



**YOU SHALL NAME HIM
JESUS
LUKE 1:31**

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); Tuesday-Friday 8:30am (CTK)

Fourth Sunday

of Advent

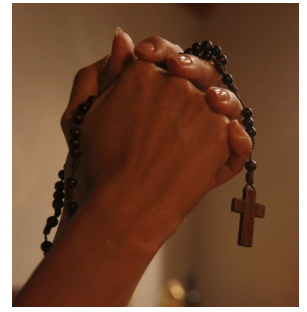
12/24/2023



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

“On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree.” What’s the silliest, most creative, or most romantic gift your true love has given you? Be a humble human today. That’s what Jesus did by becoming human.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 24 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

5pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (IC)

9pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

No Religious Ed. Classes

Monday, December 25

9am • Christmas Day Mass (CTK)

Friday, December 29

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25 • Holy Day of Obligation

9am • Jerry Demchak, All Deceased Family, & the Poor Souls in Purgatory by Cecilia, Lisa, John, Mikey, Alisha, Jerry, Orion, & Chance (CTK)

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am • Eugene R. & Eugene B. Kawa by sister & aunt Elaine (CTK)

Wednesday, December 27

8:30am • Randy Tubo by sister Nancy (CTK)

Thursday, December 28

8:30am • Jeffery Goldfuss by mom Nancy Goldfuss (CTK)

Friday, December 29

8:30am • Ron Gresh by Family (CTK)

Saturday, December 30

4pm • husband Raymond Wulderk by wife Patty & Family (CTK)

Sunday, December 31

8:30am • Father Dan by Linda & Mike Burns (IC)

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

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Parish burns this week in memory of Eugene R. & Eugene B. Kawa requested by sister & aunt Elaine.



Parenting Pointers

Christmas Eve is here. If your child is old enough to remember past Christmases, talk about favorite customs and perhaps even a snafu that might have happened. Remember and laugh together.

A Christmas Message from Father Johnathan

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! The Lord Jesus has been born to us. God has come to save his people. Alleluia!

While we celebrate the blessings that we have received this year, please remember those that are struggling whether in our region due to lack of funds or loneliness, or the areas of our world suffering from war. As the angels said to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" (Lk 2:14)

I hope that everyone will be celebrating a happy and joyful Christmas this year.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Johnathan



Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in celebration of Christmas. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1 to celebrate the new year.

Evangelization Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 11 • 6:30pm

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

RCIA to Resume

Thursday, January 4 • 6pm

RCIA classes will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6pm in the rectory.

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

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 #6)

Clara Tubo (Elaine Murawski)	\$100
Robert Yebernetsky (Rob Y)	\$50
Chloe Beningo (Cindy 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.

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 12/17/2023	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$8,002	\$20,678	\$15,195	36.1%
Count of envelopes: 137/529		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,065	
<i>Catholic Services Appeal 2023</i>			
Actual 12/03/2023	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$400	\$47,099	\$44,383	6.1%
Total Pledges: 114/529		Total Pledged: \$50,939	

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.



In Memoriam

If a loved one has passed and you would like their name listed in the bulletin for prayers, please call the rectory. The secretary doesn't always know whose relative has passed on, but she would like to include them for prayers.

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.

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



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.

Baptism

With joy, we welcome into the family of God, **Liliana Grace Berg**, daughter of Baren Berg & Jessica Lumadue of Christ the King Parish. May God bless them in their duties as Christian parents and may we all share our faith with them.

Engagement Encounter

Planning your wedding in 2024? Consider attending Engagement Encounter on January 19-21 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. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 24

No Religious Ed. Classes

5pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (IC)

9pm • Christmas Vigil Mass (CTK)

Monday, December 25

9am • Christmas Day Mass (CTK)

Friday, December 29

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

Sunday, December 31

No Religious Ed. Classes

5pm • K of C Elimino Extravaganza (CTK)

Monday, January 1 • Not Holy Day This Year

8:30am • Mass for Solemnity of Mary (IC)

Wednesday, January 3

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

1pm • Red Cross Blood Drive (CTK; until 6pm)

Friday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 7

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

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.



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.

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