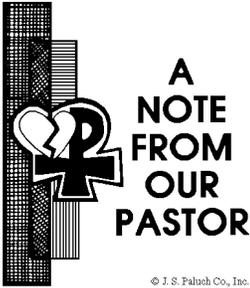


*Blessed
with Freedom
to be Light
to the World*





Washington D.C., Jun 22, 2013 / 06:01 Catholic News Agency- **Religious leaders from a variety of faith backgrounds are speaking out against the declining role of religion in society, as well as threats to religious freedom for all faith groups.**

“Our biggest challenge is coming from those who want to challenge the role of religion in society,” said Rabbi Abba Cohen, vice president for federal affairs and Washington director of Agudath Israel of America.

“We live in a world now where threats to one religion could certainly affect others,” he told CNA.

Rabbi Cohen was one of numerous religious leaders to attend the 2013 National Religious Freedom Conference in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Ethics and Public Policy Center’s American Religious Freedom Program, the event featured presentations and discussions by Catholic, evangelical Christian, mainline Protestant, Latter-day Saint, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish Orthodox, Seventh-day Adventist, Muslim and Sikh speakers.

The speakers join a growing number of religious freedom advocates who have voiced fears over increasing threats to religious liberty within the United States. The **second Fortnight for Freedom** – announced by the U.S. bishops with the participation of those from a variety of faith backgrounds – **is currently underway** as a special time of prayer, education and action on behalf of religious freedom, particularly in the areas of health care, marriage, immigration and social aid.

Among the concerns raised by the bishops and members of other faiths is a new mandate issued by the Department of Health and Human Services to require employers to offer health insurance covering contraception, sterilization and some early abortion drugs, even if doing so violates their firmly held religious beliefs.

Rabbi Cohen explained that while the HHS mandate does not require his community to violate their beliefs, “nonetheless, we have weighed in very strongly” on the issue “because it might create general principles, general perceptions of religion that could affect all religions.”

“If there’s hostility towards religion, that’s going to result in bad regulation, and if there’s bad regulation, that in turn is going to result in more hostility towards religion,” he explained.

“That has an effect on the American psyche.”

The rabbi also noted that “a lot of the rhetoric that surrounds that dispute is one of compromise,” in which the government will provide some accommodations if religions give up some of their terms.

“That belittles the right of religion, but also the role of religion,” he said.

The Very Reverend Dr. Chad Hatfield, Chancellor of St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, echoed the Rabbi Cohen’s statements, telling CNA that “I think that there is a clamp-down on religious liberty in this country, but it’s so incredibly simple that we aren’t catching the signs.”

“If one religious identity’s freedoms are taken, then all suffer,” he added.

Shaykha Reima Yosif, who started an organization to empower Muslim women through the arts, noted the threat in the U.S. posed by “small groups trying to dictate what is religion, and small groups trying to infringe upon people maintaining their particular religious identity and practicing their faith in their own way.”

The disrespect of religious freedom leads to discrimination as well as other ill effects on society, she explained, saying that “we are really debilitating the economic wellbeing of society” with restrictions on religious practice.

Rev. Frank K. Vitkus

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Go Green!

Hope you enjoy the July 4th activities. Celebrate our country and celebrate our planet earth! Remember to recycle/reuse. Instead of purchasing and using plastic knives, forks and spoons, try purchasing sets of silverware at garage, estate or resale shops. Commercial silverware sets can be found at Sam's Club and once purchased, you will never have to purchase plastic silverware again. It's not pretty, but neither is a plastic fork that breaks when you at trying to eat. Then use a container with soapy water to collect the utensils and later put them in your dishwasher or handwash.

For plates, try using Corelle. They look better than paper and are sturdy enough to hold a plate full. If you are looking to add color to your table, use placemats or flowers.

Happy 4th,

Marge for the Green Team

On Tap @ Another Round Bar & Grill

5141 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL; 7-9 pm

Young Adults—ages 18-39—single or married

Monday, July 8; Embracing Your Faith...with a Young Adult Panel. *Concrete ideas on how you can embrace your faith.*



Monday, July 15 The Call & Role of Discipleship...with Jeremy Hylka. *Learn how to be "church militant".*

....watch the bulletin for more dates

Parish Picnic – Hawaiian Luau!

