

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



November 23, 2025 - Christ the King  
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
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• OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE •

## THY KINGDOM COME!

### *Mission Statement*

*We are a Catholic family, living our awareness of Christ's presence through worship, service, evangelization and community for the benefit of all.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Confessions (Reconciliation - Oak Street Church):

Monday: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### Locations:

Oak Street Church - 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Pierson Street Church - 453 Pierson St.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Parish Office - 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

St. Thomas School - 265 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Little Saints Preschool - 454 Lake St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

### Holy Hearts Adoration Chapel:

Monday, 6:15 am - Friday, 9:00 pm

Saturday, 7:15 am - 5:45 pm

Sunday, 7:15 am - 6:45 pm

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### Resources:

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

(815) 455-0961

M, W, F - 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

St. Vincent DePaul Society: (779) 800-6742

### Little Christopher Resale Shoppe:

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(815) 459-9442

Wed. & Thur. 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Sat. - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

*Donations accepted: During Store Hours*

Marian Central High School: (815)-338-4220

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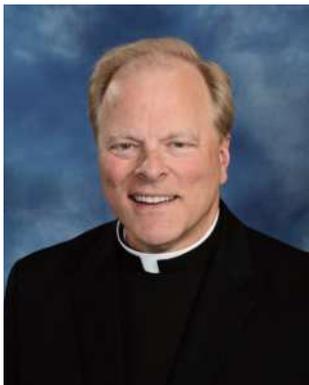
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## From the Pastor's Desk...



Instituting the Feast of Christ the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: *"Pax Christi in regno Christi"* (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Savior, and King and allow Him to rule our lives. That is the "secret" to our happiness.

The title "Christ the King" has its roots in Scripture and in the whole theology of the *Kingdom of God*. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel, Christ is represented as a King. In the New Testament, these prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth.

In the Annunciation (Lk 13:2-33), we read: *"The Lord God will make Him a King, as His ancestor David was, and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and His Kingdom will never end."* In fact, the *Kingdom of God* is the center of Jesus' teaching and the phrase *"Kingdom of God"* occurs in the Gospel 122 times, of which 90 instances are used by Jesus. The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt 2:2) *"Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw His star...and have come to worship Him."* During the royal receptions given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) *"God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord."* During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: (Jn 18:33) *"Are you the king of the Jews?"* Jesus replied: *"You say that I am a king. I was born and came into this world for this one purpose, to bear witness to the Truth"* (Jn 18:37).

Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: *"Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews,"* (Lk 23:36), and that, to the request of the repentant thief on the cross, *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom,"* Jesus promised, *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise"* (Lk 23:39-43). Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared: (Mt 28:18): *"I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth."* Finally (Mt 25:31), we read that Christ the King will come in glory to judge us on the day of the Last Judgment.

So, we need to accept Jesus as the King of Love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation. He gave us a new commandment of love: *"Love one another as I have loved you"* (Jn 13:34). He demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of Love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with *agape* love. Today, on the last Sunday of this Liturgical Year, let us hail Jesus Christ, the King of our Hearts, the King of Love and Mercy!

Peace be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Monday, November 24th**

6:30 am † Kenneth Artner  
12:10 pm † Lloyd & Ann Dawson

### **Tuesday, November 25th**

6:30 am † Brad Johnson  
12:10 pm Elaine Otis (Special Intention)

### **Wednesday, November 26th**

6:30 am Steve Sell (Special Intention)  
12:10 pm † Joseph Kowasz

### **Thursday, November 27th**

9:00 am † Conrad F. & Patricia Floeter

### **Friday, November 28th**

6:30 am † Daniel Ringness  
12:10 pm † Jake Wallen

### **Saturday, November 29th**

7:30 am † Carolyn Deike  
4:30 pm Catherine Suchy (Special Intention)

### **Sunday, November 30th**

7:30 am † Maria Kolmar  
9:00 am Knights of Columbus Members  
(Living & Deceased)  
10:30 am † John F. Sullivan  
12:00 pm The People of St. Thomas the Apostle  
Parish (Living & Deceased)  
5:30 pm † James Reed



Please visit or call the Parish Center to schedule a Mass Intention.

## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, November 23, 2025**

8:30 am Coffee and Donuts (Community Room)  
10:00 am O.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)  
6:45 pm YM Confirmation Class (Community Room)

### **Monday, November 24, 2025\***

#### ***St. Thomas School closed this week***

10:30 am MMP Rosary (Oak St. Church)  
5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)  
6:30 pm SPRED Group (Parish Center)

### **Tuesday, November 25, 2025\***

7:30 pm Knights Planning Mtg (Lower Oak)

### **Wednesday, November 26, 2025\***

#### ***Parish Center Closed***

#### ***No Grade R.E. Classes – No YM***

9:00 pm Adoration Chapel closed

### **Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving**

#### ***No School – Parish Center Closed***

#### ***Adoration Chapel closed***

9:00 am Mass (Oak St. Church)

### **Friday, November 28, 2025\***

#### ***Parish Center Closed***

#### ***Adoration Chapel closed***

### **Saturday, November 29, 2025**

#### ***Adoration Chapel closed***

7:30 am Mass (Oak St. Church)  
8:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church)  
8:00 am Men's Group (Lower Oak)  
3:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)

### **November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent**

#### ***Adoration Chapel closed***

#### ***Knights of Columbus selling Christmas Tree***

8:30 am Coffee and Donuts (Community Room)  
9:00 am O.C.I.A. Rite of Acceptance at Mass  
(Oak St. Church)  
10:00 am O.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)

\*6:30 am and 12:10 pm daily Mass at Oak Street

## Adoration Candle Intentions

Nov. 23 - Dec. 6

Golonka Family

Wagner Family

Dolan Family

Hansen Family



### Celebrant Weekday Masses

11/24	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
11/25	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
11/26	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
11/27	9:00 am	Fr. Downing
11/28	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
11/29	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick

### Celebrant Weekend Masses

11/29	4:30 pm	Fr. Jones
11/30	7:30 am	Fr. Downing
	9:00 am	Fr. Downing
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Fr. Jones
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick

## Adoration Chapel – Thanksgiving weekend

Our Adoration Chapel will close at 9:00 pm on Wednesday, November 26, and will remain closed through Sunday, November 30. The Chapel will reopen on Monday, December 1, at 6:15 am.

Thank you to all our adorers for your dedication and prayers.



**November 23 & 30**  
Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room after morning Masses!

### *Please pray for the Deceased*

Mary Beth Zolecki  
Marge Swanson  
Fred McCally

### WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 11/29/25 & 11/30/25

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Emily Holland	Gloria Marmol, Christine Kosiba, Michele Hunt	
7:30 am	Lori Gajdzik	Gina Houston, Don Shaw, Eleanore Wojewoda, Lynn Doherty	
9:00 am	Monica Caldicott	Vicki K., Michele J., Brad F., Valerie C., Nancy T., John T.	Ian Varys, Michael Robson, Sean Kelly
10:30 am	Patrick Slowey	Rick Wojcik, Valerie Cuchna, Maureen Carpenter, Matt Turk	George Cuchna, Simon Cuchna, Cade Justen
12:00 pm	Joanna Majewska	Mike Klepitsch	
5:30 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld	Annette O'Connell, Susan Ludwig	

## Financial Peace University

Are you tired of feeling like you just can't get in control of your money? It's time to take charge!

**Financial Peace University** is a nine-week course where you will learn how to tackle budgeting, pay off debt fast, and build lasting wealth. This class utilizes **biblical wisdom** and **common sense** to teach you practical, proven ways to handle your money and make it work for you.

Interested in taking this life-changing course? We are currently gathering interest for classes to begin **after the new year** (early 2026). Classes are not yet scheduled, so now is the perfect time to let us know you want to attend! Contact Jack Gebert by calling or texting at (815) 219-8107 to indicate your interest! Don't miss this opportunity to change your future!



### Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

## Advent Night of Recollection: Mary, Model of Advent Waiting

On Monday, December 1, at 7 p.m. in our Oak Street Church, Father Downing will share reflections on waiting during this liturgical season of Advent.

From Mary's first "yes," through her long journey, to the birth of God's own Son, she stands as a model of patient expectancy. The Mother of our Lord is a perfect companion for us throughout Advent, as we wait in hopeful anticipation for the Savior's birth.

