

# 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 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

### **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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**Office email** ..... [office@ctk-ic.org](mailto: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)

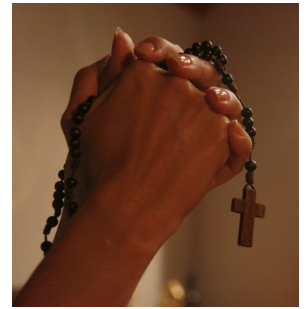
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In order to stay up-to-date on everything happening at Christ the King Parish, visit our website at <http://ctk-ic.org> or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ctkic>.

# Prayer Chain

Christ the King 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, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., 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*



# Parenting Pointers

August 1 is Earth Overshoot Day. If your children are old enough to understand this concept, ask each person in your family to take one environmental action this week to reduce their environmental footprint. At least model an action yourself.

# Marriage Moments

In these hot days of summer, how do you refresh each other? Sometimes it might be giving your honey a cool drink or time to nap. Sometimes it might be refraining from complaining. Or maybe it's just being quiet together.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday, July 28 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**9:30am** • Coffee, Donuts, 50/50 (IC)

**Tuesday, July 30**

**6pm** • The Chosen Watch Party (CTK)

**Wednesday, July 31**

**6:30pm** • Festival Planning Meeting (CTK)

**Thursday, August 1**

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

**Friday, August 2**

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

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, July 29**

**8:30am** • Charlie Mineweaser by Wife & Family (IC)

**Tuesday, July 30**

**8:30am** • Michael Biancuzzo by Susyn, Patrick, Sharyn, & Tim Grattan (CTK)

**Wednesday, July 31**

**8:30am** • Mary Zelensky by Tom & Jennifer Kolesar & Family (CTK)

**Thursday, August 1**

**8:30am** • Valent Cervenak by Joe & Family (CTK)

**Friday, August 2**

**8:30am** • Holy Souls (CTK)

**Saturday, August 3**

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

**Sunday, August 4**

**8:30am** • Roger Witherow by Grandchildren (IC)

**10am** • Florence Kost & Frances Hagan by Children (CTK)

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Clayton (Casey) Johnson requested by Family.

## A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simply live?



# Missionary Weekend

**Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11**

Christ the King Parish will host a missionary from The Apostolic Life Community of Priests based in Tanzania. This Community of Priests educates children from pre-K through high school, runs rural health centers, and provides pastoral support and religious education. They are currently helping to fund 77 young seminarians attending Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. The Community responds to the call of Christ and the mission of the Apostle; "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit," (Mt. 28:19-20). Any donation, big or small, will be helpful in supporting the formation of these young men. A second collection will be taken up for The Apostolic Life Community of Priests at all Masses the weekend of August 10 & 11. Please be generous.

Stewardship				
Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.				
Sunday & Holy Days				
Actual 07/21/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD		Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$3,945	\$13,931		\$15,825	(12.0%)
Count of envelopes: 158			Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,275	
Catholic Services Appeal 2024				
Actual 07/21/2024	Actual Total to Date		Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$120	\$48,209		\$72,000	(33.0%)
Total Pledges: 151			Total Pledged: \$52,199.15	
<b>National Needs: \$1,106.95</b>				
<i>Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.</i>				

# Substitute Secretary Needed

Ali is looking for a few people to keep on call to fill in on days that she will be unable to work; hours would be Monday through Thursday from 9am until 3pm. You will be paid for your time. Please call the rectory for more information.

# Register now for the 2024-2025 religious ed. school year!

If your child will be attending kindergarten in the upcoming school year, or will be joining us for the first time, you can now register them for our religious education program. The religious ed. school year is scheduled to run from mid-September to the end of April; classes are every Sunday from 11am until 12:15pm at Christ the King Parish Center. Enrollment is free! To obtain a registration form, go to our website [ctk-ic.org](http://ctk-ic.org), click on the tab Religious Education, and either email the form or return it in the collection basket at weekend Mass. For more information, contact Cassandra Kitko, our religious ed. coordinator, by emailing [c.kitko@ctk-ic.org](mailto:c.kitko@ctk-ic.org) or by calling the office during business hours.

