

*"Whoever  
receives  
one child  
such as this  
in my name,  
receives me;  
and whoever  
receives me,  
receives not me  
but  
the one  
who sent me."*

Mark 9:37

# Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

**September 19/20, 2009**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## Parish Staff

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*Kathie Fritz*, Pastoral Associate  
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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

## Generations of Faith: The Creed



Our Generations of Faith intergenerational events will begin on Sunday, October 4. The focus of these events this year is the Creed. The session begins at 4:30 P.M. in the parish hall with a chicken, cheesy potato, veggie and pumpkin bar dinner. Deb Del Cielo will give a brief introduction to the Creed and why we need to have a creed. She was a guest speaker at last year's session on Baptism. Deb has worked with RCIA groups and adult faith formation in this diocese for over 20 years.

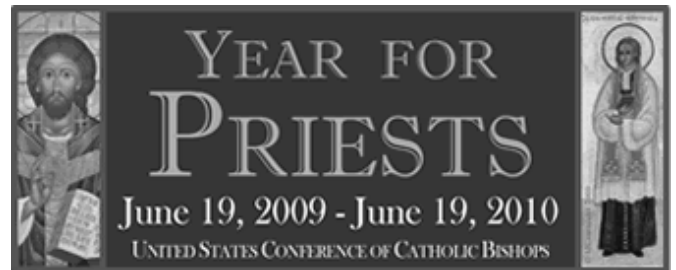
There will be breakout sessions where the younger children will explore God as creator and father and do some creating with clay of their own. Through music and discussion, Middle School students will look at what it means to believe as well as explore God as Creator. The High School breakout session will cover God, Messiah, Lord and Father, all names for our Creator. The students will discuss the significance of a name in our relationship. Deb will lead adults in a discussion of creed and its relevance to our lives.

It promises to be a great beginning to our Generations of Faith year. Please register by calling the parish by Monday, September 28. Child care is available upon request. (Please note that we will have a breakout session for your preK-1<sup>st</sup> graders at this event.) In response to the expressed desire of some parents, we are piloting a breakout session for our PreK-1st graders. This will allow us to gear learning activities for a more specific age group. Parents with children in these grades are encouraged to bring their families. These Generations of Faith events are part of the Religious Education program and students are expected to attend if at all possible.

## Holy Hill Pilgrimage

Our pilgrimage to Holy Hill is rapidly approaching. Please remember that the deadline for registration is September 22. What better time to visit this shrine to Our Lady, Help of Christians than the month of October, dedicated to Mary as Queen of the Rosary? We do need to know how many people are interested in joining us. Please feel free to invite your friends. I'd like to particularly invite families to consider joining us. The cost is \$20 per person which basically covers the cost of the bus. But we're offering a family rate of \$60. This is a trip young people would enjoy.

Hopefully it will be a beautiful day and we can all enjoy the beautiful Fall colors. Departure will be from our parking lot at 8:00 A.M. on October 10 with arrival back by around 3:30 P.M. You may bring your own lunch or purchase it at the shrine. Please call the parish office to register.



In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, Pope Benedict has proclaimed this year as The Year for Priests. It began on June 19, the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a most fitting feast to begin this year. St. John Vianney often said, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." It is a year we are called on to express our gratitude for their generous dedication to their pastoral duties.

In celebration of this year, you are asked to pick up a holy card the Knight of Columbus are generously making available at a nominal cost to parishes. On the back of the card is a Prayer for Priests. Please pray this prayer often during this year as we celebrate the priests who have been and continue to be such an important part of our faith lives.

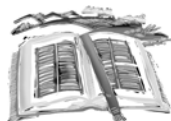


## MASS INTENTIONS

### For the Week of September 21, 2009

Monday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Tuesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Fathers
Wednesday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Thursday	8:30 A.M.	† Novena of Masses for Fathers
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.	† Special Intention (A.C.)
	10:30 A.M.	† Parish

### Readings for the Week of Sept. 20, 2009

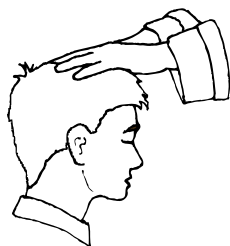


Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37
Monday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This year the sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday, September 26, at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. All those who have a serious or chronic health impairment or those who are simply elderly may receive this sacrament.

