

*Well done, my good
and faithful servant.*

*Since you were faithful
in small matters, I will give
you great responsibilities.*

Matthew 25:23

Christ the King Parish

McFarland, Wisconsin

November 12/13, 2011
**Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Parish Staff

Fr. D. Stephen Smith, Pastor
Kathie Fritz, Pastoral Associate / DRE
Shileng Yang, Director of Youth Formation
Amy Bexson, ARE
Greg Burnard, Director of Music Ministry
Tammy Lee, Office Manager
Ann Sanner, Executive Secretary
Darwin Otis, Custodian

Parish Center

Box 524 McFarland, WI
Phone: 838-9797 Fax: 838-6449
Office Hours: 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday
through Thursday - Office closed on Friday
Web Site: www.myparish.com
E-mail: ctk@myparish.com
Rectory: 838-8776

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

Events Taking Place at CTK This Weekend (November 12/13)

≈ Book Sale and Rosary Sale

Back by popular demand, will be our book sale following all Masses this weekend in the St. Ann and St. Joachim rooms. We will have books and religious articles for people of all ages. This a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

Choose from a wide assortment of rosaries made By Mary's Rosary Assemblers of CTK after all Masses this weekend in the parish hall. Sales go to support our Parish's Mission Rosary Initiative in India and Haiti and at CTK Parish.

≈ New Member Orientation Meeting

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



An informational session will take place today (Sunday) at 11:30 A.M. in the youth room (located in basement).

≈ November Generations of Faith

Sunday, November 13 from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M.

If you did not sign up to attend the Generations of Faith program this Sunday, you are still most welcome to attend. It will begin with a meal, followed by the program. This year we are taking a quick journey through the Bible. This session we will study the *Patriarchs and God's Plan*. Elementary students will hear and discuss a Bible story and complete a project related to that story. Discussion groups will be formed for adults and teens.



Parents are reminded that the Generations of Faith events are part of the religious education curriculum of our parish. Their classes will be related to the material they learn in these Generations of Faith sessions. Hope to see you there!



First Reconciliation Retreat

Monday, November 28
from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M.
in the Parish Hall

All children preparing to receive the sacrament of reconciliation should attend this retreat with at least one parent. Children and parents will spend time together in reflection to grow in understanding the concepts of sin, sorrow, forgiveness, and absolution. Special materials will be provided to families to use together in the last two weeks before the children receive the sacrament for the first time.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday, December 12, 2011 during the communal reconciliation service beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the church. Families with children receiving the sacrament for the first time will be asked to be in the parish hall by 6:15 P.M. to complete two activities before the service.

Reminder: Copies of baptism certificates must be turned in to the parish office by November 28. If you have not yet done so, please bring a copy with you to the retreat, or bring the original and we will make a copy here. If you do not have a baptism certificate, you may call the parish where the child was baptized and request one be sent. You will be asked to provide the child's name and approximate date of baptism and they will mail a new certificate to you. If your child was baptized at Christ the King Parish we already have the record. Please contact Kathie if you have any questions or concerns.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir

We will once again have a Children's Choir for the 7:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. The choir is open to all children in the parish. There will be four rehearsals, which will begin on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on November 27, December 4, 11 and 17.

Please let Greg know if you are interested by calling 838-9797, ext. 104 or e-mail greg@myparish.com.





MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of November 14, 2011

Monday	8:30 A.M. † Novena of Masses for the Dead
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 the Dead
Friday	8:30 A.M. † Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 P.M. † Novena of Masses for the Dead
Sunday	8:30 A.M. † Parish 10:30 A.M. † Florence Moran

Readings for the Week of November 13, 2011



Sunday	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46

Stewardship Reflection

*Well done, my good and faithful servant ...
Come, share your master's joy.
- Matthew 25:21*

The master's words of praise and welcome for the servant who used his talents well are the same words that each of us hopes to hear when we meet God face to face. *Well done, my good and faithful servant ... Come, share your master's joy.* We use our "talents" well when we live simply, make God a priority in our lives and share our gifts with others.



PASTOR'S BLOG

On November 1st the new Conceal and Carry Law went into effect allowing concealed weapons in Wisconsin. The law does not specifically eliminate churches from places where guns may be concealed.

I have never fired a pistol in my life. I certainly have no difficulty in the use of rifles for hunting because hunting fees pay for conservation programs and because rules protect hunters and ensure a proper level of animal population. But hunting is an outdoor activity and churches are indoor sacred places.

