

Christ the King Parish McFarland, Wisconsin

**March 6/7, 2010
Third 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

*Do you think that because these
Galileans suffered in this way they were greater
sinners than all other Galileans? By no means!
But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all
perish as they did! Luke 13:2-3 (NAB)*

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Sunday of Lent*

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 _____



Generations of Faith
Understanding the Death and Resurrection of Jesus
Sunday, March 7, 12:30 to 3 P.M. OR
Wednesday, March 10, 5:30 to 8 P.M.

Please join us for the March Generations of Faith program. You will learn to better comprehend the meaning of the Paschal mystery by exploring the words, symbols and rituals of the Triduum liturgies, and to recognize the significance of the Paschal mystery for the Catholic faith and your personal faith journey.

This large group session will allow your family to eat, pray, and learn together with people of all ages in our church community. We will begin with a simplified version of a Seder meal, the meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples at the Last Supper.

After dinner, we will explore the liturgies of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This exploration will help you to discover ways to meaningfully take part in these celebrations at the end of Lent, and deepen your faith in the risen Lord.

Even if you did not register previously, you are invited to attend one of these sessions. Choose the date that works best for you. If you do plan on attending on March 10, it would be appreciated if you would call the office on Monday to let us know how many from your family will be attending.

The Divine Mercy Message
Love - Trust - Joy



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

(Marians' of the Immaculate Conception)

Lenten Retreat

A Lenten retreat will be held at Schoenstatt Heights, 5901 Cottage Grove Road, on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 9:00 A.M. and will end on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. Fr. Gerold Langsch will be the retreat master speaking on the theme *Priestly and free - He loves me!* The cost is \$45 per person, plus an offering for Fr. Langsch. For more information or to make a reservation call 222-7208.

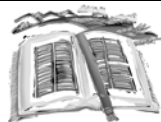


MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of March 8, 2010

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for the Dead
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Louis and Josephine Denu
Wednesday	8:30 A.M.	† Alessandra Law
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.	† Marie Multhauf
Sunday	8:30 A.M.	† Parish
	10:30 A.M.	† Evie Breitenbach

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010



Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Faith Sharing on Next Sunday's Gospel

March 14, 2010 – 4th Sunday of Lent: Prodigals

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 15:1-3, 11-32 (The Prodigal Son)
(Other readings: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Invitation to Share:

What does “welcome” feel like? Are there people I know who are estranged from me and/or the Church that need welcoming and reconciliation? What will I do to offer them welcoming and reconciliation?

(Adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle C)



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

THE PASTOR'S BLOG

The word “lent” has its origin in an early English word that means “spring.” The folks who live in the Southern hemisphere have the opposite seasons as ours. It is now late summer or fall in those regions. It’s even difficult for us in the northern areas of the Northern hemisphere to quite yet believe that Lent means springtime.

We were spoiled by a mild November. Our 18.9 inches of snow on December 8-9 have literally buried any hopes we might have of an early spring. I understand that we have little frost under our blanket of snow. I hope means that when the snow melts, the ground will absorb it and we will not have flooding.

We can still hope that by April 4th (the date of Easter) the snow will have melted and at least the crocuses and other bulbs will be blooming. We can be sure that our Easter decorations in church will again contain beautiful flowers from the green houses. Spring means the earth bursting forth again not just flowers, but soon the planting of the fields for the grain that we will consume.

As we know, spring can often fake us out. Early flowers are often covered by snow in April and even in May. I can remember an Easter when the folks had to drive through an ice storm to come to Easter morning services.

Since Our Lord chose to be born in Palestine in the Northern Hemisphere, we celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon in spring. And Lent encompasses the six weeks and four days preceding it. The Church uses the season of Lent to prepare us for the Life that comes to us at Easter. Easter shows that life overcomes death, that light overcomes darkness, that grace overcomes sin.

But not just yet! We must work our way towards Easter. We have work to do. We have prayers to offer. We have penances to perform. We have alms to give. We have baptisms for which to prepare. We have forgiveness to seek. We have a new heart to create. This is part of what is our Lenten task is about.

