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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

Email..... office@ctk-ic.org

Website www.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)

**7TH
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ORDINARY
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Bulletin Announcements

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



Diocese of Erie
2025 Catholic Services Appeal

One Faith, One Family

Three of the many ways your
CSA generosity impacts hearts



In Prayer

Prayer is central to our relationship with God. From the innocent prayers of childhood to reflective conversations of adulthood, our lifelong journey of prayer evolves over time, yet remains the foundation of our faith.

In our Catholic Schools, teachers integrate prayer into daily life, helping students embrace it as a natural, comforting practice. From creating prayer altars to coloring a picture of a beloved priest, we are blessed to provide teachers and faith leaders with tools to nurture *one faith and one family*.

In our diocese, we enrich our faith community at every stage – from welcoming infants in baptism and guiding young minds, to supporting vocations to the priesthood, strengthening commitments in confirmation, preparing couples in Pre-Cana and deepening our spiritual growth with adult formation.

Your generosity to the CSA unites us as *One Faith, One Family* to support faith formation, emphasizing prayer to form missionary disciples in Christ and pass on the faith to future generations.



In Discipleship

United as *one faith and one family*, we are called to share Christ's love. The Office of Communications supports the bishop's mission to teach and foster unity across our 13 counties. Through *Faith* magazine and other platforms, we deepen relationships with Christ and proclaim the Gospel.

Faith magazine connects our diocesan family with inspiring stories of faith, hope and discipleship. *Faith* magazine is more than a publication. It's a powerful evangelization tool, reaching Catholics and the broader community with the highest standards of information to inspire faith.

Guided by our mission, the Office of Communications creates engaging content, supports parish and school communications, and responds to the bishop's vision, inspiring discipleship with integrity, professionalism and transparency.

Your generosity to the CSA enables us to join together as *One Faith, One Family* to continue this vital work. Together, we strengthen our community, share the Good News, and bring more souls to Christ.



In Service

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (CCCAS) is now reaching more people, providing free mental health and substance abuse counseling to individuals and families across the diocese's 13 counties.

"Telehealth is transformative for our clients," said a CCCAS counselor. "We reach people who wouldn't otherwise get help."

The power of this reach truly unites us as *one faith and one family* and can be seen in stories like that of one CCCAS client, who found renewed hope in her journey to sobriety.

"Sobriety has put me on another wavelength," she reflected. "I've gone from merely existing to living." For her and many others, CCCAS offers not only counseling but a second chance.

Your generosity to the CSA enables us to join together as *One Faith, One Family* to fund the CCCAS, an agency of Catholic Charities. As demand grows, your support is crucial to help us continue our mission and ensure no one is turned away due to financial constraints.



2025 CSA Goal

TOTAL: \$4,235,000



20% | Catholic Schools & Tuition Assistance

- Guides Catholic mission and identity
- Training and support services to Catholic school teachers, administrators, and boards
- Middle States Accreditation Process
- Assists in responding to school crises
- Needs-based diocesan scholarships

19% | Catholic Charities

- Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, Christ the King Manor, Good Samaritan Center, Prince of Peace Center, Saint John XXIII Home, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Center, Saint Martin Center
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc.
 - Resource for parish social service initiatives, respect life programs, and social justice outreach ministries

16% | Communications

- *FAITH* Magazine, Diocese of Erie E-News, and Social Media platforms
- Digital presence on the Diocese of Erie website and parish-specific websites
- Strategic communications for the bishop, clergy, diocesan ministries, and Catholic schools

15% | Faith Formation

- Diocesan-wide milestone wedding anniversary Masses, marriage preparation programs, and Confirmation retreat
- Supports pastors and OCIA coordinators; plans and organizes Rite of Election
- Campus Ministries, Life Teen, and Young Adult programming

12% | Clergy Services

- Retreats, days of recollection, and study days for priests and deacons
- Mass coverage, pastor assignments, and transitioning priests to retirement

6% | Pastoral Services

- Liturgical event coordination, including Confirmation and Chrism Masses and distribution of holy oils to parishes
- Pastoral care in hospitals, prisons, and nursing homes

4% | Tribunal and Matrimonial Concerns

- Guidance for annulments and marriage permissions and dispensations by specialized professionals not available in parishes

