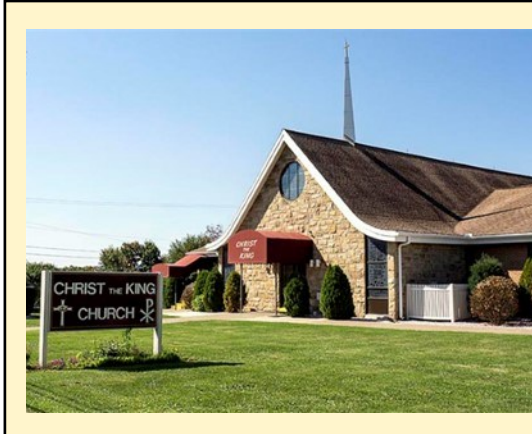


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Christ the King Parish



Christ the King Church

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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

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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)

**8TH
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ORDINARY
TIME**

MARCH 2, 2025

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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: *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 Shad-duck, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich, Sherri Thompson, Sue Portugal, Cecilia Demchak, Anonymous, Jared Gmerek*

Marriage Moments

With Lent about to begin for Christians on March 5, regardless of your religion, consider what personal pleasure you might be willing to limit for a time in order to offer deeper love to your beloved spouse. Fasting from criticism, self-righteousness...

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Jennifer Kokoskie requested by Carol & Larry Kokoskie.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 2

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

Monday, March 3

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, March 4

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Wednesday, March 5 • Ash Wednesday

8:30am • Mass (IC)

6pm • Mass (CTK)

Thursday, March 6

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (CTK)

6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, March 7

6:30pm • Confession, Exposition (CTK; until 7pm)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

Saturday, March 8

12pm • Paddle Party (CTK; doors open at 11am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 3

8:30am • Charlie Mineweaser by Wife & Family (IC)

Tuesday, March 4

8:30am • Edmond & Joanne George by Children & Grandchildren (CTK)

Wednesday, March 5 • Ash Wednesday

8:30am • Joseph & Helen Mandell by Family (IC)

6pm • George Pallo by Linda Matia & Family (CTK)

Thursday, March 6

8:30am • Gen Gallagher by Madeline Pallo & George Jr. (CTK)

Friday, March 7

8:30am • Holy Souls (CTK)

6:30pm • Exposition (CTK)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

Saturday, March 8

4pm • Roald & Stella Morroni by Russ & Barb Morroni (CTK)

Sunday, March 9

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

10am • Harry Skebo by Jim & Sherrie Surkovich (CTK)

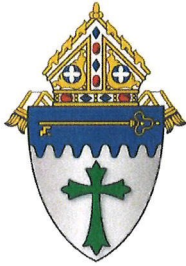
Parenting Pointers

The average U.S. child is exposed to approximately 8½ hours of media a day. Sure, some of that is at school and some is multitasking, but it's still way too much. Do you know how much time your child watches a screen or has something in their ear? Try counting the hours for one day.



A Family Perspective

Today, Jesus reminds us: 'Why do you notice the speck in your brother's eye but fail to see the log in your own eye?' It's often easier to focus on changing others rather than addressing our own flaws. However, this is futile, as the only person we can truly change is ourselves.



NOTICE – LENTEN PRACTICES 2025

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 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, April 17, 2025.

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, 2025. 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. **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.)*
4. 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.
5. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **GOOD FRIDAY** service is celebrated by a priest only.
6. All celebrations of the **EASTER VIGIL** are to begin *after nightfall* (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.) Nightfall is about 9:00 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 10, 2025

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

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.

Osceola Mills Food Bank

The Osceola Mills Food Bank is accepting donations of canned fruit, canned goods, toiletries, and nonperishable food items. Donations can be left in the box in the back of Immaculate Conception Church.

Lenten Presentation: The Cross as a Christian Symbol

Monday, March 10 • 6:30pm; Refreshments served at 5:30pm

As a way to enrich your Lenten experience, a lecture by Mike Lucas, local artist, will detail the significance, origin, and use of the cross as a symbol within early Christianity will take place in Christ the King Parish Center on Monday, March 10. With particular attention given to the changing perception of the cross after Constantine and Helena. This change will generally be described as a transformation from object of humiliation to victory. 18 stone carvings done by Mr. Lucas will be presented as visual aids to reinforce the lecture. This lecture aims to take an in depth look at the central symbol of Christianity in order to contemplate it anew and not take it for granted; to better understand the historical backdrop of early Christianity; to consider the brutality of the cross and compare that to the triumphant symbol it has become; and to remind ourselves of the diversity of the traditions within Catholicism as it relates to the shape of the cross.

Lenten Bible Study

Every Thursday in Lent

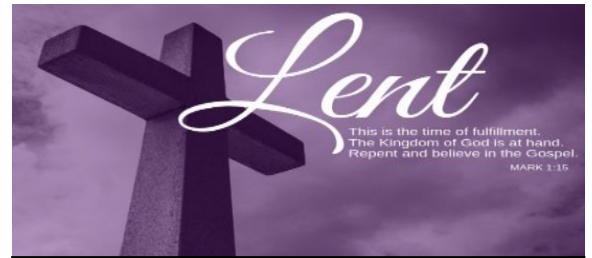
Join Father Johnathan and other clergy to review the Sunday Scripture during Lent. Many have requested a parish-wide bible study and this is your opportunity to dig deeper into your own reflections during Lent by having a more detailed discussion of the Sunday reading. Please come and expand your knowledge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

K of C Meeting

Tuesday, March 4 • 6:30pm

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting in March will be moved to Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30pm in Christ the King Parish Center. The change is made due to the celebration of Mass for Ash Wednesday.

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 4 – Faith United Lutheran Church
Speaker – Pastor Dale Stoops

March 11 – Houtzdale United Methodist
Speaker – Pastor Ron Korzeniowski

March 18 – Brisbin Baptist Church
Speaker – CLP Bill Conway

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

Year-End Statements

If you would like a list of gifts you gave to the parish in 2024 for tax purposes, please contact the office and one will be provided to you.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (CTK)

Monday, March 10

5:30pm • Refreshments (CTK)

6:30pm • Mike Lucas, Cross Presentation (CTK)

Tuesday, March 11

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, March 12

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, March 13

6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, March 14

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

4pm • Fish Fry (CTK)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Sunday, March 16

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, March 18

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, March 19

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, March 20

6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, March 21

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

21 Club Winners

Week #15

Robin Fitzhugh (Marie Fleming) \$100

Lori Skebo (Ray Graham) \$50

Dennis Yastro (John Mahute) \$25

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 02/16/2025	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$3,468	\$170,739	\$179,350	(4.8%)
Count of envelopes: 141		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2025			
Actual 02/16/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$113	\$420	\$72,000	(99.4%)
Total Pledges: 22		Total Pledged: \$1,500.00	
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.			

CSA 2025

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2025 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 one 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.

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.

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 4 • 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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