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CTK VISION

To be a vibrant and growing family of God that welcomes and gives an opportunity to everyone to pray and to serve.

CTK MISSION

To seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ by faithfully celebrating the Liturgy, witnessing and proclaiming the gospel, nurturing family life and making the teachings of Jesus Christ central to our lives

CTK GOAL

Our goal as a parish community is to bring the saving grace of Jesus Christ into all our environments.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

Closed daily for lunch: 12:00 noon-12:30 p.m.

Bulletin deadline Monday 10:00 a.m.

EUCCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

WEEKENDS

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAYS

According to Mass Schedule inside.

PARISH REGISTRATION Welcome to Christ the King Parish. We register new parishioners after every Sunday Mass in the Commons. Registering in the parish is the primary way we have of communicating with you, and is required for Sacramental purposes and for your children's participation in Christian Formation Programs. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. If you are moving, notify the Parish Office.

BAPTISM Baptism of children under the age of 8 takes place at regular weekend Masses throughout the year except during Lent. Please contact our Faith Formation Office at least three months prior to the desired date. All parents must attend a three-hour class.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION For Confirmation preparation of teenagers, please contact our Youth Minister. For Baptism of older children and adults, all First Communion preparation and Confirmation of adults, please contact our director of Faith Formation. Adults who are considering becoming Catholic are invited to participate in our RCIA program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Please call the office at least six months in advance to set dates, make arrangements for instruction and for planning the ceremony. Marriage Preparation for the couple is a requirement.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Scheduled on Saturdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the church or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK This sacrament is administered on request to those who are ill at home, undergoing surgery, are in the hospital, or in a nursing home.

Please consider your Parish Family and/or School in your last will and testament.

PARISH STAFF

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Linda Francis 757-625-0548

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 28th TO JAN. 3rd

Monday, 12/28	8:30 a.m.	Emmanuella Okobi-Abuah (D)
Tuesday, 12/29	8:30 a.m.	Joanne Wadsworth (L)
Wednesday, 12/30	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday, 12/31	5:00 p.m.	
Friday, 1/1	10:00 a.m.	Ted Hines (D)
Saturday, 1/2	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Intentions of the Okobi Family Betty Ranger (D)
Sunday, 1/3	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m.	Emma Panagsagan (D) Intentions of Parishioners



Please keep our sick & homebound parishioners in your prayers. If you know someone in need, please contact our office.

Register with CTK Parish:

Please remember that it is necessary to register with the parish for the pastor to recommend you or a dear one for Sacraments or Scholarships. Otherwise, the Pastor will have no authority to recommend you. Also, the use of your offertory envelopes indicates to the Parish that you may be eligible for reduced tuition at CTK School.

Mass Intentions:

Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass said for yourself, a loved one or a special intention. The suggested stipend is \$10 for a daily Mass & \$20 for a Sunday Mass.

Opportunities to Serve @ CTK

- **Livestream Camera Person for Daily Masses & Funerals**
- **Church Cleaning Crew Members**
- **Ushers & Readers for Daily & Weekend Masses**
 - **Grounds Crew Members**
 - **Altar Server Coordinator**
- **Peace & Justice Committee Members**

To learn more about these opportunities, contact the parish office at (757) 622-1120 or by email at office@christthekingnorfolk.org

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2021

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

“That, through our Blessed Mother’s intercession, all those called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and fulfillment in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.”

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

“That our young people will be open to their unique vocation through prayer and will adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord.”

The **Office of Vocations** will be hosting discernment gatherings for young men who would like to discern the call to priesthood.

If you would like to attend, please email vocations@richmonddiocese.org or call (804)-359-5661.

Informal Discernment gatherings

are held the 1st Saturday of every month. They usually begin with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by a social event and lunch.



Join us on **Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 p.m.** in praying the **Rosary** virtually.

Stephanie Brown will lead us. Please dial 757-551-6414. No PIN number required.

The 11 a.m. Sunday Mass is live streamed on CTK's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ctknorfolkva>

We will resume live streaming all daily Masses as soon as some hardware is upgraded.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Children's Church (Ages 2-5)	12/27	10:30 AM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	12/29	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Vigil – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	12/31	5:00 PM	Church
Holy Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	1/1	10:00 AM	Church
Legion of Mary	1/2	1:30 PM	Church Commons



CTK's *Legion of Mary*

meets on
Saturdays at 1:30 PM
in the Church Commons

For more details, contact Tess Rozelle

theroze0305@aol.com

New members are always welcome!



Christ the King School

is looking for a **part-time, long term**
sub for **7th & 8th Grade Language**
Arts, beginning January 4, 2021.