We are celebrating today the Third Sunday of Lent and getting very close to the half way point of Lent. Maybe some have really not begun Lenten tasks. Maybe we just haven’t gotten into the Lenten spirit of prayer, penance and alms giving. That’s the bad news for some. The good news is the second part of today’s Gospel reading about the fig tree that did not bear fruit. Since a fig tree draws so much water and so many nutrients from the soil, it can not be preserved just for its looks. It must bear fruit.

The owner (at the request of the gardener) gave the fig tree a reprieve. One more season and if it bore no fruit even then, the tree would be uprooted and discarded. We still have a little more than half of Lent remaining. But in less than four weeks our reprieve will have ended. Lent will be a memory. “Late” will become “too late.”

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / March 8 - 14

MONDAY, March 8

7:00 P.M. Planning Meeting for April GOF - St. Ann

TUESDAY, March 9

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

WEDNESDAY, March 10

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

5:30 P.M. Generations of Faith Program
(Same program that was given on March 7)

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross - Church

7:30 P.M. Men's Club - St. Ann

THURSDAY, March 11

6:30 P.M. Social Concerns Committee - St. Ann

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

FRIDAY, March 12

SATURDAY, March 13

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

4:00 P.M. Kids of Faith Gourmet Dinner - Hall
(Preparation begins at 4:00, Dinner at 6:30)

5:00 P.M. Mass

SUNDAY, March 14

8:30 A.M. Mass

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

9:30 A.M. Religious Education Classes - Pre-K to Gr. 1

10:30 A.M. Mass

11:30 A.M. New Member Orientation - St. Ann

12:30 P.M. Faithfully Fashionable Program
(Please meet at CTK to carpool)

1:00 P.M. Confirmation Movie - St. Ann/St. Joachim

6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes - Grades 9-10

Chili Supper

No chili supper will be held on Wednesday, March 10, because of the Generations of Faith program being held that night. Please attend that event which will focus on the events of Holy Week.



However, adults are invited to come enjoy a light meal of chili or soup on March 17 and 24 at 5:30 P.M. in the St. Ann Room. We will continue our viewing of *The Last Days of Jesus*.

Liturgical Ministers / March 13 - 14

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Volunteer
Lector: Barb Kroda
Server: Linda Budnar
Gift Bearers: Volunteer
EMHC Captain: Beth Kolk
Ushers: Ron O'Keefe
Anita O'Keefe
Steve Boeder
Jim Hickey
Social: No Social
Scrip: Beth Kolk

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Bill Stoneman
Lector: David Doll
Servers: Hayley Stoneman and Mia Schunk
Gift Bearers: S. Heller Family
EMHC Captain: Michelle Garvey
Ushers: Mike Sweeney
Dan Brummel
Al Runde
James Runde
Joe Mueting
Billy Mueting
Social: V. Wagner Family
Scrip: Susan Dietzel

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Joan Eads
Lector: Mike Poquette
Server: Mike Friedel
Gift Bearers: Chandler Family
EMHC Captain: Lorna Walk
Ushers: Ron Staszewski
Brian Walsh
Kevin Bennett
Social: Sommer Family
Scrip: Lisa Starke
Nursery Care: Christy Rudolf, Roanne Quinn
Harmony: Karen Wagner

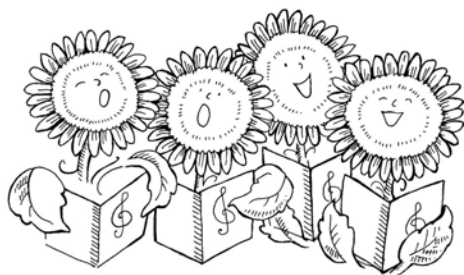
Know Our Volunteers

Sandy Bakk

We owe our fine religious education program to people like Sandy. She has taught in our program for more than a decade. For the last five years she has taught in the high school program. Previously she taught in the middle school program. And for a time she taught in both programs. She now serves on the Generations of Faith Committee and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Sandy helps with funeral dinners and is a We Care chair. For six years she coordinated Scrip.



Flowers for Hymnals



Once again *America's Best Flowers* is providing Christ the King Parish with an effortless way to raise money. Our **Think Green - Think Spring** campaign this year will solely support the purchasing of new hymnals for our parish. Twenty-five percent of all gift cards purchased is ours. Last year \$3985 was sold in gift cards, which gave CTK \$996 to put towards our electronic outdoor sign, which is now paid for. Please support the Scrip program's new project - Flowers for Hymnals.

