

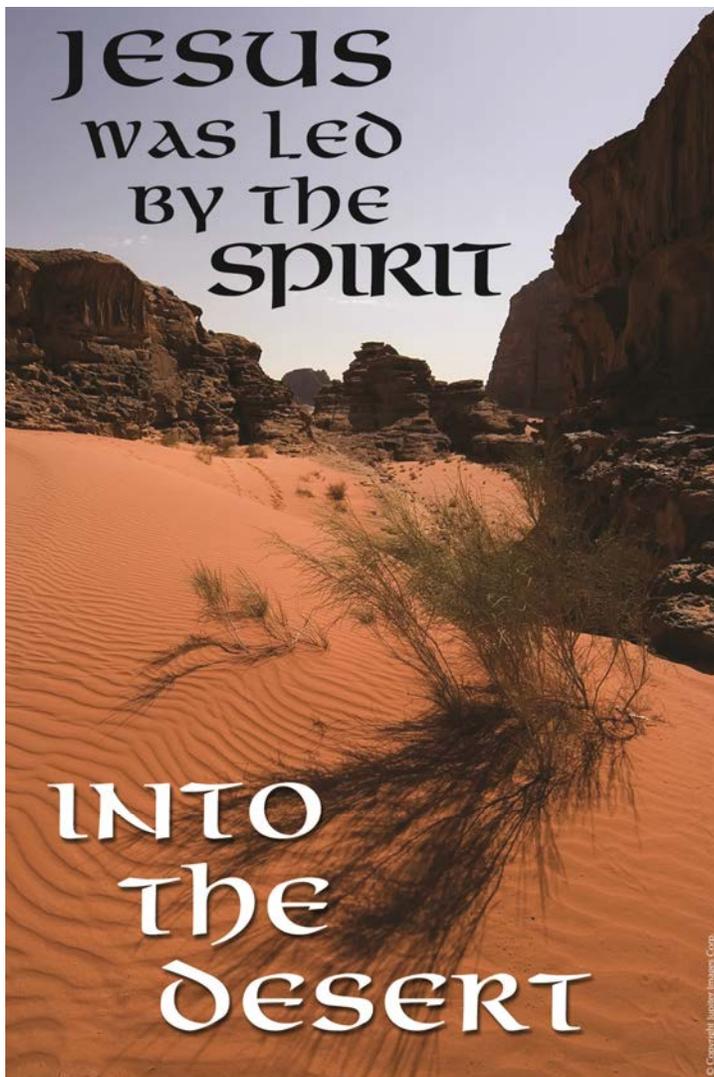
Christ the Servant Catholic Church

1st Sunday of Lent

February 17, 2013

Our Mission

***Christ the Servant Parish is
a welcoming Catholic faith community
gathered together to gratefully share
and live the Eucharist,
the inspiration of the Gospel,
the presence of the Holy Spirit,
and to follow Christ's example in service of others.***



Special points of interest:

- Start off Lent right by going to confession. The diocese is planning a "Fortnight of Forgiveness" February 15-28. Visit dioceseofjoliet.org, and click on the Year of Faith logo. Information about the Fortnight of Forgiveness is on the right, with a link to a calendar with parishes and times noted. Our special time is Feb. 22 from 6-7 pm.
- Lenten Mission—featuring Fr. Jim Lennon. Fr. Lennon will warm our hearts with his gentle humor and skillful storytelling. Set aside Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings for a fulfilling experience.
- Don't miss Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm.

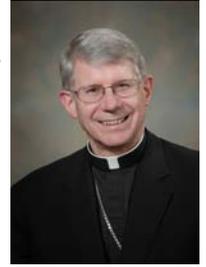
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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



FROM BISHOP CONLON



Rice Bowl

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, instituted this year “The Year of Faith” to provide an intentional time for Catholics to deepen our faith in Christ. So during this Lenten season, we are invited not so much to think of what we will “give up,” but more, to think about *how* we will enhance, renew and develop our relationship with Jesus.

Along with parishioners throughout the United States, I invite you to participate in CRS Rice Bowl as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially the most vulnerable around the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS acts as our hearts and hands in nearly 100 countries, easing suffering and providing hope and assistance to people in need.

Through CRS Rice Bowl we will pray together; give things up, or fast, in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about our global community and the challenges of hunger and poverty around the world; and give sacrificial donations to those in need. Your participation in this program will help so many of our brothers and sisters around the world, by helping improve agriculture in Burkina Faso, stopping tuberculosis in East Timor, offering early childhood education in Lesotho, providing clean water in Pakistan and many other ways.

