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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— December 20 - Third Week of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Jim Tonkinson

SUNDAY— December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. — Flora Bogacki

11:00 a.m. — Esperanza Querubin

MONDAY—December 22 - Fourth Week of Advent

8:30 a.m. — Charles Fedorek Sr. & Charles Fedorek Jr.

TUESDAY— December 23 - St. John of Kanty

8:30 a.m. — Mary Lou and George Klein

WEDNESDAY— December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:30 a.m. — Thomas Stoneberg

THURSDAY— December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. — Jessie Forss

11:00 a.m. — Earl Fritch

FRIDAY— December 26 - St. Stephen, First Martyr

No Mass

SATURDAY— December 27 - St. John, Apostle

4:00 p.m. — Helen Flemington and Family

SUNDAY— December 28 - The Holy Family

8:00 a.m. — Flora Bogacki

11:00 a.m. — Esperanza Querubin

The rectory office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

Messages can be left at 630.629.1717 ext. 2 or at loretta@ctklombard.org. Regular hours resume on Monday, December 29.

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2025

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

From the Pastor's desk....

Advent is coming to a close. It seems we just lit the first candle on the Advent wreath. Now, all 4 candles are lighted, and Christmas comes later this week. I pray your Advent was a prayerful and reflective time for you.

As I look at the shared ministry between the 2 parishes of Oakbrook Terrace and Lombard, we have 7 mass times for you. As you prepare to come to mass at Christmas, please be aware that we will have visitors who may not be as familiar with parking conditions and how things are arranged in church. In other words, it will help reduce the stress of going to mass if you give yourself a little extra time.

Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. at Lombard, 4:00 p.m. at Oakbrook Terrace, 5:00 p.m. at Lombard and 9:00 p.m. at Oakbrook Terrace. Christmas Day: 8:00 a.m. at Lombard, 9:30 a.m. at Oakbrook Terrace and 11:00 a.m. at Lombard.

May God bless you and your loved ones at this most special, wonderful time of the year.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff



WEEK 4
Advent ©LPI

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Mass times

3:00 p.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day Mass times

8:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass



The King's Choir will be singing Christmas hymns before the 11 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. The prelude will start at 10:40 a.m.

All are welcome!



St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26



The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow. ©LPi

Prayer for Christmas Visitors

God bless us all this Christmas season, those who enter and exit our home, those near and far away, those who will visit and those who cannot. Fill our lives with the peace that comes from You. Amen

Knights to Host Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a brief Consecration to the Holy Family next Sunday, December 28 at both parishes. Deacon Matt will officiate the prayer service in the narthex after the 9:30 Mass at Ascension and after the 11:00 Mass at Christ the King. We ask that families and individuals gather after Mass to show devotion to the Holy Family and to dedicate themselves to Jesus, Mary and Joseph seeking their guidance, protection and grace to live lives according to the virtues of the Holy Family. We hope to see you there to show your devotion and dedication.



Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus Consecration to the Holy Family is a devotional act in which a family or individual dedicates themselves to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, seeking their guidance, protection, and grace to live according to the virtues of the Holy Family.

Purpose and Significance

The consecration serves to strengthen families spiritually, helping them imitate the love, humility, obedience, and harmony exemplified by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is both a **renewal of baptismal vows** and a commitment to live as a beacon of God's love within the home and community

Through this act, families consciously choose to sanctify their home and unify their hearts in faith, charity, and devotion

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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Dec. 6-7	
Weekly Offering	\$22,796.65
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
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A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet



Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

On Sunday December 28 throughout the world Catholics will gather at their Cathedral Churches to celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate the closing of this Jubilee Year at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on December 28 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Everyone is invited to this very special Mass as a worldwide celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 ends. This has been a very special time for the Church and we now gather to give thanks for all the blessings received during this Jubilee Year of Hope throughout the Diocese. Mark your calendar to be present at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday December 28 and join all Catholics throughout the world celebrating the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home"** (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

—Father John Muir ©LPi

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.

COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE WITH PURPOSE

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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- MARY
- JOSEPH
- HOLY SPIRIT
- WEDDING
- ANGEL
- DREAM
- BABY
- JESUS
- VIRGIN

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