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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 - Thursday: 9am - 12pm
Closed Friday

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 — April 25 - Feast of St. Mark, evangelist
4:00 p.m. — For world peace

SUNDAY— April 26 – [Fourth Sunday of Easter](#)
8:00 a.m. — William D. Kelly

11:00 a.m. — Parish of Christ the King

MONDAY— April 27 - [Fourth week of Easter](#)
8:30 a.m. — For World Peace

TUESDAY — April 28 - St. Louis Mary de Montfort
St. Peter Chanel, Martyr
8:30 a.m. — **Communion Service - No Mass**

WEDNESDAY— April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
8:30 a.m. — Priest and deacons of Diocese of Joliet

THURSDAY— April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope
8:30 a.m. — Richard Dovalovsky

FRIDAY — May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker
8:30 a.m. — Leroy Szczepanski

SATURDAY — May 2 - St. Athanasius
4:00 p.m. — Conrado Gonzales

SUNDAY— May 3 – [Fifth Sunday of Easter](#)
8:00 a.m. — Parish of Christ the King

11:00 a.m. — Sue Tracy

The 2026 Mass book for Christ the King is open 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 April 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

From the Pastor's desk....

Congratulations to our 2nd grade students in Religious Education as they receive Jesus for the first time; it is First Communion Day! What a beautiful day as we share our faith and our little ones come to the table of the Lord for the first time. Let us keep our children and their parents in our prayers, that they may always walk with Jesus. I thank our parents and grandparents for passing on their faith. As a Catholic people, the Eucharist is the main focal point of who we are. We believe that the Real Presence of Jesus is in the Eucharist. Jesus gives himself to us so freely. May we allow the grace of Christ to transform us as we receive holy communion. Talk to Jesus at that time. Thank him. Let him know what you may need help with. He is present.

This Thursday, April 30, our 8th graders will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Dennis Spies at Holy Ghost in Wood Dale. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they receive the holy spirit in a most special sacrament of the church. May the holy oil, the sacred chrism, give them the strength to be good stewards of the gifts they have been given. May we all remember our own confirmation; pray to the saint that we chose, and know we are blessed because God is truly with us.

Fr. Bob Schoenstene says THANK YOU for the cards of support and encouragement he has received. His broken ankle continues to heal. He is hoping to be back sometime in June to both locations for weekend mass. He is keeping you in daily prayer, and he certainly appreciates the prayers you send his way for healing.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff

Both Christ the King and Ascension of Our Lord 7th & 8th graders went on a retreat to Christ Passion in St. John Indiana on April 19.

We had an excellent day walking the path Jesus did starting with the Last Supper. It was a bit cool, stopping for lunch helped.

Our Parishes are Abundantly Blessed to have the amazing young people preparing for their Confirmation.



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We would like to thank everyone who donated to the parish food pantry over the past few months. After Father Jeff shared news of our recent shortages, you stepped up by providing essential items every week. Your generosity was especially notable during the Lenten season with the 40 Cans program.

Our shelves were empty and now are overflowing with the food drive that Montini HS held over Lent. We're actually expanding our shelving to store the abundance. Good position to be in! **Also keep in mind that there will be no clothing drive this year, moving forward due to the closing of the SVDP thrift stores.**

Good day & God Bless!
Joe & Pantry Volunteers



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MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet

A RENEWED FOCUS

Small discipleship groups and parish discussions about living the faith.

Conversion – Beginning a personal relationship with Jesus – Turning away from sin

Confession – Ongoing repentance and healing – Continue to seek Gods mercy and healing

Communion – Deeper life in the Eucharist and church – Grow deeper in unity w/Christ and church

Commission – Being sent to serve and evangelize – faith and help others become disciples

Prayer- The foundation of all discipleships – Prayer transforms our hearts-Developing a daily prayer habit

Making disciples for Jesus is not just a program but a way of life for every Christian. Through the diocesan MAKE initiative, the church encourages Catholics to grow as disciples and help others encounter Christ.

Ways This Happens

- ◆ **Prayer and Scripture**
- ◆ **Retreats or Parish Missions**
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration**
- ◆ **Witness from other believers**

Grow in sacramental life – Deepen your faith through the sacraments especially

- ◆ **The Eucharist**
- ◆ **Praying Together**
- ◆ **Reconciliation**
- ◆ **Sharing Your Faith Journey**
- ◆ **Mass Participation**
- ◆ **Support One Another**
- ◆ **Study Scripture**

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.

Hello Parishioners and MAKE volunteers!

Since our first meeting when you shared your thoughts and visions for this **MAKE** project, a lot has taken place and a lot is stalled. Let me explain.

After speaking with our Parish DRE, there were Lenten events that **MAKE** was asked to participate in during Lent. There have been Stations at noon and 6:30 on Fridays, soup suppers on Wednesdays, Ministry Fair and Lenten speakers. Many of you have responded and participated. Thank you!!

This whole **MAKE** project is to evangelize and bring new people to leadership roles to enhance and grow ourselves as well as our Parish.

Now we would like to implement some programs which we think will incorporate many of your requests over the last few weeks. This will only happen as volunteers step up to offer their time and talents.

