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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 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

MONDAY— March 2 - *Second Week of Lent*
8:30 a.m. — Priests & Deacons of the Joliet Diocese

TUESDAY— March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel
8:30 a.m. — Biegalski Family

WEDNESDAY— March 4 - St. Casimir
8:30 a.m. — Deceased members of Gonzalo Family

THURSDAY— March 5 - *Second Week of Lent*
8:30 a.m. — Charles Hall

FRIDAY— March 6 - *Second Week of Lent*
8:30 a.m. — Matthew Rusek

SATURDAY— March 7 - *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*
4:00 p.m. — Daniel Williamson

SUNDAY— March 8 - *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:00 a.m. — Deacon Wayne Storrs

11:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

**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**

*"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 March 7, 2026

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

From the Pastor's desk....

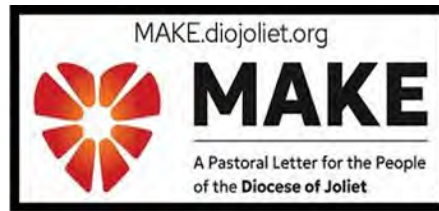
Catholics are known for mass or liturgy. It is the gathering of the faithful to hear the word of God and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. The priest, with the different people in the parish, make liturgy happen. It is also known as a ritual. With a ritual, there is only so much improvising one can do. It is pretty much like a train on a track. Yet, the liturgy is alive and moving, filled with the holy spirit. I am very thankful for all the people who help with making mass happen; the readers, extraordinary ministers of communion, the ushers, cantors, musicians—and others. Having mass, especially on a Sunday or a funeral is something that requires focus and good effort. Again, I am thankful to all who help with mass. Many liturgists I have heard through the years will speak of making a "holy fuss" when we celebrate.

And so, once again, we ALL have an opportunity to renew ourselves in what we do. Next Saturday, March 7, Fr. Brian Geary, one of our priests here in the diocese, will give us a liturgical enrichment day. It will be held at Ascension Church beginning with mass at 8:00 a.m. Check-in will take place at 9:00 a.m. with a light continental breakfast. Fr. Geary will present until noon. All those who participate in liturgical ministries, as well as all parishioners, are invited. There is information in the bulletin. Hope to see you there.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff



**SECOND 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”-** 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 - mwjones@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 or 630-802-1625 – Carol Paulsen



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IRISH TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Members of the parish are invited to CCW's Annual Dinner to Honor St. Patrick on March 14. For a free-will donation a dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, many desserts, and (of course) Irish soda bread will be served.

The party will take place in the **Parish Life Center** and begin after **4 o'clock Mass**.

Plan to come, bring a friend, and enjoy!

*May your luck be high and your troubles low,
May your laughter and friendships always grow!*

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, we kicked 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



Christ The King Knights of Columbus #11027 Invitation to Join

The Knights of Columbus need men like you to join their organization. We ask for 2 hours of your time a year to help us in our charitable pursuits. The biggest excuses we hear are I don't have the time or I am too old to join. Everyone has 2 hours of spare time in a year, and no one is too old to help people in need. Consider joining a group of like-minded Catholic men like yourself. I am sure you know someone already in our council as the knights are very active in our parish and community. We hope you will consider becoming a Knight. Our goal is to help men become better fathers, husbands, and Catholic men through service and their faith.

Grand Knight, Richard Clish

Please stop by after the weekend Masses on March 7 and 8 for a few minutes to meet some of our members and learn more about what we do. **Hospitality will be provided after the Sunday Masses. We will also raffle off a \$25 Jewel gift card** for anyone that signs a prospect card. Spouses and children are also invited. For Further information

CTK Website: <https://www.ctlombard.org/knights>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CTKKnights11027>

Sign up online for free with promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html

You can use this QR code to join on-line.

Any questions, please contact Richard Clish at 630-935-0288



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for Feb. 14-15

Weekly Sunday Offering	\$8,494.50
Weekly Budget	\$11,346
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$318.00
Religious Retirement	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$80.00

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



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 & 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.

To register, visit easterndupagedeanery.org Or scan the QR code



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Saturday, March 7th

Ascension of Our Lord Parish

1S314 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 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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