

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2024

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

Office phone..... 814-378-7653

Office email office@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)

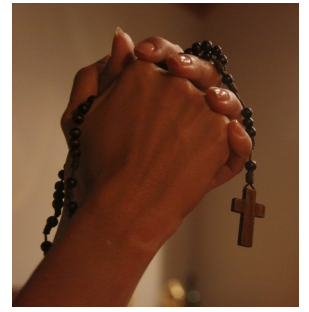
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Prayer Chain

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, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., 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, Linda Nolder, Clara Tubo, Tim Stine, Michael Moskel, Joan Manos, Cory Shawver*



Parenting Pointers

As many families prepare for their kids returning to school, review the school supplies you already have on hand. Not everything needs to be new. If you still have extra pens, paper, backpacks, etc. offer them to families who may not be able to afford to buy them.

Marriage Moments

"I guess you were right." Although Jim and I don't see our marriage as a competition, still this phrase is one of the sweetest things he can say to me. It usually comes after a disagreement in which each of us was sure we were right. It's SO much better than "I told you so!" I turn toward Jim with love rather than self-righteousness. Is there something your spouse was "right" about this past week? (Susan Vogt)

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 25 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

Saturday, August 31; Sunday, September 1

All Masses • Missionary Weekend

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 26

8:30am • Budd Hollis by Marilyn Adams (IC)

Tuesday, August 27

8:30am • Ray Buynak by Shirley & Michael Zakutney (CTK)

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

8:30am • Genevieve Gallagher by Madeline & Jerry Dufour (CTK)

Friday, August 30

8:30am • Victor & Margaret Delansky by Rose (Rackovan) Rafacz (CTK)

Saturday, August 31

4pm • Michael Kawa, Sr. by Family (CTK)

Sunday, September 1

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

10am • Arthur Mahute by John Mahute (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Jennifer Kokoskie by Tony, Natalie, & Adam.



A Family Perspective

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

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

Religious Education

Sunday, September 15 • 11am until 12:15pm

The 2024-2025 Religious Education school year will begin on Sunday, September 15. Students in grades K-12 should report to Christ the King Parish Center at 11am, class will end at approximately 12:15pm. Any children not previously enrolled, including those entering kindergarten this year, will need to complete registration. Forms to register can be found on our parish website or by calling/emailing our Religious Ed. Director Cassandra Kitko at 814-590-0325/ c.kitko@ctk-ic.org.

Additionally, we are in need of teachers for our 6-8 grade Edge program as well as 5th grade. If you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to volunteer, please reach out to Cassandra Kitko at the information listed above.

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.

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.

Evangelization Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 19 • 6:30pm

There will be an Evangelization Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm in Christ the King Rectory.

Christ the King Parish Registration

Please fill out this portion and return to the office if you are not a current member of Christ the King Parish and would like to join, or if you would like to update your information.

Name (plus list of family members living in same household) _____

Mailing address _____

Primary phone number (accepts texts Y/N) _____

Secondary phone number (accepts texts Y/N) _____

Email address _____

Missionary Weekend

Saturday, August 31 & Sunday, September 1

Christ the King Parish will host a missionary from The Apostolic Life Community of Priests based in Tanzania. This Community of Priests educates children from pre-K through high school, runs rural health centers, and provides pastoral support and religious education. They are currently helping to fund 77 young seminarians attending Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. The Community responds to the call of Christ and the mission of the Apostle; "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit," (Mt. 28:19-20). Any donation, big or small, will be helpful in supporting the formation of these young men. A second collection will be taken up for The Apostolic Life Community of Priests at all Masses the weekend of August 31 & September 1. Please be generous.

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 08/18/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$6,229	\$36,512		\$36,925	(1.1%)
Count of envelopes: 164			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 08/18/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$330	\$51,967		\$72,000	(27.8%)
Total Pledges: 153			Total Pledged: \$54,576.60	
National Needs: \$10				
Church in Latin America: \$1,109.70				
<i>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</i>				

Collection for the Church in Latin American

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$1,109 to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Your gift makes a difference!

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.

The Chosen

Every Tuesday • 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.

Knights "Fore" Kids

Saturday, September 28 • 1pm

The Knights of Columbus Council #10376 Our Lady of the Valley is asking for your support in their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the Park Hills Golf Club in Altoona on Saturday, September 28 beginning at 1pm. Their goal this year is to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and helping to grant a wish for a child. Please consider supporting them in this event by sponsoring holes, donating door prizes, or entering a 4-person team by calling Jim Greslick at 814-553-6652 or grizz5152311@comcast.net. Tournament information and team applications can be found in the back of Christ the King Church.

21 Club Winners

Week #15

- Cathy Zendeck (John Mahute) \$100
- John Hammond (Michelle Stine) \$50
- Doug & Carmella Van Vlack (Elaine M.) .. \$25

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. . . 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”¹

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most

basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

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“The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.”



Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 2

Labor Day • Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, September 5

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, September 6

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

6:30pm • Festival Prep (CTK)

Saturday, September 7

10am • Festival Setup (CTK)

Sunday, September 8

8am • Festival Setup (CTK)

11am • Patriot Day Festival (CTK; until 5pm)

Monday, September 9

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, September 10

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Wednesday, September 11

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, September 12

6:30pm • Evangelization Committee Meeting (CTK)



Patriot Day Festival Donations Needed

Donation boxes are located in the back of Christ the King Church to collect donations for our upcoming Patriot Day Festival, on Sunday, September 8. Last year's festival was a success because of everyone's generous contributions, and we can't do it without you! For this year's festival, we're asking for:

- **Basket Raffle:** premade baskets, newly purchased items, gift cards to local businesses, admission tickets to area attractions, etc.—WE WILL NOT ACCEPT any used, dirty, or opened items; anything of the sort will be discarded
- **Dime Pitch:** cups, mugs, plates, pitchers, dishware all in good condition
- **Cake Wheel:** whole cakes or pies; cupcakes & cookies by the dozen; pan of brownies, fudge, sweet rolls, etc. All baked goods should be dropped off the weekend of the festival; more information for drop-off times to follow.
- **Kids Booth:** all newly purchased items such as bubbles, sidewalk chalk, crayons, fidget toys, stuffed animals, etc.
 - ⇒ Or purchase items directly from our Amazon Custom Wishlist by going to Amazon.com; under the drop-down for "sign-in, accounts & lists" click *Find a List or Registry*, type in *Ali Jacoby*, choose *Gift List* in the "search by" drop down menu, and click search, our list is called **CTK Festival Donations**; or go to <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2YI89587GTOT1>. Each item purchased from the list will be sent directly to the booth leader.

Patriot Day Festival Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the success of our festival; and with an event this large, we need all hands on deck. We invite the whole family, young and old, to participate at the festival at any of our booths or where needed even if you can only commit to a few hours. Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found on the table in the back of the church or you can scan this QR code or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9AE22A5FCCF8-50554183-patriot> to sign up online! It's quick and easy. When prompted, just add your name and phone number—your phone number will only be seen by the booth leader, it will not be posted publicly.



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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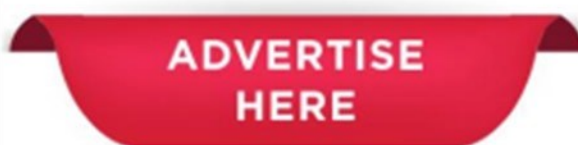
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