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SUNDAY OF
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MAY 25, 2025

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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-Friday9am until 1pm

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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.

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: 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, Donna Kasubick, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Jeff Peachman, James Ertner, Pat Murray, Carmen Yarger, Mary Surkovich, Sherri Thompson, Sue Portugal, Cecilia Demchak, Anonymous, Jared Gmerek,

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Immaculate Conception burns in memory of Phyllis Warner requested by Tina and Clem Warner.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 25

Second Collection: International Needs

9:30am • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Thursday, May 29

Ascension Thursday, Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am • Mass (IC)

6pm • Mass (CTK)

Friday, May 30

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 26

8:30am • Tim Supenia by Rusty and Karen Hutton and family (IC)

Tuesday, May 27

8:30am • Linda Siane by Sister Peggy Slifko (CTK)

Wednesday, May 28

8:30am • Raymond Wulderk by Patsy and Harold Varner (CTK)

Ascension Thursday, May 29, Holy Day of Obligation

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

6:30 pm • George Pallo by Pete Siano (CTK)

Friday, May 30

8:30am • Very Reverend Gregory A. Kirsch by Elaine Murawski (CTK)

Saturday, May 31

4pm • Leonard and Madeline Robinson, all deceased family and poor souls by Cecilia, Lisa, John and family (CTK)

Sunday, June 1

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

10am • Edmond and Joanne George by Children and Grandchildren (CTK)

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.



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Mass will be held at **8:30 a.m.** at Immaculate Conception Parish and **6:30 p.m.** at Christ the King Parish May 29 for this Holy Day of Obligation.

To the Heights Retreat



Summer Retreat: June 19-21, 2025
in the mountains of the
Quehanna Wild Area
\$50 Registration (Deadline: June 9th)
totheheightserie@gmail.com



Fr. Ben Dagher



Ryan Sayers



Fr. Luke Dagher

To the Heights Retreat is a 2-night and 3-day Catholic men's retreat in the mountains of the Quehanna Wild Area. Participants must bring their own sleeping bag, tent or hammock (if desired). This retreat is for men who are 18-years-old or older and have graduated from high school or the equivalent. There will be talks on the spiritual life, Mass, adoration, and confession available. The cost is \$50 for the retreat, which includes a t-shirt, food and drinks and a Frassati medal. Main meals and drinks will be provided, however participants are encouraged to bring water bottles and extra snacks. Alcohol is prohibited. Hiking involves 7, 8 and 5 miles per day up and down steep mountains.

New Office Hours

Office Hours
Monday through Friday from
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

21 Club Winners

Week #1

Mauro Belella (Alvin Gmerek).....\$100
Nichole Kibler (Marie Fleming).....\$50
Tim Mahute (John Mahute).....\$25

Week #2

Elizabeth Ruggiero (John Mahute).....\$100
Patrick Daly (Elizabeth Lockett).....\$50
Dorothy Zupon (Elaine Murawski).....\$25

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.



Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed
May 26, 2025 in observance of
Memorial Day.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Registration is now open!

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 pm or Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at 3:00 pm. Celebrations include Mass with Bishop Persico followed by a light reception. To register for either event or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 24 for the Erie celebration, until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you.

Spring Scripture Study Series

Thursday, June 5 at 6:30pm

There will be a Spring Scripture Study Series at Christ the King Parish Center on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Meetings will be held through June 19. There will not be a meeting on Ascension Thursday, May 29. All are welcome.

Gift Card Email Scam Alert

The increasingly sophisticated email scam involving fake requests for gift cards is becoming more prevalent. These scams often appear to come from someone you know, like a manager or friend. So, if it sounds like a strange request, it probably is. Follow these rules to avoid being a victim.

- Call to verify the request and sender.
- Don't open gift cards from people you don't know, they could be a virus!
- Don't scratch the codes and email, text, or give them away over the phone.
- No company, government entity, bank, or business will ever ask you to pay with a gift card.

Open/Close Times for Churches

Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills

Sunday-Friday • 8am until noon

Christ the King, Houtzdale

Monday-Friday • 7:30am until 1:00pm

Saturday & Sunday • 7:30am until end of Mass

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 Church.

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 the parish secretary. 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

The viewing and discussion of this well-talked about TV series about the life of Jesus will resume in September.

Welcome, Pope Leo XIV!

The Catholic Church welcomes Pope Leo XIV, elected as the 267th pope and the new Bishop of Rome. As the Vicar of Christ, Pope Leo XIV steps into a sacred role rooted in over 2,000 years of apostolic succession.

Pope Leo XIV's choice of the name "Leo" carries significant historical and symbolic meaning within the Catholic Church. By selecting this name, he aligns himself with a lineage of popes known for their strength and leadership during pivotal moments in Church history.

The name "Leo" has been used by 13 previous popes, most notably Pope Leo I, also known as Leo the Great, who served from 440 to 461 AD. Pope Leo I is renowned for his theological contributions and for persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from his invasion of Italy, symbolizing courage and diplomatic skill. Another significant bearer of the name was Pope Leo XIII (1878–1903), who addressed the challenges of modernity and social justice through his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, laying the foundation for modern Catholic social teaching.

By adopting the name Leo XIV, the new pope signals a commitment to guiding the Catholic Church through contemporary challenges with wisdom and fortitude, drawing inspiration from his predecessors' legacies. This choice suggests an emphasis on strong leadership and a dedication to addressing the needs of the faithful in today's complex world.

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 2

6:30pm • Pastoral Council

Wednesday, June 4

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

Thursday, June 5

2pm Altar Rosary (IC)

6:30pm • Scripture Study Series (CTK)

Friday, June 6

6:30pm • Monthly Confessions and Exposition (CTK)

Thursday, June 12

6:30pm • Scripture Study Series (CTK)

Thursday, June 19

6:30pm • Scripture Study Series (CTK)

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Due to staff transition donation information is not available this week.

Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.

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.

WELCOME!

Help us welcome two new employees to our parish!



Pauline Raab

Our new Parish Secretary is **Pauline Raab**, who has been a part of the Parish Community for over 40 years. Pauline has, over the course of her career, managed office routines for a non-profit agency until her retirement. When Ali decided to resign her position, the thought of working part-time had been in her thoughts. She approached Fr. Johnathan and offered to help. Upon further discussions, she accepted the position that was available. Pauline graduated from St. Francis High School in Clearfield and from Villa Maria College, Erie, PA. She began her career teaching and through the years moved into administrative roles. She has stated that this is a new challenge and she is looking forward to working with everyone. Lending a hand to help someone is important to her and she is here to do that at Christ the King Parish. Please welcome her!

JoAnn Seltzer is our new Outreach Director. She has been involved in marketing and public relations for the past eight years. She is excited to share her skills and knowledge to the parish and to help spread the word about the amazing work being done at Christ the King Parish. In this new position, she will share information about the events taking place at our churches and also share information about our Catholic faith with the community. She hopes to help the parish to grow and to encourage parishioners to work together to make it a welcoming place for everyone.



JoAnn Seltzer

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 right corner that says "DONATE NOW" or scan the QR code with your mobile device.