



*The LORD supports all who are
falling and raises up all who
are bowed down. Psalm 145:14*

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Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

July 2/3, 2011
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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 10:00 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

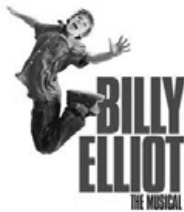
Mallard's Baseball Outing



We invite those who serve at Mass and our middle and high school students to join us for a Mallard's game. We have tickets for the Sunday, July 24 game which begins at 5:05 P.M. We will have a light supper for those who wish to come early, beginning at 4:00. Look for Kathie and Fr. Steve. The parish will pay for the tickets of our Mass servers and the Youth Ministry group. Others are invited but will have to pay for their own tickets which are \$9.00. Reservations are due by July 11 and can be made by calling the parish. Checks may be made out to CTK.

Overture Excursion

Billy Elliot, the Musical, the winner of ten 2009 Tony awards, will perform at the Overture Center this September. This musical comedy is based on the 2000 film about a young British boy who tries to escape a future as a coalminer by training in ballet. We have twenty-five seats held for the 2:00 matinee performance on Thursday, September 22. We also have wonderful group pricing on tickets. If you'd like to be part of our group, please call Kathie at the parish office by July 11.



July Food Pantry Donations

Food will be collected for the McFarland Food Pantry on July 9/10 and for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on July 23/24.

Remember that the CTK Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides summer vacation baskets to McFarland's School District's 25 neediest children.



Please check the expiration dates of food items you are donating.

Thanks to all who have been so generous with their food contributions to both these food pantries.

Confirmation Event

On Sunday, July 17, confirmation candidates and their sponsors will meet at Christ the King from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. We will be exploring the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Contact Shileng Yang at the parish office if there are any questions.

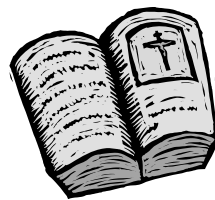


Thanks to the multiplicity of the Spirit's gifts, by reason of which he is invoked as the "sevenfold one", every kind of human sin can be reached by God's saving power. In reality - as Saint Bonaventure says - "by virtue of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit all evils are destroyed and all good things are produced."

- Pope John Paul II,
DOMINUM ET VIVICANTEM

Word of Life

How much the world is in need of the mercy of God today! In every continent, from the depths of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise ... In those places where there is less respect for life and human dignity, one needs the merciful love of God, in whose light we see the ineffable value of every single human being. Mercy is needed to ensure that every injustice may find its solution in the splendour of truth.



So today, in this Sanctuary, I solemnly wish to entrust the world to Divine Mercy. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed here through Saint Faustina, may reach all the inhabitants of the earth and fill their hearts with hope ... May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled: from here has to come out "the spark that will prepare the world for his final coming."

- Blessed Pope John Paul II,
Homily in Lagiewniki, Poland,
August 17, 2002



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of July 4, 2011

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| Monday | 8:30 A.M. | † Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service |
| Tuesday | 8:30 A.M. | † Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 8:30 A.M. | † Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service |
| Thursday | 8:30 A.M. | † Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service |
| 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 |
| | 10:00 A.M. | † Novena of Masses for Fathers |

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2011



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| Sunday | Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30 |
| Monday | Gn 28:10-22a / Mt 9:18-26 |
| Tuesday | Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38 |
| Wednesday | Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a / Mt 10:1-7 |
| Thursday | Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15 |
| Friday | Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 / Mt 10:16-23 |
| Saturday | Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a / Mt 10:24-33 |
| Sunday | Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 |

Congratulations!



Congratulations to *Jennifer Sornson* and *Brian Frank* who were married at Christ the King Parish on Saturday, June 25.

May their love continue to grow in the years ahead.

PASTOR'S BLOG

This is Independence Day Weekend. We celebrate the proclamation of our Declaration of Independence from England in 1776. Leaders of the colonists of the 13 British colonies met in Philadelphia to weigh their options against King George and the British Parliament. In an effort to pay for European wars, they leveled taxes upon the American colonies that had no representatives in Parliament.

The phrase “taxation without representation is tyranny” has generally been associated with Boston politician James Otis in 1765. He was replying to the Stamp Act of 1765. I will never forget the year of the Boston Tea Party. (“They threw the tea into the sea in 1773.”) We all know the rest of the story – the American War for Independence.



I am not sure why Americans seem to have more affinity for the American Civil War than for the War of Independence. As the sesquicentennial for the Civil War commences, we turn our attention to that war. Almost everyone knows the dates of the Civil War and the names of at least some of the major battles, but how many know the date of and the name for the final battle that ended the War of Independence? General Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington on October 19, 1781 at Yorktown, Va.

