

The stone that the builders  
rejected has become the  
**cornerstone**

27<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME



October 8, 2023

## Christ the King

*123 Good Street • Houtzdale, PA 16651*

## Immaculate Conception

*408 Stone Street • Osceola Mills, PA 16666*

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

### 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)

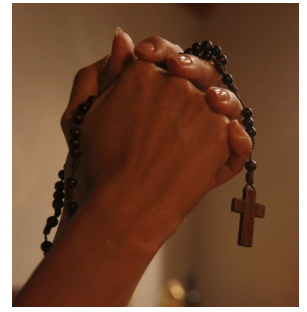
**Weekdays:** Monday 8:30am (IC); Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am (CTK); No Mass Tuesday

**Holy Days:** 8:30am (IC), 6:30pm (CTK)

All business is conducted at Christ the King rectory in Houtzdale.

# 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: *Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Jared Gmerek, Tana Rae Flango, Joann Bezilla, Clara Tubo, Lane Hawkins, Chris Tekely, Jesse Ephraim Messa, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., Susan Schorr, Tim Supenia, John Mahute, Zoey Bryan, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Roger Witherow, James Ernest, Jamie Washell, Lucy Weis*



# Parenting Pointers

October is Respect Life Month. Pick the life issue that you feel most strongly about (preventing abortion, supporting new mothers, helping those whose lives are mired in poverty, caring for the frail elderly, working for gun control, eliminating the death penalty, bullying...) Tell your child why this is important to you.

# Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Parish burns this week in memory of Gary Shunkwiler & Ancestors requested by Jennifer.

## Weekly Schedule

### **Sunday, October 8 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK; until 12:15pm)
- 12pm** • Blessing of Animals (CTK Parking Lot)

### **Monday, October 9**

- 9am** • Confirmation Retreat (at St. Agnes)
- 9am & 6pm** • Cooking prep for 21 Club (CTK Parish Center)

### **Tuesday, October 10**

- 9am & 6pm** • Cooking prep for 21 Club (CTK Parish Center)
- 6:30pm** • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

### **Wednesday, October 11**

- 6:30pm** • CDA Meeting (CTK)

### **Friday, October 13**

- 6pm** • 21 Club Setup (CTK)

### **Saturday, October 14**

- 3pm** • 21 Club Party (CTK; until 11pm)

# Mass Intentions

### **Monday, October 9**

- 8:30am** • Florence Kasubick by Chuck & Joyce McCully (IC)

### **Tuesday, October 10**

**No Mass**

### **Wednesday, October 11**

- 8:30am** • Better Health of John Mahute by The Franciscos (CTK)

### **Thursday, October 12**

- 8:30am** • Eva Kawa by Family (CTK)

### **Friday, October 13**

- 8:30am** • Deceased Members of Christ the King Altar Rosary Society by Altar Rosary Society (CTK)

### **Saturday, October 14**

- 4pm** • Larry Flango by wife Melissa (CTK)

### **Sunday, October 15**

- 8:30am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
- 10am** • Walter & Arthur Mahute by John Mahute (CTK)

# Marriage Moments

“Brothers and Sisters: Have no anxiety at all...” (Philippians 4:6) Sure, easy to say, but anxiety comes readily to anyone who pays attention to family and world problems. Let your anxiety be a prompt for calming prayer. Balance it with calling to mind something kind another has done for you.



# Family Perspective

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying “cornerstone” where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

## New Email Address

We have a new email address! Please update your records and send all future correspondence to [office@ctk-ic.org](mailto:office@ctk-ic.org).

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed

Christ the King and Immaculate Conception are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your parish and the Lord. If you're interested, please call the rectory and add your name to the list and we will let you know when classes will be scheduled.

## 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.

## 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.

## Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments

Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/>

## Consider Engagement Encounter!

Planning for your marriage in **2024**? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for **January 19-21** at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or email [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit <https://www.eriecnd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

## No Tuesday Mass

Father Joe Staszewski will be unavailable for the next several weeks, so there will be no Tuesday Mass until his return.

## 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 and telling them which church you attend.

## Respect Life Month

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

## Prebaptismal Classes to Resume

The pastors of the parishes in the Clearfield Deanery are planning to resume Prebaptismal Classes in the near future. Anyone considering baptism for their child will need to attend this one-time class as well as the prospective Godparents. Godparents should be Catholics in good standing, meaning they regularly practice their faith and receive Communion. For more information, call the rectory during office hours. When a schedule for these classes has been released, an announcement will be made in the bulletin.



# Octoberfest

**Sunday, October 29 • 8:30am until 2pm**

Ss. Peter & Paul Church at 400 S. Fourth Street in Philipsburg is inviting all members of the local communities to attend their annual Octoberfest Fund-raising Event on Sunday, October 29 in their parish hall. The day begins with a delicious brunch that will be served from 8:30am until 12 noon and costs only \$8. Then enjoy a vast array of theme baskets. Table after table is filled with wonderfully stuffed theme baskets. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle, gift card trees, raffle, religious items, and rip-offs. All events take place Sunday, October 29 from 8:30am until 2pm. All proceeds benefit Ss. Peter & Paul Altar Rosary Society.

# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Every Friday**

Every Friday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for a holy hour from 9am, the end of morning Mass, until 10am. Because the Blessed Sacrament should never be left alone, we ask that you please set aside some time to sit in prayerful meditation at that time.

# Christ the King Cemetery Clean-up

**November 1**

Please remove all flowers and decorations from your loved ones' graves in Christ the King cemeteries, which include St. Lawrence (Houtzdale), Immaculate Conception (Madera), St. Barbara & Sacred Heart (Brisbin), St. Ignatius & Old Ginter Cemetery (Boy Scouts), no later than November 1. Any decoration left at the grave after November 1 will be removed by Christ the King volunteers; decorations still in good condition will be held at the pole building for a limited time and can be claimed by calling the rectory during business hours, decorations in poor condition will be disposed of—done at the crew's discretion. Wreaths and winter decorations can be placed at the grave after November 15. If you would like to help with this clean-up, please call the office.



## IC Stewardship

**October 1, 2023**

Adults .....\$1,285.00  
Loose .....\$42.00

**Monthly Maintenance**

Adults .....\$200.00

Weekly Adult Envelopes ..... 48  
Maintenance Envelopes ..... 8

**CSA 2023**

When making a CSA pledge or one-time gift, payments need to be received by **Monday, October 23** for the next report. Checks should be made payable to **Christ the King** or **Immaculate Conception**, respectively.

## 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**

## RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Inquiring minds may want to know and this is an opportunity to invite them to our RCIA program. We will begin instruction on October 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Instruction will last for about an hour and a half. Instruction will run every other week and be held in the rectory. We are also looking for individuals who might be interested in assisting and sharing their faith in this program. You may also be interested in a refresher program. This too would be a good time for you to come and participate. You might learn something you didn't know. Please call the Rectory Office to sign up or if you have further questions talk to Fr. Jonathan or Deacon Gene.



## Follow us on Facebook!

In order to stay up-to-date on everything happening at Christ the King & Immaculate Conception Churches, follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ctkic>

# 80 & Over Dinner

**Saturday, October 28 • 1pm**

It's back! The 80 & Over Dinner will be held at St. Barbara's Parish at 76 Emery Avenue in Houtzdale on Saturday, October 28 at 1pm. This meal is free for everyone 80+, accompanying guests pay just \$10. If the fee is a hardship, no worries! The Moshannon Valley Ministerium will waive it. Join us for a wonderful time together. This dinner is sponsored by the Moshannon Valley Ministerium/Houtzdale Lions Club.

## Attn: Ushers

The yearly diocesan October Count will begin this weekend, October 7 & 8 and will continue every weekend until the end of the month. Please count all in attendance at each weekend Mass—4pm and 10am at Christ the King, and 8:30am at Immaculate Conception—mark the total in the appropriate box on the paper in the back of the church; for Immaculate Conception, that's the clipboard in the back and for Christ the King, that's inside the closet door of the ushers' closet. Thank you.

## CDA Fundraiser

Catholic Daughters Court St. Victoria #646 is participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Program. Donate \$5 to Catholic Daughters and receive a 25% discount shopping pass for October 18, 2023. Also, register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card at the store. 100% of your donation remains with Catholic Daughters. To obtain shopping passes, please contact Kelly Christoff at 717-798-4517 or Cindy Slifko at 814-771-9691.

## CTK Stewardship

### October 1, 2023

Adults .....	\$3,088.50
Children .....	\$4.50
Loose .....	\$223.00

### Special Gifts

Adults .....\$145.00

### Catholic Education

Adults .....\$100.00

Weekly Adult Envelopes .....	114
Weekly Children Envelopes.....	6
Special Gift Envelopes.....	4
Catholic Education Envelopes .....	1

### October Lottery Calendars (Week #1)

Dawn Petro.....\$200

### CSA 2023

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 8

**11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK; until 12:15pm)  
**12pm** • Blessing of Animals (CTK Parking Lot)

### Monday, October 9

**9am** • Confirmation Retreat (CTK; at St. Agnes)

### Tuesday, October 10

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

### Wednesday, October 11

**6:30pm** • CDA Meeting (CTK)

### Friday, October 13

**5pm** • 21 Club Setup (CTK)

### Saturday, October 14

**3pm** • 21 Club Party (CTK; until 11pm)

### Sunday, October 15

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

### Wednesday, October 18

**6:30pm** • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (CTK)

## CDA Meeting

Catholic Daughters Court St. Victoria \$646 meeting will be held Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30pm. We will be making Fall Wreaths as the Fall Craft Project. All members are requested to bring a snack. Anyone interested in learning more about Catholic Daughters is welcome to attend.

## 4th Degree K of C Meeting

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus September meeting has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be on October 25 and will be held at the Osceola Mills VFW. It will be the Fall dinner meeting and the cost will be \$8. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, roll, and beverage. Members and ladies are welcome.

## In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Michael Biancuzzo** of Christ the King Parish. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.