



The King's Crier

Christ the King Parish

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Coming in 2020

Renovation plans revealed

by Kelly Lucas

After a half century of providing a comfortable, serene setting for Christ the King parishioners to congregate, pray, and participate in countless sacramental celebrations, the seating and flooring in our parish home is in need of a little TLC. A 50th Anniversary Fund has been created to refurbish and enhance our church, as well as make a structural change that has been 50 years in the making.

"We know that 50 years ago people made a tremendous investment to build the 'new church' and, like a house, we have to keep it up," Fr. Todd Riebe said. "We aren't called to build a new church, but we are called to pass it on to the next generation in the best condition that we can."

The 50th Anniversary initiatives will include refurbishing pews and kneelers, new carpet in the church, new sanctuary floor, new chairs for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and a structural change near the altar that will provide designated space for the church choir.

A one-year effort to raise the money needed to achieve the 50th Anniversary Fund projects began in August 2019 on the Feast of the Assumption, and it is scheduled to conclude in August 2020. During the next year, parishioners are being asked to make a one-time gift or use

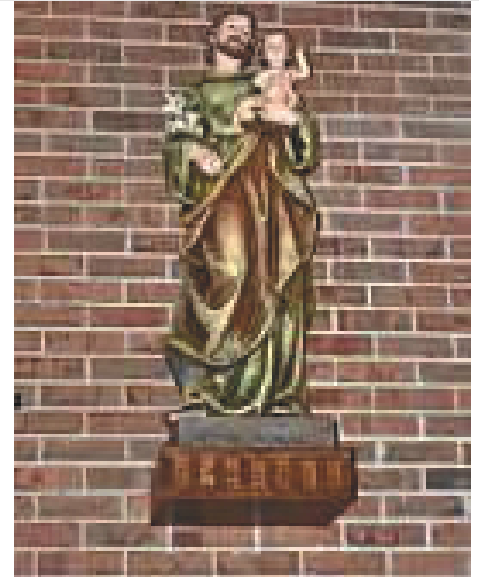
the Capital Projects Fund envelope included with their monthly packet of church offering envelopes to support this effort. Work will occur primarily in the fall of 2020, with the culmination of the project celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King in November 2020.

The impetus for the Anniversary fundraising effort was the need to address the condition of the church pews. Bids were taken to determine whether the pews should be refurbished or replaced.

"We can't hold them together with duct tape any longer," Fr. Todd said. "The good news is that every company that has come to offer a bid has told us what good quality of wood the pews are. So, to be good stewards, we are going to strip them down, refurbish them, and bring them back."

Fr. Todd explained that while the church carpeting is in relatively good shape even after 20 years of traffic, parish leaders know that the appropriate time to replace it is when the pews are removed. The black vinyl tile in the sanctuary, which is showing signs of wear, will also be replaced. New chairs in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will include arms, making it easier for worshipers to get up and down.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the project for many is the creation of dedicated choir space near the altar. Situated where the organ is



HONORING PARISH FATHERS — The statue of St. Joseph, mounted on the wall in the chapel, was dedicated on Father's Day. (Photo by Matt Henninger)

now, a part of the brick wall will be removed, and a portion of the storage room located behind the organ will be incorporated to create a space that will allow the choir to be off to the side but remain very visible.

A \$60,000 bequest to be used for the music ministry was made by Lorraine Jackson, a parishioner, organist, and choir member. This was the impetus to include this structural change in the 50th Anniversary project. "Knowing the importance of music in worship, we believe the choir needs and deserves a place of its own," Fr. Todd said.

But the stamp of approval for the construction, he revealed, came last year when the parish offices were

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*Thanks and a
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Crown to . . .*



— the many volunteers who helped with preparation of the new parish directory;

— John Sullivan who received the St. John Bosco medal, the highest award for a CYO volunteer;

— Donna O'Donnell, Mary Ann Pappas, and Bob Zetzl, 2019 Spirit of Christ the King award winners at the parish social;

— Susan White who retired recently from the parish finance committee;

— Garin Colasessano who received the Scott Lawson Outstanding Server award and Wade McAllister who was named Serra Club Outstanding Server;

— Jody Bruce and Shannen Priser who have completed their terms of service on the Parish Pastoral Council, and new Council members Ellen Schmidt and David Harpe.