# 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](mailto:grizz5152311@comcast.net). Tournament information and team applications can be found in the back of Christ the King Church.

# The Chosen

**Tuesday, July 30 • 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 on Tuesday, July 30 at 6pm and will run every Tuesday after.

# 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 or Jenny Leskovansky. 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.

# Winner, Winner!

## 21 Club Winners (Week #11)

- Josi Tekely (John Mahute) ..... \$100
- Gerald Bickle (Donna Glinsky)..... \$50
- Mary Ann Belin (John Mahute)..... \$25

## Lottery Calendar Winners (Week #3)

- #469 John & Silva Tarbay ..... \$100
- #076 Donna Kasubick..... \$100
- #885 Harper Colton ..... \$100
- #935 Russ & Barb Morroni..... \$100
- #875 Mauro Belella..... \$100
- #725 Judy Hair ..... \$200
- #066 Not Sold ..... \$200

# Pastoral Council Special Meeting Minutes

*Monday, July 22, 2024*

**Pastoral Council Members Present:** Father Johnathan Schmolt, Tina Stine, Mary Ann Hockman, Jim Rice, Ed Vancas, Floyd Hauth, and Jenny Leskovansky. **Absent:** Tim Slifko and Deacon Gene Miller.

**Call to order:** Father Johnathan Schmolt called meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**Opening Prayer:** Father Johnathan Schmolt opened the meeting with prayer.

**Opening Statement:** Jenny Leskovansky read the opening statement: "Good evening, welcome to the Special Pastoral Council Meeting regarding the Immaculate Conception of Madera Statue. A brief history of the issue prior to the meeting is that upon the closing and deconstruction of Immaculate Conception Church in Madera the statues of The Blessed Mother and Bernadette remained on the property.

"Approximately 1 year ago Pastoral Council and Building and Grounds committee were approached about the possibility of moving the statues. At that time and in subsequent meetings it was noted there were concerns regarding the isolation of the statues and potential for vandalism.

"Earlier this summer a plan was established, reviewed and agreed upon by Pastoral Council to proceed with transitioning the Statues to the Christ the King Parish Center grounds. Upon initiation of this move it came to light that previously alleged isolation and vandalism of the Statues was not occurring. At that time Father Johnathan Schmolt reached out to those responsible for the planned relocation and instructed them to cease the relocation.

"To better determine the best course of action relating to The Blessed Mother and Bernadette Statues, this meeting was called.

The goal of this meeting is to obtain opinions from our parish family regarding 1. The potential sale of Immaculate Conception of Madera Church Property and 2. The best way to respect the historical significance of Immaculate Conception in Madera and The Blessed Mother and Bernadette Statues with potential relocation.

"Please note we are a parish family and disrespectful comments will not be tolerated during the open comments period. Each person who wishes to speak will be granted 5 minutes to speak. Please be concise as we are unable to grant extra time in order to ensure all can present their opinions. Please be courteous to all speakers and refrain from comments or questions when others are speaking. Questions will be taken at the end of the comment period during the question-and-answer period."

**Emailed statements:** Jenny then reviewed two emails Father Johnathan has received from parishioners who were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

- Flora Smith sent an email to Father Johnathan noting she prefer the statues at IC Madera not to be moved, but if they must be moved she feels they should be moved to IC Cemetery in Madera.
- Carol Fundanish sent an email to Father Johnathan noting she prefer the statues at IC Madera were not moved, but if they must be moved, she feels they should be moved to IC Cemetery in Madera.

**Function of Pastoral Council:** Father Johnathan spoke to the group regarding the function of Pastoral Council, he explained that the role of Pastoral Council is to advise the Pastor regarding decisions related to the Parish. He further explained the ultimate decisions regarding the Parish are at his discretion and ultimately, he makes the final decisions. Father further explained that he has been approached about the potential to purchase or lease the property where the statues are located. While no firm details for a potential purchase or lease have been discussed Father did have the property assessed and reported that the assessment found a fair market value of \$22,000.

