

The Courier

Christ the King Episcopal Church

1224 North Jefferson Street

Huntington, Indiana 46750

MARCH, 2026

A Few Words from Fr. Ted

A FINAL WORD –GRATITUDE

As Dianne and I complete our time at Christ the King, I suppose there are as many words swirling around in my head as there are emotions that I am feeling. There is certainly some relief from the weekly schedule of office hours, worship preparation and, yes, one hundred and twenty-mile round trips between Kokomo and Huntington. There is more than a little apprehensiveness, in beginning the first time in sixty years (except for ten months in my forties) when I have not been employed in some fashion. There is concern about how I will fill the hours I am used to devoting to ministry responsibilities. There is regret about the things that I had hoped to accomplish with and for CtK, that didn't happen. There is sorrow at leaving valued friendships that have nourished me (us) over the last eleven and a half years. We know that inevitably, for some of us, we have seen the last of each other on this side of the great by-and-by. There is joy in serving our Lord Jesus Christ alongside of all of you. And there is hope that better days are just ahead for the parish – that new leadership and vision will help you all continue to present the Gospel, not just inside that beautiful A-frame building, but to others in Huntington and surrounding areas.

But the most important word, the word that is foremost in my heart is gratitude. I am so thankful to you, to Almighty God, and to Bishops Little and Sparks for having been allowed to serve as the Priest-in-Charge of Christ the King. It has been a privilege, and a joy to serve as your pastor and priest. Each of you, in your own ways, have given me so much and taught me so much. I will eternally give thanks for each of you and the treasure of having known you. As I will no longer be giving you a blessing from the altar, know that I will always do so from my heart.

With thanks, blessings and love,

Fr. Ted+





SENIOR WARDEN NEWS

I am writing this early because as busy as February has been so far, I do not want to miss the opportunity to be the first person to send my news to Sue!

As of last night, we have a Priest for Christ the King beginning on March 1st. Since Father Ted is ours until February 28th, that means we shall have a seamless transition. I hope we all realize how fortunate that is in today's world! Some parishes look for months to find their replacement.

There will be a few changes. First of all, we will now begin services at 8:45 am. Second, we will have more planned services of Morning Prayer because of the contract (Letter of Agreement) signed on February 19th. The good news about that is we have three newly trained and certified lay people to prepare and give sermons when Mother Mindy is not here. A BIG thank you to Gary Beatty, Sue Jepsen and Marguerite Wire for the many hours of training they completed. There will be very few changes to our Special Services Calendar, but you will be given an updated calendar-available in the Narthex.

On a personal note (or two), I want to thank everyone who came to Game Night, for Sue Nunemaker and all who provided food and for all the laughing and fun that was had. No pictures were taken, but we had over 20 people! And an enormous thank you to all who donated (Mark & Dian Parker and Sue and John Jepsen) to the Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch. And a hearty Thank You to all who cleaned up.

Last, but not least, a tall Thank You to Tyler Herber for covering the crosses and hanging the Lenten Banners.

This is all proof that we are FAMILY at Christ the King.

Although the Leaving Service did not go as planned, it will be repeated on March 8th. The Bishop will once again be attending, Sue Jepsen will give her first sermon, and hopefully Father Ted and Dianne will be able to attend.

REMEMBER: Sunday Eucharist will begin at 8:45 a.m.
 Thursday Morning Prayer starts at 9:30 a.m.
 Evening Prayer starts at 5:30 p.m.

Have a great March!

Carmen Oswalt, Sr. Warden

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

21 Molly Parker

Remember to send updates to this page to Sue Jepsen at sljepsen@yahoo.com Thank you!

ALZHEIMER'S and DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

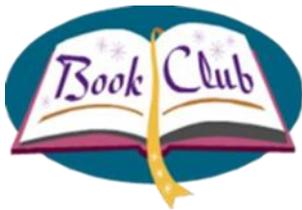
Will meet Thursday, March 5 at
5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall



Questions?

Call Nancy Heasley

260-450-7077



BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Monday, March 16 to discuss the book *The Intruder* by Frieda McFadden. *The Intruder* is reviewed as “a gripping psychological thriller that masterfully blends themes of survival, trauma and moral ambiguity, keeping readers on the edge of their seats.”

Dixie Harrold will lead the discussion and Britina Boxell 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.

