

“And the
Word
became flesh and
dwelt
among us.”

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6th TO 12th

Monday, 1/6	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 1/7	8:30 a.m.	Christ the King School
Wednesday, 1/8	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Matthias (L)
Thursday, 1/9	8:30 a.m.	Christ the King School to Prosper
Friday, 1/10	8:30 a.m.	Continued Growth of Christ the King School
Saturday, 1/11	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Christ the King School Harrie & Carolyn Pearson
Sunday, 1/12	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	A Special Intention 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 at (757) 544-8915. Full arrangements range from \$100 to \$175.



CTK's Legion of Mary

Meets on **Tuesdays at 7:15 PM** in Ashland House.
For more details, contact Tess Rozelle at
theroze0305@aol.com.
New members are always welcome!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Baptism of the Lord

January 12th, 2025

Isaiah 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

Psalm 104: 1b – 4, 24 – 25, 27 – 30

Titus 2:11 – 14, 3:4 – 7

Luke 3:15 – 16, 21 – 22

Scriptures are #1014 in the Hymnal.

Lector Training

Are you currently a lector or interested in becoming one? There will be lector training on **Sunday, January 12th at 9:30 AM**. All current lectors and those interested in becoming a lector are asked to attend. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Did you know ...

that we have a parish subscription to **FORMED**? It's easy to get started:

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

	Liturgical Ministers for Baptism of the Lord		
	Saturday, 1/11	Sunday, January 12 th	
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Altar Serv. 1	S. Killian	A. Gutierrez	J. Satchivi
Altar Serv. 2	J. Litkowski	B. Okobi	Eva Luettel
Altar Serv. 3	x	S. Stevens	Caleb Courtenay
Child. Lit. 1	x	x	A. Luettel
Child. Lit. 2	x	x	C. Connor
EMHC-Bread	I. Dante	x	x
EMHC-Cup 1	C. Knight	A. Okobi	A. Vitug
EMHC-Cup 2	--	G. Duncan	E. Kukanich
Reader 1	R. Trent	L. Francis	M. Everett
Reader 2		E. Marasco	Youth Mass
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	S. Matrosky
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	E. Rivera-Kulesza
Livestream	x	x	H. Luettel



**DIVORCED? SEPARATED?
WE CAN HELP!**

Our next 13-week program begins **Wednesday, January 22nd @ 6:30 PM** in-person & via Zoom.

New Leader Training will be held on **Wednesday, January 15th @ 6:00 PM**.

Please contact Tess Rozelle at theroze0305@aol.com if you are interested in volunteering with this wonderful ministry or would like to sign-up as a participant.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Faith Formation Pre-K to Gr. 5	1/5	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Children's Choir	1/5	12:15 PM	Church
Faith Formation Grs. 6 – 12	1/5	12:30 PM	Ashland House
Family Movie Night	1/5	6:00 PM	Church Commons
Cleaning Team #1	1/6	2:00 PM	Church
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts	1/6	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Liturgy Committee Meeting	1/7	6:00 PM	Church Office
Legion of Mary	1/7	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Opening the Word	1/8	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Symbolon	1/9	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	1/9	7:00 PM	via phone 757-551-6414
Women's Ministry Meeting	1/11	10:00 AM	Commons
Lector Training	1/12	9:30 AM	Church
Faith Formation Pre-K to Gr. 5	1/12	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Children's Choir	1/12	12:15 PM	Church
Confirmation Class	1/12	12:30 PM	Ashland House

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries - Food to Warm Your Body

On a cold day, nothing tastes better and warms us up like something hot. As we move into the colder months, we are looking for foods that fulfill that need:

Soups, canned Stews, Instant Coffee, Tea Bags, Sugar, Artificial Sweeteners and Powdered Creamer

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

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Thank you to everyone who supported our school fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

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https://richmonddiocese.org/child_protection_virtus/

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH



January Special Collections:

Solemnity of Mary, Respect Life, Budget Deficit, and Capital Improvement

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>

Christ the King is forming a Men's Ministry!

The men of our parish are invited to join us as we begin a new ministry. Our first interest meeting will be on **Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Commons. All men who are interested in being part of this ministry are invited to attend. The current That Man is You program will become part of the Men's Ministry but meet during the week and at later times.

