

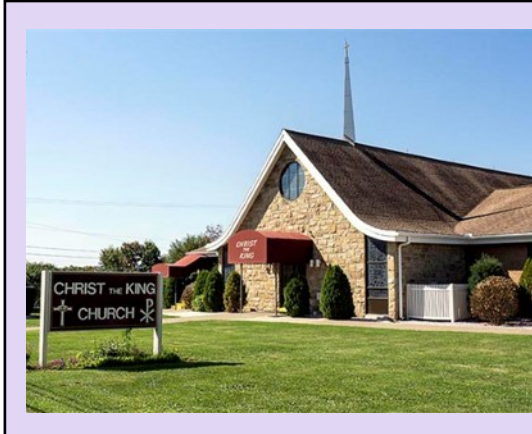


5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 17, 2024

Christ the King Parish



Christ the King Church

123 Good Street · Houtzdale, PA 16651

Immaculate Conception Mission Church

408 Stone Street · Osceola Mills, PA 16666

Clergy

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt, Pastor
Deacon Eugene J. Miller, Deacon Assistant
Rev. Joseph Staszewski, Retired

Office Hours at Christ the King

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday..... 9am until 3pm

Christ the King Phone 814-378-7653

Immaculate Conception Phone 814-339-7321

Office email office@ctk-ic.org

Marriages

Arrangements begin 4 to 6 months prior to anticipated date.

Baptisms

Call rectory for appointment.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am (IC), 10am (CTK)

Saturday: Mass 4pm; Confession 3-3:30pm (CTK)

Weekdays: Monday 8:30am (IC); Tuesday-Friday 8:30am (CTK)

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

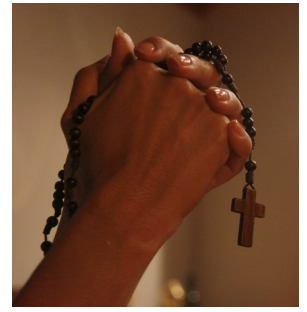


©Diocesan

In order to stay up-to-date on everything happening at Christ the King Parish, visit our website at <http://ctk-ic.org> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ctkic>.

Prayer Chain

Christ the King & Immaculate Conception would like to use the power of prayer to help all those in need. If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, please contact the rectory. Names will remain on the list for three months, at which time they will be removed to allow space for more names. If someone is still in need of prayer, call to renew that name. Please pray for: *Clara Tubo, Lane Hawkins, Chris Tekely, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Roger Witherow, Jamie Washell, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Michael Burns, John Russell, Joann Bezilla*



Marriage Moments

The Spring Equinox (<https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox>) is Tuesday, March 19 when planet earth has nearly equal light and darkness. Why should you care? Perhaps use nature's day of equality to ponder how you & your beloved each have happy and sad, good and bad days. Love each other through both.

Parenting Pointers

This coming Tuesday, March 19, is the Spring Equinox when daylight and night darkness are equal. Perhaps use the increasing daylight to look for dirt and clutter. Ok, so this is a sly hint to draft your kids into helping you do some Spring cleaning this weekend.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 17 • 5th Sunday of Lent

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK; until 12:15pm)
- 11am** • First Eucharist Parent Meeting (CTK)
- 12pm** • Easter Egg Hunt (CTK)
- 2pm** • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at 1pm)

Friday, March 22

- 9am** • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)
- 6:30pm** • Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (IC)

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18

8:30am • James Ernest by Mary Beth Witherow (IC)

Tuesday, March 19

8:30am • Elaine Hammond by brother Alvin Gmerek (CTK)

Wednesday, March 20

8:30am • Emery & Frances Grace by Tony & Kathy Grace (CTK)

Thursday, March 21

8:30am • Betty Reese by Jim & Arleen Multhauf (CTK)

Friday, March 22

8:30am • Leonard & Josephine Kasubick by Donna & Jim (CTK)
6:30pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Saturday, March 23

4pm • Helen E. & Thomas Archer by Family (CTK)

Sunday, March 24

8:30am • Charline Mineweaser by Wife & Family (IC)
10am • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Helen E. & Thomas Archer requested by their grandchildren.



