

Dear Parishioners of Saint Agnes, Saint Basil, and Christ the King Parishes,

After months of awareness, feedback, and announcements, we are at the weekend for implementing the partnered parish plan. We are starting this weekend with the new mass schedule. The shared office for the three partnered parishes will formally begin on Wednesday, July 1 located in Houtzdale on the Christ the King Church campus. You are seeing today the shared bulletin for the three parishes for the first time. Along with these changes I want to highlight a few more decisions by the transition team.

- The transition team has agreed with me to change the office hours. Beginning on Monday, the **shared office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 2:00pm**. The shared office mailing address is **123 Good St. Houtzdale, PA 16651**. Beginning on July 1, 2026 the phone numbers for all the offices will be forwarded to the shared office in Houtzdale. I am committed to have our shared staff members present to answer the phones and be present for your in-person visits to the office during these office hours.
- As was decided previously, beginning the weekend of July 4-5 we are going to count the weekly donations centrally in the shared office at Christ the King Church on Monday mornings beginning at 9:00am. We have had several people step up to help with the count, but we can definitely use at least another ten volunteers. You are committing to assist with the count once a month with staff assistance to keep the process flowing smoothly. Please volunteer if you can.
With the count being centralized at the shared office it becomes even more important that all donations be made out to the name of the parish. That means either Saint Agnes Parish, Saint Basil the Great Parish, or Christ the King Parish. The bank informs us that the affiliated church name can be added to the memo line. All funding is maintained under the parish name which is each entity's official business name.
- With the implementation of our new arrangement as partnered parishes, and July 1 being the start of our new fiscal year, I am making a change to how we present and account for CSA and parish donations. The Catholic Services Appeal and parish donations will now be reported as a total for the parish instead of breaking up the goals for individual churches within a parish. This will keep financial reporting consistent for the three parishes.
Within our registration information we can assign a person to a primary church campus within a parish. Therefore, all donations given by the person can be tracked both as a donation to the parish and attributed as a donation for a secondary church. Any cash donations will be credited to the church building where the money was collected.
- The transition team decided to set the size of the new pastoral and finance councils to be 15 people each. There will be five people per parish per council. Within those people at least one representative will be connected to every church that is a part of a parish. New members will be taken by nomination from all the people of all the parishes. Each nomination will include the name to nominate and why you are nominating the

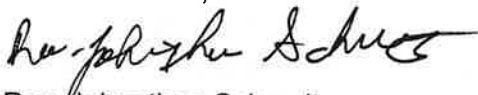
person. People can nominate themselves. The nominations will begin on July 11 and conclude on July 27, 2026. The transition team designated me as the pastor to make the best decision from the nominations to create the new pastoral and finance council. The goal is to have the first council meetings in the second half of August. Terms will be for three years and will be initially staggered so new people will rotate on the councils each year.

- Finally, I presented to the transition team my ideal for setting minimum goals for our churches. The purpose of the goals is to set a minimum level of activity and support necessary to maintain a church campus.

With next weekend being the celebration of our nation's 250th Independence Day, I included an article I found interesting speaking of our Catholic faith and the Declaration of Independence. Please pray for our country, those who defend our land, and the many people who have come here from across the world seeking to live the freedoms enshrined in our Constitution. We are blessed by the religious protection enshrined in our First Amendment. Since Independence Day falls on Saturday this year, to honor our 250th Anniversary of our Country **I will have an Independence Day mass at 8:30am on Saturday, July 4th at Christ the King Church.**

May God's Blessing be on all of you today.

Peace in Christ,



Rev. Johnathan Schmolt
Pastor