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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— February 21 - St. Peter Damian**  
4:00 p.m. — Rosario Casas

**SUNDAY— February 22 - First Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish  
11:00 a.m. — Joseph Martinez

**MONDAY— February 23 - St. Polycarp, bishop/martyr**  
8:30 a.m. — Daniel Williamson

**TUESDAY— February 24 - Tuesday First Week of Lent**  
8:30 a.m. — Raul Gonzalo

**WEDNESDAY— February 25 - Wed. First Week of Lent**  
8:30 a.m. — Mary and Earl May

**THURSDAY— February 26 - Thursday First Week of Lent**  
8:30 a.m. — Patrick Sheehan

**FRIDAY— February 27 - St. Gregory of Narek**  
8:30 a.m. — Barbara and Donald Richter

**SATURDAY— February 28 - Saturday First Week of Lent**  
4:00 p.m. — Mary Tarnow and the Tarnow and  
Flemington Families

**SUNDAY— March 1 - Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish  
11:00 a.m. — Deacon Wayne Storrs

**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 February 22, 2026

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## From the Pastor's desk....

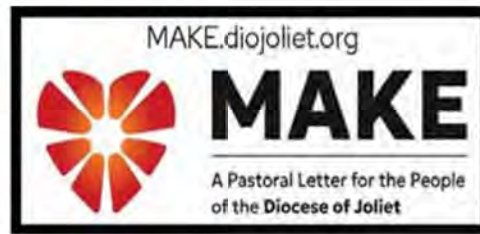
*Lent has begun. May the ashes you receive on your forehead be a reminder to walk humbly with the Lord. Jesus is our light in darkness, but we can only follow him, and truly know him if we are focused. Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to slow down, look at ourselves honestly, and grow closer to him. May whatever you do this Lenten season be good for you. You may want to give up something you like. Maybe you will be doing something extra to make this holy time fruitful. Whatever it is, may God be with you as you journey these 40 days towards Easter.*

*Thank you for your attentiveness with our recent kick-off for the 2026 Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal. This is an opportunity to connect with the larger church. Our Catholic faith has given us so much; and we must safeguard ourselves to never take it for granted. We have, through the Appeal, an opportunity to be active participants in the endeavors of our Diocese. First, your prayerful support is needed. Second, your financial support is needed. If you can do both, that is wonderful. Take time to think, and to pray about how you would like to be an active participant in what the Church calls us to right now.*

*Peace.....Fr. Jeff*

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

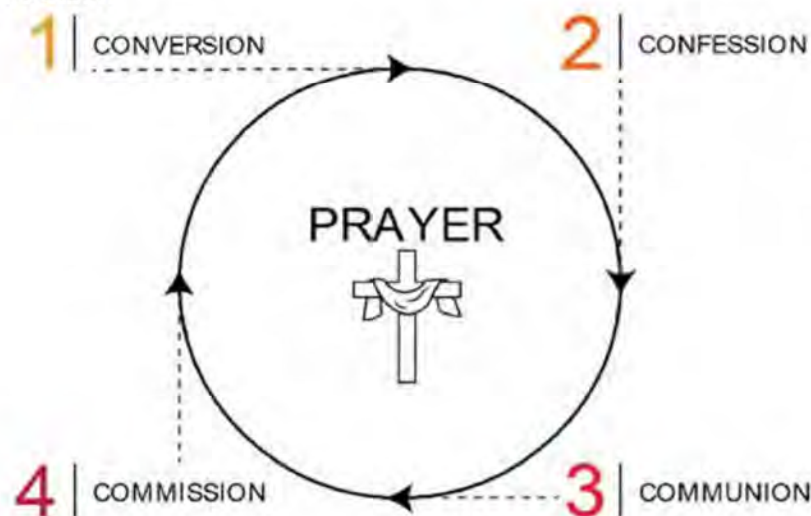




- **Lenten Mission-Mary Amore** from Mayslake Ministries will be our speaker for our Lenten Mission-March 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Details to follow.
- **“Soup Supper Wednesday”** February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 – 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- **“Themed Stations of the Cross”** - Fridays Noon and 6:30 p.m. – Details to follow.
- **Adoration- Wednesday’s** after 8:30 Mass – 9 a.m.-Noon
- **BEHOLD Adoration** –(Adoration with candlelight, music, and silence) Fourth Wednesday of the month – starting 2/25 7 p.m.-8 p.m. after the “Soup Supper” 5:30-7 p.m.
- **Divine Mercy Group** – Pray on Wednesday during Adoration 9 a.m.-Noon, also looking for Divine Mercy (DM) Chaplet Warriors, who when notified pray a Chaplet as soon as they can. Parishioners can submit first names on the website of those they wish the Group to pray for. For further information contact Mary Jones - mw.jones@comcast.net
- **Ministry Fair** -2/28, 3/1 after all Masses with Hospitality