**Open floor for comments:** Jenny opened the floor to comments from those in attendance.

- Rob Yebernetsky spoke and noted he would like the statue moved to CTK Parish Center grounds in memory of deceased members and to sell the former IC property if the former IC members agree with a sale.
- Jim Rice spoke and noted he believes the statue should be brought to the CTK Parish Center grounds.
- Mary Ann Hockman spoke and noted she believes the statues should be moved to IC Cemetery.
- Joyce Greslick spoke and noted she believes the decision should be made by former IC members and would support moving it to IC Cemetery.

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- Kristi Twoey spoke and noted she believes the decision should be made by former IC members and would support moving it to IC Cemetery.
- Rick Kasubick spoke and noted he believes the statues should stay at the former IC Church property and the land should be leased to the potential lessee.
- Tina Stine spoke, she reported she has heard the potential purchaser would consider buying the land and leasing the area of the statues to the Parish and they would maintain the land.
- Virginia Kitko spoke and said her first choice is the statues stay at the current site but if they must be moved, they should be moved to IC Cemetery.
- Rod Kitko spoke and said his first choice is the statues stay at the current site but if they must be moved, they should be moved to IC Cemetery.
- Paul Kitko spoke and said his first choice is for the statues stay at the current site but if they must be moved, they should be moved to IC Cemetery.

**Q&A:** Comments period closed, Jenny instructed the group that the Question-and-Answer period is open to ask questions regarding the statues and suggestions.

- Theresa Spewock asked the size of the property, it was noted there are two parcels, one is 0.95 acres and the second is 0.38 acres, the assessment value of \$22,000 is for both parcels. It was further noted that the statues are on the 0.95-acre parcel. Theresa also inquired if there had been discussions with potential purchaser regarding if damage would occur to the statues related to property maintenance is the purchaser who would lease the land to the church willing to assume maintenance and repair of the statues? Father Johnathan noted discussion has not occurred as yet regarding matters such as these and any agreement entered into would include terms and conditions.
- Father Johnathan noted he has discussed with the potential purchaser the potential to lease a small portion of the land to the church in order to maintain the statues on the site and they are in agreement that this would be agreeable to them and parishioners accessing the statues would not be an issue.
- Tina Stine reported she has heard the potential purchaser would only require a 10 foot by 10 foot fenced in area to meet the needs they have for the site, the remainder of the ground would remain as is presently.
- Rod Kitko asked if there is a written proposal from the purchaser, would the Parish be willing to note a clause in the sale whereby the purchaser abandon the property the purchaser pays to move the statues to IC Cemetery.
- Father Johnathan suggested he would prefer we maintain ownership of the property and lease a small parcel of the land.
- Father Johnathan did note that should the Parish take the route of maintaining the statue at it's present site it is very likely that in 20 years the Parish may be facing the same situation as we are at present.
- Jim Rice spoke and said after the discussion he now feels the statue should remain at IC Church property site.
- Rusty Christoff spoke and suggested selling the property, and leasing the statue sites from the purchaser and place a plaque indicating historical significance of IC Church.
- Paul Kitko inquired of Father Johnathan if a mass could be said at the site if the statues stay at IC Church, Father Johnathan reported while Mass may not be an option, saying the Rosary would be suggested.
- Jenny Leskovansky asked if those who are in favor of keeping the statues on the former IC Church site would be comfortable with a lessee fencing off a 10 foot by 10-foot section of the land? It was agreed this should not be a deterrent to visiting the statues.
- Rusty Christoff suggested asking the potential purchaser and/or lessee to draw up a plan of what exactly they would plan for the site prior to a decision.
- Father Johnathan reported he is uncertain of the exact cost of moving the statues.
- Kristi Twoey reported she has done some online research and noted a potential cost of \$40,000.
- Paul Kitko reported he has spoken with a vendor and was informed there are concerns related to the crack on the wing and while it is possibly superficial there is the possibility of damage and he was given an informational bid of \$20,000-\$25,000 to for relocation of the statues.
- Father Johnathan noted that while the purchase price of the statue may have been around \$40,000 originally to purchase the same statues today would probably be more than \$100,000.
- Joseph Spewock spoke and noted that if the statues are not moved would we be facing this decision again in 20 years and if so, what would the group want done.
- Father Johnathan agreed we want a long-term solution not a short term fix.
- Virginia Kitko noted if you're going to move it in 20 years anyway move it now to IC Cemetery.
- Rod Kitko noted he agrees with moving it now to IC Cemetery and second choice is to leave at IC Church property.

