

**BLESSED
IS THE NATION**
whose God is the Lord

Psalm 33:12

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-Friday9am until 1pm

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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.



14TH

**SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY**

TIME

JULY 6, 2025

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PRAYERS REQUESTED

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 **Diane Herr, Peter Swistock, Joseph Knee, Mary Ann Waite, Janie Brungart, Mickles Rebar and Angie Dobish.**



Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Jean and Eugene B. Kawa and Leonard Kasubick by Elaine. (CTK)

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.

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, July 9

7 pm • Catholic Daughters of America (CTK)

Thursday, July 10

6:30 pm • Evangelization Committee

Catholic Daughters' Annual Picnic

The Catholic Daughters Court St. Victoria will be having their annual picnic on Wednesday, July 9th at 6 PM at Palcher Park in Ramey. All members are to bring a covered dish. Anyone wishing to join the Catholic Daughters is welcome to attend.



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 7

8:30am • Rosie Reese by the Fischer Family (IC)

Tuesday, July 8

8:30am • Roger C. Witherow by his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren (CTK)

Wednesday, July 9

8:30am • Eugene B. Kawa and Leonard Kasubick by Elaine Murawski (CTK)

Thursday, July 10

8:30am • Edmond and Joanne George by their Children and Grandchildren (CTK)

Friday, July 11

8:30am • Frank J. Gmerek by Gertie Abernethy (CTK)

Saturday, July 12

4pm • Jean Kawa by Diane Mowchan (CTK)

Sunday, July 13

8:30am • People of the Parish (IC)

10am • Daniel Dugan by his Siblings(CTK)

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Fr. Larry Richards

"Best selling author, television personality, podcast host, and world renown speaker Fr. Larry Richards to coming to Christ the King Church in Houtzdale."

HOUTZDALE— Get ready to be inspired! Father Larry Richards, a popular conference speaker and pastor from Erie, will be speaking on Faithfully Following Christ at Christ the King Church at **6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4**. His mission is to help people grow in their love for God and give them hope and direction in their daily lives.

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author, Fr. Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor, and an evangelist. Father Larry Richards has directed thousands of retreats, parish missions, and conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners worldwide. He is known to make the love of God real in his presentations.

Fr. Larry is the founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation* and has many media presentations. Fr. Larry promises two things: One, you will never be bored; and two, your life will be changed forever. Come and experience this truth for yourself!

Patriot Day Festival Volunteers Needed!

The Christ the King Patriot Day Festival will take place **September 7, 2025**.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down tents and booths, to work booths, sell tickets, to bake cakes for the cake wheel and more. If you are able to help in any way please sign up in the back of the church or attend the next fundraising meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 16 in the Parish Center.

Faith Formation Packets

Faith Formation packets have been mailed to parents. Please fill out the registration forms and drop them in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office at:

**Christ the King Parish
C/O Faith Formation
123 Good Street
Houtzdale, PA 16651**

BIG CASH RAFFLE

Christ the King Parish and the K of C Our Lady of the Valley Council are sponsoring a BIG CASH RAFFLE. First prize is \$10,000, plus 5—\$500 prizes. Only 250 tickets are being sold. The drawing will be Sept. 7 at the Patriot Day Festival. Contact the parish office, a fundraising member or a K of C member to purchase a ticket.

Engage Fest

Are you ready for an unforgettable experience? Engage Fest is coming July 24-26 to Quest Haven in Tyrone! Join us for incredible worship with Kim Walker Smith, Rooakh Worship and more. Plus, inspiring speakers and activities for all ages. Best part? It's free to register and attend. Let's Engage God, Engage others and Expand the Kingdom of God together! Register at www.engagefestpa.com.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 13

- 11 a.m. • Altar Server Training (CTK)
- 11 a.m. • Building and Grounds Committee

Wednesday, July 16

- 6:30 pm. • Fundraising Committee

Thursday, July 17

- 6:30 pm. • Evangelization Committee

Monday, August 4

- 6 p.m. • Fr. Larry Richards Speaking (CTK)

Sunday, September 7

- Patriot Day Festival (CTK)

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 6/29/25	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,627	\$278,372	\$279,575	(-0.43%)
Count of envelopes: 147 Peter's Pence \$1,180		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	

Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Actual 06/29/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$925	\$37,520	\$72,000	(-47.89%)
Total Pledges: 106		Total Pledged: \$37,786.00	

Please make all checks payable to Christ the King

21 Club Winners

Week #8

Richard Rogers IV (John Mahute).....\$100
Joyce & Leroy Greslick (Elaine Murawski)..\$50
Gary Corrigan (Michelle Stine).....\$25



Nostra Aetate Lecture

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will host it's 12th annual Nostra Aetate Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2025. This year's presenter is Rabbi Efraim Palvanov who will speak on *The Noahide Laws: God's Commandment to the World*.

