

*Joseph rose and took*  
**THE CHILD & HIS MOTHER**  
*& departed for Egypt*

MATTHEW 2:14

## 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  
Rev. Stephen Collins, Retired Resident

### Office Hours at Christ the King

Monday-Friday..... 9am until 1pm

Phone..... 814-378-7653

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Website..... [ctk-ic.org](http://ctk-ic.org)

Facebook..... [facebook.com/ctkic](https://facebook.com/ctkic)

**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:** 9am (CTK); 11am (St. Agnes)

**Saturday:** Mass 4pm; Confession 3-3:30pm (CTK)

**Weekdays:** Monday 12pm (St. Agnes); Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am (CTK);  
Thursday 5:30pm; 12/1 See New Year's Schedule; 1/8 St. Severin; 1/15  
Immaculate Conception; 1/22 St. Mary of the Assumption

### Bulletin Announcements

Please submit all bulletin announcements in writing to [office@ctk-ic.org](mailto:office@ctk-ic.org) at least **two weeks** prior to the anticipated date.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Feast of the  
Holy Family**

**Dec. 28, 2025**

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# PRAYERS REQUESTED

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 **Kathy Grace, Jared Gmerek, Clara Tubo, Pam Moyer, Tom Glinsky and, pre-born Madelyn Grace Hughes.**



## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for **Eugene R. and Eugene B Kawa** by sister and Aunt Elaine.

## Homebound?

If you or a loved one are homebound, but wish to receive Communion and keep up with church news by receiving a mailed bulletin please call the rectory during business hours. Father Johnathan will add you to his Communion Call list.

## Weekly Schedule

**Wednesday, December 31 Mary, Mother of God Mass**

**4 p.m.** • Mass (CTK)

**Thursday, January 1 Mary Mother of God Holy day of Obligation**

**8:30 a.m.** • Mass (IC)

**Friday, January 2**

**6:30 p.m.** • Confession and Adoration

**Saturday & Sunday, January 3 & 4**

**After 4 p.m. Mass and 9 a.m. Mass • Defibrillator Training**



## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, December 30**

**8:30 a.m.** • Edmond and Joanne George by their children and grandchildren

**Wednesday, December 31**

**4 p.m.** • Ron Gresh by Karen and family

**Thursday, January 1**

**8:30 a.m.** • Ron Gresh by Karen and family (IC)

**Friday, January 2**

**8:30 a.m.** • Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, January 3**

**4 p.m.** • Lillian Kowalczyk by Rudy and Marky Kay Kowalczyk

**Sunday, January 4**

**9 a.m.** • People of the Parish by the Pastor

## Holy Day of Obligation

### Special Mass Times

**Dec. 31, Mary, Mother of God**

**4 p.m. - Christ the King**

**Jan. 1, Mary, Mother of God**

**8:30 a.m. - Immaculate Conception**

**10 a.m. - St. Agnes**







# Adult Holiday Cookie Decorating

Christ the King, Houtzdale • Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills



Everyone had a wonderful time letting their creativity flow while decorating holiday cookies and socializing! Special thanks to Fran Kasubick who baked all the cookies and provided tips for baking and decorating them. Also, thanks to Toni for assisting!





## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, December 31 Solemnity Mary, Mother of God Vigil**  
4 p.m. • Mass (CTK)

**Thursday, January 1 Solemnity Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation**  
8:30 a.m. • Mass (IC)

**Friday, January 2**  
6:30 p.m. • Confession and Adoration (CTK)

**Wednesday, January 7**  
1 p.m. • American Red Cross Blood Drive (CTK)  
6:30 p.m. • K of C Meeting

**Thursday, January 8**  
2 p.m. • Altar Rosary Meeting (IC)  
6:30 p.m. • Bible Study (CT)K  
By appointment • Life Line Screening (CTK)



**You're invited to a  
Life Line Screening  
event!**

**Where: Christ the King Church**

123 Good St

Houtzdale, PA 16651

Thursday, January 8, 2026



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

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## 21 Club Winners

Due to the holiday, and early print deadlines, the **Week #6** 21 Club Winners will appear in next week's bulletin.

## Stewardship

Due to the holidays, and early print deadlines, the Stewardship report will be in next week's bulletin.



**American Red Cross**

# BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive will be held at Christ the King Parish.

**JAN. 7  
1 P.M. - 6 P.M.**

To make an appointment to donate, please call

**1-800-RED-CROSS**



## Echoes of a Polish Christmas

All Saints Parish 325 Quemahoning St., Boswell, Somerset County, invites you to their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (Koledy), Sunday, January 4 at 2 p.m. at their church.

Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments.

Please come and experience these time honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.



# Solemnity of Mary, January 1

January 1, a Holy Day of Obligation, signifies the Solemnity of Mary. It is the belief that Mary is the mother of God. The belief comes from the Gospel of Luke. In Luke 1: 31-35, the Angel Gabriel reveals to Mary that she has found favor with God and shall bear a son, whom she will name Jesus. He will be the Son of God, which makes Mary the Mother of God. This is a core belief of the Catholic Church.



## VFW Makes Donation to Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Osceola Memorial VFW Post 5020 Commander James Rice is shown presenting a \$1,000 donation to Deacon Eugene Miller of Christ the King Parish. The donation is designated to assist with the care of veterans', and their family members', graves at the Immaculate Conception cemetery in Osceola Mills PA.



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## PADDLE PARTY

\$5 for your first paddle  
\$2 for each additional paddle  
50/50 tickets - 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5



**Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026**



**Doors open 11 a.m.  
Auction begins at 12 p.m.**



**Christ the King Parish Center  
123 Good St., Houtzdale**

**(814) 378-7653**

The kitchen will be open!



## Defibrillator Training

A few months ago, we let you know we have a life-saving Defibrillator in the back of Christ the King Church. Now is your chance to learn how to use it.

### Training Times

After 4 p.m. Mass  
Saturday, Jan. 3  
After 9 a.m. Mass  
Sunday, Jan. 4



## Bible Study



Please join us for Bible Study beginning Thursday, January 8, in the parish center at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying the Gospel of John.

