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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

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.

EUCHARIST 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 JANUARY 20th TO 26th

Monday, 1/20	8:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Tuesday, 1/21	8:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Wednesday,1/22	8:30 a.m.	Dan & Karen Owens (L)	
Thursday, 1/23	8:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Friday, 1/24	8:30 a.m.	Christ the King School	
Saturday, 1/25	5:30 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
Sunday, 1/26	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Christ the King School Teachers & Students Nancy Hall (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 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!

	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Saturday, 1/25	Sunday, January 26 th			
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM		
Altar Serv.1	J. Litkowski	G. Stevens	R. Adenka		
Altar Serv. 2	B. Clark	J. Gutierrez	Ch. Courtenay		
Altar Serv. 3	Х	Х	х		
Child. Lit. 1	Х	х	K. Rivera		
Child. Lit. 2	Х	х	A. Webb		
EMHC-Bread	X	Х	E. Kukanich (ASC)		
EMHC-Cup 1	I. Dante	L. Radford	V. Duquette		
EMHC-Cup 2		A. Okobi	A. Vitug		
Reader 1	R. Trent	J. Ficca	K. Killian		
Reader 2	C. Burch	Reader Needed	Reader Needed		
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	S. Matrosky		
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	E. Rivera-Kulesza		
Livestream	Х	х	H. Luettel		

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26th, 2025

Nehemiah 8:2 – 4a, 5 – 6, 8 – 10 Psalm 19:8 – 10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 30 Luke 1:1 – 4, 4:14 – 21

Scriptures are #1100 in the Hymnal.

Curious about the Catholic Faith?

Opening the Word is for all adults and older teens who are thinking about becoming Catholic and for those wanting to dive into Scripture.

We meet on most **Wednesdays** from **6:30 to 8:00 PM** in Ashland House.

All are welcome! Contact Janet Ficca for more info at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org

Last Call for Rome \$200 off ends 1/24/25

Join Collette Tours on pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee this summer.

For full details, go to https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1298604

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 Pre-K to Gr. 5	1/19	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Children's Choir	1/19	12:15 PM	Church
Youth Group	1/19	12:30 PM	Ashland House
Family Movie Night	1/19	6:00 PM	Church Commons
Office Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)	1/20	All Day	
Boy Scouts	1/20	7:00 PM	School
Finance Committee Meeting	1/21	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Legion of Mary	1/21	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team #3	1/22	9:30 AM	Church
Divorced Care	1/22	6:30 PM	Conference Room
Opening the Word	1/22	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Adult Choir Practice	1/22	7:00 PM	Church
Symbolon	1/23	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	1/23	7:00 PM	via phone 757-551-6414
That Man Is You	1/25	6:00 AM	Commons
Faith Formation Pre-K to Gr. 5	1/26	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Children's Choir	1/26	12:15 PM	Church
Faith Formation Gr. 6 to 12	1/26	12:30 PM	Ashland House

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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



ALL adult volunteers must now be VIRTUS certified and background checks are done yearly.

If you need help updating your account, contact Janet Ficca. New volunteers can register online at:

https://richmonddiocese.org/child_protection_virtus/ Classes are offered both in-person and online through Zoom.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to the operating income during the month of December: 136 out of 323

Month of December 2024

Monthly Budget Needed	\$ 38,140.48
Actual Receipts Received	33,165.57
Monthly Budget Deficit	\$ (4,974.91)
Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$ 198,330.50
YTD Actual Receipts Received	156,944.30
YTD Budget Deficit	\$ (41,386.20)
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Capital Improvement Collection for December - \$480



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



January 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today's Gospel? If you're unsure, you're not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today's first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. "As a young man marries a virgin," the prophet Isaiah writes, "your Builder shall marry you." Jesus is the "Builder" of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls "Woman," stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will "wed" himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is clear that Scriptures give us many "stories behind the stories" – a sort of "visible invisible" as we see with today's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, self-sacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God's immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.

JOURNAL

Although God's love for *us* never diminishes, *we* sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual "photo album" you can use to remind yourself of God's blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.

School Closure

Christ the King Catholic School will be closing at the end of this school year - June 2025. A copy of the letter that was emailed to parishioners and school parents is enclosed in this bulletin. This difficult decision was made at the diocesan level. Your continued prayers for and support of the school is greatly appreciated. Pleased be assured that any financial contributions made to the school are being used to pay current expenses.

If you have any questions, concerns, and /or comments please email: ctkcommunications@ctkparish.org

Christ the King Catholic Church is *not closing*. There is no plan for this to occur. With your ongoing support, we will continue to serve the community for many years to come.

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

Bus Transportation for the Annual Respect Life March in Washington D.C.

St. Matthew's Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring a bus to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on **Friday**, **January 24**, **2025**. All participants should plan to arrive prior to 7:00 a.m. to begin boarding. The bus will depart promptly at 7:00 a.m. from St. Matthew's parking lot and return the same evening with a likely arrival before 10:00 pm. It will stop for fast food during the return trip. The first 10 sign-ups are free. After that, the cost is \$15 per person for the first three members of a family, then \$10 for each additional family member. Sign up with Rob Martinez at REMartinez4@outlook.com or at (757) 630-2172, or Arnel Rodriguez at arnel02@cox.net. Make certain Rob confirms you are signed up. No money is necessary now. You pay on the bus on January 24th.

St. Gregory is also sponsoring a bus. Please call their church office at (757) 497-8330 for full details.

