

FATHER INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT

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

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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: 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.

PALM
SUNDAY OF
THE
PASSION
OF THE
LORD

APRIL 13, 2025

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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: *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, Donna Kasubick, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Jeff Peachman, James Ertner, Tina Shadduck, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich, Sherri Thompson, Sue Portugal, Cecilia Demchak, Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Leo Frailey, Dinae Herr*

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Immaculate Conception Church burns this week in memory of Susan Lieb Family by Tina & Clem Warner.

Marriage Moment

Are you in a mixed religion marriage? Celebrate the commonalities and respect the differences. Rejoice if your spouse values a spiritual life even though it may be a different path than your own.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 13

11am • Last Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

Tuesday, April 15

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, April 16

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, April 17 • Holy Thursday

6pm • Mass for Holy Thursday (IC)

7pm • Adoration (IC; until 8pm)

Friday, April 18 • Good Friday

3pm • Good Friday Service (CTK)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

Saturday, April 19 • Easter Vigil

12pm • Easter Basket Blessing (CTK)

9pm • Mass for Easter Vigil (CTK)

Sunday, April 20 • Easter Sunday

8:30am • Easter Sunday Mass (IC)

10am • Easter Sunday Mass (CTK)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 14

8:30am • Bill Gleason by Tina & Clem Warner (IC)

Tuesday, April 15

8:30am • Audrey (Yarger) Gardner by Cecilia Demchak, Lisa & John Selvage & Family (CTK)

Wednesday, April 16

8:30am • Msgr. Malene by Elaine Murawski (CTK)

Thursday, April 17 • Holy Thursday

6pm • George Pallo by Frank, Paula, & Jim Beella (IC)

7pm • Adoration (IC; until 8pm)

Friday, April 18 • Good Friday

3pm • The Lord's Passion (CTK)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Saturday, April 19 • Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

12pm • Blessing of Easter Baskets (CTK)

9pm • Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Flango by Barb & Russ Morroni

Sunday, April 20 • Easter Sunday

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

10am • Jack Donley by wife Elaine (CTK)

Parenting Pointers

As our children get older, they start to turn the tables on us. They reflect back to us both the good qualities we modeled for them and the gruff words we said in anger. They may teach us the ways of the modern world as we continue to try to teach them age old wisdom. It's a two way street. What has your child taught you today?



A Family Perspective

Today, Jesus tells us, **"I am among you as one who serves."** By accepting the palm branch today, you publicly reaffirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as **"one who serves."** Selfless service is what defines a family as truly Christian.

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2025

Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Floyd Hauth.

Prayer- Father Johnathan Schmolt led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call- Father Johnathan Schmolt, Floyd Hauth, Tina Stine, Jim Rice, Pauline Raab, Ed Vancas, Mary Ann Hockman, Jenny Leskovansky, Paul Kitko, Deacon Gene Miller, and Tim Slifko

Old Business:

- **CTK Church and Rectory Roof Replacement**-Father Johnathan reported roofers are ordering supplies and estimate roof installation by the end of April or early May depending on the weather.
- **IC Madera Statue Move**-Paul reported estimate the move of Marian Shrine from former Immaculate Conception site in Madera to Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Madera is the end of April or early May depending on the weather.
- **Religious Education Report**-Father Johnathan reported Confirmation was held Sunday, March 23, 2025. The last day of classes for Religious Education will be Palm Sunday and there is a Seder Meal scheduled for the students that day.

