

# Christ the King Catholic Church Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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#### October 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:
  - o 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.

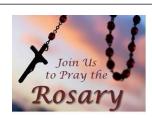
~ Mrs. Janet D. Ficca



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

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

October 17<sup>th</sup> February 20<sup>th</sup>
November 21<sup>st</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup>
December 19<sup>th</sup> April 24<sup>th</sup>
January 23<sup>rd</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup>



#### **Rosary Rally**

Please join us for our annual Rosary Rally in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on **Saturday**, **October 16**<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the church.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> class is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sponsors are highly encouraged to attend with their candidate.



Please contact Mrs. Ficca by Sept 26th to register.

#### **Upcoming Youth Group Events**

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

- Sat, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Catholic Youth Day @ Busch Gardens
- Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Confirmation Classes Begin 6:30 to 8 PM
- Sun, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Youth Mass (5 PM) & Youth Group (6 to 8 PM)
- Sun, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation for Grades 6 to 12 (6:30 to 8 PM)
- Sun, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> NO Youth Group Mrs. Ficca will be out of town for her son's wedding
- Sun, Oct 31st Youth Mass (5 PM) & Halloween Party (6 to 8 PM)





It's time to register for this year's **REZ Retreat!** 

Open to all high school students

November 5-7, 2021

Financial assistance is available for active youth group members.



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.

# **VIRTUS**Online

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/

#### **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.
- 1st 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.

## **SAVE THE DATES**



Thursday, January 20th - Friday, January 21st



Friday, February 11th - Sunday, February 13th



Friday, February 11th - Saturday, February 12th

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPENING SOON

### 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

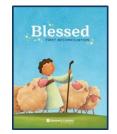
Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Parent Lessons are on www.FORMED.org

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>

Parent Lessons are on www.FORMED.org

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



# Family Faith Nights



- Get homework help
- Share a cup of coffee with other parents while your children play
- Make sandwiches for our Sandwich Ministry (Will begin in November)
- Participate in story time and/or make a craft



## Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month – 5 to 8 PM – in Ashland House

**All ages** are welcome to participate in **all** activities, however, parents must stay with their children – no drop offs. Contact Mrs. Ficca for full details at <a href="mailto:faith@christthekingnorfolk.org">faith@christthekingnorfolk.org</a>.



#### World Youth Day - August 2023 - Lisbon, Portugal

"Mary arose and went in haste" (Luke 1:39).

Join millions of other young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Registration information for joining our diocesan pilgrimage as a teen, college student, or young adult is coming as soon as the 2023 dates are officially announced - we expect it to be somewhere between the end of July and the middle of August 2023 and for the pilgrimage to cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per person.



Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, 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. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish uses the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

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 <a href="https://signup.formed.org/">https://signup.formed.org/</a>
  - Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address
   That's it! You're in.

Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

## Did you know that FORMED is not just for adults?

# Here are their top picks for middle school children:

