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Parishioners' voices count

by Fr. Todd Riebe

Several months ago the Pastoral Council placed a box at the Welcome Desk in the main vestibule of the church. The box is labeled "For the Good of the Parish."

The purpose of the box is to create a means of communication between parishioners and the Pastoral Council.

The Council is made up of the pastor, six parishioners serving as chairpersons of Parish Commissions, and six at-large members, two of whom are discerned for this service on a rotating basis each year on Pentecost Sunday.

The many and diverse parish ministries are grouped under these Commissions: Christian Service, Faith Formation, Parish Life, Spiritual Life, School, and Stewardship.

Parishioners are encouraged to use the "For the Good of the Parish" box to suggest ways to improve our ministries, strengthen parish life, and affirm good things that are taking place in the parish.

The review and discussion of these ideas, comments, and suggestions are now a regular part of the agenda of every Pastoral Council meeting.

The box has been well received and the suggestions and comments that are made enrich the discussions that take place at the Pastoral Council meetings.

Some suggestions can be implemented immediately, such as providing additional handicapped parking places and installing safety bars in the restrooms. Other suggestions become part of the parish's long-term planning process, such as making the school and church campus more handicapped accessible, and some suggestions, such as building tennis courts or changing



Church doctrine, cannot be implemented by the parish.

Parishioners are encouraged to continue to use this means of communicating with the Pastoral Council, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through all members of the parish family.

Another way of communicating with the Council is by participating in the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis that has begun and will continue to take place in the parish through the month of October.

A SWOT analysis allows an organization, such as our parish family, to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the organization. A SWOT analysis is a valuable tool for planning purposes.

Parish groups are currently helping with the SWOT analysis, and all parishioners are welcome to participate. SWOT sheets are located at the Welcome Desk in the main vestibule. Completed forms may be placed in the "For the Good of the Parish" box.

Results of the SWOT analysis will be tabulated and published in a future issue of *The King's Crier*. The results will be used by the Pastoral Council for both short-term and long-term pastoral planning.



(Photo by Dave Thompson)

2020 renovation plans revealed

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being painted. A file cabinet was pulled out and architectural plans from 1988 were found showing that in that year pastor Fr. Kenny Sweeney had envisioned breaking through the brick wall to make the same change.

A second anonymous lead gift of \$30,000 provided the \$90,000 kick-start that the 50th Anniversary Fund needed. During the next year, the parish hopes to raise an additional \$300,000 to pay for the projects.

Work on the pews and flooring will be done in the fall of 2020. Because the company that will be refurbishing the pews has indicated that they can remove and work on pews one section at a time, Fr. Todd is hopeful that Mass will not need to be moved to Tuohy Hall while work is being completed. To accommodate the construction schedule, no weddings are being scheduled at Christ the King in September and October of 2020.

In the months ahead, a committee will visit four or five parishes that have undergone church renovations in recent years to make color and design choices.

As with any initiative, there is a wish list. If additional funds are raised, Fr. Todd said work will be done to make the church restrooms handicapped accessible. Meetings will be held with those in the parish who face other accessibility issues, along with young parents who use the cry room, to determine what their needs are.

Fr. Todd is confident that Christ the King will successfully navigate this process. "If everyone does something, we'll have that pride of having done something together as a parish," he said. "If everyone does what they can, we'll have what we need."



Pere Max (in green vestment) is surrounded by the first communion class in Haiti. These students are from the parishes which are being helped by St. Matthew and Christ the King parishes.

Travel to Bois de Lance involved both work and play

by Judy Nichols and Mary Kivela

Christ the King member Betsy Burke was one of nine travelers to Haiti in June. They represented the Bridge to Bois de Lance project which is a partnership between St. Matthew and Christ the King parishes to help improve the lives of some of the Haitian people.

Betsy said it was wonderful to see how willing to help everyone was on the trip. "No matter what the job was, everyone pitched in and worked hard," she commented.

