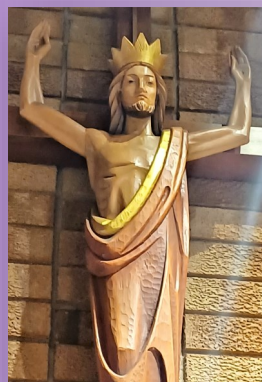


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Saturday – 4pm

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
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 — 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

11:00 a.m. — Sue Tracy

MONDAY—December 15 - Third Week of Advent

8:30 a.m. — Zygmunt and Lillian Gasiorowski

TUESDAY — December 16 - Third Week of Advent

8:30 a.m. — Maribel Martinez

WEDNESDAY— December 17 - Third Week of Advent

8:30 AM — Deacon Wayne Storrs

THURSDAY— December 18 - Third Week of Advent

8:30 a.m. — Betty Kanarkowski

FRIDAY — December 19 - Third Week of Advent

8:30 a.m. — Robert Logan and Family

SATURDAY — December 20 - Third Week of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Jim Tonkinson

SUNDAY— December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. — Flora Bogacki

11:00 a.m. — Esperanza Querubin

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.

O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage. Amen

From the Pastor's desk....

I pray your Advent is going well for you. We are now at the halfway mark with this Sunday. The pink candle is lit on the Advent wreath, as a reminder that we are to "rejoice" for Christmas draws near! May you take the time to prepare your heart for the beauty of the Christmas season that will soon be upon us. God loves you, and sent His Son, Jesus to teach us and show us that love. I encourage you to look at your relationship with Jesus. He is there for you.

Since I last wrote to you, Fr. Bob Coleman has gone home to the Lord. Fr. Bob was a good, holy man. I hope you personally at some point were able to talk with him. He was very unassuming, and wanted you to know all about Christ. He loved life, and he loved being a priest in the church. Fr. Bob sets a good example for us. Perhaps what I saw in Fr. Bob the most was his dedication and loyalty to God and the Church. It is not always easy to do, especially when one has health issues; and Fr. Bob had a variety of them. He pushed on, and knew that he was not alone—that God was with him. Perhaps as we think about Fr. Bob, we might learn from him, and see what he may have taught each of us about faith, and life. God truly blessed Fr. Bob.

Peace.....Fr. Jeff



WEEK 3
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Readings for the Week of December 14, 2025

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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.

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 14th.

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Mass times

3:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Mass

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day Mass times

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality

by Matthew Kelly

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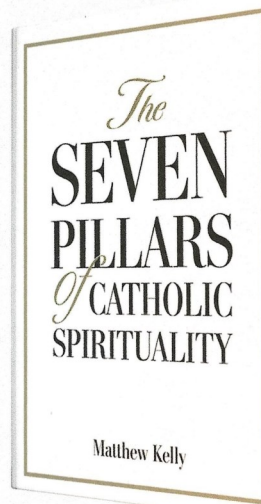
Timeless Habits That Transform Lives

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.

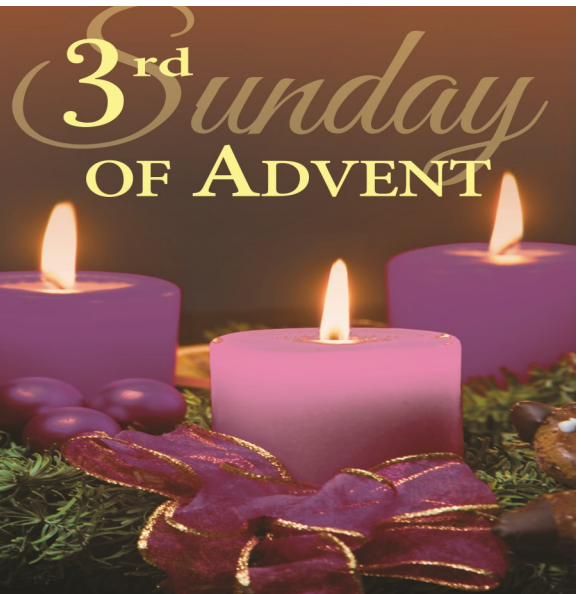


Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world. He has been using these seven habits to transform ordinary people into saints for a long time.

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



Gaudete Sunday is celebrated on December 14, marking the third Sunday of Advent and a time of joyful anticipation. Gaudete Sunday, which means "Rejoice" in Latin, is a day of joy during the Advent season. It serves as a reminder that even in the midst of waiting and preparation for Christmas, there is cause for joy because the Lord is near. This Sunday is characterized by the use of rose-colored vestments and candles, symbolizing joy and hope.

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



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Christmas flower	\$285
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday of the Month

11:00am Mass

Young children are invited after the opening prayer to explore the Liturgy of the Word with our Catechists in ways they receive the message best for them.

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*

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

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