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Advent

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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 3:00 p.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.

ANOIDTING 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 DECEMBER 11th to 17th

Monday, 12/11		No Mass
Tuesday, 12/12	8:30 a.m.	Francesca & Mary (D)
Wednesday, 12/13	8:30 a.m.	Donna Rego (L)
Thursday, 12/14	8:30 a.m.	
Friday, 12/15	8:30 a.m.	Greta Hovik (D)
Saturday, 12/16	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Jacquelyn Rejuney (D)
Sunday, 12/17	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Intentions of Parishioners Joey Collier (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.

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 \$100 to \$150, but we have other options.



8:30 AM Mass: 2nd & 4th Sundays

11:00 AM Mass – Every Sunday

Two additional teams are needed at 8:30 and at least one additional team is needed for the 5th Sunday of each month for the 11 AM Mass. Please contact Janet Ficca at (757) 646-2684 or through the office for more info and / or to volunteer.

	Liturgical Ministers for December 16 th & 17 th		
	Saturday, 12/16	Sunday, December 17 th	
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Altar Serv. 1	S. Killian	G. Stevens	H. Geronilla
Altar Serv. 2	B. Clark	S. Stevens	E. Luettel
Altar Serv. 3	x	x	x
Child. Lit. 1	x	x	A. Luettel
Child. Lit. 2	x	x	C. Connor
EMHC	x	E. Kukanich	A. Vitug
Reader 1	Reader Needed	E. Marasco	C. Goodwyn
Reader 2	Reader Needed	L. Francis	T. Tedesca
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	K. Brink
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	T. Womack
Livestream	x	x	J. Womack

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 2023

Isaiah 61:1 – 2a, 10 – 11

Psalm: Luke 1:46 – 50, 53 – 54

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 24

John 1:6 – 8, 19 – 28

Scriptures are #998 in the Hymnal.

Vocations Awareness

“A voice is calling.”

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest

His love in you as a priest or
consecrated religious?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the
Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or
via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Holiday Help

If you know of a parishioner who could
use a little help this year with Christmas,
please contact the office as soon as
possible.

Families with Young Children

Welcome to Christ the King!

Children are especially close to the heart of Jesus so don't feel you have to stifle those wiggles and giggles. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you, so please participate and try to sit where they can see what is happening.

If your child should become verbally or physically restless, please quietly step out and utilize the chairs that have been placed in the Commons just for you. When your child has calmed, please return to your pew.

Do not give up!

You are welcome here, always.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Faith Formation Class for Pre-K – Grade 8	12/10	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Family Skate Party & Youth Group Fundraiser	12/10	5:00 PM	Sk8 House
Cub Scout Pack Meeting / Boy Scouts	12/11	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Cleaning Team #2	12/12	9:00 AM	Church
Senior Luncheon	12/12	12 Noon	Olive Garden @ J.A.N.A.F.
Legion of Mary	12/12	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Divorce Care	12/13	6:30 PM	Conference Room
Becoming Catholic	12/13	7:00 PM	Conference Room
Virtual Rosary	12/14	7:00 PM	via phone (757)551-6414
Spirit of God Prayer Group	12/14	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Advent Adoration / Vespers (5:30 PM)	12/15	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Church
Circulo D'Oracione	12/15	7:00 PM	Church
That Man Is You (TMIY)	12/16	6:00 AM	Church Commons



Advent Adoration Friday, December 15th 9 AM – 6 p.m.



We will have Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration throughout the day. At 5:30 PM, we will end with Vespers and Benediction as we close out the day.



Advent Reconciliation Service

Please join us on

Thursday, December 21st at 6 PM

for our Advent Reconciliation Service followed by individual confessions as we prepare our hearts and souls to celebrate Christmas.

CTK 75 Special Collection

For **November** and **December**, we are asking everyone to give a little extra to reduce our current deficit. Every little bit helps. Envelopes are in a basket on the baptismal font or you can bring your own – just label them CTK 75 and include your name. Thank you for your generosity!



I'm looking for kids in **Grades 3-8** who would love to sing for the Lord for our **Children's Mass on Christmas Eve.**

Rehearsal time to be determined.

