

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

May 5, 2013

Our Mission

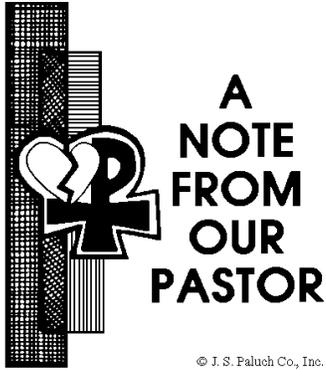
Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.



Special points of interest:

- **Electronics and Book Recycling:** next Saturday from 9-noon.
- **Live your Faith.** Practical ideas ☺ offered on page 3!
- **Religious Formation classes** are assigned on first-come, first-served basis. Register for fall classes this May.
- Help support Woman's Choice Services through the **Baby Bottles for Life** fundraiser. Take home a bottle today.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



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I wanted to share part of a Blog from Cardinal Dolan. I thought it was just too good to not share it with you. For the sake of space some of this has been edited.

Rev. Frank J. Vitkus

All Are Welcome! The Church is *Catholic* . . . that means *all are welcome*; the Church is *one* . . . that means we have a Person — Jesus — and His moral teaching that unites us; the Church is *apostolic* . . . that means that His teaching was entrusted to His apostles, and carefully handed on by His Church. The sacred duty of the Church is to invite people, challenge people,

to live the message and teachings of Jesus.

Blessed John Paul II used to say that the best way to love someone was to tell them the truth: *To teach the truth with love*. Jesus did that — He was *love* and *truth* in His very person — and so does His Church. We love and respect everyone . . . but that doesn't necessarily mean we love and respect their *actions*. *Who* a person is? We love and respect him or her . . . *What* a person does? Truth may require that we tell the person we love that such actions are not consonant with what God has revealed.

We can never judge a person . . . but, we can judge a person's actions. Jesus did it best. Remember the woman caught in adultery? The elders were going to stone her. At the words of Jesus, they walked away. "Is there no one left to condemn you?" the Lord tenderly asked the accused woman. "No one, Sir," she whispered. "Neither do I condemn you," Jesus concluded. "Now go, but sin no more." Hate the sin; love the sinner . . .

So, for example, the Church loves, welcomes, and respects the alcoholic . . . but would not condone his binge; the Church loves, welcomes, and respects a prominent business leader . . . but would not condone his or her failure to pay a just wage to a migrant worker; the Church loves, welcomes, and respects a young couple in love . . . but would challenge their decision to "live together" before marriage; the Church loves, welcomes, and respects a woman who has had an abortion, and the man who fathered the child and encouraged the abortion. . . but would be united with them in mourning and regretting that deadly choice; the Church loves, welcomes, and respects a woman or man with a same-sex attraction . . . while reminding him or her of our clear teaching that, while the *condition* of homosexuality is no sin at all, still, God's teaching is clear that sexual *acts* are reserved for a man and woman united in the lifelong, life-giving, faithful, loving bond of marriage. The Church loves, welcomes, and respects wealthy people, while prophetically teaching the at-times-uncomfortable virtue of justice and charity towards the poor. We are part of a Church where, yes, *all are welcome*, but, no, not a Church of *anything goes*.

Remember last Sunday's moving gospel of Jesus, the Good Shepherd? An effective pastor cherishes, protects, feeds, and leads his flock, while welcoming his sheep into the fold. But . . . he will not let them wander off and do whatever or go wherever the sheep might want to go. His duty is to bring them back and rescue them from danger. This shepherd is still trying to learn how to be like that, to *love* all without ever compromising the *truth*.

Are you being called to Parish Leadership?

Christ the Servant is a great parish with great people, and new people are joining us all the time! Together, we can help our families, neighbors, and the rest of the community see the presence of Christ in our (and their) lives. Do you feel like it's time for you to share your love of God with others? The most direct way to let us know of your interest is to contact one of the people listed with the different groups below. These listings are for the Council and Commissions, but many other opportunities to participate exist. Please pray, and then call!



Church Leadership

July & December have no scheduled meetings!