Sunday, July 28, 2013

1:00-5:00 pm

Come have a good time with your parish family at the CTS Hawaiian-Luau style annual picnic. Make a splash and join the island paradise with your favorite Hawaiian shirt or dress, leis, hat, novelty sunglasses and jewelry, and thong slippers!



More information is in the narthex. Join the fun in more ways than one, and help make it happen! There are lots of ways to volunteer, just see the signup sheet for more information.

Contact Tony A or sign up on the 2013 CTS Parish Picnic Volunteer Form.

Religious Formation



Grades K-8: HAPPY SUMMER!

Remember that God hears our prayers all year long.

Please return any RF textbooks that may still be at home.



2013/14 Religious Formation Registration Forms are available the in the Narthex and on the parish web-site;

www.ctswoodridge.org



Classes will be assigned as registrations are received.

Spend the summer enjoying yourself knowing your paperwork is completed!

RF Family Opening Prayer Service is scheduled for Friday September 13th at 7:00pm.

Classes begin September 17th & 18th.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A CATECHIST

What is a catechist?

A catechist is a person who is willing to give their time and talents to a group of children.

Maybe it's you.

Requirements are: A willingness to share your faith and a commitment of an hour and 15 minutes a week with the students.



Materials, lessons and support are provided! Sessions begin in mid-September.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist, contact Liz Jesse, Director of Faith Formation, 910-0770 ext 12. or liz@ctswoodridge.org

Live your Faith this Summer...



Read the Bible

You can look up each day's readings online:

www.usccb.org > bible > Today's Reading

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- If you simply want to know more about the Catholic Church...
- If you are interested in our Catholic Faith and Traditions...
- If you have questions about the Catholic Church...
- If you seeking a sacrament...
Baptism...Eucharist...Confirmation
- If you feel that the Lord is calling you into deeper relationship...



Maybe the RCIA is the next step on your journey.

Contact Liz Jesse, Director of Religious Formation, for information about the RCIA Process or if you are interested in serving on the RCIA Team and sharing your faith. 630-910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org

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. Many parishes in the Diocese of Joliet are offering this program in the next few weeks. To view a list of available opportunities, visit www.virtus.org. Select Registration > View list of sessions > Joliet IL (Diocese)

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.

Respect for All Life

Fortnight For Freedom—2013

In the beginning, when God created man, He made him subject to his own free choice. If you choose, you can keep the commandments; it is loyalty to do His will.



~ Sirach 15:14-15

For freedom, Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery...For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, rather, live by the Spirit...serve one another through love.

~ Galatians 5:1,13-15

If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

~ John 8:31-32

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education...both reason and experience forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

~ George Washington's Farewell Address

On Independence Day, let us thank God for the freedoms guaranteed by our nation's Constitution, and for the gift of our free will to choose Jesus' Way for eternal life.

Dave A



HOLY HOUR

For the Protection of Our Religious Freedom

Tuesday, July 2nd 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel

Please join us in the Bishops' nationwide Fortnight for Freedom . We pray that we may keep the God given right to exercise our religious beliefs and actions. We especially pray at this time for conscience protection as the August 1st deadline approaches for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate. Bishop Conlon has asked for prayers "...so that our ability to carry out the work that Christ commissioned the Church to do in the world- the work of teaching, healing and caring for the poor- may continue unhindered..." Prayer and penance are the ultimate sources of our strength to protect religious freedom.



*Through the Waters of Baptism,
the faith community of
Christ the Servant Parish
welcomes*

Natalie Erin,
daughter of
Joseph & Nicole S
June 22, 2013



In Pursuit of Catholic Education

Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park has notified us that the following parishioner of Christ the Servant achieved A Honor Roll for the second semester:

Harshita R

Congratulations on your accomplishment and keep up the good work!

Spiritual Encounter with Earth

Retreat to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., July 11-14 to become more mindful of Earth, her systems and creatures. Art, literature, music and reflection will be incorporated in exploring how to better care for Earth.

“Encountering Earth: Reclaiming the Human in the Web of Life” will take place from 5 p.m. (EDT)

Thursday to 11 a.m. Sunday at White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence. Cost is \$350 with housing and \$230 for commuters. Contact 812-535-2932 or rmorton@spsmw.org to register or visit www.WhiteViolet.org for more information.

Where are You God????

Sound familiar? So often, we stumble in the darkness seeking the light of God. Spiritual Direction is a wonderful way to rediscover the presence of God in your everyday life. This summer, why not consider starting Spiritual Direction?