A choir mom/dad is needed who is VIRTUS trained.

Please email me at music@christthekingnorfolk.org if interested as soon as possible. Include your children's names, ages, and other musical experiences, such as chorus or music lessons. Thank you! B. J. Atkinson

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to the operating income during the month of November: **130 out of 321**

Month of November 2023

Monthly Budget Needed	\$ 30,411.85
Actual Receipts Received	<u>31,241.67*</u>
Monthly Budget Overage	\$ <u>829.82</u>
Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$ 167,265.17
YTD Actual Receipts Received	<u>130,733.47</u>
YTD Budget Deficit	\$ <u>(36,531.70)</u>
Capital Improvement Collection for November	\$ 1,382.00

*Includes: **CTK 75 Collection for November: \$7,853.00**

December Special Collections:



CTK 75, Catholic Charities, Christmas Flowers, Christmas, Capital Improvements, Budget Deficit, and Feast of the Immaculate Conception

All Online Giving (including special collections) can be done by scanning the **QR code** above or by going directly to:

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



December 10, 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Can you hear it? The voice crying out in the desert? While John the Baptist was the one literally proclaiming, from the desert, the coming of the Lord, we should listen for echoes of his message today. John foretold that Jesus – the Father’s Incarnate Son – was on his way to redeem the world. Through Jesus’ passion and death, the gates of heaven were flung open so all who believe in him would have eternal life. This is the Good News he proclaimed then, and the Church proclaims today: *Christ has come! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.* This is what we prepare for in Advent – to celebrate, on Christmas day, Christ’s coming into the world, and that he will one day return in glory. The Lord gives comfort to his people in his words, and in his presence to us in the Eucharist: “According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” So, trust in the Lord, remain vigilant, and take heed of the voices that remind us to “prepare the way of the Lord.”

SING *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, / One more seed is planted there: / Give up your strength the seed to nourish, / That in course the flower may flourish. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the rose, is on the way.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year, we are given the gift of Advent. It is a season that invites us to slow down, reflect on the gift of Jesus and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Ironically, though, it happens at one of the most frenzied times of the year as we rush to keep up with cookie baking, tree decorating and merry-making. Advent is short – it includes four Sundays but can be three to four weeks long depending on the weekday upon which Christmas falls – and it sometimes doesn’t seem long enough to truly prepare our hearts. This year Advent is three weeks and a day – so we are close to reaching the midway point, which is a good time to ask ourselves: How tuned in are we to John the Baptist’s message? If we feel like we’re being carried along in a wave of consumerism, it’s not too late to make a course correction. We can step away from the fray and carve out time to enjoy the stillness of Advent and truly listen to the voice crying out in the desert.



Our **Angel Tree** is up!

Please take a tag or two this weekend and return your gift(s) by **Sunday, December 17th**.

If you know of anyone in need, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Holiday Family Movie Night

Friday, December 22nd @ 6 PM



Children of all ages are invited to wear their Christmas PJ’s, bring a pillow & blanket and join us for hot cocoa, Christmas cookies & a movie in the Church Commons!

All are welcome!

RSVP to Mrs. Ficca by 12/20.

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

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023-2024

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on December 1st & 15th

Will begin with Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

Will conclude with Vespers (Evening Prayer) @ 5:30 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. (livestreamed) Masses on Friday, December 8th

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21st

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reconciliation at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 23rd

Regular Weekend Masses - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 23rd
and 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. (livestreamed) on Sunday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. with Children's Carols beginning at 4:30 p.m.

9 p.m. Vigil Mass with Festival of Carols beginning at 8:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. Mass (livestreamed)

HOLIDAY HOURS

The week of December 25th – 29th, the church office will be open:

Wednesday, December 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greetings, Parishioners, Families, and Friends,

I hope you all had a great week. It's been another busy and productive time at the school, with many exciting events and activities. I am pleased to report that our 8th graders had a wonderful time at Catholic High School for CHS Day. They had the opportunity to learn more about the school, meet some teachers and students, and experience participating in the CHS community. This was a valuable experience for our students, and I'm proud of how well they represented our school.