Join Father Downing as he explores Advent through the eyes of Mary—encouraging us to embrace our faith, make room for God, serve others, and prepare our hearts to receive the graces God desires to give us this season.

### Giving Tree 2025

The St. Catherine Guild of St. Thomas Women's Club is excited to celebrate the return of the Giving Tree this

Advent Season. The tree will be located at the entrance nearest the bathrooms at the Oak St.

Church, beginning November 29. All the ornaments

are color coded and will have the name of the organization. A poster is located by the Giving Tree, which lists these various organizations.

The Nursing Homes will have ornaments for actual gifts to purchase. Only the gifts for Crystal Pines should be **wrapped** and placed on the tables set up near the Tree.

The remaining organizations will be requesting gift cards in the amount of \$25.00. One organization will be requesting checks only.

Please attach your color-coded ornament to your gift cards or checks and place in an envelope and place in the drop box/tithe box marked GIVING Tree located in the Narthex. **Please return your gifts no later than 12 noon on December 14 to insure delivery by our volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Jill Kratochvil at 815-236-1942, or Marie Walters at 815-459-8647. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



## Operation Support our Troops America

K of C Christmas Drive 2024 to Help Our Military Overseas

Items will be collected from  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> through 12:00 noon on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Collection table is in St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Oak St. Church) near the North disability entrance Door # 1. Below is a list of items most needed by our overseas military:

(Donated items will be included in Comfort and Care Packages and sent to our troops overseas)

Eye Drops / Saline Solution  
Nasal Spray  
Anti-Itch Cream  
Mouthwash (17oz or smaller)  
Dental Floss  
Pain Relief Medication (100 ct., or less)  
Foot Powder  
Cough Drops / Vitamin C Drops  
Antacids  
Canned Fruit (16 oz. or less, no glass)  
Sunscreen 30 SPF or higher (16 oz or less, non-aerosol only)  
Men's 3 in 1 (shampoo, body wash, conditioner)  
Individual Tissue Packs  
Small Toothpaste  
Shaving cream/gel (non-aerosol only)  
AA Batteries  
Granola Bars  
Toilet Paper  
White or Black Athletic Socks  
Individual Hot Drinks: Individually wrapped tea bags, Coffee singles (no K-cups)  
Peanut Butter (28 oz or less, no glass)  
Rice Krispy Treats (Individually wrapped)  
Individual Macaroni & Cheese cup (2.05 oz)  
Crackers / Cookies (Snack Bag Size)  
Individual packets of: jelly, hot sauce, mayo, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar, sweetener.  
Pouched Chicken or Tuna (3 oz or less)  
Individual Cold Drink Mix Single Packets (mix only, no bottles)  
Canned soup or Chili - Ready to Eat (16 oz or less, No glass)  
Pop-Tarts  
Beef Jerky / Slim Jim

***Please do not donate glass items, larger sizes than listed or expired items.***

Please also write a letter.

Dear Military Person,

Every Comfort and Care Package includes at least one letter...

Please use the greeting of "Dear Military Person" and do not seal the letters...

If you wish, include your name and address so the individual may write back...

Any questions please call Rick Oliveira at 317-908-7404

Knights of Columbus, Council 3880

**The Parish Center will be closed  
November 26th, 27th & 28th  
in observance of Thanksgiving.**



### Thanksgiving Day Mass

**November 27**

**9:00 am - Oak Street Church**



### Knights of Columbus #3880

#### Christmas Tree Sale

Fresh Cut Fir, Balsam and Canaan  
Trees from 6 to 11 feet.

18", 24", 36" & 48" Wreaths  
& 24" Swags

Sales starts Sunday 11/23, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Not Open on Thanksgiving

Open Friday, 11/28, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Hours beginning 11/29: Mon. - Fri. 4:30 pm - 7 pm,

Saturday and Sunday 9 am - 7 pm

All profits are donated to local charities.

Any questions contact Mike Kebr at

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## Horario de Misas

Martes 6:00 am      Miércoles 6:00 am

Jueves 7:30 pm      Viernes 7:30 pm

Domingo 9:30 am y 11:30 am

La Adoración al Santísimo es en la Capilla de Adoración ubicada en la esquina de la calle Oak/Ruta 176.

