

Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

November 28/29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

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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

St. Nick's Gift Shop

Attention Parents and Children ...

The St. Nick Children's Gift Shop will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on December 6 and December 13.

Send your child to the St. Ann Room with a list of names to shop for and some money.

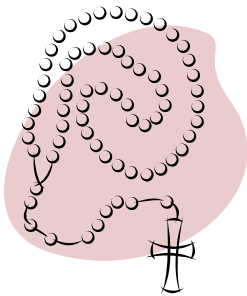
We'll do the rest!

Everything is priced \$2.00 or less.



Rosary Sale

Mary's Rosary Assemblers of CTK will be selling rosaries in the parish hall after Masses the weekend of December 12-13 in support of the Mission Rosary Initiative. A large selection of rosaries will be available (wrist chain, wall, sports, pocket, and more!) Giving the gift of a rosary for Christmas will not only be a statement of your faith, but will be cherished forever.



You may also make a donation in any amount to the Mission Rosary Initiative in the name of a loved one. Certificates are available to give as a gift.

86th Annual Capitol Christmas Pageant

The rotunda of the state capitol is alive with the sounds of Christmas. The Capitol Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 6. Two identical performances will be presented at 4:15 and 5:15 P.M. The program is put on by over 200 student musicians and actors from Madison and McFarland High Schools.

The pageant includes the main choir, an echo choir, a brass ensemble and tableau actors and actresses. The choir sings such familiar carols as *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *Fanfare for Christmas* and concludes with *Silent Night*.

Diocesan Choir CDs Available

With Joyful Steps: A Live Recording of Lessons and Carols is available for purchase from the Madison Diocesan Choir. The Choir sings enchanting music for Advent and Christmas and the sensational young musical couple, Jamie-Rose Guarrine and Karl Knapp, masterfully performs favorites such as *Ave Maria* and *Gesu Bambino*. The cost is \$15 per CD, and the profits support the ministry of the Madison Diocesan Choir. The choir's first CD, *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, including music from chant to Gospel, also is available. For more information or to order, go to www.diocesanchoir.org or call 821-3080.

Adult Advent Resources

The Little Blue Book, an Adult Advent resource booklet, is now available on the table in the back of church near the Chapel. It contains six-minute reflections on the First Readings for daily Mass during the Advent and Christmas season. Be sure to pick one up!

The Art and Environment Committee will be ordering Christmas flowers for church decorations. If you would like to place an order for a plant in memory of a loved one, or if you wish to make a donation for our Christmas decorations, please use this form. The donation is \$15.00.

Attach your check to this form and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Checks can be made out to Christ the King. Please indicate "Christmas Flowers" on the envelope. The deadline to return this form is December 21.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

Amount Enclosed _____





MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of November 30, 2009

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for the Dead
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Fathers
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.	† LaVerne Blair

Readings for the Week of Nov. 29, 2009



Sunday	Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Monday	Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

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

Tuesday, December 8 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

When I was in high school, I first read Viktor Frankl's book *Man's Search for Meaning*. The story begins at Auschwitz, the German concentration camp, during WWII. Frankl was a Jewish psychiatrist taken there.

I visited Auschwitz a few years ago and it looks almost like a college campus. In fact, the Poles built it as a military barracks. But it was a horrible place of hard work, near starvation and – worst of all – a place of despair.

Some people, including Frankl, survived that experience. Many, who felt the same torture as survivors, died there. Frank asked the question of why some survived and many did not. It was not a matter of better health or better treatment. None of them enjoyed good health and none of them had humane treatment. Some simply gave up ... and they died. They had nothing to live for.

Frankl's thesis and the basis of his psychotherapy in his post-WWII career was hope. Survivors saw beyond their terrible existence. Frankl recalls seeing his wife and family in his dreams and in his hopes. He did not know that they had already died. But it was this hope, and the hope of the others who survived, that sustained them.

