Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7–8

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH
As members of the Diocese of Joliet, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the universal Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ’s presence among us. We manifest God’s Word through active participation in spiritual, liturgical, educational, service, and social ministries directed at bringing all people to Christ.

Please join us for:
Masses at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday
Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on Monday-Friday
Individual Rite of Penance at 4:00 p.m. & Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday
Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
How can I allow God’s grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS
FOR 2022-2023 LOCAL GRANT
CCHD is now accepting applications for the Local Grant Program. Visit https://bit.ly/3ISAdF2 for more information and the next steps! All organizations applying must go through a multi-step review process.

Contact Alex Quezada with any questions:
Email: aquezada@dioceseofjoliet.org
Phone: 815-221-6255

The Women’s Giving Circle, a fund of the Catholic Education Foundation, is hosting an afternoon event on Saturday, February 26th from 1-3pm, to sip, savor and be spiritual with other like-minded Catholic women.

Tickets may be purchased online and include 2 glasses of wine and charcuterie: givecentral.org/cefwgccwinter2022

Virtual attendance is also an option.

Please email Emily at ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org for more information about the event or for more information on the Women’s Giving Circle.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.
Throughout these unprecedented times, That Man Is You! has continued to provide a gathering place for men of the Eastern DuPage Deanery parishes to grow in their faith and experience fellowship. TMIY is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the Vision of a Man, Fully Alive. Each week a large group of men gather together to learn to become true Catholic leaders in their families and communities. Our spring session will begin on Saturday, February 5. That Man Is You! is open to men from all parishes.

For more information, visit tmiy.org or call 630-276-6401 or 847-980-2803. Advanced registration is not required but is encouraged to receive all TMIY emails.

To register, go to www.TMIY.org. Click on 'FIND A GROUP/REGISTER FOR A CLASS' near top.

Search near Elmhurst, IL and Select Mary Queen of Heaven

Congratulations to our parish eighth graders who celebrated their Confirmation with Bishop Hicks on Saturday, February 5. Below are some pictures from this very special day; more pictures are available in the What's New section of our parish website st-phil.org.
Religious education families should mark their calendars for the following events:

- Because of COVID and no in-person classes in 2020/2021, the sixth graders were not able to enjoy their traditional parent/child retreat last year so this year the retreats will include both seventh graders (last year’s sixth graders) and this year’s sixth graders. The Grade 6 & 7 Mother/Daughter Retreat will be held on Wednesday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. with Betsy Fons as the presenter. The Grade 6 & 7 Father/Son Retreat will be held on Wednesday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. with Bill Johnson as the presenter.

- Second grade parents will participate in a First Eucharist Parent Meeting on Saturday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 1 to receive important information about their child’s upcoming First Eucharist on May 7 at 11:00 a.m.

- Second graders and their parents will also participate in a First Eucharist Retreat from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 5, in the parish gym. It’s an opportunity for the family to bond over activities that are designed to help the children prepare for the sacredness of this most special sacrament.

**How do we "do" Lent?**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We are all familiar with the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. You are invited to an evening to dig deeper and challenge yourself beyond these habits of our faith and see how God is inviting us to a closer relationship with Him and how we can embody God’s love to the world this Lent.

Please join us!

Christ the King Parish
1500 Main St / Lombard
7pm, Wednesday, March 9th
Refreshments will be served
Questions? Call Sue at 630-788-0256

Jennifer De Vala from the Archdiocese of Chicago will be our facilitator.

Jennifer is a career long pastoral minister. She is a member of Ascension Catholic Church, Oak Park, IL, and is anticipating her MA in Theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, May 2022.

**Upcoming Mobile Food Pantries**

- February 15 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Immaculate (15629 IL Rt. 59, Plainfield)
- February 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy (701 S Eola Rd, Aurora)
- February 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church (211 N. Center Ave., Bradley)
- February 28 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church (135 E. Rice Rd., South Wilmington)

Dates are subject to change and more distributions may be added. Mobile Food Pantries are drive-thru events. Participants are asked to clear space in the trunks of their vehicles prior to arrival to ensure a contact-free experience. Anyone who needs food assistance is welcome to attend.

