

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

Jn 1:42

01/14/2024

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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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)

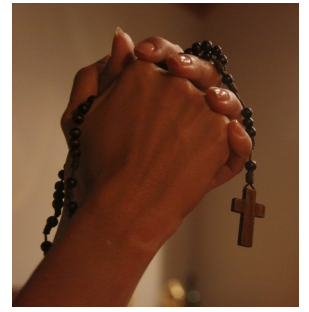
Weekdays: Monday 8:30am (IC); Tuesday-Friday 8:30am (CTK)



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: *Joann Bezilla, Clara Tubo, Lane Hawkins, Chris Tekely, Sherri (Murawski) Gehringer, Bill Collins, Jr., David Collins, Charles Lockett, Sr., John Mahute, Zoey Bryan, Carmen Yarger, Judi Lesko, Roger Witherow, Jamie Washell, Lucy Weis, Mick Patkalitsky, Luke Francisco, Sherri Thompson, Cecilia Demchak, Better Health of Anonymous, Jared Gmerek, Lori McCracken*



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Child Sex Trafficking is a form of child abuse that occurs when any child under age 18 is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act where sex is traded for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be anyone including friends, gangs, family members, foster parents, perceived trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk to your child openly about this reality and build resiliency. Address the myths and misconceptions that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Social media and gaming platforms are increasingly becoming the tool traffickers and other predators use to target, groom, and recruit victims. At some point your child will likely be confronted with inappropriate messages or see things online that they know are wrong. Teach your child how to handle these situations. You can report suspected child sex trafficking or make a tip at 1-800-843-5678 or CyberTipline.org. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 14 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, January 19

9am • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15

8:30am • Tim Supenia by Altar Rosary Society (IC)

Tuesday, January 16

8:30am • Charles "Cuff" Weierick by Pat Reifer (CTK)

Wednesday, January 17

8:30am • Betty Reese by Robbie Ball (CTK)

Thursday, January 18

8:30am • Msgr. Joseph K. Bobal by Jim & Arleen Multhauf (CTK)

Friday, January 19

8:30am • Carol Menard by Robbie Ball (CTK)

Saturday, January 20

4pm • Jaonne Reifer by Angie & Aaron Johnston (CTK)

Sunday, January 21

8:30am • Tim Supenia by Marilyn Adams (IC)

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

Flowers

Flowers at Christ the King altar this week are in memory of Joanne & Bill Reifer by sons Shawn & Pat Reifer.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at Christ the King Church burns this week in memory of Phil Kitko, Jr. requested by wife Doris.



Parenting Pointers

Here we are in the middle of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. Are you getting tired of it? Find something fun for your family to do together. Play a new game. Draw cartoons of each other. Dress up in costumes. Be silly together. Let your kids lead.

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council

(Comprised of Christ the King Church and Immaculate Conception Church)

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Kristi Twoey.

Prayer

Father Johnathan Schmolt led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call

Father Johnathan Schmolt, Krist Twoey-President, Deacon Gene Miller-Ex-officio, Robert Chirdon, Jim Rice, Mary Ann Hockman, Tina Stine, Tim Slifko, Floyd Hauth, Ed Vancas and Jenny Leskovansky

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for November 13, 2023, meeting was reviewed, motion to accept minutes made by Tim, second by Robert, vote taken, and minutes approved without opposition.

Old Business

- **Stained Glass Windows:** Kristi reported no updates at this time, will report at the next meeting. Robert and Kristi will open and investigate the status of windows and take pictures to report at the next meeting.
- **Pastoral Council Bylaws:** Bylaw amendments were reviewed, motion by Tim, second by Ed, discussion was held regarding Article VII Conduct of Business, after discussion it was determined to maintain current wording in Section I of Article VII Conduct of Business. Vote taken, motion passed unanimously, Bylaws will have final vote at next meeting.
- **Religious Education Report:** Kristi read the Religious Education report from Cassandra Kitko: The Edge Program for grades 6-8 currently has 20 students and is going well. There are 12 students to receive Confirmation, 2 students to receive First Reconciliation, and 3 students to received First Holy Communion. At the beginning of the catechism year there was a need for a 5th grade teacher so grades 4-5 were combined, since then a 5th grade teacher has volunteered, and classes are separated. Safe Environment training was completed this past week. Blessed Chalk will be handed out next week for door blessing. The Confirmation students are working on letters to Bishop Persico. Confirmation will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024. First Reconciliation is Thursday, February 15, 2024, and First Holy Communion is Sunday, May 5, 2024.

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Committee Reports

- **Fundraising Committee:** Jenny reported next Fundraising meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9 at which time October 21 Club and Turkey Bingo will be reviewed. Paddle Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024 and Lottery Calendars will be for sale in early summer.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Ray Hesel has joined the committee. Robert is still looking for a few more members.
- **Building and Grounds Committee:** Jenny reported CTK Parish Center drains, steamers, and garbage disposal are being evaluated and taken care of, ice machine to be repaired and placed on maintenance schedule. CTK flooring issue is being evaluated to be repaired. IC chimney and flue, garage wall and retaining wall were repaired, dishwasher installed in parish hall, grass repaired in IC lawn after high lift disturbed grass, IC roof flashing to be repaired. Building and grounds committee has moved meetings to 2nd Sunday of month.
- **Evangelization Committee:** Deacon reported committee had good start, meeting this coming Thursday, Jan 11, will review Saint Nicholas lunch, Deacon noted the lunch went well. About 25 kids attended and got treats and gold coins and there were 3 raffle prizes handed out. Parents provided positive feedback regarding the event. Traveling Chalice program and Stations of the Cross will be discussed at the next meeting for the coming 6 months. Potential evening Exposition of Blessed Sacrament. Discussing Family Movie night, possible parish retreat and game night for kids. RCIA-there is 1 person who will be confirmed and other 2 people are attending that are current parishioners.

