

HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM

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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Email..... office@ctk-ic.org

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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.



ANAWIM MINISTRIES

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January 6, 2026
Feast of the Epiphany

Dear Christ the King Parish,

God continues to love us and teach us many life lessons; our job is to pay attention! We have just come through Advent, Christmas and are now entering Ordinary time. As I have been reflecting over these past couple months, I see lessons learned during Advent have been experienced during Christmas and can guide us into Ordinary time.



Hope

Peace

Joy

Love.



During Advent you carried these with you as you prepared to assist us, Young People Who Care, with our Christmas Program.

During Christmas these were felt and experienced by 86 families, 332 people! Your generosity has brought *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love* into their lives!

I want to say thank you from them. Jenny told me the best Christmas gift she received was the vacuum cleaner! (18 families received them as well.) Matt said it was the kitchen table and chairs! Now everyone has a place to eat together. Betty was overwhelmed by the clothing and PJ'S her kids received. George cried when some of us walked into his home to set up a bed for his son! Barbara and her family received couches and only then felt the joy of Christmas and set up a Christmas tree for them to enjoy.

I thank you also to the 74 volunteers who spent 460 hours in two weeks wrapping gifts and preparing the family gifts so that all the deliveries were completed on Dec. 22. 17 men from four Knights of Columbus groups were the hands of Christ delivering the *hope, peace, joy and love*. Thank you!

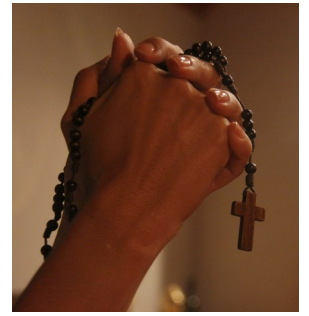
You made all this happen! May we all learn from what we have experienced by bringing *hope, peace, joy, and love* into the lives of others throughout the whole year!

May many graces and blessings be upon you,

Sr. Suzanne Thibault
YPWC Christmas Program Director
Executive Director Anawim Ministries

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: *Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, 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*



Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments

3 Ways for Teens to Reboot

Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning. 1.) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime. 2.) Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate. 3.) Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week for better health of Chris Switala requested by Peggy Slifko.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 12 • Baptism of the Lord

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 11am • Building & Grounds Meeting (CTK)

Wednesday, January 15

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

Friday, January 17

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 13

- 8:30am • James Earnest by Immaculate Conception Altar Rosary Society (IC)

Tuesday, January 14

- 8:30am • Fred & Pauline Sherkel by Micki & Dave Stodart (CTK)

Wednesday, January 15

- 8:30am • Corey Comperatore by Jim & Arleen Multhauf (CTK)

Thursday, January 16

- 8:30am • Jennifer Kokoskie by Tony, Natalie, & Adam (CTK)

Friday, January 17

- 8:30am • Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barb & Russ Morrioni (CTK)

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

- 8:30am • Margaret Burns & Honora Anne Burns by Mike Burns (IC)
- 10am • John & Rosalie Lewis by The Lewis Family (CTK)

2025 Offertory Envelopes

If you have not already picked up your box of 2025 offertory envelopes, they can be found in the back of both churches. Immaculate Envelopes are in Osceola Mills for parishioners who regularly attend Mass at ICC, the rest are at CTK. These boxes will remain in the churches for a few more weeks before being stored in the office where you can call to make arrangements for pick up.



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
January 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



For the Catholic Church's 59th World Communications Day in 2025, Pope Francis has selected the theme: *Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.* Pictured above: Stained glass representation of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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

As we enter the new year, may the Jubilee of the World of Communications inspire us to gently harness the power of communication in our mission to evangelize. Inspired by Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who communicated her faithful 'yes' to God's plan, we are called to share the message of hope that Christ brings.

Let us use our words and methods to communicate to build bridges, strengthen our community and pray for a renewed commitment to be bearers of hope in the world. As we journey together in this Jubilee Year, let us embrace the Year of Mission, becoming messengers of Christ in our world.