3% | Diocesan & International Missions

- Annual international missionary visits to parishes throughout the diocese
- Mission of Friendship in Yucatán, México

3% | Women Religious & Catholic Rural Ministry

- Liaison for the bishop to all the religious communities in the diocese
- Resource for parishes and Catholic schools
- Catholic Rural Ministry in Venango, Clarion, Forest, and McKean counties

2% | Protection of Children & Youth

- Responds to and addresses abuse allegations
- Assists parishes, schools, and agencies to maintain safe environments

*Please give through
your parish.
Thank you!*

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: *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 Shad-duck, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich, Sherri Thompson, Sue Portugal, Cecilia Demchak, Anonymous*

Marriage Moments

Even if you don't consider yourself a spiritual or prayerful person, try praying for your spouse today. It won't take but a moment after you read this and it can't hurt. You might even get an answer to an unasked question.

K of C Scholarship

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

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Steve Mahute requested by John.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 23 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24

8:30am • Wendell Weatherholtz by Clara Tubo (IC)

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am • Jennifer Kokoskie by Tony, Natalie, & Adam (CTK)

Wednesday, February 26

8:30am • Steve Mahute by son John (CTK)

Thursday, February 27

8:30am • Betty Reese by Court St. Victoria (CTK)

Friday, February 28

8:30am • Cliff Ponish, Jr. by Barb & Jack Archer (CTK)

Saturday, March 1

4pm • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sunday, March 2

8:30am • Jeffrey Goldfuss by Nancy (Yebernetsky) Goldfuss (IC)

10am • Roger C. Witherow by Family (CTK)

Parenting Pointers

"Anything which parents have not learned from experience, they can now learn from their children." (Anon.) Learn something new from your child today (a song, a joke, how to program a cell phone, how to download a printer driver...)



A Family Perspective

Research on the effects of religion on family relationships reveals that hostility and prayer cannot coexist. You cannot harbor hostility toward someone you are praying for. Today's gospel encourages us: 'Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you.'



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Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is the annual request to support the ministries of the Diocese of Erie and provide funds for capital improvements here at Christ the King Parish.

Thank you for your contributions to the CSA in 2024. We raised \$60,712 of which \$9,708 remained in our parish and was put towards the replacement of the boiler in our Parish Center. **This year our parish project is to replace the roof of Christ the King church and rectory.** This project will cost over \$130,000. While our goal for the CSA is \$72,000, which means that the parish will need to take funds from savings to pay for this project, I hope you will be generous this year in our campaign so that we can continue to keep our facilities well maintained.

We are One Faith, One Family who join together not because of a building or fundraiser, but because we are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We are disciples of Jesus Christ who are part of the Body of Christ. Our primary focus is being united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As we enter the season of Lent, may we recommit ourselves to our own personal prayer time with the Holy Spirit. My challenge for all of us is to increase our quiet listening to the uniting voice of the Holy Spirit in our own hearts. When we stay united to Jesus we can do anything. When we stay united to each other we grow in joyful unity with God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt
Pastor

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.

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.

Lenten Presentation: The Cross as a Christian Symbol

Monday, March 10 • 6:30pm; Refreshments served at 5:30pm

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.

22:32 Men's 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 or call 814-455-7364.

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 Bible Study

Every Thursday in Lent

Join Father Johnathan and other clergy to review the Sunday Scripture during Lent. Many have requested a parish-wide bible study and this is your opportunity to dig deeper into your own reflections during Lent by having a more detailed discussion of the Sunday reading. Please come and expand your knowledge of scripture. The Bible Study will meet every Thursday evening during Lent, beginning March 6, at 6:30pm at Christ the King Parish Center.

21 Club Winners

Week #14

Lindsay Reiter (Elizabeth Lockett) \$100
Dawn Graham (Elaine Murawski)..... \$50
Doris Corrigan (Michelle Stine) \$25

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, 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)

6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (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)

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.

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 02/09/2025	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,926	\$167,271		\$174,075	(3.9%)
Count of envelopes: 185			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2025				
Actual 02/09/2025	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$307	\$307		\$72,000	(99.6%)
Total Pledges: 19			Total Pledged: \$1,387	
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.				

CSA 2025

The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family* is officially underway. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project. No gift is too small, please give as generously as you can.

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 25 • 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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