CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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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 19th to 25th

| Monday, 4/19 | 8:30 a.m. | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, 4/20 | 8:30 a.m. | Sophia Coakley (L) | |
| Wednesday, 4/21 (CTK School Only) | 8:30 a.m. | Elizabeth Griswold (D) | |
| Thursday, 4/22 | 8:30 a.m. | Jeffrey Danson (L) | |
| Friday, 4/23 | | No Mass | |
| Saturday, 4/24 | 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. | Erlinda Lomogda (D) | |
| Sunday, 4/25 | 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) | Bill & Marge Elya (D) Lorraine Combs (D) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | 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. 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

APRIL 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18 "For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life for our diocese and that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, 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 <u>vocations@richmonddiocese.org</u> or call (804)-359-5661.



CTK's *Legion of Mary* meets on

Saturdays at 1:30 PM in the Church Commons

For more details, contact Tess Rozelle <u>theroze0305@aol.com</u> New members are always welcome!

Easter Flower Arrangement

In Memory of Lorraine Combs, Mother of Todd Womack by the Womack Family

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

| Welcome Back Committee | 4/18 | 12:15 PM | Ashland House |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Diocesan Work Camp Interest Meeting | 4/18 | 6:15 PM | Church |
| Cub Scouts | 4/19 | 6:30 PM | Ashland House |
| Cleaning Team 2 | 4/20 | 9:00 AM | Church |
| First Communion Preparation | 4/20 | 6:30 PM | Church |
| Virtual Rosary | 4/20 | 7:00 PM | via phone (757-551-6414) |
| Adoration | 4/21 | 9:15 AM – 7 PM | Church |
| Vespers | 4/21 | 6:30 PM | Church |
| Divorce Care | 4/21 | 7:00 PM | via Zoom |
| Spirit of God Prayer Group | 4/22 | 7:00 PM | Church Commons |
| Virtual Rosary | 4/22 | 7:00 PM | via phone (757-551-6414) |
| Legion of Mary | 4/24 | 1:30 PM | Church Commons |
| Children's Church | 4/25 | 10:45 AM | Ashland House |



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.



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.

Current Needs:

Travel Size Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Bathroom Cleaner, Nonperishable Food, Granola Bars, & Beef Jerky

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



Join us for Adoration **Every Wednesday** 9:15 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: 111 out of 345

April 4, 2021

| Weekly Budget Needed Actual Receipts Received Weekly Budget Surplus | \$ <u>\$</u> | 7,122.92 8,043.50 920.58 | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Year-To-Date Budget Needed YTD Actual Receipts Received YTD Budget Deficit | \$ <u>\$</u> | 284,916.92 258,340.14 (26,576.78) | | | |
| <u>April 11, 2021</u> | | | | | |
| Weekly Budget Needed Actual Receipts Received | \$ | 7,122.92 5,219.91 | | | |
| Weekly Budget Deficit | \$ | (1,903.01) | | | |
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Online Giving can be done directly at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/408



April 18, 2021 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

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

In each of our lifetimes, we can look back to a time when we witnessed history. Depending on our generation, it's likely we remember exactly what we were doing the day JFK was assassinated, on 9/11 or, more recently, when our school or workplace shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Even these far-reaching events pale in comparison to what the disciples witnessed when the risen Christ appeared to them. Assuring them he was not a ghost, Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," and reminded them that they were witnesses to a different kind of history – salvation history: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." Let us pray that we, too, may have our minds open to the eyewitness accounts in Scripture and our hearts open to repentance, so that "[our] sins may be wiped away."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm struck by the disciples' reaction when they realized Jesus really was in the room. They were "incredulous for joy" and "amazed." After this encounter with Jesus, they could not help but share the Good News. Just as the disciples in the early Church testified to Christ's resurrection, today's readings challenge us to share the Good News in a similar way. For many Catholics, this isn't at the top of our skill-set. However, in a 2019 gathering on the New Evangelization, Pope Francis reminds us not to fret over finding the right words. "The joy of the Gospel comes from the encounter with Jesus," he says. "When we meet the Lord, we are inundated by that love of which he alone is capable." This love transforms our whole life, and "the need to announce it arises spontaneously, it becomes irrepressible." The pope's words challenge us first to deepen our relationship with Jesus, then to allow it to transform us, and finally to share Christ's love through our words and actions.

STUDY The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a short document on its website from St. Paul Street Evangelization titled "Taking the First Step: Keys to Sharing Faith Person-to-Person." Give it a read: usccb.org.

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 have two Blessings! May God bless both of them abundantly!



We welcome one of our newest families and our newest Catholic! **Ezekiel Geronilla** was baptized after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, April 11th. His big sister goes to our school and the family recently became parishioners.



Michelle Munoz (pictured above on the right), the only daughter of Tracy & Carlos Munoz, received a grant from the <u>Fund for Vocations</u> enabling her to enter formation with the **Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara** in Upper Marlboro, MD. As a prerequisite to enter religious formation, many orders require the men and women must be debt-free (including free of student loan debt), enabling them to take the vow of poverty. Grants from the Fund for Vocations help make this possible: the Fund takes over responsibility for its beneficiaries' monthly student loan payments while the person is in formation, and pays off any remaining balance after final vows.

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





Diocesan Work Camp – June 21st-25th

All High School Students, Parents & Young Adults are invited to an **Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, April 18th** at **6:15 PM** in the Church.

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 <u>https://formed.org</u>

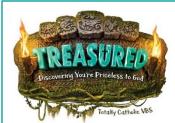
Blessed videos can be found at https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed.html



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.



CTK VBS

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!

Registration begins May 1st and will be limited to 20 (in-person) children this year.

Welcome Back Survey & Committee



Please help us prepare to fully reopen by completing our Welcome Back Survey at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTKBacktoMass

If you would like to serve on our **Welcome Back Committee**, please contact Janet Ficca. Our 1st meeting will be held **after the 11 AM Mass** (12:15 PM) this **Sunday, April 18th** in Ashland House.



