

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

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FEBRUARY 11, 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)

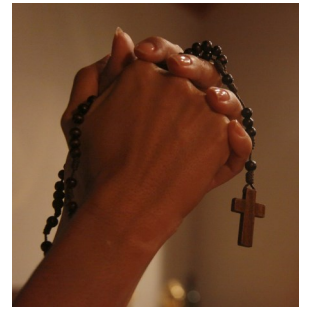
Weekdays: Monday 8:30am (IC); Tuesday-Friday 8:30am (CTK)



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, Lori McCracken, Christine Dorman, Michael Burns, John Russell*



Marriage Moments

How Do I Love Thee? - As we count the days to Valentine Day, let us also count the ways we love our spouse. This is not a math contest. Pick out 1, 2, or 3 ways that your beloved brings you joy.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 11

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (until 12:15pm)
- 11am** • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

- 8:30am** • Mass for Ash Wednesday (IC)
- 6:30pm** • Mass for Ash Wednesday (CTK)

Thursday, February 15

- 6:30pm** • First Reconciliation (CTK)

Friday, February 16

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12

- 8:30am** • Dan Danko by Laura & John Lukens (IC)

Tuesday, February 13

- 8:30am** • Larry Flango by Russ & Barb Morrioni (CTK)

Wednesday, February 14 • Ash Wednesday

- 8:30am** • Patrick Hollis by Gerald Hollis (IC)
- 6:30pm** • Rich Murawski by Cindy Slifko (CTK)

Thursday, February 15

- 8:30am** • Jean & Bernie Kawa by daughter Elaine (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • Sacrament of First Reconciliation (CTK)

Friday, February 16

- 8:30am** • Trish Gmerek by husband Alvin (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

Saturday, February 17

- 4pm** • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sunday, February 18

- 8:30am** • Elaine Knowles by Altar Rosary Society (IC)
- 10am** • Dustin Emala by Jerry Gmerek (CTK)

Parenting Pointers

Your family may not come from royalty but have fun playing *King or Queen for a Day*. Assign each person 1 day this week to choose their favorite food, activity, and be free of most chores. Others have to take up the slack. (More than 7 people in your family? Extend the week.)



A Family Perspective

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

Paddle Party

Saturday, March 2 • Doors open at 11am, Bidding begins at noon

Our annual Paddle Party Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Christ the King Parish Center. Doors will open at 11am, bidding will begin at noon. Admission is \$3 and includes one paddle; additional paddles can be purchased for \$1 each. 50/50 chances will be available at one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The kitchen will be open.

Donations of gift baskets, gift cards, NEWLY PURCHASED and UNWRAPPED prizes are needed for the auction. Please drop your donation off at the rectory during normal business hours.

Volunteers are needed from 6-8pm on Friday, March 1 and any time between 9am and 3:30pm on Saturday, March 2. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches. Students will receive service hours for volunteering during this time.

CDA Soup & Bake Sale

Sunday, February 25 • 11am until 1pm

CDA Court St. Victoria will be having a Soup & Bake Sale February 25 from 11am until 1pm in conjunction with the Knight of Columbus BBQ Dinner. All CDA members are requested to donate soup or baked goods. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center beginning at 9am on the day of the event.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 • 8:30am & 6:30pm

This year, Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 14. Masses will be at 8:30am at Immaculate Conception and at 6:30pm at Christ the King. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence and fasting for those aged 18-58, which means you should refrain from eating meat and only eat one full meal with two smaller meals to sustain your body's needs during the day; eating between meals is not permitted, however liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. The law of fasting is not required when your health or work are seriously affected. Although Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day this year, Ash Wednesday supersedes Valentine's Day. Father Johnathan recommends that any traditional observances that would occur on Valentine's Day be transferred to another day.

22:32 Men Conference

March 2, 2024

Register today for 22:32 Men, a Catholic Men's Conference! Enjoy a dynamic experience with men from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The 11th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 8:30am until 1pm, and you may attend as follows.

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie.
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes; participating parishes are listed on the website, www.2232men.com.
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer and reconciliation, as well as Mass with Bishop Persico. All you need to have is an open heart!

The event is just \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.

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.

