

And a voice came from heaven,
"YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;

with you
I AM WELL PLEASED."

Luke 3:22 (NAB)

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

January 9/10, 2010 The Baptism of Our Lord

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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

**IMPORTANT CHANGE!!
Generations of Faith will begin
at 12:30 P.M. today (Sunday).**

Because the Packer play-off game begins at 3:30 P.M. we have rescheduled our program for today (Sunday) from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M.

Paul Matenaer, our adult and confirmation breakout session leader, is still able to participate.

All other activities will remain the same.

This event will be a wonderful place to gather as Church and learn about the history of the Church and how it has evolved over the years.



By moving the time, it is our hope that more families and individuals will be able to participate.

We will begin the afternoon with a taco buffet lunch.

Even if you did not previously register, you are welcome to attend.

Kids of Faith Mini-Golf Outing

Kids of Faith (all students in grades 3-5) are invited to join us for a fun glow-in-the-dark adventure at GlowGolf on Monday, January 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. We will plan to meet at GlowGolf, inside East Towne Mall next to JC Penney, for 54 holes of miniature golf. The cost is \$5 per person, and children may invite a friend to come along.

Permission slips and flyers were sent home with children at the January 6 religious education classes. Additional flyers and permission slips are available near the youth bulletin board in the parish hall.

Please RSVP to Julie with permission slip and payment by noon on January 14 if your child would like to attend. Sorry, no late reservations can be accepted as we must provide an advance count to GlowGolf. Adult chaperones will be needed and must have attended a Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness session. In case a child would need a ride, please let Julie know when you RSVP whether you are available to drive children and/or chaperone, as well as how many children you could take. We will arrange carpools as needed.



Baptism



We rejoice with Eric and Kathleen (Kolk) Green who had their son, *Nicholas Allen*, baptized at Christ the King Parish on December 27. Nicholas has two big sisters, Caroline and Mackenzie.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

There will be a baptismal preparation meeting on Monday, January 18 at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Ann room. Parents who have not previously attended a baptism preparation session and are planning to baptize a child on either January 24 or February 14 should plan to attend this meeting. Our next baptismal preparation meeting will be Tuesday, April 6 and baptisms will be celebrated on April 11.

Prayers for Students

We have students preparing to receive sacraments every year, second-graders preparing to receive Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time, and high schoolers preparing to be confirmed. This year we have a program of prayer for these students.



In the chapel, you will find prayer postcards with students' names and addresses on them. Please take a postcard, pray for that student, and then write a short note to the student to let them know that you prayed for them. Return the postcard to the basket in the chapel or to the office. We will stamp and mail it. As the addressed postcards are mailed, they will be replenished throughout the year.

Our hope is that each student preparing to receive sacraments this year will receive notes of encouragement and support from many adults in our parish. With your help, they will feel surrounded by the love of their parish community.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of January 11, 2010

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Harold Nicolai
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Gertrude Rickarty
Wednesday	8:30 A.M.	† Dorothy Volk
Thursday	8:30 A.M.	† Laurence Ballweg
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.	† Fr. Art Koth
	10:30 A.M.	† Parish

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010



Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

All Women of the Parish Are Invited to Attend a Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, January 12
at 6:00 P.M.
CTK Parish Hall

Please bring a dish to pass:
Last names beginning with A - I: Dessert
Last names beginning with J - R: Salad
Last names beginning with S - Z: Hot Dish



It's a great way for women of our parish to get to know others in our faith community.

THE PASTOR'S BLOG

This is the final weekend of the Christmas Season. On Monday we return to an "island" of Ordinary Time concluding on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. This means that Easter will be April 4th. You might think that I am beginning to get ahead of myself, but planning for Easter begins this month.

I read once that a poll indicating January as, by far, the least favorite month for Americans. I imagine the cold weather and the thought of a distant spring, the Christmas bills, property tax payments, and cabin fever can make us all a little depressed.

While I don't generally like to use clichés, turning lemons into lemonade can be a true solution. With less outdoor activities we can all concentrate on some indoor ones. I have a number of books that I would like to read but have not had the time. While many are outdoor winter enthusiasts, I can concentrate more strongly on my aerobics and weight lifting indoors. I can take time for spiritual exercises that include prayer, spiritual reading and meditation. Fewer distractions can free time for positive activities.

By now you know that I take a break from the winter season by spending a few days in a warmer climate. With the exception of the year after my father's death and my mother spending a winter alone at the cottage in Cassville, I have gone someplace warm 42 out of the last 43 winters. I like to think that I can split one long winter into two shorter ones. Many of you take this opportunity along with the spring break families. People seem curious to know where I am going each year. I'll wait for a later bulletin to tell you.

Winter is not without parish activities. Lent begins next month. Youth are preparing for the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. All of our adult and youth formation programs (including Generations of Faith) are continuing. Our parish staff and volunteers have important ministries.