America's Best Flowers

- ☀ 4311 Vilas Hope Road, Cottage Grove
- ♪ Only a ten-minute drive from McFarland - Take Siggelkow Road to Hwy AB to Vilas Hope Road
- ☀ Open April through October
- ♪ Satellite stores at Sears at West Towne and on Main Street in Sun Prairie
- ☀ Vegetables, annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, garden tools, gloves, etc. at their 83,000 square foot garden center
- ♪ Easter Egg Hunt, Container Workshops and other activities are posted on their website
- ☀ For every purchase 25% is donated to Christ the King

(www.americasbestflowers.com)

America's Best Flowers Scrip Order Form

Gift Cards Do Not Expire
Choose Any Denomination

\$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 _____

The final day of the sale is Sunday, March 28. Drop off your order at the Scrip table after Mass or mail or leave at the parish office Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. More order forms are available at both locations. If you place your order for *America's Best Flowers* scrip cards prior to March 22, your pre-order will be available for pick up the weekend of March 27/28. If you place your order by March 28, your pre-order can be picked up after Easter. Orders may be picked up at the Scrip table located in the parish hall on the weekends or in the church office during office hours. Remember to pass this information on to your family and friends!

Win a Card! A drawing will be held for all those who pre-order *America's Best Flowers*. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate that can be used at *America's Best Flowers*.

Rosary Sale

A rosary sale will be held after all Masses next weekend. Featured will be beautiful rosaries of olive wood, opal glass, tiger eye, faceted glass or plastic and more! There will be a variety of types to choose from. Sales go to support our parish's Mission Rosary Initiative in India and Haiti and at CTK Parish. All rosaries are made by Mary's Rosary Assemblers of CTK. Free rosaries and instructions are also available.

Trip to See the Dead Sea Scrolls

Come join us for a visit to the Milwaukee Public Museum on Saturday, April 10 to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible exhibit. The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient manuscripts of Old Testament writings found near the Dead Sea, giving us a glimpse at the scriptures Jesus would have read.

Our bus will leave Saturday morning at 8:45 and return in time to attend the 5:00 Mass. An invitation has gone out to our cluster parishes, so if you want to be sure of a seat on the bus, please register by calling the parish office at 838-9797.

Those who have already signed up for this event are asked to have their payment in by no later than March 24th as payment needs to be sent in. The cost is \$45 for the bus and admission to the exhibit. A bag lunch is available at the cost of \$12 per person. If you would like to sign up for a bag lunch of smoked turkey and feta cheese on flatbread, seasoned pita chips, chef salad, baklava and bottled water, please indicate so when registering and add the additional money to your check. They do have a café or you may bring your own lunch and put it in a locker while we're in the exhibit.

Our prayers and condolences to the following families who have recently lost loved ones:

The Susan and Jerry Dietzel Family
Susan's mother, *Doloris Laverty*
passed away on February 23.

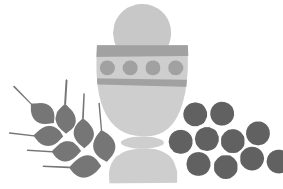
Her funeral was held at Immaculate Conception Church in Alma Center, Wisc. on February 27.

The Edward Kelm Family
Edward's wife, *Margaret*, died on February 24.
Her funeral was held at Christ the King Parish on March 1.

God's blessings to these families as they mourn the loss of their loved one.



First Communion Retreat



Those children preparing to receive First Communion and their parent(s) are reminded of the retreat to be held on Sunday, March 21 from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. in

the parish hall. You must attend this retreat as there are very important things that will be taught during this time. Lunch will be served. Please call Julie at the parish office (838-9797) with any questions.

Kids of Faith Gourmet Dinner

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to help prepare and serve a gourmet dinner to special adults in their families. Children may invite any adults they wish to attend this dinner. Dinner will include hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée and dessert. The cost will be \$5 per adult.

This special meal will take place on Saturday, March 13. Students should arrive at 4 P.M. to begin the meal preparations. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. Following the meal will be a short quiz program for adults while the kids complete the clean-up. The evening should end at approximately 8 P.M.



