

Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

But of that day or
hour, no one knows,
neither the angels
in heaven,
nor the Son,
but only the Father.



Mark 13:32

November 14/15, 2009
Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

Fr. D. Stephen Smith, Pastor
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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

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Three local Christian churches will celebrate a Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service on Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 P.M. at McFarland United Church of Christ. All are cordially invited to attend.

The service will include music, the reading of Scripture, and community expression of thanks to God for the blessings that we enjoy, followed by a social in the Fellowship Hall.

The offering will be for the McFarland Food Pantry. At the time of the offering those attending will be able to bring forward gifts of cash, canned goods and paper products.



Christmas Children's Choir

It is that time of year when we start to prepare for Christmas. As in the past, we will be having a Children's Choir sing at the 7:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. This has always been a lot of fun and a great way for our children to participate in the Liturgy. The choir will be open to all children in the parish. There will be opportunities for solo cantoring, cantoring in groups, and instrumental playing (including chimes)!

There will be four rehearsals for the choir which will start the weekend after Thanksgiving. The rehearsals will be after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., November 29 to December 20.



There will be just enough time to grab a doughnut after Mass. Please let Tanya know if you are interested by calling her at the parish office at 838-9797, extension 104 or e-mailing her at tanya@myparish.com.

Finance Report Envelope Revenue

Week Ending	General/Misc.
November 1, 2009	\$ 10,492
November 8, 2009	\$ 6,473

The Giving Tree

The McFarland Food Pantry Giving Tree tags will be issued the weekends of November 21/22 and November 28/29 at all of the Masses. Be sure to pick up a tag during that first weekend in case you are out of town over the Thanksgiving holiday. We will only be distributing them for two weekends because of the pancake breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, December 6. A great plan is to pick up a card, go the Scrip table, buy a gift certificate and your shopping is done. A win-win situation all around. Thank you in advance.



Lynne Toseff
Christ the King chair for the Giving Tree

Drummer Boy Project

Once again this year, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference from Christ the King Parish is sponsoring the Drummer Boy Project. This project provides Christmas gifts to children from families that would not otherwise be able to afford them. Through the generosity of the members of this parish, we were able to donate over 300 gifts to this effort last year.

Please plan on stopping in the hall after Mass the weekends of November 21/22 and November 28/29 to pick up a gift tag to attach to your donation. This is an opportunity to involve your kids in a great giving project. The gifts need not be wrapped. All gifts must be at Christ the King Parish by December 4. There will be a table in the parish hall for gifts to be placed.



KNOW OUR VOLUNTEERS Mike Friedel



Mike is a lector, commentator, server and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He has been especially helpful serving Mass with those learning to be servers. For many years he has been involved in our high school program as a teacher and confirmation retreat leader.

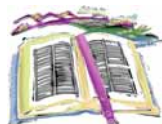


MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of November 16, 2009

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for the Dead
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Wednesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Fathers
Thursday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for the Dead
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.	† Evie Breitenbach

Readings for the Week of Nov. 15, 2009



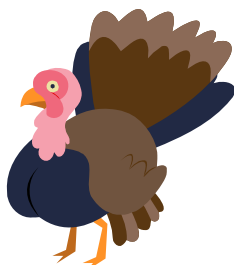
Sunday	Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37

Thank You!

Many thanks to all the youth and adults who helped sell feathers and the parishioners who purchased turkey feathers for the "Adopt a Turkey" sale last weekend. The amount raised for the McFarland and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries was \$1,054. We are truly grateful for everyone's generosity. Happy Thanksgiving!

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

- W.T. Purkiser



FROM THE PASTOR

I believe it will be our 5th ecumenical thanksgiving service next weekend. The location will be McFarland United Church of Christ and the time is 4:00 P.M. – after the Packer's game! Unfortunately I will not be able to be present. November 22nd is also the 150th anniversary of my home parish, St. Clement in Lancaster.

Many Lancaster folks do not know that the original name of the Lancaster parish was St. Barnabas. When the church that I knew growing up was consecrated in the 19th century, the bishop who came from Milwaukee changed its name. No one knows why. He just changed it. In the mid-1960s the new church was built in which I was ordained.

I remember the 100th anniversary quite well. I was in eighth grade and we had a children's program about the history of the parish. If my memory is correct, I was the narrator.

Kathie Fritz will take my place at our local thanksgiving celebration. I hope that many of you put it on your calendar for next weekend.

We are now in the closing stage of our annual increased offertory campaign. We chose not to use the system from Bannion Associates that we were required to use the two previous years. This year the diocese allowed parishes to opt out. At the end of this week, we will mail the third and final letter to those who have not yet responded. We will be mailing thank-you notes soon. We need a minimum of 200 letters to qualify for the special rate for non-profits and we usually wait a little extra time as the responses keep coming in.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) this spring will be much earlier than its premiere last year. The announcement weekend will be February 27-28. The commitment weekend will be March 6-7 and the follow-up weekend will be March 13-14. I have not yet attended a training session that I believe will be in February. But based on last year's protocol, you will likely be receiving a direct mailing from the diocese in February.

