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Monday through Friday – 8:30am

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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
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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— November 22 - **St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**
4:00 p.m. — Father Bob Schoenstene's 50th
Anniversary of Ordination

SUNDAY— November 23 - **The Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish
11:00 a.m. — Laura Shutock

MONDAY— November 24 - **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
8:30 a.m. — Herman and Anna Steichen

TUESDAY— November 25 - **St. Catherine of Alexandria**
8:30 a.m. — Elizabeth Allen

WEDNESDAY— November 26 - **34th Week Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. — Dick Hugenberg

THURSDAY— November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
9:00 a.m. — Special Intention for Phyllis Daidone

FRIDAY— November 28 - **34th Week Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. — **NO MASS**

SATURDAY— November 29 - **Blessed Virgin Mary**
4:00 p.m. — Alexander Flemington and Family

SUNDAY— November 30 - **First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. — Larry Beyer
11:00 a.m. — Alfredo Marciso and the Marciso Family

**The 2026 Mass book for Christ the King is now
open for January through March 2026.
Please contact Loretta at the rectory at (630)
629-1717 ext. 2 or at loretta@ctklombard.org.**

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2025

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk
21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt
24:37-44

From the Pastor's desk....

This weekend is a special day; it is the Feast of Christ the King! This day concludes our liturgical year. Next Sunday we will begin a new church year with the beginning of Advent. This title of Christ the King, was promulgated in the 1920's when people were looking for a leader—politics was getting out of control all over. Imagine that! The Holy Father spoke up and said we have one leader whom we look to for help, and who loves and cares for us. This leader, of course, is Christ the King. Jesus is our Good Shepherd who watches over us. He is also our heavenly King who calls us to follow Him. May we always be faithful to Him.

This is a big week for travel, family and shopping. Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. You are invited to attend Thanksgiving Day mass at either Christ the King, Lombard or at Ascension of our Lord, Oakbrook Terrace, at 9:00. As followers of Jesus, we give thanks to God every single day. I encourage you to reflect on your blessings all the time. God knows you. He loves you. Sometimes we can get caught up in things that may seem big and important; but it is really the simple things in our life that we must never take for granted. God gives us the gift of life! With our blessings, we are called to not only thank God, but to share our blessings of who we are with others. May God bless you and your family and close friends this Thanksgiving week.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff

**The Parish Office will be closed
from Tuesday - Friday, November 25
- 28. Regular office hours resume
on Monday, December 1. Have a
Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” (Luke 23:42)**. That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, **“Today you will be with me in paradise.”**

He doesn't say, “I'll take your suffering away.” He says, **“You will be with me.”**

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today

— Father John Muir

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Pantry Gift Card Program

This year is flying by and we'd like to ask for another gift for our pantry families. If you're interested and able we'd ask for a \$25 gift card from Walmart or Target for children of the pantry. Walmart seems to be the most popular card.

In past years you've come through so that we had a gift card for each child in addition to the Christmas meals given their families!

There will be a basket at the welcome desk in the narthex for card collection through December 14.

Tis the season! May it be bright for us all! God bless you!



For those who are able to share with the pantry we are looking for the below items on a weekly basis if possible.



PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS

Canned fruits & vegetables	Condiments
Soup	Boxed side dishes: potato, rice, noodle
Canned chicken	Pasta sauce & noodles
Boxed meals	Cereal
Canned beans	Paper towels

If you can bring a can or two to church each week and drop off at the boxes in the church narthex across from the elevator it would help make a difference for a lot of people in need.

Coffee with Christ on Thursday Mornings

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

TIME: 9:30AM -
11:00AM

DOORS OPEN
9:00AM

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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT HAS RESUMED**

Adoration has once again
resume at Christ the King on
Wednesdays following the
8:30 a.m. Mass until 12
Noon. Read about the
Eucharist Revival at:
www.eucharisticrevival.org



7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

**You are invited to prepare your
heart and soul for Christmas.**

The priests of the 14 parishes of
Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the
Sacrament of Forgiveness of sin.

Saturday, December 20, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

There will be select times when the
Sacrament will be offered in Spanish and Polish.

*These times will be available the week of the event. For specific
information, you may reach out to info@icelmhurst.org*

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

Please come to St. Peter's Church 551 N. Rush Street, Itasca



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Nov. 15-16

Weekly Offering	\$7,448.80
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Human Development	\$1,348.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Nov. 8-9

Weekly Sunday Offering	\$12,345.29
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,078.50
Seminarian YTD	\$1851.00
All Souls	\$1009
Christmas flower YTD	\$750

Taking a Vacation or Traveling? 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.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Joliet invites you to witness and celebrate the

Diaconate Ordination

Christopher Otieno
Omondi



Joshua Allen
White



Alex Markiso



December 6, 2025

10:00 AM

Our Lady of Mercy
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60504

No RSVP required



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A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet

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Christ The King



Bishop Hicks' Column

November 2025

"I Have Loved You"

A Gift from the Holy Father



The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, [Pope Leo XIV](#) has speedily penned and shared with us his first [Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*](#) ("I Have Loved You"). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month's column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter [MAKE!](#) which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te*. These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of [the Early Church Fathers](#), the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how [Saint John Paul II](#) and [Pope Benedict XVI](#) carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a [home for orphaned and abandoned](#)

[children](#), I remember when a donation allowed us to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day. †

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