our agenda for the next few months, packed with opportunities for faith, friendship, fun, and service. Whether you're a long-time member or new to our church family, we have a place for you and look forward to welcoming you to join us.

Our activities are designed to help us grow together as a community of strong, faithful women.

Here's a peek at what we have planned:

September 13 and 14 - CCW will hold a membership drive after all Masses in the Narthex.

September 15 - Our Annual Salad Supper will be held in the PLC at 6 p.m. There will be a membership drive this evening. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the CTK Food Pantry.

Other events to look forward to: ***Bingo with the Knights and Undy Sunday in October***, our ***"Once Upon a Holiday Fair"*** in November, ***Baby Shower for Jesus*** with a light breakfast in December, and more events to come in 2026.

We believe that when women gather in faith, amazing things happen. We lift each other up, share our joys, and create a community that shines. Come and see what it's all about.



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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 joliectdioceseappeal.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

FAITH FORMATION BUILDING ROOM 8 BUILDING ACROSS THE LOWER LEVEL PARKING LOT

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Curious about Pope Leo XIV?

Dr. Mary Amore and the Board of Directors of Mayslake Ministries cordially invite you to

A Joyful Evening of Conversation

with **Fr. Tony Pizzo, O.S.A.,**

Prior Provincial of the Augustinians and lifelong friend of Pope Leo.

When: Friday, September 26th at 7:00pm

Where: Ascension of our Lord Parish, Oakbrook Terrace, Il.

Fr. Tony fondly recalls: "As the red velvet curtains at the Vatican parted, I realized that my college pal from the South Side of Chicago- that I know as "Bob" - had been elected the first American pope."

Join us for a special evening as Fr. Tony Pizzo, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Augustinians, offers reflections and personal stories about Pope Leo XIV, the newly elected, Chicago-born Pontiff.

The evening will include a Q&A session, providing attendees the opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the new Holy Father. Wine and cheese will be served.

Register online at www.mayslakeministries.org or by phone at 630-852-9000. Admission: \$30 per person.

All proceeds raised will support the work of Mayslake Ministries.



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Thank You!

Dear Parishioners, you really came through in purchasing Football Mania tickets from the Knights of Columbus this year. Your donations will allow us to help numerous charities. We wish you each luck on your tickets during the NFL season. Thanks again for your generosity.

CTK Knights of Columbus



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What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: September 20 & 21, 2025

Where: University of St. Mary's of the Lake, Seminary, Mundelein, IL.

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BIG FAITH GROUP

Join us at Ascension of Our Lord Church
Tuesday, September 9
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Resource room.

Our discussion will be on coupling Reconciliation and the Eucharist in the hearts of Catholics with Dr. Mary Amore.
All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for August 23-24

Weekly Sunday Offering	\$8,925.72
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$150.28

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.

Join us
for the

Catholic High School Admissions Fair

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet and Benedictine University in partnership with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Tuesday, September 9 from 6-8 p.m.
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Thank you so much for your consideration of our request.

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"What are you looking for?"
John 1:38

September 25, 6-8pm
Queen of Apostles Parish
1450 Green Trails Dr
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Young men and their fathers are invited to **join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.** There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

Open to high school and young adult age men and their fathers.

Scan the QR code to RSVP.






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MISSIONS COMMUNITY Service Retreat


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Day of Remembrance 2025

The 12th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on Saturday, September 13, at 225 locations throughout the United States, nationaldayofremembrance.org with thousands in attendance. The closest one will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery 1400 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL. The Pro-Life Action League will be the sponsoring organization with Special Guests Bishop José Maria Garcia Maldonado Auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago. The gravesite is located in Section 108 at the far western edge of the cemetery, about 500 feet south of Roosevelt Road. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair.





Bishop Hicks' Column September 2025

The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The “Leo Effect,” as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our [Augustinian](#) priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in [Dolton](#), grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, “He listens more than he talks.” That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, [he celebrated Mass with the homeless](#) and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the [“fire of love” that must burn within us](#), not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building

across cultures. Born in the United States, [formed as a missionary in Peru](#), and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the [moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence](#), reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. [He has called for peace in conflict zones](#), urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new [Mass for the Care of Creation](#), highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God’s earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter’s, [he reclaimed the use of the mozzetta](#), a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived [the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium](#) on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like [baseball](#), [tennis](#), and [word games](#), and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit’s work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion, and love that set the world aflame. †

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