This weekend we begin the Season of Advent, the Season of Hope. While I do not especially enjoy our Wisconsin winters, I can survive the cold and snow. But I hate the darkness. When I lived in England it was much worse. On a cloudy day – and there are many of these in England – it would be dark at 3:30 P.M. And the sun did not rise until nearly 9:00 A.M. SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) was pandemic.

Advent tells us that, just as the darkness of winter will give way to light of summer, so the birth of Jesus brings hope to a world enthralled in the darkness of sin. The same despair that led those concentration camp slaves to lose hope and to die can be transformed through the message of Advent.

What would our life be like if we had nothing to hope for? Many find the answer in despair and suicide. Others simply see life as drudgery. As Christians, we see the Incarnation, God become man, as the cornerstone of our hope and existence.

In Advent we prepare for his coming. In fact, we prepare for three of Jesus' comings: historically in ancient Israel, this year into our world, and his final coming at the end of time. We read from the Old Testament and especially from the Prophet Isaiah so that we may learn for what to hope. And their hopes are not that much different than ours. They hoped for lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficient food, and an end to suffering, pain and misery. They awaited a Messiah – one who would deliver them from darkness.

But unlike the people of the Old Testament we know that God is already in our midst. John the Baptist and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, know this new situation and they help point us in the proper direction to recognize the presence of the Savior of the world.

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / Nov. 30 - Dec. 6, 2009

MONDAY, November 30

TUESDAY, December 1

6:00 P.M. First Reconciliation Retreat - Hall
6:45 P.M. Generations of Faith Planning Mtg - St. Ann

WEDNESDAY, December 2

6:30 P.M. Parent Series - Hall
6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes (Grades 6-8)

THURSDAY, December 3

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

FRIDAY, December 4

SATURDAY, December 5

9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
9:00 A.M. Set-Up for St. Nick Shop - SS Ann/Joachim
5:00 P.M. Mass

SUNDAY, December 6

8:00 A.M. Pancake Breakfast - Hall (serving until noon)
8:30 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. St. Nick Shop - SS Ann/Joachim
9:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal (10:30 Mass Choir)
9:30 A.M. Youth Involvement Committee - Youth Room
10:30 A.M. Mass
Rite of Welcome for Confirmation Candidates with mini-retreat to follow
11:30 A.M. Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Looking Ahead ...

Baptism Preparation Meeting

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.

Youth Choir

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 12 at 4:00 P.M. followed with Mass at 5:00 P.M. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome.

**Finance Report
Envelope Revenue**

Week Ending	General/Misc.
November 1, 2009	\$ 10,492
November 8, 2009	\$ 6,473
November 15, 2009	\$ 6,064
November 22, 2009	\$ 5,148

Liturgical Ministers / December 5 - 6

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Buzz Hetzer
Lector: Kim Ziehr
Server: Bella Ziehr
Gift Bearers: R. Budnar Family
EMHC Captain: Beth Kolk
Ushers: Ron O'Keefe
Anita O'Keefe
Steve Boeder
Jim Hickey
Social: Hetzer and Trudell Families
Scrip: Marge Tercek

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Bill Garvey
Lector: Jerry Herbst
Servers: Mia Schunk and Hayley Stoneman
Gift Bearers: Koch Family
EMHC Captain: Michelle Garvey
Ushers: Bill Ziech
Dave Ziech
Curt Bakk
Fred Schwartz
Don Tofte
Vince Hartmann
Social: No Social - Pancake Breakfast
Scrip: Carol Wilson and Michelle Garvey

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Karianne Sletten
Lector: Mike Poquette
Server: Michael Caya
Gift Bearers: Try Family
EMHC Captain: Sharon Walk
Ushers: Bob O'Donnell
Rich Hoffman
Al Orvis
Mike Bergen
Social: No Social - Pancake Breakfast
Scrip: Karin Mandli and Deb Bergen
Nursery Care: Angela Try, Athena Try
Harmony: Jacki Damson



**KNOW OUR
VOLUNTEERS
Doc Casey**

Doc served six years as a member of the parish finance council and just retired after three years on the parish pastoral council. He is a server and a lector.