Pastoral Council—contact Fr. Frank, 630-910-0770 or Debi S. Meets 4th Monday (generally) at 7:00 pm. Three year term, representatives from each Commission as well as at-large membership.

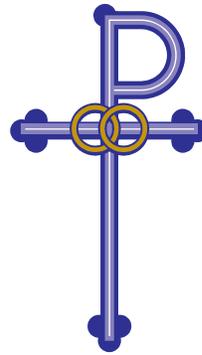
Administration/Finance—contact Jim M. Meets most 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm. Parish budget, building and properties, stewardship.

Christian Service—contact Jerry Fialek, 630-739-3953. Usually meets every other month on a 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm. **Peace & Social Justice** is a committee of Christian Service, which meets monthly, usually on a Wednesday night. Contact for P&SJ is Steve J. **Respect for All Life** contact Rita SiskoS. **Green Team** contact Nancy R

Parish Life—contact Mary M, or Rosada H, email ParishLifeChairs@ctswoodridge.org. Meets 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm. Parish Picnic, social activities, fund-raisers.

Religious Formation—contact Liz Jesse, 630-910-0770. Meets 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm. All continuing education—from kindergarten through adulthood.

Worship—contact Ron W. Worship Commission meets 3rd Saturdays at 8:30 am. Themes for liturgical seasons including the Parish Mission, Art & Environment, liturgical ministers, and music.



Would you like to become a Wedding Coordinator at CTS? It is a wonderful opportunity to help the wedding couple create a beautiful and memorable ceremony. Each wedding requires two people to prepare the rehearsal and wedding. If you would like to be part of this enjoyable mission, please contact JoAnn W.

Our Worship Space needs YOU!

Are you able to spend an hour or so, occasionally, to help make the church look nice, by rearranging the chairs? This could be done on your own schedule as long as the church is open.

We also need a replacement for our Art & Environment Chairperson who will be retiring from that position in June, 2013. Written guidelines are available to help you through the year.

Talk with JoAnn W to find out details, or simply to have any questions answered, or, better yet, to volunteer!

Not yet ready for Parish "Leadership"?

There are many ways to participate without being a "commission member".

Volunteer opportunities include :

In Administration/Finance: parish office help, help with the in-pew process on Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal weekend, help with Manna sales, help maintain the grounds/landscaping, handyman for small repairs/maintenance, and so on.

In Christian Service: help in the parking lot with Clothing and Food Drives, attend presentations on social justice issues, participate in Baby Bottles for Life and Recycling Events.

In Parish Life: help organize, set up, clean up and/or attend the Parish Picnic, help with future fundraiser events and raffle sales. Attend parish social events.

In Religious Formation: Catechists (teachers) and catechist helpers are needed, as well as substitute teachers, for Religious Formation sessions. **Families with Active Catholic Teens** strives to provide activities for teens to enjoy doing service with peers. **Children's Liturgy of the Word** provides age appropriate interpretation of the gospel message during the 10:00 am mass during a major portion of the year. Leaders for FACT and CLOW are needed.

In Worship: Provide yourself with an excuse to arrive early for mass as a liturgical minister, help develop and maintain the environment, pray in song.

Religious Formation

Grades K-5

Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Grades 6-7

Please make sure Service Project Reports are turned in.

Confirmation

Confirmation is Saturday May 11th at 4:45pm Mass
Practice is Friday May 10th at 6:30pm



**MAY is REGISTRATION MONTH
for 2013/14 Religious Formation
Classes.**

Forms are available the in the
narthex and on the parish web-site;
www.ctswoodridge.org

Thanks to our Catechists and helpers!

This special group of adults blessed our parish children with joy, patience, understanding and a love of Jesus. Thank you for the time spent and your commitment to showing that God's love is present in the lives of all generations!

