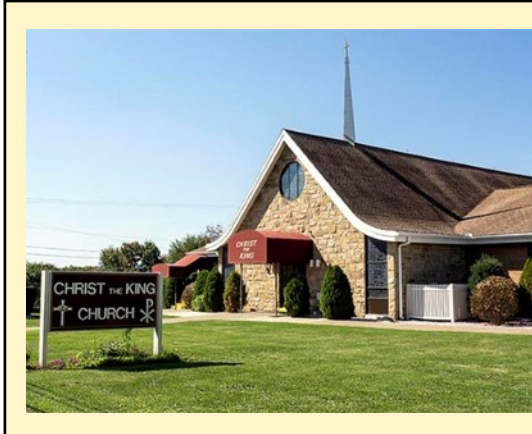


THEY CAUGHT A GREAT NUMBER OF FISH

Christ the King Parish



Christ the King Church

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Immaculate Conception Mission Church

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Clergy

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt, Pastor
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Rev. Joseph Staszewski, Retired

Office Hours at Christ the King

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

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Marriages

Contact the office at least 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)

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Bulletin Announcements

Please submit all bulletin announcements in writing to office@ctk-ic.org at least two weeks prior to the anticipated date.

Prayer Chain

Christ the King Parish 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: *Jared Gmerek, Michael Burns, John Russell, Joann Bezilla, Chris Switala, Stephen Sypa, Clara Tubo, Tim Stine, Michael Moskel, Joan Manos, Cory Shawver, Ed Holden, Jr., Judy Reese, Dave Stodart, Bill Moyer, Jane Moskel, Audrey (Yarger) Gardner, Donna Kasubick, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Jeff Peachman, James Ertner, Tina Shaddock, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich*



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as “a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet.” One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they’d been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really listen to why they like or don’t like what’s going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriescd.org/childprotection/

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 9 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

Wednesday, February 12

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, February 13

6:30pm • Sacrament of First Reconciliation (CTK)

Friday, February 14

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10

8:30am • John Mital by Bernie & Pat Ropchok (IC)

Tuesday, February 11

8:30am • Howard Garrity by Jim & Arleen Multhauf (CTK)

Wednesday, February 12

8:30am • Rich Murawski by Joe & Alex Dugan (CTK)

Thursday, February 13

8:30am • Frank J. Gmerek by Gertie Abernethy (CTK)

Friday, February 14

8:30am • Jean & Bernie Kawa by daughter Elaine (CTK)

Saturday, February 15

4pm • George Pallo by Tim Slifko, nephew/Godson (CTK)

Sunday, February 16

8:30am • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)

10am • Trish Gmerek by Alvin Gmerek (CTK)

Flowers

Flowers at the altar at Christ the King Church last weekend were in memory of John Priselac, Jr. by Mom.



A Family Perspective

In today’s gospel, Jesus asked Simon to begin by 'going a short distance.' Later, he encouraged Simon to 'go into deeper water.' Similarly, the first step toward reconciliation is often a small one, which gives us the courage to venture further 'into deeper water.' Reconciliation begins with that initial short step!

K of C Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available in the back of the church. Forms need to be returned no later than April 11, 2025.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Rich Murawski, Jean & Bernie Kawa by wife & daughter Elaine.

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
February 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



During the month of February, we celebrate the light of Christ shining in our lives. We can celebrate our love for God by bringing his light into the lives of those around us.

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

Throughout this Jubilee Year, we will be reflecting on various people, organizations and activities that play important roles in reminding us of the important virtue of hope. We recognize how vital hope is to us pilgrims as we journey through life. **During February, we highlight the theme of "The Light of Christ: Shining in Our Lives," and we especially focus on the Armed Forces, Police, Security Officials, Artists and Deacons, all of whom reveal or are instruments of Christ's hope, sometimes in situations where people may otherwise fall into despair.** Whether they are members of the armed forces, the police, or are security officials who bring safety, security, or protection to people who are vulnerable, frightened, or are in danger, or they are artists who lift our spirits by capturing our imagination and touching our hearts through their creative talents, or they are deacons who through their ministry of service bring Christ's message of love and grace to others, we are thankful for the countless ways that all of these individuals and groups selflessly bring hope to others. May they continue to shine Christ's light on others and inspire all of us to do the same.