Many do not know that about 100,000 loyalists to the throne (about 2 ½ percent of the population) fled the colonies. Most went to England or to the British Caribbean Islands. On April 26, 1783, 7,000 loyalists boarded boats in New York and fled to Canada. Not everybody was happy about the American Revolution.

On this summer weekend we remember the beginning of our nation. We inherit our country and all of our rights and responsibilities. We need to remember not only the founders of our country, but those who throughout the last centuries have sacrificed to defend our liberties.

And we need to continue the dedication of those who went before us. Rights entail responsibilities. How often do many of us sluff off these responsibilities? We take. We do not give. We feel entitled. We do not contribute. Once a nation of savers we are now a nation of spenders. We all need to remember our roots as a nation.

Happy Anniversary, America! And many more, happy years to come!

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / July 4 - July 10

MONDAY, July 4
Office Closed for the Holiday

TUESDAY, July 5

WEDNESDAY, July 6

THURSDAY, July 7

FRIDAY, July 8

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

SUNDAY, July 10
8:30 A.M. Mass
9:30 A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting -
St. Ann
10:00 A.M. Mass

Summer Office Hours

The office is 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.



These Hot Summer Months Are A Great Time to Buy Scrip!



Stop by the Scrip Table in the Parish Hall after Mass or in the office during the week.

Liturgical Ministers / July 9 - July 10

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Kim Ziehr
Lector: Kay Strauman
Server: Bella Ziehr
Gift Bearers: L. Budnar Family
EMHC Captain: Beth Kolk
Ushers: Tim Benishek
John Feldner
Bob Tercek
Mike Roltgen
Social: P. Gallagher / J. Kopp Families
Scrip: Marge Tercek

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Michelle Garvey
Lector: Chrissy Wittleder
Servers: Claire Heller and Anna Amstadt
Gift Bearers: Bakk Family
EMHC: Curt Bakk
Ushers: Mike Sweeney
Al Runde
James Runde
Joe Mueting
Billy Mueting
Stan Heller
Social: Stansky / Toseff Families
Scrip: Ruth Ann Burns

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Carolyn Staszewski
Lector: Joan Eads
Servers: Pat and Zach Hare
Gift Bearers: Chandler Family
EMHC Captain: John Schraufnagel
Ushers: Ron Staszewski
Brian Walsh
Kevin Bennett
Social: Blankenship Family
Scrip: Dawn Hass
Nursery Care: Andrea, Anne-Marie and Mary Zahn
Harmony: Bill Stoneman
Summer Flowers: Terri Bouffiou

**Finance Report
Envelope Giving**

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| June 5, 2011 | \$ 6,164 |
| June 12, 2011 | \$ 4,878 |
| June 19, 2011 | \$ 5,542 |
| June 26, 2011 | \$ 3,139 |

Church Exterior

By Paul Turner



On the outside, Catholic church buildings look different from one another, but they have many common features. Many people have a mental image of what a church should look like, and they are satisfied or disappointed when approaching one for the first time. There are no rules governing the exterior appearance of churches. Some look as plain as a storefront. Others look as breathtaking as a cathedral.

The appearance of a church exterior depends on the function of spaces inside, the demands of architecture, and the search for beauty. Hundreds of years ago, architects discovered that Gothic (pointed) arches were stronger than rounded ones, which permitted the height of churches to increase. Many beautiful churches and cathedrals were built with this new technology. Although height can be attained in other ways today, many people associate Gothic arches with what a church should look like, but genuine designs are better than artificial ones.

As the art of stained glass developed, it became popular with churches. Images depicted in windows taught people about their religion. The colors made a church interior look beautiful on a sunny day. The overall effect created a sense of awe conducive to prayer.

Towers elevate the bells used to summon people to worship. A higher bell can be heard at farther distances than a lower one. Some churches are surmounted by a dome, which imitates the vault of the heavens. Others are topped with a steeple that lifts a cross on high.

No matter what the outside looks like, the most important feature is the door. Church exteriors should invite you in. When you cross the threshold, you pass into a place designated for communion with God.

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Faith Sharing on Next Sunday's Gospel

July 10, 2011

Planted and Rooted in God

*Share your faith with your family or friends.
For prayers and a reflection on the Gospel,
go to www.myparish.com.*

Proclaim the Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23 (**Parable of the Sower**)

(Other Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23)

Invitation to Share

The seed is the word of God. Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever. But as Isaiah prophesized: "They have closed their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them." How can I truly hear the Lord's message in my life? What specific action will I take?



(adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle A)

Nursery Available

We offer free babysitting in the St. Matthew room/nursery in the church's lower level during the 10:00 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.

We do not have an age limit. Parents can use their own discretion depending on their own child. Sorry, no food is allowed in the nursery due to other children's allergies. We hope to see you there!



Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!



Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to come and to sail the High Seas this summer at Vacation Bible School the mornings of August 15-18. Register later this month!