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# Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

**December 31, 2011 /  
January 1, 2012**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

## Parish Staff

*Fr. D. Stephen Smith*, Pastor  
*Kathie Fritz*, Pastoral Associate / DRE  
*Shileng Yang*, Director of Youth Formation  
*Amy Bexson*, ARE  
*Greg Burnard*, Director of Music Ministry  
*Tammy Lee*, Office Manager  
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## Parish Center

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## Masses

Weekdays: Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 A.M. in Chapel  
Liturgy of the Word on Friday  
8:30 A.M. in Chapel  
Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Rosary is prayed in the Chapel 30 minutes  
before each Mass

Bulletin articles are due on Monday morning  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 P.M. and by appointment  
Weddings by appointment, please notify Pastor  
at least four months prior  
Baptism every month - Call Parish Office  
New Family Registrations - Call Parish Office

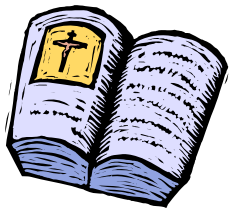
### Generations of Faith

Our next Generations of Faith will be Sunday, January 8, from noon to 2:30 P.M.

We will explore a very dark period in Israelite history. After the glory of the kingdom David built and Solomon ruled, Israel literally falls apart. It is split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Both kingdoms are then conquered and led into exile, Israel by Assyria and Judah by Babylon. The future looks bleak. But the story continues.

Lunch will be served, groups formed for age-appropriate activities and you'll be home in time for the 3:15 football game.

This will be a bye-week for our Packers.



Please register by calling the parish office no later than January 5th. Come find just how interesting the Bible can be.

### Calling all Kids of Faith

On Thursday, January 26th, the Kids of Faith group will be meeting at the McFarland High School for Open Swim from 7:15 to 8:15 P.M. Please wear school appropriate swim suits and bring a towel. The cost is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult (only if swimming) to be paid to the pool staff.



Parent chaperones will be needed for both the boys and girls locker rooms. If you can help and have attended a Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness Session, please contact Amy.

If your child will be attending, please RSVP to Amy@myparish.com by January 23. A permission slip is needed in order to attend and are available at the parish office.

Kids of Faith is open to all children in grades 3-5.

### Christ the King Ladies Guild Epiphany Shower

Providing Clothing and Essential Items for Infants in Need

(Collection site in parish hall through January 15)

In honor of the Magi bringing gifts for the baby Jesus, Christ the King Ladies Guild will be collecting items for needy infants. The items collected will be donated to the Teen Pregnancy Helpline in Madison. If you would like to help, a collection site is in the parish hall through January 15 for anything you may wish to donate. If you have any questions please call Pat Fuller at 838-3461.



### CTK Book Club

The next book that will be read by the book club is *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson. The author writes in the introduction of this book: "Houses are amazingly complex repositories. What I found, to my surprise, is that whatever happens in the world - whatever is discovered or created or bitterly fought over - eventually ends up, in one way or another, in your house. Wars, famines, the Industrial Revolution - they are all there in your sofas and chests of drawers, tucked into the folds of your curtains .... Houses aren't refuges from history. They are where history ends up."

Books are available in Kathie's office. This book will be discussed when the book club meets on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Joachim Room.

### Thank You!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your support and generosity for our 2011 Little Drummer gift collection and distribution. More than 475 children received gifts this year and thanks to your generosity we were able to offer gifts according to age, gender and interest. Thank you for reflecting to others the precious gift we ourselves receive at Christmas. Blessings in 2012!





## MASS INTENTIONS

### For the Week of January 2, 2012

Monday	8:30 A.M. † Mike and Agnes Schmitt
Tuesday	8:30 A.M. † Novena of Masses for the Dead
Wednesday	8:30 A.M. † Novena of Masses for the Dead
Thursday	8:30 A.M. † Novena of Masses for Fathers
Friday	8:30 A.M. † Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 P.M. † Novena of Masses for the Dead
Sunday	8:30 A.M. † Parish 10:30 A.M. † Novena of Masses for the Dead

### Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012



Sunday	Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
Monday	1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
Thursday	1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11
Sunday	Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

### Adult Faith Formation on The Eucharist

As part of our Cluster Speaker Series, St. Ann's in Stoughton is hosting Pat Gorman, Director of our Diocesan Office of Worship, for a presentation on *The Eucharist*. Pat has spoken for us before and has always been well received.



This will be held at their parish on Wednesday, January 18th, at 7:00 P.M. If you would like to carpool, please call the CTK office by noon on January 17th. We plan to leave the CTK parking lot at 6:20.

## PASTOR'S BLOG

How about beginning the New Year with a family blessing for the New Year from "The Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers" book? The family gathers around the Christmas tree, manger scene or the dinner table.

All begin with the sign of the cross.

**Leader:** Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the highest!

**All:** And peace to his people on earth.

**Leader:** Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the Lord.

Then read Genesis 1:14-19 or Psalm 90:1-4.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*{Family members may then offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year.}*

**Leader:** Let us now pray for God's blessings in the New Year.

*{Parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:}*

**Leader:** Remember us, O God:

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessing in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Happy New Year!