Despite its name, it is not one person telling another what to do. Rather, it is an opportunity to discover and discuss with a director the action of God's Spirit in our life. During each meeting, the director invites you to examine the question, "What is God up to in my life?"

Mayslake Ministries has 19 spiritual directors on staff to help you on your spiritual journey. These directors are skilled in all areas of life including grief, addiction, adoption and infertility, elder issues, military, oncology issues, and Women's and Men's Spirituality. We also have a licensed Pastoral Counselor on staff. Visit our website at www.mayslakeministries.org or call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-268-9000 to begin your spiritual direction. The first session is complimentary. Why not give it a try?

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

for healing



MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29

4:45 PM Rich Buch, r. *Chris Wozniak*
Frank B. Vitus

Sunday, June 30

8:30 AM Jennie Carroo, r. *Carroo family*
Richard Buch, r. *Marianna, Andy & Jacklyn Serafin*
10:00 AM Jesus DeJesus, r. *Maria Filipponi*
People of the Parish

Monday, July 1

8:30 AM Dominic Cimaglia, r. *family*

Tuesday, July 2

8:30 AM Rich Buch, r. *M/M G. Gustafson*

Wednesday, July 3

8:30 AM Wayne Kocinski, r. *Janice Kocinski*
Richard Buch, r. *Arthur & Roberta Wernli*

Thursday, July 4

8:30 AM Donald Kowalski, r. *wife*

Friday, July 5

8:30 AM Larry Carroo, r. *Barb Carroo*.

Saturday, July 6

4:45 PM Emily Gierut, r. *Gierut family*

Sunday, July 7

8:30 AM Joan Bell, r. *Kuehn family*
Donna & Bill Ciolek, *Sp. Int.*
10:00 AM Frank Lubang, r. *family*

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, July 11, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Jeanne Hotchkin	Sister Mary Charles
Stephen Boden	Richard Miller	Rydzewski
Tom Brown	Gene Mroz	Ron Rydzewski
Donna Buonamici	Eben Palmquist	Mike Stapleton
Jeff Coole	Donald Paul	Chris Templin
Kimberlee Davis	Tom Raslowsky	Kim Transon
Holly Derrico	Phyllis Roehr	Ted Wachowicz
Mike Gorman	Pauline Ryan	Haley Wyman
Audrey Hickman		

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



Raymond Navarro
(husband of Maureen)

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—June 30-July 7

SUNDAY: 1 Kgs 19:16b,19-21 / Gal 5:1,13-18 / Lk 9:51-62

MONDAY: Gn 18:16-33 / Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY: Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY: Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

THURSDAY: Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY: Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67 / Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY: Gn 27:1-5,15-29 / Mt 9:14-17

SUNDAY: Is 66:10-14c / Gal 6:14-18 / Lk 10:1-12,17-20 or 10:1-9

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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Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*

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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

Sunday, June 30

Monday, July 1

6:30 pm—Parish Pastoral Council (*offsite*)

Tuesday, July 2

Wednesday, July 3

Thursday, July 4—Independence Day

Offices closed

Friday, July 5

Offices closed

Saturday, July 6

Sunday, July 7

Upcoming Events

RF Registration for 13-14 continues. Do not put it off too long!

July 4-5: Independence Day holiday. Offices closed.

July 28: 1:00 pm, Parish Picnic

August 15: Assumption Holy Day of Obligation, masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

August 17: Blood Drive, 8 am-noon

Sept 2: Labor Day holiday. Offices closed.

Parish Giving

God calls each of us to live as His Stewards - by living lives of holiness. Each day, this will require us to make decisions to follow Christ in a world filled with competing priorities and messages.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2012-2013

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

CONTRIBUTIONS June 22/23:

Sunday	\$ 4,589.00
Debt Reduction	<u>25.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 4,614.00
This week's deficit	\$ (5,556.00)

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Peter's Pence	\$ 15.00
Debt to Diocese as of 5/14	\$811,006

Registered Households—733

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...sometime this summer, we will be having the parking lot seal-coated and restriped. Some repair work will be done at the same time. There will be a 24 hour period when we need to stay off the fresh work. Once we know when that date will be, we'll post the information.

Leave a Legacy. Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid estate taxes as they help our parish or diocese preserve our Catholic heritage. Call the Development Office at 815-838-8515.



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