

# THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND

## 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

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**Marriages:** Contact the office at least 6 months prior to anticipated date.  
**Baptisms:** Call rectory for appointment.  
**Anointing:** Call if you have a desire for yourself or a loved one to receive the sacrament.

**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: *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, Sherri Thompson, Sue Portugal, Cecilia Demchak, Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Leo Frailey*

# Parenting Pointers

March 21 is Single Parent Day. Single parents do double duty. It's hard but it's not impossible. Your children will eventually appreciate your sacrifices. If you're not a single parent, find one and give them a break.

# Marriage Moments

"Agree to disagree. Typical couples have 10 irreconcilable differences. When one of those comes up, you won't have to repeat an old argument." (Trudy Costa) Choose one difference to make peace with today.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, March 23

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 1pm • Confirmation (St. Francis, Clearfield)

### Wednesday, March 25

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)
- 7pm • Ministerium Lenten Service (CTK)

### Thursday, March 27

- 6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

### Friday, March 28

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)
- 4pm • Fish Fry (CTK)
- 7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

# Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 24

- 8:30am • Margaret Burns & Patricia Petrosky by Pat & Betsy (IC)

### Tuesday, March 25

- 8:30am • Haney & Gertrude Dugan by Children (CTK)

### Wednesday, March 26

- 8:30am • Peggy Murawski by Court St. Victoria (CTK)

### Thursday, March 27

- 8:30am • Sophie Gmerek by Gertie Abernethy (CTK)

### Friday, March 28

- 8:30am • Janeen Dugan by Siblings (CTK)
- 7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

### Saturday, March 29

- 4pm • Trish Gmerek by Alvin Gmerek (CTK)

### Sunday, March 30

- 8:30am • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
- 10am • Martin Rebo, Jr. by Nancy & John (CTK)

# Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Anna & Steve Mahute requested by son John.



# A Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not meet his expectations. In families, there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and support. Don't cut them out of your life. Love calls us to be connected, not just productive.

## 21 Club

The 21 Club is one of Christ the King's oldest and most successful fundraisers. Ticket holders have 20 weekly opportunities to win \$100, \$50, or \$25 and at our appreciation party for the 21st week. The party is quickly approaching and will be held on Saturday, April 26. The party will include dinner, drinks, live entertainment provided by The Moore Brothers, as well as various opportunities to win on small games of chance, and our grand prize drawing where you could win up to \$2,000—need not be present to win the grand prize. All ticket holders are eligible to win! If you would like to purchase a 21 Club ticket for just \$21, call the office during business hours or contact one of our many sellers. This party only happens twice a year. **Additional sellers are needed**; if you're interested in becoming a seller, call the office for more information. **Volunteers are needed** to help set up the evening before and to work the day of. This is a great opportunity for students in need of service hours. Please use the sign up sheets in the back of the church or contact the office to add your name.

### 21 Club Winners Week #18

**Todd Twist** (Judy Reese) ..... \$100  
**Bette Dixon** (Robert Yebertsky) ..... \$50  
**Gregory Boehmer** (Judy Reese) ..... \$25

## 1:38 Women's Conference

**April 5, 2025**

Be a part of it! The name 1:38 Women is based on the scripture verse, Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The conference will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 8am until 1pm, and the women of our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie.
2. **Live-streamed to Christ the King, a hosting parish.**
3. Live-streamed directly to your home.

The morning program, features two national speakers. If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The conference is just \$25. For more information, or to register, visit [www.1:38women.com](http://www.1:38women.com) or call 814-455-7364.

## K of C Trash Pick-up

**Saturday, April 12 • 8am**

The Knights of Columbus Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up will be on Saturday, April 12. Any member that can help should meet at Caprio's parking lot at 8am. Afterwards, there will be a breakfast at Christ the King Parish Ceter.

## CRS Rice Bowl

In Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read this week's Story of Hope.

## CSA 2025

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as *One Faith, One Family*, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. Today, our parish is below our goal by 70%. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked "CSA" in the collection basket or turn it in at your parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used to repair the roof at Christ the King Church and rectory.

## Open/Close Times for Churches

**Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills**

**Sunday-Friday • 8am until noon**

**Christ the King, Houtzdale**

**Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 2:30pm**

**Saturday & Sunday • 7:30am until end of Mass**



## Online Giving

You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory, the 2025 Catholic Service Appeal, and special collections online. When setting up for online giving, 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.