The group also included Betsy Joyce and Joey Thatcher from Christ the King, Bishop Chatard students Kyle Haslett and Bridget Faul, and St. Matthew parishioners Mary Burns, Mary Michael, and Amelia and Elizabeth Siler. Their main project was to paint the front of the rectory for St. Mary and St. Isidore parishes. The group also donated many school supplies to the children.

But it wasn't all work for the Indiana group. Betsy noted that the Bishop Chatard students taught the

children to play Duck, Duck, Goose which became Cat, Cat, Dog in French. Haitian children aren't familiar with ducks and geese.

"The school children were thrilled to see all of us and were always ready to hold a hand, be in a picture, or sit on someone's lap," Betsy said.

These are the children Christ the King parishioners are supporting by providing school lunches at a cost of \$28,000 a year. A special collection, online giving, and school fundraisers organized by CKS teacher Claire Deck have provided funding. If you have any questions about how you can make online donations, contact Jennifer Priser (jpriser@ctk-indy.org).

Haitian priest Pere Max will visit Christ the King and St. Matthew parishes Oct. 10-15. It is hoped that he will be at our 10 a.m. Mass on Oct 13. He requests prayers for Haiti which is experiencing political unrest and school closures.

You will find more information at bridgetoboisdancelance@gmail.com or by contacting Christ the King chairperson Barb Gushrowski at bgushrowski@gmail.com.

2019 CKS grads receive awards

Christ the King Parish Scholarship: Lucy Pappas

Faye Williams Memorial Scholarship: Gemma LeMark

Bishop Chatard Awards:

Presidential Awards: Wade McAllister and Addison Miller

St. Francis Xavier Award: Maria Agostino and Elizabeth Kohlhaas

St. Benedict Award: Nick Pettrone

Cathedral High School Awards:

The Cathedral Scholarship: Erin Emmick

The Presidential Scholarship: Charlie Haas

Holy Cross Values Award: Maggie Stewart

Ryan Updike Award: Charlie Haas
Krier Scholarship Nominee: Addison Miller

North Deanery Youth Ministry Association Scholarship: Lucy Pappas and Zeke Jarzyniecki

Donald J. and Esther K. Marietta Athletic Awards: Grace Felts and Wade McAllister

Richard and Eleanor Huffine Memorial Scholarship: Van Hibbeln

Patty Holtz Protector Award: Max Schroder

PTO President's Awards: Grace Felts and Eric Emmick

President Trump Academic Awards: Maria Agostino, Hadley

Bruce, Garin Colasessano, Erin Emmick, Grace Felts, Charlie Haas, Van Hibbeln, Zach Hopkins, Zeke Jarzyniecki, Elizabeth Kohlhaas, Riley Kramer, Elizabeth Loane, Wade McAllister, Nate Meyer, Addison Miller, Lucy Pappas, Nick Pettrone, Gracie Schott, Owen Smith, Maggie Stewart, Rachel Stickelmaier, Anna Thompson

Subject Awards:

Art: Owen Smith and Erin Emmick

Computer: Gemma LeMark and Charlie Haas

History: Mia Wann and Wade McAllister

Language Arts: Anna Thompson and Maria Agostino

Literature: Rachel Stickelmaier and Elizabeth Kohlhaas

Math: Max Schroder and Charlie Haas

Music: Zeke Jarzyniecki and Garin Colasessano

Physical Education and Health: Max Schroder and Lucy Pappas

Religion: Gracie Schott and Lucy Pappas

Science: Elizabeth Loane and Zach Hopkins

Spanish: Maggie Stewart and Addison Miller



Principal Ed Seib was surrounded by a sea of happy faces on the first day of school in August. The year opened with an enrollment of 328 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. (Photo by Matt Henninger)

Group benefits parents, children

by Janet and Eric Engleman

The Mothers of Young Children group has been going strong at Christ the King for several years.

The group allows mothers and caregivers the opportunity to meet and socialize with other adults while also giving their children the ability to meet and play with others their own age. Usually the age range for children is up to seven years.

There are always many fun events to enjoy with this group. For example, this year's plans include a fall family pitch-in barbecue, coffee and kids play date after the 10 a.m. Mass, story sessions at the Glendale library, parents night out euchre tournament, and gingerbread house construction in December.

