

Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7

March 20/21, 2010
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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

Sunday of Lent

Spring Luncheon

The youth of Christ the King Parish invite all retired members of the parish and the residents of Skaalen Village to join them for a Spring Luncheon on Sunday, April 11.

The luncheon will be served at noon at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse, 6055 Perrot Place in McFarland.

There is no cost for the luncheon, but please RSVP by April 7 to Alyce Hellmer at 838-7570 or Sarabeth Bowe at 838-9797.

This will be an afternoon of fellowship with the youth of this parish.



Faith Sharing on Next Sunday's Gospel

**March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday**

Take 10 minutes to share your faith with your family or friends, at the beginning of parish committee meetings, etc. For an opening and closing prayer, go to www.myparish.com.

Proclaim the Gospel:

Luke 23:1-49 (Jesus is sentenced to death)
(Other readings: Isa 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23,56)

Invitation to Share:

When do I suffer or feel helpless in my own life? What gift can it bring to me? Can I see God touching or meeting me in this suffering? During Holy Week, how will I walk more intentionally with suffering persons?

(PrayerTime, Cycle C)



If you would like to learn more about faith sharing opportunities or resources, contact Julie Allington at 838-8324.

Last Chance to Sign-Up

If you are planning on joining us to see the Dead Sea Scrolls that are now at the Milwaukee Public Museum, please register by March 24. We need at least six more folks to sign-up. Our bus will leave Saturday, April 10, at 8:45 A.M. and return in time to attend the 5:00 Mass. Those who have already signed up for this event are asked to have their payment in by no later than March 24 since we need to send the payment.



The cost is \$45 for the bus and admission to the exhibit. An optional box lunch can be ordered for \$12.00.

Help at Luke House on March 29

Christ the King's Fifth Week Community Meal Program group will serve its next meal at Luke House, 310 S. Ingersoll in Madison, on Monday, March 29. This meal, upon which many low-income people rely, falls during the spring break for McFarland schools. Some of our group's regular members will be away. We will have enough food, but we may be a little light on individuals to help serve and to share the meal and to clean



up afterwards. If you (and maybe family members or a Christ the King friend) have an interest in seeing how the Community Meal Program at Luke House works, consider attending the March 29 dinner and lending a hand in this

Christian ministry of hospitality. Contact Ernie Stetenfeld at 838-8924 or stetenfeldassociates@verizon.net by March 26 to ask questions about the program or indicate your interest.

Operation Rice Bowl Still Needs Your Help

Children in Religious Education classes brought home rice bowls at the beginning of Lent. Sacrificial giving is an important aspect of our Lenten preparation for the Easter season, and rice bowls are a simple and thoughtful way to give.

Your contributions help to fund food and health care programs for the poor overseas and in our own diocese. Your generosity will be most appreciated.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of March 22, 2010

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for the Dead
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Sophia Jack
Wednesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for the Dead
Thursday	8:30 A.M.	† Jacob V. Kalscheur
Friday	8:30 A.M.	† Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 P.M.	† Alessandra Law
Sunday	8:30 A.M.	† Parish
	10:30 A.M.	† Ron Bauer

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010



Sunday	Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Lk 19:28-40 (37) / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Communal Penance

This Monday at CTK
March 22 at 7:00 P.M



Take this important opportunity
to more fully prepare for the celebration
of Holy Week and Easter.

THE PASTOR'S BLOG

Our Gospel for this weekend's liturgy moves from Luke's (which we normally read during the "C" cycle of readings) to John's Gospel with the account of the Jewish woman caught in adultery. The obvious question emerges about the treatment of her paramour – why is he not condemned to death? We must move a little deeper to answer that question.

The Old Testament people believed that their salvation was assured as being true descendants of Abraham. An irregularity in your ancestral line could mean that you were not a descendent of Abraham and thus not saved. This is where the double standard comes. Jewish men could have multiple sexual relationships and produce copious numbers of descendants as long as they did not have a relationship with a Jewish woman. For if a Jewish woman produced a child whose paternity was suspect, all of her descendants might not be descendants of Abraham and thus not saved. The only manner to resolve this difficulty was to kill the woman. For us this seems unfair, but not to the Old Testament Jews.