At the end of Lent, the sacrifices saved in your Rice Bowls will be collected by your parish and sent to support the work of Catholic Relief Services worldwide as well as to support local hunger alleviation efforts in our diocese. Last year, \$63,081.34 total was collected with 25% for the Local Rice Bowl \$15,770.34 and the remaining \$47,311.00 for National Rice Bowl.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of CRS Rice Bowl as part of your Lenten practice. Your prayers and contributions during this holy season do make a difference.

God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet

Come, Holy Spirit – guide our Church in transition!

We meet Pope Benedict XVI's extraordinary resignation later this month with gratitude for his love & leadership, dismay for this loss, and confidence that the Holy Spirit is in charge.

Relevant Radio is more than your faithful and professional Catholic news source. We live the vocation of *family* dialogue and prayer – and our “Papa” is our universal family concern.

You won't get this approach from a secular outlet, *so join the family now!*

Joliet (Chicago West) **930AM**, Chicago **950AM**, or NW Indiana **1270AM**

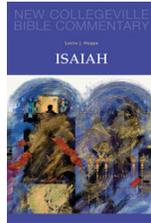
(Listen online at www.relevantradio.com)

New Study Groups Beginning

Looking for something different? Consider joining one of the two study groups beginning in February, just in time for Lent!

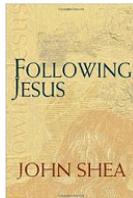
Bible Study

Fr. Frank's Bible Study group will be reading and discussing *ISAIAH*. The group is scheduled to meet after the 10:00 Mass on Feb 17, Mar 10, Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, Jun 2. The cost of the book is \$7. Contact Fr. Frank or Liz Jesse for more information.



Book Study

Book Study group will be reading and discussing *Following Jesus* by John Shea, theologian and popular storyteller.



"John Shea introduces us to a Jesus who is uncompromising in his desire for us to follow him and experience peace, joy, love, and assurance. Filled with captivating stories and profound theological insights, 'Following Jesus' will challenge and inspire you."

The group is scheduled to meet after the 10:00 Mass on Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 19, Jun 9. The cost of the book is \$10. Contact Liz Jesse for more information.

The Religious Formation Commission invites you to....

GO and Make Disciples



- Are you interested in the faith formation here at CTS?
- Do you have ideas for speakers, topics, methods of delivery?
- As part of a growing parish, work collaboratively to meet the needs of many groups...is your group represented?

If you are interested in planning for the parish and learning about your faith; the RF Commission is looking for you.

The Commission meets the 2nd Monday evening of the month at 7pm. Contact Liz Jesse, Director of Religious Formation, at 910-0770 ext 12 or e-mail liz@ctswoodridge.org.

World Day of Consecrated Life

Thank you to Fr. Frank Vitus and to all who participated at the 10 o'clock liturgy on February 3rd. We are grateful for the special music led by Donna Kovarik and sung by our great choir and all. We appreciate the wonderful hospitality prepared by Donna M and Pat S and served by generous parishioners. We also enjoyed all the camaraderie in the narthex after the liturgy! And we thank you for the beautiful cyclamen plants, a reminder of that special liturgy. Christ the Servant is a great parish.

Sisters Suzanne L, osf, Jane N, osf, Lois P, osf, and Rosemary W, SP

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Lunch Out

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 1:30 PM at



2201 W 75th Street, Darien

*Call Donna M
or Shirley W*

New members welcome!

**"The LORD
Sustains His People."**

Hopefully, you completed and returned your in-pew envelope at mass today, or have already responded to the mailing from Bishop Conlon. If you have not yet turned in a response, please do so, even if your financial situation does not allow a contribution at this time or over the next 10 months. Your response, even if a zero dollar amount, will help the overall success of the campaign by allowing the diocese to refrain from sending you additional mailings for this year's campaign. So, please, do respond. In the words of Benjamin Franklin "a penny saved is a penny earned", and your response will save the diocese those pennies of mailing and postage, enabling those funds to be used for the other charitable functions of the diocese.

Religious Formation

Grades K-7

Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

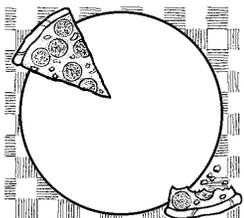
Confirmation

Lenten Mission: Feb 24-26 at 7:00pm

Confirmands are required to attend at least one night of the Mission. Join us on Sunday 2/24 for pizza (see below.)

Classes meet March 10th & 13th

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to:



Pizza with the Priest –

Sunday, February 24th, 5-7pm

Come enjoy pizza and conversation with

Fr. Frank & Fr. Jim Lennon, our Lenten Mission speaker.

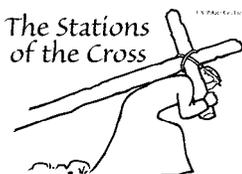
Stay for conversation/games with your friends, followed by the first night of our parish mission from 7-8pm.

Reservations required by February 21st!