The MAKE Team, Fr. Jeff, and parish staff are working together to Make this year a success and to bring us all closer to God. We need your time and talent to Make this a success. The above are part of the pillars of discipleship and can be part of your personal game plan. There will be more to come in the next few weeks. We will be looking for Ministry Chairpersons and committees plus members and volunteers to participate in these events.

Any questions or comments concerning the above contact [mamac331@comcast.net](mailto:mamac331@comcast.net) or 630-802-1625 – Carol Paulsen



<b>1</b> <b>CONVERSION</b>	<b>2</b> <b>CONFESSION</b>	<b>3</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>4</b> <b>COMMISSION</b>	<b>PRAYER</b>
<b>Conversion</b> Fast and pray the <u>Stations of the Cross</u> at your parish after work each Friday	<b>Confession</b> Participate in a Lenten Reconciliation Service at your parish or a nearby parish	<b>Communion</b> Attend Mass more regularly, perhaps adding an extra weekday Mass to your schedule	<b>Commission</b> Invite a friend to a Lenten event at your parish such as a Friday night fish fry	<b>Prayer</b> Pray the mysteries of the Rosary with your family/friends each week

Join us for our  
**Lenten Mission**  
**Friendship with Jesus**  
**Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.**  
*Presented by Dr. Mary Amore*

*Join us as we prayerfully reflect on the writings on Pope Francis and the ways that developing a friendship with Jesus transforms us to live as people of mercy, compassion, and love in this wounded and broken world.*



### 40 CANS FOR LENT 2026

Dear Parishioners,

You have donated to “40 Cans for Lent” the past 9 years. Our parish is just phenomenal when it comes to helping those in need. As I observe the bins in the back of the narthex each week, I see piles of food for the CTK food pantry. It is impressive; and if you haven’t noticed, stop by the bins and you’ll be amazed.

Because the giving has been so great, we are asking that those who have been donating to just keep up the great service to the needy; and if you haven’t donated, maybe you can join “40 Cans for the 2026 Lenten Season”. **Instead of putting out separate barrels for collecting for 40 Cans, please just add your contribution to the food collected in the narthex.** Let’s fill those bins each week during Lent and

make one of your personal Lenten resolutions be to help the needy in our community eat a little better this winter by donating food.

With the beginning of Lent, Wednesday February 18 this year, we will kick off our annual “40 Cans for Lent” program for those who have not donated to the pantry. **For 40 days beginning February 18 through Easter Sunday April 5**, we will work toward making ourselves better Christians by sacrificing and doing extra for others. As Christ said, “What you do for the least of my people, you do for me.” The Knights of CTK will once again be collecting food to donate to our St. Vincent DePaul food pantry right here at CTK. If you already give, keep up the great efforts. If you haven’t donated, join our “40 Cans “ program this Lent. We ask for 40 items over the 7 weekends of Lent if possible, but whatever you can contribute will be wonderful.

YOU can make a difference. May God bless each of you during this upcoming season and may this Lent bring you closer to our Lord. Thank you.

CTK Knights of Columbus



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*Book Discussion Group*

**The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality**  
BY MATTHEW KELLY

**DISCUSSIONS:**  
STARTING 1/13/26 - 3/3/26

**TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:00AM-10AM**  
ROOM 8 OF THE FAITH FORMATION CENTER  
BUILDING ACROSS LOWER PARKING LOT

**TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:30PM -8:30PM**  
TEEN ROOM AT ASCENSION; ENTER RE DOOR

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED  
DISCUSSIONS LEAD BY MICHELLE DAL PINO

**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

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

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NO PRIOR BIBLE STUDY KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED!  
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Feb. 7-8	
Weekly Sunday Offering	\$8,310.30
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,027.00
Latin America	\$25.00
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Jan 31-Feb 1	
Weekly Sunday Offering	\$14,795.79
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$725.00
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Jan. 24-25	
Weekly Sunday Offering	\$9,411.67
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$70.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$15.00
<b>Thank You!</b>	

**The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!**

This year's theme is *Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!* Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Join us for Adoration at Christ the King on Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon.

