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# Advent

The Season of

A Season of  
HOPE  
PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE



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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 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 12/18		No Mass
Tuesday, 12/19	8:30 a.m.	Gloria Aguila (D)
Wednesday, 12/20	8:30 a.m.	Jonathan Ing (D)
Thursday, 12/21	8:30 a.m.	Ibrahim Njie (D)
Friday, 12/22	8:30 a.m.	Buka Okobi (L)
Saturday, 12/23	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Greta Hovik (D)
Sunday, 12/24	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
	11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Living & Deceased Members of the Babin Family
	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
	9:00 p.m.	Greta Hovik (D)
Monday, 12/25	10:00 a.m.	Kenneth Fowler (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.

### Vocations Awareness - "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me."

God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2 Samuel 7:1 – 5, 8b – 12, 14a, 16  
Psalm 89:2 – 5, 27, 29  
Romans 16:25 – 27  
Luke 1:26 – 38

**Scriptures are #1001 in the Hymnal.**

## CHRISTMAS' READINGS

### December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Day)

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

**Scriptures are #1006 in the Hymnal.**

	Liturgical Ministers for Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>			Liturgical Ministers for Christmas		
	Saturday, 12/23	Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>		Monday, 12/25
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 AM
<b>Altar Serv. 1</b>	R. Vicente	J. Gutierrez	C. Sama	S. Stevens	S. Killian	L. Sama
<b>Altar Serv. 2</b>	x	S. Okobi	L. Sama	M. Everett	R. Vicente	W. Ponchot
<b>Altar Serv. 3</b>	x	x	x	J. Litkowski	x	x
<b>Child. Lit. 1</b>	x	R. Hryniewicz	K. Rivera	x	x	x
<b>Child. Lit. 2</b>	x	E. Pitsch	A. Webb	x	x	x
<b>EMHC</b>	M. Agnese	G. Duncan	M. Lopez	J. Ficca	K. Killian	A. Webb
<b>Reader 1</b>	R. Trent	Reader Needed	J. Ficca	E. Hunley	J. Ficca	L. Francis
<b>Reader 2</b>	Reader Needed	Reader Needed	Reader Needed	K. Okobi	Reader Needed	E. Marasco
<b>Usher 1</b>	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	K. Brink	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	K. Brink
<b>Usher 2</b>	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	T. Womack	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	T. Womack
<b>Livestream</b>	x	x	H. Luettel	x	x	J. Ficca



## THIS WEEK AT CTK

Cub Scout Pack Meeting / Boy Scouts	12/18	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Finance Committee	12/19	7:00 PM	Conference Room
Legion of Mary	12/19	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team #3	12/20	9:30 AM	Church
Parish Council	12/20	6:00 PM	Conference Room
<b>Advent Reconciliation Service</b>	<b>12/21</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Church</b>
Virtual Rosary	12/21	7:00 PM	via phone (757)551-6414
Hanging of the Greens	12/22	10:00 AM	Church
Family Movie Night	12/22	6:00 PM	Church Commons
Circulo D'Oracione	12/15	7:00 PM	Church
Christmas Vigil Masses (Caroling 30 minutes before)	12/24	5:00 & 9:00 PM	Church
Christmas Day Mass	12/25	10:00 AM	Church

Did you receive your copy of **Beautiful Eucharist**? Interested in joining a book study?

Join Mrs. Ficca in Ashland House on  
Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM or  
Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3 PM  
for a discussion of the prologue and 1<sup>st</sup> chapter



### Angel Tree Reminder

All gifts are due this weekend!  
If you know of anyone in need, please  
contact our office as soon as possible.



Please join us on  
**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

## 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 17, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." Such simple words from today's second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don't feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul's words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: "Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil." That's it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God's gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

**SING** *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim / One more light the bowl shall brim, / Shining beyond the frosty weather, / Bright as sun and moon together. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the star, is on the way.*

## 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.

## 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:

[www.stcolumbaministries.com](http://www.stcolumbaministries.com)

## Faith Formation Reminder

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

## Holiday Family Movie Night

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 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!



Greetings, Parishioners, Families, and Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for attending our Christmas pageants. Your presence made the event even more special and meaningful. I hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we enjoyed putting them on.

The pageants serve as a reminder of the true reason for the season, which is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Through the beautiful songs and performances, we were able to come together as a community and reflect on the significance of this holiday.

I am happy to share with you about our youngest Cougars and their unique way of celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas. During their naps, the children wore their sneakers, hoping to receive a special treat when they woke up. The excitement and anticipation among the children were palpable, and it was heartwarming to see them all gathered, eagerly waiting for their surprises. The joy on their faces as they discovered the treats in their sneakers was truly priceless!

Families, thank you for partnering with us to educate your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or email me directly at [kcallahan@ctkparish.org](mailto:kcallahan@ctkparish.org).

Have a wonderful week!

Kim V. Callahan

Principal

Christ the King Catholic School



### December Events

Dec 20: Christmas Break begins 11:30 AM Dismissal  
Dec 21 – 22: Christmas Break Camp – No School  
Dec 26 – Jan 2: Christmas Break No School / No Daycare

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

**8:30 AM Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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