



# YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN

## 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

**Phone** ..... 814-378-7653  
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**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)



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

6TH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME  
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## 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: *Jared Gmerek, Michael Burns, 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, Jane Moskel, Audrey (Yarger) Gardner, Donna Kasubick, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Jeff Peachman, James Ertner, Tina Shaddock, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich, Sherri Thompson*



## Parenting Pointers

Black History Month: Few people think of themselves as racist, but do you or your children have friends of a different race? It may feel awkward, but find a way to meet someone who looks different than you this week. Perhaps go to a church, store, or neighborhood where people who look different from you gather. Of course if you are in a minority race...relax.

## Marriage Moments

Presidents' Day: What is your marriage founded on? Love, of course. Common beliefs, hopefully. When George Washington became the first president of the U.S. he had little idea how this fledgling country would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naive on our wedding day. Perhaps a penny could be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday, February 16 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11am** • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

**2pm** • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open 1pm)

**Tuesday, February 18**

**6pm** • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**Friday, February 21**

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

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 17**

**8:30am** • Patrica Petrosky by Betsy & Pat (IC)

**Tuesday, February 18**

**8:30am** • Edmond & Joanne George by Children & Grandchildren (CTK)

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**Thursday, February 20**

**8:30am** • Faye Mehallow by the Grace Family (CTK)

**Friday, February 21**

**8:30am** • Sandie Dillon by Elaine Murawski (CTK)

**Saturday, February 22**

**4pm** • Larry Flango by Barb & Russ Morrioni (CTK)

**Sunday, February 23**

**8:30am** • Tom & Florence Kasubick by Family (IC)

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

## K of C Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available in the back of the church. Forms need to be returned no later than April 11, 2025.

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Tom & Florence Kasubick requested by Family.



## A Family Perspective

When you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow, or exclusion, you don't have to look far. These struggles often occur within families. Children feel 'insulted' when constantly criticized. Spouses 'hunger' for affection. Grandparents feel 'excluded' by divorce and custody decisions. Parents 'weep' because they feel alienated from their children.

# Paddle Party

**Saturday, March 8 • 12pm (doors open at 11am)**

Our annual paddle party fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 8 at Christ the King Parish Center. Doors will open at 11am, bidding will begin at noon. The cost is \$5 for your first paddle and \$2 for each additional paddle. 50/50 tickets will be available at 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The kitchen will be open. **Donations of baskets or newly purchased items valued at \$25 or more can be left in the boxes in the back of the churches; gift cards, admission tickets, etc. valued at \$25 or more can be put in the collection basket or sent to the office in an envelope marked with "Paddle Party."** We thank you in advance for your generosity. Volunteers are needed from 6-8pm on the Friday evening before the paddle party and any time between 9am and 3:30pm the day of. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the back of each church. Religious education students can use this project toward service hours for school-related clubs/activities.

## 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 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.

## In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Barbara Kitko**, sister of Rosemary Cervenak of Christ the King. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## 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.

## CSA 2025

The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal has official come to an end and Christ the King Parish would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated. Your contributions amounted to \$60,716! Of that amount, \$51,004 went to the Diocese of Erie for our assessment and \$9,711 remained here at Christ the King Parish, which we applied to the boilers at Christ the King Parish Center. As of February 1, all donations will be applied to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal. Our assessment for this year is \$53,554 and our parish goal is \$72,000. With your generosity, over the course of the next 11 months, we can use that money for various projects necessary between our two churches to update them and keep them in safe working order. Check back for more information in the bulletin about where your dollars are being spent both at the diocesan level and right here in your home parish. Thank you so much for your contribution!

## 2025 Offertory Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up your 2025 offertory envelopes, you can call the office during business hours to make arrangements to collect them.

## K of C Meeting

**Tuesday, March 4 • 6:30pm**

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting in March will be moved to Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30pm in Christ the King Parish Center. The change is made due to the celebration of Mass for Ash Wednesday.



## 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.

# 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.

# 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**

# Year-End Statements

If you would like a list of gifts you gave to the parish in 2024 for tax purposes, please contact the office and one will be provided to you.

