

PREPARE THE WAY *of the* LORD

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

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

Second Sunday

of Advent

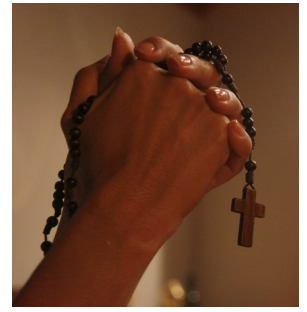
12/10/2023



In order to stay up-to-date on everything happening at Christ the King & Immaculate Conception Parishes, visit our website at <http://ctk-ic.org> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ctkic>.

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*



Marriage Moments

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. One thing that is important about Mary's appearance is that she took on the look of a Mexican peasant. What is your beloved's national heritage? How do you think Mary would look in that culture? How might she look if she appeared to you today?

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 10 • Second Sunday of Advent

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK Parish Center)
- 3pm** • Advent Penance Service (CTK)

Monday, December 11

- 6:30pm** • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary (IC)

Wednesday, December 13

- 6pm** • CDA Christmas Party (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • K of C Christmas Party (CTK)

Friday, December 15

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11

- 8:30am** • Leo Hughes by Anonymous (IC)

Tuesday, December 12

No Mass

Wednesday, December 13

- 8:30am** • William & Mary Stodart by Dave & Micki Stodart (CTK)

Thursday, December 14

- 8:30am** • Marie Shedlock by Marjorie, Jennifer, & Johnathan Kechesin (CTK)

Friday, December 15

- 8:30am** • Betty Reese by The Belella Family (CTK)

Saturday, December 16

- 4pm** • Florence Kasubick by Joyce, Bud, Rick, Kathy, Terry, Danielle, Michael, Ashley, & Caleb (CTK)

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
- 10am** • Genevieve Gallagher by Delores Pallo (CTK)

Engagement Encounter

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on January 19-21 in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. To register, visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/>. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."



Parenting Pointers

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas. Tell your children the story of Juan Diego. Don't know it? Click here. (<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2013-12-12>)

K of C & CDA Christmas Parties

K of C Christmas Party • Wednesday, December 13, 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Valley Council will be having their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30PM. Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus is welcome to come to the party. There will not be a meeting on December 6.

CDA Christmas Party • Wednesday, December 13, 6pm

Catholic Daughters Court St. Victoria will be holding their Christmas Party Wednesday, December 13, at 6PM. All members are to bring a covered dish. Anyone interested in joining Catholic Daughters is welcome to attend the party.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious.

Eucharistic Revival Celebration

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival this year we will have two special events in honor of the feast days of our two churches.

Immaculate Conception Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm

Please plan on attending.

Decorating for Christmas

Thursday, December 21 • 2pm

The Christ the King Decorating Committee will be meeting on Thursday, December 21 at 2pm to decorate the church. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend; the more the merrier!



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.

Safe Environment Training for Religious Ed.

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.

Open/Close Times for the Churches

Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills

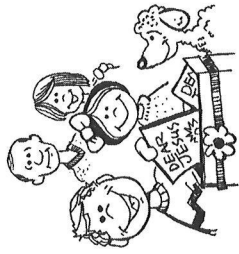
Monday-Sunday • 8am until noon

Christ the King, Houtzdale



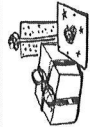

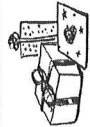
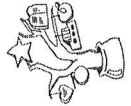
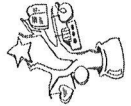
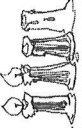






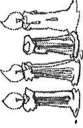






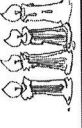

Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 2:30pm

Saturday & Sunday • 7am until end of Mass

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 12/03/2023	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)	
\$4,917	\$4,917	\$5,065	(2.9%)	
Count of envelopes: 137/529		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,065		
Catholic Services Appeal 2023				
Actual 12/03/2023	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)	
\$0	\$45,944	\$44,383	3.5%	
Total Pledges: 113/529		Total Pledged: \$50,039		



2023 Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December Buy or make an Advent wreath and bless it. Light the violet candle every night this week. 	4 Assign "Advent Angels." Draw names at random and encourage good works in secret. 	5 Set out the empty Nativity scene. Add characters gradually throughout Advent. Save Baby Jesus for last. 	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Encourage everyone to perform an act of kindness in honor of today's generous saint. 	7 Buy gifts for children in need. Consult your parish office for suggestions. 	8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary On this Holy Day of Obligation, attend Mass together. Pray for the United States of America. 	9 Decorate a Jesse tree and discuss its meaning. Learn more at www.usccb.org . 
10 Light two violet candles nightly this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." 	11 Call or email your parish office and ask how your family can help with upcoming preparations for Christmas. 	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Put a vase of flowers before a statue of Mary and sing "Hail, Holy Queen" to celebrate. 	13 At dinner, ask each person to share one way God blessed him or her that day. 	14 Before bedtime, perform an examination of conscience using the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11). 	15 Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org). Ask how you can help. 	16 Seek God's mercy in Confession as a family to greet the Savior with clean souls. 
17 Gaudete Sunday Light two violet candles and one rose one for joy. Have a small treat to celebrate. 	18 Place a candle in the window to welcome Baby Jesus. Light it nightly until Christmas. 	19 Encourage everyone to practice patience today. 	20 Tonight, offer extra prayers for the troops who will spend Christmas overseas and for their families. 	21 Share favorite Christmas family memories over hot chocolate and cookies. 	22 Ask everyone to make a small sacrifice, just for God, just for today. 	23 The King is coming! Tidy up the house and prepare to welcome Him. 
24 Reveal Advent angels! Read about the good news the angel shared in Luke 1:26-38. 	25 Rejoice! After Mass today, place Baby Jesus in the manger and sing, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!" 	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>				

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media

There are plenty of good things about social media – but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. To help your child find the balance, it's important to talk with your kids about how to use social media wisely. Emphasis to your child that it's important to: 1.) Be nice. Mean behavior is not OK. 2.) Think twice before hitting "enter". Remind them that what they post can be used against them. 3.) Use privacy settings. 4.) Don't "friend" strangers. If you don't know them, don't friend them. 5.) Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, college admissions officers, future bosses – and even grandma – to see. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 10

3pm • Christ the King, Houtzdale

Sunday, December 17

3pm • St. Francis, Clearfield

Monday, December 18

6pm • St. Agnes, Morrisdale

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 10

11am • Religious Ed. Classes (CTK Parish Center)

3pm • Advent Penance Service (CTK)

Monday, December 11

6:30pm • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary (IC)

Wednesday, December 13

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Friday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 17

11am • Religious Ed. Christmas Pageant (CTK Parish Center)

2pm • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at

Come join 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 instant 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 #4)

Joyce & Bud Greslick (Cindy Slifko) \$100
George Manos (John Mahute) \$50
Elizabeth Lockett (Elizabeth Lockett) \$25

2024 Calendars & Oplatki

Complementary calendars are available in the back of both churches. We have a limited number to offer both churches, so please only take what you need.

Oplatki, or Christmas Wafers, are available in the back of each church. A donation of \$3 per pack is appreciated.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, the Sunday obligation remains as well as the obligation to The Nativity of the Lord—both falling on the same day. Weekend Mass times will not change: Saturday, December 23 at 4pm (CTK), Sunday, December 24 at 8:30am (IC) and 10am (CTK). Mass times for Christmas will be as follows:

Sunday, December 24

5pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (IC)

9pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

Monday, December 25

9am • Christmas Day Mass (CTK)

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