Chris B	Beth C
Sheri C	John C
Beka C	Donna C
Joe C	Jennie C
Cindy F	Diane G
Anna G	Peggy H
Rosada H	Gayle H
Tracy K	Denice K
JoAnn M	Melinda N
Sharon P	Onofria P
Alie P	Betty R
Katie S	Rose S
Kathi T	Fr Frank V
Steve W	Patty Z

CLOW Shepherds needed

Our last Children's Liturgy of the Word for the school year will be on Pentecost Sunday May 19th! If you would be interested in joining the CLOW team for next year, please contact Liz Jesse.



Christian Service Peace & Social Justice



The Clothing Drive truck will be in the parking lot at least until 11:00 am. If you forgot your stuff, please come drop it off! Many thanks to the volunteers who helped load the truck, and to our Clothing Drive Coordinator, Sue C.

People in our community are in crisis in record numbers. At Catholic Charities the requests for food and rental assistance are never-ending. For many, unemployment benefits have been exhausted and the underemployed, who were once working in professional jobs, are now earning minimum wage and are unable to make ends meet. Seniors who have worked all of their lives now have to choose between paying their utility bills and buying groceries.

These people need your help now. *Will you be an angel to someone in need?* For every dollar that you donate to the Angel Fund at Catholic Charities, two anonymous "angels" will match it – dollar for dollar – up to \$60,000! Be an angel to someone who will have no where else to turn if Catholic Charities doesn't answer their cries, and their prayers. Send a donation today. Donations can be made online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or sent to: Catholic Charities Angel Fund, 203 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet IL 60432. *Bless you!*



Big Thank You!

♪ Music Notes ♪



CANTORS NEEDED

We have a need for additional cantors to lead the music at our liturgies. If you can carry a tune, and would like to become more involved in Liturgy, please come forward and see Donna Kovarik after any Mass. All that is required is an ability to read music and a dedication to this essential ministry. Donna can also be reached at (630) 369-2602.

Respect for All Life

Struggling with Infertility

One in every six U.S. couples experiences infertility, but Catholic couples face additional confusion, worry, and frustration as they explore the medical options available to them. Filling a major void in Catholic resources, *The Infertility Companion for Catholics* is the first book to address not only the medical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of infertility, but also the particular needs of Catholic couples who desire to understand and follow Church teaching on the use of assisted reproductive technology.

The authors, Angelique Ruhl-Lopez and Carmen Santamaria, offer support and wisdom from their own struggles with infertility. They describe the options that Catholic couples can pursue in seeking to conceive, many of which are not ordinarily presented by the medical community. In an encouraging and non-judgmental tone, they address both husbands and wives, helping them recognize the emotional impact of infertility on their relationship.

Listen to Angelique and Carmen speak about this struggle in a 6 minute video on Catholic TV at www.catholicinfertilityjourney.com.

Dave A

During the month of May we especially honor our earthly mother and our Blessed Mother. Join in daily saying the rosary after the 8:30 am Mass as we pray for peace in our country and throughout the world. Intentions are also said for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our bishops, priests, public leaders, family, friends, the unborn, the souls in purgatory, those who are ill, those who have no one to pray for them, and your special intentions.

Baby Bottles for Life

Take home a "Baby Bottle for Life" and help raise funds to promote and further a Culture of Life within our parish and local community. The proceeds of this event will help support the life-saving work of Woman's Choice Services, a Catholic pregnancy center located in Joliet and Lombard. Fill your bottle with spare change, and return it to the parish on the weekend of May 25/26.

This fundraiser is a great way for each member of the family to help in building a Culture of Life. Thank you in advance for your response to the call of the Gospel to serve those in great need!



"The New Evangelization"

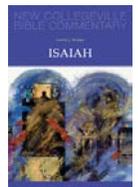
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
7:30 pm



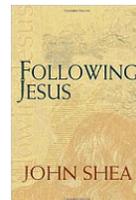
St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 West Fourth Street in Hinsdale, will host a special presentation on "The New Evangelization". The presenter is Father Robert Barron, the Rector/President of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, and Creator and Host of the critically acclaimed series "*Catholicism: An Adult Study Program*."

There is no charge for admission; a free will offering will be accepted. Questions? Call 630-323-1248 or visit sij.net

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



Book Study: Book Study group is reading and discussing *Following Jesus* by John Shea, theologian and popular storyteller. The group is scheduled to meet after the 10:00 Mass on May 19. Contact Liz Jesse for information.



Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program was developed to help caring and responsible adults in keeping children safe. PGCA is mandatory for all adults who work with children in the parish. All parents are encouraged to attend this program. To view a list of available opportunities, visit www.virtus.org. Select Registration > View list of sessions > Joliet IL (Diocese)

Avoid a "beginning of season rush" and become certified while things less hectic in the summertime.

Respect for All Life Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 7, after the 8:30 am mass. Join us as we finalize plans for Mother's Day and discuss Baby Bottle for Life for Woman's Choice Services.



Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Carmen Valliere

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

4:45 PM Shirley Gunnell, *r. Mike & Kathy Smart*

Sunday, May 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Norma Valencia, in thanksgiving, *r. Aileen Valencia*

Monday, May 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 AM Richard Wright, Anne Fisher & Joyce Adair Bullen
r. Colleen McCoy

Wednesday, May 8

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, May 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 10

8:30 AM Mary Jo LoMonaco, *r. Rita Sisko*

Saturday, May 11

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
People of the Parish



Sunday, May 12

8:30 AM John Steven Hacus, *r. Olson family*
Nancy Dobias, *r. Ken & Karen Rice*

10:00 AM Sisko Family, *r. Rita Sisko*

Julia Jurgiel & Mary Derlitz, *r. Ed & Madeline Jascewsky*

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, May 9, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Holly Derrico	Sister Mary Charles
Stephen Boden	Peggy Golis	Rydzewski
Russ Breedlove	Barbara Kuehn	Ron Rydzewski
Tom Brown	Peggy Laughlin	Chester Surowiec
Ann Bucher	Richard Miller	Chris Templin
Donna Buonamici	Larry Nicioli	Kim Transon
Jeff Coole	Dan Ryan	Joe Zapalac
Kimberlee Davis	Pauline Ryan	

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



James Crockett
(husband of Colette)

Ronald F. Bomba
(husband of Virginia)

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
Sam Persin, nephew of Joe & Mary Testolin
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—May 5-May 12

SUNDAY: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 / Rv 21:10-14,22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY: Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

FRIDAY: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY: Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

SUNDAY: Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28;10:19-23 / Lk 24:46-53

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

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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



Calendar of Events

**Clothing Drive
Baby Bottles for Life**

Sunday, May 5

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Book Study

Monday, May 6

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 am—Respect Life Committee

4:45 pm—RF Grades K-4

6:30 pm—RF Grades 2-3,5

Wednesday, May 8

4:45 pm—RF Grades 1-4

6:30 pm—RF Grades 4-5

7:00 pm—Peace & Social Justice (*offsite*)

Thursday, May 9

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 10

6:30 pm—Confirmation Practice

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am-noon—Electronic & Book
Recycling Event

4:45 pm—Confirmation

Sunday, May 12—Mothers' Day

10:00 am—CLOW

11:30 am—Baptism

Upcoming Events

May 25/26: Return filled Baby Bottles for Life

May 27: Memorial day, offices closed

May 31: 7:00 pm, Parish Appreciation Party (adults only)

Parish Giving

Whom do we rely on to help us make sense of everyday life? Are we do-it-yourselfers? Or do we turn to others in times of trouble or when we need to make a decision? How does God figure in the decisions we make throughout our lives? Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way of his truth.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2012-2013

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Apr. 27/28:

Sunday	\$ 5,504.00
Debt Reduction	<u>115.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 5,619.00
This week's deficit	\$ (4,551.00)

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Catholic Relief Services \$ 5.00

Debt to Diocese as of 4/10 \$821,379

Registered Households—733

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...while final numbers are not yet ready from the recent fundraiser, we appreciate all the help from everyone who gave. Funds raised from the concert and raffle will be used to help meet our monthly mortgage payment of \$14,500.

Leave a Legacy. A mother's love is eternal. By making a planned gift to our parish or diocese in your mother's name, you can create a perpetual remembrance of her love. Call the Development Office at 815-838-8515.

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