

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 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)

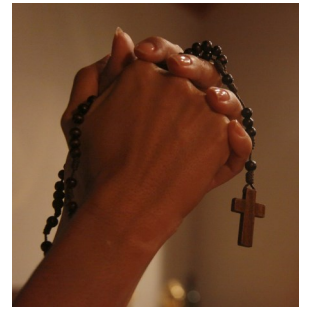
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AND FOLLOW ME



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>.

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, 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, Ed Holden, Jr.*



Parenting Pointers

Is your family broken? (divorce, infidelity, the painful loss of a child or spouse...) all of these things, and others, can shatter a family. Be patient with yourself. If your own family is OK for now, does a family you know need support?

Marriage Moments

Sept. 16 is Independence Day in Mexico. Although US citizens celebrate July 4 as Independence Day, independence and dependence are concepts bigger than one's country of origin. Healthy marriages involve both freedom and helping with your beloved's needs. Which is easier for you?

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 15 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 11am** • First Day of Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)
- 2pm** • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at 1pm)

Monday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 19

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

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

- 12pm** • Practice & Retreat for RCIA Candidates (CTK)

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 16

- 8:30am** • Rosie Reese by Fischer Family (IC)

Tuesday, September 17

- 8:30am** • Elizabeth & Thomas Zakutney by Mary Ann Wingate (CTK)

Wednesday, September 18

- 8:30am** • Rosemary Gallagher by Dave & Micki Stodart (CTK)

Thursday, September 19

- 8:30am** • John & Anna Rackovan by Rose (Rackovan) Rafacz (CTK)

Friday, September 20

- 8:30am** • Guy Tiracorda by Mark Dugan (CTK)

Saturday, September 21

- 4pm** • Jim Callovini by wife Nancy, Jamie, Danielle, & Craig (CTK)

Sunday, September 22

- 8:30am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
- 10am** • The Philip Kitko, Sr. Family, Living & Deceased by Doris Kitko (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

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



A Family Perspective

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves". If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves", we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Solidarity



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church’s social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God’s truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on **Solidarity**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”¹ We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The person is social in nature; we develop and flourish within a community. As baptized members of the community of the Church, we are part of one body in Christ and we are also part of one global human family.²

In *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) Pope Francis places solidarity at the center of what it means to cultivate social friendship as one family:

*Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land, and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.*³

Thus, solidarity affects not only the goals we pursue in public life, but also the way we pursue them—ever mindful that we are all brothers and sisters, all children of God.

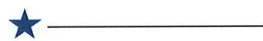
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In imitation of the Good Samaritan, we seek to be neighbor to all.⁴ We are called to practice “radical solidarity” by accompanying pregnant women to choose life and by offering support to new mothers and their children.⁵ As neighbors to all, we also advocate for families affected by poverty, unemployment, or illness, individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction, the elderly and those with disabilities, and all whose livelihoods and homes are endangered by climate change.⁶

In countries ravaged by war, such as Ukraine, West Africa, and the Middle East, we must “touch the wounded flesh of the victims” and support efforts for relief and peace,⁷ while also working collaboratively to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons.⁸



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We seek policies that “welcome, protect, promote, and integrate” migrants and refugees who arrive at our borders, and which aid development in countries of origin.⁹

Racism is an obstacle to solidarity, and we strive to root it out not only by examining our hearts individually, but also by looking critically at our policies and institutions.¹⁰

In a culture that overemphasizes the accumulation of wealth, we must not forget our “obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.”¹¹

As we seek to foster solidarity in hearts and policies, let us pray with Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti*:

*Lord, Father of our human family . . . Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. Amen.*¹²

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 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193, quoting St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (*On Social Concerns*), no. 38. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27.)

2 Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (*God is Love*), no. 25b. See also: USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 52-54.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 116, quoting *Address to Participants in the Meeting of Popular Movements* (October 28, 2014).

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 80.

5 USCCB Chairmen, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), nos. 25, 48-49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, no. 31.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 261.

8 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 262. See also: St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, nos. 23-24.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 129 and 132. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 62.

10 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism*, 2018. See also: *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 20, 41, and 97.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 118.

12 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 287.

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

Religious Education for grades K-9 begins this week on Sunday, September 15 at 11am. Students should meet in the church by the St. Joseph Statue immediately following Mass. Ideally, students should attend 10am Mass.

Parents of 9th graders should plan to attend class on September 22 to go through the Purpose format with their child. Please meet in the church following 10am Mass and wait for the class to come over.

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.

