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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

Phone 814-378-7653

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

Website www.ctk-ic.org

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)

Be vigilant at all times...

Lk 21:36

HOPE

DECEMBER 1
2024



Bulletin Announcements

Please submit all bulletin announcements in writing to office@ctk-ic.org at least two weeks prior to the anticipated date.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is designed to assist families with needs, focusing on clothing and household necessities. The need may be due to job loss, illness of wage earner, relocation, or other troubles. Your support helps them to make it over the hump so they can put their financial resources into household expenses.

Please attach the gift tag to the wrapped present. If you choose to include a gift receipt, please put it in a separate envelope and attach it to the outside of the package. The envelope will be given to the parents. All gifts must be returned no later than December 10.

Thank you for your generosity.





October 29, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious, to be held in parishes on December 7th and 8th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as for the over 30,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in our diocese contributed \$140,304 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift is vital for their ongoing health care, supporting them so that they may age safely, with dignity and comfort.

Senior Religious are a treasure of the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need today. Those who are no longer able to actively serve still support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer, while continuously remembering the generous people who care for them through the aging process.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresight and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese. They stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and who continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church both in the past and in the years to come.

Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**. I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers and mine.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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Fundraising Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

21 CLUB-We served 582 dinners with 575 reservations made. We had an increase in people coming and staying for the whole day this time. Several people reported that there were complaints about the amount of meat that was served with the meal. (the portion was very small). The door brought in an additional \$653 in ticket sales. Final totals were not available at this time.

TURKEY BINGO-We had approximately 280 people attend bingo with an estimated \$9,000 turned in to the office. Note: this amount does not reflect all of the expenses. No deposit was made due to not having deposit bags or keys. The kitchen sold out of food. We needed more help at this event. We had two teenage girls volunteer to help sell specials on the floor and work the front door. We only had one person to sell instant tickets and three others to work the bingo floor/office. More money could have been made if we would have had a few more volunteers. A vote was taken by a show of hands of the players present regarding the Shop N Save gift cards or actual turkeys. The vote was almost the same for each option. If we decide to change back to turkeys, someone will need to go buy them, take them to the center and distribute them to the winners at the end of the night.

PADDLE PARTY MARCH 8, 2025-No discussion was held.

21 CLUB APRIL 26, 2025-The sellers are reporting some people have dropped out while others are gaining new members. We currently have approximately 700 returns with the first weekly drawing being Sunday, November 17. It was brought to the committee's attention that Father feels 21 Club has run its course. Parish Council is asking Fundraising Committee to come up with a new idea for fundraising or revamp the 21 Club. No suggestions were presented. If changes are to be made to 21 Club the current sellers have voiced their opinion that they will not continue to be sellers.

LOTTERY CALENDAR JULY 2025-No discussion was held.

PATRIOT DAY FESTIVAL September 7, 2025-No discussion was held.

FUNDRAISER MONEY COUNTING PROCEDURES-The email from Father Jonathan was read to the committee. Father wants to have four people (with three the minimum) to count the money after each event, prepare the deposit and deposit all monies (including start up monies) at the bank night deposit. A worksheet will need to be completed for each area including all expenses for each area. Michelle brought up the fact that after 21 Club there are only 3 or 4 people at the center for cleaning up and counting money. We will need more people to volunteer to complete this task.

HAM BINGO-The committee would like to have a ham bingo on April 5, 2025 since the turkey bingo was a success. We would use the same format as we did for turkey bingo and award gift cards for Leyo's or Hometown. (players choice) Volunteers will be needed to make it a successful event.

CATHECHISM CLASS DO HOAGIE FUNDRAISER-The committee would like to see the younger generation be involved in helping to raise funds for the parish center. A hoagie fundraiser was suggested.

There will be no meeting in December and when we reconvene in January the committee would like to see more people attending these meetings and also to invite our parishioners from Osceola Mills to join us.

Next Fundraising Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Christ the King Parish Building and Grounds Committee

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Present-Jim Rice, Jerry Dufour, Tony Miller, Bud Greslick and Jenny Leskovansky Absent: Father Johnathan Schmolt, Floyd Hauth, Ed Vancas, Jim Leskovansky and Jack Archer

Old Business

CTK Rectory and Church Roof Replacement Bids-Jenny reported there are presently 2 bids and Father Johnathan is awaiting possibly 3 more as 3 additional contractors were contacted. Jim R suggested discussions should be held regarding either a fundraiser or a capital campaign to help offset the cost of roof repairs. Further discussions will be held at the next meeting.

