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2025

8TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.”
- Lk 6:43

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ the King Parish is to make Jesus Christ present, both inside and outside the Parish, for Jesus offers the fullness of life and the salvation of souls.

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

9:00am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 11:00am
Livestreamed & ASL interpreted at 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:00pm
Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday | 9:30am - 8:00pm

Rosary

Wednesday | 6:15pm

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DEADLINES

Bulletin

Bulletin announcements need to be submitted to Sarah Guerra by noon on the Friday of the week prior — 9 days before the weekend you'd like it to appear.

Mass Intentions

Our Saturday and Sunday Mass times fill up quickly. We suggest scheduling your Mass Intentions three weeks prior to your desired date. There is always availability at our weekday Masses! To request a Mass Intention, you may call the parish office or visit the parish website.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Care of the Sick

Our Visitation Ministry Team would like to bring Communion to our homebound parishioners as well as visit those in a hospital or a nursing facility. Please call the Parish Office to let us know of those who wish to be visited.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism preparation class is required prior to the Baptism. This class takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm. Please contact the parish office to schedule the Baptism date at least 3 months in advance of the desired date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with one of the priests at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding. A Marriage Preparation program and interviews are required.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is the process available for those wishing to explore becoming a member of our Catholic Christian Community. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

STEWARDSHIP FEBRUARY 22-23

Offertory.....	\$7,058.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$125.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$3,883.00
Collection Total	\$11,066.00
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$13,865.00

Special Collection—Next weekend's collection is for the Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Sign up for online giving with our portal through Faith Direct!
membership.faithdirect.net/NY108



PRAYER AND READINGS



Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of March 2025 has been donated in loving memory of

George Cavanaugh

requested by
Family

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

Tuesday, March 4 | 9 am

Joseph Rozan
*Family

Wednesday, March 5 | 9 am

Agnes T. Pero
*Tom Tommell

Thursday, March 6 | 9 am

Katherine Dachowski
*Marion & Kevin Edick

Saturday, March 8 | 4 pm

John Walsh (6th Anniversary Memorial)
*Margaret Walsh
Mary Alheim
*Greg & Joanne Chase

Saturday, March 8 | 4 pm Continued

Marie Luce
*Michael & Lesley Markham

Sunday, March 9 | 8 am

Kathie Hannaford
*Jim & Diane Dollery

Sunday, March 9 | 11 am

Richard Judge (Birthday Memorial)
*niece, Ellen Judge Swanson
Lucille Reppenhagen
*Deb Baron
James Hogan
*Nancy & Tony Paino

Pray For...

Our Sick

Patricia Bruno	Dr. Marilyn Levine
Joan Mastrianni	Joan Schramm
Rizza Walker	Vincent Kelder
Carol Doyle	Eileen Reis
Richard and Sarah	Maryann Markham
Pablo Cortes Montiel	Don McCarthy
Rev. Sally Heiligman (pastor at St. Boniface)	Ryan Stoeppell
Christopher Visker	Carolyn Harris
Shirley Ratta	Bob Wallace
Cher Joseph	Michele Peichota
Case Kerns	Joshua Carpenter
Cassidy Zyskowski	Carson Leonard
Ellie Leaver	Patricia Bogg
Christine Nelson Testani	Reed Dewitt
Linda Gosch	Rick Gelley
Christine Slattery	David Latina
Paul Pierce	Judi McGinn
Donna Johnson	Michela
Timothy J.	Marie Luce
Kathy Bator	Liz Stewart

If you or someone you know are in need of our prayers, or if you had asked for prayer and your prayers were answered, please call the parish office. Names will be removed from the list periodically.

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, March 2 ●

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday, March 3 ●

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 4 ●

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 5 ●

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 6 ●

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 7 ●

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-17

Saturday, March 8 ●

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday, March 9 ●

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Reflection for the Week

Jesus encourages his followers to be humble in judgment of others and mindful in speech.

Have you had good role models in your life for these virtues?