A Family Perspective

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in this type of dying that we find a newer, richer life with others.

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2024

Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Father Johnathan Schmolt.

Prayer-Father Johnathan Schmolt led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call-Father Johnathan Schmolt, Jim Rice, Mary Ann Hockman, Tim Slifko, Floyd Hauth, Ed Vancas Deacon Gene Miller-Ex-officio, Tina Stine, Robert Chirdon and Jenny Leskovansky. Excused Absence: Krist Twoey-President. Guest: Dallas Kephart

Special Guest-Dallas Kephart presented information to Council regarding potential Grant available for CTK Parish Center. Discussion was held and Jenny agreed to review information and reach out to local municipalities as necessary for application for grant. Dallas noted if the Parish applies for the grant to inform his office so they can provide letter of support.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for February 5, 2024, meeting was reviewed, motion to accept minutes with recommendation to change minutes procedure. Minutes will be emailed to Council Members for review and approval and after 1 week submit approved minutes to church secretary for inclusion in bulletin made by Mary Ann, second by Floyd, vote taken, and minutes approved with new approval procedure without opposition.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Windows-Robert reported he and Kristi will be working on this project.

Religious Education Report-No formal report given, it was noted Confirmation will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7 pm with 11 students from Christ the King Parish and 32 students total and First Communion will be held Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Committee-Jenny reported the 21 Club cycle from April 2023 to October 2023 had a net profit of \$12,516.17 with 1065 tickets sold. The current 21 Club cycle has 1082 tickets sold; she noted more sellers are always welcome as there are a total of 1250 tickets available for sale. Jenny reported the Turkey Bingo had a net profit of \$6,317.82. The Paddle Party was held this past weekend, no report at this time. Jenny thanked all parishioners for their generous support and donations.

Cemetery Committee-Robert reported no report at this time.

Building and Grounds Committee-Jenny reported floor issue in CTK church center aisle is to be evaluated by mason. The CTK Parish Center furnace was malfunctioning, the filter was cleaned, and a circulating pump replaced. CTK Parish Center ice machine is not repairable and will need to be replaced. The Finance Committee will be evaluating the purchase of a new ice machine. The relic from the previous CTK altar was located by Father Johnathan and has been placed under the current altar. Father is awaiting response from SCI Houtzdale regarding strip and wax of CTK Parish Center floors. Jack Archer has agreed to have our waxing equipment evaluated for maintenance.

Evangelization Committee- Deacon reported the Traveling Chalice program has been well supported and he thanked those who are participating in the program. RCIA program had started with 1 participant and now has a child and another adult joining while a few others have expressed interest in the program. Deacon and Father are working together on the remaining curriculum. Next Evangelization Committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 14, 2024. Father reported the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN in July 2024. Father will keep parishioners updated on our church activities related to National Congress.

New Business-

Cemetery Plot Fees-It was noted there are currently 20 plots left in St. Lawrence cemetery along the tree line opposite the main road. It was noted that additional plots have been surveyed and outlined in St. Lawrence to the right of the dirt road in the cemetery. Father noted for clarification St. Lawrence Cemetery will be expanding in the area already owned by the parish. The Council reviewed current fees for parish cemeteries. Current fees:

St. Lawrence (Houtzdale), Calvary Cemetery (Madera)

Cost: \$800 per grave, includes perpetual care

Vault opening & Maintenance Fee: \$700

Cremation opening & Maintenance Fee: \$300

Immaculate Conception (Osceola Mills), St. Joseph (Osceola Mills)

Cost: \$450 per grave, includes perpetual care

Vault opening & Maintenance Fee: \$850

Cremation opening & Maintenance Fee: \$400

Discussion held regarding current fees. Motion made to review fees in 12 months to determine if changes are necessary at that time, motion made by Tina, seconded by Ed, motion passed without opposition.

Immaculate Conception Plaster-Father reported he has received a bid of \$11,500.00 to repair the plaster in sanctuary of Immaculate Conception. Discussion was held regarding possible roof leaks, after discussion it was decided that prior to voting on having plaster repaired further evaluation of roof should be done to ensure all necessary repairs have been completed. The issue will be directed to Building and Grounds for further review of possible roof issues...

