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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

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

Office email office@ctk-ic.org

Marriages

Contact the office at least 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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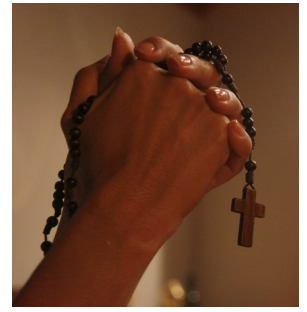
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Prayer Chain

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: *Sherry (Murawski) Gehring, David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherry 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, Ed Holden, Jr.*



Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Child Protection Policies

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 8 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 9

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, September 10

6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, September 11

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

Friday, September 13

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 9

8:30am • Roger Witherow by Wife (IC)

Tuesday, September 10

8:30am • Joseph & Susan Jacobs by Rose (Rackovan) Rafacz (CTK)

Wednesday, September 11

8:30am • Michael Biancuzzo by Mom, Jamie, Gabrielle, & Lexi (CTK)

Thursday, September 12

8:30am • Eddie George by Emily, Carrie, & David George (CTK)

Friday, September 13

8:30am • Roger Witherow by wife Mary Beth (CTK)

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15

8:30am • Mary Mital by Pat & Bernie Ropchock (IC)

10am • George Pallo by Peggy Slifko (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Frank Horomanski & Carl Lutz requested by their families.



A Family Perspective

Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

The Common Good

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Common Good**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

The Common Good is “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”¹ Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency.

Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, to the larger society, and to the earth.²

In short, we should seek “to build that kind of society where it is easier for people to be good.”³

In the midst of a “throwaway world” in which some members of the human family “can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence,” Pope Francis urges us to build a “culture of encounter” in which those most in need receive our greatest concern and attention. We must “place at the center of all political, social and economic activity the human person, who enjoys the highest dignity, and respect for the common good.”⁴

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As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan, who was neighbor to all, we pursue the Common Good in order that every individual and all people can flourish.⁵

- Marriage and the family are the central institutions of social life – the primary

school of virtue, where we first experience common rather than merely individual goods – and so these institutions should be supported and strengthened.

- Likewise, as one human family dwelling in our common home, we must hear “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” and respond to climate change with actions to better protect creation for our brothers and sisters now and in generations to come.⁶
- Accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father, and as our common home includes accepting our bodies as God’s gift, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation.⁷
- We recognize and protect the right to religious liberty, our first and most cherished freedom. The protection of conscience and religious liberty is an indispensable element of the common good – a fundamental human right that knows no geographical boundaries.⁸
- While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve special concern, which the Church describes as the *preferential option for the poor*.⁹ Laws and policies must prioritize those who struggle to make ends meet and must preserve the social safety net and promote decent jobs, affordable housing, and childcare.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*): “To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.” We must be attentive to the

common good “juridically, civilly, politically and culturally” in the life of society. “The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors,” he writes, “the more effectively we love them.”¹⁰

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 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1906, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

2 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 49, 51.

3 Peter Maurin, as quoted by Dorothy Day. See *All the Way to Heaven: The Selected Letters of Dorothy Day* (New York: Random House, 2010), 457.

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), nos. 18 and 232.

5 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 66.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, nos. 58 and 60.

7 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 155.

8 St. Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis Humanae* (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*), no. 6; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1907, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

9 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no 53.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 7.

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

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.

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.



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.

Parenting Pointers

If your kids are of school age, September can be a hectic time. Some folk are naturally organized. Others need the help of a daily/weekly calendar, a check list, a bedtime review, etc. Ask your child what might help them even if it's you getting out of the way.

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.

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 _____

Staying Safe Online

Mail Display Name Spoofing

It's a sneaky trick used by cybercriminals: Mail display name spoofing makes an email look like it's from someone you know or trust. Perpetrators change the name that appears in the "From" field of the email, but the actual email address is different. For example, an email may look like it's from your boss, but the email address is not your boss's real address. This tactic is often used in phishing attacks to trick people into sharing sensitive information or clicking on malicious links. Stay alert and always double-check the email address to keep your information safe! If you get an email asking you for money or gift cards, or if you get an email asking you to click on links or log into an account, double check the email address, not just the name. Display name spoofing is especially effective on mobile devices where you might only see the display name and not the full email address. The screen size on a mobile device is smaller than on a laptop or desktop. As a result, the amount of information that can be displayed is far less — and mail clients on mobile devices are adapted for this. Most, if not all, mail clients on mobile devices don't display the sender's email address, and instead show only the display name. This is a major advantage to attackers. Don't trust the name. Always verify the email address. Or, better yet, call the person to verify the legitimacy of an email.

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.

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.

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 09/01/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,113	\$44,753		\$47,475	(5.7%)
Count of envelopes: 145			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 09/01/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$1,113	\$53,060		\$72,000	(26.3%)
Total Pledges: 156			Total Pledged: \$55,346.50	
Mission Appeal: \$1512				
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.				

Catholic Education Collection

Next weekend is the 2024 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our may children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support!

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.

21 Club Winners

Week #16

- Don Wojotowich (Tom Fulare) \$100
- Dakota & Hunter Laskowsky (Elaine M.). \$50
- Hudson Pace (John Mahute)..... \$25

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 15

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

Monday, September 16

- 6:30pm** • Cemetery Committee Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, September 19

- 6:30pm** • Evangelization Committee Meeting (CTK)

Friday, September 20

- 9am** • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Saturday, September 21

- 12pm** • Practice & Retreat for RCIA Candidates (CTK)

Sunday, September 22

- 10am Mass** • RCIA (CTK)
- 11am** • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Friday, September 27

- 9am** • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Sunday, September 29

- 9am** • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC Basement)
- 11am** • Religious Ed. (CTK; until 12:15pm)

Marriage Moments

All those '*and they lived happily ever after*' fairy tale endings need to be changed to '*and they began the very hard work of making their marriage happy*'. (Linda Miles, *The New Marriage*) Are there any fairy tale dreams I'm still holding that block my ability to love my spouse for better or for worse?

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.

Apply now!

There are currently two vacant seats on Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate to join, please send a nomination to Father Johnathan. This will be a 3-year term, council meets the first Monday of every month except July and December. Call the rectory for more information.

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.



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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