

# 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 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

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**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

**Phone** ..... 814-378-7653

**Email**..... office@ctk-ic.org

**Website** ..... www.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)

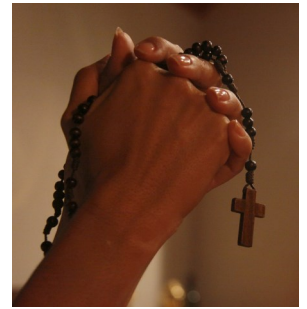


**Bulletin Announcements**

Please submit all bulletin announcements in writing to office@ctk-ic.org at least two weeks prior to the anticipated date.

# 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, David Collins, 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, Ed Holden, Jr., Judy Reese*



# Parenting Pointers

Oct. 24 was United Nations Day. The U.N. recognizes 193 nations. It commemorates humankind's efforts to live peaceably together. Not easy for a family or our planet. Do you know what the newest country is? Try Googling it.

# Marriage Moments

As Halloween approaches is there anything that scares you about your beloved? Getting sick? Getting old? Getting bored with each other? Talk about any fears and face them together.

## Weekly Schedule

### **Sunday, October 27 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

### **Tuesday, October 29**

- 6pm** • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)

### **Friday, November 1 • Holy Day of Obligation**

- 8:30am** • Mass for All Saints Day (IC)
- 6pm** • Mass for All Saints Day (CTK)
- 7pm** • Exposition, Confession (CTK; until 8pm)

### **Saturday, November 2**

- 8:30am** • Mass for All Souls Day (CTK)
- 3pm** • Confession (CTK)
- 4pm** • Mass (CTK)

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, October 28**

- 8:30am** • Bud Hollis by Gerald Hollis (IC)

### **Tuesday, October 29**

- 8:30am** • Anna Mae Nevling by sister Christine (CTK)

### **Wednesday, October 30**

- 8:30am** • Joseph & Jeanette Gavlak by Carol & Larry Koskie (CTK)

### **Thursday, October 31**

- 8:30am** • Nadine Selensky by Family & Friends (CTK)

### **Friday, November 1 • All Saints Day**

- 8:30am** • Holy Souls (CTK)
- 6:30pm** • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

### **Saturday, November 2 • All Souls Day**

- 8am** • Commemorative Memorial Service for All Souls Day (CTK)
- 4pm** • Bernie & Jean Kawa by daughter Elaine (CTK)

### **Sunday, November 3 • Daylight Saving Time Ends**

- 8:30am** • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)
- 10am** • Ann Richtscheit by Joann, Trace, Koby, Wyatt, Jameson (CTK)

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week for prayers of healing & recovery of Sherri & Laurie requested by mom.



## A Family Perspective

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Pure and simple, that is prayer.



August 28, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On November 5, we will have another opportunity to practice good citizenship and fulfill a sacred duty by going to the polls to cast our votes.

We have been met with a great deal of tension and anxiety throughout the campaign season at both the national and local levels. I know sometimes Catholics wish their bishops would endorse candidates. But as your bishop, that is not my role.

Part of the role of the bishop is to be a teacher. In terms of the election, I am addressing that responsibility through this letter as well as through the guide we've prepared on this election microsite.

Very few candidates' views align perfectly with the Catholic Church. Our response, therefore, is to educate ourselves on key issues, making sure we are well-informed about what the church teaches regarding each.

The USCCB provides numerous documents and pastoral statements that present church teaching on various issues. These writings on everything from pro-life issues and health care to poverty, immigration and the environment not only detail the church's position, but also explain why it stands where it stands. More about these materials can be found here:

**<http://www.erieRCD.org/election.html>**.

The bishops of the United States have worked hard on these resources, but honestly, they are useless unless they are read, studied and comprehended. What we've done on our website is to offer a synopsis of church teaching on critical issues, as well as links to the full documents so you can study them as well.

The goal is to help you form your conscience, allowing yourself to be influenced by church teaching as you prepare to cast your vote.

As Americans, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in our government and to elect our leaders. We need to use that privilege well and with integrity.

I ask you to study the information on this election microsite and spend time in prayer before you cast your vote.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie



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# Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching\*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

## The Dignity of the Human Person



Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the “throwaway culture” identified by Pope Francis.

## The Common Good



The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions, and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect, and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God’s creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

## Subsidiarity



The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society’s larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

## Solidarity



We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism, and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized—unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression, and immigrants.

