

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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

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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)

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.
He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

Mark 1:12,13

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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>.

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: *Clara Tubo, Lane Hawkins, Chris Tekely, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Roger Witherow, Jamie Washell, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Lori McCracken, Michael Burns, John Russell*



Marriage Moments

Feb. 19 is Presidents Day in the USA, but presidential debates and accusations flow wildly throughout this election year. Practice listening well to your beloved and seeking common ground on all vital issues, even politics. May our country be so wise too.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Tom & Florence Kasubick requested by Family.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 18

- 11am** • Religious Ed. Classes (until 12:15pm)
- 2pm** • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at 1pm)

Tuesday, February 20

- 7pm** • Ministerium Lenten Service (CTK; with guest preacher Pastor Bill Conway)

Friday, February 23

- 9am** • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)
- 6:30pm** • Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (IC)

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19

- 8:30am** • Elaine Knowles by Mary Ann & Joe Hockman (IC)

Tuesday, February 20

- 8:30am** • John & Kathryn Mehallow by Tony & Kathy Grace (CTK)
- 7pm** • Ministerium Lenten Service (CTK)

Wednesday, February 21

- 8:30am** • Sandy Dillon by Elaine Murawski (CTK)

Thursday, February 22

- 8:30am** • Holy Souls by Anonymous (CTK)

Friday, February 23

- 8:30am** • Tom & Florence Kasubick by Family (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Saturday, February 24

- 4pm** • George Pallo by Pat, Kathy, & Barbara Slifko (CTK)

Sunday, February 25

- 8:30am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
- 10am** • Steve Mahute by John Mahute (CTK)

Parenting Pointers

Following your *King/Queen for a Day* week, try *Servant for a Day* week. Again, assign each person 1 day to do a service for each other member of the family. Be creative. Be generous. Be willing. (Babies are exempt.)



A Family Perspective

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

Paddle Party

Saturday, March 2 • Doors open at 11am, Bidding begins at noon

Our annual Paddle Party Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Christ the King Parish Center. Doors will open at 11am, bidding will begin at noon. Admission is \$3 and includes one paddle; additional paddles can be purchased for \$1 each. 50/50 chances will be available at one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The kitchen will be open.

Donations of gift baskets, gift cards, NEWLY PURCHASED and UNWRAPPED prizes are needed for the auction. Please drop your donation off at the rectory during normal business hours.

Volunteers are needed from 6-8pm on Friday, March 1 and any time between 9am and 3:30pm on Saturday, March 2. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches. Students will receive service hours for volunteering during this time.

CDA Soup & Bake Sale

Sunday, February 25 • 11am until 1pm

CDA Court St. Victoria will be having a Soup & Bake Sale February 25 from 11am until 1pm in conjunction with the Knight of Columbus BBQ Dinner. All CDA members are requested to donate soup or baked goods. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center beginning at 9am on the day of the event.

22:32 Men Conference

March 2, 2024

Just two more weeks, register now! Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 11th Annual 22:32 Men’s Conference being held March 2, 2024 from 8:30am until 1pm. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature national speakers including Damon Owens and Fr. Patrick Schultz. There are three ways to attend:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie.
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes, which can be found here: www.2232men.com.
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.

CSA 2024

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. United as *One Faith, One Family*, your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. Today, our parish is at 16% of our goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge in the collection basket or mail it into the office, or you can now donate through **online giving!** Just go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKJ9/home> or scan the QR code with your mobile phone and it will take you directly to our donation website. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.**

Stewardship				
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Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 02/11/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,395	\$69,437		\$74,820	(7.2%)
Count of envelopes: 174/529			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$6,235	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 02/11/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$11,380	\$11,380		\$72,000	(84.2%)
Total Pledges: 57/529			Total Pledged: \$16,335	
Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection: \$20				

Are you dependable?

We are in need of discreet and reliable volunteers to help count the weekly collection. Volunteers will be asked to join a group of experienced counters once a month. No experience necessary. The collection is counted immediately following Sunday morning Mass at Christ the King rectory. Call the office for more information or if you’re willing to help. This is an important ministry and an easy way to help our parish. “Many hands make light work.” We thank you in advance for your service.

In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Christine Yebernetsky Dorman**, sister of Robert Yebernetsky and Jackie Yebernetsky. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Christ the King Parish Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Present: Jerry Dufour, Jack Archer, Jim Leskovansky, Father Johnathan, Bud Greslick, Ed Vancas, Jim Rice and Jenny Leskovansky.