Father Scott Jabo

Vocation Director for Priestly Vocations, Chaplain for retired Pennsylvania State Police



Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father."

~~~~~ *According to the Scriptures* Matthew 5:16



## EXCERPT FROM ST. JOHN PAUL II

Artists of the world, may your many different paths all lead to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. May you be guided and inspired by the mystery of the Risen Christ, whom the Church in these days contemplates with joy... May your art help to affirm that true beauty which, as a glimmer of the Spirit of God, will transfigure matter, opening the human soul to the sense of the eternal.

(St. John Paul II, Letter to Artists, 1999)

## CELEBRATIONS

Key dates:

- **February 8-9** - Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel
- **February 16-18** - Jubilee of Artists
- **February 21-23** - Jubilee of Deacons

## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!



To celebrate the Jubilee theme, Pope Francis held a contest to create the logo. From almost 300 designs, he chose a design by Giacomo Trevisani, a young graphic designer!

**Jubilee vocab: Holy Door** - Special doors opened at the beginning of the Jubilee, picked to represent the passage to salvation that Jesus opened. During the 2025 Jubilee, the only Holy Doors are at the Vatican and in Rome.

### Activity Idea



Join Luce as we embrace our inner artists like Giacomo Trevisani! In celebration of the Jubilee of Artists, we invite you to let your imagination soar and create your very own Holy Door. Decorate a door at school, in your faith formation class or at home with prayers, religious images or coloring pages. Every time you walk through the door, think of the pilgrims traveling to Rome for the Jubilee, and as an invitation to draw closer to your faith.



**St. Stephen** is one of the first deacons and is regarded as their patron saint. He played a major role in spreading the faith during the early years of Christianity.

Photo/Vatican News

## FAITHFUL FACTS!

Over 35 million visitors are expected in Rome for the Jubilee year, a significant increase from the usual 13 million according to Italy's National Tourist Research Institute (ISNART).

## LIVING THE MISSION

How can you bring Christ's light to others during the Jubilee Year? As in our scripture reading, are there acts of kindness, service or compassion that you can engage in to inspire those around you and glorify God?



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 16

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 2pm • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open 1pm)

### Tuesday, February 18

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

### Wednesday, February 19

- 6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

### Friday, February 21

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

### Sunday, February 23

- 9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)
- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 11am • K of C BBQ Pick-up (CTK; until 1pm)

### Tuesday, February 25

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

### Friday, February 28

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

| Stewardship                                        |                            |  |                                    |                            |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. |                            |  |                                    |                            |
| Sunday & Holy Days                                 |                            |  |                                    |                            |
| Actual<br>01/26/2025                               | Actual<br>Total Fiscal YTD |  | Budgeted<br>Fiscal YTD             | Percentage<br>Over (Under) |
| \$4,813                                            | \$156,055                  |  | \$163,525                          | (4.6%)                     |
| Count of envelopes: 181                            |                            |  | Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275 |                            |
| Catholic Services Appeal 2024                      |                            |  |                                    |                            |
| Actual<br>01/26/2025                               | Actual<br>Total to Date    |  | Parish Goal                        | Percentage<br>Over (Under) |
| \$55                                               | \$60,464                   |  | \$72,000                           | (16.0%)                    |
| Total Pledges: 161                                 |                            |  | Total Pledged: \$60,468.90         |                            |
| Help Spread the Faith: \$1,060.30                  |                            |  |                                    |                            |
| Please make all checks payable to Christ the King. |                            |  |                                    |                            |

## K of C Winter BBQ

### Sunday, February 23 • 11am until 1pm

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Valley #10376 will hold their Winter BBQ on Sunday, February 23 from 11am until 1pm at Christ the King Parish Center. Rib dinners cost \$15, chicken dinners cost \$12 and include scalloped potatoes, baked beans, apple sauce, and roll. Tickets are advanced sale only, are available now, and can be purchased from any K of C member.

## 4th Grade Food Drive

Our 4th grade religious education class is taking part in their Spring food drive benefiting Houtzdale's Community Action. The top 3 items they're most in need of are hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, and canned soups. Other items to consider are ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce (spaghetti noodles are not needed at this time), condiments, and salt and pepper; toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and soap are also accepted and very appreciated. There will be a colorful, decorated box in the back of Christ the King Church to collect your items. Donations will be accepted until March 30. We appreciate your support!

## Paddle Party

### Saturday, March 8 • 12pm (doors open at 11am)

Our annual paddle party fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 8 at Christ the King Parish Center. Doors will open at 11am, bidding will begin at noon. The cost is \$5 for your first paddle and \$2 for each additional paddle. 50/50 tickets will be available at 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The kitchen will be open. **Donations of baskets or newly purchased items valued at \$25 or more can be left in the boxes in the back of the churches; gift cards, admission tickets, etc. valued at \$25 or more can be put in the collection basket or sent to the office in an envelope marked with "Paddle Party."** We thank you in advance for your generosity. Volunteers are needed from 6-8pm on the Friday evening before the paddle party and any time between 9am and 3:30pm the day of. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the back of each church. Religious education students can use this project toward service hours for school-related clubs/activities.

## 21 Club Winners

### Week #12

|                                        |       |
|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Elizabeth Ruggerio (John Mahute) ..... | \$100 |
| Jaymie Snyder (Elaine Murawski) .....  | \$50  |
| Ashley Gonzalez (Judy Reese) .....     | \$25  |

## The Chosen

### No Viewing Feb. 11

There will be no viewing of *The Chosen* this week, February 11, but will resume Tuesday, February 18 at 6pm. Viewing and discussion of this well-talked-about TV series about the life of Jesus will occur in the Christ the King Parish Center. All are welcome. Viewings are every Tuesday evening at 6pm.

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