Evangelization Committee Meeting

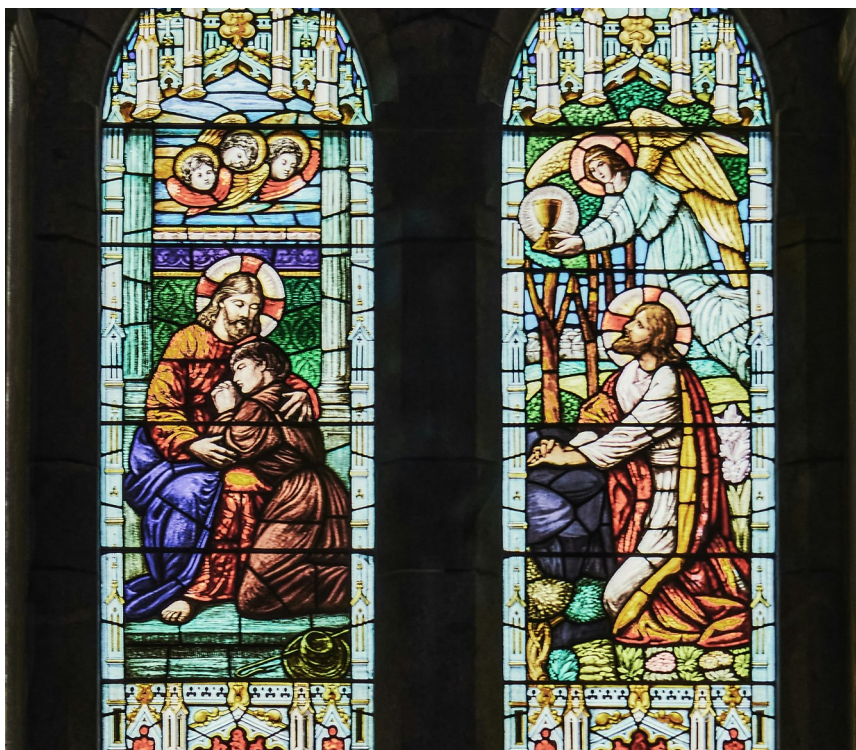
Thursday, September 19 • 6:30pm

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

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.



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 _____

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 22

- 10am Mass • RCIA (CTK)
- 11am • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Friday, September 27

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Sunday, September 29

- 9am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC Basement)
- 11am • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Wednesday, October 2

- 6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, October 3

- 2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, October 4

- 6:30pm • Exposition (CTK; until 7:30pm)
- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 6

- 11am • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Monday, October 7

- 6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, October 8

- 6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Bulletin Announcements

All announcements for the bulletin need to be submitted in writing via email or dropped off at Christ the King rectory **at least two weeks prior** to the anticipated weekend. Any announcements given after that cut-off may not be included in the bulletin due to time and space constraints. Email address is listed on the front of this bulletin.

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.

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 09/08/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,683	\$49,302	\$52,750	(6.5%)
Count of envelopes: 175		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024			
Actual 09/08/2024	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$824	\$53,886	\$72,000	(25.2%)
Total Pledges: 158		Total Pledged: \$55,346.50	
Catholic Education: \$20			
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.			

Catholic Education Collection

Today is the 2024 Catholic Education Collection. As you saw, we blessed our catechists today. Half of what you give will remain at our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your packet, online at ctk-ic.org and clicking Online Giving at the Donate Now tab, by scanning the QR code on the next page, or by going to www.eriecd.org/cec.html. Thank you!

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.

21 Club Winners

Week #17

Judy Hubler (Michelle Stine) \$100
 Janice & Tyrone Ford (Alvin Gmerek) \$50
 Chris Yarger (Tom Fulare) \$25

Week #18

Beverly Rugh (John Mahute) \$100
 Paula Belella (Alvin Gmerek) \$50
 Sherry Copenhaver (John Mahute) \$25



Patriot Day Festival

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers who worked diligently for months to prepare a day filled with fun and fellowship; to our sponsors who generously donated gifts, prizes, food, gift cards, money, and more to ensure the success of our festival; and to our patrons who filled our hall with laughter, stories, and happiness. This year's festival was successful because of everyone who came together for one purpose: ensure a future for our parish. Please know that we couldn't have done it without you and we appreciate you more than words can express. We sincerely hope to see you all for years to come!

The winners of our Cash Raffle are as follows:

\$500: Henry A. Franek
\$250: Mary A. Wingate
\$125: Cindy Demko

The winner of our Super 50/50 is:

\$1,145: Jerry McNaul

Fundraising Committee Meeting

Monday, September 16 • 6:30pm

The Fundraising Committee will meet on Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm in Christ the King Parish Center to discuss the next fundraiser, the 21 Club Party, and to stuff the envelopes for the mailing. Please plan to attend.

Engagement Encounter

An **Engagement Encounter weekend** is scheduled for **January 17-19, 2025**, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our website at <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp at Chris the King Church to burn in memory or in honor of someone, please call the rectory to schedule a week. A donation of \$10 is appreciated.



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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