

JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE DESERT

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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Marriages: Contact the office at least 6 months prior to anticipated date.
Baptisms: Call rectory for appointment.
Anointing: Call if you have a desire for yourself or a loved one to receive the sacrament.

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.

1ST
SUNDAY OF
LENT
MARCH 9, 2025
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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: *Michael Burns, John Russell, Joann Bezilla, Chris Switala, Stephen Sypa, Clara Tubo, Tim Stine, Michael Moskel, Joan Manos, Cory Shawver, Ed Holden, Jr., Judy Reese, Dave Stodart, Bill Moyer, Jane Moskel, Audrey (Yarger) Gardner, Donna Kasubick, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Jeff Peachman, James Ertner, Tina Shad-duck, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich, Sherri Thompson, Sue Portugal, Cecilia Demchak, Anonymous, Jared Gmerek*

Parenting Pointers

Although we should respond to those in need all year round, Lent can be a time when parents teach their children about the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy. The first two are to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty. Of course, as parents you do this for your family every day, but what about eating more simply during Lent?

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins

11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (CTK)

Monday, March 10

5:30pm • Refreshments (CTK)

6:30pm • Mike Lucas, Cross Presentation (CTK)

Tuesday, March 11

CANCELLED • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, March 12

6:30pm • CDA Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, March 13

6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, March 14

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

4pm • Fish Fry (CTK)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10

8:30am • Helen Orlosky by Joe & Mary Ann Hockman (IC)

Tuesday, March 11

8:30am • John P. Mehallow by Tony & Kathy Grace (CTK)

Wednesday, March 12

8:30am • Jennifer Kokoskie by Tony, Natalie, & Adam (CTK)

Thursday, March 13

8:30am • Kay Grattan by Karen & Chris (CTK)

Friday, March 14

8:30am • Betty Morroni by Barb & Jack Archer (CTK)

7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Saturday, March 15

4pm • Leonard & Josephine Kasubick by Jim & Donna (CTK)

Sunday, March 16

8:30am • William Shannon by Family (IC)

10am • People of the Parish by Pastor (CTK)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in

Marriage Moments

With our country and world amuck in political disharmony, what have you learned through working through marital differences or squabbles about making peace? How might you share this insight



A Family Perspective

We may often feel like the Prodigal Son, but the gospel encourages us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

The Cross as a Christian Symbol

by Mike Lucas: Local Artist & Historian

Monday, March 10

Presentation at 6:30pm, Refreshments at 5:30pm



As a way to enrich your Lenten experience, a lecture by Mike Lucas, local artist, will detail the significance, origin, and use of the cross as a symbol within early Christianity will take place in Christ the King Parish Center on Monday, March 10. With particular attention given to the changing perception of the cross after Constantine and Helena, this change will generally be described as a transformation from object of humiliation to victory. 18 stone carvings done by Mr. Lucas will be presented as visual aids to reinforce the lecture. This lecture aims to take an in depth look at the central symbol of Christianity in order to contemplate it anew and not take it for granted; to better understand the historical backdrop of early Christianity; to consider the brutality of the cross and compare that to the triumphant symbol it has become; and to remind ourselves of the diversity of the traditions within Catholicism as it relates to the shape of the cross.

Christ the King Parish Center
100 Brisbin St., Houtzdale

Fundraising Committee Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

21 Club October 2024- Cindy will report on net profit at the next meeting.

Turkey Bingo November 2024- Cindy will report net profit at next meeting.

Paddle Party- Saturday, March 8, 2025. Stuffed bear was donated, committee donating lottery tickets to be attached to bear and bear with tickets will be a prize for bingo at Paddle Party. So far 6 vendors have signed up. 50/50 will be sold. Set up Friday night at 6 pm, Saturday morning at 9 am. Kathy has taken flyer to the ambulance building and advertising secured. Donations coming in for prizes.

Big Cash Raffle-Need a special permit, Cindy will be securing a permit. Tickets will be sold online and in person. Tickets will be \$100 with a top prize of \$10,000 and 5 prizes of \$500 each. Tickets can be purchased by an individual or a group of up to 10 people. There will be 250 tickets available for sale, and prizes will be drawn at Patriot Day Festival.

Lenten Fish Dinner-Dinners will be held **Friday, March 14, 2025, and Friday, March 28, 2025**, dinner served from 4-6:30 or until sold out, 175 meals will be prepared, 75 baked fish and 100 fried fish. Menu: Baked or fried fish, a rotation of macaroni and cheese, French fries, or halushki, stewed tomatoes, green beans, roll, dessert and drink. Meals will be eat in or take-out and cost \$14.

Ham Bingo-We will host a Ham Bingo on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, doors open at 5 pm. \$8 entry, all must have a paid entry. 20 regular games with a prize of \$30 Leyo's gift card and specials will be sold. Menu will include sloppy joe's, hot dogs, French fries, snack bags, candy bars ad pie. There will also be a lottery animal raffle. Donation of a nonperishable item for the food bank will be eligible for special drawing. Kathy will do advertising for Bingo, ad will be placed in Journal and on Facebook.