We are in need of facilitators to make the group work. We need people, individuals and groups, with visions to implement and coordinate the programs. That's where you come in. Do you know someone who would enjoy working with seniors, or young adults? Are you interested in sharing your pride in your culture with others? Do you know a young person who would be a great altar server? Perhaps you would be a good person to set up basketball games for young men.

We would like to start:

- ◆ **Men's Group for ages 19-34**
- ◆ **International Food Fair**
- ◆ **Senior Group**
- ◆ **Altar Servers**
- ◆ **Young Adults 19-30**

Let us hear from you soon. We need you! Maryannctk@gmail.com.

We are postponing the May 6th MAKE meeting to May 19th. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

ON GOING CONVERSION- LOVE THE EUCHARIST
Adoration every Wednesday after the 8:30am Mass – 9am-Noon

Next BEHOLD Adoration is Wednesday May 27th 7pm-8pm

“ COULD YOU NOT SPEND ONE HOUR WTH ME”? Matthew 26:40

What do I do at Adoration? COME, SIT WITH ME, I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

Tell me your troubles, your joys, your thoughts, your prayers, or just come and rest in my presence.

Jesus has called us each by name!

“BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS” Matthew 28:20

CAN WE NOT GIVE JESUS THE HOUR? Or whatever time we can spend to know Him and love Him more deeply.

As part of our time in Eucharistic Adoration, there will be an opportunity to light a candle, symbolizing your intercessory prayers for those in need, your special intentions, for world peace, for vocations, etc....



Coffee with Chirst 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 MICHLLE DALPINO
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OR TEXT 630-484-5093

Celebrate Eastertide with Bishop Dennis E. Spies

As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season—the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost—Bishop Dennis E. Spies invites you and your parish community to join him for a weekly video reflection on the theme of “Christ’s Peace.”

Each week’s reflection will be available at www.diojoliet.org/es/eastertide and on all diocesan social media channels. New videos will be posted every Friday, ahead of the weekend vigil Masses.

Christ’s peace is a profound and lasting gift—one that does not depend on our circumstances but flows from God’s abiding presence. It draws us closer to the heart of the Father and strengthens us to be instruments of reconciliation in our families, parishes, and communities. As Jesus teaches in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

We hope that these reflections will enrich your celebration of Eastertide and help you encounter Christ’s peace more deeply in your daily life leading up to feast of Pentecost

*Woman
of the Year*

CCW'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR MARIA FLORES

CCW is delighted to announce that this year's Woman of the Year is Maria Flores. This honor recognizes a member of CCW who has demonstrated faith, leadership, and service to the parish. Please join us in congratulating Maria and celebrating her achievements.

As a person of faith, Maria was a participant in the Wednesday Evening Bible Study for many years. Her religious insights helped to make the Bible Study evenings very interesting. In 2018, Maria joined the Council of Catholic Women as Corresponding Secretary, a position she held for three years. In 2025, she accepted the position of CCW's Recording Secretary. As Recording Secretary, she takes and types the minutes for our board and general meetings. Maria is also very involved with the CCW's Operation Support Our Troops, St. Patrick's Dinner, Holiday Fair, and Baby Shower for Jesus. Easier to say Maria is involved with and is an invaluable asset to all the CCW activities.

Maria also tends the Welcome Desk each Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass.

For 15 years, Maria has volunteered at the Ecumenical Support Service for the Elderly, a senior day care center where she assists in their lunch room. She is involved with table setting, dishing up and serving meals, drinks, desserts, and clean-up afterwards.

Congratulations, Maria, on a well-deserved award. CCW is proud of you!



Thank You!

Once again, the people of Christ the King Parish came through for CCW's annual Operation Support Our Troops Collection. This year CCW collected over 200 pounds of goods along with \$765 in cash. The cash will help defray shipping and packaging costs. Big thank you to Irene Boutiette and her helpers who sorted, counted, and delivered the collection to Operation Support Our Troops in Lisle.

Our Gratitude

We would like to express our gratitude to all people, Fr. Jeff, and all the staff of the Christ the King parish who made a great effort for the mission's success of the olive wood sale two weekend's ago.

You have achieved a great difference to help the less fortunate of God's people.

We do appreciate your assistance in purchasing our items to benefit the Christian community in the Holy Land.

We hope to keep your extended helping hands next time for more sales.

May God Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Issam Qumsiyeh
Star of Bethlehem*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County.

On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

A Special Second Collection

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special second collection the weekend of May 2–3 or May 9-10, 2026.

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

Where to Send Collections

Collections should be sent to: Diocese of Joliet c/o Finance Office 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

Dennis E. Spies

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies
Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet



OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

St. Raphael Parish
1215 Modaff Rd
Naperville, IL 60540

MAY 27TH | 6PM

Open to high school and young adult age men and their fathers

SCAN ME

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

May 3rd at 1:15 PM

Fr. Burke and Fr. Christian invite men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood to join a monthly gathering for conversation and guidance. Open to men from high school juniors and older, these meetings offer an opportunity to meet with Fr. Burke and Fr. Christian, ask questions, and explore what it means to discern a vocation to the priesthood.

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