

Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

When he led them (out) as far as
Bethany, raised his hands, and
blessed them. As he blessed
them he parted from them and
was taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:50-51

May 15/16, 2010
Ascension 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

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Garden for the Food Pantry



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference from Christ the King Parish is doing a garden again this year for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The garden is located just outside of McFarland. We are looking for able bodied youth (and young at heart - regardless of age) to assist us in the planting, weeding and harvesting of this garden.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide dates and times for these projects to be completed because of weather conditions, growing conditions, etc. The commitment could be for a single time or ongoing throughout the growing/harvest season. So, if you are flexible with your time and want to help in this activity, please join us. Youth - this would look great on your community service cards. For more information, call Lynne Toseff at 221-4520 or e-mail ltoseff@madison.k12.wi.us.



Food Pantry Donations

Food donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will be held on May 15/16, 22/23 and 29/30.

Save Lives This Summer - Give Blood

Blood donations are needed in many medical situations ranging from organ transplants to open heart surgeries.



Your next opportunity to help save lives by giving blood is at the upcoming McFarland Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 25, from noon to 4:00 P.M. at Christ the King Parish. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. To make an appointment, please call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.givebloodgivelife.org. Please donate blood and pass on the gift of life!

Thanks to these parishioners who recently donated blood:

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| Lindy Birringer | Bob Mecum |
| Bill Garvey | Mark Pernitz |
| Jean Holzmann | Steve Quinn |
| Mary Kroda | Karianne Sletten |
| Colleen McCormick | Art Weber |

Summer Schedule

Mass Schedule

Remember that the summer Mass schedule will begin on Memorial Day weekend. Masses on Sunday, May 30, will be at 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Office Hours

Summer office hours will begin June 1. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. After business hours you may leave a voice mail message on the phone and a member of our staff will return your call the next business day.



Know Our Volunteers David Doll



David has shared his time and talent at our 8:30 A.M. liturgy for nearly twenty years. He sings in the choir and has been a lector over these years.

Festival for All Ages

Help to "Celebrate America" at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Memorial Day Festival in Monona, three blocks west of Monona Golf Course. Immediately following the Monona Memorial Day Parade, join family, friends and fellow school alumni for a great day of celebration, from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Highlights include a food and beer tent, live entertainment featuring Joe Scalissi and the Dry Martinis, Kristy B Band, The Truly Remarkable Loon, Bingo, kids games, bake sale, white elephant sale (starts at 8:00 A.M. in the school gym) and raffle.

Remember to Buy SCRIP!

Think Graduation ...
Think Father's Day ...

Eliminate returns and disappointment. Buy gift cards! Not only do you make the gift recipient happy, but you are contributing to Christ the King at the same time. Stop by the SCRIP table in the parish hall after Mass or in the office during the week to purchase SCRIP or to place an order.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of May 17, 2010

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Wednesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Thursday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Friday	8:30 A.M.	† Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 P.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Sunday	8:30 A.M.	† Parish
	10:30 A.M.	† Charlotte Shillinglaw

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2010



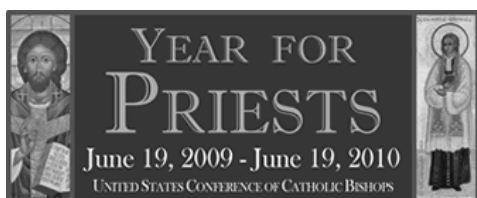
Sunday	Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 / Lk 24:46-53
Monday	Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 / Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16,23b-26

Come Celebrate Your Priests!

They bless us when we suffer sickness, offer forgiveness for our sins, feed us with the Body and Blood of Christ, baptize us and witness our marriages; they are with us in our time of need; they are our priests.

Join Bishop Morlino and other members of our diocesan community as we celebrate our priests and mark the end of the Church's Year for Priests with a special Mass and family picnic.

Information about this event and registration can be found online at www.madisondiocese.org/familypicnic. Please register by May 21 for this event which will take place on Sunday, June 20.



THE PASTOR'S BLOG

If one listens to some segments of the media, one would believe that the Catholic Church is falling apart with declining membership and with great scandal. A few days ago someone forwarded to me an article about a Cleveland Jewish businessman who spoke about the great good that the Catholic Church does and the fact that Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis have a higher percentage of sexual misconduct than do Catholic priests. I read that charges of sexual misconduct against employees of the New York Public School system – this includes not only teachers but all employees – average one per day and the only employees who lose their jobs are the ones sent to prison.

In point of fact, only the Catholic Church, the Mormons and the Assemblies of God are among the ten largest religious denominations in the U.S. that are actually growing. The source is the "Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, 2010" that is published by Abingdon Press, a publishing house of The United Methodist Church.

From 2007 to 2008 Catholics grew to 68.1 million, an increase of 1.49 percent. The Mormons (now the 4th largest American Church) grew to 5.9 million, an increase of 1.71 percent, the only percentage greater than that of Catholics. Before we pat ourselves too much on our backs, we should remember much of this increase comes from immigrants.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Baptist churches had large growth. In 2008 the Southern Baptist Convention (-0.24 percent), the National Baptist Convention (no change) and the National Baptist Convention of America (no change) had a collective negative growth. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declined to 4.6 million members in 2008, -1.62 percent. The United Methodists declined by .98 percent and the Presbyterian Church (USA) declined by 3.3 percent in 2008.