Contact Ms. Jesse 630-910-0770 x12
liz@ctswoodridge.org

Service Opportunity:

Please contact Liz Jesse liz@ctswoodridge.org if you would like to serve our faith community as we celebrate this Lenten tradition:



Friday March 8th

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Teen Leaders needed.

Thank you to Rosada H, Marybeth & Kailee N, Gayle & Samantha H who helped facilitate the First Eucharist Retreat and to Donna Mays and Pat Savage for helping with preparation.



Christian Service Peace & Social Justice

Cash For Food and Paper-Goods Drive February 23-24

It's a New Year and Christ The Servant's parish family is again asked to support the West Suburban Community Food Pantry with Cash donations, donated Paper Goods & food items. In 2012, the Food Pantry turned more than \$2000 of CTS-donated DOLLARS into over SIX TONS of food. But the need remains, so we ask anew for a CASH FOR FOOD Donation to the WSCFP. Any cash amount is welcome and is put to very good use. Any donated food items are also welcome and appreciated.

Donated PAPER-GOODS are especially welcome! The Food Pantry cannot turn donated dollars into PAPER-GOODS. So, please also donate any household paper-good products - Toilet Tissue, Kitchen Towels, "Kleenex", Wet Wipes, Baby Diapers... any type of paper product for in-home use. There is a constant need for this type of item.

Your Fellow Parishioners will be available in the Parking Lot before each Mass to receive your CASH for FOOD and PAPER GOODS donations. A CASH for FOOD Donation Box will be available in the Narthex for your convenience. Please make checks payable to the West Suburban Community Food Pantry.

Thank You Again for Your Generosity in 2012
and Your Continued Generosity in 2013!

PADS—Public Action to Deliver Shelter

Christ the Servant parish has committed to serve at a local shelter for the homeless on the 5th Saturday of the month during the colder months. Our next time to help is March 30 (the night before Easter). You can help, too. Experienced people are there to help beginners get settled in. There are three shifts—setup, overnight, and cleanup. More details are available by calling Gregory P. What better way to end your Lent by helping our neighbors in need?

Respect for All Life

**We must decrease.
He must increase.**



*Now a dispute arose between the disciples of John (the Baptist) and a Jew... John answered his disciples, "You yourselves can testify that I said that I am **not** the Messiah, but I was sent before Him...the best man, who stands and listens to (the bridegroom), rejoices greatly at his voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. He (Jesus) must increase. I must decrease."*

~ John 3:25,27-30

Love, at its highest level, is sacrifice. Consider Jesus, the sacrificial lamb, whom we all come to receive at the "Sacrifice" of the Mass. May we suggest that our parishioners consider attending daily Mass on occasion during Lent, and/or spending a few minutes while on break to pray. In fact, how about praying for someone you don't especially like, but who needs our prayers?

Lord, help us to learn how to sacrifice. May we understand how and when to "decrease" our influence so that You may "increase" Yours among all.

Dave A

PRAYER VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for all the fasting and prayers you have offered in the past either privately or at Access Health Center for those who cannot speak for themselves. The Bible shows us that prayer and fasting is important, that big changes come from pouring oneself out to God in prayer, and fasting helps to focus and intensify our prayer. The **40 Days for Life 2013 Lenten Campaign** began Ash Wednesday. While there will not be a formal campaign in Downers Grove, you are invited to spend time at your convenience in prayer at the vigil site, Access Health Center, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, especially when abortions are being conducted.

You might consider helping stop the anti-life push in the world by saying the prayer encouraged by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Archbishop Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared an abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it is recommended that an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

For prayer cards, contact Respect for All Life Members: David A, Jeanie D, Rosada H, Lainie G, Rita S, Lee W, Andie W or Rita W..

Go Green!

The **Green Team** would like to extend a big thank you to all who participated in the November, 2012 Electronic Recycling Event at Christ the Servant. We appreciate your participation and thank you for bringing your electronic recycling items and/or winter coats to church. We were fortunate to collect 18,440 pounds of electronics and 14 large bags of winter coats. Thank you for helping to reduce waste and support this event at Christ the Servant. The next Electronic Recycling event will be Saturday, May 11 from 9:00-noon. Thank you for your help.



We continue to collect used **greeting cards**. We can only use the front page of cards that have not personal notes on them. These cards cannot be Disney, American Greetings or Hallmark.

Thank you for your help,

The Green Team



Featuring...

**Dan Lentino and THE
FABULOUS AMBASSADORS
50'S 60'S SHOW
WITH VERY
SPECIAL GUEST
SHAWN
KLUSH
ULTIMATE ELVIS
TRIBUTE ARTIST**



**Friday,
April 19**

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help make it happen? Help sell Concert and Raffle Tickets at the Narthex Ticket Table. Slots are available to help before/after weekend masses starting 2/23 and until show time on 4/19. Those who enjoying working with people and have innate attention to details are best suited for this job. If interested, please call the Ticket Hotline 630-796-5654 or email concert2013@ctswoodridge.org.

