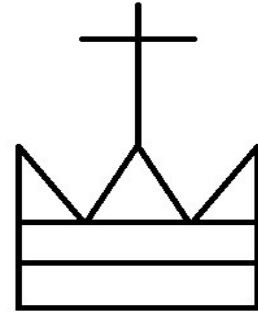


CHRIST THE KING

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Current Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Praying of the Rosary:
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:
Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Follows Tuesday morning Mass until 10:30 a.m.

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**Our Mission Statement:**

The parish of Christ the King Catholic Church continues the mission Jesus began of serving humanity.  
Inspired by Word and Sacrament, we share our God-given talents and gifts, faith and discipleship.  
In this, we enrich and share our Catholic faith.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20*

**July 30, 2023**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Letters for Bread for the World: Next Sunday, Aug. 6th**  
**Please meet in Seger Hall directly after Mass.**

Outreach Committee is sponsoring this offering of letters event where there will be a short presentation designed to explain the work of Bread for the World. Our goal is to get as many letters as possible gathered to send to our representatives in Congress asking them to support the Farm Bill which will ensure more families will have access to fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables. All writing materials and sample letters will be available at this gathering. A continental breakfast will be served. If you would like more information about this initiative, please take a look at their website: [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

**2023 School Supply Collection brought in \$1,652 this year!**

Thank you for helping to provide the means for a good start to the new school year for so many students in our community. Thank you, Amy Sullivan, for buying the supplies and packing the kits. We provided 145 kits (a new record!) which will be distributed by Faith in Action. CTK Outreach thanks you!

**Attention CTK Youth:** Discipleship Week for teens (grades 10-12) is Aug. 16-18 in Williamsburg; Epic Middle School Retreat Aug. 19 (grades 6-8) in Richmond. For more details, please go to [evangeliz-erichmond.org](http://evangeliz-erichmond.org). Contact Tracy Weaver @ 276.274.8694 if you wish to sign up.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Contact the Church Office to schedule

July 30th: Repose of Julian Byrd, Jr.  
 Aug. 2nd: Repose of Gertrud Fischer



**Attendance & Contributions**  
**July 23, 2023 Week**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday Attendance             | 194      |
| Offering envelope             | 930.00   |
| Offering cash                 | 275.00   |
| 2023 School Supplies          | 485.00   |
| <i>Together as One</i>        | 100.00   |
| Online Offering               | 1,075.00 |
| Online <i>Together as One</i> | 370.00   |
| Online Parish Charities       | 50.00    |
| Online School Supplies        | 140.00   |
| Holy Days                     | 5.00     |
| 1st Round Annual Appeal       | 1,564.80 |

**Counters: Aug. 6th:**  
 J. Dumler, A. Dumler, D. Hazard

**Expenses paid**  
**July 24- 28, 2023**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
|                          | \$1,846.09 |
| J&J Janitorial: July     | 525.00     |
| Sewerage: CTK/Rectory    | 129.46     |
| Johnson Controls*        | 876.25     |
| Leo's Pest Control       | 62.00      |
| A-Zor: supplies          | 59.98      |
| VA Social Svcs: BG check | 10.00      |
| Word & Song              | 167.40     |
| Thryv/Dex Media          | 16.00      |

\*fire extinguisher/kitchen inspections and component replacements

**Please note:**

**Fr. Chris will be away Aug. 8th - 11th**

**THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS:**

|              |                                      |                                    |     |                 |                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|------------------|
| Sunday 7/30  | Kings 3:5, 7-12                      | Psalm 119:57, 72, 76, 127, 129 ... | ... | Romans 8:28-30  | Matthew 13:44-52 |
| Monday 7/31  | Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34               | Psalm 106:19, 21, 23               |     |                 | Matthew 13:31-35 |
| Tuesday 8/1  | Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28          | Psalm 103:6, 8, 10, 12             |     |                 | Matthew 13:36-43 |
| Wed. 8/2     | Exodus 34:29-35                      | Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9                |     |                 | Matthew 13:44-46 |
| Thursday 8/3 | Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38               | Psalm 84:3,4, 5, 6a, 8a, 11        |     |                 | Matthew 13:47-53 |
| Friday 8/4   | Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15, 27, 34b-37 | Psalm 81:3, 5, 10                  |     |                 | Matthew 13:54-58 |
| Saturday 8/5 | Leviticus 25:1, 8-17                 | Psalm 67:2, 5, 7                   |     |                 | Matthew 14:1-12  |
| Sunday 8/6   | Daniel 7:9, 13                       | Psalm 97:1, 5, 9                   |     | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Matthew 17:1-9   |

**ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

During Mass, youth ages 17 & under may not leave our worship space unaccompanied by an adult. *This is for the safety of your children and the preservation of our church.* No child should ever be in the nursery, loft or be outside on church property without a parent or guardian to supervise them.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

**Donna Palicki is our new Faith Formation, Liturgical & Office Assistant!** Many of your know Donna who leads the Saturday Women's Bible Study sessions and who has been an active member of our Parish Life Committee. She retired here last year from Chicago and is a graduate of the Ministry Formation program in the Rockford Diocese of Illinois. Donna will help coordinate the many activities that make CTK the robust parish that it is. We are delighted she has stepped into this role! Please note her email is [faithformation@christthekingsaintjohn.org](mailto:faithformation@christthekingsaintjohn.org)

**New email address for office:** if you are communicating with the office you will have received notice we have a new address: [office@christthekingsaintjohn.org](mailto:office@christthekingsaintjohn.org). Please update your address books now. Current emails are being forwarded but soon that will stop. The new address is to align with our website: [christthekingsaintjohn.org](http://christthekingsaintjohn.org)

**July 25th message from Fr. René in Haiti:** "Sisters and brothers in Christ, at the end of this school year, it is with joy that I write to greet you and thank you for your help to the children of the Christ the King school in Morne Blanc. I especially want to thank you for your friendship and your incomparable generosity. I want you to know that your help is invaluable to us in Haiti. The country is doing bad, but we keep hope, because it makes us live. I thank you very much and wish you a good week. Sincerely yours, Fr. René Saurel Edouard, Pastor of Saint Michael the Archangel, Fond-Michel/Haiti. You can contribute to our Haiti Fund anytime during the year.

