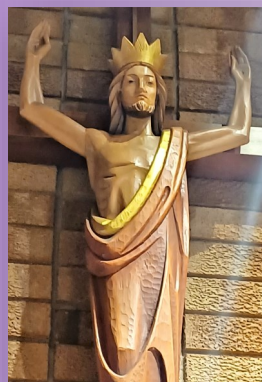


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Christ the King Parish



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***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  
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**“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 — December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop**

4:00 p.m. — Parish of Christ the King

**SUNDAY — December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. — Anna Ambrogio

11:00 a.m. — Charles and Eleanor Montgomery

**MONDAY — December 8 - The Immaculate Conception**

8:30 a.m. — Florence Kaminski

12:15 p.m. — The Parish of Christ the King

**TUESDAY — December 9 - St. Juan Diego**

8:30 a.m. — John Lavrin

**WEDNESDAY — December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto**

8:30 AM — Avelina Frailde

**THURSDAY — December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope**

8:30 a.m. — Deacon Wayne Storrs

6:00 p.m. — Communion Service

**FRIDAY — December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 a.m. — John and Deanna Cavello

**SATURDAY — December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

4:00 p.m. — Frank and Lillian Henkel

**SUNDAY — December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. — Louise Biegalski

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



On Monday, December 8, we honor Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin.

Please join us for Mass on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and 12:15 pm**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### Readings for the Week of December 7, 2025

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

### From the Pastor's desk....

*May God be with you, and bless you and your loved ones at the beginning of this Holy Advent Season. This is a time for us to wait and prepare—first for the second coming of Christ on the Last Day, and also to celebrate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. Our liturgical color is violet. This season is penitential in nature. We are given an opportunity to slow ourselves down and reflect on our relationship with Jesus.*

*This weekend, December 6, is St. Nicholas Day. St. Nicholas was a bishop in Myra, which is now a part of modern-day Turkey. St. Nicholas is known for his kindness, healing, and help for travelers. There are many customs and traditions, particularly those found in Germany. With St. Nicholas Day here, Christmas cannot be far behind!*

*This week on Monday, December 8, we remember the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her parents, St. Anne, and St. Joachim. This is a Holy Day—and there will be 3 masses available for you to attend between our 2 parishes of shared ministry. Mass will be at 8:30 in the morning at Christ the King, Lombard, then at noon at Ascension, Oakbrook Terrace, and again at 12:15 at Lombard. It is good for us to think about the Blessed Mother and her family. All chosen by God to do His Will. How might each of us say “yes” to God in knowing, and doing His Will?*

*Peace.....Fr. Jeff*



**WEEK 2**  
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**The 2026 Mass book for Christ the King is now open for January through March 2026. Please contact Loretta at the rectory at (630) 629-1717 ext. 2 or at [loretta@ctklombard.org](mailto:loretta@ctklombard.org).**

## CCW'S ANNUAL "BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS" COLLECTION DECEMBER 13 AND 14

Though the concept of a "Baby Shower for Jesus" is imaginative, it is rooted in the timeless message of Christmas: the celebration of hope, love, and the arrival of God's greatest gift to humanity. By embracing this idea, we remember Jesus' humble beginnings and commit ourselves to spreading the light and love He brought to the world.

A collection for the Shower for Baby Jesus will be taken in the Narthex at all Masses the weekend of December 13 and 14. The Shower for Baby Jesus, with a light breakfast, will take place in the PLC on Wednesday, December 17, after 8:30 Mass.



## Pantry Gift Card Program

This year is flying by and we'd like to ask for another gift for our pantry families. If you're interested and able we'd ask for a \$25 gift card from Walmart or Target for children of the pantry. Walmart seems to be the most popular card.

In past years you've come through so that we had a gift card for each child in addition to the Christmas meals given their families!

There will be a basket at the welcome desk in the narthex for card collection through December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tis the season! May it be bright for us all! God bless 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

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| ◆ 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.



On Thursday, the 11th, at 6:00 pm, there will be a communion service. All are welcome to attend. Men are also welcome to stay after, for the Knights of Columbus meeting in the PLC.

## *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*

by Matthew Kelly

God has been using the Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality to transform ordinary people into saints for a long time. It's time to discover why the timeless genius of Catholicism is still relevant in the modern world.