# Lenten Presentation: The Cross as a Christian Symbol

**Monday, March 10**

As a way to enrich your Lenten experience, a lecture by Mike Lucas, local artist, will detail the significance, origin, and use of the cross as a symbol within early Christianity will take place in Christ the King Parish Center on Monday, March 10. With particular attention given to the changing perception of the cross after Constantine and Helena. This change will generally be described as a transformation from object of humiliation to victory. 18 stone carvings done by Mr. Lucas will be presented as visual aids to reinforce the lecture. This lecture aims to take an in depth look at the central symbol of Christianity in order to contemplate it anew and not take it for granted; to better understand the historical backdrop of early Christianity; to consider the brutality of the cross and compare that to the triumphant symbol it has become; and to remind ourselves of the diversity of the traditions within Catholicism as it relates to the shape of the cross.

# 21 Club Party

The 21 Club is one of Christ the King's oldest and most successful fundraisers. Ticket holders have 20 weekly opportunities to win \$100, \$50, or \$25 and at our appreciation party for the 21st week. The party is quickly approaching and will be held on Saturday, April 26. The party will include dinner, drinks, live entertainment provided by The Moore Brothers, as well as various opportunities to win on small games of chance, and our grand prize drawing where you could win up to \$2,000—need not be present to win the grand prize. All ticket holders are eligible to win! If you would like to purchase a 21 Club ticket for just \$21, call the office during business hours or contact one of our many sellers. This party only happens twice a year. **Additional sellers are needed**; if you're interested in becoming a seller, call the office for more information. **Volunteers are needed** to help set up the evening before and to work the day of. This is a great opportunity for students in need of service hours. Please use the sign up sheets in the back of the church or contact the office to add your name.

## **21 Club Winners Week #13**

**Scott & Danelle Berg** (Alvin Gmerek) ... \$100  
**Mary Ann Marcus** (Cindy Slifko) ..... \$50  
**Theresa Spewock** (John Mahute) ..... \$25

# 22:32 Men Conference

**March 1, 2025**

Just two more weeks, register now! Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 12th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference being held March 1, 2025 from 8:30am until 1pm. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature national speakers including Dan DeMatte and Jeff Joaquin. There are three ways to attend:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie.
2. **Live-streamed to Christ the King, a hosting parish.**
3. Live-streamed directly to your home.

Don't miss the opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring speakers, opportunities for prayer and reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Persico. Cost is \$25. For more information or to register, visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call 814-455-7364.

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

### Sunday, February 23

- 9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)
- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 11am • K of C BBQ Pick-up (CTK; until 1pm)

### Tuesday, February 25

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

### Friday, February 28

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

### Sunday, March 2

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

### Monday, March 3

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

### Tuesday, March 4

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)
- 6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

### Wednesday, March 5 • Ash Wednesday

- 8:30am • Mass (IC)
- 6pm • Mass (CTK)

### Thursday, March 6

- 2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (CTK)

### Friday, March 7

- 6:30pm • Confession (CTK; until 7pm)
- 7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

### Saturday, March 8

- 12pm • Paddle Party (CTK; doors open at 11am)

### Sunday, March 9

- Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (CTK)

### Monday, March 10

- 5:30pm • Refreshments (CTK)
- 6:30pm • Mike Lucas, Cross Presentation (CTK)

### Tuesday, March 11

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)
- 6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

### Wednesday, March 12

- 6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

## Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

### Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 02/02/2025	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$6,291	\$162,346	\$168,800	(3.8%)
Count of envelopes: 177		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024			
Actual 02/02/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$252	\$60,716	\$72,000	(15.7%)
Total Pledges: 161		Total Pledged: \$60,468.90	
Help Spread the Faith: \$92			
<i>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</i>			

## K of C Winter BBQ

### Sunday, February 23 • 11am until 1pm

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Valley #10376 will hold their Winter BBQ on Sunday, February 23 from 11am until 1pm at Christ the King Parish Center. Rib dinners cost \$15, chicken dinners cost \$12 and include scalloped potatoes, baked beans, apple sauce, and roll. Tickets are advanced sale only, are available now, and can be purchased from any K of C member.

## 4th Grade Food Drive

Our 4th grade religious education class is taking part in their Spring food drive benefiting Houtzdale's Community Action. The top 3 items they're most in need of are hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, and canned soups. Other items to consider are ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce (spaghetti noodles are not needed at this time), condiments, and salt and pepper; toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and soap are also accepted and very appreciated. There will be a colorful, decorated box in the back of Christ the King Church to collect your items. Donations will be accepted until March 30. We appreciate your support!

## The Chosen

### Tuesday, February 18 • 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.

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