We have the option of posting signs that prohibit concealed weapons in church. McFarland is not a dangerous place to live. I see youth walking within the village after dark. I can't imagine anyone being so frightened here that they would ever carry a weapon to protect them in church.

The Wisconsin bishops have not mandated these signs although pastors are advised to "seriously consider not carrying them into church buildings as a sign of reverence for these sacred spaces." Unless I see or hear of someone having a concealed weapon in our church, I don't presently see the need to post signs.

If I am aware that someone does have a concealed weapon in church I will, if I can, speak to that person, ask them to leave their weapon in their car. If they do not, the signs will go up and the police will be called to arrest anyone who ignores these signs.

Violence should always be the last prerogative for protection. Just because we have the right to carry concealed weapons does not mean that we should. Non-violence must always be the first option. And any rights we might enjoy must always be exercised responsibly "with due respect for others, and for the desired of those who welcome us into their homes, places of business, and other public spaces, such as churches and religious institutions." (Statement of Wisconsin Bishops on guidance of the new Conceal and Carry Law)

Fr. Steve

Weekly Events / November 14 - 20

MONDAY, November 14

10:30 A.M. Staff Meeting - St. Joachim
6:30 P.M. Mom's Club - St. Ann and St. Joachim

TUESDAY, November 15

Third Week Luke House
6:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim

WEDNESDAY, November 16

12:30 P.M. Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Joachim
6:00 P.M. Religious Education Classes - Grades 2-5

THURSDAY, November 17

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice (8:30 Choir)

FRIDAY, November 18

Office Closed
1:30 P.M. Mary's Rosary Assemblers - Home of Alyce Hellmer

SATURDAY, November 19

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

SUNDAY, November 20

8:30 A.M. Mass
9:30 A.M. Religious Education Classes - Pre-K- Gr. 1
9:30 A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Meeting - St. Joachim
9:30 A.M. Choir Practice (10:30 Choir)
10:30 A.M. Mass
6:30 P.M. Religious Education Classes - Grades 9-10

Liturgical Ministers / November 19 - 20

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

Commentator: Barb Kroda
Lector: Gini Nichols
Servers: Linda Budnar and Tori Chapman
Gift Bearers: Roltgen Family
EMHC Captain: Beth Kolk
Ushers: Jim Klubertanz
Pat Gallagher
Tony Barresi
Sharon Joswiak
Social: No Social
Scrip: Beth Kolk

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Ed Kramper
Lector: Elaine Krause
Servers: Hayley Stoneman and Mia Schunk
Gift Bearers: Bakk Family
EMHC: Michelle Garvey
Ushers: Mike Sweeney
Al Runde
James Runde
Joe Mueting
Billy Mueting
Stan Heller
Social: Bakk Family
Scrip: Lynne Toseff

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. MASS

Commentator: Julie Bennett
Lector: Kathy Blair
Servers: Michael and Nicole Caya
Gift Bearers: Hummer Family
EMHC Captain: Mary Daugherty
Ushers: Ron Staszewski
Brian Walsh
Kevin Bennett
Social: Hass Family
Scrip: Dawn Hass
Nursery Care: Trish Fortune and Samantha Crane
Harmony: Jacki Damson

Our prayers and condolences to the
Evariste and Clementine Kalisa Family.

Evariste's mother,
Antonia Mukanturo,
died on Monday, November 7.

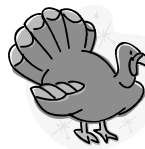
The funeral took place
on Friday at Christ the King Parish.

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



Remember to Buy Scrip

**for all your
Thanksgiving Shopping Needs!**



Stop by the Scrip table in the hall
after Mass or in the office
during the week.

There are many vendors from which to choose
including Woodman's, Copps, Wal-Mart,
Walgreen's and Shopko.

Valuing God's Gifts



Our diocese requires us to provide ongoing classes as part of our Safe Environment policy. These are geared for children from kindergarten through 10th grade and present age-appropriate information on how to keep ourselves safe. This information has been presented in our schools, but we as a Catholic Christian community have the added motivation of a loving God who has gifted us with life and asks us to be good caretakers of both creation and ourselves.

Sunday Morning Classes

At the beginning of class on Sunday, November 20, pre-K students will be sent to class and Kathie Fritz, our DRE, will spend about 15 minutes with the other students. They will then meet for their regular lesson until 10:20. Parents are encouraged to participate. Parents may also opt out by bringing their children to class at 9:45 rather than the usual 9:30.