In other news, basketball season is upon us, and our first games are this weekend. Our boys' and girls' teams have been working hard in practice, and I'm confident they will perform well on the court. Please come out and support our teams.

A team of our teachers and I headed to Roanoke last week for the VSTE conference. This conference brings together teachers who wish to foster exemplary teaching, leading, and learning practices through ed tech. It was an engaging and fun time for all of us.

Our upcoming school Christmas pageants allow you to slow down and enjoy a little holiday cheer. The 3rd – 8th-grade pageant on December 12th and the Pre-K-2nd grade pageant on December 13th will be held at the CTK Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., respectively. Students and staff have been working very hard to showcase these special talents. Please come; everyone is welcome!

Have a wonderful week!

Kim V. Callahan

Principal

Christ the King Catholic School



December Events

12	3 rd – 8 th Grade Christmas Pageant	6 PM
13	PreK – 2 nd Grade Christmas Pageant	10 AM
20	Christmas Break begins	11:30 AM Dismissal
Dec 21 – 22:	Christmas Break Camp – No School Students must register.	
Dec 26 – Jan 2:	Christmas Break	No School / No Daycare



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

**Curious about the
Catholic Faith?**

**Need to Receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation
(Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion)?**

Becoming Catholic is a program for adults and older teens who are thinking about becoming Catholic and for adults who never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We meet most **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in Ashland House. All are welcome!

Contact Janet Ficca for more info at

faith@christthekingnorfolk.org



Begin your family's Advent journey with these two exciting episodes!



Advent Wreath: Be the Light | Episode 1

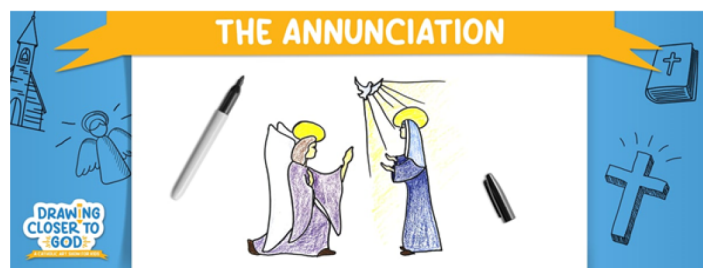
Ms. Kim explains the significance of the season of Advent and its symbolism by teaching students how to draw an Advent wreath. She challenges kids to be the light of the world, especially during this holy season of preparation.

- Do your children love to draw?
- Looking for something fun to do with your children for Advent?

Check out this Advent resource along with many other offerings on FORMED at:
<https://watch.formed.org/drawing-closer-to-god>

Not a member yet? It's easy & FREE to get started:

- Go to www.FORMED.org/signup
- Enter our parish zip code (23509) to select our parish
- Enter your name and email



The Annunciation: Hail, Mary | Episode 2

Ms. Kim introduces devotion to Mary and explains the significance of Mary's "yes" by teaching students how to draw the Annunciation. She challenges kids to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession to be open to God's will for their lives.

Faith Formation Reminder

There will be **no** Faith Formation classes on Sunday, December 17th and **no** Becoming Catholic class on Wednesday, December 20th.

- Did you receive your copy of **Beautiful Eucharist**?
 - Interested in joining a book study?
- Join Mrs. Ficca in Ashland House on Tuesday, December 19th @ 9:30 AM or Wednesday, December 20th @ 3 PM for a discussion of the prologue and 1st chapter



Sponsor a Wreath to Honor our Veterans

My name is Emily. I am a CTK parishioner and a member of American Heritage Girls Troop VA 0316. Each year, my troop places wreaths on the graves of the Veterans at Hampton National Cemetery.

Please help us honor Veterans by sponsoring a wreath for \$17.

If you would like to lay wreaths on the graves, join my troop and many other volunteers at the **Hampton National Cemetery on Dec 16th at 12:00 PM.**

You can participate in 3 ways:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Make a check payable to Wreaths Across America
3. Access my link:

<https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/166191>



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