CHRIST THE KING MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Mtr. Mindy Hancock	02	03 4:30 Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	04	05 5:00 Caregivers' Support Group 5:30 Stations of the Cross	06	07
08 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Fr. Ted's Retirement	09 7:00 p.m. Book Club in the Parish Hall <i>The Intruder</i>	10 4:30 Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	11	12 5:30 Stations of the Cross	13	14
15 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist	16	17 4:30 Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	18	19 5:30 Stations of the Cross 6:00 Vestry	20	21
22 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist	23	24 4:30 Choir 7:00 p.m. AA	25	26 5:30 Stations of the Cross	27	28
29 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist PALM SUNDAY	30	31	01	02	03	04 0

SERVICE ROSTER MARCH 2026

	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar
		United with Love Ingathering			Palm Sunday
Reader	Meg Moss	Linda Beatty	Marguerite Wire		
Intercessor	Bill Oswalt	Gary Beatty	Sue Jepsen	Gary Beatty	
Server 1	Dixie Harrold	Dixie Harrold	Meg Moss	Dixie Harrold	
Server 2/Crucifer	Carmen Oswalt			Jeff Roberts	
Counter					
Altar Guild	Carmen Oswalt	Marguerite Wire	Sue Jepsen	Dixie Harrold	
Coffee Hour	Parker	Beatty	Jepsen		



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VESTRY

John Jepsen 2026
Paul Wilson 2026

Marguerite Wire 2027
Sue Nunemaker 2027

Dixie Harrold 2028
Beth Ebersole 2028

PHONE NUMBERS

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260-356- 3570

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SERVICES at CHRIST the KING

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion Thursday,
9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer

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PERSONNEL

Priest-in-Charge:

Mtr. Melinda Hancock

Bishop/Rector: The Rt. Rev.

Douglas Sparks

Sr. Warden:

Carmen Oswalt

Jr. Warden:

Sue Jepsen

Treasurer:

Mark Parker

Music Director:

Sue Nunemaker

CHRIST THE KING ANNUAL CALENDAR 2026

JANUARY		JULY	(Newsletter article: Carmen)
4		5	Both 8:45
11		12	Gethsemane
15	Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Vestry, 5:45 p.m.	16	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
18	Annual Meeting 10:15 a.m.	19	Both 8:45
25		26	Vacation
FEBRUARY			
1	Mtr. Hancock preaches		
8		AUGUST	(Newsletter article: Mindy)
15	Pancake & Sausage Coffee Hour	2	Both 8:45
18	Ash Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.	9	Gethsemane
19	Holy Eucharist, 5:15; Vestry, imm. Following	16	Both 8:45
22	Fr. Ted's last Sunday	20	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
26	Stations of the Cross, 5:00	23	CtK 8:45
MARCH	(Newsletter article: Carmen)	30	Both 8:45
1	Both 8:45 Mtr. Mindy's 1st Sunday as Priest-in-Chg		
5,12, 19, 26	Stations of the Cross, 5:00	SEPTEMBER	(Newsletter article: Carmen)
8	Gethsemane Bishop Sparks; PR Sue/ Retirement	6	Both
15	Both, 8:45	13	Gethsemane
22	CtK 8:45	17	Evening prayer, Vestry
29	Palm Sunday/ Both 8:45	20	Both
		27	CtK
APRIL	(Newsletter article: Mindy)		
2	Maundy Thursday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.	OCTOBER	(Newsletter article: Mindy)
3	Good Friday Liturgy, 12:00 p.m.	4	Both 8:45
4	Easter Vigil in FW or Marion	11	Gethsemane
5	Easter Sunday Eucharist, 8:45 a.m. Both	15	Vacation
12	Gethsemane	18	CtK 8:45
16	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following	25	Both 8:45
19	Both 8:45		
26	CtK 8:45	NOVEMBER	(Newsletter article: Carmen)
		1	Both 8:45
MAY	Newsletter article: Carmen)	7	Diocesan Convention, Fort Wayne
3	Both 8:45	8	Gethsemane
10	Gethsemane	15	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
17	Both 8:45	19	Christ the King Sunday, 8:45
21	Evening Prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following	22	Both 8:45
24	Both 8:45	29	Both
31	CtK 8:45		
		DECEMBER	(Newsletter article: Mindy)
JUNE	(Newsletter article: Mindy)	6	Both 8:45
7	Both 8:45	13	Gethsemane
13	Heritage Days Parade	17	Evening prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following
14	Gethsemane	20	Both 8:45
18	Evening Prayer, 5:30; Vestry imm. Following	24	Christmas Eve Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.
21	Both 8:45	27	Vacation
28	CtK 8:45		
	2nd Sunday of each month: United with Love ingathering		
	WEEKLY, each Thursday: MORNING PRAYER, 9:30 a.m.; EVENING PRAYER, 5:30 P.M.		
	RED = Sunday BLUE = need supply BLACK= weekday		