De Lunes 6:15 am a Viernes 9:00 pm

Sábado: 7:15 am a 5:45 pm

Domingo: 7:15 am a 6:45 pm

"Ven y Adora, Él espera por ti"

**Coordinador: Reverendo William Tunarosa**

**Atención al Público:** Martes a Jueves de 9:00am a 4:00pm

**Llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer su cita:**  
(815-356-0860)

**Oficina del Ministerio Hispano, Atención al Público:**  
Irene Garcia: Lunes a Viernes 9:00am a 5:00pm



Con la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, termina el año litúrgico.

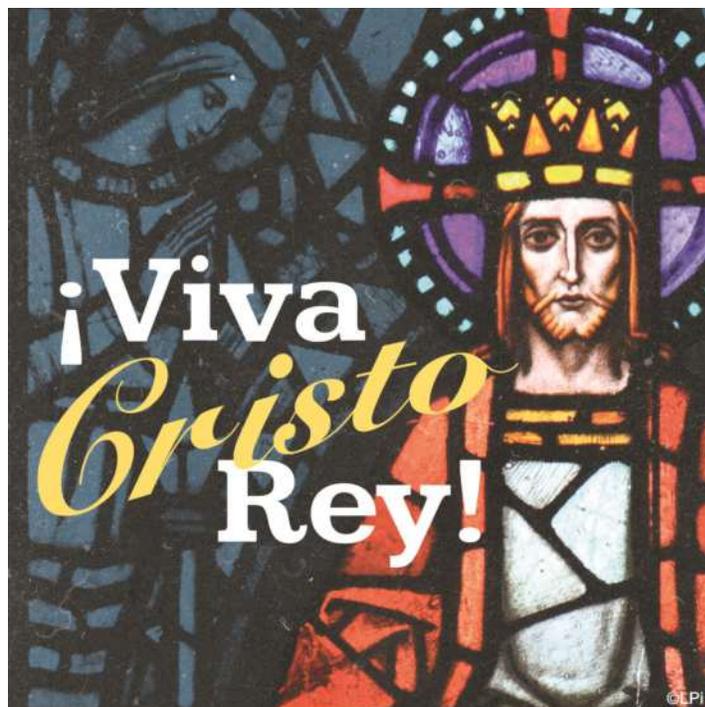
La próxima semana daremos comienzo al Adviento, para luego celebrar con alegría la Navidad.

Con esta solemnidad, la Iglesia recuerda la soberanía de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo: "La entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén manifiesta la venida del Reino que el Rey-Mesías, recibido en su ciudad por los niños y por los humildes de corazón, va a llevar a cabo por la Pascua de su Muerte y de su Resurrección" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n. 570).

Jesús, Tú eres nuestro Rey, desde la cruz donde cruelmente moriste por nosotros para salvarnos. ¡Bendito y adorado seas para siempre!

"Cuando nuestro Salvador estaba colgado en la gloriosa cruz, estaban con Él dos ladrones. ¿Qué se puede deducir de esto? Sin lugar a dudas, se trataba de una burla, de acuerdo con el plan tomado por los judíos, pero también era un cumplimiento de la profecía: 'Le daré su parte entre los grandes y con los poderosos repartirá despojos, pues se entregó indefenso a la muerte y fue tenido por un malhechor' (Isaías 53:12) ... Él pagó las deudas por no-

sotros, cargó con nuestros pecados y fue azotado por nosotros, según está escrito: 'Por sus sufrimientos fuimos curados, pues Él cargó con nuestros pecados' (Isaías 53:5). Y nos libró de las enfermedades del alma" (San Cirilo de Alejandría [375-444], Comentario al Evangelio de Lucas). ¡Que viva Cristo Rey!



# SOCKTOBER SUCCESS!

## Jr. High Service Project

Our Jr. High really found its footing running a service project for Kids in Need (K.I.N.) of McHenry County. All through the month of October our Jr. High students collected socks to be donated to K.I.N. They were responsible for teaching about the need to the other grades, promoting it with posters, creating classroom incentives and, of course, collecting all of the socks! We are proud to report an impressive 2,171 pairs of socks donated to K.I.N. Go Trojans!