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January 7, 2025

To Our Christ the King Parishioners and School Families,

I write today with a heavy heart. It is my solemn duty to share that, after nearly 70 years of service to the Norfolk community, Christ the King School will cease operations at the end of the current 2024-25 school year.

The decision to close a school so dearly held is not an easy one – it is, however, a decision we are called to make. Catholic schools across the country face powerful headwinds, and Christ the King School here in Norfolk is no exception. After a thoughtful analysis of the school's financial picture and its mounting financial debt, and in consultation with Bishop Knestout and the Office of Catholic Schools, I reached the conclusion that the school's debt burden has simply become too great while our prospects for future financial viability have become too narrow.

In recent weeks, the groundswell of love and support for Christ the King School's ministry has been palpable. Many in the community, including families, staff, donors and parish members, have come forward with their prayers, words of support, and their generous contributions. I share my gratitude for your generosity of spirit; in the end, though, it was simply not enough to overcome our serious financial realities.

Shortly, school officials will share a series of communications to address important topics, answer frequently asked questions and provide options for continuing a Catholic education. In the meantime, I will do all I can to support school administrators in closing out the school year in a joyful, enriching, Christ-centered manner, and to providing for our faculty and staff – the lifeblood of our school – who have so diligently embodied the school's mission even in challenging times.

On behalf of Christ the King Parish, I thank each of you for your support. May God's blessing be with our families and school community during this time of transition.

Sincerely yours In Christ,

Very Rev. Augustine Lukenge

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Pastor, Christ the King Parish

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January 13, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with a mix of emotions that I write to you during this time of transition. While the decision to close our beloved school was incredibly difficult, I want to focus on the profound gratitude I feel for this extraordinary community and the bright futures that lie ahead for each of our students.

First and foremost, I want to celebrate your children. Each day, they have brought joy, laughter, and boundless hope into our halls. As they prepare to transition to other schools, I am confident they will find welcoming communities ready to nurture their talents and encourage them to thrive. Their resilience and spirit inspire us all, and I know they will continue to shine wherever their journeys take them.

To our dedicated parents and guardians, thank you for your unwavering commitment to this school and our students. Your passion, ideas, and efforts to support and sustain CTK have been truly remarkable. While the outcome is not what any of us had hoped for, your dedication has been a testament to the strength and love within this community.

To our incredible faculty and staff, you are the heart of this school. Through every challenge, you have remained steadfast in your mission to educate, support, and uplift our children. Your tireless efforts, love for teaching, and genuine care for each student have been nothing short of heroic. I am forever grateful for your commitment and the positive impact you have made on so many lives.

Serving as your principal at CTK has been one of the greatest honors of my life. From the moment I walked these halls as a student in 1966 to my years leading this wonderful school, this community has been my home and my heart. The memories, friendships, and shared experiences here will always hold a special place in my life.

As we move forward, I want to share that I have made the decision to retire at the end of this month to focus on my health. While this chapter is ending, I am here to support you and your families as you navigate the transition.

Attached to this email, please find a message from Dr. Michael Riley, Superintendent of Schools about the transition plan as I leave.

Let us find comfort in knowing that endings often lead to new beginnings, and together, we can face this change with faith, hope, and the strength of our community.

With deepest gratitude and prayers for brighter days ahead,

Mrs. Kim Callahan Principal



January 13, 2025

To the Christ the King School Community,

I am writing to inform you that Mrs. Kim Callahan, Principal of Christ the King School, has announced her retirement for health reasons, effective January 31, 2025. Mrs. Callahan has been a steadfast leader, dedicated to the mission of Catholic education and the well-being of our students and families. We are deeply grateful for her years of service and commitment to our school community. Please join me in praying for her health and happiness in her retirement.

To ensure continuity and stability, Mrs. Bonnie Johnson has been appointed as interim principal to lead Christ the King School through the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Johnson brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our Catholic values, and I am confident she will provide strong leadership during this transitional period.

Additionally, Mrs. Katy Rock will assume the role of project coordinator. In this capacity, she will work closely with the Office of Catholic Schools, Father Augustine Lukenge, and our community to ensure that Christ the King School concludes its final year with dignity and grace. Her efforts will focus on supporting students, families, and staff during this time of transition.

As we navigate this period of change, we remain committed to providing a supportive and faith-filled environment for all members of our Christ the King family. Your prayers, understanding, and partnership are deeply appreciated.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact CTK@richmonddiocese.org.

In Christ.

Michael Riley, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Diocese of Richmond

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DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WE CAN HELP!

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





- ➤ Jan 19th Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
 - Youth Group @ 12:30 PM
 - Family Movie Night @ 6 PM
- ▶ Jan 22nd Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- → Jan 23rd Symbolon @ 6:30 PM
- ➤ Jan 26th Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
 - Faith Formation (6-12) @ 12:30 PM
- ▶ Jan 29th Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- ▶ Jan 30th Symbolon @ 6:30 PM
- ➤ Feb 2nd Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
 - Faith Formation (6-12) @ 12:30 PM
 - VIRTUS Class @ 4 PM
- Feb 5th − Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- ➤ Feb 6th Symbolon @ 6:30 PM
- ➤ Feb 7th 9th Diocesan Youth Conference

For more information, contact Janet Ficca at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org

Save the Dates! First Reconciliation Retreat

The retreat for First Reconciliation will be held on **Saturday, March 1**st from **10 AM to 1 PM** in the Church Commons. Parents are asked to join us for the last hour at 12 Noon.

Celebration of the Sacrament of (First) Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, March 6th at 6 PM.

Please pray for our children and their families who are preparing for this Sacrament.





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.

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