

# 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

MR 1:30-31

FEBRUARY 4, 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

**Christ the King Phone** ..... 814-378-7653

**Immaculate Conception Phone** ..... 814-339-7321

**Office email** ..... [office@ctk-ic.org](mailto:office@ctk-ic.org)

#### **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)

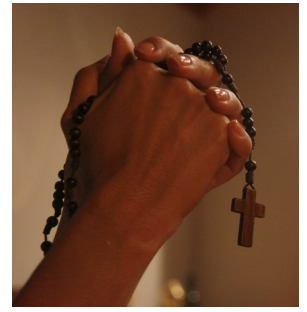
**Weekdays:** Monday 8:30am (IC); Tuesday-Friday 8:30am (CTK)



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>.

## 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, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Roger Witherow, Jamie Washell, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Lori McCracken, Christine Dorman, Michael Burns*



## Marriage Moments

February is Black History Month, but not all injustices are black or white. In marriage there's often a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse's skin. Look at the problem through his/her eyes. This works between races too.

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of William "Doc" Ronan requested by Hedy & Family.

## Parenting Pointers

Feb. 2 was Groundhog Day. As a family, look for your shadows today. Shadows don't have to always be physical. Sometimes it's an undeveloped talent or the opposite of a strength you have. Perhaps you're an extrovert. Try being quieter – or vice-versa.

## Weekly Schedule

### **Sunday, February 4**

**11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (until 12:15pm)

### **Monday, February 5**

**6:30pm** • Pastoral Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 7**

**6:30pm** • K of C Meeting (CTK)

**6:30pm** • CDA Meeting (CTK)

### **Friday, February 9**

**9am** • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, February 5**

**8:30am** • Joanne Supenia by Laura & John Lukens (IC)

### **Tuesday, February 6**

**8:30am** • Mary & Frank Redzenski by Carol & Larry Koskie (CTK)

### **Wednesday, February 7**

**8:30am** • Betty Reese by Jim & Arleen Multhauf (CTK)

### **Thursday, February 8**

**8:30am** • John Mital by Pat & Bernie Ropchock (CTK)

### **Friday, February 9**

**8:30am** • Brice Love by Ross & Barb Morroni (CTK)

### **Saturday, February 10**

**4pm** • Harry & Delores Yebernetsky & Gary Yebernetsky by Clara Tubo (CTK)

### **Sunday, February 11**

**8:30am** • Gerald Holden by Altar Rosary Society (IC)

**10am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

## 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



## A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are often confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon and tell Jesus about it "immediately".

# Paddle Party

**Saturday, March 2 • Doors open at 11am, Bidding begins at noon**

Our annual Paddle Party Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Christ the King Parish Center. Doors will open at 11am, bidding will begin at noon. Admission is \$3 and includes one paddle; additional paddles can be purchased for \$1 each. 50/50 chances will be available at one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The kitchen will be open.

Donations of gift baskets, gift cards, NEWLY PURCHASED and UNWRAPPED prizes are needed for the auction. Please drop your donation off at the rectory during normal business hours.

Volunteers are needed from 6-8pm on Friday, March 1 and any time between 9am and 3:30pm on Saturday, March 2. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches. Students will receive service hours for volunteering during this time.

## CSA 2024

**Commitment Weekend February 10-11**

The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family* will be held next weekend in our parish. Personal invitations to join this year's CSA have been sent in the mail, please let Ali know if you haven't received yours. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Our parish finance council set our goal for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal to be \$72,000. Funds that are retained by the parish will be put towards roof repairs for the Christ the King Church and plaster repairs at the Immaculate Conception Church. Every donation brings us closer to completing these projects. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you are able.

A flyer has been included in this week's bulletin to offer more information about the programs that are funded by our CSA donations.