Wednesday Evening Elementary Classes

On Wednesday, November 16, as part of our prayer time, Kathie will present an overview of the content of the Safe Environment curriculum for this age group. Teachers may use the curriculum for their age group to continue the conversation for a bit. Then the regularly planned class will continue. If you wish to opt out for your child's participation in this material, please notify us and we will provide an activity and supervision for them until regular classes resume.

Wednesday Evening Middle School Classes

On Wednesday, November 9 Shileng Yang presented what it means for one to be a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Evening 9th and 10th Grade Classes

High school students attended the first session in the Revolution of Love series on November 6 to hear a talk by well known speaker Chris Padgett who spoke on the topic *Too Young for Love*.

Thank you for your cooperation in this area. We take our responsibility for keeping your children safe while they are in our care very seriously. If there are people interested in attending a Protecting God's Children class, necessary for anyone chaperoning, teaching or interacting with our children, please let Kathie know.

Moms Club

Moms of the parish will meet on Monday, November 14 at 6:30 P.M. in the St. Ann and St. Joachim rooms. We will begin by making a table center piece for Thanksgiving. Gourds and some materials will be furnished. Please bring a basket or container for your creation and any dried plants and flowers to add to



the arrangement that you would like to share from your garden. We'll have another casual evening of catching up and enjoying some adult time. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

The Mom's Club seeks to provide a place of support and fellowship - and so is limited only - to mothers of our parish. If you have not yet indicated that you will be attending on November 14, please call the parish office at 838-9797.

Finance Report Envelope Giving

November 6, 2011 \$ 5,924



The Giving Tree

Gift tags for the Giving Tree (for families utilizing the McFarland Food Pantry) will be distributed the weekends of November 26/27 and December 3/4 and 10/11. Gifts must be back to CTK by Tuesday, December 13. We will organize the gifts on the afternoon of December 15 at CTK and deliver them the morning of December 17. We always welcome help with both these dates. And once again, remember you can take care of your shopping needs completely in our parish hall by picking up your gift tag and shopping at the Scrip table. We even supply holiday cards for you to use. Any questions or comments, please call Lynne Toseff at 221-4520.



Leftover Yarn or Yard Goods

If you have any leftover yarn or yard goods please bring them to the parish office. They will be donated to the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Dane County and will be used for various projects to non-profits in the area. Call Janice Gallagher at 838-4827 for more information.



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Kristopher W. Seaman

Eucharist, as we know, means “thanksgiving.” To be thankful is to be grateful—to offer gratitude. “Thank you” is the response we make to someone who has either given something to us or has done something for us. God did not give us something, as much as he gave us someone: his very own Son. In the Eucharistic Prayer we pray to God the Father, through the Son, that the Holy Spirit will transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ so that we might enter deeper communion with God and one another. We also pray that we are transformed, so that we “may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.” This prayer, then, is our response to God’s immense gift of love given to us, especially in the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification, is the “center and high point” of the Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 78). Because this prayer is the summit, everything that happens in the liturgy is leading us to this high point. The altar is prepared, gifts of bread and wine are brought up in a procession, given to the priest celebrant (or deacon) so that these gifts might be prepared. Then, the Eucharistic Prayer begins with the priest presider proclaiming, “The Lord be with you.” The great prayer concludes with the liturgical assembly singing, “Amen.”

Following the Eucharistic Prayer is the Communion Rite, which is a subsection of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This rite consists of the Lord’s Prayer (Our Father), the Sign of Peace, the fraction rite, the Communion Procession, the period of silence and/or the Song of Thanksgiving and finally the Prayer after Communion. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the document containing the majority of rubrics for the Mass) states, “In the Lord’s Prayer a petition is made for daily bread, which for Christians means principally the Eucharistic Bread, and entreating also purification from sin, so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy” (81).



This is a beautiful statement: “. . . so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy.” What makes us holy, the Body and Blood of Christ. After praying for our “daily bread” we are invited to offer a sign of peace. In scripture, Christ wished his disciples the greeting “Peace be with you!” on several occasions. As Christ offers us peace, we extend that peace to others. Christ’s peace calls us to holiness and prepares us for the reception of his body and blood. Then, the “Lamb of God” or Agnus Dei is sung while the priest celebrant or deacon breaks the host in preparation for the Communion procession. This is not a functional moment, but contains a beautiful theology: The one host is broken for the many so that the many may become

one body (see GIRM, 83). This is a definition of Communion: Many become one in Christ Jesus.

