

Watch, Therefore

You do Not Know When the Lord is Coming

Mark 13:35



Christ the King

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Immaculate Conception

408 Stone Street · Osceola Mills, PA 16666

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Office Hours at Christ the King

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday..... 9am until 3pm

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Marriages

Arrangements begin 4 to 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); Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am (CTK); No Mass Tuesday

First Sunday

of Advent

12/03/2023

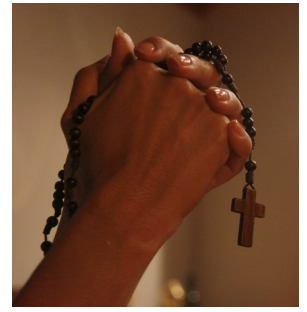
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Prayer Chain

Christ the King & Immaculate Conception 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: *Joann Bezilla, Clara Tubo, Lane Hawkins, Chris Tekely, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Zoey Bryan, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Roger Witherow, Jamie Washell, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous*



Marriage Moments

Today Christians start the Advent season of "Waiting" for the birth of Jesus. Help each other exercise the self-discipline of waiting to celebrate. Sure, you have to prepare, probably buy a Christmas tree and presents. Perhaps try waiting to decorate the tree till Christmas Eve.

Parenting Pointers

The Christian season of Advent begins today. Advent is a time of waiting. Of course we're waiting (again) for the rebirth of Christ into our world. But waiting is hard, especially for children. Help your children enter into the positive spirit of waiting. Perhaps make an Advent calendar and open a new door each day.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 3 • First Sunday of Advent

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK Parish Center)
- 5pm** • 4th Degree K of C Christmas Party (CTK)

Friday, December 8

- 8:30am** • Mass for Immaculate Conception of Mary (CTK)
- 9am** • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)
- 6:30pm** • Mass for Immaculate Conception of Mary (IC; reception with light refreshments to follow)

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

- 8:30am** • Thomas Lieb by Marilyn Adams (IC)

Tuesday, December 5

No Mass

Wednesday, December 6

- 8:30am** • Ronald & Estella Morroni by Russ & Barb Morroni (CTK)

Thursday, December 7

- 8:30am** • Jim & Carol Poliziani by Abby & Alex (CTK)

Friday, December 8

- 8:30am** • Deceased Members of Altar Rosary Society by Altar Rosary Society (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)

Saturday, December 9

- 4pm** • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30am** • George & Joanne Supenia by Laura & John Lukens (IC)
- 10am** • Anna Mahute by John Mahute (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Parish burns this week in memory of Florence Kasubick requested by Joyce, Bud, Rick, Kathy, Terry, Danielle, Michael, Ashley, & Caleb.

Engagement Encounter

Give the gift of Engagement Encounter. The next EE weekend will be held on January 19-21 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. Visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> to register. Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



Lunch with St. Nick

Saturday, December 9 • 11am until 1pm

St. Nicholas invites you to have lunch with him at Christ the King Parish Center on Saturday, December 9 from 11am until 1pm. Arrive at 11am to register and make a craft while you wait for St. Nick to arrive. Lunch will be served followed by story time. St. Nicholas will distribute gifts to all the children with caroling to follow. At 12:30, get your cameras ready for a photo opportunity before departing at 1pm. This event is free for the community; all are welcome.

In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Timothy Supenia**, brother of Laura Lukens of Immaculate Conception Parish. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Open/Close Times for the Churches

Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills

Friday-Sunday • 8am until noon

Christ the King, Houtzdale

Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 2:30pm

Saturday & Sunday • 7am until end of Mass

Retirement Fund for Religious

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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.

Eucharistic Revival Celebration

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival this year we will have two special events in honor of the feast days of our two churches.

Immaculate Conception Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm

Please plan on attending.

Decorating for Christmas

Thursday, December 21 • 2pm

The Christ the King Decorating Committee will be meeting on Thursday, December 21 at 2pm to decorate the church. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend; the more the merrier!



Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Thursday, December 7 • 2pm

The Immaculate Conception Altar Rosary Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 7 at 2pm in the IC church basement. At this meeting, the members of the Christ the King Altar Rosary Society will merge with IC to become one organization. We look forward to everyone joining together to serve both parishes.



K of C & CDA Christmas Parties

K of C Christmas Party • Wednesday, December 13, 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Valley Council will be having their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30PM. Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus is welcome to come to the party. There will not be a meeting on December 6.

CDA Christmas Party • Wednesday, December 13, 6pm

Catholic Daughters Court St. Victoria will be holding their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 13, at 6PM. All members are to bring a covered dish. Anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters is welcome to attend the party.

We're Officially Merged

As of December 1, 2023, Immaculate Conception Parish has merged with Christ the King. *What does that mean?* Simply put, the people of both churches will become one parish family. The parish is the people, the church is the structure. There will be no change to the Mass schedule—Masses at Immaculate Conception will still be celebrated on Sundays at 8:30am, Mondays at 8:30am, and on Holy Days of Obligation; but all of the parishioners will be considered members of Christ the King Parish. Offertory envelopes beginning January 2024 will reflect this change. More information has been posted to our parish website: ctk-ic.org.

