

# Welcome to Christ the King Parish October 24, 2021



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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#### **Rev. Stephen Brunner, Pastor**

*Jeanne Felix*, Director of Music Ministry  
*Mary Karels*, Executive Assistant & Pastoral Minister  
*Maureen Nelson*, Director of Religious Education  
*Kurt Wambaugh*, Director of Middle School & High School Discipleship  
*Bruce Davis*, Custodian

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### Daily Mass

Tuesday through Friday - 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Rosary prayed after Mass.

### Weekend Mass

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., in Reconciliation room 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

**Weddings** by appointment, please notify Father Steve at least four months prior.

**Baptism** every month - please call parish office.

**Bulletin** – Announcements will be placed as time and space permit.

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# Readings of the Week

## Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

- Sunday: Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52
- Monday: Romans 8:12-17  
Luke 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25  
Luke 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30  
Luke 13:22-30
- Thursday: Ephesians 2:19-22  
Luke 6:12-16
- Friday: Romans 9:1-5  
Luke 14:1-6
- Saturday: Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29  
Luke 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 12:28-34

## Hospitality Sunday



### Sunday, October 24 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Mission Sunday

- 8:30 †Todd Richardson
- 10:30 Members of Our Parish

### Monday, October 25

- 8:00 No Mass

### Tuesday, October 26

- 8:00 †Joy Corrigan

### Wednesday, October 27

- 8:00 †James Vickio

### Thursday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude

- 8:00 †Lillian Dill

### Friday, October 29

- 8:00 †Gerald McElroy, Jr.

### Saturday, October 30

- 5:00 †Ron Staszewski

### Sunday, October 31 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 Members of Our Parish
- 10:30 †Ron Staszewski

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## McFarland Food Pantry

Is looking for two volunteer Co-Managers to take over the running of the day to day operations of the organizations. After 11 years, Toni and Sue are retiring as Co-Managers of the Community Food Pantry. The Pantry Board is now seeking to fill the volunteer Co-Manager position. If you are creative, energetic, and committed to the Pantry's mission to help those struggling with food insecurity in the McFarland community, we are interested in hearing from you. Please send a letter of interest outlining your background to Peter Morehouse, McFarland Community Food Pantry Board President, PO Box 101, McFarland, WI 53558 by November 1, 2021. If you have questions regarding the positions, please contact Peter via personal messaging or at 608-658-0927.



## November 21 Christ the King 50th Anniversary & Fr. Steve Smith's Retirement Celebration



## Trick-or-Treat

Don't turn into a pumpkin, turn into something sweet. Buy your candy with Scrip gift cards and get something special to eat! Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip table after weekend Masses and online at [Shop-WithScrip.com](http://Shop-WithScrip.com) or with the RaiseRight app.

### International Combined Collection

This weekend, the International Combined Collection is being conducted across the diocese. Envelopes and brochures are available on tables in the back of church explaining all of the individual collections to make your donation. Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of many.



### Giving As God Does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Maureen Nelson Grades 4K-5  
Ext. 107, maureen@myparish.com  
Kurt Wambaugh Grades 6-12

### Religious Education Catechist Needed

We are in need of 2nd and 4th grade teachers. The 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Our 4K-1<sup>st</sup> grades meet on Sundays from 9:00-10:15 a.m. We would love to have some extra volunteers as substitutes. Interested individuals will submit to a background check paid for by CTK, materials and training are free, as are the smiles and hugs from children. For additional information, please contact Maureen "Moe" Nelson at 608-838-9797, or via email at [maureen@myparish.com](mailto:maureen@myparish.com).

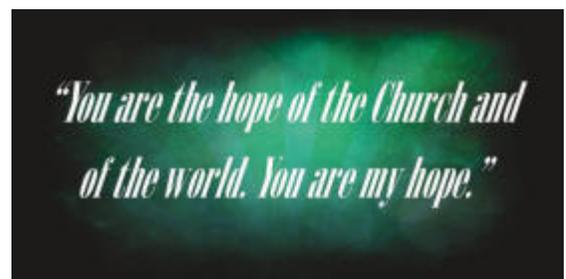
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Middle School	Wednesdays	6:00– 8:00 p.m.
High School	Sundays	6:30– 8:30 p.m.

### Goals of Youth Ministry:

- 1) To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today
- 2) To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community
- 3) To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.



If you are in need of prayers or know someone who is sick and need our prayer warriors to pray for them, please feel free to send a prayer request to us. Please send an email to: [mary@myparish.com](mailto:mary@myparish.com)

### Holiday Gift Fair Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, November 13  
(9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)  
Sunday, November 14  
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St. Ann Parish, 324 N. Harrison St., Stoughton  
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Any questions please contact Cathie Truehl at [Cathie.Truehl@stanns-school.org](mailto:Cathie.Truehl@stanns-school.org).

### Agrace Offers In-Person and Virtual Group Options in November

[In November, Agrace is offering professionally led, in-person and virtual \(accessible with a tablet, computer or smartphone\) grief support groups.](#)

**Family Grief Support Program** is for families with children aged 5 to 18 who are grieving a death. It meets in-person every other Tuesday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Agrace Grief Support Center. For dates and to register, call (608) 327-7135.

**Bridges (virtual)** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. In November, meetings are November 10 and 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

**COVID-19 Loss Group (virtual)** is for adults grieving a death related to COVID-19. It meets every other Wednesday. In November, meetings are November 3 and 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend this group.

There is no fee for these programs if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Pre-registration is required; call (608) 327-7118 with questions or to register.



Our Christ the King Prayer Shawl Ministry has grown to 10 ladies working to provide hope, comfort, and healing. The prayer

shawl can be seen as a symbolic “hug” from God. It is intended to be a reminder of God’s ever present love. Our ministry meets the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be November 10 at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us!

Donation of funds, yarn or scrip cards to purchase yarn are greatly appreciated (please no wool). Scrip cards will help the parish two fold. For the Prayer Shawl Ministry as well as Scrip! Yarn can be purchased at Walmart, JoAnn Fabrics, and Michaels with Scrip!

For more information regarding this ministry please contact Mary at [mary@myparish.com](mailto:mary@myparish.com). Thank You!



### Blessing of Missionaries

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a “mission country” because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country.

Let us ask God’s blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Let us pray...

God of every nation,  
you commissioned us at Pentecost  
to go and make disciples of all nations.  
When we take up your commission,  
we become missionaries of your Gospel.  
Bless all missionaries in our communities  
with your love that surpasses all understanding.  
Change our hearts so that we become  
the missionaries you expect us to be.  
We ask this through Jesus,  
the first missionary of your Gospel.  
Amen.

### Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is Salvation.

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### A Senior's Prayer

Good and gracious God, I thank you for the gift of life. You have given me so many good things over its course: health of mind and body, friends and family, strengths and weaknesses, sorrows and joys. You have ordained that seasons change and time passes.

Help me to surrender graciously to the changing circumstances of my life. Help me to accept my weaknesses, and to see them as opportunities for others to show the love of Jesus. Make me strong in

Your spirit, that I may love You all the days of my life. Amen.

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### New Members Welcome!

New members or returning members are always welcome to join our Christ the King parish family! We are a vibrant and growing parish that is active within our local community as well as the greater Madison area.

Adults who are 18 years and older are welcome to register with us. You may visit or call the parish office at 838-9797 or register online at [www.myparish.com](http://www.myparish.com). **Welcome!**



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