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NARROW GATE

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-Friday9am until 1pm

Phone814-378-7653

Emailoffice@ctk-ic.org

Website.....ctk-ic.org

Facebook 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 5:30 pm: 8/28 Immaculate Conception, 9/4 St. Mary of the Assumption,
9/11 St. Severin

Bulletin Announcements

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



21TH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

AUGUST 24, 2025

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 **Peter Swistock, Joseph Knee, Janie Brungart, Mickles Rebar, Angie Dobish, Jared Gmerek, Clara Tubo and Steve Banks.**

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Joseph R. Holenchik by his family. (CTK)

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

Thursday, August 28

5:30 p.m. • Mass at Immaculate Conception

Friday, August 29

9:00 a.m. • Eucharistic Adoration (CTK)

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The K of C Fourth Degree Assembly 952 will have a Spaghetti Dinner at Christ the King Parish Center from 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. The cost is \$10. Everyone welcome!

In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Dorothy Bakaysa** of Christ the King. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 26

8:30am (CTK) • Mary Bezilla and Mary Angela Tubo by Clara and Family

Wednesday, August 27

8:30am (CTK) • Marie Shedlock by Josef Cardinal Tanko, District 13, First Catholic Slovak Union

Thursday, August 28

5:30pm (IC) • Jane Moskel by Flyod & Jane Hauth

Friday, August 29

8:30am (CTK) • Jack Sahlaney by Carol & Harry Hrzic

Saturday, August 30

4pm (CTK) • Michael Kawa by Family

Sunday, August 31

9 am (CTK) • People of the Parish by the Pastor

Registered?

If your child is 18-years-old or older they need to register as a church member even if they are still living in your home. It's easy to do. Just have them call the parish office at **(814) 378-7653**. Is your information up-to-date? Call us to find out. Make sure we have the correct phone number and address so you don't miss

Collection for Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. The money collected will be used 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 gifts make a difference!

Food Bank Collection

A free will offering was done during the Fr. Larry Richards presentation. The collection totaled \$1,822.18. The money collected is being donated evenly between the food bank in Houtzdale and the food bank in Osceola Mills. Thank you for your generosity!

Scheduling Mass Intentions

Parishioners,

Over the last few months, I have received commentary concerning the procedures for assigning mass intentions. It has been noted that some individuals have been able to schedule multiple mass intentions while others are waiting to have their requests scheduled. Further, we have a backlog of requested mass intentions that we need to be offered going back multiple years. To try to clarify scheduling mass intentions, I have created a parish Mass Intention Procedure that was approved by the pastoral council. This procedure is included in this bulletin and available on our website.

Due to the reduction of masses, there are very few masses available for a mass intention to be scheduled for the rest of 2025. We are leaving the few remaining available dates to fill in any requests for the recently deceased.

Prescheduling mass intentions for 2026 can begin on October 1, 2025. We will be following the new Mass Intention Procedures. One new procedure is to annually specify the maximum number of mass intentions a person (requestor) can pre-schedule during a calendar year. Since our mass intention log contains more than 150 unique mass intentions, the maximum number of masses a requester can pre-schedule during 2026 is 2. A requester can submit as many mass intentions as they desire, but those above the annual maximum that can be pre-scheduled will be added to our mass intention log.

Further, please note that the new procedures state that annually, on July 1, the parish will group together all mass intentions requested for the same person or group of people. (ex. Bob Smith or Souls in Purgatory) The parish will retain four intentions, and the remaining intentions will be forwarded to the Diocese of Erie to have other priests offer the masses.

I hope these procedures clarify the issues that were raised concerning scheduling mass

intentions.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Johnathan Schmolt

Pastor

4th Annual Knights of Columbus GOLF TOURNAMENT



Our Lady of the Valley K of C is asking for your support for their golf tournament being held Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Park Hills Golf Club in Altoona. Support them by sponsoring a hole, donating a door prize or entering a 4-person team. Hole sponsorships without a team costs a minimum of \$100. A 4-person team costs \$400. For more information contact Jim Greslick at (814) 553-6652 or email grizz5152311@comcast.net

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a special weekend retreat with Eric A. Clayton on September 26-28, 2025. Eric is the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of multiple books on Ignatian Spirituality and everyday life. The retreat is entitled "Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover our Deepest Selves." For more information or to register, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all->

Faith Formation Registration!