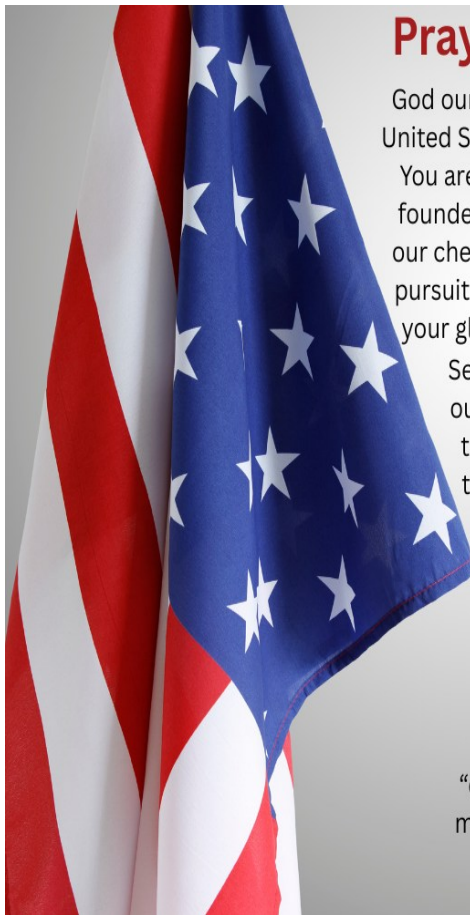
Nostra aetate (from Latin: "In our time") is the Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions of the Second Vatican Council. Passed by a vote of 2,221 to 88 of the assembled bishops, this declaration was promulgated on October 28, 1965 by Pope Paul VI. It is the shortest of the 16 final documents of the Council and "the first in Catholic history to focus on the relationship that Catholics have with Jews." It "reveres the work of God in all the major faith traditions." It begins by stating its purpose of reflecting on what humankind has in common in these times when people are being drawn closer together.

For more information, go to the VMESC website at <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1039>

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 right corner that says "DONATE NOW" or scan the QR code with your mobile device.





Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

-BostonCatholic.org

Natural Family Planning

Are you looking for a family planning method that honors your faith, strengthens your marriage, respects your body and really works? Couples throughout the Diocese of Erie are embracing Natural Family Planning (NFP), a way of life that invites God into the process of growing their families or prayerfully planning for the future. To explore the proven effectiveness of NFP or to register for a class, visit www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm or contact the diocesan NFP coordinator at (814) 512-0818.

This year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is Pursue a lasting Love....marriage, create hope for the future. Join us in celebrating God's plan for married love at a special Mass with Bishop Persico at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at St. Peter Cathedral. A light reception will follow at Mother Theresa Academy Hall. Learn more at www.eriercd.org/awareness-mass.htm.



Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Registration is now open!

The Diocese of Erie, with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding, is hosting two special Milestone Anniversary Masses, one in Erie and one in Brockway, to honor couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or beyond wedding anniversaries. You are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 pm or August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at 3:00 pm. Celebrations include Mass with Bishop Persico followed by a light reception. To register for either event or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.

Did You Know?

The words said during the Catholic Mass all come from the Bible.

"The Mass is modeled on the Last Supper, where Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them, and gave them to his disciples, saying **"This is my body"** and **"This is my blood."** He then commanded the apostles to **"Do this in remembrance of me"** (Luke 22:19-20)," The article *"The Catholic Mass is 100% From the Bible—Here's the Proof,"* says.

Take a more detailed look at where the words you say each week originated in the article *The Catholic Mass is 100% From the Bible—Here's the Proof* at:

thecatholiccrusade.com/the-catholic-mass-is-100-from-the-bible-heres-the-proof/