# Lenten Bible Study

## *Every Thursday in Lent*

Join Father Johnathan and other clergy to review the Sunday Scripture during Lent. Many have requested a parish-wide bible study and this is your opportunity to dig deeper into your own reflections during Lent by having a more detailed discussion of the Sunday reading. Please come and expand your knowledge of scripture. The Bible Study will meet every Thursday evening during Lent, beginning March 6, at 6:30pm at Christ the King Parish Center.

# Shroud of Turin Retreat

## *Saturday, April 5 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church*

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church invites you to join them on Saturday, April 5 from 9am until 4pm, with lunch provided, for a Lenten Retreat. The speaker will be Bill Lauto, who is a Shroud of Turin Scientist certified by the Science and Faith Institute in Rome. You can check out his website at [www.faithandreasonrevival.org](http://www.faithandreasonrevival.org). Divine Liturgy will be at 5pm, all are welcome. A donation of \$10 is appreciated. RSVP to Darlene Davidson at 814-592-8321.

# CDA Scholarship

Court St. Victoria #646 will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to seniors entering a college or professional/trade school in the fall. Applications are in the back of the church and are due back by April 1.

# 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!

# The Chosen

## *Tuesday, March 25 • 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.

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>.



# 2025 Lenten Services

## *Tuesdays at 7pm*

**March 25** – Christ the King

Speaker – Fr. Bill Ellis

**April 1** – Parsonville Assembly of God

Speaker – Fr. Johnathan Schmolt

**April 8** – Brisbin First Church of God

Speaker – Pastor Bob Ford

**April 18** – Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Good Friday Service – 12 Noon

Speaker – Pastor Jaime Olson

# K of C Bingo Cancelled

## *Sunday, April 20*

The Knights of Columbus Bingo scheduled for Sunday, April 20 has been cancelled due to the celebration of Easter. The next bingo will be on Sunday, May 18 at 2pm, doors will open at 1pm.

# 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.

# Easter Penance Services

## *Sunday, April 6*

**3pm** • Christ the King, Houtzdale

## *Monday, April 7*

**6pm** • St. Agnes, Morrisdale

## *Sunday, April 13*

**2pm** • St. Francis, Clearfield



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, March 30

9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)  
11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

### Tuesday, April 1

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

### Wednesday, April 2

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

### Thursday, April 3

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)  
6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

### Friday, April 4

6:30pm • Confession, Adoration (CTK)  
7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

### Saturday, April 5

8am • 1:38 Women's Conference (CTK)  
6pm • Ham Bingo (CTK; doors open at 5pm)

### Sunday, April 6

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)  
3pm • Penance Service (CTK)

### Monday, April 7

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

### Tuesday, April 8

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

### Wednesday, April 9

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

### Thursday, April 10

6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

### Friday, April 11

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)  
7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

## In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Jane Moskel** of Immaculate Conception and **Judy Hair** of Christ the King. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

### Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 03/09/2025	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,766	\$193,048	\$195,175	(1.1%)
Count of envelopes: 199		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	

### Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Actual 03/09/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$1,685	\$21,380	\$72,000	(70.3%)
Total Pledges: 81		Total Pledged: \$26,844.00	

**Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.**

## Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, April 13 • 12pm

The Knights of Columbus will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13 at 12pm for all children of the parish 12 years of age and younger. The hunt will be held at Christ the King Parish Center grounds, or inside in case of inclement weather.



## Ham Bingo

### Saturday, April 5 • 7pm, doors open at 5pm

Christ the King Parish is hosting a Ham Bingo on Saturday, April 5 at Christ the King Parish Center. Admission is \$8 per person for six cards; extra cards will be available for purchase—everyone must have a paid admission, including children. Doors will open at 5pm, early bird games will begin at 6pm, and regular games will be played at 7pm. There will be 20 regular games for a \$30 Leyo's gift card, special games will be sold on the floor. Lottery animal raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each. If you donate a non-perishable food item for the local food bank, you will be eligible for a special drawing. **Volunteers are needed at the door to sell bingo admissions, on the floor to sell specials and verify bingos, and in the kitchen to wash dishes.**

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