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Our Beloved Deceased

Frances Russo (February 8)
Robert Coyle (February 19)
Christopher Visker (February 25)

First Year Anniversary March 2024

Constance Burns (March 5)
John Natale (March 5)
Michael Powers (March 11)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Masses of our Local Catholic Community

Altamont: St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's 518-861-8770
Sunday - 9 am

Delmar: St. Thomas the Apostle 518-439-4951
Saturday - 5 pm | Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Voorheesville: St. Matthew's 518-765-2805
Saturday - 5:15 pm | Sunday - 9:30 am



9 am Mass with the distribution of ashes

7 pm Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes

ST. MATTHEW'S, VOORHEESVILLE TWO SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS SEASON!

"Love Follows Understanding" explores self-knowledge, humility, charity, and discernment through the example of St. Catherine of Siena, meeting on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm on March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, and June 9 & 23. Additionally, a Lenten Bible Study: "Women of Easter" will examine the biblical and spiritual significance of Mary the Mother of God, Mary Magdalene, and Mary of Bethany, meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm on March 20, 27, and April 3, both in-person and online via Zoom. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Nick at nascioti@gmail.com.

BATTLING SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Join us for an intergenerational social event on Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Corpus Christi Church Parish Hall, where Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will lead a discussion on Battling Spiritual Warfare. This free event, hosted by Generations of Faith, brings together young adults (18-39) and older generations (65+) to explore faith, support one another, and strengthen the Church—hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 – April 13 daily. Albany: public sidewalk at bus stop: 855 Central Ave. 12206 Troy: public sidewalk (not plaza sidewalk) 120 Hoosick St., 12180. Hudson River Commons. Bring friends or join a group. For more information Albany: Mike at alb40days@gmail.com or Troy: Margaret at (518) 453-9302. **Prayer Rally Kickoff: Sun. March 2. Troy 1:30 -2:30 pm and Albany 4-5 pm.**

LENTEN VESPERS IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ

An evening of song, scripture, and silence. Services will be held at St. Clare's, Albany on March 10, 24, & April 7 at 6:30 pm and at Christ Our Light, Loudonville on March 17 & 31 at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Justine Rodriguez, Director of Music, at 518-459-6635.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Christ Child Society of Albany is in need of handmade knitted/crocheted baby sweaters and afghans (36" x 42" or 40" x 40".) The Christ Child Layette Program has experienced great growth in the past several years. Each layette includes, among other things, a handmade sweater, hat, and afghan. We can also always utilize donations of yarn suitable for creating infant items. If you are able to help, please contact Nancy Doyle nancyd12303@aol.com (518) 355-7669.

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The Guilderland Food Pantry is in need of ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, jelly/jam, coffee (ground and k-cup). Thank you for the continued support of the Pantry!

FR. CHRIS ALAR, MIC

He will give two inspiring talks this March! On Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Troy, NY, he will present "The Time of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Lent". Then, on Sunday, March 23, at 1:30 pm, he will speak at St. Mary's Church in Coxsackie, NY, for "Mary's YES", an opportunity to support New Life Maternity Home. Both events are free and offer a chance to deepen your faith and contribute to a meaningful cause.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 2

8 am Mass
11 am Mass (ASL Interpreted and Livestreamed)
5:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class | Pre-Registration is required

Monday, March 3

6:30 pm RCIA Meeting | Vesting Sacristy

Tuesday, March 4

9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass
9:45 am Adoration
6 pm Spiritual Diversity Meeting | Knights Room

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday
9 am Ash Wednesday Mass
6:15 pm Rosary | Church
7 pm Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

Thursday, March 6

9 am Mass including Anointing Service
11 am Daystar Faith Sharing | Music Room
1 pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Room
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room
7 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting | Knights Room

Saturday, March 8

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym
4 pm Mass

Next Sunday, March 9

8 am Mass
10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Room
11 am Mass (ASL Interpreted and Livestreamed)

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—A LENTEN TRADITION

The Stations of the Cross are a Lenten Tradition that dates back to the early Christian Church which follow the walk of Jesus' Passion and Death. Each Friday evening at 7 pm (except March 28th), the Stations of the Cross will be presented in a different format designed to bring us closer to the Lord and help us to recognize His great love for us. Starting on March 7th, the Bereavement Team will present the traditional Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists. Written in the 1700's, these stations are still popular today. Watch the bulletin each week for the theme of the upcoming Stations of the Cross.

SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

Saint Joseph is one of the most beloved saints among Italian-Americans. As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, he is honored with a feast on March 19. According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered. With the ending of the dreadful famine, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. This celebration became tradition. Wealthy families prepared huge buffets. They then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and sick. Here at Christ the King this year, in keeping with this tradition, we ask each parishioner to bring a food item and place it on the tables in the Gathering Space the weekend of March 15-16th. All the food collected will be blessed after the 11 am Mass on March 16 and then will be distributed to the Guilderland Food Pantry and to Saint John's/ St. Anne's Food Pantry. This is a wonderful way for us (children too) to give Alms to those in need during this Lenten Season. Let's fill the Gathering Space with food!

TRIVIA NIGHT RESCHEDULE

The Knights of Columbus have rescheduled the Trivia Night to Saturday, March 29, 6-8 pm. Tickets to the snowed out event will be honored, and tickets are still available to be purchased. Tickets will be sold at the door.



THANK YOU

On behalf of CTK parishioners living in adult facilities, the homebound and all Catholics either attending our communion services or being visited in the VA or the seven facilities we serve weekly, the Visitation Ministry thanks Family Life Ministry and CTK parishioners for organizing and making Valentines. They were so lovely and people so appreciated being remembered with such thoughtfulness and time spent making the cards. Bless you all!

FREE TRIAL OF THE HALLOW APP



If you were wanting to try the Hallow App, now is a great opportunity. Our parish has been gifted a limited time free trial. You can join the app through this link shorturl.at/gQqB5 or by scanning the QR code.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER TICKET EXTENSION!

Did you miss out on tickets due to the weather these past few weekends? You're in luck. The Knights of Columbus have extended their ticket sales for one final weekend! See a Knight in the gathering space this weekend for \$25 tickets. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, they are available in the parish office during office hours. They are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and represent a way to share God's love to those in need of comfort.

CTK MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIVERSITY 1ST MEETING!

We will hold our 1st meeting on March 4, at 6 pm in the Knights Room. Our ministry serves as a platform where people from diverse background can share and strengthen their Catholic faith through their unique expressions of faith largely influenced by the culture or the country where they came from. We encourage those whose origin is outside of the US to attend. 1 Cor 12:12-13 "though we are many parts of the body, for in one spirit, we are all baptized into one body, the body of Christ". If you are planning to attend, please call or text Dr John Potenciano, OFS, at 518 209-5565 or email drjohn_potenciano@yahoo.com.

NEW SKETE CHEESECAKE AND FRUITCAKE SALE

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual New Skete Cheesecake and Fruitcake sale to support their Charitable Giving program. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause. They will be taking orders in the Gathering Space after weekend Masses from February 15th to March 9th. Information and order forms will be available in the Gathering Space after all Masses. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Sullivan at 518-424-0609 or John Hodgson at 518-852-7909.

LENTEN EVENING OF SONG & LENTEN RETREAT WITH DAN SCHUTTE

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) Albany presents renowned liturgical composer and songwriter Dan Schutte for a Lenten Evening of Song and Lenten Retreat. Dan Schutte's music has been a pulse in the heartbeat of many churches for more than 50 years, including "Here I am, Lord," "City of God" and "You Are Near." Join us here at Christ the King Church on March 28 and 29. Lenten Evening of Song beginning at 7 pm on Friday, March 28 and Lenten Morning of Reflection beginning at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 29. Tickets and sponsorship information are available at ivcusa.org/Schutte. \$15 for the concert; \$15 for the retreat; or \$25 for both events. For more information, contact IVC Albany at: AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org

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