## Moshannon Valley Ministerium Lenten Services

**Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm**

**February 13** • at Brisbin Baptist Church with guest preacher Pastor Ron Korzeniowski

**February 20** • at Christ the King Church with guest preacher Pastor Bill Conway

**February 27** • at Brisbin First Church of God with guest preacher Pastor Bob Ford

**March 5** • at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with guest preacher Father Andres Simental

**March 12** • at St. Barbara Polish National Catholic Church with guest preacher Pastor Christine Roe

**March 19** • at Parsonville Assembly of God with guest preacher Father Bill Ellis

## Thank You from New Life Ministries

New Life Ministries would like to thank the Catholic Daughters and parishioners of Christ the King Parish for your donations. New Life Ministries was deeply touched by your generosity.



## Traveling Chalice

The Traveling Chalice praying for vocations will be starting soon. If you would like to participate, please fill out the bottom of the flyer that was included in the bulletin two weeks ago and return it to the parish office—extra flyers can be found in the back of both churches or on our website—you may also sign up by contacting the office either through email or calling during business hours. Contact information is listed on the front of the bulletin.



## JJ Powell

Two times a year JJ Powell makes a donation to Immaculate Conception Parish through their Church Program. Donations are calculated based on the number of gallons delivered to the associated church members between January 1 and December 31 of each year. Parishioners who receive fuel from JJ Powell can participate in the Church Program at any time through the year by calling their office at 814-342-3190.



## Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 14 • 8:30am & 6:30pm**

This year, Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 14. Masses will be at 8:30am at Immaculate Conception and at 6:30pm at Christ the King. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence and fasting for those aged 18-58, which means you should refrain from eating meat and only eat one full meal with two smaller meals to sustain your body's needs during the day; eating between meals is not permitted, however liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. The law of fasting is not required when your health or work are seriously affected. Although Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day this year, Ash Wednesday supersedes Valentine's Day. Father Johnathan recommends that any traditional observances that would occur on Valentine's Day be transferred to another day.

## 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.

## 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.

## In Memoriam

If a loved one has passed and you would like their name listed in the bulletin for prayers, please call the rectory. The secretary doesn't always know whose relative has passed on, but she would like to include them for prayers.

## 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.

## Lenten Dinners

St. Timothy Church in Curwensville will hold Lenten dinners every Friday in Lent from February 16 through March 22, there will be no dinner Good Friday. Serving from 4-6pm; eat-in or take-out. Adult meals cost \$15, children age 10 and under cost \$8.

## 22:32 Men Conference

**March 2, 2024**

The 11th Annual Catholic Men's Conference in Erie is less than one month away. Be a part of it. The name 22:32 Men is based on the theme of Luke 22:32: *"But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."* The conference will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 8:30am until 1pm. Men from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways:

1. Live, in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Erie.
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes, which can be found here: [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com).
3. Live-streamed to your home.

The morning program will consist of two amazing speakers and Mass with Bishop Persico. If you attend St. Jude's or a satellite hosting parish, you will enjoy two of your life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The cost is \$25. For more information, or to register, visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call 814-455-7364.





# One Faith One Family

## Three of the many ways your CSA generosity impacts hearts



Diocese of Erie  
2024 Catholic  
Services Appeal



## In Discipleship

“The energy and passion of over 400 students coming together was palpable,” reflected Deacon Steve Washek, director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Erie.

The diocesan-wide day-long confirmation retreat, a new initiative by the Office of Faith Formation, brought together students preparing for confirmation from across the region. Deacon Washek continued: “This retreat was a unique opportunity to help discover God and the offerings of faith for those who follow Him.”

Moments of adoration and confession became transformative experiences for many. As the event culminated with a Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico, the magnitude of its impact on the spiritual growth of the youth was evident.

**Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support our Office of Faith Formation, responding to Jesus’ desire for a relationship with His people by helping them make a joyful and authentic response to Him through all stages of life.**

## In Service

The St. Elizabeth Center in Oil City provides food, clothing and other resources to those in need. As a faith-based outreach, however, the dignity of the people they serve is uppermost in their approach.

