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*Monday through Friday – 8:30am*

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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— January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop  
4:00 p.m. — Christ the King Parish

SUNDAY— January 25 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. — Joseph Martinez

11:00 a.m. — Juan Rizal Querubin

MONDAY— January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops  
8:30 a.m. — Thomas Powe  
Deceased members of the Timothy Family

TUESDAY— January 27 - St. Angela Merici  
8:30 a.m. — Larry Beyer

WEDNESDAY— January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas  
8:30 a.m. — Ildefonza Gonzalo

THURSDAY— January 29 - 3rd Week in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. — Marge F. Arndt

FRIDAY— January 30 - 3rd Week in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. — For the priests and deacons of the  
Diocese of Joliet

SATURDAY— January 31 - St. John Bosco  
4:00 p.m. — Joe Rodgers, Brian & Mary Lou Ochalek

SUNDAY— February 1 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

11:00 a.m. — Bud Rogers and Ron Nasti

**The 2026 Mass book for Christ the King is  
now open for**

**January through June 2026.**

**Please contact Loretta at the rectory at (630)  
629-1717 ext. 2 or at [loretta@ctklombard.org](mailto:loretta@ctklombard.org)**

*"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon  
them in death, until we have conducted them by our  
prayers into the house of the Lord". St. Ambrose*

## Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk  
4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/  
Mt 5:1-12a

*From the Pastor's desk....*

*It seems that taking time to wait is pretty much a part of our Catholic faith. We just finished waiting during Advent; and then Christmas came. Now, we wait for the 2nd coming of Christ. Soon, we will be waiting for Easter with the holy season of Lent. We wait again. We may be waiting for an answer to a prayer. God has been with his people at different points in history, and we can see in scripture where waiting is nothing new!*

*As we begin this new year of 2026, we find ourselves waiting again for something—whether or not our 2 parishes will merge. We are waiting for the Vatican to give a decision. While we wait, it is important to remember that Jesus is present with us in Spirit and in the Eucharist. Jesus is already here for us to give us hope, encouragement, and peace. At this time of waiting, soon to be in our 8th month, we can take solace in the fact Jesus loves us and is present. He doesn't go anywhere.*

*We have surely been in January weather; cold and snow! This time of year perhaps encourages us to slow down and wait. Jesus waits for us in different ways, at different times. May we always be attentive to his divine presence.*

*Peace.....Fr. Jeff*



**The next Baptismal Preparation  
Class with Deacon Matt Novak  
will be held on Tuesday,  
February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in  
church. Please call the rectory  
to register 630-629-1717.**



# MAKE

## **Create, Produce, Bring into Existence....**

### **What Comes Next?**

If we are to grow as a thriving, vibrant church, and serious about passing on our faith to future generations, we must follow the vision to be focused on these paths of our journey:

#### **CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION, AND FAITH INTO ACTION**

Our world and culture has changed. Our challenges are real.

But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

God stays our Rock, our Refuge, and our reason for hope.

The church will be renewed by embracing His mission and committing ourselves to making disciples for the glory of God.

**We** (the parish) must get involved and put our faith into action.

We appreciate any time and involvement you can give us.

The **MAKE** Team Leaders,

Irene Boutiette, Maryann Hespen, Carol Paulsen, and Rachel Vaughan.

Any questions or comments, Contact Carol Paulsen –  
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## **MAKE MEETING**

An invitation to all parishioners to join us on **January 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **PLC** for an informational meeting about the five pillars of **MAKE** and future events.

We welcome all comments, suggestions, and ways you would like to participate. We would like you to share your talents, and voice your interest in what events you would like to see happen in our parish.

We are now in the creating stage.



## Bishop Hicks' Column

### One Last Column, Ever Grateful



For more than five years, I have been blessed to share my thoughts with you in this monthly column. When I first began writing, it took me a very long time to craft each reflection. I often wondered if anyone was reading them or if they would make any difference at all.

