

The Courier

Christ the King Episcopal Church

1224 North Jefferson Street
Huntington, Indiana 46750

JANUARY, 2026

A Few Words from Fr. Ted

NEW + CHANGE = HOPE

New Year's is a kind of strange holiday. Most celebrations are rooted in the past. They mark the birth or death of a famous person, the founding of a nation, or victory in war. Some may honor a group of people for their contributions to society such as Memorial Day or Veterans' Day. They serve as a way of acknowledging what already is. There is no intrinsic reason for a celebration on January 1st. No doubt some important people were born on that day just as on any other day of the year. There may have been some important historical events that happened on that day, but they are not the reason for its annual observance. In reality, the day after New Year's will be just like the day before it. New Year's is the only holiday I can think of that is based on something yet to be.

At the beginning of each year, we revel in the hope that the next one will be better. Whether the year just ended had been filled with tragedy and misfortune, or perhaps was an exemplary year when everything seemed to fall in place, we harbor the belief that the new one will be an improvement. It is because hope is sustaining; hope is motivating towards renewed efforts to achieve long-held goals. Hope gives us the courage to continue.

Next year will be a year of change for Christ the King. No matter what happens, it will be different, with different leadership. As I retire from active parochial ministry, new leadership will arrive. Hopefully a priest will be found to not only provide access to the sacraments but to preach, teach, and help you find the future God has planned for CtK. Whether a new priest will merely be a regular Sunday supply person, or a cleric in charge of the parish, new and invigorated lay leadership and participation will be needed. New ways of using the building will need to be found. New ways of supporting the worship program will be required. As inevitably happens with change in personnel, new divisions of duties, roles, and functions will need to be negotiated, either explicitly or through unspoken agreement.



Nearly every parish discovers that the interim between priests is an exciting time filled with new expectations for the life of the community. Lay leadership blossoms as members voluntarily assume tasks for the sake of church. The new year, 2026, should be a year filled with hopefulness, a year when the possibility of new beginnings becomes a perceived reality. Newness and change should foster hope. What, then, does this call for from you? First, Faith. The Letter to the Hebrews says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) More than that, faith is the knowledge that we are never alone. God is with us and with him all things are possible. As we ring in this New Year, may we do so secure in his presence and with hope for a future worth our celebration with noise makers and paper hats.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Ted +

ANNUAL MEETING

God willing and the weather permitting, the Annual Meeting of Christ the King Episcopal Church will be held on January 18, 2026. We will receive reports from various ministry groups and officers of the parish. There will be an "enhanced" coffee hour after Mass that day followed by the meeting, at which wardens and vestry persons will be elected. Please plan to attend. All members in good standing who are sixteen years of age or older are entitled to participate in and vote at the Annual Meeting. As the parish prepares to enter into a period of transition in leadership, the involvement of everyone is vital.



We should be done with everything no later than 12:00 p.m.

ALZHEIMER'S and DEMENTIA

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet Thursday, January 8

at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Questions?

Call Nancy Heasley

260-450-7077

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

January offers two opportunities for those who would like to influence public life in light of their Christian faith. The first, as seen in the announcement below, will offer education on how people of faith can positively influence social change.

FAITH IN THE FACE OF FEAR

JANUARY 8, 2026

INDIANA STATE HOUSE

Rally (10 —11:30 AM): Free and open to all

Educational Sessions (1—3:45 PM): Suggested \$25 donation

Many people of faith feel politically invisible as if people of faith all think the same way. Fear and extremism dominate public conversation, while compassion, courage, and dialogue are drowned out.

Information at: <https://givebutter.com/FaithintheFaceofFear>

The second opportunity is the **MONTHLY MULTI-FAITH PRAYER VIGIL** in support of immigrants detained at the Miami Correctional Facility. Due to the winter, it will be held on January 26, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church in Peru, Indiana at 2:00 pm. Information is available at <https://www.inumc.org/events/prayer-vigil-for-the-immigrant-community/>

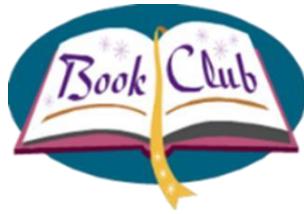


There have been many times in my life that the saying, "It takes a village" has come to my mind. But, none more than the last month. Poor timing on my part -- but I decided to have my knee replaced right before Thanksgiving, which meant family had to cover Thanksgiving and my church family had to cover Greening of the Church. As usual, I did not write down names, but I can only thank every one of you for staying after the service and pitching in to make it one of the quickest greenings ever. To all of you, thanks for making our church look beautiful and me very happy!

Carmen Oswalt

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Monday, January 12 to discuss the book *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros. It's considered a "romantasy," a new genre in literature. Book IQ says, "*Fourth Wing* thrives on its central themes of survival, love, and personal growth. Violet's experiences explore what it means to adapt and thrive in the face of overwhelming odds."



Dixie Harrold will lead the discussion and Linda Beatty will host.

Feel free to join us – even if you haven't read the book!

We meet at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

15 Alex Klausing
24 Dick Wire
25 John Jepsen
28 Kalob Boxell



Remember to send updates to this page to Sue Jepsen at sljepsen@yahoo.com. She'll even take them on little slips of paper if that suits you better. Thank you!

CHRIST THE KING JANUARY, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01 New Year's Day	02	03
04 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study re: Marriage Policy	05	06 7:00 p.m. AA	07	08 5:00 Caregivers' Support Group 5:30 Evening Prayer	09	10
11 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 Adult Study	12 7:00 p.m. Book Club in the Parish Hall	13 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	14	15 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:00 Vestry	16	17
18 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 Annual Meeting and Carry In Brunch	19	20 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	21	22 5:30 Evening Prayer	23	24
25 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Snow Day for Annual Meeting)	26	27 4:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	28	29 5:30 Evening Prayer	30	31

SERVICE ROSTER JANUARY 2026

	4-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan
	Christmas Lessons & Carols	Love INC Ingathering		
Reader	Linda Beatty	Alex Klausing	Marguerite Wire	Linda Beatty
Intercessor	Bill Oswalt	Sue Jepsen	Bill Oswalt	
Server 1	Dixie Harrold	Marguerite Wire	Carmen Oswalt	Jeff Roberts
Server 2/Crucifer			Jeff Roberts	
Counter	Sue Jepsen			
Altar Guild	Sue Jepsen	Alex Klausing	Linda Beatty	Marguerite Wire
Coffee Hour	Parker	Wire	Carry In	Jepsen



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VESTRY

Sue Jepsen 2025
Nancy Heasley 2025

John Jepsen 2026
Paul Wilson 2026

Carmen Oswalt 2027
Sue Nunemaker 2027

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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

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Douglas Sparks

Sr. Warden:
Marguerite Wire

Jr. Warden:
John Jepsen

Treasurer:
Mark Parker
Music Director: Sue
Nunemaker