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.

Homebound?

If you or a loved one are homebound, but wish to receive Communion, please call the rectory during business hours. Father Johnathan will add you to his Communion Call list.

IC Stewardship

November 19, 2023

Adults..... \$1,245.00
Loose..... \$67.00

Fuel

Adults..... \$20.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Adults..... \$135.00

Cemetery

Adults..... \$65.00

Thanksgiving

Adults..... \$35.00

Weekly Adult Envelopes 41
Fuel Envelopes 1
Human Development Envelopes 8
Cemetery Envelopes 3
Thanksgiving Envelopes 2

CSA 2023

When making a CSA pledge or one-time gift, payments need to be received by **Monday, December 11** for the next report. Checks should be made payable to **Christ the King**.

IC Stewardship

November 26, 2023

Adults..... \$930.00
Loose..... \$76.00

Maintenance

Adults..... \$110.00

Fuel

Adults..... \$50.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Adults..... \$10.00

Christmas & Christmas Flowers

Adults..... \$275.00

Weekly Adult Envelopes 38
Maintenance Envelopes 3
CCHD Envelopes..... 1
Christmas Envelopes 13

CSA 2023

Number of Families..... 88
Number of Gifts 31
Parish Goal \$13,539.00
Total Pledged \$13,739.00
Total Paid \$12,739.00

Christmas Giving Tree

Return Gifts Sunday, December 10

The Christmas Giving Tree will be displayed in Christ the King Church on Wednesday, November 22. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 10 as they will be delivered to Bethany Retreat Center. Please attach the provided gift tag identifying the name and need of each person. If you would like to give a fit receipt, please enclose it in an envelope so that it will be given directly to the parents.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, the Sunday obligation remains as well as the obligation to The Nativity of the Lord—both falling on the same day. Weekend Mass times will not change: Saturday, December 23 at 4pm (CTK), Sunday, December 24 at 8:30am (IC) and 10am (CTK). Mass times for Christmas will be as follows:

Sunday, December 24

- 5pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (IC)
- 9pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

Monday, December 25

- 9am • Christmas Day Mass (CTK)

CTK Stewardship

November 19, 2023

Adults.....	\$4,558.00
Children.....	\$6.40
Loose.....	\$293.00

Special Gifts

Adults.....	\$100.00
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All Souls

Adults.....	\$20.00
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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Adults.....	\$596.00
Loose.....	\$134.00

Weekly Adult Envelopes	120
Weekly Children Envelopes	8
Special Gift Envelopes.....	3
All Souls Envelopes	1
CCHD Envelopes.....	41

21 Club Winners (Week #2)

Robert Gallaher (Michelle Stine).....	\$100
Sheila Clancy (Alvin Gmerek)	\$50
Jalyn James (Elaine Murawski).....	\$25

CSA 2023

When making a CSA pledge or one-time gift, payments need to be received by **Monday, December 11** for the next report. Checks should be made payable to **Christ the King**.

CTK Stewardship

November 26, 2023

Adults.....	\$2,504.00
Children	\$50
Loose.....	\$176.00

Special Gifts

Adults.....	\$163.00
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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Adults.....	\$10.00
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Weekly Adult Envelopes	105
Weekly Children Envelopes	2
Special Gift Envelopes.....	5
CCHD Envelopes.....	1

21 Club Winners (Week #3)

Darryl Eckman (Elaine Murawski)	\$100
Kim Rowles (John Mahute)	\$50
Thomas Grice (Ray Graham).....	\$25

CSA 2023

Number of Families	448
Number of Gifts	82
Parish Goal.....	\$30,844.00
Total Pledged	\$36,300.00
Total Paid	\$33,205.00

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 3

- 11am • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK Parish Center)
- 5pm • 4th Degree K of C Christmas Party (CTK)

Friday, December 8

- 8:30am • Mass for Immaculate Conception of Mary (CTK)
- 9am • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)
- 6:30pm • Mass for Immaculate Conception of Mary (IC; reception with light refreshments to follow)

Sunday, December 10

- 11am • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK Parish Center)
- 3pm • Advent Penance Service (CTK)

Monday, December 11

- 6:30pm • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary (IC)

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 10

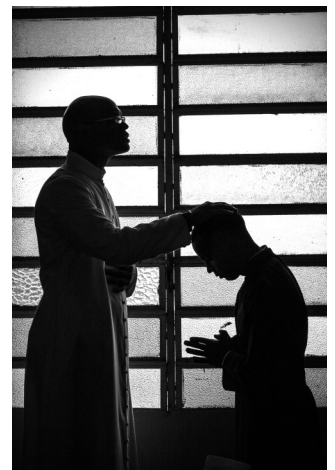
- 3pm • Christ the King, Houtzdale

Sunday, December 17

- 3pm • St. Francis, Clearfield

Monday, December 18

- 6pm • St. Agnes, Morrisdale



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