Rather than being handed a bag of pre-selected food items, for instance, food pantry clients can make their own choices. “They get to choose a certain number of vegetables, the kinds of soups they like, cereal products and more,” says Jessica Struthers, who oversees the St. Elizabeth Center.

Volunteers in the center’s thrift shop also create a boutique look for those in need of clothing. The latest addition? A pop-up dressing room so people no longer have to guesstimate whether or not something suits them.

**Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support Catholic Charities, serving the poorest among us and bringing hope to the most vulnerable in our communities.**



## In Prayer

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do as Catholics. Creating a prayer walk, the Catholic Schools Office for the Diocese of Erie invited school leaders to deepen their commitment to praying for each other and their students this year.

Karrie Miller, principal of DuBois Central Catholic School, described the prayer walk as an inspirational journey and a time of reflection on the importance of prayer for our schools.

“We are not one school, we are an educational body, as a whole, evangelizing to the world and growing students in faith to carry this message with purpose and reverence,” said Miller.

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# 2024 CSA Goal: \$4,235,000

## 27% | Catholic Schools Office

The Catholic Schools Office in northwest Pennsylvania is dedicated to fostering academic excellence, leadership skills and personal growth among its students. With a strong grounding in Catholic mission and identity, the office ensures that students are educated in a manner that encourages them to embrace and serve God in all aspects of life.

## 22% | Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, along with its affiliate agencies, dedicates itself to assisting the less fortunate. This commitment is a living embodiment of the Gospel call to serve others in the spirit of Christ, bringing justice and compassion to those in need.

## 16% | Office of Communications

Initiated in 2004, *Faith* magazine remains a vital tool in the Diocese of Erie's commitment to invigorating the Catholic faith across all 13 counties of the diocese. This free publication, distributed four times a year to all registered parishioners, is complemented by a variety of digital media and social networking initiatives, all in line with the Gospel call to evangelize.

## 15% | Office of Faith Formation

The Office of Faith Formation aims to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ among individuals and parish faith formation leaders. Through a variety of resources and programs, the office addresses the spiritual needs of Catholics at all stages of life, guiding them to a more profound knowledge of their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

## 10% | Office of Clergy Services

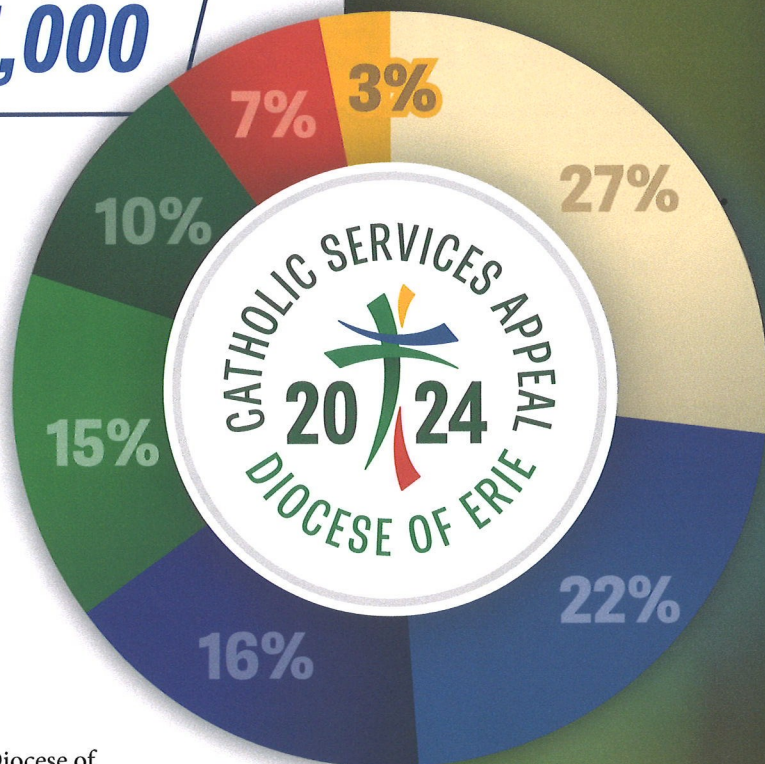
The Office of Clergy Services emphasizes the importance of supporting vocations and adhering to Bishop Persico's guidance for continual prayer and support. From ordination through retirement, clergy members are provided with spiritual retreats, educational opportunities and fellowship experiences to aid in their ministerial duties throughout the diocese.