Absent: Tony Miller

Old Business

- **CTK Parish Center Kitchen Steamers:** No report at this meeting.
- **CTK Parish Center Garbage Disposal:** No report at this meeting.
- **CTK Center Aisle Floor:** Discussion was held about issue in center aisle, Jim L. will contact mason to see if flooring issue can be repaired.
- **IC Plaster:** Father reported he will be reaching out to plaster contractor to have assessment of repairs needed since water issue repaired.

New Business

- **CTK Parish Center Floor Waxing:** Father reported he is awaiting response from SCI Houtzdale regarding workers to strip and wax floors. Discussion held regarding loose tiles on the side entry, Jack noted he will coordinate getting that area repaired. Discussion was held regarding equipment and Jack noted he will contact the vendor to have equipment serviced and evaluated.
- **CTK Parish Center Furnace:** Father reported the furnace at Parish Center malfunctioned a few weeks ago and he noted the filter was cleaned and circulating pump was replaced.
- **CTK Grants for Parish Center:** Discussion held regarding possible grants for Parish Center, Jim R noted he'll reach out to local legislature to determine if any grants are available.
- **Ice Machine:** Jack reported the CTK Parish Center ice machine was repaired and has since broken again. Father noted he is going to present to Pastoral Council the possibility to purchase new ice machine.
- **Altar Stone CTK:** Father reported the altar stone relic from original CTK altar was located and he would like to have this placed under the altar, Bud will make an altar stone holder.

Next Meeting will be held Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 11 am in CTK-Parish Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Leskovansky
Secretary

Miracles of the Eucharist

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ramey • Saturday, March 2

There will be an exhibit on Eucharistic Miracles, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, known as the Saint of the Internet. Acutis died in 2006 at the age of 15, his body remains incorrupt. Bishop William Watershed will speak and bless those who desire it with the relic of Carlos Acutis at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramey at 2pm. Go and experience the healing power of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist Exhibit will be on display Saturday, March 2 from 1pm until 7pm; Sunday, March 3, following 8am Divine Liturgy at 1pm until 3pm; as well as Monday & Tuesday, March 4 & 5 from 1pm until 7pm.



Upcoming Events

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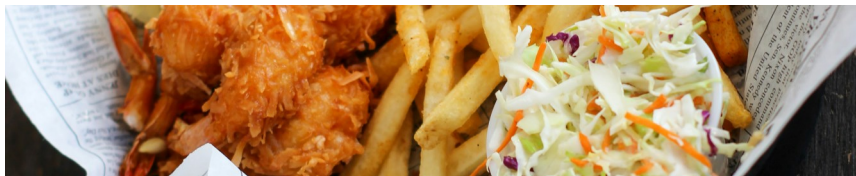
Friday, March 1

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

6:30pm • Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (CTK)

Saturday, March 2

12pm • Paddle Party (CTK; doors open at 11am)



Lenten Dinners

St. Timothy Church in Curwensville will hold Lenten dinners every Friday in Lent from February 16 through March 22, there will be no dinner Good Friday. Serving from 4-6pm; eat-in or take-out. Adult meals cost \$15, children age 10 and under cost \$8.

Moshannon Valley Ministerium Lenten Services

Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm

February 13 • at Brisbin Baptist Church with guest preacher Pastor Ron Korzeniowski

February 20 • at Christ the King Church with guest preacher Pastor Bill Conway

February 27 • at Brisbin First Church of God with guest preacher Pastor Bob Ford

March 5 • at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with guest preacher Father Andres Simental

March 12 • at St. Barbara Polish National Catholic Church with guest preacher Pastor Christine Roe

March 19 • at Parsonville Assembly of God with guest preacher Father Bill Ellis

K of C Chicken & Rib BBQ

Sunday, February 25 • 11am until 1pm

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Valley Council #10376, will hold their Chicken & Rib BBQ on Sunday, February 25 from 11am until 1pm at Christ the King Parish Center. Meal includes chicken or ribs, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, applesauce, and roll. The CDA Court St. Victoria #646 will hold a Soup & Bake Sale in conjunction with the bbq. Rib dinners cost \$15, chicken dinners cost \$12. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets can be purchased from any K of C member.

2023 Year-End Statements Available

If you're interested in receiving your 2023 year-end contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory. Please specify whether you'd like your statement mailed or emailed.

Baptism

With joy, we welcome into the family of God, **Emilia Belle Vancas**, child of Joseph & Erika Vancas of Christ the King Parish. May God bless them in their duties as Christian parents and may we all share our faith with them.

Christ the King 21 Club

We give away a total of \$10,000 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 #14)

Rhonda Majewsky (Elaine Murawski) ... \$100
Dennis Whipple (Leon Hansel) \$50
Gail Yastro (John Mahute) \$25

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