The Gospel does not give us any specifics about the woman's relationship. Before we condemn her, we must remember the fate of a Jewish woman whose husband died and had no male relatives to take her in. Accumulated wealth and a social security system did not exist. Her options were dire. She could beg. Or she could become a prostitute. Would any of us welcome such a dilemma?

While Jesus does not condemn her, He points out to her accusers that they too were sinners (maybe some of them even adulterers with Gentile women). And He doesn't let her go off Scot free. Jesus adds the words, "Do not sin any more." It isn't a free pass on returning to adultery. While Jesus doesn't say so in so many words, He is saying that adultery is morally wrong and she must avoid this.

The logic for the inclusion of this scriptural reading on the Fifth Sunday of Lent should be patently obvious. Lent is a time to seek forgiveness and to turn our lives around. It is not just a matter of adultery although there is plenty of that going on. It is a matter of all the aspects of our lives that turn us away from God or even what does not turn us toward God.

Jesus' remarks might not be as well received today. In our culture, nobody is allowed to be judgmental. It is almost a social sin. We live in the Postmodernist world in which there is no right or wrong, there are only choices. How many times have I heard pundits remark whenever the Catholic Church makes a moral statement, that it is being judgmental? How dare they, these folks say, criticize any type of activity!

During the final twelve days of Lent we concentrate upon our moral life and our failures. We express sorrow for them most beneficially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation because in this sacrament we are assured of forgiveness. But Jesus tells us that we must avoid the sins we confessed and any other sins.

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / March 22 - 28

MONDAY, March 22

6:45 P.M. Generations of Faith Core Team - St. Ann
7:00 P.M. Parish Communal Penance

TUESDAY, March 23

7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting - St. Ann
7:00 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim

WEDNESDAY, March 24

12:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Ann
5:30 P.M. Chili Supper and Video - St. Ann
6:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes for Grades 2-5
7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, March 25

7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (8:30 Mass)

FRIDAY, March 26

SATURDAY, March 27

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

SUNDAY, March 28 (Palm Sunday)

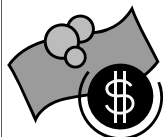
8:30 A.M. Mass
9:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal (10:30 Mass)
10:30 A.M. Mass
7:00 P.M. Individual Reconciliation (until 8:00 P.M.).

**Finance Report
Envelope Revenue**

Week Ending	General/Misc.
March 7, 2010	\$ 7,232
March 14, 2010	\$ 4,153

Needed:

Four Money Counters



If you are available on Monday mornings for two hours, consider being a money counter. You will be scheduled to work for a two-month period. Contact Mary Orvis at 838-9797, ext. 103, if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Liturgical Ministers / March 27 - 28

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Lisa Starke
Lector: Barb Kroda
Servers: Linda Budnar and Tori Chapman
Gift Bearers: Trudell Family
EMHC Captain: Buzz Hetzer
Ushers: Ron O'Keefe
Anita O'Keefe
Steve Boeder
Jim Hickey
Social: No Social
Scrip: Marge Tercek

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Nancy Johnson
Lector: Tom Burns
Servers: Tyler Johnson and Alexia Palmer
Gift Bearers: Krause Family
EMHC Captain: Ruth Ann Burns
Ushers: Mike Sweeney
Dan Brummel
Al Runde
James Runde
Joe Mueting
Billy Mueting
Social: No Social
Scrip: Ruth Ann Burns

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Kathy Blair
Lector: Michael Roltgen
Server: Carlie Chandler
Gift Bearers: Volunteer
EMHC Captain: Mary Daugherty
Ushers: Ron Staszewski
Brian Walsh
Kevin Bennett
Social: No Social
Scrip: Karin Mandli
Nursery Care: Melissa Terrill, Hannah Polipnick, Abby Polipnick
Harmony: Jacki Damson

Our prayers and condolences to the
Bob and Marge Tercek Family.
(WeCare Area #2.)

