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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 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 MAY 3rd to MAY 9th

Monday, 5/3	8:30 a.m.	John & Ginny Grosso (D)
Tuesday, 5/4	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (D)
Wednesday, 5/5 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.	Mary & Boland Boss (D)
Thursday, 5/6	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (D)
Friday, 5/7		No Mass
Saturday, 5/8	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Leon Spasato (D) Michael Walker (L)
Sunday, 5/9	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners Richard Carey (D) Sophia & Tim (III) Killian (L)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 98:1-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

"That men and women accept Jesus' call to "love one another" by accepting vocations to the priesthood or religious life, 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 for Adoration

**Every Wednesday
& First Fridays**

9:15 AM to 7:00 PM

Sign-Up Today!

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.

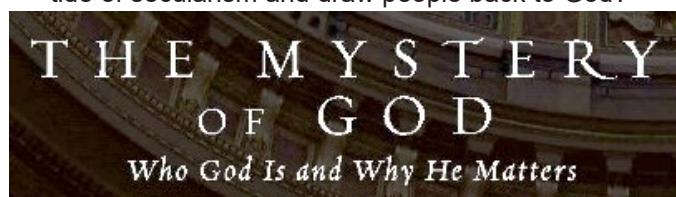
If you would like to become a part of this very important ministry, please contact Ken Brink (757) 285-3178.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Cleaning Team #1	5/3	6:30 PM	Church
Cub Scouts	5/3	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Hebrews Bible Study	5/4	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	5/4	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Adoration	5/5	9:15 AM – 7 PM	Church
Vespers	5/5	6:30 PM	Church
Spirit of God Prayer Group	5/6	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	5/6	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
First Friday Lauds (Morning Prayer)	5/7	8:30 AM	Church
First Friday Adoration	5/7	9:00 AM-6:30 PM	Church
First Friday Vespers (Evening Prayer)	5/7	6:30 PM	Church
Legion of Mary	5/8	1:30 PM	Church Commons
Children's Church	5/9	10:45 AM	Ashland House
May Crowning	5/9	1:00 PM	Church

"Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God?"



Join us for this 6 Week Series

Thursday Nights @ 7PM

in the Church Commons

Presented by the Spirit of God Prayer Group

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

Current Needs:

Granola Bars, Beefy Jerky, Nonperishable Food
Bathroom Cleaner and Bleach

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income
during the month of April: 137 out of 344

April 18, 2021

Weekly Budget Needed	\$	7,122.92
Actual Receipts Received		<u>6,810.26</u>
Weekly Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(312.66)</u>

Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$	299,162.77
YTD Actual Receipts Received		<u>270,370.31</u>
YTD Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(28,792.46)</u>

April 25, 2021

Weekly Budget Needed	\$	7,122.92
Actual Receipts Received		<u>5,901.79</u>
Weekly Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(1,221.13)</u>

Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$	306,285.69
YTD Actual Receipts Received		<u>276,272.10</u>
YTD Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(30,013.59)</u>

Capital Improvement Receipts for April – \$844.34

School Roof – \$12,464.75

Special Collections for May:

School Roof	Budget Deficit
Capital Improvements	Vacation Bible School

All Online Giving (including special collections) can be
done directly at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/408>



May 2, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

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

Today's readings are at once challenging and reassuring. Challenging, because we are to remain in Christ, by "[keeping] his commandments and [doing] what pleases him"; and reassuring, because we know that the Holy Spirit is with us and we can "have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." As Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, you are the branches ... without me you can do nothing." Through the Eucharist, the sacraments of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and in belonging to a faith community, God gives us many ways to grow closer to Jesus, and to direct our life toward him. In the pruning of sinful habits from our lives and building us up, through grace, to walk in the fear of the Lord, God transforms our hearts so that we remain in him, and he in us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord.

PRAY Consider spending an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Find a small way to build up the Church beyond your family and parish by praying for Christians in other parts of the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as the new life and growth of springtime is already very visible in many parts of the United States, today's first reading describes a kind of springtime in the Church. Even as Saul faced multiple death threats, he continued to boldly proclaim the Good News. "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers." Today, many Christians around the world face persecution for their beliefs or live in cities or countries where violence, poverty, or hunger threaten their lives. We, too, face challenges and hardships. Life is not easy! Let us find "consolation" in the Holy Spirit and build up the Church and one another through prayer, generosity, and friendship.



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.

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 celebrate our **Amazing Grounds Crew!!!** Thank You for all you do to keep CTK looking beautiful!