Pastoral Council minutes continued...

Parish Membership-Father reported that currently the official membership is 537 families, however after the Christmas cards that were sent out with cards for return of parishioner contact information, only approximately 150 cards were returned. Father noted he would like to see the Council reaching out to the parishioners who have not been connected to the parish over a period of time. Further discussion on how best to contact those parishioners will be held at future meetings.

Parish Directory-Father presented information regarding a vendor who would provide a Parish directory. Further discussion will be held at the future meetings.

Next Meeting-Discussion held regarding timing for next meeting, there will not be a meeting in April, the next meeting will be held in May.

Next meeting set for Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment-Ed made motion, second by Robert to adjourn meeting, vote taken, motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Leskovansky-Secretary



Online Giving

Did you know that Christ the King Parish has now implemented online giving? You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory or the 2024 Catholic Service Appeal online where you can either make a one-time donation or setup recurring payments. Giving online is fast, easy, and secure. Simply go to our parish website at <http://ctk-ic.org> and click the link in the top right corner that says "DONATE NOW" or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

Easter Penance Services

Sunday, March 17

3pm • St. Basil the Great, Coalport

Wednesday, March 20

6pm • St. Agnes, Morrisdale

Sunday, March 24

3pm • St. Francis, Clearfield

4th Grade Food Drive

Donations accepted until April 7

Christ the King Parish's 4th grade religious education class is hosting a Spring Food Drive to benefit Houtzdale's Community Action. Items needed are salt & pepper, condiments, flour, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger/ tuna helper, boxed potatoes, pasta sauce, and dry pasta. Items can be placed in the labeled brown box in the back of Chris the King Church. Donations will be accepted until April 7. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 17 • 12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 17 at 12pm for all children of the parish 12 years of age and younger. The hunt will be held at the Christ the King Parish Center grounds, or inside in case of inclement weather.

St. Patrick's Day Bazaar

St. Francis School in Clearfield will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Bazaar on Sunday, March 17 from 11am until 4pm. There will be food, money & lottery raffles, kids' games, vendors, and more including tickets sold to win the \$10,000 grand prize!

Stewardship			
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.			
Sunday & Holy Days			
Actual 03/10/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,561	\$86,815	\$99,760	(13.0%)
Count of envelopes: 147/529		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$6,235	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024			
Actual 03/10/2024	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$7,051	\$26,894	\$72,000	(62.6%)
Total Pledges: 124/529		Total Pledged: \$38,324.25	
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.			



February 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishes in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is the most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be hit especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17

11am • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK; until 12:15pm)

11am • First Eucharist Parent Meeting (CTK)

12pm • Easter Egg Hunt (CTK)

2pm • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at 1pm)

Friday, March 22

9am • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)

6:30pm • Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (IC)

Sunday, March 24

11am • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Thursday, March 28 • Holy Thursday

7pm • Mass for Holy Thursday (CTK)

8pm • Exposition (CTK Chapel)

Friday, March 29 • Good Friday

3pm • Passion of the Lord Service (IC)

6:30pm • Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (CTK)

Saturday, March 30 • Holy Saturday

12pm • Blessing of Easter Baskets (CTK)

9pm • Easter Vigil Mass (CTK)

Sunday, March 31 • Easter Sunday

8:30am • Mass (IC)

10am • Mass (CTK)

Scholarship Opportunities

CDA Scholarship

Court St. Victoria #646 will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors entering a college or professional/trade school in Fall 2024. Applications are due back no later than April 1, and can be found in the back of both Christ the King and Immaculate Conception Churches.

K of C Scholarship

Our Lady of the Valley council #10376 will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior entering a college or professional/trade school in Fall 2024. Applications are due back no later than April 12, and can be found in the back of Christ the King Church.

