LORD make us turn to you; let us see your face

and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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.

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 DECEMBER 20th TO DECEMBER 26th

| Monday, 12/20 | | No Mass |
|------------------|--|---|
| Tuesday, 12/21 | 8:30 a.m. | Sheena Shafer (L) |
| Wednesday, 12/22 | 8:30 a.m. | Sembra Family (L) |
| Thursday, 12/23 | 8:30 a.m. | Onyebuka Okobi (L) |
| Friday, 12/24 | 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. | Intentions of Parishioners Nan & Art Bousquet (D) |
| Saturday, 12/25 | 10:00 a.m. | Mildred & Wilbur Pryor (D) |
| Sunday, 12/26 | 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m. | Intentions of Parishioners Stephen Standle (D) Harrie & Carolyn Pearson (D) |

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.

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 or online giving indicates to the Parish that you may be eligible for reduced tuition at CTK School.

| Liturgical Ministers for December 24 th , 25 th & 26 th | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | Christmas Eve | | Christmas Day | Sunday, December 26th | | | |
| | 5:00 PM | 9:00 PM | 10:00 AM | 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 5:00 PM | |
| Altar Serv. 1 | A. Litkowski | S. Killian | D. Satchivi | S. Okobi | K. Killian | R. Vicente | |
| Altar Serv. 2 | K. Killian | R. Vicente | T. Satchivi | O. Okobi | H. Gonzalez | L. Sama | |
| Altar Serv. 3 | | L. Sama | J. Satchivi | S. McIntyre- Stevens | S. Killian | S. Sama | |
| Child. Lit. 1 | х | х | P. Brink | х | J. Ficca | x | |
| Child. Lit. 2 | | | J. Ficca | | D. Fogle | | |
| Eucharistic | J. Ficca | K. Killian | J. Radford | G. Duncan | A. Webb | K. Killian | |
| Reader 1 | T. Tedesco | J. Ficca | L. Francis | J. Ficca | A. Vitug | J. Bousquet | |
| Reader 2 | | S. Okobi | E. Marasco | | | S. Bousquet | |
| Usher 1 | C. Rannigan | K. Brink | P. Daugherty | T. Duncan | P. Daugherty | K. Brink | |
| Usher 2 | Tony Duncan | P. Brink | M. Daugherty | G. Duncan | E. Webb | P. Brink | |
| Usher 3 | х | Х | | х | T. Womack | х | |

CHRISTMAS' READINGS

December 24th, 2021 (Vigil) Isaiah 62:1 – 5 Psalm 89:4 – 5, 16 – 17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16 – 17, 22 – 25 Luke 2:1 – 14 Scriptures are #1003 in the Hymnal.

December 24th, 2021 (Night)

Isaiah 9:1 – 6 Psalm 96:1 – 3, 11 – 13 Titus 2:11 – 14 Luke 2:1 – 14 Scriptures are #1004 in the Hymnal.

December 25th, 2021

Isaiah 52:7 – 10 Psalm 98:1 – 6 Hebrews 1:1 – 6 John 1:1 – 18 Scriptures are #1006 in the Hymnal.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

December 26th, 2021 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2: 41-52 Scriptures are #1007 & 1009 in the Hymnal.



| Faith Formation Gr. 6 – 12 | 12/19 | 6:15 PM | Ashland House | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Cub Scouts | 12/20 | 6:30 PM | Ashland House | |
| Legion of Mary | 12/21 | 7:00 PM | Ashland House | |
| Cleaning Team #3 | 12/22 | 9:30 AM | Church | |
| Decorate Church for Christmas | 12/23 | 10:00 AM | Church | |
| Cantor / Choir Practice | 12/23 | 6:30 / 7:00 PM | Church | |
| Virtual Rosary | 12/23 | 7:00 PM | via phone (757-551-6414) | |
| Christmas Eve Masses | 12/24 | 5:00 & 9:00 PM | Church | |
| Christmas Day Mass | 12/25 | 10:00 AM | Church | |

Vocations

"By faith Abraham obeyed." If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love.

Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Altar Servers Needed

• Do you have a child in the third grade or higher who have made their First Holy Communion?

Please contact Kay Killian at kay747@cox.net to sign-up!



PreK to Grade 5: Sundays, 9:30 to 10:45 AM

Please complete Interactive Reviews for Lessons 1 to 10 by December 19th – <u>Finding God 2021</u>

Grades 6 to 12: Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

December 19th January 23rd February 20th March 20th April 24th May 15th



Make a Difference Through Your IRA

You still have time to make a tax-deductible gift to our parish! If you are 72 or older, you can make a gift to our parish through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QDC). Consider this: federal tax law **now** allows you to make a distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is **not** subject to federal income tax.

Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation - 804-622-5221 or mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org.