In the Communion Procession, three actions occur. The first action is the processing forward itself; the second is singing the Communion Chant; and the third is the reception of the body and blood of Christ. The Communion song’s “purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘communitarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist” (GIRM, 86). The act of processing, the singing the song, and the receiving of Christ’s Body and Blood all manifest the liturgical assembly’s being brought closer into communion or unity with the Triune God.

Finally, the Liturgy of the Eucharist concludes with a period of silent prayer and the Prayer after Communion. This is the opportunity for the liturgical assembly to pray for Christ’s Body and Blood to bear fruit in their lives. Each part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist—as well as the Liturgy of the Word—is about the Triune God working in our midst and calling us to become holy as God is holy.

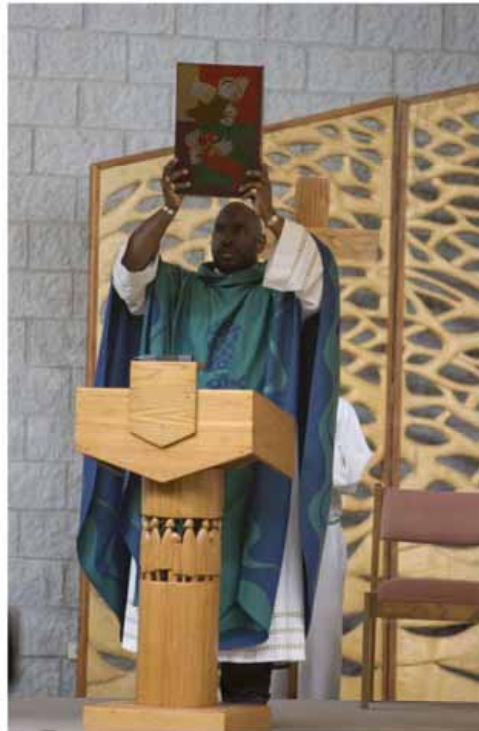
The Liturgy of the Word

Kristopher W. Seaman

I remember waking up, as the anesthesia wore off, after having gone through craniofacial surgery. For me, surgery is scary, but craniofacial surgery was terrifying. Above me was the surgeon who said with a big smile, "Everything went well. You'll be fine." What relief! What comfort! What good news! It made me think of many of the characters in the New Testament to whom Jesus spoke "Good News" and conveyed words of comfort. Jesus continues to speak to us, and not just through surgeons, family, friends, and even strangers, but also through his own words during the liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, as the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, 29). Let us look at the structure of the Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First Reading at the ambo. Typically, this reading is from the Old Testament; during Easter Time, the reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. A period of silence after the reading allows for people to reflect upon the word they just heard proclaimed. In many parishes in the United States of America, the Psalm is sung. Psalms reflect a vast array of emotions as we hear lament, thanksgiving, praise, and petition. These words help us to express our own varied expressions of faith.

The Second Reading is usually an epistle, that is, a letter from the New Testament. Again, a brief period of silence takes place after the Second Reading. During the Gospel procession, "Alleluia" is sung, or during Lent, an acclamation such as "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!" In many parishes, the *Book of the Gospels* is accompanied with candles and, on solemn occasions, with incense. This leads to the climax of the Liturgy of the Word: the proclamation of the Gospel. Most



Sundays, these words are the words of Jesus as recorded in the accounts of the Gospel.

The homily should connect the readings to the lives of the assembly. In describing the homily, the GIRM states that it "is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners" (GIRM, 65). The homily juxtaposes the experiences of the people in the assembly with the texts of the liturgy. The texts may be a prayer that speaks to the needs of the assembly at that time, or it may be a part of the Eucharistic Prayer, or the psalm that speaks to people. God's words comfort and challenge us. Perhaps, with that in mind, the

prayer may challenge us to an aspect of God's compassion or mercy that will stir us to God's mission.

After the Creed, the priest celebrant invites prayers of petition. The intercessions of the Prayer of the Faithful flow from the homily and the Word of God. They juxtapose the needs of the Church, the world, the oppressed, and the local community with God's word proclaimed in the liturgy. These prayers are general, meaning they are not particular for any one person or for any one thing. For instance, instead of praying only for Aunt Joan who is struggling with illness, we pray for all the sick and ill, especially Joan, Jim, Agnes, and Lucy. The closing prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful concludes the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Eucharist, then, begins.

Though we cannot see words, their power, especially if they are Christ's words proclaimed in liturgy, touch us with comfort or challenge us to live Christ's mission given to the Church.