CTK Groundskeeping-No report at this time.

CTK Parish Center Emergency Lighting, Power Panel, Kitchen Plugs and Church Sanctuary Crown Lights-Jenny reported Father Johnathan is to contact vendor for this evaluation.

Hot Water Distribution update/Radiator repair or replacement-Jenny reported Father Johnathan is to contact vendor for this evaluation.

CTK Parish Center Roof Leak and Repair-Roof was leaking, roofing contractor who replaced roof repaired leak.

CTK squeaky doors-No report at this time.

Parish Center plugs-3rd classroom left and outlets near paper products room-Jerry reported he believes Jack completed these repairs.

IC Roof Repair-Repair completed.

IC Cemetery Driveway-Paving completed.

New Business

Parish Center Kitchen Floor Cleaning-Jenny reported the Parish Center Kitchen and dry good rooms will have floor professional scrubbed in coming weeks, she noted we will need to move some items for ease of cleaning the floor. The group agreed to meet the night prior and move items.

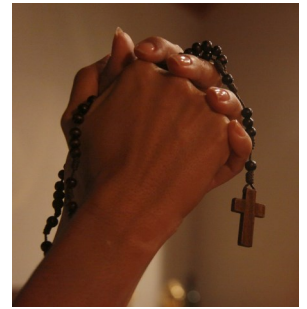
Cemetery Groundskeeping-Jenny reported that Father Johnathan stated at the last Pastoral Council meeting the current landscaper who mows cemeteries, other than the two IC cemeteries, will not be bidding on mowing for next summer. Discussions are being held regarding potential for employee or sending mowing out for bids.

Next Meeting will be held Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 11 am in CTK-Parish Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Leskovansky
Secretary

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: *Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, David Collins, John Mahute, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Lucy Weis, 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*



2025 Mass Schedule

All Mass requests have been filled for the remainder of the 2024 year. The 2025 Mass schedule is now open. If you have a specific Mass request, please call the rectory or submit in writing. In order to best accommodate everyone, please limit your requests to two weekend Masses per year and one weekday Mass per month. Please keep in mind that not all dates will be available, but Ali will do her best to schedule on or as close to the requested date as possible. Mass intentions and Sanctuary Lamps are a \$10 donation each.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 1 • First Sunday of Advent

NO Religious Ed. Class

Thursday, December 5

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

11am • Lunch with St. Nick (CTK; until 1pm)

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2

8:30am • Barb Mital Bookamire by Pat & Bernie Ropchock (IC)

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am • Maryan Dombroski by Ali Jacoby & Family (CTK)

Wednesday, December 4

8:30am • Roger Witherow by Family (CTK)

Thursday, December 5

8:30am • Ernest Smeal by wife Christine (CTK)

Friday, December 6

8:30am • Holy Souls (CTK)

Saturday, December 7

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

Sunday, December 8

8:30am • Leona Reams by Altar Rosary Society (IC)

10am • Anna Mahute by John Mahute (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

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



A Family Perspective

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciates the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

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.

Christmas Cookie & Soup Sale

Saturday, December 7 • 9am until Noon

St. Timothy Church in Curwensville will hold their annual Christmas Cookie & Soup Sale on Saturday, December 7 from 9am until noon. Goods for sale include breads, cookies, nut rolls, cinnamon buns, and various soups.



Christmas Downtown

Sunday, December 1 • 2pm

The Houtzdale Community Partnership Association invites everyone to attend this year's Christmas Downtown on Sunday, December 1 at 2pm at the Dave Wulderk Memorial Pavilion on the corner of Good and Eliza Streets in Houtzdale. This event is free for the community. There will be an appearance by Santa & Mrs. Claus, treats and goodies provided by various community sponsors, and plenty of fun. This year's theme will be Candy Cane Lane.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up and tags will be available the week of November 25. More information to follow.

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 11/17/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,339	\$100,487		\$105,500	(4.8%)
Count of envelopes: 169			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 11/17/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$770	\$57,780		\$72,000	(19.8%)
Total Pledges: 159			Total Pledged: \$58,188.55	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$1,138.45				
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.				