Come and join us for this communal celebration of this sacrament of healing.



After Mass a light supper will be served in the parish hall. Please call the parish office at 838-9797 if you will be celebrating the Anointing of the Sick and if you will be attending the meal.

### FROM THE PASTOR

On the weekend of August 29-30, I wrote a column about my frustration over the decline of the United States. I stated my disappointment at our increasing national debt and the consequences that must follow. I traced this to a steady decline in the national moral framework.

I must have hit a nerve with many people. I don't believe I have ever had such a positive response from so many people.

I'm going to push it a step farther this weekend and focus upon the college education in our country. The National Center for Education Statistics reports that only 31 percent of college graduates can read and understand a complex book. Employers complain that college graduates lack the writing and analytical skills necessary to succeed in the workplace. Another study found that only 24 percent of employers believed that graduates of four-year colleges were "excellently prepared" for entry-positions.

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) recently released an article entitled "What Will They Learn: A Report on the General Education Requirements at 100 major colleges and universities in the United States." You may read the entire report at their website <https://www.goacta.org>. The study shows that while most colleges continue to endorse the importance of a solid general education program (often called the core curriculum), many have abandoned such programs for a loose set of distribution requirements. So students of many of our leading universities graduate without the broad-based education that they need to participate successfully in the global marketplace.

The ACTA also found that the higher the tuition for a college or university, the less likely those institutions would require rigorous general education requirements. The six topics are English composition, literature, foreign language, U.S. government or history, economics, mathematics and science. Former University of Chicago president Robert M. Hutchins called the consequence to be "education by adding machine," where academics refuse to decide what is important, leaving students to fend for themselves. All of this is a footnote to the lack of morals within our society. The postmodern culture says that all opinions are of equal value, so just form your own opinion and don't rely on anyone or anything else. Why involve yourself with any core curriculum?

The five colleges that receive an "A" are Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, Texas A & M, the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the University of Texas (Austin). The University of Wisconsin (Madison) received a "D" – offering core curriculum only in language and science. The Universities of Iowa and Minnesota each received a "B."

The study concludes by suggesting that trustees, parents and alumni insist that college administrators add a solid core curriculum to higher education.

*Fr. Steve*

**Weekly Events / September 21 - 27, 2009**

**MONDAY, September 21**

6:30 P.M. St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Meeting - St. Ann

**TUESDAY, September 22**

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

**WEDNESDAY, September 23**

12:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim  
6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes (Grades 6-8)  
6:30 P.M. We Care Chairs Potluck/Meeting - St. Ann and St. Joachim Rooms

**THURSDAY, September 24**

3:00 P.M. Kids of Faith Planning Mtg. - Parish Hall  
6:30 P.M. Choir

**FRIDAY, September 25**

**SATURDAY, September 26**

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

**SUNDAY, September 27**

8:30 A.M. Mass  
10:30 A.M. Mass  
11:30 A.M. Baptisms  
6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes (Grades 9-10)

**Looking Ahead ...**

The **Youth Involvement Committee** will meet on Sunday, October 11, from 9:30 to 10:20 A.M. in the Youth Room.

**Dishes, Dishes, Dishes**

We seem to have quite a collection of dishes accumulated in the kitchen again. Tables have been set up in the parish hall that are filled with dishes you may have brought in for something in the past.



One table will be for dishes that were brought in for funeral luncheons and the other table will be for dishes used for Luke House. Thanks in advance for picking up your dishes!

**Liturgical Ministers / September 26 - 27**

**SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS**

Commentator: Volunteer  
Lector: Kay Strauman  
Server: Rollie Budnar  
Gift Bearers: Volunteer  
EMHC Captain: Beth Kolk  
Ushers: Ron O'Keefe  
Anita O'Keefe  
Steve Boeder  
Jim Hickey  
Social: No Social  
Scrip: Marge Tercek

**SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS**

Commentator: Ed Kramper  
Lector: Nancy Johnson  
Servers: Henrik Bakk and Tyler Johnson  
Gift Bearers: Neuman Family  
EMHC Captain: Sarah Harrington  
Ushers: Vince Wagner  
Dave Ebert  
Mac McCormick  
Bill Garvey  
Chuck Mulcahy  
Mike Smits  
Social: Burke Family  
Scrip: Jennifer Nale

**SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS**

Commentator: Karianne Sletten  
Lector: Mike Poquette  
Server: Michael Caya  
Gift Bearers: Chandler Family  
EMHC Captain: John Schraufnagel  
Ushers: Eric Walk  
Jonathon Walk  
Mike Brennan  
Joanne Zintel  
Social: Volunteer  
Scrip: Lisa Starke  
Nursery Care: Christy Rudolf, Kregan Sletten, Gabi Gothard

Harmony: Bill Stoneman  
Summer Flowers: Betsy Stetenfeld

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**Finance Report  
Envelope Revenue**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>General/Misc.</b>
September 6, 2009	\$ 5,663
September 13, 2009	\$ 6,405



## *From the Office of the Bishop*

*The Most Rev. Robert C. Morlino  
Bishop of Madison*

*This memo is regarding the reception of Holy Communion and other moments of possible contagion during the Eucharistic Liturgy in the context of this year's flu season.*

*The following guidelines were developed, for the most part, at a Priests' Council Meeting on September 10, 2009; others reflect the universal law of our Church.*

### *Regarding Holy Communion:*

- 1. According to liturgical law, in all cases, the individual priest-celebrant may determine whether or not reception of Holy Communion under both species is in order at each Mass over which he presides;*
- 2. Our holy people should be reminded, clearly and explicitly, that reception under both species is never necessary to receive the fullness of Christ. The fullness of Christ is present, individually under the sign of bread and under the sign of wine. Those with flu-like symptoms, or those who are concerned about contagion should freely refrain from reception of the chalice, remembering to bow in reverence if passing, but not receiving from the chalice. Where several chalices are offered, those not receiving should simply bow once when passing the first chalice en route back to their seat;*
- 3. Our people are to be reminded to extend the tongue sufficiently when receiving the consecrated host on the tongue to assist the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister in avoiding contact between the tongue and the fingers;*
- 4. The dipping of the consecrated host into the chalice by the one receiving communion is always forbidden by liturgical norms;*
- 5. According to the liturgical norms, holding hands during the "Our Father" is an optional practice reserved for Masses for Children. We should take this opportunity to phase out this practice where it occurs during Masses for adults. At Mass, all are welcome, during the "Our Father," to join the priest as he extends his hands in the orans position;*
- 6. Our people should be advised that shaking hands at the Greeting of Peace is not necessary. They may simply keep their hands folded in the prayer position and quietly say, "Peace be with you," to a few in their immediate vicinity. It should be presumed, during the flu season that a number of persons will prefer not to shake hands. The priest-celebrant, who shortly will distribute the sacred host, should take special care in this regard as he exchanges the Greeting of Peace;*
- 7. Those who are ill with the flu (as with other possible serious illnesses) are dispensed from attendance at Masses of obligation during their period of illness;*
- 8. If all take the proper precautions, it should not at all be necessary to miss Masses of obligation for fear of contagion.*

### **Ecumenical Float for Family Festival**

Would anyone want to take part in planning and preparing a float for Family Festival? A proposal has been made for an ecumenical float sponsored by Christ the King, McFarland Lutheran and McFarland United Church of Christ. The float would emphasize the McFarland Food Pantry and ask for food donations.

Since this has just recently been proposed and since Family Festival is drawing near, we ask that you volunteer by tomorrow (Monday, September 21) at 838-9797 or [ctk@myparish.com](mailto:ctk@myparish.com).



### See You at the Pole



“Engage: Go and pray ...” (2 Kings 22:13a) is the theme for See You at the Pole this year, with the event scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 at schools throughout the United States and in many other countries. Join classmates at IMMS and MHS the morning of September 23 before school begins to engage in prayer and connect with fellow Christians in unity around the flagpole.

Pray for your family, teachers, friends, the nation and the world. Pray for people to come to know Christ, for people to restore broken relationships with Him, and for Christians to stand strong in their faith. In all this, God will be glorified and the Christians in your school will be unified.

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### St. John Bosco Youth Day

Saturday, October 3

This day of faith and fellowship is for youth in grades 6-12 begins at 8:45 A.M. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary in Holy Hill. There is no cost to attend. A boxed lunch can be purchased for \$7. The day concludes after the 4:30 Mass, which will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Registration forms are available in the parish office and on the youth bulletin board. Please RSVP to Sarabeth no later than September 28.