New Business

- **Property potentially for sale near St. Lawrence:** Discussion was held that the property discussed at previous meeting was not adjacent to St. Lawrence, however it was noted there may be another lot for sale that is adjacent to St. Lawrence, Motion made by Tim, Second by Tina to allow Father to investigate potential sale should property become available.

New Business (cont'd):

- **Pastoral Council Member Terms:** Lots were cast regarding terms for current members, effective July 1, 2024, the following council members will be on council for the term noted:
 - ◇ 1-year term-Mary Ann Hockman, Jenny Leskovansky, Ed Vancas
 - ◇ 2-year term-Robert Chirdon, Floyd Hauth, Kristi Twoey
 - ◇ 3-year term-Tim Slifko, Jim Rice Tina Stine
- **Parish Money Counters:** Father reported there are currently 8 or 9 counters and there is need for 3-4 more. Counting is presently occurring Sunday morning after 10 am mass and lasting approximately 3 hours. There are to be 4 counters per session and the goal will be a rotation of counting one Sunday per month with 4 teams of counters.
- **Cemetery Lawn Maintenance Contract:** Discussion was held regarding getting bids for Christ the King Church cemeteries and Immaculate Conception Cemeteries, Father will discuss with current vendors and provide bids for summer 2024 in the coming months.
- **Cemetery Plot Fees:** Item tabled for next meeting.
- **CTK Rectory HVAC:** Father reviewed HVAC system issues from past summer. Bids were reviewed, discussion was held and motion made by Ed second Floyd, to make recommendation of replacing HVAC system by lower bid vendor to Finance Committee, discussion held, motion passed without opposition.
- **CTK Parish Center Floor Cleaning:** Father contacted SCI Houtzdale and will submit request for community service project of floor stripping and waxing of CTK Parish Center.
- **CTK Parish Center Rental for Charity Event:** Discussion was held regarding request for HCPA to use Parish Center for charity event. Motion was made to have it as a Charity event, by Robert second by Ed, motion passed with notation of Tim voting in opposition.
- **Pastor's Items:** Father reported we are 30% over budget in donations this month, he is very grateful and excited with the upturn in donations. He further noted more people are being noticed in attendance at masses. Father encouraged Pastoral Council to reach out to new faces or returning faces we see in church.

Next meeting set for Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment-Tina made motion, second by Jenny to adjourn meeting, vote taken, motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Leskovansky-Secretary

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 14

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

Friday, January 19

9am • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)

Sunday, January 21

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

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

Friday, January 26

9am • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CTK; until 10am)

Sunday, January 28

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

Day of Prayer for Pastoral Planning

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Today, the Very Rev. Lawrence Persico, Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, has announced that it be a Day of Prayer for Pastoral Planning. Bishop Persico wishes to remind us that while the planning is in different phases throughout the Diocese of Erie, all efforts affect the entire diocese. Below is the Prayer for Pastoral Planning that we ask you to pray daily, but especially today.

Loving God, author of creation, your spirit pervades and enriches our world. Through your Son, who shares our humanity, you have called us to participate in your divine creativity and to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Form us, we pray, as one community under the leadership of our bishop to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways and structures to spread your Gospel. Open your eyes to see Christ in others, especially the poor, the sick, and the marginalized. Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our parishes and communities. Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment, as we pray with Pope Francis for the vision to see new paths of possibility; for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort; and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014

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

Marriage Moments

What does it mean to be equal? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day. Trading places can bring new appreciation for each other. Even if the job doesn't get done as well, it can provide a laugh.

2023 Year-End Statements Available

If you're interested in receiving your 2023 year-end contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory. Please specify whether you'd like your statement mailed or emailed.

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Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 01/07/2024	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$3,883	\$44,779	\$35,455	26.3%
Count of envelopes: 118/529		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$5,065	

Catholic Services Appeal 2023

Actual 01/07/2024	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$0	\$47,509	\$44,383	7.0%
Total Pledges: 116/529		Total Pledged: \$51,174	

Christ the King 21 Club

We give away a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes! 20 weekly drawings of \$100, \$50 & \$25, totaling \$3,500; the first drawing will be November 12. For the 21st week, we offer an appreciation party for all ticket holders, which includes dinner, dancing, and our grand prize drawing where we'll give away a total of \$6,500—you could win up to \$2,000. Entertainment at the party will be provided by The Moore Brothers; a 50/50 raffle, lottery animals, and instants will be sold all day long. Tickets cost just \$21 and can be purchased from any one of our sellers: Jack Archer, Marie Fleming, Tom Fulare, Alvin Gmerek, Ray Graham, Beth Greslick, Leon Hansel, Elizabeth Lockett, John Mahute, Karen Martin, Elaine Murawski, Judy Reese, Cindy Slifko, Michelle Stine, Kristi Twoey, Robert Yebernetsky, or by calling the rectory at 814-378-7653.

21 Club Winners (Week #9)

Wayne Hayward (John Mahute) \$100
 Hannah Kitko (Michelle Stine) \$50
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