*\*Adapted from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.*

[www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org)

# Seeking Facilities Administrator

We are looking for a facilities administrator to schedule and be present at maintenance calls for all buildings and grounds. This position will be part-time. For more information, or if you're interested in applying, please contact Father Johnathan.

# K of C Spaghetti Dinner

**Wednesday, October 30 • 4:30pm**

The Knights of Columbus Council #2250 will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, October 30 from 4:30pm until 6:30pm at the Osceola Mills VFW. Cost is \$8.

Stewardship			
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.			
Sunday & Holy Days			
Actual 10/13/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,858	\$74,625	\$79,125	(5.7%)
Count of envelopes: 192		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024			
Actual 10/13/2024	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$1,607	\$56,344	\$72,000	(21.7%)
Total Pledges: 158		Total Pledged: \$56,887.20	
<b>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</b>			



# Fall Bazaar & Roast Beef Dinner

**Sunday, November 3 • Begins at 9:30am**

Join us for our annual Fall Bazaar & Roast Beef Dinner at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, November 3. The bazaar will open at 9:30am, will run until 2pm, and will include a basket raffle, nut roll & baked goods for sale, and a 50/50 raffle. The roast beef dinner will be served from 11am until 1pm and will include roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, wedding cabbage, roll, and a slice of homemade pie. The cost of the dinner is only \$14. Donations are needed for the basket raffle. Please either leave them in the back of Christ the King Church or drop them off at the rectory during office hours.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 3 • Daylight Saving Time Ends (Turn clocks back 1 hour)**

**9:30am • Fall Bazaar (IC)**

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

**Monday, November 4**

**6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)**

**Tuesday, November 5**

**6pm • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)**

**Wednesday, November 6**

**1pm • Red Cross Blood Drive (CTK; until 6pm)**

**6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)**

**Thursday, November 7**

**2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)**

**Friday, November 8**

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

**Saturday, November 9**

**6pm • Turkey Bingo (CTK; doors open 5pm)**

**Sunday, November 10**

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

**11am • Building & Grounds Meeting (CTK)**

**Tuesday, November 12**

**6pm • The Chosen Viewing (CTK)**

**6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)**

**Wednesday, November 13**

**6:30pm • CDA Memorial Mass (Holy Trinity, Ramey)**

**Thursday, November 14**

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

**Friday, November 15**

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

**Sunday, November 10**

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

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

## K of C Elimino

**Tuesday, December 31**

Knights of Columbus #10376 will host their Elimino Extravaganza at Christ the King Parish Center on December 31. Tickets are available for purchase by calling Jim Hawkins 814-672-5618 or Rob Yebernetsky 814-553-7413.

## Seeking Collection Counters

Christ the King Parish is still in need of volunteers to count the offertory collection. If you are a discrete and reliable person, or know someone who is, please contact Father Johnathan. With enough help, the intention is that you will only need to volunteer a few hours of your time one Sunday per month. Call the rectory for more information.

## RCIA Classes

We are looking to begin another RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) class. If you know of someone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Church and our beliefs, or have just been asking questions and would like to learn more, please contact Father Johnathan or Deacon Gene. If there is interest, a new class will begin in October.

## The Chosen

**Tuesday, October 29 • 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.

## Christ the King Cemetery Clean-up

**Month of October**

Please remove all flowers and decorations from your loved ones' graves in Christ the King cemeteries, which include St. Lawrence, Immaculate Conception (Madera), St. Barbara, Sacred Heart, St. Aloysius, and Old Janesville Cemetery, no later than November 1. Any decoration left at the grave after November 1 will be removed by Christ the King volunteers; decorations still in good condition will be held at Christ the King garage for a limited time and can be claimed by calling the rectory during business hours, decorations in poor condition will be disposed of—done at the crew's discretion. Wreaths and winter decorations can be placed at the grave after November 15. If you would like to help with this clean-up, please call the office.



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>.



## 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.

## Landscape Help Needed

Christ the King Church is looking for some volunteers to tend to the landscaping around the church, parish center, and rectory grounds. Currently, the hedges in front of the church need trimmed and the weeds need pulled from between the stone along the sidewalk. If you're able to take care of this in the immediate future, please call the rectory to give us a heads-up. Thank you!

## Respect Life Month

### *October is Respect Life Month*

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone." Read more at <https://www.respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection>

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need

## In Memoriam

We remember Lord, those who have died before us marked with the sign of the cross, especially **Lois McIntire**, sister of Joseph Dugan of Christ the King. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## Engagement Encounter

An **Engagement Encounter weekend** is scheduled for **January 17-19, 2025**, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit our website at <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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**

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