Because of the ACA schedule, we will begin our annual stewardship of time and talent campaign a little earlier in January. Commitment of time and talent will be January 23-24. About two weeks before that date, you will receive in the mail your commitment material for donating your time and talent in the service of our parish.

This may seem like we all need a score card. But we will keep everyone informed as best we can.

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / November 16 - 22, 2009

MONDAY, November 16

6:30 P.M. St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Meeting - St. Ann

TUESDAY, November 17

7:00 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim

WEDNESDAY, November 18

12:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim

6:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes (Grades 2-5)

THURSDAY, November 19

6:00 A.M. Youth leave for the National Catholic Youth Conference from Sacred Heart in Sun Prairie

6:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (8:30 Mass Choir)

FRIDAY, November 20

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

7:00 P.M. Faith Filled Friday Flicks - St. Ann/Joachim

SATURDAY, November 21

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

5:00 P.M. Mass

SUNDAY, November 22

8:30 A.M. Mass

9:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal (10:30 Mass Choir)

10:30 A.M. Mass

4:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at McFarland United Church of Christ

Looking Ahead ...

The next baptismal preparation meeting will be on Monday, December 7, at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Joachim room. Please call the parish office at 838-9797 if you will be attending so that we will have materials ready for you.

Book Club

Be sure to mark your calendar for December 14, when the CTK Book Club will be discussing the book *Too Close to the Falls* by Catherine Gildiner. This is the story of a precocious, hyperactive girl born to a pharmacist father and non-traditional mother. Set in the 1950's in Lewiston, NY, the memoir provides a look into the history of that time and place along with insights into the innovations of the time and the thinking in psychiatry. The group meets at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Joachim room. If you enjoy reading, you are welcome to join in the discussion.



Liturgical Ministers / November 21 - 22

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Buzz Hetzer
Lector: Kim Ziehr
Server: Bella Ziehr
Gift Bearers: L. Budnar Family
EMHC Captain: Anita O'Keefe
Ushers: Jim Klubertanz
Pat Gallagher
Tony Barresi
Sharon Joswiak
Social: No Social
Scrip: Marge Tercek

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Ed Kramper
Lector: Karen Wagner
Servers: Olivia Mueing and Alexia Palmer
Gift Bearers: Neuman Family
EMHC Captain: Ruth Ann Burns
Ushers: Mike Sweeney
Dan Brummel
Al Runde
James Runde
Joe Mueing
Billy Mueing
Social: Mueing Family
Scrip: Janelle Stransky

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Mike Friedel
Lector: Karianne Sletten
Server: Carlie Chandler
Gift Bearers: Lonigro Family
EMHC Captain: Lorna Walk
Ushers: Ron Staszewski
Joe Ziesel
Brian Walsh
Kevin Bennett
Social: Hass Family
Scrip: Kris Vallon
Nursery Care: Christy Rudolf, Rachel Stetenfeld, Kregan Sletten
Harmony: Bill Stoneman

Faith-Filled Friday Night Flicks

On Friday, November 20, at 7:00 P.M. adults are invited to view and discuss the video, *Jewish Roots of Catholicism*. The segment we will watch is "Judaism 101." Come find out how Jesus' practice of the Jewish faith influenced his teachings and the church that would come to be called Christian. This is a perfect preparation for the Advent season, so please join us in the St. Ann/Joachim room for the video. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the parish office by noon on Thursday, November 19.

Religious Education Schedule

High School Classes

- ▶ Sunday, November 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
The chapters that will be discussed are Chapter 3, Naked without Shame and Chapter 4, Hope and Redemption in Christ. During this class period the teens will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ▶ Sunday, November 22 - No class due to the high school musical and National Catholic Youth Conference.
- ▶ Sunday, November 29 - No class because of the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Christian who walks with the Lord and keeps constant communion with Him will see many reasons for rejoicing and thanksgiving all day long.

- Warren Wiersbe

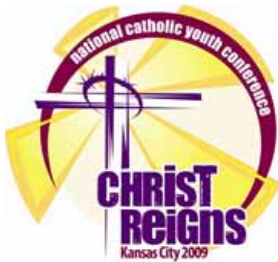
Middle School Classes

The next class will be held on Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

National Catholic Youth Conference

November 19-22

This year Christ the King Parish will be sending six teens and two adults to the 2009 NCYC event in Kansas City, MO. The youth participants include Josh Hare, Joelle Mueting, Willa Papalia-Beatty, Elizabeth Pulvermacher, Caleb Schmitz and Cassandra Washington-Law. The adult chaperones are Joan Hare and Sarabeth Bowe. As they depart on this journey of faith please keep them in your prayers that they will have safe travel and that they will be renewed and enriched in their faith.