All seats reserved—Gold \$35, Silver \$30. 2013 Grand Raffle tickets also on sale. Get your tickets today!!!

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Bob Petersen

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 16

4:45 PM RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo*
Jennie Carroo, *r. Carroo family*

Sunday, February 17

8:30 AM Pat Fischer, *r. Marge Buch*
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, February 18

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 19

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 20

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 21

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 22

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, February 23

4:45 PM Kolodziej & Peslak families, *r. Peslak family*
People of the Parish

Sunday, February 24

8:30 AM William Hennig, *r. Jim & Maryann Gilroy*
10:00 AM Gloria Barrientos, *r. Jim & Alie Phillips*

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.



Sacramental Information

rites of Christian Initiation Adults seeking sacraments are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the Parish Office to set the date and reserve the church. Reserve the church before you reserve the reception hall.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of being a priest? Email Fr. Burke Masters at fbrurke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm or by appointment with Fr. Frank.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please contact the parish office for a visit from a priest when sickness occurs or death is imminent for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. To arrange for Communion to be brought to the sick/homebound members of the parish community, call Deacon Tom F

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact Fr. Frank for pre-planning of funerals.

Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, March 14, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Tina Anderson	Holly Derrico	Richard Regnier
Sue Bellazzo	Barry Deron	Sister Mary Charles
Ketti Boden	Bob Haas	Rydzewski
Louise Boden	John Iaconi	Ron Rydzewski
Stephen Boden	Tom Jacquot	Chris Templin
Irene Bork	Peggy Laughlin	Barbara Toso
Diana Buonamici	Mary Agnes	Kim Transon
Genevieve Consolino	Lenehan	Helen Villis
Jeff Coole	Dan Miller	Kim Zavadil
Gene DeLuca	Pino Perricone	

Names remain on this list approximately three months.
To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased



Tom Brown
(cousin of Peggy Halik)

Gerri Puschkar
(aunt of Erica Valenti)

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Luke Fricke, nephew of Deacon Tom & Joanne Fricke
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Jesse

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Bible Readings—Feb. 17-Feb. 24

SUNDAY: Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

MONDAY: Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY: 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

SATURDAY: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 / Phil 3:17-4:1 or
3:20-4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday...8:30 AM

The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.

Saturday.....4:45 PM

Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days....consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday...4:00—4:30 PM or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Frank K. Vitus, Pastor *Ext. 15*
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Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon

Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*
Liz Jesse,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

Donna Kovarik, Music Director

Commission Chairpersons

Debi Savage, Pastoral Council

Barb Kosiek, PPC Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Mary McIlvain & Rosada Heintz,
Parish Life

Paula Sedlacek, Religious Formation

Ron Welton, Worship

Students planning to attend a Catholic High School or accredited university, college, or trade school may apply for the **LEONARD M. JARKA HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP**. Visit www.kofc5918.org or call 630-730-4156. **All applications must be in by APRIL 15th.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 17

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Bible Study

Monday, February 18

7:00 pm—Admin/Finance Commission

Tuesday, February 19

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, February 20

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, February 21

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 22

6:00-7:00 pm—Reconciliation

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Cash 4 Food Drive

Ticket Sales begin for concert & raffle

Saturday, February 23

Sunday, February 24

10:00 am—CLOW

7:00 pm—Parish Mission

with Fr. Jim Lennon

Upcoming Events

Feb 24-26: Lenten Mission, 7:00 pm each night

Feb 25/26: Mission Day sessions, 9:30 am

Mar 28-31: Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm, Good Friday at 3:00 pm, Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm, Easter Sunday at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Apr 19: 'Rock 'N Roll Review' concert. Call 630-796-5654 for Presales.

Parish Giving

The goal of our Lenten journey is to renew and deepen our relationship with God. May we seek to grow stronger spiritually by resisting temptation and by repenting of our sins. As we turn away from sin, we will come to love the Lord more fully. That love will flow from us into all aspects of our lives and subsequently affect the lives of others.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2012-2013

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Feb 2/3:

Sunday	\$ 8,363.06
Christmas	125.00
Debt Reduction	1,521.00
Total Contributed	\$ 10,009.06
This week's deficit	\$ (160.94)

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Latin America	\$ 32.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS:

Sunday	\$ 6,306.85
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Easter Décor	10.00
Debt Reduction	532.00
Total Contributed	\$ 6,858.85
This week's deficit	\$ (3,311.15)

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 498.00
Debt to Diocese as of 1/31	\$842,754
Registered Households—733	

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