

## Christ the King Catholic Church Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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## November 2021

## Wondering which Faith Formation program is right for you & your family???

- Pre-K3 to Grade 5 All children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents are expected to attend our Family
  Faith Formation program. Parents meet for fellowship and faith sharing while their children attend age level classes.
  We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. A suggested donation of \$20 per child to
  cover the cost of materials would be most appreciated.
- Grades 6 to 12 All youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to deepen their understanding of the Faith by joining our Youth Faith Formation program. This year we are focusing on the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. A suggested donation of \$20 per youth to cover the cost of materials would be most appreciated.
- Middle and High School Students are also invited to join our Youth Group for social justice activities, prayer experiences, guest speakers and social activities within our parish, region and diocese. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. We begin with our Youth Mass at 5 PM and meet until 8 PM usually in Ashland House.
- Adults We currently have two on-going weekly opportunities for ALL adults to grow in their Faith:
  - Our **Spirit of God Prayer Group** meets on **Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Church Commons for praise & worship, fellowship and Scripture study.
  - RCIA is for adults who would like to become Catholic. We meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:45 in the Church Welcome Center. Sponsors and any other adult who would like to join us are most welcome!
- ALL children and teens preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation must attend either a Catholic school or our Family/Youth Faith Formation program. Additional classes specific to preparing for these Sacraments are also required.

~ Mrs. Janet D. Ficca

PreK to Grade 5: Sundays, 9:30 to 10:45 AM
Please complete Interactive Reviews for Lessons 1 to
10 by December 19<sup>th</sup> – <u>Finding God 2021</u>

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

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Christ the King Only Grades 6 to 12 will meet. No AM class.

December 19<sup>th</sup> January 23<sup>rd</sup> February 20<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> April 24<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup>



## March for Life

Registration is Now Live! January 20-21, 2022 For 8th-12th Grade Teens Our goal is to have 4 girls and 4 boys participate!

Contact Mrs. Ficca as soon as possible to reserve your space!

### **Upcoming Youth Group Events**

ALL public and Catholic school students in middle & high school (Grades 6 to 12) are welcome.

- Mon, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Mass for All Saints Day 7 PM
- Tues, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Service for All Souls Day 6 PM
- Wed, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Faith Night 5 to 8 PM
- Fri, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> REZ Retreat
- Sun, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class 6:30 to 8 PM
- Wed, Nov 10th Family Faith Night 5 to 8 PM
- Sun, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Mass (5 PM) & Youth Group (6 to 8 PM)
- Wed, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Family Faith Night 5 to 8 PM
- Sun, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Faith Formation for Grades 6 to 12 (6:30 to 8 PM)
- Thurs, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day Mass 10 AM
- Sun, Nov 28th Youth Mass (5 PM) & Youth Group (6 to 8 PM) Putting up Angel Tree in Church Commons

#### Confirmation Classes for Teens (Grade 10+) & Adults

Classes will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from **6:30 to 8 PM** in person and via Zoom.

#### Our next class is November 7<sup>th</sup>.



Sponsors are highly encouraged to attend with their candidate.



5<sup>th</sup> Annual Make Your Own Advent Wreath! Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

12:30 to 3:30 PM

Option 1: Make Your Own – Cost for materials: \$30 Option 2: Made for you – \$40

Email or text Mrs. Ficca by **November 14**<sup>th</sup> to sign-up for the class or order a finished one. Space & materials are limited.





#### WYD DATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED!

"Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39). Join millions of other young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Our diocesan pilgrimage will include day trips to Fatima & Lourdes as well as all of the World Youth Day activities **August 1-6** 

in Lisbon, Portugal. High school teens (and chaperones or parents), college students, and young adults are all invited to join our diocesan pilgrimage dates and itinerary are being finalized this month! We expect the pilgrimage to be a week and a half long and to cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per person. If you're interested, please fill out this short Google Form so that we can update you once the itinerary is set and registration is live!



## Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation & Eucharist

#### Sacramental preparation at CTK consists of two parts:

- 1. Two in-person meetings for each Sacrament
- 2. Online videos and questions to answer for the parents and a "textbook" with optional videos for the kids.



#### First Reconciliation Classes – 6:30 PM in the church

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Parent Lessons are on <u>www.FORMED.org</u> Session 1: Where Are You? Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy Session 3: The Rite Explained

#### First Communion Classes – 6:30 PM in the church

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

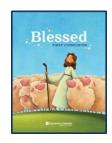


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Parent Lessons are on <u>www.FORMED.org</u> Session 1: God Is with Us Session 2: The Story of the Eucharist Session 3: Bread for the Journey Session 4: Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist





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.

### SACRAMENTS

- **Reconciliation** is available on Saturday afternoons from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and by appointment.
- **Baptisms** are currently being held immediately after any Sunday liturgy. Families are expected to attend the Mass, then gather around the baptismal font for the baptism. All Diocesan/CDC guidelines are followed.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Preparation is offered twice a year. The next set of classes will begin November 9<sup>th</sup>. Families must be attending Mass in person before a 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be scheduled.
- **Funerals and Weddings** currently have no seating and capacity restrictions but masks are highly encouraged. Contact the office for the most up to date protocols.

May we journey together in stewardship... God's resources deployed through God's people to accomplish God's mission.



Contact Mrs. Ficca as soon as possible to register. Space is extremely limited.



Ages 3 to 6 @ 11 a.m. Mass

Please contact Patty Brink or Janet Ficca to assist with this ministry and for more information.

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

All adults who work with our children (including volunteers) and/or vulnerable adults must be VIRTUS certified. Classes are offered both in-person and virtually.

Contact Janet Ficca or Cindy Nettleton for more information or register online at: https://richmonddiocese.org/child\_protection\_virtus/



## **COUGAR NEWS**



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Greetings CTK Families and Parishioners,

We have had a great start to our school year! We have practiced safety drills and successfully completed all Scantron and P.A.L.S. testing for all grades. It has been great to hear students and staff laugh and smile, (from what I can tell!) Being together is truly a blessing that I think we took for granted prior to Spring 2019. Communication and collaboration are essential between home and school. Please be sure to e-mail or send your child's teacher with concerns. We have bi-monthly parent/ teacher conferences on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please call the school prior to Tuesday at noon to schedule an appointment.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to extend a message of gratitude to you for the investment that you make in order for your children to attend our school and receive a Catholic education. On behalf of our entire CTK Faculty and Staff, I hope that you have a Happy Thanksgiving. Please be assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers with deep gratitude.

Here are some simple ways to celebrate Thanksgiving:

Count your blessing instead of your crosses. Count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes. Count your friends instead of your foes. Count your smiles instead of your tears. Count your courage instead of your fears. Count your kind deeds instead of your wealth. Count your health instead of your wealth. Count on God instead of yourself.

Be safe, be well,

Kim V. Callahan

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOVEMBER1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2021

- November 8: Evening Parent/ Teacher Conferences.
- November 9: School Closed. Parent/ Teacher Conferences.
  - Preschool is open
  - Extended Care is open
- November 12: Last day to order fruit from CTK.
- November 17: Peacemaker Awards.
   Presented immediately after Mass.
- November 23: Interim Reports Issued.
- November 24-26: Thanksgiving Break. No School, No Extended Care.





# FORMED

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is

professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish. Best of all, this material is free to you.

You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members. To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
  - Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address

You can also download the app by searching FORMED Catholic in you app store.

Click on the images below to learn about the lives of the Saints and how to respond to relativism:



