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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Bulletin deadline: Thursday by 3:30 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to Christ the King Parish. Registration forms for new parishioners are on the round table in the Church Commons and in the parish office. Registering in the parish is essential to insure that we have a way to communicate with you and is required for Sacramental preparation and participation in our Faith Formation Programs. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. If you are moving, please notify the parish office as soon as possible.

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 two months prior to the desired date. All parents must attend a three-hour class.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion preparation begins in the 2nd grade.
Confirmation preparation of teenagers begins in the 10th grade.
All Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) of adults and older children are handled on a case by case basis. Please contact our Director of Faith Formation to inquire about for all of the above programs.

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.

EUCCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

WEEKENDS

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00 a.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 DEC. 19th TO DEC. 25th

Monday, 12/19		No Mass
Tuesday, 12/20	8:30 a.m.	Gloria Aguila (D)
Wednesday, 12/21	8:30 a.m.	John Albert Herrick, Sr (D)
Thursday, 12/22	8:30 a.m.	Francesca & Mary (D)
Friday, 12/23	8:30 a.m.	Carlo & Armi Reyes (L)
Saturday, 12/24 Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Francesca & Mary (D) Fr. Joseph Wamala (L)
Sunday, 12/25 Christmas Day	10:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Intentions of Parishioners

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.

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 \$150 but other options include cut flowers and plants.



Angel Tree

Many thanks to all who have donated already!
If you still have tags, please return them to
the office as soon as possible.

Liturgical Ministers for December 24th & 25th

	Saturday, December 24th		Sunday, 12/25
	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 AM
Altar Serv. I	A. Litkowski	R. Vicente	S. Killian
Altar Serv. 1	M. Everett	S. Okobi	T. Satchivi
Altar Serv. 2	G. McIntyre-Stevens	B. Okobi	A. Satchivi
Child. Lit. 1	x	x	K. Rivera
Child. Lit. 2	x	x	A. Webb
Eucharistic	C. Knight	K. Killian	J. Radford
Reader 1		J. Ficca	E. Marasco
Reader 2			L. Francis
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	P. Daugherty
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	E. Webb
Livestream	x	x	J. Ficca

CHRISTMAS' READINGS

December 24th, 2022 (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, 2022

Isaiah 52:7 – 10
Psalm 98:1 – 6
Hebrews 1:1 – 6
John 1:1 – 18

Scriptures are #1006 in the Hymnal.

Vocations Awareness

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness?

He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

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

Help Needed

All are invited to help prepare the church for Christmas on **Thursday, December 22nd** beginning at **10 a.m.**

Strong backs and many hands are needed to put up the Christmas trees, greenery and manger.

Middle and high school students may be dropped off to help but elementary students must be accompanied by a parent.

Contact the church office for more info.

Chairs in the Church Commons

Please leave the chairs in the Commons for parents with small children who need to step out of Mass.

Everyone is encouraged to join us inside the sanctuary for Mass so you can fully participate.

If you arrive late, our ushers will be happy to help you find a seat during an appropriate moment during the Mass.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Confirmation Class	12/19	7:30 PM	via Zoom
Cleaning Team #2	12/20	9:00 AM	Church
Finance Committee Meeting	12/20	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Legion of Mary	12/20	7:00 PM	Ashland House
International Choir Practice	12/21	6:45 PM	Church
Decorate church for Christmas	12/22	10:00 AM	Church
Cantor / Choir Practice	12/22	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Church
Virtual Rosary	12/22	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Spirit of God Prayer Group	12/22	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Circulo d'Oracione	12/23	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Church Office Closed	12/23 - 12/27	All Day	

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

During the **Month of December**, we will be collecting: **Food for Holiday Baskets**

Boxed: stuffing, instant potatoes, Jiffy corn muffin mix, dessert mix

Canned: corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit and hams

Frozen 10-12 lb. turkeys* and Fresh or Frozen hens*

*Please contact the office before donation for proper storage.

For more information, please contact Alicia at 757-627-6748 or visit their website:

www.stcolumbaministries.com

What We Believe

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What Catholics Believe (RCIA) will be moving to **Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 PM** in the **Office Conference Room** beginning **January 5th**.

