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Christ the King Parish



Christ the King Church

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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

Office phone..... 814-378-7653

Office email office@ctk-ic.org

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)

25TH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

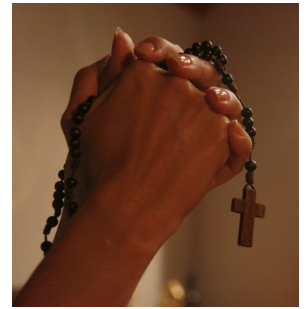
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Prayer Chain

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: *Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Michael Burns, John Russell, Joann Bezilla, Chris Switala, Stephen Sypa, Linda Nolder, Clara Tubo, Tim Stine, Michael Moskel, Joan Manos, Cory Shawver, Ed Holden, Jr.*



Parenting Pointers

Are you tired of repeating yourself over and over to your kids? Step 1 - Get at eye-level with your child, then start to speak. Step 2 – Ask for an "Echo" Let your child repeat what you've said.

Marriage Moments

Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet, an effort to show your beloved you understand should follow. It may not require words, but it takes paying attention.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 22 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10am Mass** • RCIA (CTK)
- 11am** • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Friday, September 27

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 23

8:30am • Vicki Mital Territo by Pat & Bernie Ropchock (IC)

Tuesday, September 24

8:30am • Roger Witherow by Rick & Kathy Witherow (CTK)

Wednesday, September 25

8:30am • Joe & Liz Kasubick by Children (CTK)

Thursday, September 26

8:30am • Anna Cervenak by Joe & Family (CTK)

Friday, September 27

8:30am • Jean LeCerf by Patsy, Kathy, & Barb Slifko (CTK)

Saturday, September 28

4pm • Eva Kawa by Family (CTK)

Sunday, September 29

8:30am • Sandy Cervenak by The Davis Family (IC)

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

21 Club Winners

Week #19

- Tom & Jen Belella (Alvin Gmerek) \$100
- Girard Kasubick (Judy Reese) \$50
- Tim Abernethy (John Mahute) \$25

Religious Ed. Teachers Needed

We are in need of teachers for our 6-8 grade Edge program as well as 5th grade. If you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to volunteer, please reach out to Father Johnathan or Cassandra Kitko at 814-590-0325 or c.kitko@ctk-ic.org.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Sue & Steve Kokoskie requested by Larry & Carol.

A Family Perspective

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.



Subsidiarity



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church’s social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God’s truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on **Subsidiarity**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

The principle of Subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society (such as the state or federal government) should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions (such as the family, local schools, or the Church community). Yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, or advance the common good.¹ Subsidiarity reflects the essential freedom and innate human dignity of each person while also recognizing the role higher authorities, such as government, can play to ensure that all people are able to thrive.

Respecting this principle promotes the flourishing of each individual person and the realization of the common good. As Pope Francis has explained, the principle of Subsidiarity “allows everyone to assume his or her own role in the healing and destiny of society.”² By participating in public life locally, each person and the voluntary associations of civil society to which they belong can be “leaven,” bringing “enrichment” to neighbors, to communities, and to society as a whole.³

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As we assist the faithful to take up the call to be “leaven” in society, we seek policies that allow individuals and communities to flourish.

- As the bishops teach in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, “Family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and most fundamental unit

of society: a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted.”⁴

- It is important to uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to direct their children’s education in accordance with their convictions, with support rather than interference from the state.⁵ These include the rights of parents to send their child to the school of their choice, and to protect their child from “gender ideology” at school.
- Moreover, laws, programs, and initiatives should strengthen the social safety net and improve family stability. For example, parents should receive support through work, training, assistance with childcare, health-care, housing and transportation.⁶ The Earned Income Tax Credit and child tax credits continue to be important vehicles to help low-income families out of poverty.
- The Church’s special concern for the poor requires the pursuit of social and economic policies which foster jobs with decent working conditions and just wages, and which support the rights of workers, including the ability to organize and bargain collectively without reprisal.⁷

As we pursue the principle of Subsidiarity in our public policies, we pray for all families and for those in poverty, and we support their efforts to exercise their rights and responsibilities in society.

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This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 47-48. See also: *Centesimus Annus (The Hundredth Year)*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae (Declaration on Religious Freedom)*, nos. 4-6, and *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
2 Pope Francis, General Audience, “Catechesis ‘Healing the World’: 8. Subsidiarity and the Virtue of Hope,” Sept. 23, 2020. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)*, no. 57.
3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)*, no. 142.
4 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 46.
5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*, no. 84.
6 See Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, nos. 25, 44, on the need for family support through dignified employment, education, health-care and housing.
7 St. John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, nos. 7-8, 35. See also: *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, nos. 301-309.

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

The Chosen

Every Tuesday • 6pm

Showing 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.

Catholic Education Collection

Last weekend, our parish took up the Catholic Education Collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Thank you for responding generously! If you missed last week's collection, you can still donate by putting your envelope in the collection basket or mailing into the rectory.

Knights "Fore" Kids

Saturday, September 28 • 1pm

The Knights of Columbus Council #10376 Our Lady of the Valley is asking for your support in their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the Park Hills Golf Club in Altoona on Saturday, September 28 beginning at 1pm. Their goal this year is to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and helping to grant a wish for a child. Please consider supporting them in this event by sponsoring holes, donating door prizes, or entering a 4-person team by calling Jim Greslick at 814-553-6652 or grizz5152311@comcast.net. Tournament information and team applications can be found in the back of Christ the King Church.

K of C Elimino

Tuesday, December 31

Knights of Columbus #10376 will host their Elimino Extravaganza at Christ the King Parish Center on December 31. Tickets are available for purchase by calling Jim Hawkins 814-672-5618 or Rob Yebertsky 814-553-7413.

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 09/15/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$3,817	\$53,119	\$58,025	(8.5%)
Count of envelopes: 157		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	

Catholic Services Appeal 2024

Actual 09/15/2024	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$142	\$54,0248	\$72,000	(25.0%)
Total Pledges: 158		Total Pledged: \$56,440.85	

Catholic Education: \$874

Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 29

9am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC Basement)
11am • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Wednesday, October 2

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, October 3

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, October 4

6:30pm • Exposition (CTK; until 7:30pm)

Sunday, October 6

11am • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)
12pm • Pet Blessing (CTK Parking Lot)

Monday, October 7

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, October 8

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)



Online Giving

You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory, the 2024 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.

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