Call (757) 625-4951 for full details.



DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WE CAN HELP!

- Our next 13-week program begins **Wed, January 13th** via Zoom.
- Additional assistant leaders are needed. Training will be held on **Wednesday, January 6th at 7 p.m.**
- Contact Tess Rozelle at theroze0305@aol.com for more information.

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

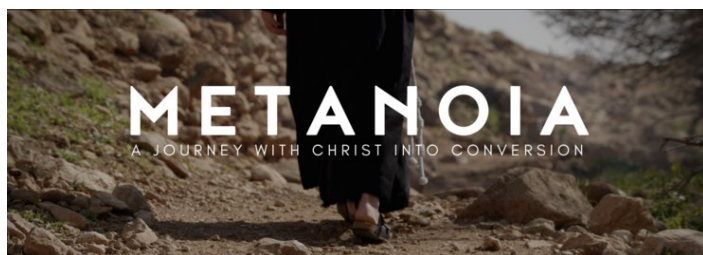
is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those who are homeless and low-income.

Current Needs:

Pine Sol, Bathroom Cleaner, Razors, Bottled Water, Travel Size Hygiene Items, Nonperishable Food Items

Please bring donations to the church. The collection box is inside the TV cabinet in the Church Commons.

For more information, please contact
Alicia at 757-627-6748 or visit their website:
www.stcolumbaministries.com



Spirit of God Prayer Group – Thursdays @ 7 p.m.
Church Commons – All are welcome!
Will resume Thursday, January 7th with Session 3



A quick word of thanks to all of our CTK family who supported NEST this season. Whether through your gifts of time, donation or prayer, we once again came together to provide warmth, nourishment and hope to those who truly need it. 2020 has been a challenge for all of us in so many ways, yet our faith in the Savior whose birth we celebrate continues to lead us to perform acts of kindness and mercy, even in the most difficult of circumstances. Thank you again!

Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!

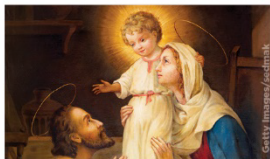
Ron Schafer & Paul Schultz

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of December: 48 out of 346

Financial information for the weekend of December 6th, 13th & 20th will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

Online Giving can be done directly at
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/408>



December 27, 2020 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Remember when COVID-19 first either forced us together or apart last spring? For most people, this meant a radical change in our family's usual circumstances. Perhaps we've had too much togetherness? Or we've been kept apart? Whatever our experience, the Feast of the Holy Family in the midst of the Christmas season is a poignant reminder that families are the bedrock of our faith; a domestic Church; the primary transmitter of the faith. Jesus, God's promise fulfilled for us, both fully human and fully divine, was born into a human family. We are to imitate the Holy Family through sacrificial love for one another. Sirach speaks of the honor and respect that children and parents must have for one another. And while we are not divine, we can celebrate the Divine presence in our midst, as Simeon did in today's Gospel, when he said: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

STUDY Extra-credit opportunity! The Church gives us several options for the readings for the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Quiet your mind and heart and read them all. See what insights the Holy Spirit may have in store for you and your family.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to joke that at times, lately, it seems that our family is "apart together." My husband takes the family-room sectional, my teen sons hunker down in their rooms, and I grab the swivel chair in the living room. And so we instituted "Forced Family Fun" Sundays, albeit with mixed success. Yet, these activities make a difference. They remind us how to be family. Today, as we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us take a moment to remember that all families are called to be holy. Families are meant to be refuges of unity and peacefulness in an imperfect, sometimes harsh world. As members of a family, we are called to be patient and kind with one another. Let us pray for the grace to emulate the Holy Family. Like us, they certainly faced their challenges and disappointments, and yet they listened to God's voice in their lives and followed his will. Pray to Mary and St. Joseph for their intercession, and trust in the presence of God in your family.

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The Most Holy Family

"The Lord sets a father in honor over his children;
A mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
He who honors his father atones for sins;
He stores up riches who reveres his mother."
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14



There will be NO morning Mass on Thursday, December 31st & NO First Friday Adoration.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

5 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 31st
10 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 1st

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 2nd
8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, January 3rd

Mass Times in bold will be livestreamed.



Family Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6

In-Person Classes - Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

January 10th - Baptism

February 14th - St. Valentine & Lent

March 28th - Palm Sunday

April 25th - Holy Eucharist & the Mass

May 16th - Year End Celebration

NO MORE ZOOM MEETINGS!

If you can't meet face to face, contact Mrs. Ficca and your child's catechist will work with you and your child one on one.