But at parish visits and events, many of you told me that you read these reflections and that they helped you understand my mind and my heart. Some of you offered positive comments and others offered constructive suggestions. All of that feedback helped me grow in gratitude. I stopped seeing these columns as a task and started seeing them as a privilege. They became one of the ways we shared our faith journey together.

Now I write my final column. It is a bittersweet moment. I am excited for my next steps to New York. At the same time, I am going to miss this ongoing exchange with you.

As we come to the conclusion of this written dialogue, I would like to reflect with you on a few thoughts [I shared at my farewell Mass on January 11, 2026.](#)

In my homily, I expressed my sincere gratitude for the faith and love you have shown me throughout my years as your bishop. Together we have shared significant moments. We have celebrated the sacraments. We have strengthened our mission to be a vibrant and evangelizing Church. Through Confirmations, ordinations, graduations, the Chrism Mass, baptisms, funerals, community service, and our care for the most vulnerable, I saw Jesus Christ revealed in you. And each time we gathered for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, you strengthened my faith and drew me closer to God. And I pray that I have done the same for you.

I am deeply grateful to our priests who faithfully serve with pastoral hearts and leadership. To our deacons, wives, and families, thank you for your steadfast ministry of charity and your service. To our religious women and men and consecrated virgins, your prayerful presence and collaborative ministry have been a constant blessing. I am grateful for every sacrifice and every quiet act of love that often goes unseen but never goes unnoticed by God.

I also want to thank our diocesan staff and all employees who work as a vocation to ensure that the

Church continues its mission. Our administrators, teachers, catechists, and youth ministers form disciples in classrooms and parish halls. Our musicians, liturgical ministers, and countless volunteers give life and beauty to our worship and mission. And to every parishioner across our seven counties, please know how grateful I am for your generosity and witness to faith in your homes, parishes, and workplaces.

Through baptism, we are all called to continue living the mission of Jesus Christ. I now move forward to serve in New York, trusting that the good work we have begun together will continue to bear fruit here in the Diocese of Joliet.

Many have asked who will become the next bishop. Soon, an administrator will be appointed who will continue to guide and govern the diocese while the apostolic nuncio and the Dicastery of Bishops offer recommendations to our Holy Father, Pope Leo. In due time, he will appoint the seventh Bishop of Joliet. Please join me in prayer for that discernment process.

Even though my ministry will continue in another place, I believe that prayer keeps us close. Every time we pray for one another, we remain closely united in Christ. So let us keep lifting each other up before God. I will carry you with me in my heart and in my daily prayer, and I humbly ask you to remember me in yours.

I also encourage you to be disciples who make disciples. Please continue to embrace my pastoral letter entitled MAKE. Pray with it. Reflect on it. Share it. Put it into practice every day. The Church grows when every one of us answers the call to live the Gospel with conviction and joy.

You remain in my heart and in my prayers with great love and deep gratitude. May God bless you and bless us always with His Spirit of peace and all good things. Paz y bien.

*[Scan the QR code below to listen to the bishop's homily from his January 11 Mass of Thanksgiving.]*



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## Food Pantry Donations at Work

Christmas wound down with another reason for hope for the families we serve at the pantry. They received holiday gift cards from Target and Walmart of well over \$6,700. In addition they received holiday hams with their holiday sides.

For the year we were able to provide just under \$67,000 in assistance to 2,983 families which included over 10,445 individuals. We continue our partnership with Northern IL Food Bank and their member stores. The value of the food donated through our partnership with the Food Bank is estimated at \$232,000.

Included below is a breakdown of some outflows:

\$4,800 in client rental/utility expenses

\$54,800 in Aldi gift cards to assist provided food products we aren't able to provide.

\$8,242 in miscellaneous operating expenses, supplies, etc.

None of this is possible without the generosity of our parishioners at Christ the King. Hopefully this enlightens you as to what your donations are providing throughout the year. This has been a rough year for all; especially so for those we serve at the pantry.

We at the pantry are overwhelmed by the your generosity.  
May the new year be good for all!

Happy New Year & God Bless!

Joe Maderak & Pantry Volunteers  
SVDP Christ the King Food Pantry

# Thank 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.

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