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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— October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi
4:00 p.m. — Kathleen Doran

SUNDAY— October 5 - **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. — Intention for Sandy Webb
11:00 a.m. — Living and deceased members of the
Gonzalo Family

MONDAY— October 6 - St. Bruno, Bld. Marie-Rose
8:30 a.m. — Annette West Durocher

TUESDAY— October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

WEDNESDAY— October 8 - **27th Week Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. — Andrew J. Camp

THURSDAY— October 9 - St. Denis, St. John Leonardi
8:30 a.m. — Sally Fouse Chow

FRIDAY— October 10 - **27th Week Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. — Joe and Ruth Steichen

SATURDAY— October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope
4:00 p.m. — Larry Speh

SUNDAY— October 12 - **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. — Joseph Martinez
11:00 a.m. — Roberto Franco

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....

Did you see it? Have you read it? This past Tuesday, the Bishop's Pastoral letter came out titled "MAKE". This will be the evangelization tool to be used in the coming months/years, here in our Diocese of Joliet. It was presented to the priests, both diocesan and religious order, at our recent Convocation. All the priests are onboard with this and it is expected to make an impact on getting people into our Catholic faith.

The very first words that Bishop Hicks writes at the beginning of the Pastoral letter, is "I love Jesus". These words give each of us a good question—do we love Jesus? If we do, what are the decisions we make every day that show our love for Jesus? As we teach couples who are preparing for marriage, love is a decision. How we live out that decision every day is important. For us, as good Catholic, faith-filled people of God, we are encouraged to look at how we love Jesus, and how we are personally in a relationship with Jesus. We are His disciples.

As the document moves forward in different stages, we see the ultimate goal is to share what we have been gifted with—to share the love of Jesus with others. I hope you take this document to heart; look at your relationship with Jesus. Be honest in your assessment. Jesus loves YOU! How might we, you and I, share the love that has been given to us. There is a need for the risen Christ in the life of people—in the life of the world. We know that Jesus makes a difference.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2025

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/
Lk 17:11-19

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

WHAT IS THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN?

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is a national organization in the United States that supports, empowers, and educates Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service to the Church and world. Members connect through local parish, diocesan, and national councils, participating in spiritual programs, leadership training, and social justice initiatives. The organization also advocates for social justice issues and provides a way for Catholic women to work together on common concerns, often through affiliate groups or as individual members.

Christ the King CCW is part of the Eastern DuPage Council. Please check the church bulletin for times and programs of our meetings.

CCW Celebrates a Living Rosary Sunday, October 5

October is a sacred time in our Church calendar – a month lovingly dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This devotion, deeply rooted in our Catholic tradition, invites us to reflect on the life of Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. As Pope Leo XIII once wrote, the Rosary is “the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life.” In this spirit, CCW encourages all parishioners to renew their devotion to the Rosary in October – whether through personal prayer, family gatherings, or joining us for communal recitation. **The Rosary is prayed daily, Monday through Friday, following the 8:30 Mass in church.** All are welcome to attend and lift their hearts in prayer for peace, healing, and unity.

Also coming up at CCW is our **Undy Sunday** to be held on **Thursday October 18 and 19**. We’ll have more information later.

CCW will join the Knights of Columbus in a Bingo Night on **October 23 in the PLC. The door opens at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m.**

That evening you can expect:

- A warm welcome and introductions
- Updates on upcoming club events and activities
- Opportunities to get involved and volunteer



Light refreshments and social time
Bingo prizes!

Our biggest event of the year is our **Once Upon a Holiday** Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on **November 15 and 16**. We will have raffle baskets, a bake sale, and a light luncheon available for purchase on Saturday. You can finish up your Christmas shopping with unique items. We’ll have more information coming later.

We encourage you to bring a friend or a neighbor to our meetings. The CCW is dedicated to fostering community, supporting each other, and making a positive impact. Your participation makes us stronger!

Please mark your calendars and join us for fellowship and fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Music Notes:

Hello from Ascension of Our Lord

I would like to reach out to the Christ the King Singers and Community at large, I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in sitting in with our choir(s) at Ascension of Our Lord The Ascension Adult Choir ministers for every Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. We do rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Church, as well as a short warm up approximately 20 minutes before Mass.

We also have a Contemporary Choir that ministers the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 4 p.m. Mass. We rehearse one hour prior to Mass.

If you have questions relating to our Music Ministry or would like to join - - We could really use more Voices for both of our Choirs, or if you play an instrument and are interested in giving of your time/talent, contact me: Jonell Stetz at the Church Office 630-953-4414. Leave me a message, I would be glad to get back to you. Remember, Those who sing pray twice!

KID'S CLUB
**Second Saturday
of the Month**

9:00am - 10:30am
Infant to 5 years old

Come make new friends!
Enjoy adult conversation!!
Breakfast Bites and
activities provided

Faith Formation Building
across the lower
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RSVP to Michelle Dal Pino
michelle@ctklombard.org

Next weekend, the Knights of CTK will be passing out free Pope Leo XIV magnets and prayer cards. We have plenty so please take them for family and friends. With Pope Leo being the first American Pope and from Chicago, the Knights felt it would be good to honor him with a symbol to place in your home. Hope to see you next week at mass. God Bless Pope Leo XIV.



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PLEASE JOIN US TO PRAY OUTSIDE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUE AT ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 AT 12NOON

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Sept. 27-28

Weekly Offering	\$7,462.24
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$110.28

Thank You!



Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Every Sunday of the Month
11:00am Mass**

Young children are invited after the opening prayer to explore the Liturgy of the Word with our Catechists in ways they receive the message best for them.

Coffee with Christ on Thursday Mornings

TIME: 9:30AM - 11:00AM

DOORS OPEN 9:00AM

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

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German Cucumber Salad

Children's Dinner:

Hot Dog & Potato Chips \$5.00

Drinks:

German Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks,
Water and Coffee



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Bishop Hicks' Column October 2025

MAKE



When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE! and launched it* just this month. It builds on [Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter GO!](#), which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel ([Matthew 28](#)): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and

the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to *MAKE* disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org. †

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