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He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
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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)

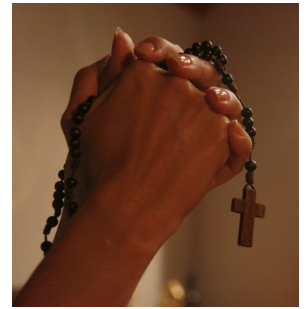


Bulletin Announcements

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: *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, Bill Moyer*



Marriage Moments

What makes a marriage happy is often not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility. How are you and your beloved most different?

Parenting Pointers

In this season of "Peace" continue your peacemaking by making an effort to resolve a conflict you have with a family member, a neighbor, or a person with a different political view from yours. Who ____? Try it.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 15 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 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)

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

- 8:30am** • Charles Lockett, Sr. by Altar Rosary Society (IC)

Tuesday, December 17

- 8:30am** • Robert Abernethy by Father Johnathan Schmolt (CTK)

Wednesday, December 18

- 8:30am** • Genevieve Gallagher by John & Rosemary Kasubick (CTK)

Thursday, December 19

- 8:30am** • Linda Nolder by Mary Beth Witherow (CTK)

Friday, December 20

- 8:30am** • Randy Tubo by sister Nancy (CTK)

Saturday, December 21

- 4pm** • Helen E. Archer by Family (CTK)

Sunday, December 22

- 8:30am** • Joanne & Eddie George by Emily, Carrie, & David George (IC)
- 10am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Randy Tubo requested by sister Nancy.



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel encourages us to **SHARE!** This Christmas, resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to provide **necessities** to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the true meaning of Christmas.

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.

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.

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

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
<i>Sunday & Holy Days</i>				
Actual 12/01/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$6,019	\$110,581		\$116,050	(4.7%)
Count of envelopes: 176			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
<i>Catholic Services Appeal 2024</i>				
Actual 12/01/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$154	\$58,299		\$72,000	(19.0%)
Total Pledges: 159			Total Pledged: \$59,179.55	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$10				
<i>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</i>				

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.

Bulletin Sponsor

Did you ever notice the ads on the back of the bulletin and wonder how you can get your name or business on there too? Now is your opportunity. If you're interested in advertising on the back of this bulletin, call the rectory during business hours and talk to Ali. Sponsors do not need to be businesses, personal sponsors are also accepted. Bulletin sponsors are necessary to eliminate the cost of printing the bulletin.



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 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)

Wednesday, December 25 • Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am • Christmas Mass (IC)

Sunday, December 29

9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

NO Religious Ed. Class

Tuesday, December 31 • Holy Day of Obligation

4pm • Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass (CTK)

Wednesday, January 1 • Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am • Solemnity of Mary Mass (IC)

Thursday, January 2

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 5

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

Monday, January 6

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Wednesday, January 8

1pm • Red Cross Blood Drive (CTK; until 6pm)

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (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

Women and men religious offer gratitude.

"Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters, Servant of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

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 Yebernetsky 814-553-7413.

21 Club Winners

Week #4

Violet Rickard (Marie Fleming)	\$100
Paul Bibinski (John Mahute)	\$50
Rick Claar (John Mahute)	\$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.



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

4pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

8pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

Wednesday, December 25 • Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am • Christmas Day Mass (IC)

Saturday, December 28

4pm • Mass for the Holy Family (CTK)

Confession 3-3:30pm (CTK)

Sunday, December 29

8:30am • Mass for the Holy Family (IC)

10am • Mass for the Holy Family (CTK)

Tuesday, December 31

4pm • Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass (CTK)

Wednesday, January 1 • Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am • Mary, Mother of God Mass (IC)

Saturday, January 4

4pm • Epiphany Mass (CTK)

Confession 3-3:30pm (CTK)

Sunday, January 5

8:30am • Epiphany Mass (IC)

10am • Epiphany Mass (CTK)

Christ the King Parish Religious Education Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15 • 11am

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season performed by Christ the King Parish's religious education program on Sunday, December 15 at 11am in Christ the King Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 • 4pm

The Osceola Mills United Methodist Church would like to invite the community to help celebrate the 100th year of their pipe organ. A Christmas Concert will be performed on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm at the Osceola Mills United Methodist Church located at 303 Curtin Street, Osceola Mills.

Moshannon Valley Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 22 • 2pm

The Moshannon Valley Community Choir presents "How Great Our Joy" for the 2024 Christmas season. The concert will be held at the Moshannon Valley Jr./Sr. High School auditorium on Sunday, December 22 at 2pm.

Decorating for Christmas

Monday, December 23 • 3:30pm

Christmas decorations will be going up on Monday, December 23 at 3:30pm. All are welcome to join the fun! *Many hands make light work.*

Christmas Penance Services

Sunday, December 15

3pm • Christ the King, Houtzdale

Monday, December 16

6pm • St. Agnes, Morrisdale

Sunday, December 22

2pm • St. Francis, Clearfield

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