Lunch with Saint Nick

Saturday, December 7 • 11am until 1pm

St. Nicholas invites you to have lunch with him at Christ the King Parish Center on Saturday, December 9 from 11am until 1pm. Arrive at 11am to register and make a craft while you wait for St. Nick to arrive. Lunch will be served followed by story time. St. Nicholas will distribute gifts to all the children with caroling to follow. At 12:30, get your cameras ready for a photo opportunity before departing at 1pm. This event is free for the community; all are welcome.

Immaculate Conception Church's 100th Year Anniversary

Monday, December 9 • Immaculate Conception Church, Osceola Mills

This year marks the 100th year of the dedication of the church building of Immaculate Conception in Osceola Mills. To celebrate this milestone, we invite all parishioners from both Osceola Mills and Houtzdale to celebrate in the Eucharist at the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday evening, November 9 at 6pm with a formal reception to follow. Invitations to commemorate this event have been mailed to all registered families. Because this will be a formal, sit-down dinner, we ask that all those planning to attend contact the office to reserve their seat. You can RSVP by either calling Ali at 814-378-7653 during normal business hours or by emailing office@ctk-ic.org. This dinner is free to those attending, but you must have made your reservation no later than December 2.



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>.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 8

- 11am** • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)
- 12:30pm** • 4th Degree K of C Christmas Party (CTK)

Monday, December 9 • Holy Day of Obligation

- 8:30am** • Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary (CTK)
- 6pm** • Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary (IC)
- 7pm** • Reception to Celebrate Immaculate Conception Church's 100th Anniversary (IC)

Wednesday, December 11

- 6pm** • K of C Christmas Party (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • CDA Christmas Party (CTK)

Thursday, December 12

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

Friday, December 13

- 9am** • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Sunday, December 15

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Christmas Pageant (CTK)
- 2pm** • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at 1pm)
- 3pm** • Advent Penance Service (CTK)

Friday, December 20

- 9am** • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Sunday, December 22

- NO** Religious Ed. Class

Monday, December 23—January 1

- Rectory Closed**

Tuesday, December 24 • Holy Day of Obligation

- 4pm** • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)
- 8pm** • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

Monthly Confessions & Exposition

First Friday of the Month • 6:30pm until 7:30pm

As an ongoing practice at Christ the King Parish, Father Johnathan will offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions each First Friday of the month beginning at 6:30pm at Christ the King Church. This is a monthly opportunity to take some time with God and experience His mercy, especially for those who cannot come to Saturday confessions at 3pm. Please take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Johnathan is also available by appointment to share God's mercy if needed.

Religious Retirement Collection

Aging religious need your help.

"Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Sister Celeste Burgos, 80, of Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Christmas in Clearfield Home & Business Tour

Sunday, December 8 • 1pm until 5pm

Get your tickets now for the Christmas in Clearfield Home & Business Tour, happening on Sunday, December 8 from 1pm until 5pm. The tour begins at St. Francis School where there will be a Christmas Basket Raffle and entertainment. Tour the beautiful decorations at 7 local, private homes plus four local businesses. Horse drawn carriage rides will be available starting at the Little League Field—tickets for the carriage rides are separate from the home tour. Visit the St. Francis School Facebook event page for more details. All proceeds benefit St. Francis School.

Seeking Collection Counters

Christ the King Parish is still in need of volunteers to count the offertory collection. If you are a discrete and reliable person, or know someone who is, please contact Father Johnathan. With enough help, the intention is that you will only need to volunteer a few hours of your time one Sunday per month. Call the rectory for more information.

K of C Elimino

Tuesday, December 31

Knights of Columbus #10376 will host their Elimino Extravaganza at Christ the King Parish Center on December 31. Tickets are available for purchase by calling Jim Hawkins 814-672-5618 or Rob Yebernetzky 814-553-7413.



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.

St. Nicholas invites you



to have lunch with him on December 7, 2024

- 11:00 Gather in Christ the King
Parish Center
Registration - Opening craft
Singing Christmas Carols
- 11:15 St. Nicholas arrives
- 11:30 Lunch is served
- 12:00 Story time with St. Nicholas
- 12:15 St. Nicholas distributes
gifts to children
- 12:30 Photo opportunity
with St. Nicholas
(bring a camera or cell phone)

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