

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
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Immaculate Conception Phone	814-339-7321
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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); 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.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2

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, Jared Gmerek*



Marriage Moments

For some couples children come readily or even by surprise. Others painfully wait month after month hoping to become a parent. Or maybe you're past the childbearing age. Whatever your situation, pray for those who seek to become parents.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 7 • The Epiphany of the Lord

11am • Religious Ed. Classes Resume (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Monday, January 8

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, January 9

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Friday, January 12

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8

8:30am • Macil Hefferan by IC Rosary Altar Society (IC)

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am • Anna Mae Nevling by sister Christine Smeal (CTK)

Wednesday, January 10

8:30am • Michael Multhauf by Jim & Arleen Multhauf (CTK)

Thursday, January 11

8:30am • Joette Trofimuk by Family (CTK)

Friday, January 12

8:30am • Msgr. Bobal by Jim & Lisa Hawskins & Family (CTK)

Saturday, January 13

4pm • Elizabeth Kasubick by Patricia Boehmer & Boehmer Family (CTK)

Sunday, January 14

8:30am • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
10am • James F. Sherkel by Jeanne & Family (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Annette & Tom Trella requested by Doris Kitko & Family.



Parenting Pointers

The feast of the Epiphany is when the 3 wise men visited the Holy Family. Think of a wise thing that your child has done or something that he/she has taught you? Affirm this wisdom in your child. Learn from each other.



Stewardship Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 12/31/2023	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$6,860	\$40,896		\$30,390	34.6%
Count of envelopes: 147/529		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,065		
Catholic Services Appeal 2023				
Actual 12/31/2023	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$250	\$47,509		\$44,383	7.0%
Total Pledges: 116/52	9	Total Pledged: \$51,174		

No CDA Meeting in January

There will be no Catholic Daughters meeting in January. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm in the parish center.

Evangelization Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 11 • 6:30pm

The Evangelization Committee will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30pm in the rectory.

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 #8)

Trinda Hammor	nd (Michelle Stine))\$100
Terrance O'Don	nell (John Mahute	e)\$50
Jessica Little (Ci	ndy Slifko)	\$25

Safe Environment Training for Religious Ed. Classes

Safe Environment Training for all grades will occur on January 7, 2024 during religious education time. Parents/legal guardians who do not want their child to participate in the program must notify the parish in writing, so the child may be excused from the training presentation.

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.

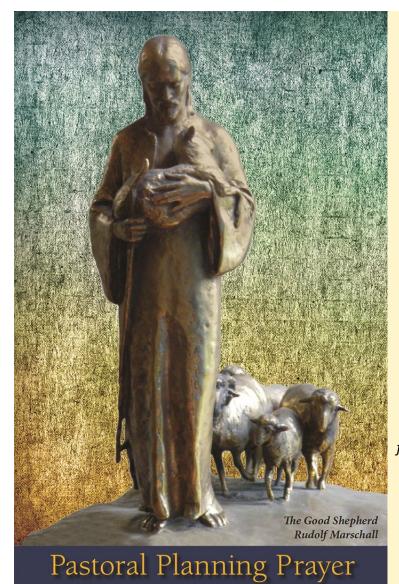
JJ Powell

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.

Day of Prayer for Pastoral Planning

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Next weekend, January 14, the Rev. Lawrence Persico, Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, has announced that it be a Day of Prayer for Pastoral Planning. Bishop Persico wishes to remind us that while the planning is in different phases throughout the Diocese of Erie, all efforts affect the entire diocese. Below is the Prayer for Pastoral Planning. It is requested that we all recite this prayer daily, but especially next Sunday, January 14, 2024.



Loving God, author of creation, your spirit pervades and enriches our world. Through your Son, who shares our humanity, you have called us to participate in your divine creativity

and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Form us, we pray, as one community

under the leadership of our bishop

to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways and structures to spread your Gospel.
Open your eyes to see Christ in others, especially the poor, the sick, and the marginalized.
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our parishes and communities.
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,
as we pray with Pope Francis
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL
Bishop of Erie.

Open/Close Times for the Churches

Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills

Monday-Sunday • 8am until noon

Christ the King, Houtzdale

Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 2:30pm Saturday & Sunday • 7am until end of Mass

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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.

Engagement Encounter

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its **January 19-21** weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 7

11am • Religious Ed. Classes Resume (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Monday, January 8

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, January 9

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Friday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 14

11am • Religious Ed. Classes Resume (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Friday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 21

11am • Religious Ed. Classes Resume (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Friday, January 26

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

Finance Council Advertisement

Finance Council Nominations

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the merger of Immaculate Conception into Christ the King, the finance councils for the previously separate parishes have ended and a new combined finance council needs to be formed. In forming the new finance council, I am seeking nominations from you for parishioners whom you would recommend to be on Finance Council.

Nominations need to be written and can be sent to Fr. Johnathan by email, dropped into the collection basket, or delivered to the office. When nominating a person, please provide the following information:

- Your name
- The person being nominated
- Why you are nominating the person
- Why you believe the person is qualified to be on the Finance Council
 Nominations will be accepted through January 1, 2024. Thank you for helping me find the best people to advise me about our financial affairs.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Johnathan Schmolt, Pastor

Joseph R. Spewock, Supervisor

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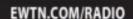
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