So, why have certain segments of our society spewed so much venom against the Catholic Church? The Catholic Church is the great spokesman for traditional values in our society. In order to undercut the Church's credibility, they throw trash. People tired of hearing about Galileo and the Crusades and the Inquisitions, so they throw aspersions against the Pope and Bishops and priests. And yet the Catholic Church continues to grow. Thank you Holy Spirit!

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / May 17 - May 23

MONDAY, May 17

TUESDAY, May 18

7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council - St. Ann

WEDNESDAY, May 19

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

THURSDAY, May 20

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

FRIDAY, May 21

1:30 P.M. Mary's Rosary Assemblers - St. Joachim

SATURDAY, May 22

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

4:00 P.M. Youth Choir

5:00 P.M. Mass

SUNDAY, May 23

8:30 A.M. Mass

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

10:30 A.M. Mass

11:30 A.M. Baptisms

1:00 P.M. Movie, Confirmation Students

Liturgical Ministers / May 22 - 23

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Lisa Starke
 Lector: Gini Nichols
 Servers: Linda Budnar, Tori Chapman and Justin Starke
 Gift Bearers: Knox Family
 EMHC Captain: Mary Anderson
 Ushers: Jim Klubertanz
 Pat Gallagher
 Tony Barresi
 Sharon Joswiak
 Social: No Social
 Scrip: Cindy Weber

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Ed Kramper
 Lector: Tom Burns
 Servers: Harrington Children
 Gift Bearers: Runde Family
 EMHC Captain: Sarah Harrington
 Ushers: Vince Wagner
 Dave Ebert
 Mac McCormick
 Bill Garvey
 Chuck Mulcahy
 Mike Smits
 Social: Burke Family
 Scrip: Lynne Toseff

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Joan Eads
 Lector: Christine Wittleder
 Servers: Olivia Chandler, Carlie Chandler
 Gift Bearers: Lonigro Family
 EMHC Captain: Sharon Walk
 Ushers: Eric Walk
 Jonathon Walk
 Mike Brennan
 Joanne Zintel
 Andy Zintel
 Social: Chandler Family
 Scrip: Deb Bergen
 Nursery Care: Angela Try, Athena Try and Roanne Quinn
 Harmony: Karen Wagner

**Faith Sharing on
Next Sunday's Gospel**

May 23, 2010 – Pentecost 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:

John 14:15-16, 23-26 (The Advocate)

(Other readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

Invitation to Share:

When we allow the Spirit to live within us, we are able to speak in the language that all can understand: the language of Love. In what creative ways is the Spirit moving, inviting, and challenging me? How will I respond?

(adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle C)

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



**Finance Report
Envelope Revenue**

May 2, 2010	\$ 7,984
May 9, 2010	\$ 6,582

College Connection Program Find the Catholic Faith on Campus

Parents of graduates and graduates - we need your help! This fall many Catholic high school graduates will become freshmen on campuses where their faith and moral life will be tested. Catholic campus ministries offer strong support but, because of privacy laws and competing activities, struggle to connect with freshman students. The U.S. Council of Serra developed the College Connection Program to help make this connection. In 2009, the Vocations office and the Madison Serra Vocation Clubs connected over 500 graduates.

A Serra representative collects the names of high school graduates in the parish along with the intended colleges and their location. Then, that information is forwarded to the campus ministries who greet the students upon arrival. This information is communicated to the campus ministries only and, otherwise, will remain confidential.

If you would like to make this connection for your son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, or other relatives, you may enroll them in several ways:

- Add the name to the enrollment form found at the parish office
- Enroll on-line at www.madisonvocations.org
- Call the Office of Vocations at 608-821-3095
- Fill out a postcard and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Office of Vocations (Postcards can be found on the kiosk in the church.)



COLLEGE CONNECTION PROGRAM

Stebenville North 2010

High school youth are encouraged to consider attending a dynamic weekend-long conference that brings teens closer to Christ through active immersion into the Catholic faith. The theme this summer is *The Word Became Flesh*.

The conference will be held July 16-18 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minnesota. The cost is \$170 per participant and includes lunch and dinner each day and all conference fees. Ennie Hickman, a full-time domestic missionary in Houston, Texas will be the host. Music will be provided by Sonar. For more information contact Sarabeth at the parish office or go to www.partnershipforyouth.org.



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. - John 1:14

Youth Ministry

➤ Love Begins Here Service Week

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:

June 20-25

June 27-July 2

July 11-16

Middle School Week:

July 6-9

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.

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



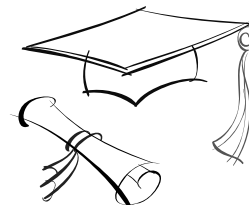
*I want you to find the poor here, right in your own home first. And begin love there!
Be that good news to your own people.*

➤ Youth Choir

The next practice of the Youth Choir (grades 7-12) will take place on May 22 at 4:00 P.M. The youth will meet in the church and then minister in song during the 5:00 Mass. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya or Sarabeth at the parish office (838-9797).

➤ Attention High School Seniors

Blessing for the Graduates: All high school seniors are encouraged to attend the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, June 6, when a special blessing for graduates will be given. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



Baccalaureate 2010: On Sunday, June 6, a Baccalaureate Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the McFarland Lutheran Church. This is a faith-based blessing and a celebration of graduation. All high school graduates and their families are invited to attend this special celebration. This service is sponsored by the McFarland area churches and the Ecumenical Committee.