21 Club-Next Dinner will be **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. Schedule change is: Dinner will be served 3 pm-6 pm, bar open at 6:30 pm, Moore Brothers 7 pm-10 pm. Michelle reported 1105 tickets have been sold. Meal will be determined at a later date.

Patriot Day Festival-Sunday, September 7, 2025, Michelle will be scheduling Moore Brothers for either 1-3 or 2-4 pm. Monthly meetings will start in June. Big Cash Raffle prize drawn at Festival.

Parish Apparel Sale Fundraiser-Tina reported she is working with Steven on multicolor items she'll report more at next meeting.

Next Fundraising Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
March 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



The celebrated jubilee theme for March is, "Journey of Renewal: An expression of faith." Consider using the season of Lent to find ways to rejuvenate your relationship with Christ.

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

A few months ago Pope Francis opened the door to our Jubilee Journey of Hope, offering us a chance to evaluate our relationship with God, reflect, renounce and renew our hearts to align with the heart of Christ. Now, as Lent begins, ask yourself: Are you where you need to be regarding your relationship with God? Are you comfortable and at peace with yourself and God? If you are, continue to persevere, never stop growing, never stop seeking and never stop loving the God who loves you in ways that words cannot describe.

***If you're struggling, use the season of Lent as a second chance to renew your relationship with God.** Lent is a time for focusing on what matters, allowing the death and rising of Jesus to become central in our lives, waiting for God in prayer and turning our minds and hearts to these things individually and as a community. The challenge for us is to make space in the busyness and routine of our daily lives for reflection and a permanent renewal of the hope that Jesus gives us every day. May the Peace of Christ be with you always.*

Deacon Paul Barko
Diocesan Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement



A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."

According to the Scriptures Psalms 51:12



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD



24 Hours for the Lord aims to restore the sacrament of reconciliation as a central element in the pastoral life of the church. Many parishes will be offering extra accessibility to confession on March 28-29.

ACT OF CONTRITION:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS

Key dates:

- March 8-9 - [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)
- March 28 - [24 Hours for the Lord](#)
- March 28-30 - [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

Jubilee vocab: Vatican - The place in Rome where the pope lives and works.



Hey kids! Get ready to celebrate the [Jubilee for the Missionaries of Mercy](#) in a fun and meaningful way—with a **Mercy Jar!** Here's how it works:

Every day in March, think of one kind act of mercy you can do—big or small—and write it on a strip of paper. Drop it into your **Mercy Jar** (or any fun container). Acts of mercy can be things like **sharing a toy, helping with chores, forgiving a friend or making someone smile**. As your jar fills up, you'll see how **small acts of kindness add up to something amazing!** By the end of the month, your jar will be overflowing with love and goodness. Let's spread kindness together—one act of mercy at a time! Luce is on this journey with you, filling her Mercy Jar and discovering the power of small acts of love. Let's see how much mercy we can share together!



St. Katherine Drexel is the patron saint of philanthropists and devoted her life and sizeable inheritance to charitable works.

Photo/Jim Davis, Florida Catholic

FAITHFUL FACTS!

Rome's pedestrian-friendly makeover for the Jubilee Year led to an exciting find—[archaeologists uncovered ancient walls](#) believed to have protected the Patriarchio, a monumental basilica envisaged by Emperor Constantine in the fourth century.

LIVING THE MISSION

What can you give up for penance during the Jubilee Year? Consider small sacrifices or habits that bring you closer to spiritual growth. How can you inspire others to stay committed to their Lenten journey and remain focused on their faith this year?



21 Club

The 21 Club is one of Christ the King's oldest and most successful fundraisers. Ticket holders have 20 weekly opportunities to win \$100, \$50, or \$25 and at our appreciation party for the 21st week. The party is quickly approaching and will be held on Saturday, April 26. The party will include dinner, drinks, live entertainment provided by The Moore Brothers, as well as various opportunities to win on small games of chance, and our grand prize drawing where you could win up to \$2,000—need not be present to win the grand prize. All ticket holders are eligible to win! If you would like to purchase a 21 Club ticket for just \$21, call the office during business hours or contact one of our many sellers. This party only happens twice a year. **Additional sellers are needed**; if you're interested in becoming a seller, call the office for more information. **Volunteers are needed** to help set up the evening before and to work the day of. This is a great opportunity for students in need of service hours. Please use the sign up sheets in the back of the church or contact the office to add your name.

21 Club Winners Week #16

Marty Wood (John Mahute).....	\$100
Sara Zakutney (Alvin Gmerek).....	\$50
Judy Hubler (Michelle Stine).....	\$25

1:38 Women's Conference

April 5, 2025

Be a part of it! The name 1:38 Women is based on the scripture verse, Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The conference will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 8am until 1pm, and the women of our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie.
2. **Live-streamed to Christ the King, a hosting parish.**
3. Live-streamed directly to your home.

The morning program, features two national speakers. If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The conference is just \$25. For more information, or to register, visit www.1:38women.com or call 814-455-7364.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can

CSA 2025

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge 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 93% of our goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked "CSA" in the collection basket or turn it in at your parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over

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



Online Giving

You can now donate to the Weekly Offertory, the 2025 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.

