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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. ~ Matthew 28:19-20



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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.

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.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25th TO 31st

Monday, 1/25	8:30 a.m.	Irma Kilty (D)
Tuesday, 1/26	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Matthias' Anniversary (L)
Wednesday, 1/27 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday, 1/28	8:30 a.m.	Emmanuella Okobi-Abuah (D)
Friday, 1/29		No Mass
Saturday, 1/30	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Aurelia Lomogda (D)
Sunday, 1/31	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners Catholic Schools' Week

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.

Your Time & Talent is Needed!

- Do you feel called to serve as reader at Mass? If so Praise God, we have great news!

Reader Training via Zoom

Wednesday, February 3rd & 10th @ 6:30 PM

- Who can be a reader? Fully initiated, practicing Catholics whose lives witness to the Word which they proclaim.
 - Current commissioned readers are also encouraged to attend.
- To register, send your name and phone number via text 757-547-6578 or email to mstephaniebrown@me.com and you will receive the Zoom link to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

“That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, 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.



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



Our **Church Cleaning Teams** save the parish hundreds of dollars every month!

We have 4 teams that clean once a month. If you can spare 2 to 3 hours a month, please call **Germaine Wilson (853-6531)** as soon as possible.



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** and **all daily Masses** are live streamed on CTK's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ctknorfolkva>



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6	1/24	9:30 AM	Ashland House
Children's Church (Ages 2-5)	1/24	10:45 AM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team 1	1/25	6:30 PM	Church
Parish Council	1/25	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Virtual Rosary	1/26	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Peace & Justice Committee	1/26	7:00 PM	via Zoom
RCIA – Adult Sacramental Prep	1/27	7:00 PM	Ashland House
Divorce Care – Session 3	1/27	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Spirit of God Prayer Group	1/28	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	1/28	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Legion of Mary	1/30	1:30 PM	Church Commons



Spirit of God Prayer Group

Thursdays @ 7 p.m. in the Church Commons All are welcome!



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!



DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WE CAN HELP!

- Meets every Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom.
- Contact Tess Rozelle at theroze0305@aol.com to register.

To: Our Pastor Fr. Matthias and the Christ the King Parish Family

"Words are not enough to show our gratitude during this challenging time. All we can say in humble gratitude is that we are profoundly thankful for the many expressions of love, prayers, offerings and support during our bereavement. It is truly a blessing to have such a supportive parish. Stephanie and I are forever grateful."

In the peace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Deacon Michael

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

Current Needs:

Travel Size soap, Pine Sol, Bathroom Cleaner, Travel Size Hygiene Items, Nonperishable food items and Winter Hats and Gloves

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

STUDY OF GOD THE FATHER



For Adults



For Teens



Beginning February 14th!

Contact Mrs. Ficca for more information or to register!

Walking with Purpose
Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture





January 24, 2021 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

On first hearing, Jonah's warning to the city of Nineveh seems a bit extreme for my modern ears: Get your act together in 40 days or your city will be destroyed! Yet, rather than panic or rail against him, the people believed and turned away from evil. We hear a similar theme in Mark's Gospel: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Listening to the readings today, I hear these words not as a threat but as an invitation to get our lives back on track. We may not don sackcloth like the people of Nineveh, but we may need to fast from the distractions and skewed priorities that prevent us from loving God and one another. With the psalmist, we pray, "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I never understood why the middle-school track coach had my son, the shortest kid on the team, run hurdles. I'd shut my eyes and cringe a bit when he'd approach each one, occasionally catching his toe but fearlessly pressing forward. Sometimes the Christian life can feel that way - while I've never tried hurdles, I'm known to trip on the slightest crack in a sidewalk. Likewise, I often trip up on the path to becoming a better person - blurting out unkind words, spending more time online shopping than praying ... well, I won't make *you* cringe by oversharing my "sin list." In today's readings, the Lord invites us to repent - to turn away from bad habits and choices. By turning to the Lord, we can overcome the obstacles that hold us back from living our Gospel values and sharing them with others through the witness of our lives.

INVITE Through the sacrament of reconciliation, the Church offers us a standing invitation to experience God's unconditional love and mercy. Whether you go regularly or it's been awhile, consider participating in the sacrament and inviting others to do the same.



January 28th @ 7PM

[Click Here to Join the Online Facebook Event](#)

CTK Peace & Justice Committee

Our committee is looking for **new members** and **new ideas** to respond to the needs of our community and to promote the dignity of all human persons through direct service, legislative advocacy, community organizing, and global solidarity.

**Join us this Tuesday, January 26th
@ 7 PM via Zoom**

One of our ongoing ministries to the poor is the **Sandwich Ministry** which helps Catholic Worker distribute sandwiches to the homeless in Norfolk. Sonia Womack, who has been coordinating our CTK team for years, needs to step down. If you would like more info about this very important ministry, please call Sonia at 822-3204 or email her at vazquez1974@hotmail.com

**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.



The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, where to find it and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after.

Once we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men?

One sure way is to support the upcoming **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Your financial gift will help provide the equipment needed for those "fishing for men", but also those serving the fishermen.

Thank you, in advance for your support.



Family Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6

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

January 24th - Unit 2

February 28th - Unit 3

March 21st - Unit 4

April 25th - Unit 5

May 23rd - 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.



Preparation for First Reconciliation

In Church - Parents & Children

Tuesday, January 19th @ 6:30 PM

If you missed this meeting, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible!

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>



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.



Grades 6 to 12 Youth Group is Back! Sundays @ 6:15 p.m.

All middle & high school students are invited to participate in Youth Group on the 2nd Sunday (usually) of the month.

February 14th - Mardi Gras Party
March 14th April 11th



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St. Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, **the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.**

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis explains that the aim of this special year is "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal," describing St. Joseph as a "beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting

father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows." You can read his letter here (<https://bit.ly/patris-corde>) or read an article about what the Year of St. Joseph means for us as Catholics (<https://bit.ly/joseph-year>).

Plenary indulgence for the Year of St. Joseph

In its Dec. 8 decree, the Apostolic Penitentiary said that, "to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph's patronage in the Church," it would grant a plenary indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint's solemnity, and May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Other notable days for the plenary indulgence are the feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 27 and St. Joseph's Sunday in the Byzantine tradition, as well as the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition.

This weekend at all Masses here at Christ the King we will celebrate the Eucharist to honor St. Joseph and consecrate to his avocation. We will have St. Joseph prayer cards available in the Commons and will print the prayer right here next weekend.

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