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The Christ King Organ Committee has been meeting for over a year to discern the future of our organ at Christ King. While the instrument is still playable, it has many parts not working and electrical wiring that is failing.

Some history. The organ was installed at Christ King in 1954 by the Wicks Organ Company of Highland Illinois. It has served our community for many years but now is beginning to deteriorate quickly. Replacement of the instrument was first considered in 2005. A contract was made with Scott Riedel and Associates to consult on a new instrument for the parish and the first Organ Condition Survey was commissioned. (Scott Riedel and Associates is a national consulting firm working on organ and acoustical projects around the country. The company is based here in Milwaukee and services our instrument.) Plans for a new instrument were drawn up and bids were received in 2006 then left unrealized.

A group was formed in 2014 to study the organ issue and discern a course of action. An updated Organ Condition Survey Report was commissioned by our committee from Scott Riedel and Associates. The document goes into great detail listing the challenges with our current organ. (A copy of the Survey Report is available on our parish website.) The Organ Committee has been discerning whether to refurbish or replace the instrument. The cost of refurbishment is predicted to be 80% or more of replacement cost. The materials in the organ are such that even with a full refurbishment the organ will continue to deteriorate. After much discussion and consultation our group has discerned that replacement of the organ is the prudent path.

Currently our committee has been studying different types of organs and discussing which type would be the best fit for our parish. There are many organ builders to choose from, some recognized artisan craftsmen, others not so much. Our goal is to find a builder who can create an instrument of lasting quality that will inspire our liturgical song and call us to God's divine presence for generations to come. Please look for periodic updates in the bulletin and more detailed information on our parish website. In the meantime, we welcome your comments as the Organ Committee discerns the next steps.