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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)



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.

APRIL 21, 2024

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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, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Michael Burns, John Russell, Joann Bezilla, Chris Switala, Stephen Sypa



Parenting Pointers

April 22 is Earth Day. (https://www.earthday.org/planet-vs-plastics/) Take stock of what your family already recycles (paper, plastic, cans...) Good! Can you add one more thing to recycle? Better yet, commit to avoid buying something that needs recycling, especially plastic.

Marriage Moments

Earth Day is April 22. This year April 22 is also the first day of Passover. In marriage often one partner knows more about a topic than the other. Perhaps each of you could google one of these and update the other. Learn from each other.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 21 • 4th Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

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

2pm • K of C Bingo (CKT; doors open at 1pm)

Monday, April 22

6:30pm • Cemetery Committee Meeting (CTK rectory)

Thursday, April 25

6:30pm • Evangelization Committee Meeting (CTK rectory)

Friday, April 26

9:30am • Exposition (CTK; until 10:30am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22

8:30am • Better Health of Chris Switala by Cindy Slifko (IC)

Tuesday, April 23

8:30am • Anna Cervenak by Joe & Family (CTK)

Wednesday, April 24

8:30am • George Pallo by Annamae (Pallo) Mehallow (CTK)

Thursday, April 25

8:30am • Edmond "Eddie" George by Robbie Ball (CTK)

Friday, April 26

8:30am • Better Health of Barbara Stan Lutz by Shirley Cardinal (CTK)

Saturday, April 27

4pm • Joseph Portugal, Jr. by wife Sue Portugal (CTK)

Sunday, April 28

8:30am • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
10am • Msgr. Bobal by Elaine Donley & Family (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp at Chris the King Church to burn in memory or in honor of someone, please call the rectory to schedule a week. A donation of \$10 is appreciated.



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

21 Club Party Grand Prize Winners						
April 13, 2024						
Prize	Winner	Seller				
\$2,000	Lauren Schmit	Judy Reese				
\$1,000	William & Jennifer Shaw	Leon Hansel				
\$500	Garrett Hansel	Leon Hansel				
\$500	Kathy Shunkwiler	Leon Hansel				
\$500	Patrick Bowman	John Mahute				
\$500	Morgan Mahute	John Mahute				
\$250	Andrew Powell, Jr.	Robert Yebernetsky				
\$250	Timmy James Teats	Michelle Stine				
\$250	Larry Richner	Karen Martin				
\$250	Jim Dinant	Alvin Gmerek				
\$125	Randy Jordan	Ray Graham				
\$125	Sandy Zapsky	Elaine Murawski				
\$125	George Manos	John Mahute				
\$125	Jean Colombero	John Mahute				

Pray the Rosary in May

The Altar Rosary Society will pray the Rosary every Thursday in the month of May at Immaculate Conception Church at 2pm. They're inviting everyone who is able to attend and pray with them.

Houtzdale Food Bank

The Moshannon Valley Ministerium is asking everyone in the community to consider donating any of the following requested items to the Houtzdale Food Bank:

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Denture cleaner
- Face soap
- Shave cream
- Razors
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Tampons/pads
- Kleenex
- Laundry soap
- Dish liquid
- Paper towels
- Floor cleaner like Mr. Clean

If you're able to donate, please deliver the items at your convenience to the Central Pennsylvania Community Action located at 40 Terrace Dr. #3, Houtzdale.



Check this out!

Father Michael Ferrick of St. Peter Cathedral in Erie captured this incredible picture of the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024.



Online Giving

Did you know that Christ the King Parish has implemented online giving? You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory, the 2024 Catholic Service Appeal, and special collections online. When setting up for online giving, you can either make a one-time donation or setup recurring payments. Giving online is fast, easy, and secure. Simply go to our parish website at http://ctk-ic.org and click the link in the top right corner that says "DONATE NOW" or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

Good Shepherd Collection

Weekend of April 20-21

This weekend, all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking up a special collection to support the needs of our retired priests. This collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance. As the number of retired priests increases, the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their needs. Your generosity will serve as a "thank you" for the many years of faithful service, and will make a difference in the lives of priests who have provided for us for generations. Please be generous.

Open/Close Times for Churches

Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills
Sunday-Friday • 8am until noon
Christ the King, Houtzdale

Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 2:30pm Saturday & Sunday • 7:30am until end of Mass

Faith Formation Leaders: Small Group Training

The Christ the King Parish Religious Education Program is looking for faith formation leaders who are interested in doing small groups with our next class of Confirmation students. If you're interested, please contact Cassandra Kitko by emailing c.kitko@ctk-ic.org or calling 814-590-0325. Additionally, there will be training for such interested participants at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren, PA on Saturday, April 27. The training is free and includes lunch, and will give great information on running a Purpose program, scheduling, and explaining each component of the program. Mass at Holy Redeemer will begin soon after the training finishes and you're invited to attend. If you're interested in this training, please register at http://forms.office.com/r/P1LaWWMMn5

Join the Cemetery Committee!

First meeting April 22 at 6:30pm

Christ the King Parish is looking for parishioners who are interested in keeping a check on our cemeteries. Meetings will be quarterly through the year. The first meeting will be on Monday, April 22 at 6:30pm in the Christ the King Rectory.

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Christ the King Parish is in need of Altar Servers and would love for you to join! If you're interested, please speak with Father Johnathan after Mass or call the rectory during business hours.

Evangelization Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 25 • 6:30pm

There will be an Evangelization Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm in the Christ the King Rectory.

Thank you!

The 4th and 5th grade classes of Christ the King Parish Religious Education Program would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated to their food drive benefitting Houtzdale's Community Action. They were able to bless them with 18 bags of non-perishable items!

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.

Upcoming Events

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Sunday, April 28

9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

Wednesday, May 1

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, May 2

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC; Rosary will be recited at 2pm)

Friday, May 3

6:30pm • Confession, Exposition (CTK; until 7:30pm)

Saturday, May 4

9am • First Communion Baking of Bread & Rehearsal (CTK; until 12pm)

5pm • First Communion Family Dinner

Monthly Confessions & Exposition

First Friday of the Month • 6:30pm until 7:30pm

As an ongoing practice at Christ the King Parish, Father Johnathan will offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions each First Friday of the month beginning at 6:30pm at Christ the King Church. This is a monthly opportunity to take some time with God and experience His mercy, especially for those who cannot come to Saturday confessions at 3pm. Please take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Johnathan is also available by appointment to share God's mercy if needed.

Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Thursday, May 2 • 2pm

The Altar Rosary Society would like to invite everyone to recite the Rosary with them on Thursday, May 2 at 2pm at Immaculate Conception Church. The Altar Rosary Society meeting will immediately follow in the Immaculate Conception Church basement.

Stewardship						
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.						
Sunday & Holy Days						
Actual 04/14/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)		
\$5,294	\$117,061		\$130,935	(10.6%)		
Count of envelopes: 152/529			Weekly Budgeted Offe	rtory: \$6,235		
Catholic Services Appeal 2024						
Actual 04/14/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)		
\$3,320	\$32,984		\$72,000	(54.2%)		
Total Pledges: 117/529			Total Pledged: \$42,968.60			



Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month

National CyberTipline: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline is the nation's centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking (includes prostitution), child sextortion and unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child. Misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet can also be reported to the CyberTipline. All tips are reviewed to find a potential location for the reported incident. It is then made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24/7 online at www.cybertipline.org or by calling (800) 843-5678.

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