You will be hearing more about the second Annual Catholic Appeal. We were told to print a message in last week's bulletin, but the diocesan website says it would be coming soon. The timing has been changed from last year. We were told that all parishioners would receive a Introduction Postcard last week. I am writing this column on December 29th so I am not sure whether you have received the card. The campaign has been moved from April/May to January/February this year.

The announcement weekend is scheduled to be two weekends from this weekend and you should receive a mailing from the bishop the following week. Details of the second Annual Catholic Appeal will then be presented.

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / January 11 - 17

MONDAY, January 11

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting - St. Ann
7:00 P.M. Adult Faith Formation Comm. - St. Ann

TUESDAY, January 12

6:00 P.M. Ladies Guild Potluck - Hall
7:00 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Ann

WEDNESDAY, January 13

12:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Ann
6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes (Grades 6-8)
7:30 P.M. Men's Club - St. Ann

THURSDAY, January 14

6:30 P.M. Social Concerns Committee - St. Ann
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (8:30 Mass)

FRIDAY, January 15

1:30 P.M. Rosary Assemblers - St. Joachim

SATURDAY, January 16

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

SUNDAY, January 17

8:30 A.M. Mass
9:30 A.M. Religious Education Classes (Pre-K-Gr. 1)
9:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal (10:30 Mass)
10:30 A.M. Mass
6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes (Grades 9-10)

Liturgical Ministers / January 16 - 17

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Barb Kroda
Lector: Kim Ziehr
Server: Bella Ziehr
Gift Bearers: L. Budnar Family
EMHC Captain: Beth Kolk
Ushers: Tim Benishek
John Feldner
Bob Tercek
Social: No Social
Scrip: Beth Kolk

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Bill Stoneman
Lector: Karen Wagner
Servers: Olivia Muetting and Allison Hartmann
Gift Bearers: S. Heller Family
EMHC Captain: Michelle Garvey
Ushers: Vince Wagner
Dave Ebert
Mac McCormick
Bill Garvey
Chuck Mulcahy
Mike Smits
Social: Burke Family
Scrip: Amy Muetting

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Karianne Sletten
Lector: Terri Bouffiou
Server: Mike Friedel
Gift Bearers: Gothard Family
EMHC Captain: Lorna Walk
Ushers: Eric Walk
Jonathon Walk
Mike Brennan
Michael Roltgen
Social: Sletten Family
Scrip: Karin Mandli
Nursery Care: Katie Cappozzo, Hannah Polipnick, Abby Polipnick
Harmony: Karen Wagner

Our prayers and condolences to the
Gary and Carol Polipnick Family.
(We Care Area #3)

Gary's mother,
Mary Ann "Chuckie" Polipnick,
died on December 30.

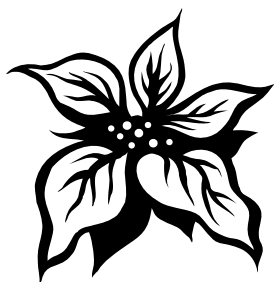
The funeral took place
on January 2 at St. Paul's Catholic Church
in Sauk Centre, Minnesota.



God's blessings to this family
as they mourn
the loss of their loved one.

**Finance Report
Envelope Revenue**

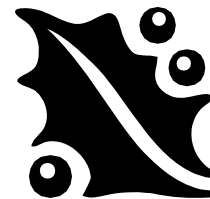
Week Ending	General/Misc.
January 3, 2010	\$ 11,121



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Lorna Walk	for	George E. Walk
Thomas and Barbara Walsh		
Art and Cindy Weber	for	Arnie Weber & Bernard Lease
Tom and Carol Welch	for	Gene Paulus & John and Helen Welch
Shirley Winters	for	Bill Winters



Know Our Volunteers Tony Barresi

Tony Barresi currently serves on the Generations of Faith Committee, is an usher, transports food donated at the church to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and volunteers weekly at the pantry, serves on the district SVdP Strategic Planning Subcommittee for Volunteers and Donors, assists at pancake breakfasts and represents the parish on the village committee for examining the feasibility of a community senior center.

In the past Tony served two terms on the pastoral council, served on the liturgy committee for eight years, conducted the adult choir for eight years, conducted several choral demonstrations for the parish choir and composed and arranged a number of choral works for the parish choir.



First Holy Communion

Parents of students who will celebrate First Holy Communion this spring should plan to attend a parent meeting during class time on January 27. Please join your children for prayer in church at the beginning of class. The meeting will take place in the St. Ann room following prayer. A parent from each family should plan to attend to receive important information about the sacrament, as well as relevant dates and times. Please call or e-mail Julie at the parish office with questions or concerns.

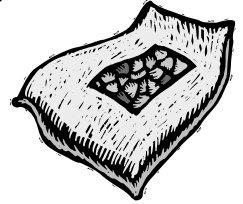
Nursery

We offer free babysitting in the St. Matthew's room/nursery in the church's lower level during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday mornings for children ages 1 through 4.



We schedule one adult and one student helper to baby-sit in the nursery weekly. The children can play or color as the parents attend Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Drive
"Recycle the Warmth" and help someone stay warm this winter. Bring new or gently used bedding and blankets (all sizes) to Christ the King Parish from January 20 through January 31. St. Vincent de Paul collection bins will be located in the parish hall. New blankets will be available for purchase at area Shopko stores at an attractive price. Envelopes for cash donations as well as donation receipts will be attached to the collection bins.



Epiphany Shower

The Christ the King Ladies Guild continues to collect items of needy infants that will be sent to Mexico or donated to the Teen Pregnancy Helpline in Madison. We are in special need of items such as cloth diapers (unfolded only), receiving blankets, diaper pins, baby bottles, undershirts, small infant toys, kimonos, etc. that are either new or used (but in good condition). Any spare fabric that could be used for infant clothing would also be welcomed. Items may be brought to the parish hall until January 14.

CTK Book Club

The Christ the King Book Club will meet on Monday, January 25, in the St. Ann Room at 7:00 P.M. They will be discussing *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. This Iranian author recounts her time leading a secret reading group of women in the mid 1990s. Classics of western literature take on new meaning and insights in the hands of these Muslim women. All who love to read a variety of informative and enlightening books are welcome to attend.

January Food Pantry Donations

Food will be collected for the McFarland Food Pantry the weekend of January 9/10.



The weekends of January 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31 all food will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Thank you for your contributions!

Youth Ministry

Middle School Movie Night

On Friday, January 15, from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M., all middle school youth are invited to come and watch *The 13th Day: The Miracle of Fatima*. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 13, to Sarabeth at 838-9797, ext. 105 or sarabeth@myparish.com. Snacks and discussion will follow the viewing of the movie.

High School Game Night

All high school teens are invited to attend a Game Night at Christ the King Parish on Saturday, January 23. The night will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a light dinner and games to follow. Rooms will be set up with Dance, Dance Revolution, Wii, Play Station with Madden system, Nintendo and more. Please bring your favorite snack food. A main dish and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, January 20, if you will be attending. Friends are invited and no permission slips are needed.



Catechist Jump Start



Please join us for the annual East Dane County Catechist Jumpstart, an evening of great food, great sharing and great inspiration. This event will occur on Wednesday, January 20 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Monona. Mr. Tom

Thibodeau, associate professor of Religious Studies at Viterbo University in LaCrosse, will be the speaker. His topic will be *The Positive Power of Our Words - Living the Eucharist Every Day*.

All catechists, aides, those involved in religious education or those who would like to learn about this topic are invited to attend. The evening begins with a lasagna (meat and veggie) dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. with the program to follow. This event is free but please RSVP to Sarabeth, Julie or Kathie prior to January 14. Let them know if you would like to carpool to this event.

Religious Education Classes

► Middle School Classes

Sunday, January 10 - Youth are expected to attend the Generations of Faith session from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M., as we focus on the *One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church*.

Wednesday, January 13 - Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

► High School Classes

Sunday, January 10 - Teens are encouraged to attend the Generations of Faith session beginning at 12:30.

Sunday, January 17 - Class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 24 - Part 2 of the rEVOLution of Love series will take place at Christ the King Parish from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Join us for the second part of our series on Pope John Paul II's teaching on Theology of the Body. During this session we will focus on chastity. Our panel of presenters will include Fr. Eric Sternberg (co-pastor at St. Paul's Catholic Center), Dr. Michael Kloess, Leah Stader and Matt and Rebecca Sande. The panel will discuss issues relating to chastity such as dating vs. courtship; living in a relationship that is free, total, faithful and fruitful; homosexuality; family planning; contraception and much more. High school teens are expected to attend this session and parents are encouraged to join us for this special presentation. A question and answer time will be available during the end of the presentation.

► Confirmation

Sunday, January 24 - Confirmation candidates should plan on attending the rEVOLution of Love session. Please note the date and see the description above.

Sunday, January 31 - Candidate/Sponsor Event 2 Candidates and their sponsors are asked to attend this second gathering as we continue to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Our session will take place at St. Paul's Catholic Center (downtown Madison). The evening will begin at 5:00 P.M. in the parish gathering room and our time will be spent learning about the importance of the Eucharist, attending the 6:00 P.M. Mass, and hearing some young adults witness on how they live out the Eucharist in their everyday lives.

Save the Date - Monday, June 14, 2010

We will be going on a Ropes Course Day Retreat in Baraboo from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.