*All powerful God,
You always show mercy toward those who love you
and you are never far away from those who seek you.
Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage
and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter
them with your protection by day, give them the light
of your grace by night, and, as their companion on
the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.
May the Lord grant that the journey they begin, rely-
ing on Him, will end happily through his protection.
Amen.*

Looking Ahead ...

December Youth Ministry Events

Cookie Baking

The middle and high school youth will be baking cookies on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. in the CTK kitchen. These cookies will be sent to our military families and college students who are preparing for exams. No permission slip is needed, but please RSVP to Sarabeth by noon on Tuesday, December 8, if you plan on attending.

Youth Involvement Committee

The next meeting for this committee will take place on Sunday, December 6, from 9:30 to 10:25 A.M. in the Youth Room. The Christmas gathering has yet to be determined.

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Parent Series Presents

Risky Business: Helping Teens Avoid Alcohol, Drugs, and Sexual Activity

The parents series will be held on Wednesday, December 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Scott Caldwell, a licensed clinical substance abuse counselor and prevention specialist, will answer the following questions:

- What is normal teen behavior (and is there such a thing)?
- What are good vs. bad risks?
- Can parents and other adults influence teens in their risk taking choices?

Mr. Caldwell will also discuss:

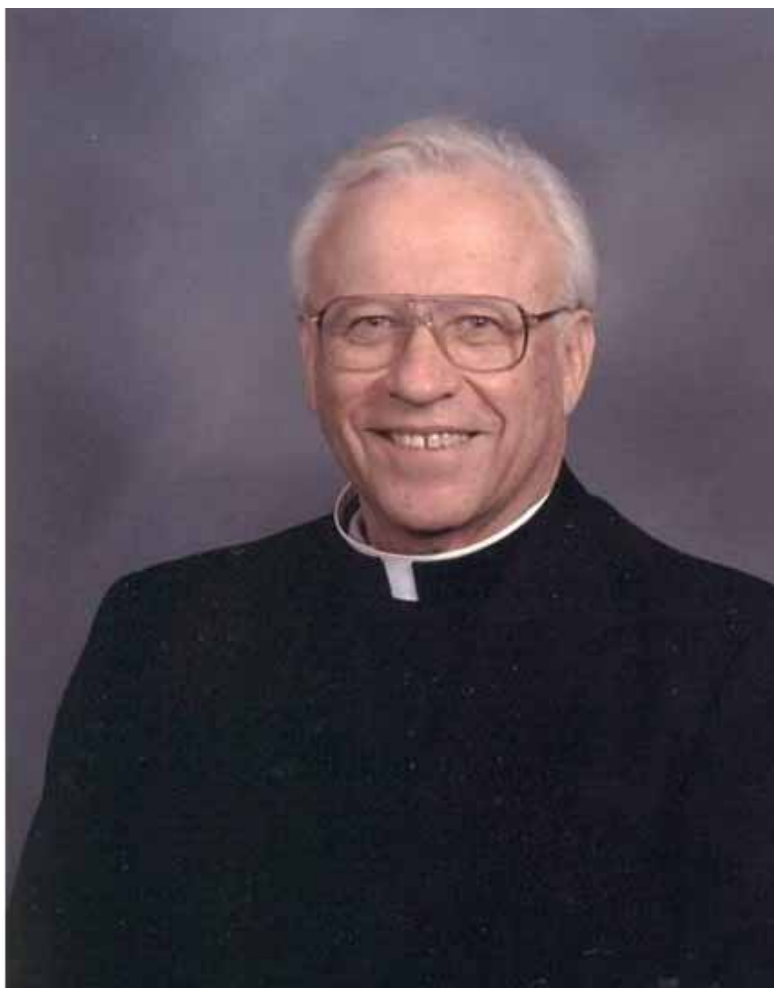
- The neurobiology of the teenage brain.
- Appropriate risk taking by teens.
- Strategies parents can use to guide their teens through these risk-taking years.

Please join us in the CTK parish hall for this important program. Non-members of Christ the King Parish are welcome to attend as well. There is no cost to attend this program which is co-sponsored by the McFarland School District and the McFarland M.E.A.N. Parents Society.



We rejoice with
Jamie Wagner
and
Aaron Stokstad
who were united
in marriage at
Christ the King
Parish on November 7.

Fr. Arthur Koth



Born: July 26, 1930
Died: November 11, 2009
Ordained: 1957

Assignments: St. Bernard Parish, Madison
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Madison
Holy Name Seminary, Madison
Christ the King Parish, McFarland (1974-2000)

May he rest in eternal peace.



Thank you for your
love and service
for all of us.

We will always
remember you.