Bob's mother,
Helyne Tercek,
died on March 5 in
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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



The Art and Environment Committee will be ordering Easter 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 Easter decorations, please use this form. The donation is \$20.00.

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 "Easter Flowers" on the envelope. The deadline to return this form is March 28.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Envelope Number _____



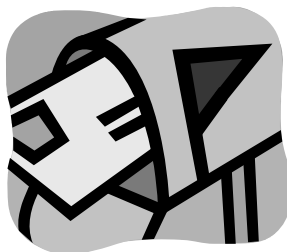
Word of Life

The Second Vatican Council reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world's transformation ... Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about health care. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concerned with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed.

-Cardinal Francis George, Presidential Address to General Meeting of U.S. Bishops, Nov. 16, 2009

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. We are beginning a program of prayer throughout the year 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.

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. We schedule one adult and one student helper to baby-sit in the nursery weekly. Please feel free to use this service. The children can play or color as the parents attend Mass. Sorry, no food is allowed in the nursery due to other children's allergies. We hope to see you there!

Benefit Concert

Matt Maher, a contemporary Christian musician, will be giving a concert at St. Pius Catholic Church in Appleton, Wisconsin. The concert will be held on Saturday, May 15, at 7:30 P.M. The cost is \$15.00 and goes to benefit Catholic Youth Expeditions. For more information or to order tickets go to www.cyexpeditions.org.

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer hope and healing for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. An upcoming retreat will be held the weekend of April 16-18 in the Madison area. For more information call 608-821-3177 or e-mail HelpForYou@straphael.org. Check out their website at www.madisondiocese.org/rachel. Confidentiality is assured.

Religious Education Classes

High School Classes

Sunday, March 21 - High school RE Class from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. They will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their class.

Please note there will not be a class on March 28 due to spring break.

Sunday, April 11 - The third and final Revolution of Love Theology of the Body series will be held at St. Ann's Parish in Stoughton from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. A panel to include a married couple, a dating/engaged couple and a diocesan seminarian will discuss the topic *Living Out Theology of the Body*.

Middle School Classes

Wednesday, April 7 and April 21 - Middle school students will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Youth Ministry

† **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** - Middle and high school youth are needed to help stock shelves and host customers. Five to six volunteers are needed to help on Thursday, March 25 from 3:45 to 6:15 P.M. Please RSVP to Sarabeth by March 23 if you would like to volunteer.

† **Vigil for Life** - Sunday, March 28 from Noon to 1 P.M. Consider spending time in prayer at the Madison Surgery Center. Please meet one-half prior to the designated time at Christ the King Parish to carpool. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for life.

Love Begins Here Service Week

Make your plans now to serve others, love God and know yourself!

*I want you to find the poor here, right in your own home first. And begin love there!
Be that good news to your own people.*

Inspired by the words of Mother Teresa, we are seeing in what ways love can begin here in the Madison Diocese this summer. *Love Begins Here* works to combine the best of both of that "long distance mission trip world" and heeding to Mother Teresa's call to start love here. Without having to travel across the country, we are going to see what work needs to be done in our own backyards. Faithful to the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church, this program will work to develop young leaders into the saints they are called to be.



The dates for the summer are the following:

High School Week:	Middle School Week:
June 20-25	July 6-9
June 27-July 2	
July 11-16	

The cost for the trip is \$100 for high school and \$80 for middle school. This includes lodging and food. Please RSVP to Sarabeth soon as space is limited.

Seat of Wisdom Class #2

All adults in the parish who are interested in deepening their knowledge in our Catholic Faith are invited to attend Scriptural and Theological Foundations, the second class in the Seat of Wisdom Institute course "Introduction to Sacred Scripture". This class, taught by Paul Matenaer, will be held on Monday, April 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at Christ the King Parish.