Many blessings,

Kristine Rilling
Director of Communications, Diocese of Erie



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.

~~~~~ *According to the Scriptures* Romans 15:13



## POPE'S PRAYER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves,  
and to set out in search of truth.  
Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen,  
not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.  
Teach us to go where no one else will go,  
to take the time needed to understand,  
to pay attention to the essentials,  
not to be distracted by the superfluous,  
to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.  
Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places  
in our world and the honesty needed to tell others  
what we have seen. Amen.

## CELEBRATIONS

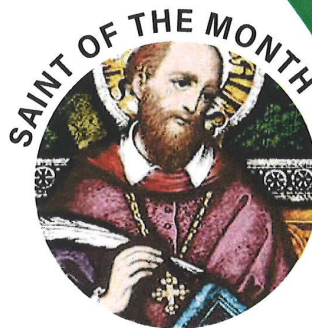
### Key dates:

- **January 1** - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Mary Major Basilica, Rome.
- **January 5** - Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Rome.
- **January 6** - Epiphany, Celebrating the revelation of Christ to all nations and the importance of sharing this Good News.
- **January 18-25** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Praying for unity among all Christians, emphasizing communication and understanding.
- **January 24-26** - Jubilee of the World of Communications celebrated in Rome, and around the world.



### Create Your Own Jubilee Mascot!

Remember Luce, the Jubilee mascot? Use this for inspiration to design a mascot that could be for you or your family that embodies hope, unity and faith. Think about what it could look like—maybe a cheerful dove, a shining star or a friendly figure carrying a torch of hope. Use the official Jubilee colors: **Red** for love, **Orange** for joy, **Green** for hope and **Blue** for faith. Name your mascot and write a short message to share to inspire others. Add creative touches like glitter, stickers or colorful designs. **When you're done, share your creation with the Diocese of Erie at [krilling@eriercd.org](mailto:krilling@eriercd.org).** Read more about Luce in the Nov. 6 edition of Diocese of Erie News: [www.eriercd.org/news/enewsletter.html](http://www.eriercd.org/news/enewsletter.html).



**St. Francis de Sales** is the patron saint of writers and journalists known for using communication to spread faith and hope. His gentle approach and clear writings brought many closer to God.

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## FAITHFUL FACTS!

The Jubilee for the World of Communications emphasizes the vital role that communication plays in evangelization and fostering unity. It encourages us to use all forms of media responsibly to spread messages of hope, faith and love.

## LIVING THE MISSION

**How can you use your ways of communicating—whether through conversation, writing or digital media—to celebrate your faith and inspire hope and unity in others?**

## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!



**MORE INFO:** [www.ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html)



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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, January 19

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

### Monday, January 20

- 6pm • Finance Council Meeting (CTK)

### Friday, January 24

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

### Sunday, January 26

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

### Sunday, February 2

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

## Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

### Sunday & Holy Days

| Actual<br>12/29/2024                                      | Actual<br>Total Fiscal YTD | Budgeted<br>Fiscal YTD             | Percentage<br>Over (Under) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$4,392                                                   | \$138,852                  | \$142,425                          | (2.5%)                     |
| Count of envelopes: 178                                   |                            | Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275 |                            |
| Catholic Services Appeal 2024                             |                            |                                    |                            |
| Actual<br>12/29/2024                                      | Actual<br>Total to Date    | Parish Goal                        | Percentage<br>Over (Under) |
| \$300                                                     | \$59,659                   | \$72,000                           | (17.1%)                    |
| Total Pledges: 160                                        |                            | Total Pledged: \$59,818.90         |                            |
| Help Spread the Faith Communications: \$20                |                            |                                    |                            |
| Religious Retirement: \$10                                |                            |                                    |                            |
| <i>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</i> |                            |                                    |                            |

## 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.

## Safe Environment Training

Students will be watching a safe environment video in religious education classes on January 12. The videos are 12-18 minutes long and are age appropriate.

## The Chosen

### Tuesday, January 7 • 6pm

Showing 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 will resume January 7.

## 21 Club Winners

### Week #5

**Bob Gallo** (Leon Hansel) ..... \$100  
**Joseph Spewock** (John Mahute)..... \$50  
**Hanna Patton** (John Mahute) ..... \$25

### Week #6

**Jim & Arleen Multhauf** (Elaine M.) ..... \$100  
**Rita Solan** (Tina Stine) ..... \$50  
**Jack Carns** (John Mahute)..... \$25

### Week #7

**Beverly Rugh** (John Mahute) ..... \$100  
**Kristian Foreman** (Judy Reese)..... \$50  
**Elizabeth Ruggiero** (John Mahute) ..... \$25

### Week #8

**Jerold Hooven** (Michelle Stine) ..... \$100  
**Taylor Zimmerman** (John Mahute) ..... \$50  
**Louis Petrone** (Kristi Twoey)..... \$25



## Online Giving

You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory, the 2024 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.

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