In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Edmond "Eddie" George** of our parish. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Bulletin Sponsor

Did you ever notice the ads on the back of the bulletin and wonder how you can get your name or business on there too? Now is your opportunity. If you're interested in advertising on the back of this bulletin, call the rectory during business hours and talk to Ali. Sponsors do not need to be businesses, personal sponsors are also accepted. Bulletin sponsors are necessary to eliminate the cost of printing the 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.

JJ Powell

Two times a year JJ Powell makes a donation to Immaculate Conception Parish through their Church Program. Donations are calculated based on the number of gallons delivered to the associated church members between January 1 and December 31 of each year. Parishioners who receive fuel from JJ Powell can participate in the Church Program at any time through the year by calling their office at 814-342-3190.

Moshannon Valley Ministerium Lenten Services

Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm

February 13 • at Brisbin Baptist Church with guest preacher Pastor Ron Korzeniowski

February 20 • at Christ the King Church with guest preacher Pastor Bill Conway

February 27 • at Brisbin First Church of God with guest preacher Pastor Bob Ford

March 5 • at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with guest preacher Father Andres Simental

March 12 • at St. Barbara Polish National Catholic Church with guest preacher Pastor Christine Roe

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

CSA 2024

Commitment Weekend February 10-11

Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family*. The CSA is essential to carrying out the Church's mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own.

As baptized Catholics, the Lord calls each of us to share His love and build up His Church. Through our gifts to the CSA, we unite as *One Faith, One Family* in carrying out His life-giving mission. Thank you for your faithful generosity and prayers for the CSA.

A message from Father Johnathan:

THANK YOU! Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Services Appeal for 2023. We, Christ the King and Immaculate Conception together, collected \$50,161 from the campaign, of which \$5,778 has remained in our parish for parish projects.

Our parish finance council set our goal for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal to be \$72,000. Funds that are retained by the parish will be put towards roof repairs for the Christ the King Church and plaster repairs at the Immaculate Conception Church. I am pledging \$90 per month for the Catholic Services Appeal. You can make your pledge using the envelope that was mailed to you or with an envelope that is located in the back of the church. Please know that the funds donated through the CSA campaign do not count toward any other diocesan assessments so please be generous.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Beware of Grooming Behavior. Children and young people can be groomed online or in the real world, by a stranger or by someone they know. This could be a family member, a friend or someone who has targeted them – like a teacher, faith leader or sports coach. Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit, or abuse them. Grooming can take place over a short or long period of time. Some common tactics are pretending to be younger, giving advice or showing understanding, buying gifts, giving attention, taking them on trips, outings, or holidays. To prevent your child from grooming behavior, teach them about healthy relationships, how to stay safe online, and who are the trusted adults they can go to for help. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/



Traveling Chalice

The Traveling Chalice praying for vocations will be starting soon. If you would like to participate, please fill out the bottom of the flyer that was included in the bulletin two weeks ago and return it to the parish office—extra flyers can be found in the back of both churches or on our website—you may also sign up by contacting the office either through email or calling during business hours. Contact information is listed on the front of the bulletin.



NOTICE – LENTEN PRACTICES 2024

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2024. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. In 2024, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has directed that St. Patrick be liturgically observed (at daily Mass, Divine Office, etc.) throughout the diocese on Monday, March 18, 2024.
4. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*
5. On **HOLY THURSDAY**, no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the diocese earlier than 4:30 pm without the explicit approval of Bishop Persico.
6. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **GOOD FRIDAY** service is celebrated by a priest only.
7. All celebrations of the **EASTER VIGIL** are to begin *after nightfall* (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.) Nightfall is about 8:45 pm this year. To balance pastoral need and liturgical prescriptions, Bishop Persico has decreed that the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Erie is to begin at 8:30 pm or any later time. Any start time earlier than 8:30 pm must receive explicit approval from the Bishop.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
January 19, 2024

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Singer
The Rev. Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Kristi Twoey.

Prayer: Father Johnathan Schmolt led the Council in prayer.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for January 8, 2024, meeting was reviewed, motion to accept minutes made by Tim, second by Floyd, vote taken, and minutes approved without opposition.

Old Business

- **Stained Glass Windows:** Kristi reported she and Robert will be examining the windows this week, will provide report at next meeting.
- **Pastoral Council Bylaws:** Bylaws were reviewed, and second vote taken to adopt Bylaws, motion made by Mary Ann, second by Ed, vote taken and motion passed without opposition.

