



# The Courier

Christ the King Episcopal Church

1224 North Jefferson Street

Huntington, Indiana 46750

**MARCH, 2025**

## **A Few Words from Fr. Ted LASTS**

There was a time when the keeping of baby books was a big thing. I remember one that my mother kept after I was born. It recorded a series of firsts – my first smile, first step, first word, first day of school – and such. It was meant to be a way to retain the memory of what were thought to be milestone accomplishments in life. Certainly, each of those skills or events that were recorded have been important in life, but the recollection of the firsts proved not to be significant enough to for the book to be safeguarded, as it disappeared at some point.

Of course, the rest of life was filled with other first occurrences that I remember without the need of a written record. My first car, first job, first girlfriend (in truth there only was ever one and we are still together), our first house, my first Mass as a priest all are cherished memories. All though we rarely think of it as such, “lasts” are equally important and worthy of recall. The last day as a student, the last time spent with a loved one, the last day at a certain employer. There may be as many last times as there have been first times.

Retirement is one of those. I have already retired from one career. And I have reflected often that that experience was such that the leaving was much more difficult than the being away has been. The date of my retirement was set only a few months before it occurred. Yet, as I am sure many of you experienced, the recording of birthdays and government notices of Social Security and Medicare eligibility made it clear that the time was coming near. I don’t recall there being many last things associated with that experience. The time inevitably grew near, my replacement was hired and I said goodbye.

I have announced that I will relinquish my position as Priest-in-Charge of Christ the King on February 28, 2026. As March arrives, I am aware that I am beginning what will be a season of lasts. Some of these I may relish. This, for instance, will be my last March newsletter article. Yeah! I look forward to my last mandatory Diocesan Convention and my last Parochial Report.

The Church calendar and the seasonality of our liturgical experience will make the countdown to next year unavoidable. I know that in a few days will I will celebrate my last Ash Wednesday as your priest and, quite likely, the



last Ash Wednesday service at which I will ever preside. The last Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, and Christmas will follow in what I suspect will seem a very rapid succession. I am determined to savor this time – to let each of these lasts be something I will recall. They will be bittersweet, but they will be filled with meaning for me.

This not a goodbye article. That will come in later. This is a thank you note. A thank you for the privilege of being with you, of worshipping with you, of spending this next twelve months with you. You may not appreciate what a wonderful gift it is for you to allow me to be at your Altar and in your pulpit (figuratively). But each Sunday of this time, will truly be a Eucharistic experience of giving thanks for that gift. My eternal thanks to you and to God. Let the lasts begin. Fr. Ted +

# Ash Wednesday



The Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. All members of Christ the King are encouraged to be present for this beginning of a Holy Lent.



## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**On the Thursdays in Lent, beginning March 6, 2025, The Way (Stations) of the Cross will be prayed beginning at 5:30 pm. Those present for this time, will recollect the path Jesus walked from his sentencing by Pontius Pilate to his crucifixion, death, and entombment. Each stop is marked by a reading from scripture and prayer. It is a great way to contemplate the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice and of his love for us. Please join us.**

## **“If we say we have no sin...”**

So much of the Christian faith is based on the concept of sin and sinfulness. Each Sunday we say the confession and each Sunday receive absolution and assurance that our sins are forgiven. We preach that Jesus died for our sins and that we have been freed from our sins by his atoning death and sacrifice. During Lent, our adult Sunday School discussions will be based on a book by the Episcopal Priest, author and speaker, Barbara Brown Taylor. In *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*, Brown calls sin a “helpful, hopeful word” and says that naming our sins makes it possible to “move from guilt to grace.” I hope you can join us as we apply our collective wisdom to her call that we recover “the lost language of salvation.” We will meet shortly after Mass and a brief time at coffee hour each Sunday in Lent.



## **IT'S MADNESS – LENT MADNESS**

Lent Madness is a fun way to learn more about saints and other important persons in the history of the Church. Sponsored by Forward in Faith, it is a bracket competition where participants each weekday receive information on two persons revered in church history and are asked to vote for one of the two. In true March Madness fashion, a final champion will be announced during Holy Week. It really is fun. You may sign up to receive the daily email and join the fun at: <https://www.lentmadness.org/about/>. As a Lenten discipline, it sure beats giving up chocolate!



## **UNITED WITH LOVE**

### **BASKETBALL AND BITES FUNDRAISER**

You are invited to join United with Love for their first upcoming annual fundraiser: United with Love Basketball and Bites Benefit all themed around March Madness and Indiana's favorite pastime! The event will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Parkview Huntington Family YMCA. Dress to support your favorite basketball team! Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. They may be purchased until March 6<sup>th</sup> online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/love-inc-huntington/forms/basketball-bites-benefit> or at the United with Love Food Pantry reception desk at 715 Byron Street during office hours.

**ALZHEIMERS and DEMENTIA**

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

**Will meet Thursday, March 6 at 5:00 p.m.**

Questions?

Call Nancy Heasley

260-450-7077



**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club will meet on Monday, March 24 to discuss *The House Across the Lake* by Riley Sager. USA Today says, "If you thought you knew Sager's typical double-twists, and the tropes and trips of the suspense and thriller genre, there's a tonal shift three-quarters of the way in that will either feel brilliant – or infuriating. Either reaction leads to a page-turning climax."

Marguerite Wire will host and Dixie Harrold will lead the discussion. Join us for refreshments and book talk in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.

## SERVICE ROSTER MARCH, 2025

	2 Mar	5 Mar	9 Mar	16 Mar	23 Mar	30 Mar
		Ash Wednesday	Love INC Ingathering		Little Blessings Ingathering	
<b>Reader</b>	Marguerite Wire	Dick Wire	Meg Moss	Sue Jepsen	Mark Parker	Dick Wire
<b>Intercessor</b>	Bill Oswalt		Gary Beatty		Gary Beatty	
<b>Server 1</b>	Carmen Oswalt	Carmen Oswalt	Dixie Harrold	Jeff Roberts	Marguerite Wire	Dixie Harrold
<b>Server 2/ Crucifer</b>	Dixie Harrold		Jeff Roberts	Carmen Oswalt	Meg Moss	
<b>Counter</b>		n/a	Sue Jepsen			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carmen Oswalt	Linda Beatty	Dixie Harrold	Sue Jepsen	Marguerite Wire	Linda Beatty
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jepsen	n/a	Snively		Neidlinger	Wire

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Brandon Hibbard

21 Molly Parker

**NOTE:** Please contact Sue Jepsen with any  
dates she needs to recognize at  
[sljepsen@yahoo.com](mailto:sljepsen@yahoo.com)

**Thanks!**



## CHRIST the KING MARCH, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	03	04 5:00 - 6:15 Pancake Supper 7:00 p.m. AA	05	06 5:00 Dementia Caregivers Group 5:30 Stations of the Cross	07	08
09 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	10	11 7:00 p.m. AA	12	13 5:30 Stations of the Cross	14	15
16 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	17	18 7:00 p.m. AA	19	20 5:30 Stations of the Cross 6:00 Vestry	21	22
23 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	24	25 7:00 p.m. AA	26	27 5:30 Stations of the Cross	28	29
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**SERVICES at CHRIST the KING**

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion  
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday/month, 5:30: Communion

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**Bishop/Rector:** The Rt. Rev.  
Douglas Sparks

**Sr. Warden:**  
Marguerite Wire

**Jr. Warden:**  
George Goedesky

**Treasurer:**  
Mark Parker

**Music Director:** Sue  
Nunemaker

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