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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— March 14 - **Third Week of Lent**
4:00 p.m. — Keith Kelly

SUNDAY— March 15 - **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

11:00 a.m. — Deacon Wayne Storrs

MONDAY— March 16 - **Fourth Week of Lent**
8:30 a.m. — Erlinda C. Sullivan

TUESDAY— March 17 - **St. Patrick, Bishop**
8:30 a.m. — Sue Tracy

WEDNESDAY— March 18 - **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
8:30 a.m. — Joseph Martinez

THURSDAY— March 19 - **Solemnity of St. Joseph**
8:30 a.m. — Gideon De Castro

FRIDAY— March 20 - **Fourth Week of Lent**
8:30 a.m. — Charles Hall

SATURDAY— March 21 - **Fourth Week of Lent**
4:00 p.m. — John Steichen

SUNDAY— March 22 - **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

11:00 a.m. — Primrose Huda and Family

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

LAETARE SUNDAY

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Readings for the Week of March 15, 2026

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

From the Pastor's desk....

Congratulations to Archbishop Hicks of New York; our former Bishop! Archbishop Hicks will travel to Rome for his elevation to Cardinal. This is quite an honor for him, and also for us. The big day is on June 29. Bishop holds his roots in Chicago and Joliet close to him and mentions our diocese often. A lot of responsibility to be sure.

This is the middle of March—and also the middle of Lent. We celebrate in a special way today with Laetare Sunday. We are reminded that our Lenten journey is half over and Easter draws near. So, we may want to check ourselves; how are we doing with our Lenten practices? This might be a good time to encourage ourselves to keep going with what we have been doing for Lent, and also to perhaps adjust some things for the rest of the season. Easter is a joyful time for all Christians. This big day will soon take place for people of faith, it is celebrated because we have prepared carefully for the full understanding of Easter. While we will never be complete in this life of knowing Easter, the Lenten practices will help us to get a glimpse of what this wonderful, powerful day brings to all humanity.

May the rest of your Lent go well as we approach the holy mountain of Easter Joy!

Peace.....Fr. Jeff





- **“Soup Supper Wednesday”** March 18, 25 – 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- **“Themed Stations of the Cross”** - Fridays During Lent 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 February 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

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

1. Conversion 2. Confession 3. Communion 4. **Commission**

We will look at the fifth essential separately, because it holds all the others together.

The 4th Pillar - **Commission**

We return again to the mountainside at the moment when the Risen Jesus commissions His apostles to go and make disciples. Nourished by the transformative power of Jesus in the Eucharist, they would not be sent on their journey alone. They would be bringing Jesus with them, the Incarnate Word, now alive in them, His Body, given **“for the life of the world” (John 6:51)**.

Every Eucharistic celebration concludes with a sending. In fact, the word Mass derives its meaning from the Latin word missa, meaning “dismissal.” The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!”

As we go forth, we are called to put our faith into action each day through our good works, our commitment to service, our moral integrity, and our dedication to justice and peace in the world. Yet none of this is possible without first knowing and loving Christ and being nourished by Him. It is from this deep, personal relationship with Jesus that all our efforts flow, helping others to come to know and love Him as well.

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The **MAKE** Team Leaders; Irene Boutiette, Maryann Hespen, Carol Paulsen, and Rachel Vaughan.



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, SATURDAY, MARCH 14

FOR A FREE-WILL DONATION, A DINNER OF CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES, CARROTS, IRISH SODA BREAD, AND DESSERTS WILL BE OFFERED.

THE PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE **PARISH LIFE CENTER AND BEGIN AFTER THE 4 O'CLOCK MASS.**

PLAN TO COME, BRING A FRIEND, AND ENJOY!



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Knights' Hoopsmania Tickets on Sale

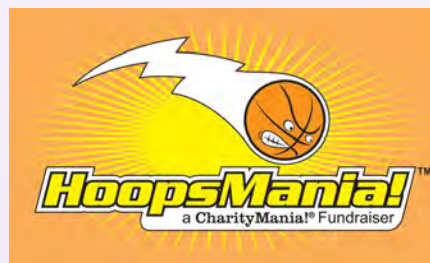
It's time for March Madness once again, and we hope you will join us in **Hoopsmania**. The Knights will be selling cards this weekend in the narthex after all masses. Each card gives you 8 teams to follow as the tourney progresses and you have a chance to win some money.

Tickets are \$20 each.

If you do not have a chance to purchase after Mass, tickets are also available at the link:

<https://www.charitymania.com/give/YG04B>.

Get in the game! Have fun during this year's March Madness.





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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 all weekend Masses 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



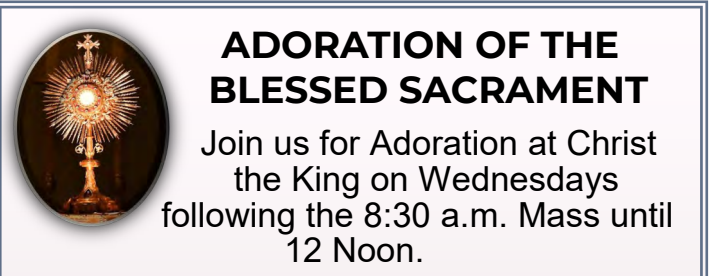
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The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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, 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 <i>(6 pcs.) (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.



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

INTERESTED IN JOINING?
NO PRIOR BIBLE STUDY KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED!
CONTACT MICHELLE DALPINO
MICHELLE@CTKLOMBARD.ORG
OR TEXT 630-484-5093

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 Easter.

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

Saturday, March 21, 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 Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur St., Elmhurst

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 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. **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
- Assistance with rent and utility payments
- Distribution of grocery gift cards
- 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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