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### Kids of Faith Planning Meeting September 24 from 3:00 to 4:15 P.M.

All Kids of Faith (students in grades 3-5) are invited to help plan activities for the coming year. We will meet in front of WIS immediately after school and walk together to CTK. We'll enjoy a snack and activity to get to know each other better, then work together to decide on some social and service activities for the year.

Parents are welcome to join us to brainstorm ideas. If you are unable to attend, but have an idea (or more!) that you want us to consider, please contact Julie at 838-9797 or e-mail [julie@myparish.com](mailto:julie@myparish.com).



If you plan to attend this meeting, please RSVP to Julie no later than September 23 so she knows how many people to expect and which children will walk from Waubesa.

### Confirmation Small Group Leaders Needed

Confirmation small group leaders are needed to assist with the upcoming Confirmation preparation process. If you are not able to commit for a long period of time but would like to form our young people in the faith, this opportunity is for you. The small faith groups will focus on the following topics:

- *The Good News of the Holy Spirit* Bible Study - Six 1.5 hour sessions that explore a portion of the Acts of the Apostles.
- *T3: Bible Timeline for Teens* - T3 is the teen version of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline. This study teaches teens the Bible by showing them the “big picture” of salvation history. Eight 1.5 hour sessions between Sunday morning Masses.
- *Blessed are the Bored in Spirit* book discussion - Four 2-hour sessions.
- *Christian Movies and Discussions* - Four 2.5 hour sessions.

You pick an area of interest and decide on a time period in the next year you would be able to lead the study (January-September 2010). Materials and lesson plans are provided. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with our confirmation candidates.

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### Teachers Still Needed

We are in need of teachers for our 7th and 8th grade classes. Classes meet twice a month on Wednesday evening. If you are able to assist in any way or would like more information, please contact Sarabeth at the parish office at 838-9797.

### Looking for Substitute Teachers

We would like to increase our pool of volunteers to substitute teach in Religious Education classes. Substitute teachers are needed for all grades. Lesson plans are provided for you.

We don't often need to call substitute teachers, but we understand that this year the H1N1 flu virus may increase the need and we wish to be prepared in that situation.

If you are able to volunteer, please call or e-mail Julie or Sarabeth at the parish office. All volunteers will need to have completed a Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness session.

## The Rosary Rediscovering a Treasure Chest of the Church

Beginning Wednesday, October 7 and continuing for the next two Wednesdays, our parish is hosting a series on the Rosary. It will run from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. and be held in the St. Ann/Joachim rooms. Local author, James Carney, will be the presenter. Carney authored a book on the rosary in 2002 titled *Mystery Stories: A Journey through the Rosary*.

This three-week series will consider the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in the light of what we know from Scripture, archaeology and historical studies, medical knowledge and the teachings of the Church. The series aims to deepen understanding of this prayer and to offer fresh insights and reflections for praying the rosary.



While the book is not necessary reading for the series, if you are interested in purchasing a copy, we have a few here. The cost is \$10. If you'd like a copy, please call the office. The author will also have copies at the class for purchase at the same price.

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## KNOW OUR VOLUNTEERS John and Mary Daugherty



John and Mary Daugherty are pictured together because of their work on the FOCCUS inventory. This is part of the diocesan premarital preparation. They have counseled engaged couples for eleven years at

Christ the King and previously when they lived in Iowa. John and Mary are also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Mary is a captain. Mary has been deeply involved in planning our Generations of Faith Program. John has been part of parish choirs and sings as a cantor. He has also been a religious education teacher and this year will be part of our confirmation program.

## Catechetical Sunday



This weekend our parish community publicly commissions our catechists who will be sharing their gifts during the upcoming religious education year.

May God bless each of them for their service, dedication and passion for the faith. Please join us in praying for each of them throughout the year:

*Jesus, you told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists to our vineyard. Bless these men and women who have responded to your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for your Word of Life. Let your Spirit come upon them so that your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives.*

*Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing your Son promised to all who labor in your vineyard. We pray to you, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Attention Parents of Second Graders

Please mark your calendars! There will be a required meeting for parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 30. Come with your child to their class at 6:00 P.M. We will discuss your role in the process and other important information. If you have questions or a scheduling conflict that cannot be altered, please call Julie at 838-9797.