Committee Reports:

- **Fundraising Committee**- Jenny reported Net profit for 21 Club was \$10,363.34, Net profit for Turkey Bingo was \$6,189.49. Net profit for Paddle Party was \$4,994.78. Net profit for Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday March 14, 2025 was \$971.32 and 192 dinners were sold Big Cash Raffle Tickets are for sale, \$100 a ticket with grand prize of \$10,000 and 5 \$500 winners as well. Winning ticket will be drawn at Patriot Day Festival. Tickets are available from Cindy Slifko for anyone who is interested in being a seller. . Ham Bingo April 5, 2025. Next 21 Club Dinner Saturday, April 26, 2025 and Patriot Day Festival, Sunday, September 7, 2025. All of the Fundraising events are in need of volunteers please volunteer as able.
- **Cemetery Committee**-Father Johnathan reported there were a handful of phone calls to the rectory related to recent changes in cemetery prices and policies. New Policies and prices went into effect March 1, 2025. Curry and Associates Surveying are working on marking off graves at St Joseph Cemetery in Osceola and at IC Cemetery in Madera and correcting mapping subsequent to placement of Marian Shrine at IC Cemetery. Areas of weeds in top portion of St Lawrence, part of Sacred Heart Cemetery and before the hillside of St Barbara's Cemetery are going to be addressed with weed killer to promote better grass growth.
- **Building and Grounds Committee**-Jenny reported Committee is going to install smoke detectors and CO2 monitors in CTK and IC buildings. The committee is working on possible repair for dishwasher in CTK parish center. Father Johnathan reported Lightning Electric will be replacing lights in main hall of CTK Parish Center with LED light panels as well as replacing Emergency lighting.

Evangelization Committee-Deacon Gene reported turnout for Mike Lucas program, Bible Study and Stations of the Cross has been good. There is 1 candidate for RCIA. Womens 1:38 Retreat will be live streamed in the CTK Parish Center Saturday, April 5, 2025, retreat starts at 9 am and will run until 11 am. Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 27, 2025 there will be a program at 3 pm.

New Business-

- **Secretary**-Father Johnathan reported that Ali Jacoby has submitted her resignation from position of Parish Secretary effective May 1, 2025. Ali has been with the Parish for 15 years and will be greatly missed. Ali has noted she is willing to train a replacement when one becomes available. Discussion was held regarding office hours, after discussion it was suggested that at the time of transition to a new secretary office hours could be changed. Motion made by Pauline, second by Ed to transition Parish Office hours to Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm, with possible changes as necessary. Vote taken, motion passed without opposition. Father Johnathan reported he would like to see some portions of Secretary job transition to another staff member as there are a lot of responsibilities for that position. Father noted he will advertise for the replacement secretary with goal of replacement as soon as possible.
- **New Staff Position**- Discussion was held regarding the potential need for an additional position within the parish. Father Johnathan noted that a goal of our Parish is to spread God's word and bring others back to the Catholic faith if they have been away and into the Catholic faith if they are new to the faith. Discussion was held regarding the potential position of an Outreach Director who would be in charge of communicating Parish events and promotion of the Catholic faith. It was noted this role could assume the responsibility of creating and publishing the weekly bulletin and communicate parish events using various methods of communication. A job description was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, motion was made by Tim, second by Pauline to send recommendation of hiring a full time Outreach Director to the Finance Committee, vote taken, motion passed without opposition. Father Johnathan will take recommendation to Finance Committee.

Next meeting set for Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment-Tina made motion, second by Ed to adjourn meeting, vote taken, motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Leskovansky-Secretary

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie

April 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



The Jubilee theme for April is: "Resurrection: The Joy of Life." The Resurrection teaches us to find joy even when all hope seems lost.
Photo provided by Gannon University

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" invites us to reflect on our shared journey of faith, trust and renewal. Just as pilgrims walk with purpose, seeking deeper communion with the Lord, we too are called to journey with hearts filled with hope — a hope rooted in Christ's triumph over death, the hope that He is with us every step of the way. **This Jubilee offers us a special moment to pause, reflect and renew our commitment to the hope given to us through the Resurrection.**

Amid life's challenges and uncertainties, this hope sustains us. It is a hope that empowers us to persevere, to love and to serve, even when the road ahead seems long or difficult. This Jubilee year, let us allow the resurrection of Christ to fill our hearts with peace and confidence. May we continue to be pilgrims of hope, sharing the light of Christ's resurrection with the world around us, drawing nearer to the fullness of God's grace each day.

