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EUCHARIST 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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF April 12th to 18th

Monday, 4/12	8:30 a.m.	Agnes Beardsworth (D)
Tuesday, 4/13	8:30 a.m.	Agnes Beardsworth (D)
Wednesday, 4/14 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.	Michael Walker (L)
Thursday, 4/15	8:30 a.m.	Agnes Beardsworth (D)
Friday, 4/16		No Mass
Saturday, 4/17	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	
Sunday, 4/18	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners Anne McNamara (D) Marie Madeline & George Lopez (D)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

APRIL 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

“For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment, we pray to the Lord.”

The **Office of Vocations** hosts 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.



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. Stipend should be paid at the time of request.

Flowers:

If you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one, please contact Cassandra Goodwyn (757) 544-8915. Full arrangements range from \$75 to \$125 but other options include cut flowers and plants.

The 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and all daily Masses except Saturdays are live streamed on CTK's Facebook page:

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



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!



Join us on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **7 p.m.** in praying the **Rosary** virtually. Stephanie Brown will lead us. Please dial 757-551-6414. No PIN number required.

Ushers are Needed at All Daily & Weekend Masses!

Our Ushers serve two very important functions at Mass – **hospitality & safety:**

- They are the first ones to greet you as you enter & to wish you a blessed day as you leave.
- They help direct traffic throughout the liturgy.
- They ensure that all safety precautions are taken before, during and after Mass.

If you would like to become a part of this very important ministry, please contact Ken Brink (757) 285-3178.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Cleaning Team 1	4/12	6:30 PM	Church
Hebrews Bible Study	4/13	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	4/13	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Divorce Care	4/14	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Spirit of God Prayer Group	4/15	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	4/15	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Legion of Mary	4/17	1:30 PM	Church Commons
Children's Church	4/18	10:45 AM	Ashland House
Faith Formation Gr. 1-6	4/18	9:30 AM	Ashland House

CTK Blessings

New Baby? New Job or Promotion? Special Anniversary or Birthday?

Let's celebrate together! Send announcements to the office and we will share your good news.



This week we welcome **Logan Peter Burch** as our newest Catholic! Logan was baptized, confirmed and made his 1st Communion at the Easter Vigil Mass!



Rosary for the Protection of Children & Families
Wednesday, April 14th @ 7 PM
<https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream>

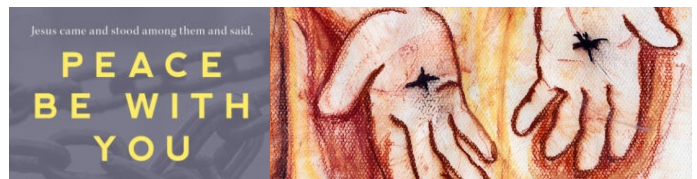


Join us for Adoration

Every Wednesday
9:15 AM to 7:00 PM

First Fridays
8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Sign-Up Today!



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of March: 127 out of 343

March 28, 2021

Weekly Budget Needed	\$	7,122.92
Actual Receipts Received		<u>6,014.09</u>
Weekly Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(1,108.83)</u>

Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$	277,794.00
YTD Actual Receipts Received		<u>250,296.64</u>
YTD Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(27,497.36)</u>

Capital Improvement Collection for March - \$982.30

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

Did you know that your budget offering is our only source of income? This year has been a struggle for all of us and we appreciate your continued support!