**BEHOLD Adoration**

Adoration with candlelight, music, and silence every Fourth Wednesday of the month – starting 2/25 7 p.m.-8 p.m. after the "Soup Supper" 5:30-7 p.m.



**Christ the King Knights of Columbus**

# Fish Fry

**Fridays, Feb. 27 and March 20 & 27**

5:00 – 7:00PM in the PLC, 1501 S. Main St. Lombard, IL

*Dine-in or Carry-out available - Credit Cards Accepted*

## Menu

Battered Cod <i>(served each week)</i>	\$17.00
Baked Tilapia Dinner <i>(served weeks 1 &amp; 3)</i>	\$17.00
Baked Salmon Dinner <i>(served week 2)</i>	\$17.00
Jumbo Shrimp Dinner (6 pcs.) <i>(served each week)</i>	\$19.00
Vegetable Lasagna <i>(served each week)</i>	\$14.00



## CHILDREN'S MENU

Grilled Cheese Sandwich *or* Chicken Tenders \$ 8.00

*All meals served with choice of French Fries, baked potato or rice pilaf, plus green beans, coleslaw,, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee and soft drinks*

*Beer and wine are available for a donation of \$2.00 each*

*Proceeds from this year's fish fries will be donated to:*



Midwest Shelter for  
Homeless Veterans, Inc.

*Tickets can be purchased in advance after all masses the weekend of Feb 21 & 22*

**St. Vincent de Paul Joliet Diocesan Council Announces Closure of Addison and Morris Thrift Stores**

**JOLIET, IL** — The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Joliet Diocesan Council announced today that it will close its two remaining thrift store locations in Addison and Morris effective **June 30, 2026**. The decision follows a unanimous vote of the Council, with one abstention, after several years of financial losses and extensive consultation with local parish Conferences.

Rooted in its mission as “a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need,” the Council affirmed that the decision allows the organization to focus more directly on neighbor-to-neighbor assistance through parish-based Conferences.

“The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Joliet Diocesan Council is fully committed to our mission,” said Helen T. McCullough, President. “While the stores have served our community for many years, continuing financial challenges require us to redirect our resources to our mission. As Vincentians conferences, we believe in meeting people where they are, offering not only practical help but also a listening ear and a compassionate heart. Through personal encounters, we strive to build relationships that reflect Christ’s love and dignity for every person”.

**Discontinuation of Clothing Drives and Drop Boxes**

With the closure of the stores, all Council-directed clothing drives and drop boxes will be discontinued immediately. Clothing drives have historically supplied store inventory, but without retail operations they are no longer needed.

Donations will continue to be accepted at the Addison and Morris locations through the spring of 2026. After that time, donations of clothing, furniture, and household goods will not be accepted. Drop boxes located on Parish grounds will be removed and recycled or sold.

**Impact on Programs**

The Basic Needs and Furniture Purchase Programs connected to the stores will end on June 30, 2026. However, the Council emphasized that essential charitable services will continue through local Conferences, including:

- Operation of food pantries and holiday meal and gift programs
- Distribution of grocery gift cards
- Assistance with rent and utility payments
- Help with car repairs
- Parish-based “clothes closets” and other local ministries



**Commitment to the Future**

The Council remains committed to expanding Conferences in underserved areas of the Joliet Diocese and strengthening the spiritual and charitable works of existing Conferences.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks their dedicated employees, volunteers, donors, and community partners for their faithful support and invites continued generosity as it enters this new chapter of service.

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**Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese  
 Liturgical Enrichment Day**

**Eucharistic Revival in our Deanery**

All those who participate in liturgical ministries, including Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Musicians, Greeters, Ushers and Liturgical Environment Volunteers as well as all parishioners are invited.



**Please register at [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org)**  
 Saturday, March 7th

**Ascension of Our Lord Parish**  
**15314 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace**  
 Mass will be celebrated from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 – 9:50 Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast

**Mass Presider and presentation by**  
**Rev. Brian Geary**

**Final Blessing will be at 12 Noon**

To register, visit [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org) Or scan the QR code

**What is Our Deanery All About?**

“Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes, all of us change in some way and this does us good.” This quote from Pope Francis reminds us that change can be good. Today we find ourselves in the midst of change and so we work together to embrace this change to help us grow closer to God, to our Church and to our parishes. The Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese consists of 14 parishes that collaborate to provide the best discipleship, evangelization, and charity that we possibly can with our pooled resources. This process of greater collaboration is God’s project.

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