We will discuss the goals of our ministry and establish regular meeting dates & times. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Light refreshments will be provided.



January 5, 2025
 Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

Deeply fatigued from their perilous journey, the three wise men must have been filled with doubt and hope in equal measure, wondering if the star would truly lead them to the promised King. "Is this really worth it?" they may have questioned. "Will we ever meet this child?" And then, in a single gaze, Christ broke into the world of humanity. In this perfect encounter with the Son of God, the wise men "prostrated themselves" and "opened their treasures" before him - in all his glory and all his innocence. We, on our earthly pilgrimage, may relate to feeling exhausted, full of both hope and heartache, as we wait and wonder where we will meet Jesus. Today, remember, he is here, among us. Waiting for our presence, waiting for our heart. Like today's Scripture from Isaiah, the Magi must have experienced their hearts *throbbing* and *overflowing* with wonder and awe at the sight of their long-awaited King.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Your light has come!" What thrilling words these must have been, proclaimed to a world that had been shrouded in darkness, eagerly - *desperately* - waiting for their God to save them. And not only has their light come; with it came a promise that this light would guide all nations. Yet this invitation to light, to *freedom*, also comes with a great responsibility. This light that came into the world isn't just for us to follow; it is also for us to reflect to others. In today's world, this may not involve leading flocks of sheep or strumming a 10-stringed lyre, but it does call us to live as radiant witnesses of Christ's love, always singing his praise! Perhaps this means living joyfully despite our suffering. Maybe it looks like practicing generosity, when we feel like we have little left to give or remaining hopeful in a bleak situation. We are called to praise at all times, but it takes different forms in the different seasons of our life. Whatever season we find ourselves in, let us, like the Magi, seek the King, trusting in his promise and following his light.

REFLECT

Consider areas in your life where the Child Jesus is waiting to break in. Where does he long to heal you, comfort you, and bring you peace? Like the wise men, we are on a pilgrimage filled with hope - and at times, fear and restlessness. On this great feast, let us offer Jesus our treasure - our hearts - and, in return, he will give us the greatest gift of all: himself.

Christ the King Athletic Corner

The squeak of shoes and the scoreboard buzzer are great sounds as we kick off the 2024-2025 Tidewater Catholic Basketball League (TCBL) season! We are blessed to have such a great venue. There are many opportunities to support our Christ the King student athletes at HOME as well as attend events around local Catholic Schools.

For Home basketball games, we are holding two raffles at each game. The first is a 50/50, and the second is an ODU basketball ticket raffle. All money will go towards CTK athletics. ~ Chad Luettel (Assistant Athletic Director)

Saturday, January 11, 2025	8:00 AM	Youth Boys vs St. Greg's	Home	Christ the King School Gym
	9:00 AM	Youth Girls vs Portsmouth		
	10:00 AM	Junior Girls vs St Matthew's		
	11:15 AM	Junior Girls (Silver) vs St. Greg's 2		
	12:30 PM	Junior Girls (Gold) vs St. Greg's 1		
	1:45 PM	Senior Boys vs St. Pius		

Volunteer Maintenance Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as **maintenance coordinator** to be the point of contact for all maintenance issues. This person would be expected to do:

- routine walk throughs of the parish property to look for and evaluate potential problems,
- coordinate with the church office to have repairs made when needed,
- and be a point of contact for emergencies outside of normal business hours.

If interested in learning more, please contact the church office.
 School families can earn volunteer hours for this service.