Special (2nd) Collections for April

- Budget Deficit
- Capital Improvements / Maintenance



April 11, 2021 | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

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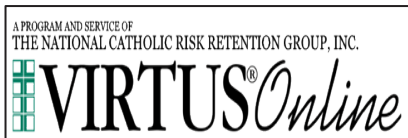
Do you ever have times – at the dinner table or at a gathering of friends – where all seems right with the world? I often hold my breath, conscious of the fragility of those moments, fearful that saying something might jinx things. It's a little like rooting for a pitcher cruising into the bottom of the ninth with a no-hitter – that feeling that we are on the verge of perfection. Well, as Christians, we are on that verge, although perfection will not come in this life but the next. And so, as fleeting as these human moments feel, and can actually be, we are reminded in today's psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting ... Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures forever.'" As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Sunday, and enter the second week of Easter, let us give thanks for the gift of God's great mercy, and pray for the grace to be as loving and merciful to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm taken by the story of doubting Thomas. For a long time I've focused on the "doubting" part of his name, the fact that he demanded to place his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in Jesus' side. However, when Jesus addresses Thomas, Thomas' response is immediate and unqualified: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has recognized the divine nature of Jesus; he sees him not just as the man he has followed, but as God. As Catholics, we may sometimes face questions about how the Church has come to believe and teach certain things. Thomas' ultimate affirmation encourages us to be steadfast in our faith, and to be patient with any of our own and others' questions. That is because Christ will come to meet us where we are. As the Incarnation of God's divine mercy, Jesus Christ is the one who hears our doubts and insecurities, and he answers them: "Here I am. Look at me. Touch me. Feel my presence." Thomas was not afraid, and we need not fear either. God's mercy is upon us, "and the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us witness to our faith as Thomas did to his.

PRAY Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day when we are reminded of God's immense love and mercy for us. Learn more about this day and how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet: usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday.



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.

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

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Family Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6

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

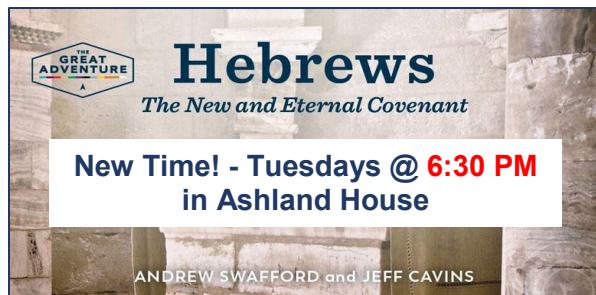
April 18th – Unit 5

May 18th – Year End Celebration

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. Here is the link to the

Loyola Press Family Resources:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/parents-and-students/>



Hebrews
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New Time! - Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM
in Ashland House

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Diocesan Work Camp – June 21st-25th

All High School Students, Parents & Young Adults are invited to an **Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, April 18th** after the 5 PM Mass.

The Diocesan Work Camp is a weeklong camp experience for high school youth to serve our brothers and sisters in need by making their homes safer, warmer, drier, and greener while also having the opportunity to grow in our Catholic faith. Work Camp is not just a youth event. It is an opportunity for parishes to make a difference in the lives of those in need right here in our diocese while encouraging youth to answer their baptismal call to serve others.

This year due to COVID-19, Diocesan Work Camp will be held as a **day camp experience at local parishes**, with livestreamed programming elements and regional evening Masses.



Preparation for First Communion

In Church – Parents & Children

Session 2 – April 20th @ 6:30 PM

If you missed **Session 1**, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible.

Before the April meeting:

Parents – Watch **Presence** Episodes 3 & 4

Children – Do **Blessed** Sessions 3 – 5

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

Blessed videos can be found at

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

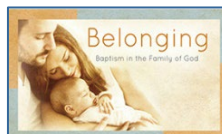


Grades 6 to 12 Youth Group is back!

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

April 11th – Divine Mercy Sunday @ 3 PM

Followed by our **Youth Mass** at 5 PM



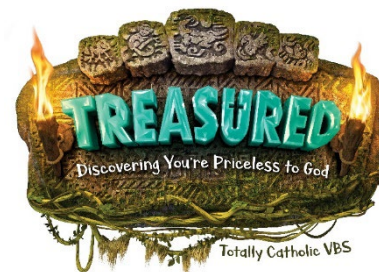
Baptismal Preparation for Infants & Children up to age 7

Classes are being held online. Please contact Mrs. Ficca at least **3 weeks** before the desired date.

CTK Vacation Bible School

July 19th – 23rd

9:15 a.m. – 12 noon



We will have an **At Home** option again this year for those who cannot attend in person!

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