Grades 6 to 12

Youth Group is Back!

Sundays @ 6:15 p.m.

All middle & high school students are invited to participate in our upcoming Youth Group activities.

January 10th - Remembering our Baptism

February 14th - Valentine's Day Party

March 14th - Lenten Retreat



Preparation for First Reconciliation

In Church - Parents & Children

Tuesday, January 19th @ 6:30 PM

➤ Before Meeting:

Parents - Watch **Forgiven** Sessions 1 & 2

Children - Complete **Blessed** Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Tuesday, February 16th @ 6:30 PM

➤ Before Meeting:

Parents - Watch **Forgiven** Episode 3 & 5

Children - Do **Blessed** Sessions 4 & 5

Forgiven is on <https://formed.org>

Blessed videos can be found at

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed.html>



New at CTK!

Children's Church

All children ages 2 to 5 are

Invited to join us during the

11 AM Mass **every Sunday!**

Space and staffing are limited so

sign-ups as required using the

link below. A small donation of

\$2 per child with a maximum

of \$5 per family per Sunday

would be greatly appreciated.

For full details, contact Mrs. Ficca

at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0549A9AC2DA3FC1-childrens>



Training is currently being held online!

As we prepare to resume in-person meetings, please

remember that **ALL** adults who work with our children

(including volunteers) must be VIRTUS certified.

Contact Janet Ficca to register for the class.



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is a program for adults and older children who are thinking about becoming Catholic.

Join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in Ashland House.**

Email Mrs. Ficca to register:

faith@christthekingnorfolk.org

Are you an Adult Catholic who never made Your Confirmation?

Contact Mrs. Ficca today. While each case is unique, the preparation is pretty simple and you could be ready in as little as 4 weeks!



Baptismal Preparation for Infants &

Children up to age 7

Classes are being held online. Please contact Mrs.

Ficca at least **3 weeks** before the desired date.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

from Fr. Matthias

Dear CTK Brethren,

I am writing to wish you a blessed Advent Season and a joyful and safe celebration of the Nativity of Christ Our King! He left his comfort in heaven and suffered terribly, teaching us the way to true peace and happiness. Let us cast all our worries and anxieties to him in full trust, while doing whatever we can to eliminate our sins and to survive Covid-19 and its effects.

As we await his second and glorious coming, let us continue to welcome Him in the Holy Eucharist, in the people around us, keeping in mind that one day he will come to take us to heaven.

On Christ Our King's behalf, I am very grateful to all of you who are actively supporting his Church and school. The service you render zealously and sacrificially in the different ministries is simply remarkable! May He reward you abundantly! Many thanks also for your financial support without which the Church cannot run.

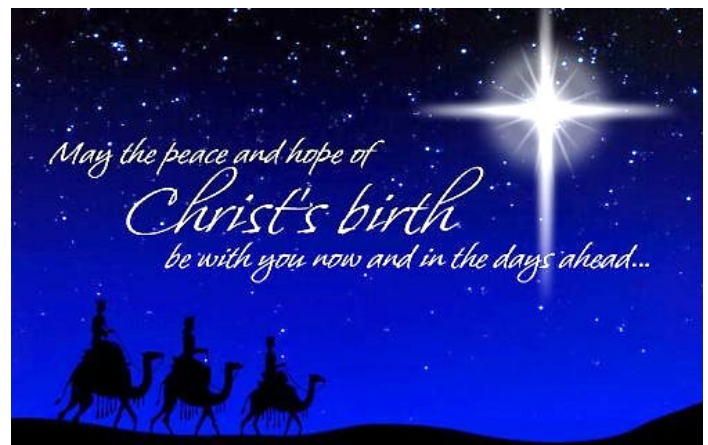
During this time of the pandemic, when people may not afford to give big gifts, let us remember that Jesus is the greatest gift we can have.

May Jesus, who revealed to us His father's love up to dying to save us, assist all those who have been affected negatively by COVID-19 and or other disasters! Let us remain confident that Jesus is still with us in all our trials. Let us continue to spread Christ's love to all those around us and beyond, showing His compassion, forgiveness and generosity. May the deceased dear ones rest in peace! May God comfort those who mourn them.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, Covid-19 cases in Virginia and many other States are rising. Let us not get tired of wearing masks, sanitizing, social-distancing, and boosting our immunity using available means. When safe vaccines become available, let us get them so that we go back to our normal life. In any case, God will make us go through this pandemic victoriously!

May Jesus protect you from the pandemic and bless you with good health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. May those who do not have satisfactory jobs find good jobs in the coming year!

Fr. Matthias



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