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico

"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

~~~~~ According to the Scriptures John 11:25-26



## PRAYER

**PRAYER FOR RENEWED STRENGTH FROM THE USCCB:**  
O Lord, my God, Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

## CELEBRATIONS

**Key dates:**

- **April 5-6** - [Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers](#)
- **April 18** - Good Friday
- **April 20** - Easter Sunday
- **April 25-27** - [Jubilee of Teenagers \(Youth\)](#)
- **APRIL 28-29** - [Jubilee of Persons with Disabilities](#)

## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

**Jubilee vocab: Pilgrim** - Someone who travels to a special place for religious reasons. Many people are traveling to Rome during the Jubilee to visit the Vatican and other holy sites.



In honor of the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers, let's spread kindness and cheer with Luce!

Your mission is to **color a picture** or **write encouraging notes** for someone who is sick or someone who helps take

care of sick people. You can create a beautiful picture with **bright colors** and **happy designs** or write a special note filled with **kind words** and **good wishes**!

Here are some ideas: **Color a picture** of a rainbow, flowers, or anything that will make someone smile! Or **write a note** saying, "You're doing amazing! Stay strong!" or "We hope you feel better soon! You're so special!"

When you're finished, you can give your artwork or note to someone in your family, or you could share it with a friend or a health care worker who would love to receive a little cheer! Let's show how much we care!



**Saint Gianna Beretta Molla** was a physician, pediatrician and mother of four. She is a pro-life model of maternal love.

Photo/Tianna Williams, SacredArtByTianna.com

## FAITHFUL FACTS!

If you can't make it to Rome this year for a plenary indulgence, there are many approved U.S. pilgrimage sites you can visit in the United States, including St. Peter Cathedral in Erie and St. Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway. [Read more / Diocese of Erie decree](#)

## LIVING THE MISSION

This month we celebrate the Jubilee of Teenagers—a group known for their curiosity and profound questions about faith. What can their spiritual journeys teach us about the beauty of God's grace and the unfolding process of spiritual formation? Take this time to connect with a teen in your life, ask about their spiritual journey, and learn how they can show us the beauty of God's grace and spiritual growth.





## Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

**April 18 through April 26**

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, our Lord specifically asked that the Divine Mercy Chaplet be prayed as a novena, especially on the 9 days before the Feast of Mercy. Jesus said: By this novena, I will grant every possible Grace to souls (Diary, 796). Parishioners are encouraged to pray the novena which begins on Good Friday at home. Each day the novena starts with a prayer and then the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed. The novena is 9 days and ends on Saturday April 26th. The Divine Mercy Novena pamphlet is included in today's bulletin.

## 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.

## Osceola Mills Food Bank

The Osceola Mills Food Bank is accepting donations of canned fruit, canned goods, toiletries, and nonperishable food items. Donations can be left in the box in the back of Immaculate Conception Church.

## CRS Rice Bowl

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit [csrricebowl.org/holy-week](http://csrricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

## Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Reservations will open Sunday, April 27th. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, **3:00 pm**. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025. Mark Your Calendars!

## Volunteer Weekend

**April 25 & 26**

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- **Friday, April 25**
  - **6-7:30pm:** bake cakes, setup hall, clean tables, bag rolls & butter
- **Saturday, April 26**
  - **9am-6pm:** meal prep, box up take-out desserts, line servers, dish washers, lottery animal sellers, small games of chance workers
  - **6-10:30pm:** dish washers, snack prep, serve drinks, ticket sellers, money counters.

Even if you can only work a few hours, that is still helpful. Please contact Michelle Stine or Kathy Slifko for more information.

## Positions Available

Information is listed on our website at [www.ctk-ic.org](http://www.ctk-ic.org) for two open staff positions:

1. Secretary—Receptionist