*Fr. Steve*

**Weekly Events / January 2 - January 8**

**MONDAY, January 2**

Office Closed

**TUESDAY, January 3**

**WEDNESDAY, January 4**

12:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim  
6:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes - Grades 2-5

**THURSDAY, January 5**

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice (8:30 Choir)

**FRIDAY, January 6**

Office Closed

**SATURDAY, January 7**

9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel  
5:00 P.M. Mass

**SUNDAY, January 8**

8:30 A.M. Mass  
9:30 A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Business Mtg - St. Ann  
9:30 A.M. Baptism Preparation Class - St. Joachim  
9:30 A.M. Choir Practice (10:00 Choir)  
10:30 A.M. Mass  
12:00 P.M. Generations of Faith Event - Parish Hall

**Do You Have a Child Entering Kindergarten or 4K Next Fall?**

Immaculate Heart of Mary School (4913 Schofield St., Monona) is having a **Lunch and Learn Session** in January for parents to learn about the school's educational program. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and principal, learn about the curriculum and about the 4K open enrollment procedure.

The Kindergarten Session will take place on Thursday, January 12, from 11:30 to 12:30. The 4K Session will be held on Thursday, January 19, from 11:30 to 12:30.

All interested parents are encouraged to attend with or without their children. There is no need to RSVP. If you would like additional information, call 222-8831 or visit [www.ihmcatholicsschool.org](http://www.ihmcatholicsschool.org).



**Liturgical Ministers / January 7 - 8**

**SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Commentator: Kim Ziehr  
Lector: Gini Nichols  
Servers: Bella Ziehr and Tim Benishek  
Gift Bearers: R. Budnar Family  
EMHC Captain: Anita O'Keefe  
Ushers: Tim Benishek  
John Feldner  
Bob Tercek  
Mike Roltgen  
Social: Papalia-Beatty and Tercek Families  
Scrip: Jim Zimmerman

**SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS**

Commentator: Tom Burns  
Lector: Jerry Herbst  
Servers: Abbie and Jillian Harrington  
Gift Bearers: Amstadt Family  
EMHC: Ruth Ann Burns  
Ushers: Vince Wagner  
Dave Ebert  
Mac McCormick  
Bill Garvey  
Chuck Mulcahy  
Wagner Family  
Michelle Garvey  
Social:  
Scrip:

**SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS**

Commentator: Mike Friedel  
Lector: Bob Nolan  
Servers: Mike Friedel and Carl Try  
Gift Bearers: Terrill Family  
EMHC Captain: Mary Daugherty  
Ushers: Eric Walk  
Jonathon Walk  
Mike Brennan  
Social: Lonigro Family  
Scrip: Mary Richardson  
Nursery Care: Volunteer  
Harmony: Jacki Damson

**Give  
Unto  
the  
Lord**



**Finance Report  
Envelope Giving**

December 4, 2011  
\$ 9,020  
December 11, 2011  
\$ 6,150  
December 18, 2011  
\$ 6,258  
December 25, 2011  
\$10,335

## **In Vitro Fertilization: Does the End Justify the Means?**

All are invited to attend an informational session on Tuesday, January 10, at Our Lady Queen of Peace at 7:00 P.M.

Since the birth of Louise Brown - the world's first "test tube baby" - in 1978, in vitro fertilization (IVF) has become an increasingly common way for infertile couples to attempt to become parents.

At first glance, IVF might appear to be a perfect example of the wonder of modern science. But many don't understand that this method of creating new life comes at great cost.

During this educational and provocative discussion, we'll hear from two local experts: Dr. Michael Kloess, a family practice physician at Our Lady of Hope Clinic and Rev. Patrick Norris, pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish and a former instructor on health care ethics at St. Louis University Medical School. They will discuss medical issues related to infertility, Catholic teaching on infertility and reproductive technologies, ethical parameters that must be considered and the value of all life - regardless of the method of creation.

All are welcome. This presentation will be held in the church Gathering Space, adjacent to the parking lot. Advance registration is appreciated. For registration or questions, please contact Vicky Franchino at [vfranchino@tds.net](mailto:vfranchino@tds.net).

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## **Catholic Business Association Meeting**

Catholic business people are invited to a free networking opportunity on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 A.M. at the Bishop O'Connor Center in Madison. The 90-minute meeting offers networking time and spiritual growth. Guest speaker Bob Dolan will talk about his life growing up as the younger brother of Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan and the new book, *Life Lessons from My Life with My Brother Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan*. The meeting is free and open to all business people. Register by e-mailing Jim DeSchepper at [jdeschepper@relevantradio.com](mailto:jdeschepper@relevantradio.com) or call 833-7888.

## **Baptism Preparation Class**

We invite parents wishing to have their children baptized to come to a class Sunday, January 8, at 9:30 A.M. in the St. Joachim room. Call the parish office (838-9797) to let us know that you will attend so sufficient materials may be prepared.




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## **Religious Education Classes**

Classes will be held on the following dates in January:

Grades Pre-K to Grade 1: January 15 and 22

Grades 2-5: January 4 and 25

Grades 6-8: January 11

Grades 9-10: January 15 and 29




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## **Youth News**

### **► Resurrection Rally**

The registration for Resurrection Rally is due January 22. For more information and to receive a registration form, contact [shileng@myparish.com](mailto:shileng@myparish.com) or call 838-9797, ext. 105.

### **► Revolution of Love**

For the High School Faith Formation class on January 29, students will attend the Revolution of Love event that will be held at Sacred Hearts Parish in Sun Prairie from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. All high school students and parents are welcome to attend. Watch future bulletins about travel arrangements.



## **Food Pantry Donations**

Food will be collected for the McFarland Food Pantry on January 7/8 and for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on January 21/22.

Please check the expiration dates of food items you are donating.



Thanks to all who have been so generous with their contributions to both these food pantries.