IMPORTANT: Please make your gift as soon as possible so you can ensure it is received by December 31st, 2021!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of November: 146 out of 314

Month of November 2021

| Monthly Budget Needed Actual Receipts Received Monthly Budget Deficit | \$ \$ | 25,650.54 <u>24,945.75</u> <u>(704.79)</u> |
|--|----------|--|
| Year-To-Date Budget Needed YTD Actual Receipts Received YTD Budget Deficit | \$ \$ | 141,077.96 <u>122,986.76</u> (18,091.20) |

School Roof Campaign as of November 30, 2021: \$42,471.15

December Special Collections:

Budget Deficit & Capital Improvements N.E.S.T. Feast of the Immaculate Conception CTK School Roof Christmas Flowers Christmas Catholic Charities

 All Online Giving (including special collections) can be done directly at www.osvhub.com/christthekingnorfolk/funds

Capital Improvement Collection for November \$622.00

December 19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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

"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah

too small to be among the clans of Judah,

- from you shall come forth for me
- one who is to be ruler in Israel;"

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or bingewatch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God's plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem - a town of no consequence - would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God's will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth's unborn child - we know to be John the Baptist - recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, "stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord." This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God's saving action.

INVITE/PRAY Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that's not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.

Winter Sheltering for the Homeless in Norfolk (AKA – What Happened to NEST?)

"The City's new initiative focused on sheltering the homeless has replaced NEST and is providing year-round sheltering and services. The City-run Center at Greyhound Bus Station (701 Monticello Ave) provided day services and overnight lodging from May to October 14, 2021 for adults experiencing street homelessness in Norfolk. (80 overnight and additional ~20 daily day services guests). **On October 14, 2021 the new location "The Housing Center on Tidewater" (The Center) at 1050 Tidewater Drive (former budget lodge) opened.** This Center is open every day and night throughout the entire year. Adults who are experiencing street homelessness who are from Norfolk are eligible for admission to the day center. Persons wanting an overnight bed must go to the day center in person 9am - 4pm or be brought to the center by outreach. Case managers will assess their situation for eligible admission and/or waitlist for a bed. No minors (under 18 years old) are allowed. Day center guests are provided access to all services at the Center including showers, laundry, case management, and additional services. About 100 guests are housed overnight. **As the Winter Season approaches, this site will also be providing for overflow during the WOW nights (weather which is dangerous for individuals to remain outdoors)."**

The Housing Center at Tidewater is in need of the following donations:

Chips, Crackers, Cookies
Fruit cups, applesauce
Cup of Noodles
Microwaveable soups
Dinty Moore meals
Cans of soup with pop tops
Oranges, Bananas, Apples
Granola Bars, Protein Bars
Microwave Popcorn

- Bottled Water, Juice Boxes / Pouches, Gatorade Shelf Stable Milk Individual Cereals, Pop-Tarts Packets of Oatmeal Laundry Detergent Sugar packets, Splenda packets, Reg & Decaf Coffee
 - Food Items Must Be INDIVIDUALLY wrapped and sealed and NOT EXPIRED.
 - We CANNOT accept homemade goods / foods and nothing frozen or needing to be refrigerated.
 - > No bulk items please, we DO NOT have kitchen facilities!

If you would like to donate, please bring items to the church and place in box marked SHELTER.

If you would like to volunteer and / or provide pre-approved meals, please contact: Kristen Hern de Lepper volunteer@theurcnorfolk.com

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

Current Needs

Granola Bars, Individually Wrapped Beef Jerky, Disposable Masks, Scarfs and Gloves, Gently used or new men's clothing and belts

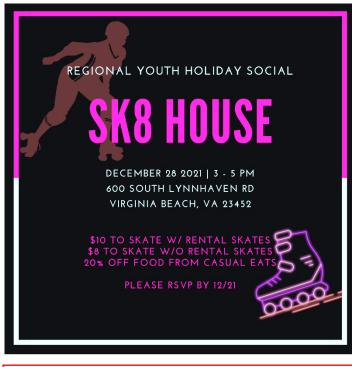
Food for Christmas----Cranberry, yams, stuffing, canned fruit and non-perishable foods.

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



Deadline to Register is December 31st! DYC is open to all students in Grades 8 to 12 but we are limited to 4 participants this year! Please go to: https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-youthconference-2022/ for full details.



Confirmation Classes for Teens (Grade 10+) & Adults

Classes will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month from **6:15 to 8 PM** in person and via Zoom.



Our next class is January 9th.

Sponsors are highly encouraged to attend with their candidate.



Christmas Flower Dedications ~ 2021



<u>Ms. Marianel Acevedo</u> In Memory of: Mariano Acevedo

- <u>Mrs. Mariano Acevedo</u> In Memory of: Mariano Acevedo
- <u>Mr. Ricardo Asban</u> In Memory of: Maria Lolita Asban, Conchita Zapata & Zenaida Ramirez

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Cyrs

Mrs. Peggy Daugherty

<u>Miss Barbara Dippold</u>

In Memory of: Drew Dippold, John Paul Dippold & Theresa "Snoopy" Jenkins

In Honor of: Andrea Dippold & Veronica Phyllis Dippold

Mr. Philip Escuadra

Mrs. Roberta Groves

Mrs. Dawn Hochberg

Ms. Rebecca Hryniewich

In Memory of: Cheryl Hryniewich, Kathleen McCarthy & Charlene Rowe

Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Knight

Mr. & Mrs. David Pierce

Mr. & Mrs. Teodoro San Juan

Mr. Donald Sargent & Mrs Nita Stevens

Ms. Susan Skoczynski

Mr. Elmer Wheeler, Jr

<u>Mr. & Mrs. Ja'ime Wright</u> In Memory of: Pacifico Vinturozo & Crescencia Miraflor