Participants may come to as many or as few gatherings as they like or as their schedules permit. The group is always looking for more members to meet new friends, share some great parenting time, and make happy memories.

Information about upcoming events may be found in the church bulletin or parish emails, or by contacting Colleen Murphy at 2colleenmurphy@gmail.com.



Fr. Todd helped a group of excited kindergarten students celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday in September. The children sang "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed cake in her honor. (Photo by Cheryl Beckerich)

King's Court members enjoy varied activities

by Rose Sterger

King's Court is back! Re-booted after a period of hiatus, the 55-and-over group has been active for the last two years, enjoying spiritual, social, and service opportunities.

The Court comes together on a flexible quarterly basis for Mass and a pitch-in lunch, often with a guest speaker. Former pastors Fr. Steve Jarrell and Msgr. Tony Volz have reported on their activities since they left the parish. At another lunch, representatives from the St. Vincent de Paul Society described its "Changing Lives Forever" program.

When parishioners discussed re-starting the Court, several commented that they believed people would enjoy group trips. Phyllis McNamara has arranged bus trips to St. John, Indiana, to see the life-sized Stations of the Cross and the church there, and to the Sisters of Providence in St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. A trip to St. Meinrad Seminary is planned for Oct. 16.

Phyllis hopes to have one out-of-town activity and one in-town activity annually. The first in-town excursion was to Beef and Boards to see "The Buddy Holly Story."

Service is also on the minds of King's Court members. Last year they sponsored a drive to purchase child-sized hats and gloves for the Archdiocesan Christmas Store. This year the goal is to collect 1,000 pairs of new children's-sized socks for the clients of the Archdiocesan Christmas Store. The store provides qualified families a wonderful Christmas at no cost to them.

Announcements regarding King's Court meetings and activities are published in the bulletin. All senior parishioners are welcome. No registrations are taken, and no dues are collected!



At left, youth group members helped prepare for the annual mum sale held after Masses in early September by unloading 650 plants. (Photo by Ann Collins) At right, parishioner Karen Kress helped train new servers in the proper way to assist at Mass. (Photo by Cheryl Beckerich)



Academic year looks promising

by Ruth Warner

The Christ the King School 2019-20 academic year got off to a great start on Aug. 8 with 328 students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade.

This year we have 40 students in kindergarten, and Principal Ed Seib notes that kindergarten enrollment has increased every year during his five years at the school. In his first year, there were only 23 kindergarten students; more than 30 students have already preregistered for the 2020-21 school year.

Mr. Seib was enthusiastic in his discussion of the school and is thankful for the support of the parish and for Fr. Todd's great leadership and inspiration.

The theme for this school year is "Innovative Catholic Leaders Grown Here!" and the students have already taken it to heart. Sept. 12 was a day of service, and middle school students volunteered in local non-profit agencies.

Service hours for students do not begin until sixth grade, but the students in kindergarten through fifth grade had related lesson plans on

that day of service.

Every year individual classes have service projects while other projects involve the entire school.

The students raised \$1,200 in the last two months of the 2018-19 school year for the lunch program in Haiti. They also raised \$2,500 for Breast Cancer Research and the Tyler Trent Foundation. In addition, they received a matching grant to increase the donation to \$5,000!

CKS students are also protectors of Christ in our lives, protectors of others, and protectors of the environment. There is a growth mindset to learn from mistakes and embrace challenges.

The St. Patrick STEM Lab is another focus as is working in the Sts. Isidore and Maria Garden. Produce from the garden is donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

The school welcomes parishioners as volunteers. There are needs in the classrooms as well as in the Sts. Isidore and Maria Garden. If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Mr. Seib at eseib@cks-indy.org or (317) 257-9366.

Crier rebounds

Usually, you would find a “Nurses’ Station” column in this space. Janie Brown, our Registered Nurse, always has good advice regarding health, often dispensed with a sprinkling of humor.

In this issue, there is no humor involved. We hope you noticed that you haven’t received a *King’s Crier* for several months. So — what happened?

Our editor, Mary Kivela, went for her annual mammogram last fall. Unfortunately, breast cancer was discovered. As a result, we decided to put the *Crier* on hold until Mary had a chance to recover. Happily, after rounds of chemo, surgery, and radiation, she is again feeling fine and is ready to tackle the work of editing our publication.

