



**Third Sunday of
Advent**

Dec. 14, 2025

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V. *And the Word
was made flesh.*

R. *And dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

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-Friday..... 9am until 1pm

Phone..... 814-378-7653

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Website..... ctk-ic.org

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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: 9am (CTK); 11am (St. Agnes)

Saturday: Mass 4pm; Confession 3-3:30pm (CTK)

Weekdays: Monday 12pm (St. Agnes); Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am (CTK);

Thursday 5:30pm: 12/18 St. Mary of the Assumption; 12/25 See Christmas

Schedule; 12/1 See New Year's Schedule



Bulletin Announcements

Please submit all bulletin announcements in writing to office@ctk-ic.org at least **two weeks** prior to the anticipated date.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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 **Kathy Grace, Jared Gmerek, Clara Tubo, Pam Moyer** and, pre-born Madelyn Grace Hughes.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for **Jennifer Kokoskie** by **Tony, Natalie and Adam.**

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.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 14

3 p.m. • Penance Service CTK

Monday, December 15

6 p.m. • Penance Service St. Agnes

Tuesday, December 16

4:30 p.m. • Community Dinner IC

Wednesday, December 17

6:30 p.m. • Fundraising Committee (CTK)

6 p.m. • St Acutis Teen Group Christmas Wrapping at Bethany Youth Center. Frenchville

Sunday, December 21

1 p.m. • Penance Service St. Francis

Penance Services

• **Sunday, December 14**
3 p.m. Christ the King

• **Monday, December 15**
6 p.m. St. Agnes

• **Sunday, December 21**
1 p.m. St. Francis

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 a.m. • Mike & Irene Demchak, all deceased family & poor souls by Cecilia, Lisa, John and family

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 a.m. • Gen Gallagher by Alvin Gmerek

Friday, December 19

8:30 a.m. • Joanne George by her children and grandchildren

Saturday, December 20

4 p.m. • People of the Parish by the Pastor

Sunday, December 21

9 a.m. • Roger Witherow by his family

Join us this Christmas!

Special Mass Times

December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Christ the King

6 p.m. - St. Agnes

8:00 p.m. St. Mary of the Assumption

December 25 Christmas Day

8 a.m. - St. Severin

10 a.m. - Immaculate Conception

Dec. 31, Mary, Mother of God

4 p.m. - Christ the King

Jan. 1, Mary, Mother of God

8:30 a.m. - Immaculate Conception

10 a.m. - St. Agnes



Lunch with St. Nick

Christ the King, Houtzdale • Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills



Help Needed

Christ the King Church will be decorated after the 9 a.m. Mass,
Sunday, Dec. 21.

Volunteers are needed to help
including those who can go up and
down ladders.



Special thanks to Country Café for donating the pizza!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4 p.m. • Mass CTK

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day Holiday of Obligation

10 a.m. • Mass IC

Wednesday, December 31 Mary, Mother of God Mass

4 p.m. • Mass CTK

Thursday, January 1 Mary Mother of God Holiday of Obligation

8:30 a.m. • Mass IC

Friday, January 2

6:30 p.m. • Confession and Adoration

Stewardship

Your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sunday & Holy Days

Actual 12/7/25	Actual Total Fiscal YTD	Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage Over (Under)
\$10,135	\$112,062	\$163,323	(-31.39%)
Count of Envelopes: 161 Local Needs: \$60		Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$7,101	

Catholic Services Appeal 2025

Actual 12/7/2025	Actual Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage Over (Under)
\$1,584	\$46,619	\$72,000	(-35.25%)
Total Pledges: 129		Total Pledged: \$47,302.00	

Please make all checks payable to Christ the King.

REMINDER: Please return the information card, which was included with your family's Christmas card, to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

21 Club Winners

Week #4

Eileen Domanick (Donna Glinksy)...\$100
Carol Delattre (Elaine Murawski).....\$50
Bonnie Barone (Cindy Slifko).....\$25

Advent Activities for the Whole Family

Visit eriercd.org/advent.html to find
Advent activities this season!

The screenshot shows the Diocese of Erie website with a navigation bar and a main content area. The main content area features a banner for "Hope, Peace, Joy & Love SEASON of ADVENT THE ANTICIPATION OF HIS COMING". Below the banner are several links to Advent activities: Advent Calendar, Advent Wreath, The Nativity, Advent in the Holy Year, Children's Advent Activities, Giving Back during Advent, Sharing my faith, The Christmas season, and Christmas Mass times. At the bottom, there is a section titled "SEASON of ADVENT" with a photo of Bishop Persico and text about the season.

Echoes of a Polish Christmas

All Saints Parish 325 Quemahoning St., Boswell, Somerset County, invites you to their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (Koledy), Sunday, January 4 at 2 p.m. at their church.

Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments.

Please come and experience these time honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Christ the King Church

123 Good St

Houtzdale, PA 16651

Thursday, January 8, 2026



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+

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- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Teens, this is your chance to give back by helping kids in need.

The St. Carlo Acutis Teen Group
will be wrapping Christmas
Packages at Bethany Youth
Center, Frenchville, from
6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday,
December 17.
All teens welcome!



Bishop Persico

Publishes Prayer for New Bishop

O Almighty God,

Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd. We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. May we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ. For He lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive will be held
at Christ the King Parish.

**JAN. 7
1 P.M. - 6 P.M.**

To make an
appointment to donate,
please call

1-800-RED-CROSS

