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Christ the King Parish



Christ the King Church

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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 Parish Office phone..... 814-378-7653

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)

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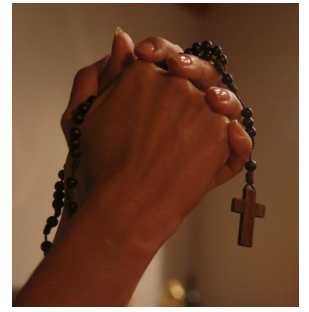
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Prayer Chain

Christ the King Parish 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: *Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, 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, Linda Nolder, Clara Tubo, Tim Stine, Michael Moskel, Joan Manos, Cory Shawver*



Parenting Pointers

Younger teens often struggle with their identity and wonder about things like what will maturing into a young man or woman be like. Around the time of puberty, as they recognize the changes in themselves, reassure them that we unconditionally place our “seal of approval” upon them as our child.

Marriage Moments

A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are having a discussion about a disagreement.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 18 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday, August 22

6:30pm • Festival Planning Meeting (CTK)

Friday, August 23

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 19

8:30am • Shirley Matier by Janet & Floyd Hauth (IC)

Tuesday, August 20

8:30am • Michael Biancuzzo by Robbie Ball (CTK)

Wednesday, August 21

8:30am • Eddie George by Peggy Slifko (CTK)

Thursday, August 22

8:30am • Regina Rackovan O’Neil by Rose (Rackovan) Rafacz (CTK)

Friday, August 23

8:30am • Jim Callovini by wife Nancy, Jamie, Danielle, & Craig (CTK)

Saturday, August 24

4pm • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sunday, August 25

8:30am • Raymond Burns by Michael & Linda Burns (IC)

10am • Stephen & Helen Hansel by Elaine Donley (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Jim Callovini requested by wife Nancy, Jamie, Danielle, & Craig.



A Family Perspective

In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks of his flesh and blood as life-giving. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel the physical demands of family life; yet children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

Religious Education

Sunday, September 15 • 11am until 12:15pm

The 2024-2025 Religious Education school year will begin on Sunday, September 15. Students in grades K-12 should report to Christ the King Parish Center at 11am, class will end at approximately 12:15pm. Any children not previously enrolled, including those entering kindergarten this year, will need to complete registration. Forms to register can be found on our parish website or by calling/emailing our Religious Ed. Director Cassandra Kitko at 814-590-0325/ c.kitko@ctk-ic.org.

Additionally, we are in need of teachers for our 6-8 grade Edge program as well as 5th grade. If you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to volunteer, please reach out to Cassandra Kitko at the information listed above.

Evangelization Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 19 • 6:30pm

There will be an Evangelization Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm in Christ the King Rectory.

A Time To Heal: Beyond Survival

Thursdays beginning August 15 • ELM Pregnancy Resource Center, Tyrone

Thursday evenings, beginning August 15, from 5-7pm, A Time to Heal: Beyond Survival group will start. This is an 8-week class for women who have experienced trauma (abuse, rape, trafficking, grief loss, traumatic changes in life, etc.). To reserve a spot, or for more information, please contact Heather at 814-201-2096.

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

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.

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.

Christ the King Parish Registration

Please fill out this portion and return to the office if you are not a current member of Christ the King Parish and would like to join, or if you would like to update your information.

Name (plus list of family members living in same household) _____

Mailing address _____

Primary phone number (accepts texts Y/N) _____

Secondary phone number (accepts texts Y/N) _____

Email address _____

Missionary Weekend

Saturday, August 31 & Sunday, September 1

Christ the King Parish will host a missionary from The Apostolic Life Community of Priests based in Tanzania. This Community of Priests educates children from pre-K through high school, runs rural health centers, and provides pastoral support and religious education. They are currently helping to fund 77 young seminarians attending Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. The Community responds to the call of Christ and the mission of the Apostle; "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit," (Mt. 28:19-20). Any donation, big or small, will be helpful in supporting the formation of these young men. A second collection will be taken up for The Apostolic Life Community of Priests at all Masses the weekend of August 31 & September 1. Please be generous.

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 08/11/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,764	\$30,283		\$31,650	(4.3%)
Count of envelopes: 177			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 08/11/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$520	\$51,637		\$72,000	(28.3%)
Total Pledges: 153			Total Pledged: \$54,576.60	
National Needs: \$10				
<i>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</i>				

Collection for Church in Latin American

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin American and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, visit www.usccb.com/latin-america.

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.

The Chosen

Every Tuesday • 6pm

Showing and discussion of this well-talked-about TV series about the life of Jesus will occur in the Christ the King Parish Center. All are welcome.

Knights "Fore" Kids

Saturday, September 28 • 1pm

The Knights of Columbus Council #10376 Our Lady of the Valley is asking for your support in their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the Park Hills Golf Club in Altoona on Saturday, September 28 beginning at 1pm. Their goal this year is to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and helping to grant a wish for a child. Please consider supporting them in this event by sponsoring holes, donating door prizes, or entering a 4-person team by calling Jim Greslick at 814-553-6652 or grizz5152311@comcast.net. Tournament information and team applications can be found in the back of Christ the King Church.

21 Club Winners

Week #14

- Kimberly Stiles (John Mahute) \$100
- Robert Yebernetsky (Robert Y.) \$50
- Cindy Vasquez (Ray Graham) \$25

Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 25

9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

Saturday, August 31; Sunday, September 1

All Masses • Missionary Weekend

Monday, September 2

Labor Day • Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, September 5

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, September 6

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

6:30pm • Festival Prep (CTK)

Saturday, September 7

10am • Festival Setup (CTK)

Sunday, September 8

8am • Festival Setup (CTK)

11am • Patriot Day Festival (CTK; until 5pm)

Tuesday, September 10

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Wednesday, September 11

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)



Patriot Day Festival Donations Needed

Donation boxes are located in the back of Christ the King Church to collect donations for our upcoming Patriot Day Festival, on Sunday, September 8. Last year's festival was a success because of everyone's generous contributions, and we can't do it without you! For this year's festival, we're asking for:

- **Basket Raffle:** premade baskets, newly purchased items, gift cards to local businesses, admission tickets to area attractions, etc.—WE WILL NOT ACCEPT any used, dirty, or opened items; anything of the sort will be discarded
- **Dime Pitch:** cups, mugs, plates, pitchers, dishware all in good condition
- **Cake Wheel:** whole cakes or pies; cupcakes & cookies by the dozen; pan of brownies, fudge, sweet rolls, etc. All baked goods should be dropped off the weekend of the festival; more information for drop-off times to follow.
- **Kids Booth:** all newly purchased items such as bubbles, sidewalk chalk, crayons, fidget toys, stuffed animals, etc.
⇒ Or purchase items directly from our Amazon Custom Wishlist by going to Amazon.com; under the drop-down for "sign-in, accounts & lists" click *Find a List or Registry*, type in *Ali Jacoby*, choose *Gift List* in the "search by" drop down menu, and click search, our list is called **CTK Festival Donations**; or go to <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2YI89587GTOT1>. Each item purchased from the list will be sent directly to the booth leader.

Patriot Day Festival Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the success of our festival; and with an event this large, we need all hands on deck. We invite the whole family, young and old, to participate at the festival at any of our booths or where needed even if you can only commit to a few hours. Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found on the table in the back of the church or you can scan this QR code or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9AE22A5FCCF8-50554183-patriot> to sign up online! It's quick and easy. When prompted, just add your name and phone number—your phone number will only be seen by the booth leader, it will not be posted publicly.



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.

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