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- Paul Kitko noted he agrees the statue would be in better shape to move now versus 20 years from now and his second choice would be to leave at IC Church property.
- Rob Yebernetsky stated he feels it should be left at IC Church property.
- George Pallo asked when this decision must be made, Father Johnathan noted it's not urgent but while there is an offer potentially being made for the land it would be beneficial to decide one way or another.
- Rusty Christoff asked that a monument company be contacted to come assess the statue and determine the best way to preserve it even if it stays at the IC Church site.
- Paul Kitko agreed and noted a monument company should be contacted to assess the statue and determine preservation and/or potential to move the statue.
- Jenny Leskovansky thanked all in attendance and reported the notes from this meeting will be reviewed at the next Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024.

No more questions being noted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Leskovansky  
Pastoral Council Secretary

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, August 5

6:30pm • Pastoral Council Meeting (CTK)

### Wednesday, August 7

6:30pm • K of C Meeting (CTK)

### Thursday, August 8

6:30pm • Evangelization Committee Meeting (CTK)

### Friday, August 9

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

### Saturday, August 10; Sunday August 11

All Masses • Missionary Weekend

### Tuesday, August 13

6:30pm • Fundraising Committee Meeting (CTK)

### Thursday, August 15 • Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am • Mass for The Assumption of Mary (IC)

6:30pm • Mass for The Assumption of Mary (CTK)

### Friday, August 16

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)

### Sunday, August 18

2pm • K of C Bingo (CTK; doors open at 1pm)

### Friday, August 23

9am • Exposition (CTK; until 10am)



## Patriot Day Festival Donations Needed

Donation boxes are located in the back of Christ the King Church to collect donations for our upcoming Patriot Day Festival, on Sunday, September 8. Last year's festival was a success because of everyone's generous contributions, and we can't do it without you! For this year's festival, we're asking for:

- **Basket Raffle:** premade baskets, newly purchased items, gift cards to local businesses, admission tickets to area attractions, etc.—WE WILL NOT ACCEPT any used, dirty, or opened items; anything of the sort will be discarded
- **Dime Pitch:** cups, mugs, plates, pitchers, dishware all in good condition
- **Cake Wheel:** whole cakes or pies; cupcakes & cookies by the dozen; pan of brownies, fudge, sweet rolls, etc. All baked goods should be dropped off the weekend of the festival; more information for drop-off times to follow.
- **Kids Booth:** all newly purchased items such as bubbles, sidewalk chalk, crayons, fidget toys, stuffed animals, etc.
  - ⇒ Or purchase items directly from our Amazon Custom Wishlist by going to Amazon.com; under the drop-down for "sign-in, accounts & lists" click *Find a List or Registry*, type in *Ali Jacoby*, choose *Gift List* in the "search by" drop down menu, and click search; or go to <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2YI89587GTOT1>. Each item purchased from the list will be sent directly to the booth leader.

## Patriot Day Festival Volunteers

As well as donations, volunteers are needed. We need as many hands as we can get. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of Christ the King Church and have been broken into booths, dates, and times. Please take a look and see where you can offer your services. For more information or to sign-up, call the rectory during office hours. This is an excellent opportunity for those needing service hours.

## 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.



## 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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