Religious Education Report: Kristi reported no formal report for this meeting, it was noted First Reconciliation will be Thursday, February 15, 2024 with 3 children from our parish and Altar Rosary Society will be hosting a reception for the children and their families after in the Parish Center. It was further noted, Confirmation will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024 and First Communion will be held Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising Committee:** Jenny noted the last Fundraising Committee meeting was cancelled due to weather, it was noted the Padle Party is scheduled on Saturday, March 2, 2024 and donations of gift baskets, new items or gift cards are being accepted and sign up sheets for volunteers are in the back of church.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Kristi reported no report at this time.
- **Building and Grounds Committee:** Jenny reported CTK kitchen drains have been repaired, IC roof leak and choir loft leak have been repaired. Father had presented quotes from electrician to repair and evaluate needs of CTK church, rectory and parish center. The quote was broken into 3 tasks, task 1 was issues within the rectory that needed addressed and those tasks were authorized by Father and already have been completed. Task 2 included updating lighting fixtures in Parish Center to LED and Task 3 included replacing emergency lighting in Parish Center and church, this quote was voted on and approved to send to Finance Committee for their determination. Father is in the process of obtaining workers from SCI Houtzdale to strip and wax Parish Center floors, awaiting response from SCI Houtzdale.
- **Evangelization Committee:** Father reported that the Committee has begun sign-ups for the Traveling Chalice program and so far, has 6 families that are interested in participating, the program will begin during Lent and Father noted that more families are encouraged to join this program. Father reported that Stations of the Cross during Lent will be held Fridays, alternating between Immaculate Conception and Christ the King, schedule will be in the bulletin. He further noted from 6:30-7:00 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with quiet prayer time and the potential for confession then at 7:00 Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.
- **Easter week schedule will be as follows:**
Holy Thursday: 7 pm Christ the King,
Good Friday: 3 pm Immaculate Conception,
7 pm Stations of the Cross Christ the King,
Saturday: 12 noon Blessing of baskets Christ the King,
9 pm Easter Vigil Christ the King
Easter Sunday: 8:30 Mass Immaculate Conception, 10:00 Mass Christ the King

New Business

- **Cemetery Plot Fees:** Father reported that currently cemetery plots at Christ the King cemeteries are \$800 while at Immaculate Conception cemeteries plots are \$250. Discussion held and issue tabled to next meeting for further discussion.
- **Budget:** Father noted budget was recently passed by Finance Committee.
- **CSA:** Father reported 2024 CSA appeal began last week, letters were sent to parishioners. He noted the projects identified for the use of funds that are in excess of Diocesan set Parish goal will be used for Immaculate Conception repair of plaster and painting of sanctuary and Christ the King repair of roof.

Next meeting set for Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: Ed made motion, second by Tim to adjourn meeting, vote taken, motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Leskovansky-Secretary



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 11

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

11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Wednesday, February 14

8:30am • Mass for Ash Wednesday (IC)

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Friday, February 16

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

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

Sunday, February 18

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

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

Tuesday, February 20

7pm • Ministerium Lenten Service (CTK; with guest preacher Pastor Bill Conway)

K of C Chicken & Rib BBQ

Sunday, February 25 • 11am until 1pm

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Valley Council #10376, will hold their Chicken & Rib BBQ on Sunday, February 25 from 11am until 1pm at Christ the King Parish Center. Meal includes chicken or ribs, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, applesauce, and roll. The CDA Court St. Victoria #646 will hold a Soup & Bake Sale in conjunction with the bbq. Rib dinners cost \$15, chicken dinners cost \$12. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets can be purchased from any K of C member.

Building & Grounds Meeting

Sunday, February 11 • 11am

The next Building & Grounds Committee Meeting to discuss projects for both Immaculate Conception & Christ the King Churches will be on Sunday, February 11 at 11am in Christ the King Parish Center.

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 02/04/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,638	\$64,042		\$68,585	(6.6%)
Count of envelopes: 170/529			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$6,235	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 02/04/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$0	\$0		\$72,000	(100.0%)
Total Pledges: 0/529			Total Pledged: \$0	
Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection: \$25				

2023 Year-End Statements Available

If you're interested in receiving your 2023 year-end contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory. Please specify whether you'd like your statement mailed or emailed.

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, John Mahute, 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 #13)

Leah M. Street (John Mahute) \$100
 Jimmy Stine (Michelle Stine)..... \$50
 Mark Travis (Leon Hansel) \$25

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