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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 MAY 10th to MAY 16th

Monday, 5/10	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (D)
Tuesday, 5/11	8:30 a.m.	Emmanuelle E. Okobi-Abuah (D)
Wednesday, 5/12 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.	Marie & William Cagney (D)
Thursday, 5/13	8:30 a.m.	Paul Watts (D)
Friday, 5/14		No Mass
Saturday, 5/15	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	In Gratitude for our Parishioners
Sunday, 5/16	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m.	All Masses In Gratitude for our Parishioners

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mark 16:15-20

“That, seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will share His wisdom with those discerning their vocation and open their eyes and hearts in faithfulness, 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**

9:00 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.

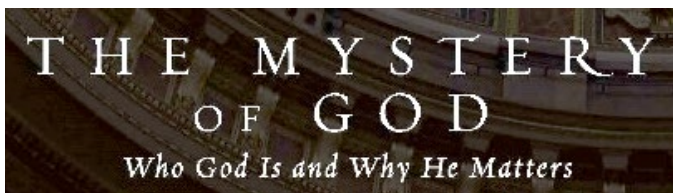
If you would like to become a part of this very important ministry, please contact Ken Brink (757) 285-3178.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

May Crowning	5/9	1:00 PM	Church
Cub Scouts	5/10	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team #2	5/11	9:00 AM	Church
Hebrews Bible Study	5/11	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	5/11	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Adoration	5/12	9:15 AM – 7 PM	Church
Vespers	5/12	6:30 PM	Church
Welcome Back Committee Meeting	5/12	7 PM	Church Commons
Spirit of God Prayer Group	5/13	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	5/13	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Legion of Mary	5/15	1:30 PM	Church Commons
Children's Church	5/16	10:45 AM	Ashland House
Faith Formation Gr. 1-6 Celebration	5/16	12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Church Commons

"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

Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

11 AM Mass

Ages 4 to 7

- Will resume **Sunday, May 30th** but will be limited to no more than 6 children for now.
 - Virtus trained adults are needed to help.
 - Contact Janet Ficca to register your children and/or to help as a volunteer.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of May: 84 out of 344

May 2, 2021

Weekly Budget Needed	\$	7,122.92
Actual Receipts Received		<u>5,591.50</u>
Weekly Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(1,531.42)</u>

Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$	313,408.62
YTD Actual Receipts Received		<u>281,863.60</u>
YTD Budget Deficit	\$	<u>(31,545.02)</u>

School Roof – \$28,791.76 of the \$49,500 needed

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 9, 2021 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I have 20/15 vision. I can see things in the distance as well as close up. But that doesn't mean I can see everything perfectly. Because of a difference in how each eye focuses, I can't find those hidden images in "magic eye" posters, and forget trying to watch a 3D movie! Seeing all things perfectly is not something many of us could claim, including Peter. And yet, with God's help, he understands a vision God gave to him: "In truth," Peter says, "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." Through God's mercy and Jesus' redemptive cross, the kingdom of God has been prepared for all peoples. God's saving power has been revealed. With faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit in living out the commandments, we can fix our eyes on Christ - the revelation of God's love who came into the world that we might have life through him.

PRAY To honor the celebration of Mother's Day, pray the Rosary today for the intentions of our mothers, for those who have been motherly influences to us, and for those who long to be mothers.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So much information comes to us every day, in all forms of media, there are now even shortcuts to the shortcuts for grasping the content. My personal favorite is the abbreviation, "TL; DR" which means, "too long, didn't read." Some might claim that we are dumbing down our culture with this type of shorthand notation, or we could argue that clear, concise, and straightforward is simply best. And that is what Jesus gives us today in his one commandment: "Love one another as I love you." He offers commentary for the commandment and gives reasons for why he is telling it to us, but the crux of it cannot be missed: *love one another*. It is a commandment both simple, yet complex; easy, yet at times exponentially difficult to live. So Jesus provides the key to fulfilling it by saying, "remain in *my* love" [emphasis mine]. Faithfulness to a sacramental life and participation in communal living give us the grace to remain in that love - which in turn transforms and enables us to share that love with others.

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!



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



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.



Birthright Baby Bottle Drive

We are conducting our **Annual Baby Bottle Drive** for **Birthright of Norfolk**, an emergency pregnancy service that assists women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy carry their babies to term.

Bottles are due this weekend. If you forgot them at home, please return them as soon as possible. Checks may be made out directly to Birthright 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 Birthright of Norfolk or to become a volunteer, call 489-0222. Thank You!

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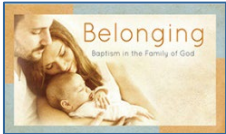


Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6



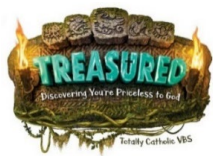
All Faith Formation Families are invited to our **Year End Celebration (Pizza Party)** on **Sunday, May 16th** after the **11 AM Mass!** Please RSVP to Mrs. Ficca by **Wednesday, May 12th**.

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/>



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 2021 VBS

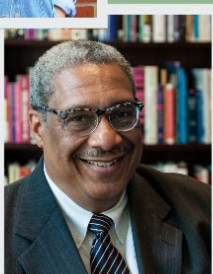
July 19th – 23rd

9:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Registration is now open!

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

- In-person – Ages 5 to 10; limit of 20
- At Home – Open to all. Register by July 1st at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org
- Adult & teen volunteers needed
- Next volunteer meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27th at 7 PM



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<https://tinyurl.com/mby4p69s>

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.



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.

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.

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 Knights of Columbus Council #367 who are always the first to support our parish and our school! If you would like to join, contact Ed Nettleton at nettleton.edward@gmail.com or speak to any knight after Mass.

← Olga Segura and Ralph McCloud will help us consider the divisions caused by racism and how to overcome them. Join us in-person or [click here](#) to register for the Zoom meeting.

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