2. Outreach Director

Please check the website for job descriptions and to submit a résumé.

## The Chosen

**Tuesday, April 15 • 6pm**

Viewing 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. Viewings are every Tuesday evening at 6pm.

## Sanctuary Lamp

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp at Immaculate Conception Church or Christ 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.

## 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.

## Open/Close Times for Churches

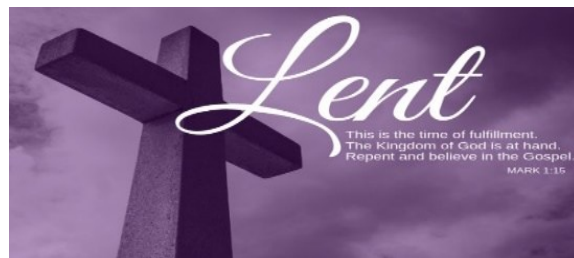
**Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills**

**Sunday-Friday • 8am until noon**

**Christ the King, Houtzdale**

**Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 2:30pm**

**Saturday & Sunday • 7:30am until end of Mass**



## 2025 Lenten Services

**Tuesdays at 7pm**

**April 18** – Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Good Friday Service – 12 Noon

Speaker – Pastor Jaime Olson

## Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments

**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Recent statistics tell us one in ten children are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

## Holy Triduum & Easter Mass Schedule

**Thursday, April 17**

**6pm** • Holy Thursday Mass (IC)  
(Adoration until 8pm)

**Friday, April 18**

**3pm** • Good Friday Service (CTK)  
**7pm** • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

**Saturday, April 19**

**12pm** • Blessing of Easter Baskets (CTK)  
**9pm** • Easter Vigil Mass (CTK)

**Sunday, April 20**

**8:30am** • Easter Sunday Mass (IC)  
**10am** • Easter Sunday Mass (CTK)



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

### **Tuesday, April 22**

**6pm** • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)

### **Friday, April 25**

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

**6pm** • 21 Club Setup (CTK; until 7:30pm)

### **Saturday, April 26**

**9am** • 21 Club Meal Prep (CTK; until 6pm)

**3pm** • 21 Club Party (CTK; until 10pm)

**6pm** • 21 Club Clean-up (CTK; until 10:30pm)

### **Sunday, April 27 • Divine Mercy Sunday**

**9:30am** • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

**3pm** • Divine Mercy Service (CTK)

### **Tuesday, April 29**

**6pm** • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)

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**6pm** • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)

### **Thursday, May 1**

**2pm** • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

### **Friday, May 2**

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

### **Sunday, May 4**

**10am** • Sacrament of First Holy Communion (CTK)

### **Monday, May 5**

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

### **Tuesday, May 6**

**6pm** • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)

### **Wednesday, May 7**

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

**6:30pm** • K of C Meeting (CTK)

## Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

### **Sunday & Holy Days**

| Actual<br>03/30/2025    | Actual<br>Total Fiscal YTD |  | Budgeted<br>Fiscal YTD             | Percentage<br>Over (Under) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>\$3,891</b>          | <b>\$205,275</b>           |  | <b>\$211,000</b>                   | <b>(2.7%)</b>              |
| Count of envelopes: 164 |                            |  | Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275 |                            |

### **Catholic Services Appeal 2025**

| Actual<br>03/30/2025 | Actual<br>Total to Date |  | Parish Goal                | Percentage<br>Over (Under) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>\$635</b>         | <b>\$27,740</b>         |  | <b>\$72,000</b>            | <b>(61.5%)</b>             |
| Total Pledges: 98    |                         |  | Total Pledged: \$36,354.00 |                            |

**Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.**

## Easter Egg Hunt

### **Sunday, April 13 • 12pm**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13 at 12pm for all children of the parish 12 years of age and younger. The hunt will be held at Christ the King Parish Center grounds, or inside in case of inclement weather.

## K of C Bingo Cancelled

### **Sunday, April 20**

The Knights of Columbus Bingo scheduled for Sunday, April 20 has been cancelled due to the celebration of Easter. The next bingo will be on Sunday, May 18 at 2pm, doors will open at 1pm.

## 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.



## Online Giving

You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory, the 2025 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.