**2,170!**  
**PAIRS OF SOCKS**

# VETERANS DAY

God Bless our Veterans!



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### Upcoming Dates:

- November 24 Parent Conferences
- November 24 No School,
- 28 Thanksgiving Break
- December 4 Christmas Concert
- PK-5



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YOUTH MINISTRY

## FALL 2025 CALENDAR

Wednesday: HSYM | Thursday: Jr. High YM  
TIME: 7 - 8:30 PM

	High School	Jr. High
<b>NOV</b>	Nov 12: Combined YM Grade 6-12 Scavenger Hunt! Nov 19: HSYM Thanksgiving Dinner (7-9 PM) Nov 26: No YM / Thanksgiving!	Nov 12: Combined YM Grade 6-12 Scavenger Hunt! Nov 20: Jr. High YM / 7 PM Nov 27: No YM / Thanksgiving!
<b>DEC</b>	Dec 3: HSYM / 7 PM Dec 10: Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party 5:30-9 PM *Sign up to volunteer. Numbers Limited. Dec 17: HSYM / Christmas Party	Dec 4: Jr. High YM 7 PM Dec 10: Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party 5:30-9 PM *Sign up to volunteer. Numbers Limited. Dec 18: JHYM / Christmas Party

### Save the Date

Jan 24-25, 2026 HS Retreat  
June 8-11, 2026 Camp WOW  
June 19-21, 2026 Steubenville (HS)



## YOU'RE INVITED!

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

All women of St. Thomas parish are invited to attend the third annual Ladies Advent Program entitled "Reflecting HIS Light" on December 5 at the Oak Street Church.

This beautiful evening begins with mass, followed by a simple supper, coffee/tea, fellowship, music, and an inspirational talk by Anne Auger, Evangelist and Speaker with the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin.

Ladies are encouraged to decorate their tables with festive holiday flair, bring an appetizer or dessert, and your favorite bottle of wine or non-alcoholic beverage.

Tickets can be purchased on the church website at [saintthomascatholicchurch.org](http://saintthomascatholicchurch.org).  
Questions: Contact Dawn Ahmann at 815.451.8536.

Individual tickets \$20      Tables of 6 for \$110      Tables of 8 for \$150



Anne Auger is a wife and mother of 7 children. She graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Master's Degree in Theology in 2003 and has worked extensively in RCIA, Adult Catechesis, and Religious Education programs throughout the Milwaukee and Madison dioceses. She has served as an instructor at the Seat of Wisdom Institute in Madison, and has been a keynote speaker at many parishes and Catholic events. Anne has a heart for people and a down-to-earth approach to faith that is sure to inspire you.



# Camp WOW

## Summer Camp

### UNDER PRESSURE

Registration is Open!

4 Day 3 Night at Camp Timber Lee in Wisconsin

June 8 - 11, 2026  
Grades 6-8

St. Thomas the Apostle-Crystal Lake, St. Mary-Zycorone, St. Mary-Huntley, St. Gall-Elburn, St. Mary-DeSoto, Christ the Teacher-DeSoto, St. Peter and Paul-Cary, and St. Charles-Barnes-Hopshire.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Thomas the Apostle  
St. Mary Huntley  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

# Winter Retreat Chill Out

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

Relax, Friends, Prayer, Jesus, Mass, Reconciliation, Live Music, Small Groups, Games, Inspiring Talks, Team building, and more!

**Registration Link**

**High School Winter Retreat**  
Jan 24-25, 2026  
Bishop Lane Retreat Center



# ADVENT

Family Ideas for the Advent Season

### Activities for Families and Children:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/family-advent-activities.html>

### Meaning of the Advent Candles:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/advent-candles.html>

### EWTN's Guide to Advent:

<https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/advent/>



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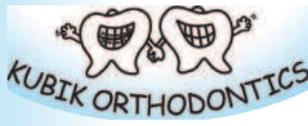
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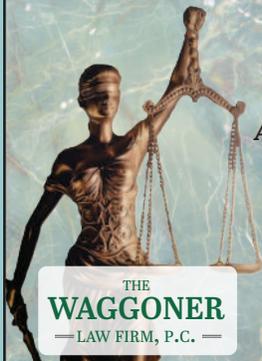
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