SCRIP gift cards are available to order throughout the year. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see brands/denominations. Contact Lizzy Roberson at 224-287-5278 or email lizzywroberson@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds are earmarked for the school. Thank you for your support in keeping the St. Philip the Apostle School tuition low.
Today’s gospel tells us that Jesus means business. His words are not mere lip service or some sort of easy consolation for those who are hurting. In Luke’s version of the Beatitudes, Jesus shares four statements of blessedness, not unlike Matthew’s account. What follows, however, is different. Not only does Jesus say, “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours,” but he continues, “Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.” Scripture scholars often refer to this passage, among others in the gospel of Luke, as indicating a sort of “great reversal.” Luke consistently situates the narrative of Jesus within the framework of the real world. This temporal element of Luke’s writing is not insignificant, especially as today’s gospel points to a great reversal where those who have much will be humbled and those who have nothing will be exalted. Expected and “normal” social structures are challenged in favor of the new way of Christ.

Source: Living Liturgy 2022, Liturgical Press

Best Lent Ever with Matthew Kelly
Matthew will be using his new book Generosity during Lent to offer us daily reflections.
In the past, Matthew’s reflections have been inspiring each day to become the best version of yourself and live abundantly. Go to http://www.dynamiccatholic.com to sign up now.

In Luke’s version of the Beatitudes, he has only four blessings and he adds four woes. Did you notice that all the things that we work forty or more hours a week to give to our family are considered “woes”? So is Jesus saying we should not have savings for the future, food for the kids, a happy, safe environment, or a good reputation? I suspect that the disciples and the others listening to Jesus wondered the same thing. The values of this world are not necessarily the values of God’s Kingdom. Jesus himself is the extreme example of reversing worldly values: His death was not a tragic ending, but the saving action that brought us forgiveness and new life in the Resurrection. So how do we experience the blessings of the poor, the hungry, the mourning, or the unpopular? Do we have the faith to let go of self-reliance and to trust in Jesus? How much money does it take to meet the needs of our family? Are we really helping our children if we give them anything they want? We buy them nice clothing; do we teach them to see Jesus in others? How can we say this is all too idealistic, and still claim to believe in the Resurrection. I don’t expect everyone do go around saying “woe is me.” Some of the happiest people are those who live simple lives of faith and trust in God. When we learn to trust the Lord and love one another, we not only can see Jesus in the poor or the lonely, he can also be seen in us.

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Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church? We need men, women and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and volunteers to help sanitize the church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the weekends. Please call Carol Schubert at 630-628-0900 x104 if you want to answer the call...
Today we celebrate World Marriage Day, the day designated as the closest Sunday to Valentine’s Day. For many years my wife Ann and I ministered to engaged couples through the Marriage Preparation program in our former parish. During those 18 years, we found that the greatest gift you can bring to your marriage and any relationship is open and honest communication, which includes really listening to the other person and not merely hearing the words. Giving 100% of ourselves in every moment will lead us to overcome differences as we move to compromise and to live our lives in love and peace.

When I meet a couple who have been married for a long time (over 50 years), they usually say that the reason they never gave up on their relationship was because they listened, reconciled, and moved on. They looked back on their life together and realized how much they had been through and knew that it could not have been accomplished without good communication. They also said those moments strengthened their love for one another. Peace, health and safety,

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Collection for February 5/6, 2022
Collection: $16,457
Budget: $13,115
Difference: $3,342

Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22
Collection: $401,730
Budget: $419,692
Difference: $17,962

Thank you for your generosity!

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Applications Open for CEF Grants and Scholarships on 1/1/2022
Apply for a grant for the 2022-23 School Year now until April 1, 2022 at:
https://online.factsmgt.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 14 to 20, 2022

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
8:00 AM Grazia Amenta

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
8:00 AM Donna Giuseffi

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17
8:00 AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:00 AM John Driscoll

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
2:00 PM Wedding of Calli Nelson & Anthony Cantanese
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Donna Giuseffi
Rosolino & Florence DiTusa
10:00 AM John & Catherine Ardito
Tom Barrett / Marc Stolfe / Giovanna Pecoraro
Jean Troksa / Carol P. Baran / Roi Lombardi
Mary Jane Maxwell / Marte DiFazio
Chip O’Brien

Our sympathy to their friends and families.

Let us remember in prayer our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, especially:

Ann Klimt
Caterina Partipilo

Believing Justice and Mercy. In Luke’s Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks to more than just his own people. We hear four blessed and four related woes. He first calls all those in the crowd, and now calls us to rejoice and leap for joy at the blessed activities dealing with justice and mercy.

The implication: do the blessed; avoid the woes.

✦ How will I be just in dealing with others all week long?
✦ How will I be merciful to everyone just as God is merciful
✦ What mercy work will I do?

Abortion Alternatives: Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)
**Baptism Information:** Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

**Marriage Information:** Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

**Parish Registration:** New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

**Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls:** Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.