**FIA Food Pantry Volunteers THIS WEEK:** Daytime **Monday, July 31st and Friday, Aug. 4th, from 9:45 am-1 pm, and Tuesday, Aug. 1st from 3:45-6 pm.** Sign up on board at church entrance or contact Polly Berry: 276.492.3878 or [pollyberry2017@gmail.com](mailto:pollyberry2017@gmail.com) if you can assist with any hours to help at the computer/desk, stocking shelves, packing carts, or bagging.

**Raise your voices in song:** CTK's choir is looking for new choir members. If you are interested in joining or have questions about this ministry, please contact Music Minister Valerie Ponce: [valerieponce2@gmail.com](mailto:valerieponce2@gmail.com). Currently rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Mark your calendars! Universal Church Directories will help us create a new parish directory!** An organizational meeting will take place on **Tuesday, Aug. 29th at 2:00 p.m. to instruct volunteers** to help parishioners sign up to be photographed. **Photo days are Tuesday, Oct. 10th & Wednesday, Oct. 11th each day 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.** We want everyone to be included. **Let office know now if any of your contact information has changed or needs updating.**

### **Upcoming dates to note:**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15th:  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

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**Sunday, Aug. 20th:  
Children's Faith Formation  
Registration/Parent Meeting  
Directly after Mass**

## **Faith Formation Corner**

### **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

What do you consider as your values? Which are most important? Family, friends, faith, trust, love? In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. How are your values important in the kingdom of heaven? What have you given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

Here is a website which offers many resources. This article is a reflection on today's Gospel. <https://www.indiancatholicmatters.org/july-30-priceless-pearls-humility-wisdom-and-discernment/>

### Special prayers and participations:



**Prayers 4 Protection Campaign:** Since 2016 the Abingdon Police Department has asked local churches to include prayers for their law enforcement and administrative personnel. Each week we have placed a name in the bulletin and asked that you devote prayers to that person and their family. This week we pray for **Patrol Officer Branson Thomas**. We pray that Officer Thomas be aware of the power and responsibility his position holds. We pray not only for his protection, but that he perform his duties with care and concern for the community he serves.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED (new names this week in bold):** (If you are sick, in the hospital, or unable to go to Mass, please call the office. Please let the office know of name removal.)

|                  |                     |                           |                    |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Vesta Andrews    | Greg Dean           | Gail Hearl                | Robert Owens       |
| Clayton Arnold   | Madeline Dean       | Terri Hopkins             | Linda Painter      |
| David Arnold     | Gianna Del Gaudio   | Floris Houston            | Heather Parks      |
| Jackie Arthers   | Stevan Demase, Jr.  | Mike Hughes               | Julia Perkins      |
| Harold Arthers   | John De Sensi       | Donna Hundman             | Jim Plihcik        |
| Robert Back      | Jo Ann Detta        | Ron Johnson               | Ryder Roark        |
| Nat Bertrami     | Mendy Dillow        | Jean Knapp                | Evelyn Salak       |
| Bonnie Beane     | Jackie Dolpp        | Grayson Lamie             | Mary Schunke       |
| Laurn Becker     | Jerald Eichelberger | Laurie Lawler             | Donna Seymour      |
| Scott Beeler     | Philip Econopouly   | Kim Lydzinski             | Kim Shew           |
| Leslie Birch     | Alan Fairbanks      | Judy Marburg              | Michelle Smith     |
| David Bisig, Jr. | Judy Fairbanks      | Cannon Martucci           | Kevin Sparks       |
| Dianne Bisig     | Melissa Farmer      | Sharon Martucci           | Debbie Sprinkle    |
| Jessee Blevins   | Alex Fast           | Bonnie Meade              | Jesika Stoll       |
| Gerard Boyd      | Ethan Finch         | Debbie Meade              | Susan Suboc        |
| Tom Boyle        | Randy Flora         | <b>Mallory Minichello</b> | Jettie Sullivan    |
| Brenda Brooks    | Megan Fleenor       | Martin Monahan            | Teresa Swiney      |
| Maryann Browning | Frank Fratto        | Kathy Monyak              | Michael Tully, Jr. |
| Sue Burns        | Dalton Gilbert      | Irene Mooney              | Adalyn Webb        |
| Karen Bush       | Amy Gray            | Connie Moser              | Gabriel Webb       |
| Reneé Clifton    | Juanita Gray        | Laura Mullins             | Cathy White        |
| Sharon Connelly  | Lorenzo Guillen     | Steve Mullins             | Peggy Williams     |
| Jim Cowan        | Tyler Hamm          | Jimmy Murray              | Amber Wolfe        |
| Janice Cowan     | Don Hazard          | Lesley O'Grady            | Denise Wolfe       |

**MILITARY PRAYERS:** Brandon Bates, Paul Browning, Jose Cisneros, Michael Davidson, Scott Elliott, Geoffrey Estes, Matt Frazier, Chuck Gill, Scott Hebert, Anthony Lachlan, James Mayes, Kevin Perkins, Michael Richardson, Blaine Robinson.

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