Lenten Bible Study

Every Thursday in Lent

Join Father Johnathan and other clergy to review the Sunday Scripture during Lent. Many have requested a parish-wide bible study and this is your opportunity to dig deeper into your own reflections during Lent by having a more detailed discussion of the Sunday reading. Please come and expand your knowledge of scripture. The Bible Study will meet every Thursday evening during Lent, beginning March 6, at 6:30pm at Christ the King Parish Center.

CDA Meeting

Wednesday, March 12 • 6:30pm

The Catholic Daughters Court St. Victoria will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30pm at Christ the King Parish Center. We will have out Lifeline Baby Shower. All members are reminded to bring a baby item(s) to donate. Any-

CDA Scholarship

Court St. Victoria #646 will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to seniors entering a college or professional/trade school in the fall. Applications are in the

K of C Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available in the back of the church. Forms need

4th Grade Food Drive

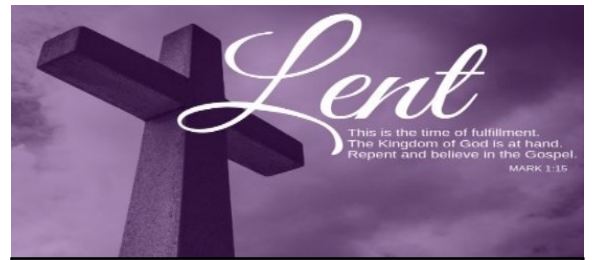
Our 4th grade religious education class is taking part in their Spring food drive benefiting Houtzdale's Community Action. The top 3 items they're most in need of are hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, and canned soups. Other items to consider are ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce (spaghetti noodles are not needed at this time), condiments, and salt and pepper; toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and soap are also accepted and very appreciated. There will be a colorful, decorated box in the back of Christ the King Church to collect your items. Donations will be accepted until

The Chosen

Tuesday, March 11: CANCELLED

The showing of *The Chosen* will be cancelled on Tuesday, March 11. It will resume once again on Tuesday, March 18 at 6pm. All are welcome. Viewings are every Tuesday evening at 6pm.

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>.



2025 Lenten Services

Tuesdays at 7pm

March 4 – Faith United Lutheran Church
Speaker – Pastor Dale Stoops

March 11 – Houtzdale United Methodist
Speaker – Pastor Ron Korzeniowski

March 18 – Brisbin Baptist Church
Speaker – CLP Bill Conway

March 25 – Christ the King
Speaker – Fr. Bill Ellis

April 1 – Parsonville Assembly of God
Speaker – Fr. Johnathan Schmolt

April 8 – Brisbin First Church of God
Speaker – Pastor Bob Ford

April 18 – Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Good Friday Service – 12 Noon
Speaker – Pastor Jaime Olson

Sanctuary Lamp

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church to burn in memory or in honor of someone, please call the rectory to schedule a

Osceola Mills Food Bank

The Osceola Mills Food Bank is accepting donations of canned fruit, canned goods, toiletries, and nonperishable food items. Donations can be left in the box in the back of Immaculate Conception



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 16

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 11am • Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (CTK)

Tuesday, March 18

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

- 6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, March 21

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)
- 7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

Sunday, March 23

- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)
- 1pm • Confirmation (St. Francis, Clearfield)

Wednesday, March 25

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)
- 7pm • Ministerium Lenten Service (CTK)

Thursday, March 27

- 6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, March 28

- 9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)
- 4pm • Fish Fry (CTK)
- 7pm • Stations of the Cross (IC)

Sunday, March 30

- 9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)
- 11am • Religious Ed. Class (CTK)

Tuesday, April 1

- 6pm • *The Chosen* Viewing (CTK)

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, April 3

- 2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)
- 6:30pm • Lenten Bible Study (CTK)

Friday, April 4

- 6:30pm • Confession, Adoration (CTK)
- 7pm • Stations of the Cross (CTK)

Saturday, April 5

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 02/23/2025	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$5,506	\$182,097*	\$184,625	(1.4%)
Count of envelopes: 195		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2025			
Actual 02/23/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$4,100	\$4,520	\$72,000	(93.7%)
Total Pledges: 34		Total Pledged: 6,220.00	
*Actual YTD for week of 1/19/2025 of \$5,852 was not posted; actual total updated			
Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.			

Confirmation Practice

Sunday, March 16

Confirmation practice will be on Sunday, March 16 at St. Francis Church in Clearfield following the 9:45am Mass. Confirmandi should attend Mass at St. Francis and stay for practice immediately following. Confirmation will be on

CRS Rice Bowl

During this holy time, we are guided by the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Take time to pray for your neighbors who are served by the Brookville Area Food Pantry, the Clearfield Food Bank, the Curwensville Food Pantry, the Houtzdale Food Pantry, the Osceola Mills Community Food Bank, the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry, and Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish Food Pantry, local recipients of CRS Rice Bowl contributions. Pray for the staff, volunteers, and benefactors who serve and reflect on how the Eu-



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