The takeaway from all of this is that we want to remind all of our parishioners that health screenings of all types are important. You never think that something can happen to you . . . but it might.

— Rose Sterger, Co-editor

Plan now for Advent

Advent is a time to get ready for the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is a time not only for anticipating Our Lord’s birth, but also for making our hearts truly ready to receive him.

This Advent you can make the season more rewarding by creating an Advent wreath tradition in your home or giving a wreath as a gift.

Christ the King Youth Ministry members can help. They will be holding their annual Advent candle sale the weekend of Nov. 16 and 17. The traditional Advent colored 10-inch taper candles will be \$5 per set, and the 11-inch brass wreaths are \$8 each. Pre-ordering is not necessary.

— Ann Collins



Evangelization team members posed for a photo after a recent meeting. They are (front row left to right) Jim Thomas, Steve Hoaglin, Paula Thompson, Walt Steinfeld (back row) David Harpe, Matt Hooker, Jerry Traub, and Ben Olsen. Not present: Tom Hayes and Chris Rivelli. (Photo by Fr. Todd Riebe)

Evangelization team reaches out

Since the summer of 2018, our parish has worked to support Fr. Todd Riebe in his responsibility for all souls within our boundaries, not just Catholics. Our Evangelization Team has created events and distributed information to raise awareness of the value of Christ the King parish, hoping to attract new members.

The team, led by Chairperson Ben Olsen, has goals: live our faith so as to share it with others; invite all people of whatever social or cultural background to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ and join us; foster Gospel values in our society by promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of family, and the common good of our society.

Team members meet monthly to plan activities. They have attended Archdiocesan and Deanery workshops, learning from others and sharing successes.

Members of the team and Fr. Todd schedule and promote means to make our church welcoming and informative.

Activities include a Sunday morning breakfast to be sure new members have been welcomed and are receiving parish publications and

online news. They also receive their weekly collection packets. Those attending make new friends and can get more information about parish worship and activities.

Fr. Todd and Fr. Bonke are available to those who have been away from Church and want to discuss their situation. Fr. Todd also hosted a series of evening meetings in May and June with videos, followed by discussion groups.

The summer social included a display of information and handouts for our visitors.

A Sunday afternoon open house in July allowed parishioners and visitors from the neighborhood to see all parts of our church, chapel, sacristy, confessionals, and choir room. Our summer seminarian assistant, Ben Popson, led an informative and prayerful tour.

A fall meeting at Roncalli High School, “Gathering of Disciples,” provided information for our program and other Archdiocesan ministries to share.

Our next Mass and breakfast for newcomers will be in October.

— Jerry Traub

The Steve Hoaglin Family

by Helen Burke

Never underestimate the power of the word “yes.” Stacey Bordelon’s answer to Steve Hoaglin’s marriage proposal united two cradle Catholics who ultimately found a new church home at Christ the King, benefiting our parish for more than 25 years.

Then-pastor Msgr. Tuohy recognized Stacey’s organizational abilities as she worked to plan her wedding and bring her small family from her hometown, New Orleans, to join with Steve’s large one. It is probably no coincidence that Stacey is now our parish wedding coordinator, a role she accepted two months after her own wedding.

Stacey grew up in the Big Easy, attending Ursuline Academy from pre-kindergarten through high school. She stayed in New Orleans for college at Loyola, majoring in political science and journalism.

But it was her part-time job at State Farm Insurance where she worked while in school that brought her to Indianapolis. And it was that job that indirectly introduced her to Steve.

A co-worker invited Stacey to a musical performance. It was there that she met Steve Hoaglin.

It was not love at first sight; Steve had his work cut out, but prevailed and finally got that important “yes” from Stacey.

After the wedding, the Hoaglins’ involvement in the parish started right away as they became sponsors in the Engaged Couples group and worked at the parish social. Stacey also said “yes” to taking on the position of Youth Coordinator for several years.

The Hoaglin family increased by one with the birth of Lauren, and Stacey’s career took a shift to pre-school teacher at Northminster Presbyterian Church where she could bring Lauren to work with her.