December 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM 7:15 PM 1st Reconciliation Retreat (V. Hall) 6:45 PM GOF Planning Meeting (St. Ann)	2 12:30 PM LRSS (St. Ann) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 6-8 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Parent Series (Hall)	3 6:00 PM Chime Choir 7:00 PM Choir (Church)	4 7:00 PM Kids of Faith sleepover	5 9:00 AM Ador. of Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM St. Nick Shop Setup (St. Ann/Joachim) 6:00 PM Chime Choir Social After Mass
6 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pancake Breakfast - KC, Benefits SVdP 9:00 AM - 11:48 AM St. Nick's Shop 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM Youth Inv. Meeting 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Retreat 11:30 AM Children's Choir	7 7:00 PM Baptismal Preparation (St. Joachim)	8 8:30 AM Holyday Mass 10:00 AM Start Meeting (St. Ann) 5:30 PM Holyday Mass 6:00 PM Ladies Guild Potluck (Hall)	9 12:30 PM LRSS (St. Ann) 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Cookie Baking MS & HS RE 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Grades 2-5 7:30 PM Men's Club (Hall)	10 6:00 PM Chime Choir 7:00 PM Choir (Church)	11 7:00 PM Kids of Faith sleepover	12 9:00 AM Ador. of Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 4:00 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Chime Choir Rosary Sale - Hall - After Mass
13 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM St. Nick's Shop 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM Grades PreK - 1 9:30 AM SVdP Meeting (Hall) 11:30 AM Children's Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 9 & 10 Rosary Sale - Hall - After Masses Social both Masses	14 7:00 PM Book Club (St. Joachim)	15 6:30 PM Communal Penance 3rd Week Luke House	16 12:30 PM LRSS (St. Ann) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 6-8	17 6:00 PM Chime Choir 7:00 PM Choir (Church)	18 1:30 PM Mary's Rosary Assemblies (St. Joachim)	19 9:00 AM Ador. of Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 6:00 PM Chime Choir SVdP Food Drive
20 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM Grades PreK-1 11:30 AM Children's Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 9 & 10 7:00 PM 4:00 PM Individual Reconciliation - Church and Chapel Social both Masses SVdP Food Drive	21 6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Meeting (St. Joachim) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Individual Reconciliation - Church and Chapel	22 12:00 PM Blood Drive - Hall	23 5:00 PM Youth Inv. Christmas Party	24 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christmas Decorating - Church 4:30 PM Mass 7:00 PM Mass Office Closed	25 9:00 AM Mass Office Closed	26 9:00 AM Ador. of Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) SVdP Food Parity Drive
27 11:30 AM Baptisms Social both Masses St. Vincent de Paul Food Parity Drive	28	29	30 Sin Week Luke House	31 5:00 PM Mass		

Jan. 2010						
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Make plans to come to a
All you can eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
 at Christ the King Parish

on Sunday, December 6, from 8:00 A.M. to Noon.

This Pancake Breakfast is sponsored by the Catholic Knights Branch 88 and CTK Men's Club.



The funds raised will go to the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry which serves needy families in the Madison area. Catholic Knights will match funds up to \$500.

Cost:	Adults	\$4.50
	Children 5-12	\$2.50
	Under 5	Free

Kids of Faith Lock-In

7:00 P.M. December 11 – 9:00 A.M. December 12

All children in grades 3-5 are invited to join us for a sleepover at church. Our overnight party will be filled with snacks, service, fun and games. We will do a special project, play games, watch movies, and more. There is no cost to attend.

Permission slips and informational flyers were distributed to the children at Religious Education classes on November 18. Additional forms are available on the Youth bulletin board. Permission slips must be turned in no later than December 9, 2009 and must be marked whether your child will leave at 11 P.M. or 9 A.M. Children will not be allowed to leave at other times and no children will be allowed to leave with anyone other than their parent unless prior arrangements have been made.