Moshannon Valley Ministerium Lenten Services

Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm

March 19 • at Parsonville Assembly of God with guest preacher Father Bill Ellis

Christ the King 21 Club

We give away a total of \$10,00 in cash prizes! 20 weekly drawings of \$100, \$50 & \$25, totaling \$3,500; the first drawing will be November 12. For the 21st week, we offer an appreciation party for all ticket holders, which includes dinner, dancing, and our grand prize drawing where we'll give away a total of \$6,500—you could win up to \$2,000. Entertainment at the party will be provided by The Moore Brothers; a 50/50 raffle, lottery animals, and instants will be sold all day long. Tickets cost just \$21 and can be purchased from any one of our sellers: Jack Archer, Marie Fleming, Tom Fulare, Alvin Gmerek, Ray Graham, Beth Greslick, Leon Hansel, Elizabeth Lockett, Karen Martin, Elaine Murawski, Judy Reese, Cindy Slifko, Michelle Stine, Kristi Twoey, Robert Yebernetsky, or by calling the rectory at 814-378-7653.

21 Club Winners (Week #18)

George Koeck (Michelle Stine)..... \$100
Karen Sudik (Judy Reese) \$50
Andrew Kitko (Tom Fulare) \$25

Bulletin Announcements

All announcements for the bulletin need to be submitted in writing via email or dropped off at Christ the King rectory **at least two weeks prior** to the anticipated weekend. Any announcements given after that cut-off may not be included in the bulletin due to time and space constraints. Email address is listed on the front of this bulletin.

Lenten Dinners

St. Timothy Church in Curwensville will hold Lenten dinners every Friday in Lent from February 16 through March 22, there will be no dinner Good Friday. Serving from 4-6pm; eat-in or take-out. Adult meals cost \$15, children age 10 and under cost \$8.

254 Lynn Street
Madera, PA 16661

Joseph R. Spewock, Supervisor

www.kruise-spewock.com**KRUISE-SPEWOCK**-2550 Union Street
Ramey, PA 16671

Maureen Ann Albrethsen, Supervisor

*Locally owned
and operated by the
Spewock family***FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, INC. | (814) 378-7161****CHRIST THE
KING PARISH
ALTAR ROSARY
SOCIETY**

Celebrating 10 Years



(814) 497.4210

716 Hannah St • Houtzdale, PA 16651

Fresh burgers, specialty sandwiches,
salads & daily specials**TIM & TINA
STINE
PROUD
CHRIST THE KING
PARISHIONERS****Rusty's****OIL & PROPANE****BETTER PRICES.
BETTER SERVICE.
BETTER CHOICE.**

Call Rustys about our church rebate program

PO Box 186, 275 Spring Street**814-497-4423*** **Sirger A. Freeberg**

FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Since 1949

Support in Your Time of Grief

**Caring and
Dedicated Service****814-378-8661**200 David Street
Houtzdale, PA 16651**CHRIST THE KING &
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH
THROUGH THE GENEROSITY
OF DORIS KITKO****ADVERTISE
HERE****Promote your Business AND support your Parish. Give us a call!
800-233-8200****Jim's Lawn &
Garden Service**Grass Cutting, Trees,
Shrubs, Stone & Mulch
814-312-6434**EWTN.COM/RADIO****EWTN** Global
Catholic
Radio**TUNE IN**

Our Lady of the Valley Council 10376

Come Join UsMeeting First Wednesday of
every Month 6:30 P.M.**Get this bulletin emailed to you
every week.****Simply go to
www.DM.CHURCH/3444****...or scan →**

DISCOVERMASS

catholicmatch[®]
PennsylvaniaCatholicMatch.com/goPA**THE HEATH FAMILY OF FUNERAL HOMES**

SERVING THE FAMILIES OF THE MOSHANNON VALLEY AREA SINCE 1933

HEATH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LLC

OSCEOLA MILLS, PA | 814-339-6543

J. CHARLES HEATH | SUPERVISOR/PARTNER

www.heathfuneral.com

BEEZER-HEATH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

PHILIPSBURG, PA | 814-342-4310

EMIL L. JOHNSON, III | SUPERVISOR/PARTNER

www.beezerheathfh.com

AFFORDABLE FUNERAL & CREMATION PACKAGES FOR EVERY FINANCIAL SITUATION