All are welcome to join us!



CTK's Legion of Mary

Will be meeting on **Tuesdays @ 7 PM** in the Ashland House beginning 1/7.

For more details, contact Tess Rozelle theroze0305@aol.com

New members are always welcome!



All children of the parish are invited to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Innocents**

on **Wednesday, December 28th at 8:30 a.m.**

After Mass we will have hot chocolate and doughnuts for all!



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of November: 123 out of 327

Month of November 2022

Monthly Budget Needed	\$ 28,416.15
Actual Receipts Received	<u>19,441.64</u>
Monthly Budget Deficit	\$ <u>(8,974.51)</u>
Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$ 156,288.85
YTD Actual Receipts Received	<u>108,425.26</u>
YTD Budget Deficit	\$ <u>(47,863.59)</u>

Capital Improvement Collection for November - \$834.00

December Special Collections:

Budget Deficit, Capital Improvements, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, Christmas Flowers, and Catholic Charities

All Online Giving (including special collections) can be done directly at:

<https://osvhub.com/christthekingnorfolk/giving/funds>



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

In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021. Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears. As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saying "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I remember our first trip to the pediatrician with our newborn. Our job as parents, he said in so many words, was to raise him so that he'd be ready to leave us at 18. As our youngest approaches that milestone, I'm having a hard time letting go. In his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a father (and I think this applies to mothers, too): "Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care." Joseph and Mary loved Jesus in this way, accepting that Jesus did not "belong" to them but to all of us. Whether or not we are parents, we can learn from their example, entrusting our lives and those of our loved ones to God. As St. Paul reminds us, we "belong to Jesus Christ."

ACTION "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" As you light the Advent candles or say evening prayers this week, reflect on the ways Jesus has made his presence known to you today and give thanks.



Upcoming Youth Group Events:

Thursday, December 22nd

- Decorating the church for Christmas @ 10 a.m., followed by pizza and a movie

Wednesday, December 28th

- Feast of the Holy Innocents – Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Defy Jump Park, Chesapeake @ 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 31st

- New Year's Eve Party – Mass @ 5:30 p.m. followed by party until 9 p.m.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Ficca by December 22nd for the Jump Park & the New Year's Eve Party



Classes meet as follows:

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

January 8, 22, 29

February 5, 19, 26

Grades 6 to 12: Sundays, 12:15 to 1:30 PM

(bring your lunch)

January 22 & 29

February 5, 19 & 26

Youth Group: 2nd Sunday of the Month

12:15 to 2:30 PM (lunch provided)

January 8th – Epiphany Party

February 10th – 12th – DYC



Dec. 17 | Church of the Holy Family @ 5:30pm

Dec. 18 | St. Luke

Dec. 19 | Holy Spirit

Dec. 20 | Star of the Sea

Dec. 21 | St. Luke & St. Gregory the Great

Dec. 22 | TBD

Dec. 23 | St. Nicholas w/ reception following Mass

All Masses begin at 7:00 p.m.

Greetings, parishioners, families, and friends,

Tis the season to give thanks, spread joy, and embrace love from family and friends! Thank you all for participating in our fall activities and events last month. December has been another busy month with festive events, celebrations, holiday-giving activities, and winter break camp for preschool and extended care students.

We are still running our coat drive through January 31. New or (clean), gently used coats of various sizes can be dropped in the donation box in the school's lobby. All coats will be donated to Samaritan House, a home for domestic abuse victims.

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. School is closed beginning December 19. During winter break, there will be many opportunities to create a stronger bond with your scholar (s) and continue to support their academic growth and success. The holidays are good times for storytelling around the dinner table or routines like bedtime reading that cultivate connections between home and school expectations. Young scholars do best with regular schedules, and I encourage you to prepare for their return to school on January 3 by instilling in them the importance of being rested and ready to learn.

Families, thank you for partnering with us to educate your children. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the school office or email me directly at kcallahan@ctkparish.org.

Have a wonderful week!

Kim V. Callahan
Principal
Christ the King Catholic School

December Events

19	Christmas Break begins	No School
19-22	Christmas Break Camp	No School / Students must register
Dec 26 to Jan 2	- Christmas Break	No School / No Daycare



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