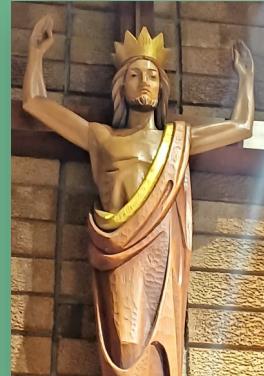


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Christ the King Mission Statement

"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 — January 31 - St. John Bosco**

4:00 p.m. — Joe Rodgers, Brian & Mary Lou Ochalek

SUNDAY — February 1 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. — Christ the King Parish

11:00 a.m. — Bud Rogers and Ron Nasti

MONDAY — February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord8:30 a.m. — Tony and Carmela Aquila
Robert Raymond Wojkovich**TUESDAY — February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr****St. Ansgar, Bishop**

8:30 a.m. — Louise and Lexi Biegalski

WEDNESDAY — February 4 - 4th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM — Poor souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY — February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 a.m. — Daniel Williamson

FRIDAY — February 6 - St. Paul Miki, Priest and Martyr, and his Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. — Joseph Martirez

SATURDAY — February 7 - 4th Week in Ordinary Time4:00 p.m. — William and Helen Tarnow and the
Tarnow Family**SUNDAY — February 8 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. — Prudence Crane

11:00 a.m. — The Hespen Aquila Families

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

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2026

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

From the Pastor's desk....

Monday, February 2, is The Presentation of the Lord. Some will also call this day Candlemas or "little Christmas". Like Epiphany, Jesus is showing himself to the world. He is presented in the temple. Jesus, the Son of God is the light of the world. May we always remember to keep the light of the world ever before us. Many things will try to pull us away.

Tuesday, February 3, we remember St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. St. Blaise is a good saint to pray for when we are in need of physical healing. Many associate St. Blaise with the throat; but he is also an intercessor for other kinds of ailments we may have. Perhaps if you are in need of healing, pray to St. Blaise.

Friday, February 6, Bishop Hicks will be installed as Archbishop of New York. This is historic for not only New York, but for our own Diocese of Joliet. Bishop's parents and family still reside here in our Diocese. This occasion reminds us that we are connected to the universal church. We are blessed because of our Catholic faith.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff



The next Baptismal Preparation Class with Deacon Matt Novak will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm in church. Please call the rectory to register 630-629-1717.



Prayer to **MAKE** Disciples

Ever loving God, maker of all good things, you made us in your image and called us through baptism. Give us now the grace to be made into your disciples, and grant that in being so made, we will do as you have commanded – to go and make other disciples as we catechize, evangelize, and put our faith into action. Through the intercession of our patron, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, we humbly make our prayer.

Amen.

How do we build a Church that makes more disciples? An old Latin phrase gives us a clue: *Nemo dat quod non habet* — “**You cannot give what you do not have.**” So first, we must be made. The process of becoming a disciple of Christ looks a little different for each of us, shaped by our upbringing, opportunities, talents, choices, struggles, and personal prayer. Yet our common bond is the person of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of all, and His Church. What, then, are these shared elements, or roadmap, which help us enter into the fullness of discipleship and become disciple makers for Jesus? I will name four essentials for us, and later, add a fifth. It helps to see these four steps in order:

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

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

Conversion

For many of us, taking the first step to follow Jesus can be the most difficult. Nevertheless, if taken, it marks the beginning of a process of coming to know and love the Lord. We call it conversion, the moment when you receive an invitation from Jesus to enter into a personal, loving relationship with

Him. It is that moment when you realize that God is real and not just a theory, and when you personally understand that God is connecting with and loving you to the point that you respond by deciding to follow Him forever. You can be brought up in the faith and participate in many of the external expressions of Catholicism, such as going to Mass and attending various parish events, without ever becoming a disciple who leads others to Jesus. You will never become that disciple without taking an initial step, which is an acceptance of His invitation to follow Him.

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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.

THE GARDEN WORKS PROJECT

CCW'S FEBRUARY 16 MEETING WILL FEATURE THE GARDEN WORKS PROJECT

Teri Wood, Executive Director of the **Garden Works Project of DuPage County**, will speak at the **Monday, February 16 CCW meeting at 6:30**. All members of the parish are invited to join us in the PLC.

The **Garden Works Project** focuses on addressing food insecurity through community gardening, education, and collaboration with local food pantries. The mission of the project is to combat food insecurity by fostering connections between food growers, local food pantries, and individuals in need. The project emphasizes organic growing methods and provides education, resources, and training to empower community members to grow their own food. The project enhances local food systems to improve food security across DuPage County.



Join us on Friday, February 20, 2026 (8-11:30AM), to enjoy a fun half-day experiencing life as a Bronco! Meet new friends, explore our school and get a feel for a typical day of high school at Montini. **We can't wait to welcome you to campus!**

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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.



Food Pantry Donations at Work

Christmas wound down with another reason for hope for the families we serve at the pantry. They received holiday gift cards from Target and Walmart of well over \$6,700. In addition they received holiday hams with their holiday sides.

For the year we were able to provide just under \$67,000 in assistance to 2,983 families which included over 10,445 individuals. We continue our partnership with Northern IL Food Bank and their member stores. The value of the food donated through our partnership with the Food Bank is estimated at \$232,000.

Included below is a breakdown of some outflows:

- ◆ \$4,800 in client rental/utility expenses
- ◆ \$54,800 in Aldi gift cards to assist provided food products we aren't able to provide.
- ◆ \$8,242 in miscellaneous operating expenses, supplies, etc.

None of this is possible without the generosity of our parishioners at Christ the King. Hopefully this enlightens you as to what your donations are providing throughout the year. This has been a rough year for all; especially so for those we serve at the pantry.

We at the pantry are overwhelmed by the your generosity.
May the new year be good for all!

Happy New Year & God Bless!

Joe Maderak & Pantry Volunteers
SVDP Christ the King Food Pantry

Thank You!

For those who are able to share with the pantry we are looking for the below items on a weekly basis if possible.



PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS

- ◆ Canned fruits & vegetables
- ◆ Condiments
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Boxed side dishes: potato, rice, noodle
- ◆ Canned chicken
- ◆ Pasta sauce & noodles
- ◆ Boxed meals
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Canned beans
- ◆ Paper towels

If you can bring a can or two to church each week and drop off at the boxes in the church narthex across from the elevator it would help make a difference for a lot of people in need.

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