She liked the new lifestyle enough to go to school at night for two years to complete her teacher’s education. She never looked back. She moved to Epworth preschool from the time Lauren was in kindergarten through high school at Cathedral (Steve’s alma mater).

Two years ago, Stacey was offered a new position at St. Monica when they added a class for three-year-olds. Though she has no background in Spanish, she is still able to communicate freely with the Hispanic children who just “soak English up like a sponge.” Stacey adds a bit of French from her New Orleans roots for good measure. She also heads the school’s after-school program!

Her enthusiasm for working with children has been contagious as Lauren has followed in her mother’s footsteps. Lauren is now in her first year as full-time fourth-grade teacher at Allisonville Elementary and volleyball coach at St. Monica’s.

Lauren’s own education started at Christ the King and then continued at Cathedral where she was on the Student Council for four years and was co-president of Best Buddies while playing softball and volleyball. Even in high school, she worked at Polly Panda preschool and as a nanny in the summertime.

Still, when she went to the University of Kentucky she majored in kinesiology, thinking she might one day be a doctor. She finished her degree at IUPUI and started substitute teaching, adding a teaching degree as well. Her face lights up, just like her mother’s, when she talks about “that light bulb that goes off” in the eyes of children when they finally learn something she has taught them. Both Stacey and Lauren add tutoring to their schedules, as needed.

Lauren is enjoying her own home just a block from her parents, one of several houses Steve has renovated in his part-time real estate ventures. He is meticulous about the renovations and particularly so about the landscaping of his properties.

This attention to detail is evident in his full-time career in menswear. He worked for 46 years at the neighborhood Big and Tall Store until it closed. He still takes good care of clients at a store in Carmel.

But what does Steve do in his “free time”? He pitches in at Christ the King as an usher, a member of the Evangelization Team, and an unofficial host of the St. Christopher’s Men’s Group. And, more than occasionally, he helps with some of Stacey’s activities like the parish Giving Tree project which she has headed for two dozen years, coordinating Christmas gifts for clients of Noble Industries, Damar House, and others.

Vacation Bible School takes up Stacey’s time during her summer break, but prep begins around April when she starts learning new songs by playing them in her car while on the way to and from her “real” job. She also runs her own small event coordinating business.

How does she do it all? Lauren thinks Stacey has some sort of magic that makes it work. And with Lauren’s schedule, it looks like the magic is contagious. “Oh, yes!”

Come celebrate our parish Feast!

by Fr. Todd Riebe

Sunday, Nov. 24, is the Feast of Christ the King. It is the patronal feast of our parish.

The patronal feast of a parish is the feast of the particular saint or title of Jesus under which the church has been dedicated.

When the parish was established in 1939, then-bishop Joseph Ritter happily chose to place the parish under the title and patronage of Christ the King.

To mark this year's feast, plans are under way for a parish-wide pitch-in supper on Saturday, Nov. 23. The 5 p.m. Mass that day will be the principal weekend Mass in which the feast will be celebrated.

Following the Mass, all are wel-



AT THE SOCIAL — At left, Aaron Morrow, chairperson emeritus, presented the winner's check for the 50/50 raffle to Matt Buehler. Admissions to this year's event were up 22 per cent over last year. Kent Campbell was this year's social chairperson. (Photo by Matt Henninger)

come to Tuohy Hall to continue to celebrate the bonds we share as parishioners of Christ the King. Mark your calendars and plan on joining fellow parishioners to celebrate this year's Feast of Christ the King.

Join us and sing on Christmas Eve

Are you ready for Christmas? It may only be October, but parish musicians are already looking toward December. The adult choir is practicing for the 10 p.m. Mass, and the youth choirs will begin soon.

Again this year our "Instant Choir" will sing at the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Dec. 24. Rehearsals will be held on Nov. 25 and Dec. 9, 16, and 23. Practices run from 7 p.m. until around 8:30.

If you like to sing, but don't have time to invest in the regular choir, why not try this one? Please contact the choir's director Angela Peterson (jimangpeterson@comcast.com) or accompanist Rose Sterger (rsterger1966@gmail.com) so that we can have music prepared for you.

— Rose Sterger