Two adult men and two adult women must be present at all times. If you are able to volunteer to chaperone, please let Julie know by December 9. Chaperone shifts will be 7-11 P.M., 11 P.M.-9 A.M., or 7 P.M.-9 A.M. All adult chaperones must have attended a Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness class. If we do not have enough adult chaperones, this event will have to be cancelled.

Report from the McFarland Food Pantry

In October, 157 households received food from the McFarland Food Pantry. This included 259 adults and 127 children for a total of 386 individuals. Food is collected at all Masses on the first two Sundays of the month and the Saturdays that proceed these Sundays.

Including the Turkey Feather collection, the parish has also contributed \$1,300. The Food Pantry lists their greatest needs as baking items, cooking items, condiments, sugar, flour, oil, cereal, soups, dried beans, fresh fruit, juices and vegetables. Personal items that are needed include hand sanitizers, toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste, and brushes.

“Adopt a Turkey” Service Project



On Nov. 14 these youth went grocery shopping to help fill the shelves at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Special thanks to the adult chaperones and drivers: James and Karen Aehl, Dave Bruncker, Mary Daugherty, Joan Hare, Joe Mueting and Joanne Westphal.

Prepare with Advent Service to Needy Families

Consider keeping Advent a time of preparation by serving Christ's sisters and brothers in need at St. Vincent de Paul's busy Madison food pantry. This client-choice facility serves families from across the county, and growing client need means more volunteers are always needed to host, stock, clean and do reception work there. Explore your opportunities for service at a one-hour information session scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 3 at the pantry, 2033 Fish Hatchery Road in Madison. Contact Margie Welsh at margie@svdpmadison.org or 442-7200, x443, to reserve your spot.

Generations of Faith Meeting

A planning meeting for the January Generations of Faith event will take place on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:45 P.M. in the St. Ann room. All those interested in helping plan this event are invited to attend. The topic for the January session is Church.

Religious Education Schedule

High School Classes

- ▶ Sunday, December 6 - There will not be a class on this date, but teens are encouraged to attend the Christmas Pageant at the Capitol Rotunda (information on pg 1.)
- ▶ Sunday, December 13 - Class will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Chapter 5, *Truth and Freedom*, will be discussed.

Middle School Classes

- ▶ Students will meet on December 2 and 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Confirmation

- ▶ Sponsor Forms - All students were asked to return their sponsor forms to Sarabeth prior to October 31. If you have not done this, please do so as soon as possible.
- ▶ Candidate/Sponsor Event 1
On Sunday, December 6, all confirmation candidates and sponsors are asked to attend the 10:30 Mass. The Rite of Welcome will take place during this Mass with a mini-retreat to follow.
- ▶ There is no December Generations of Faith event. Use this time to get together with your sponsor for lunch, attend Mass, or go on a holiday outing.

First Reconciliation Retreat

Students preparing to receive their first reconciliation and their parents should plan to attend the reconciliation retreat on Tuesday, December 1, from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M. The retreat will be held in the parish hall. This retreat is required of all first reconciliation students and parents. If you have questions, please call or e-mail Julie at the parish office.

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 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.

Addresses and Donations Needed

College Finals Boxes

Attention All Parents ... Do you have a son or daughter away at college? If so we would like to send them a treat box as they prepare to study for their final exams. Send their address to sarabeth@myparish.com or call 838-9797 prior to December 9 so that a box may be sent to them.

Donations Needed: Small shoe boxes, bubble wrap or packing peanuts. These items should be dropped off at the parish office before December 9.

New Year's Eve in a Box

We will be sending holiday care packages to our military families next month. Donations needed include candy (individually wrapped), streamers, confetti, balloons, party favors or other New Year's party supplies. Boxes will be located in all the classrooms and the parish hall for your donations.



The middle school students will make cards for the boxes during their December 16 class and the boxes will be compiled on December 20 by the high school teens.

Christ the King Parish 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.