January 2025

Christ the King Catholic Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Special Collections:</i> Solemnity of Mary, Respect Life, Capital Improvement, and Budget Deficit</p> <p><i>St. Columba's Collection for January:</i> Soups, stews, tea bags, instant coffee, sugar, artificial sweeteners, and powdered creamer</p>			<p>1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Mass</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Virtual Rosary</p>	<p>3 <i>First Friday Most Holy Name of Jesus</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 9 AM-6PM Adoration 5:30 PM Vespers</p>	<p>4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Funeral 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 9:45 FF for PK - Gr 5 11:00 Mass 12:15 PM Children's Choir 12:30 FF for Grs 6-12 6:00 Family Movie Night</p>	<p>6 <i>St. André Bessette</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p> <p>No Mass Fr. Augustine's Day Off</p>	<p>7 <i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Liturgy Comm. 7:15 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Opening the Word</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Symbolon 7:00 Virtual Rosary</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 10:00 Women's Ministry 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 9:30 Lector Training 9:45 FF for PK-Gr 5 11:00 Youth Mass 12:15 PM Children's Choir 12:30 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13 <i>St. Hilary</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p> <p>No Mass Fr. Augustine's Day Off</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00 PM Sr. Luncheon 6:00 Baptism Class 7:15 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Divorced Care Leader's Training 6:30 Opening the Word 7:00 Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM Symbolon 6:30 Men's Ministry Mtg. 7:00 Virtual Rosary</p>	<p>17 <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 AM TMIY 9:00 - 6:30 Confirmation Retreat 9:00 Parish Workday 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>19 <i>2nd Sunday in O.T.</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 9:45 FF for PK - Gr 5 11:00 Mass 12:15 PM Children's Choir 12:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>20 <i>Sts. Fabian & Sebastian</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>21 <i>St. Agnes</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Comm. 7:15 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>22 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Divorced Care 6:30 Opening the Word 7:00 Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 <i>Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Symbolon 7:00 Virtual Rosary</p>	<p>24 <i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i></p> <p>6:00 AM TMIY 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>26 <i>3rd Sunday in O.T.</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 9:45 FF for PK - Gr 5 11:00 Mass 12:15 PM Children's Choir 12:30 FF for Grs 6-12</p>	<p>27 <i>St. Angela Merici</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Parish Council 7:15 Legion of Mary</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Divorced Care 6:30 Opening the Word 7:00 Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 PM Symbolon 7:00 Virtual Rosary</p>	<p>31 <i>St. John Bosco</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00 AM TMIY 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Catholic Schools Week: January 26th – January 31st</p>						

"God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Acts 4:20)



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**Pictures from
our 75th
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**Families with Young
Children**

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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!
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Faith Formation




- Jan 5th – Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
– Faith Formation (Gr 6-12) @ 12:30 PM
– **Family Movie Night @ 6 PM**
- Jan 8th – Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- Jan 9th – Symbolon @ 6:30 PM
- Jan 12th – Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
– Youth Mass @ 11:00 AM
– Confirmation Class @ 12:30 PM
- Jan 14th – Baptism Class
- Jan 15th – Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- Jan 16th – Symbolon @ 6:30 PM
- Jan 18th – Confirmation Retreat

How can we get spiritual protection for our families all year long?



The **Epiphany Blessing** is a beloved and powerful tradition of the Church. This blessing recalls the Three Kings who came to adore Christ. It invokes God's protection upon your home, family, and visitors.

Performed by the parish priest or by the head of your household, the blessing includes sprinkling the rooms of the house with holy water. It also includes "chalking the doors". If you are not in the habit of doing the Epiphany Blessing, this year is the perfect year to start.

Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless this dwelling place)

The chalk and holy water are given a special blessing on **Epiphany Day** that is particularly powerful against demons and spiritual dangers. We will have **Blessed Chalk** for everyone after Mass this weekend. If you need **Holy Water**, please bring a small bottle to fill from the font. When you've completed the blessing, don't throw the materials away—they are blessed and can't be put in the trash. A junk drawer is also a bad place for holy objects. If you don't have a good place to store these items, please return the blessed chalk to the church. We will have a basket for them next weekend on the table in the Commons.



Let's go to Rome for the 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year

A Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi – July 23-31, 2025

Become "Pilgrims of Hope" during the Holy Year 2025. Join a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, experiencing some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world. Take part in the Jubilee, a tradition with biblical roots and re-established in AD 1300. Renew your Faith and join the multitudes of pilgrims who have been traveling to Rome for centuries for the chance to receive the plenary indulgence.

Discover why Italy is a bastion of Catholicism as you visit Rome's Seven Pilgrim Churches and the Catacombs. Attend the weekly Papal audience and receive the blessing given by the Pope. Spend time at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, the beloved saint's hometown.

To learn more about this trip, contact Janet Ficca at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org.

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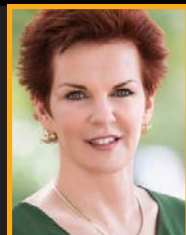
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