This class will build upon the theme of Salvation History taught in March. Concepts included in this class are: the study of Man and his capacity for God, how we can know God and many of his properties through reason alone, how God has revealed Himself most fully in the person of Jesus Christ, the transmission of divine revelation in the Church, the origin and principles of Sacred Scripture, and the nature of faith as an assent to what God has revealed.



All catechists and those who may be interested in teaching in our religious education programs are encouraged to attend this Seat of Wisdom Institute class. The diocese is asking that over the next few years all catechists receive a religious education teaching certification, and the Seat of Wisdom Institute is a means to do that. Every adult in the parish is welcome to attend, and there will be no cost to participate.

Following this class, we will set up small groups for a Bible study series, the final requirement to complete the "Introduction to Sacred Scripture" course.

Please RSVP to Kathie Fritz at the parish office by April 22 so that appropriate materials may be prepared. Questions may be directed to Kathie, Sarabeth or Julie.

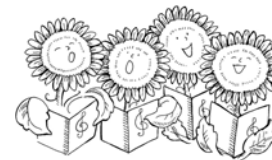
Order America's Best Flowers for Easter by March 21!

Deadline for Flowers for Hymnals is March 28.

This year all proceeds will be put toward the purchase of new hymnals for the parish. Remember that 25% of our purchases from *America's Best Flowers* will go to CTK.

Don't forget Easter and Mother's Day is coming soon!

THINK SPRING!



Americas Best Flowers Scrip Order Form

\$10 x ____ = \$ ____ \$20 x ____ = \$ ____ \$25 x ____ = \$ ____ \$50 x ____ = \$ ____

\$100 x ____ = \$ ____ Other \$ ____ x ____ = \$ ____ Total Amount Due _____

Paid by Cash _____ Paid by Check _____ (Payable to CTK)

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Chili Supper

The final chili supper will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 5:30 P.M. in the St. Ann Room. We will continue our viewing of *The Last Days of Jesus*. This gathering will end in time for participants to celebrate Stations of the Cross which take place at 7:00 P.M. All adults are invited to attend. There is no need to register, simply come and join us.

Book Club

Our next selection for discussion is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. It is a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German Occupation and of a society as extraordinary as its name. Please contact Kathie at the parish office to sign out a copy of the book. The date of the discussion will be April 12 at 7:00 P.M. This group is open for all those who enjoy reading a good book!

Food Pantry Donations

Food donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will be held on March 20/21 and 27/28.

Looking for Toys

KingFest kids games are in need of your toy donations. Keep us in mind as you clean out toy boxes and closets in the coming weeks. Items may be used but need to be in good shape. There are marked bins in the parish hall for these donations. We are looking for stuffed animals, jewelry, usable electronics, puzzles, etc. Keep in mind we need items for kids ages 1-13.

Know Our Volunteers

Diane Friedel



Since joining our parish in 1988, Diane has been a religious education teacher for nineteen years. Only the birth of her son interrupted her term. This year she is enjoying a sabbatical year when she is serving as a substitute teacher. She followed her children's grade levels from kindergarten through 7th grade and continued with 7th grade after her children went into high school.

Diane and her husband Mike chaired the parish Chicken BBQ at the Maple Tree for four years. She continues to make meals for the Tuesday group at Luke House.

Kids of Faith Pool Party

Monday, April 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

All Kids of Faith (students in grades 3-5) are invited to join us at the McFarland High School pool for a pool party. The cost will be \$2.00 per person and you may invite a friend. RSVP by April 1 to Julie. Children will need to be picked up in the hallway outside the pool locker rooms.

Please bring a donation for the McFarland Food Pantry. Anyone who wishes may help bring donated items to the food pantry immediately after the pool party.

Male and female adult chaperones will be needed and must have attended a Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness session. Chaperones will not be responsible for pool safety. Lifeguards will be on deck to assure pool rules are followed.