Faith Formation packets have been mailed to parents. If you did not receive yours please contact us. Parents, please fill out the form as soon as possible.



Christ the King Parish
Mail to: C/O Faith Formation
123 Good Street
Houtzdale, PA 16651 OR Drop in the collection basket at Mass.

Commitment forms and Photo Authorization forms also need to be handed in.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, September 1

Labor Day—Office closed

Wednesday, September 3

6:30 p.m. • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, September 4

2 p.m. • Altar Rosary Meeting (IC)

Sunday, September 7

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Patriots Day Festival (CTK)

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 8/17/25	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$3,949	\$31,011	\$49,707	(-35.60%)

Count of envelopes: 136
Church in Latin America: \$663
Feast of the Assumption:
\$1,306

Weekly Budgeted Offertory:
\$7,101

Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Actual 8/17/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$259	\$42,075	\$72,000	(-41.56%)

Total Pledges: 126

Total Pledged: \$45,421.00

Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.

21 Club Winners

Week #15

Laurie Voinchet (Leon Hansel).....\$100

Mary Beth Witherow (John Mahute)...\$50

Christine McGinnis (Kristi Twoey).....\$25

HOUTZDALE FOOD BANK NEEDS DONATIONS



Please leave
non-perishable
items in the back of
the church.

CHRIST THE KING APPAREL SALE!



HOODED &
CREW NECK
SWEATSHIRTS

T-SHIRTS
SHORT & LONG
SLEEVE

LARGE OR SMALL LOGO OPTION

The Fundraising Committee is selling hoodies for \$45, crew neck sweatshirts for \$40, long sleeve t-shirts for \$25 and short sleeve t-shirts for \$20. All shirts are light gray. Choose a large or small logo on all items. Sizes adult small-4XL. Samples can be viewed in the cry room at CTK. To order shirts fill out the forms in the back of both churches. For questions contact Tina Stine at 814-592-4922. Deadline to order Sept. 7. Some shirts will be available for purchase at Patriot Day Festival.

Altar Rosary Society Prepares Pierogies for Upcoming Events



Patriot Day Festival

11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday September 7, 2025

This year's Christ the King's Patriot Day Festival will be filled with activities for the whole family!

- Live entertainment will be provided by the Moore Brothers from 2-4 p.m.
- There will be small games of chance in the parish center.
- \$100 chances will be sold for the chance to win \$10,000!
- A children's area will include a bounce house, dime pitch, face painting, axe-throwing an obstacle course, bounce house and more! Purchase a \$10 bracelet to access all the kids activities and includes popcorn!
- Register to be part of a cornhole tournament! Registration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for cornhole. The tournament kicks off at 12 p.m.
- There will be a beer tent, a cake wheel, a basket raffle and more!
- Plus there will be plenty of delicious food!
- Enjoy a roast beef or halupki dinner for \$14!

You don't want to miss this!



**Christ the King Parish
and the
K of C Our Lady of the Valley Council**

BIG Cash Raffle

FIRST PRIZE - \$10,000!!!

Plus 5—\$500 prizes.



**Drawing
Sept. 7 at
Patriot Day Festival**

To purchase a ticket
Contact the parish office, a
fundraising
member, or a K of C member.

Only 250
Tickets
being
sold!

Patriot Day Donations Needed

You can help to make our festival a success by donating any of the following.

Basket Raffle

- Small gift baskets (\$25 value)
- Scratch-off lottery tickets
- Gift Cards - Any Amount

Cake Wheel

- Cakes
- Cupcakes
- Cookies

Dime Pitch

- Dishes, cups, glassware, vases, etc.

**Items may be dropped off at CTK Rectory from
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Keep baked goods
until close to the festival.**

Patriot Day Basket Raffle

Last year, our Basket Raffle brought in over \$5,000, thanks to amazing donations from our parishioners and local businesses! We need your help to make it a huge success again.

Suggested donations:

- Small or large baskets (any theme of your choice)
- Gift cards (any denomination)
- Scratch-off lottery tickets (any denomination)
- Penn State or Steelers merchandise
- Dog and cat items (to make pet lovers baskets)
- Camping supplies
- Baking items
- Fall décor
- Monetary donation to purchase prizes

Donations may be dropped off at the church rectory or leave them in the boxes in the back of the church. Gift cards, lottery tickets, and monetary donations may be dropped into the collection basket in an envelope marked "basket raffle".

**Thank you for your
generosity!**