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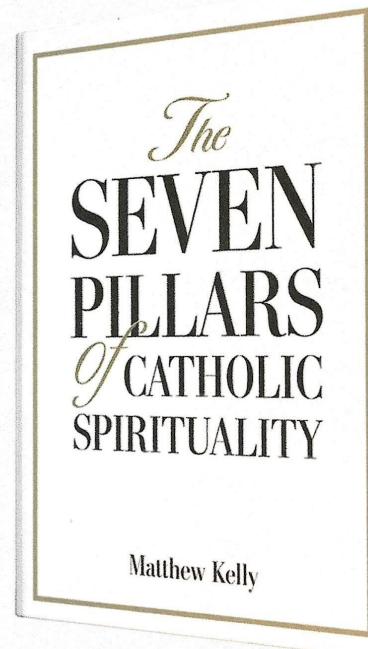
*If your spiritual life were a house, what would it be like? What street would it be on? What part of town would it be in? What would it look like?*

*Would it be a house or a home?*

*Is it in need of renovations? Is it peaceful, noisy, distracting, well-organized, messy?*

*When Matthew Kelly was a teenager, a spiritual mentor entered his life to help him establish seven transformational habits in his life. These seven pillars have been an enduring source of growth and comfort for Kelly over the past four decades.*

*In The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality, Matthew Kelly demonstrates the timeless genius of Catholicism by illustrating the practical and spiritual ways these ancient spiritual habits continue to enrich our daily lives today.*



*Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world. He has been using these seven habits to transform ordinary people into saints for a long time.*

***Are you willing to let God transform you?***

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing books after all masses December 13 & 14 in the Narthex



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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HAS RESUMED

Adoration has once again resume at Christ the King on Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon. Read about the Eucharist Revival at: [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)



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# 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 Christmas.**

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

**Saturday, December 20, from 8am until 3pm**

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](mailto:info@icelmhurst.org)*

**All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace**

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## Bishop Hicks' Column December 2025

### *Finding Hope Behind Bars: Becoming Disciples Who Make Disciples in Unexpected Places*



We celebrate Advent and Christmas as seasons of light and joy, yet sometimes the brightest hope appears in the places we least expect. Over the years, I have found that ministering to those in prison is one of the most unexpected ways to live out the call of my pastoral letter MAKE to be disciples who make disciples.

My first encounter with prison ministry goes back to my volunteer year in Mexico in 1989. A female catechist invited me to join her in visiting a large prison. I remember the surprise of walking in with barely any formal checks and feeling a bit baffled and nervous about how I would get out. Yet what stayed with me most was her simple reminder: "They all have names. They are often forgotten, but if you become a priest, remember they exist. See the face of Christ in them!"

Years later, as a seminarian accompanying Cardinal Bernardin to the Cook County Jail for Christmas Mass, I saw that same spirit of discipleship. He had no family in Chicago, yet he found joy in bringing the Eucharist to those often forgotten. He showed me that prison ministry is not simply a duty but a moment of grace. It is a chance to be a disciple who brings Christ's hope to others.

Someone once told me that one of the humbling aspects of ministering in prisons is that the people you serve can never repay you. You do it simply because Christ calls us to recognize His presence in them. In that pure act of service, we quietly plant seeds of faith in hearts that society often overlooks.

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion for four inmates at the Joliet Detention Center. Their deep desire and reverence reminded me again of that woman's wisdom from years ago. They have names, they exist, and they are just as worthy of God's grace. After the Mass, each newly minted Catholic offered a testimonial, thanking those

who brought Christ to them and sharing how lost they felt before being introduced to God and the Church. Their desire to cling to hope and live out their newfound faith inspired me deeply as we gathered in that makeshift prison chapel.

Let me highlight the ministry of the growing number of laypeople, deacons, and priests in our Diocese who are living out this call and bringing Christ's love to the incarcerated. And they do it with no fanfare. Truly, no one is writing them thank you notes or sending them gifts for their ministry. We as a Church and as a Diocese should be proud that so many are putting their faith into action through this ministry.

In Catholic social teaching, we uphold the dignity of every human being, even those who have sinned or been cast aside by society. As Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." This is the heart of our mission. To see Christ in the prisoner, the hungry, the thirsty, the unborn, the immigrant, the person with disabilities, the stranger, and all in need. It is a true Christian hope. It is the conviction that Christ is with us always and that every person is worth seeing, knowing, and loving in His name.

In a few weeks, I will celebrate Christmas Mass at the DuPage County Correctional Facility. As I prepare for that Mass, please know that I will carry your intentions with me in prayer. Also, join me in prayer as together we carry that hope not only into the prisons but into every place where Christ's light is most needed. Our homes, our parishes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and all the hidden corners of our lives and our world.

May we never overlook the unexpected places where God's grace, hope, and light are waiting to break through and transform us all. For when we see the face of Christ in every person we meet, we fulfill the mission of being disciples who MAKE disciples. †

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