## 7% | Pastoral Services

Pastoral Services supports the Diocese of Erie's commitment to Pope Francis's call for outreach to the marginalized in society. This fund facilitates the church's engagement with hospitals, prisons and nursing homes. The Office for Divine Worship contributes to the organization of significant liturgical events, including the annual Chrism Mass.

## 3% | Diocesan & International Missions Office

Aligned with Pope Francis' dream of a missionary Church, the Diocesan and International Mission Office promotes active missionary engagement locally and throughout the world. The office coordinates missionary education and missionary opportunities in parishes and schools, and supports the Mission of Friendship outreach in Yucatán, México. It also helps the diocese fulfill its canonical responsibility to support the Catholic Church's evangelization outreach.



Please give  
through  
your parish.

Thank you!



## Upcoming Events

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### Friday, February 9

9am • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)

### Sunday, February 11

11am • Religious Ed. Classes (until 12:15pm)  
11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, February 13

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

### Wednesday, February 14

8:30am • Mass for Ash Wednesday (IC)  
6:30pm • Mass for Ash Wednesday (CTK)



## K of C Chicken & Rib BBQ

### Sunday, February 25 • 11am until 1pm

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Valley Council #10376, will hold their Chicken & Rib BBQ on Sunday, February 25 from 11am until 1pm at Christ the King Parish Center. Meal includes chicken or ribs, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, applesauce, and roll. The CDA Court St. Victoria #646 will hold a Soup & Bake Sale in conjunction with the bbq. Rib dinners cost \$15, chicken dinners cost \$12. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets can be purchased from any K of C member.

## 2023 Year-End Statements Available

If you're interested in receiving your 2023 year-end contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory. Please specify whether you'd like your statement mailed or emailed.

## Stewardship

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### Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 01/28/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,371	\$59,404	\$62,350	(4.7%)
Count of envelopes: 146/529		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$6,235	
Catholic Services Appeal 2023			
Actual 01/28/2024	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$0	\$50,161	\$44,383	13.0%
Total Pledges: 127/529		Total Pledged: \$51,871	
Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection: \$1,107			

## Building & Grounds Meeting

### Sunday, February 11 • 11am

The next Building & Grounds Committee Meeting to discuss projects for both Immaculate Conception & Christ the King Churches will be on Sunday, February 11 at 11am in Christ the King Parish Center.

## Christ the King 21 Club

We give away a total of \$10,00 in cash prizes! 20 weekly drawings of \$100, \$50 & \$25, totaling \$3,500; the first drawing will be November 12. For the 21st week, we offer an appreciation party for all ticket holders, which includes dinner, dancing, and our grand prize drawing where we'll give away a total of \$6,500—you could win up to \$2,000. Entertainment at the party will be provided by The Moore Brothers; a 50/50 raffle, lottery animals, and instants will be sold all day long. Tickets cost just \$21 and can be purchased from any one of our sellers: Jack Archer, Marie Fleming, Tom Fulare, Alvin Gmerek, Ray Graham, Beth Greslick, Leon Hansel, Elizabeth Lockett, John Mahute, Karen Martin, Elaine Murawski, Judy Reese, Cindy Slifko, Michelle Stine, Kristi Twoey, Robert Yebernetsky, or by calling the rectory at 814-378-7653.

### 21 Club Winners (Week #12)

Lind Sawyer (Ray Graham)..... \$100  
Ron Blake (Elaine Murawski) ..... \$50  
Rick Hemphill (John Mahute)..... \$25

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