Please RSVP to Julie at the parish office by March 10 with the names of the children who will help and the number of adults attending. Payment may be made in advance or the evening of the meal. There is no cost for the children.

Save the date: Kids of Faith Pool Party at the McFarland High School pool on April 5 from 1 to 3 P.M. Friends are welcome.

Food Pantry Donations

Food will be collected for the McFarland Food Pantry on March 6/7 and 13/14. Donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will be held on March 20/21 and 27/28.

Finance Report Envelope Revenue

Week Ending	General/Misc.
February 7, 2010	\$ 5,712
February 14, 2010	\$ 7,485
February 21, 2010	\$ 5,373
February 28, 2010	\$ 4,390

Religious Education Classes

Middle School and High School

March 7 or March 10 - Middle and high school youth may choose between two sessions that will explore Jesus' death and resurrection. You may attend one on Sunday, March 7 from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M. or on Wednesday, March 10 from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M.
(See page 2 for more information.)

Sunday, March 14 - Faithfully Fashionable

Middle and high school girls are encouraged to attend this program to be held at the Bishop O'Connor Center from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M. Relevant Radio is proud to present this fun, faith-oriented fashion show event designed to help girls and women find their fashion style while reflecting their dignity as Christian women. The event will have a fashion show featuring girls and women from the Madison Diocese. It will also include presentations by Molly Miller and Monica Cops, authors of the best selling *All Things Girls* series of books, and hair, face and fashion tips from industry experts. Please RSVP to Sarabeth no later than Wednesday, March 10. Plan to meet at CTK at 12:30 and carpool to this program. Adults who would like to be a chaperone/driver, please contact Sarabeth. This program takes the place of the high school RE class scheduled that same evening for those attending.



Sunday, March 14 - High School RE Class from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Special GUY-only program at this class. Those girls who did not attend the Faithfully Fashionable event are asked to come to this regularly scheduled class.

Wednesday, March 17 - Middle School students will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. They will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their class.

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

Confirmation Intense Studies

Sunday, March 14 - A Christian movie will be shown with a discussion to follow. This will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the St. Ann and St. Joachim rooms.

Sunday, March 14 - A discussion on the book *Blessed are the Bored in Spirit* will take place at the home of Mary Orvis from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Youth Ministry

† **Vigil for Life** - Tuesday, March 16 from 5 to 6 P.M. and Sunday, March 28 from Noon to 1 P.M. Those interested in praying outside the Madison Surgery Center are asked to meet at CTK one-half prior to the designated time to carpool or feel free to meet us there. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for life.

† **Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally** - Saturday, March 27 High school youth can attend this day event that will be held at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. The theme this year is *Fearless* (Joshua 1:9). RSVP to Sarabeth by March 15 with permission slip and \$30.00 registration fee. Speakers include Jim Beckman and Sr. Therese Marie Iglesias. See the youth bulletin board for more information or contact Sarabeth.

† **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** - Middle and high school youth are encouraged to help stock shelves and host participants. Choose to help on Saturday, March 13 from 8:45 A.M. to noon or Thursday, March 25 from 3:30 to 6:15 P.M. Each day is limited to 5 volunteers. Please RSVP at least two days before the event.

New Member Orientation

All those who have recently joined the parish and have not yet attended this orientation, and those who are interested in learning about Christ the King Parish, are invited to attend a New Member Orientation.



An informational session will take place on Sunday, March 14 at 11:30 A.M. in the St. Ann Room.

Please call the office at 838-9797 to let us know if you will be attending so we can have sufficient materials prepared.

Quo Vadis Men's Discernment Evening

Single men of all ages are invited to the Quo Vadis Discernment evening on Friday, March 12, from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. at the Holy Redeemer Rectory House of the Cathedral Parish, 120 W. Johnson Street, in downtown Madison.

Join us for free pizza, prayer and social. Fr. Randy Timmerman, the pastor of St. John Vianney Parish (Janesville, Wisconsin) will be giving his vocation story. The evening will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration.

For more information, contact Rev. Paul Ugo Arinze at 608-821-3095 or Paul.Arinze@straphael.org