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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 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

MONDAY— March 9 - St. Frances of Rome
8:30 a.m. — Antonio and Ophelia Cordero

TUESDAY— March 10 - Third Week of Lent
8:30 a.m. — Zygmunt and Lillian Gasiorowski

WEDNESDAY— March 11 - Third Week of Lent
8:30 a.m. — For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY— March 12 - Third Week of Lent
8:30 a.m. — Joe Spoto

FRIDAY— March 13 - Third Week of Lent
8:30 a.m. — Priests & Deacons of the Joliet Diocese

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

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 8, 2026

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

From the Pastor's desk….

This weekend we move our clocks ahead 1 hour; we see more daylight at the end of the day, and are reminded winter is ending and spring is beginning! This also tells us that Easter is approaching. I pray that your Lenten season so far has been going well for you. May you continue on this journey towards the holy mountain of Easter where we experience the light of Christ.

Lent is also a time where people will often come and make their "Easter Duty"—a term that was once used as a reminder to go to confession before Easter! This sacrament is a beautiful gift for our faith. We confess our sins to the priest, and with the presence of the Holy Spirit, God's grace is given to us to guide us and keep us on the path towards salvation. We have a special opportunity here in this area of our diocese once again with confession. Coming up on Saturday, March 21, we will have the Lenten Deanery Reconciliation event at Immaculate Conception Church in Elmhurst. It is hoped that people from all over our deanery will come to IC that day and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. There should be 4 priests present between 8:00 in the morning to 3:00 in the afternoon. You can come and choose a priest; some will be in the traditional confessional, others will be behind a screen or you may also go face-to-face.

Many people find this annual event beneficial. We also have this during the season of Advent. So, think about it. If you are looking for something extra to do for Lent, and if it has been awhile since you have gone to confession, this may be very helpful for you.

Peace……Fr. Jeff

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A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet

- **"Soup Supper Wednesday" March 11, 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 - Communion

After conversion and confession, communion continues the transformative process of disciple-making. By "communion," I mean nothing less than the Eucharist, Jesus' gift of Himself — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — to the life of the Church. In a very tangible way, the Church in the United States has reawakened to the significance of Holy Communion, thanks in part to the three-year Eucharistic Revival which culminated more than a year ago, when 60,000 Catholics, including many from our own diocese, gathered in Indianapolis for the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life, making disciples through personal transformation. Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist because this is His way of wanting to be in communion with you. We remember these words from the Gospel of John: "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (John 6:54). To put it another way, "You are what you eat!" Therefore, the Eucharist is the food by which Jesus becomes alive in us. Transformed by Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, we receive the grace and power to go on mission as His disciple-maker.

Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist because this is His way of wanting to be in communion with you. The Eucharist is the spiritual food that sustains us and the Sacrament by which Jesus empowers us to help Him build up His Body, the Church. Let us never be shy about witnessing faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, once truly nourished by the Eucharist, we come to together in community, living out our individual vocations united in this single calling: making disciples for the salvation of souls. We do this in communion with our families, parishes, religious communities, schools, organizations, and all Catholic institutions.

If you already cherish the Eucharist, let your love for it shine brightly. Share it, adore it, and receive it with a joyful heart. If the Eucharist has not become a central part of your spiritual journey, I strongly invite you to make it a priority. Ask the Lord to kindle within you a deeper longing for His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and experience the transformative grace it brings into your life.

Any questions or comments, Contact Carol Paulsen – mamac331@comcast.net or 630-802-1625

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 DESSERSTS 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!

MAY MISFORTUNE FOLLOW YOU THE REST OF YOUR LIFE AND NEVER CATCH UP.

ERIN GO BRAGH!

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

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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 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
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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

7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? A while 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

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

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Menu

Battered Cod (served each week)	**$17.00**
Baked Tilapia Dinner (served weeks 1 & 3)	**$17.00**
Baked Salmon Dinner (served week 2)	**$17.00**
Jumbo Shrimp Dinner *(6 pcs.)* (served each week)	**$19.00**
Vegetable Lasagna (served each week)	**$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:

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Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Inc.

Our First Lenten Soup Supper Hosted by the SVdP Food Pantry.
Delicious soups and homemade bread were enjoyed by all!
Join us next Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center
for dinner and fellowship - bring the whole family!

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
- 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.

Media Contact: Helen T. McCullough President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Joliet Diocesan Council 630-293-9755 councilpresident@jolietsvdp.org svdpjolietstores.org

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