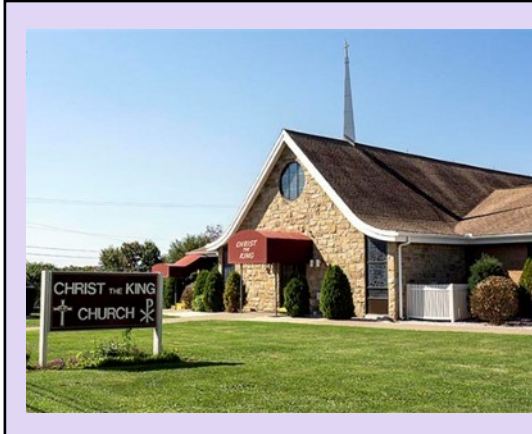


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Christ the King Parish



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

Christ the King Phone 814-378-7653

Immaculate Conception Phone 814-339-7321

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)

EASTER

SUNDAY

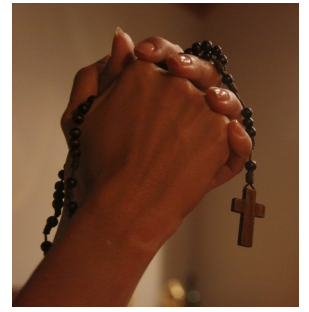
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In order to stay up-to-date on everything happening at Christ the King Parish, visit our website at <http://ctk-ic.org> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ctkic>.

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



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of George Rosenberg by wife Gen.

Flowers

Flowers at the Blessed Mother Statue at Christ the King Church this weekend are in memory of family by Les & Cindi Jarrett, the Simlers, Chap, Mary Ann, and James & Jennifer.

Parenting Pointers

On Good Friday we remember that Christ died for us. As parents we give our lives daily for our children. Overlook one fault of your child today. (You can catch up later.)

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 31 • Easter Sunday

No Religious Ed. Class

Monday, April 1

Office Closed

No Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, April 4

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, April 5

First Friday Communion Calls

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1

8:30am • Deceased Members of Lieb & Warner Families by Tina & Clem Warner (IC)

Tuesday, April 2

8:30am • Rose Weierick by Barb & Jack Archer (CTK)

Wednesday, April 3

8:30am • Christine Yebernetsky Dorman by Cindy Slifko (CTK)

Thursday, April 4

8:30am • Sophie Gmerek by daughter Gertie (CTK)

Friday, April 5

8:30am • Holy Souls (CTK)

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

Saturday, April 6

4pm • George Rosenberg by wife Gen (CTK)

Sunday, April 7

8:30am • People of the Parish by Pastor (IC)

10am • Valent Cervenak by Joe & Family (CTK)

3pm • Divine Mercy Service (CTK)

Marriage Moments

This year, Easter is Sunday March 31 and April Fools' Day is Monday, April 1. What an odd conjunction of days. One is holy and joyous; the other is fun and silly. May Easter also renew your love despite silly ways you may have hurt your beloved, and may April Fools' Day be full of holy laughter.



A Family Perspective

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles, we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

| Actual 03/24/2024 | Actual Total Fiscal YTD | Budgeted Fiscal YTD | Percentage Over (Under) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$4,656 | \$97,751 | \$112,230 | (12.9%) |
| Count of envelopes: 169/529 | | Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$6,235 | |
| <i>Catholic Services Appeal 2024</i> | | | |
| Actual 03/24/2024 | Actual Total to Date | Parish Goal | Percentage Over (Under) |
| \$225 | \$28,179 | \$72,000 | (60.9%) |
| Total Pledges: 109/529 | | Total Pledged: \$39,609.25 | |

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, April 17 • 4:30pm

The Knights of Columbus Council #2250 will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:30pm until 6:30pm at the Osceola Mills VFW. Cost is \$8; eat-in or take-out.

Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Thursday, April 4 • 2pm

There will be an Altar Rosary Society Meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 2pm in the Immaculate Conception Church basement.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 _____

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Christ the King has risen from the dead! He has conquered sin and death and is alive to us all!

The resurrection of Jesus is the most important day in our Church calendar and the most significant event in human history. Our faith is rooted in the factual reality of this singular event. Jesus, under his own power, came back from the dead. He is in his resurrected state as he currently exists in heaven. The catechism says the following:

Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairas' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus. ... Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space. At Jesus' Resurrection his body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit: he shares the divine life in his glorious state, so that St. Paul can say that Christ is "the man of heaven." ...Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, it still remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. (CCC 646-647)

So, on this celebration of the transcendence of the risen Savior of the World, Jesus, may your faith be strengthened to know he is present to you now in your heart through the Holy Spirit and physically at each mass in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Peace in the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ,
Rev. Johnathan Schmolt
Pastor

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 31 • Easter Sunday

No Religious Ed. Class

Monday, April 1

Office Closed

No Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, April 4

2pm • Altar Rosary Society Meeting (IC)

Friday, April 5

First Friday Communion Calls

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

Sunday, April 7 • Divine Mercy Sunday

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

3pm • Divine Mercy Service (CTK; reception to follow)

Tuesday, April 9

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting

Scholarship Opportunities

CDA Scholarship

Court St. Victoria #646 will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors entering a college or professional/trade school in Fall 2024. Applications are due back no later than April 1, and can be found in the back of both Christ the King and Immaculate Conception Churches.

K of C Scholarship

Our Lady of the Valley council #10376 will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior entering a college or professional/trade school in Fall 2024. Applications are due back no later than April 12, and can be found in the back of Christ the King Church.

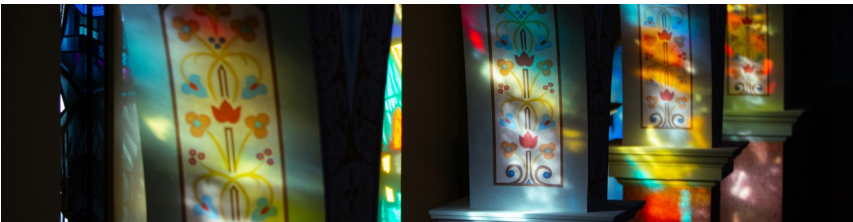
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

In preparation of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7, our Lord specifically asked that the Divine Mercy Chaplet be recited as a novena, especially on the 9 days before the Feast of Mercy. Jesus said, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796). Parishioners are encouraged to pray the novena at home, which begins on Good Friday. Each day, the novena starts with a prayer and then the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed. The novena is 9 days and ends on Saturday, April 6. Copies of the novena are in the back of the church.

4th Grade Food Drive

Donations accepted until April 7

Christ the King Parish's 4th grade religious education class is hosting a Spring Food Drive to benefit Houtzdale's Community Action. Items needed are salt & pepper, condiments, flour, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger/tuna helper, boxed potatoes, pasta sauce, and dry pasta. Items can be placed in the labeled brown box in the back of Christ the King Church. Donations will be accepted until April 7. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



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.

21 Club Party

The 21 Club Party is quickly approaching and will be held on Saturday, April 13. Letters have been mailed to all current ticket holders. 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 #20)

Paul Bibinski (John Mahute) \$100
Dale Keith (John Mahute) \$50
Kathy & Ed Hoover (John Mahute) \$25

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