Birtheright Baby Bottle Drive

We are conducting our **Annual Baby Bottle Drive** for **Birtheright of Norfolk**, an emergency pregnancy service that assists women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy carry their babies to term. Please take a home bottle and fill it with your spare change and/or cash donation.

Please return your bottle with your donation next weekend, **May 8th & 9th**. Checks may be made out directly to Birtheright of Norfolk and placed in a bottle or envelope. On behalf of the mothers and babies who will be helped, we thank you for your generous support.

For information about other ways you can support Birtheright of Norfolk or to become a volunteer, call 489-0222. Thank You!



On **Sunday, May 23rd**, the following children will be making their **First Communion** at the **11 AM Mass!** Please pray for them as they prepare for this special day!

Teddy Broe	Levi Connor
Christian Courtenay	Eva Luettel
Leanne Mitchell	Dominic Selg

Deacon Brown & our Peace & Justice Committee invite you to participate in a 4 part series presented by the Franciscan Action Network that will unpack Pope Francis' latest social encyclical:

Fratelli Tutti: Finding Sisterhood and Brotherhood to Overcome what Divides Us

Each session will meet in the **Church Commons** at **7 PM** or you may register individually and participate at home.

Those attending in person do not need to register online as we only need one Zoom login but please email faith@christthekingnorfolk.org if you plan to attend as seating is limited and we would like to provide refreshments. For more information about this series, go to

<https://franciscanaction.org/fratelli-tutti-finding-sisterhood-and-brotherhood-to-overcome-what-divides-us>



FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK
FRATELLI TUTTI ON
CULTURE AND SOCIETY
WITH KIM DANIELS & HEIDI SCHLUMPF
MAY 5 @ 7PM ET
(4PM PT)
RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/364ffjy>

The Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life
BRIGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Fratelli Tutti on Culture and Society

Kim Daniels and Heidi Schlumpf will discuss the challenges we face in our families and communities and the Pope's call for a new way of living in social life.

Wednesday, May 5th



FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK
FRATELLI TUTTI ON
RACISM AND ANTI-RACISM
WITH OLGA SEGURA & RALPH MCCLLOUD
May 19 @ 7pm ET
(4pm PT)
RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/mby4p69s>

Fratelli Tutti on Racism and Anti-Racism

Olga Segura and Ralph McCloud will help us consider the divisions caused by racism and how to overcome them.

Wednesday, May 19th



FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK
FRATELLI TUTTI ON
Economics
with Meghan Clark & Anthony Annett
May 26 @ 7pm ET
(4pm PT)
RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/tf5nwzuc>

Fratelli Tutti on Economics

Anthony Annett and Meghan Clark will go into our modern economics and how they divide and they will discuss the alternative economics offered in Fratelli Tutti and how we can come together.

Wednesday, May 26th



FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK
FRATELLI TUTTI ON
GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS
WITH AMY UELMANN & DAVID CLOUTIER
JUNE 16 @ 7PM ET
(4PM PT)
RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/z38piwbj>

Fratelli Tutti on Governance and Politics

Amy Uelmann and David Cloutier will discuss the brokenness and polarization of our political system and how we can overcome divisions to achieve unity.

Wednesday, June 16th



Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6



All Faith Formation Families are invited to our **Year End Celebration (Pizza Party)** on **Sunday, May 16th** after the **11 AM Mass!** Please RSVP to Mrs. Ficca by **Wednesday, May 12th**.

Please complete all online activities by Wednesday, May 12th. Here is the link to the **Loyola Press Family Resources:**
<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/parents-and-students/>

Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion

A new set of classes will begin **June 15th!**

All baptized children who will be 7 or older by July 1st are invited to prepare for these very important Sacraments!

Contact Mrs. Ficca by June 1st at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org to register.



May Crowning of Mary

May 9th @ 1 PM

CTK's Legion of Mary will lead us in the Rosary after the Crowning of Mary on Mothers' Day. **All children** especially those who made their 1st Communion in the past year or who are preparing to do so this year are invited to help with the crowning. Please RSVP to Mrs. Ficca by May 5th.

[Click here](#) for a May Crowning for little ones.



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.

Welcome Back Survey & Committee



It's not too late to complete our **Welcome Back Survey** to help us plan for fully reopening! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTKBacktoMass> to complete the survey online or contact the office for a paper copy.

If you would like to serve on our **Welcome Back Committee**, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 12th** in the Church Commons at 7 PM (immediately following Vespers).

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CTK VBS

July 19th – 23rd

9:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Registration is now open!

<https://vbspro.events/p/ctk2021>

We have limited in-person attendance to 20 but will have an **At Home option** again this year for those who cannot attend in person!

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