

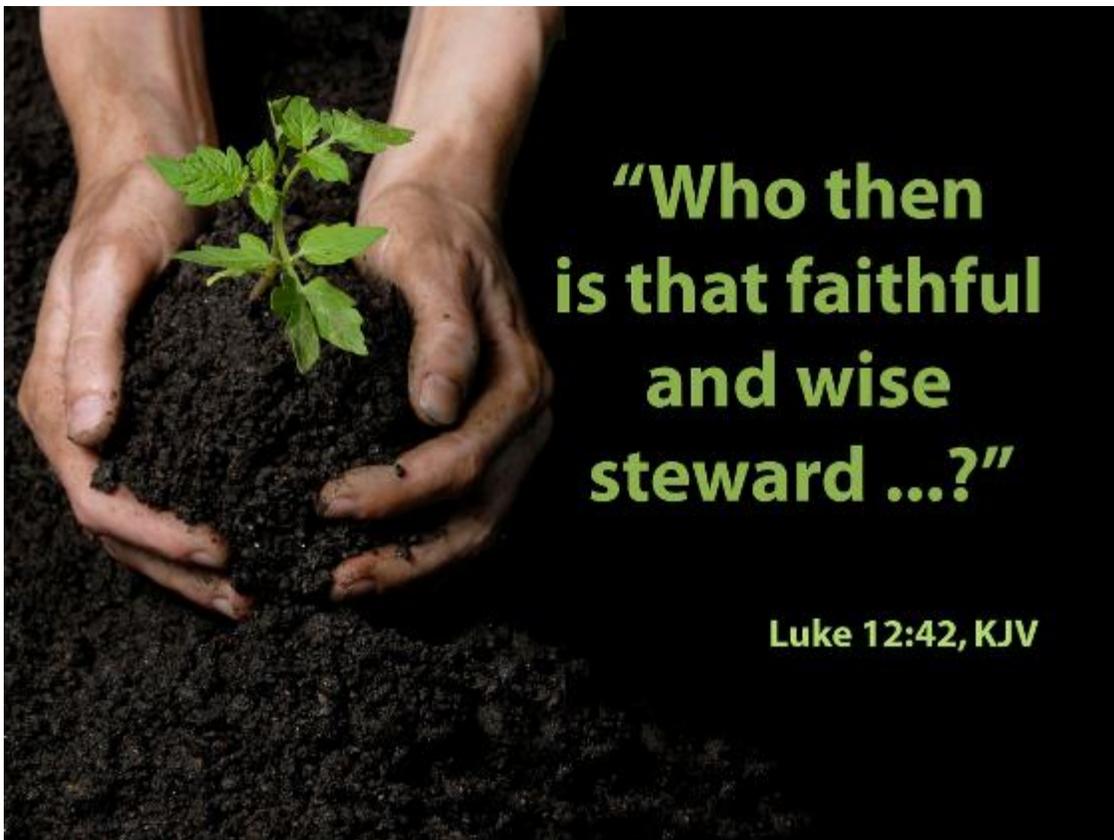
Christ the Servant Catholic Church

18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

August 4, 2013

Our Mission

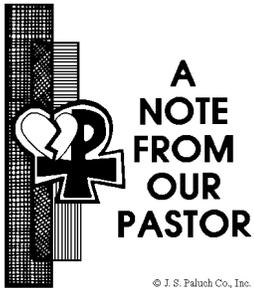
*Christ the Servant Parish is
a welcoming Catholic faith community
gathered together to gratefully share
and live the Eucharist,
the inspiration of the Gospel,
the presence of the Holy Spirit,
and to follow Christ's example in service of others.*



Special points of interest:

- “The Importance of the Parish” from the Pastor, page 2.
- Manna Sale in progress, Cash 4 Food Drive coming soon, see page 3.
- FACT Car Wash rescheduled for August 10, see page 4.
- Blood Drive August 17, page 5.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Part 3

I am reading this blog from the New York Archdiocese; right now it's 5:30am. (If you haven't yet learned, I am an early riser.) I found an article from Cardinal Dolan on his reflection on parish life. I think sometimes we are unaware about how important the local parish is to the efforts of the entire church. Let me share part of Cardinal Dolan's reflection.

*"One of the points made over-and-over again here at the Synod in Rome is that *the parish is on the front lines of the New Evangelization!**

We bishops can talk "until we're blue in the face" — and, believe me, some do over here! — about a re-energized and renewed sense of bringing Jesus to the world, but, if this does not become the mission of our *parishes*, forget it!

I remember speaking once to an ambassador accredited to the Holy See. She, herself not a Catholic, observed that "The Catholic Church is the most 'grassroots' organization I've ever seen, because the real life of the Church occurs at the local level, in the parish. Every believer, wherever he or she is, lives in a parish."

It is the parish where we are baptized, confirmed, and fed with the Eucharist each Sunday. It is in the parish where we meet our "pastor," where we approach confession, where our children learn the faith and walk up the aisle for marriage. It is in the parish where we find spiritual friendship and community, and where we can serve those in need. It is in the parish where we'll be commended to the Lord at the end of our earthly journey."

Rev. Frank Vitus

A Hawaiian Luau Picnic.

WOW what a success. I would like to thank Mr. Tony A, (pictured at right) for his willingness to dress up like that but also for his dedication to make this picnic a success. He was able to coordinate and pull it off with a lot of help. I would like to thank Tony and also all of those members of the Parish Life commission, as well as other volunteers, for making it possible for us to have such a wonderful time.



Visit from Bishop Conlon

Bishop Conlon has a desire to get to know the people of the Diocese of Joliet, and what better way to get to know people than to spend some time with them?

Our bishop hopes to visit two parishes per month, and Christ the Servant Parish is honored to be the very first to host the bishop. The goal is to show Bishop Conlon who we are, and so our regularly scheduled events will be happening the weekend of September 14th and 15th.

Please plan to be here to extend a warm welcome to our Bishop. While he, Bishop Siegel and Bishop Imesch have been to the parish for Confirmation, this is different because the focus is on all the people of the parish, not just a specific group within the parish.

Why are we the first? The answer is, nobody knows but the Bishop. I guess someone had to be first. Bishop Conlon chose an exciting weekend to be here—it is Catechetical Sunday, the Worship Commission will be showcasing what Worship Commission is and does and offering opportunities to participate, and the Religious Formation Commission is hosting hospitality after all masses that weekend. Come meet the Bishop of our diocese informally on the weekend of September 14th and 15th!



Manna Sale

Pick up your order forms in the narthex (also be available on our website for printing, sized for 8

1/2 x 14 paper), to place a back-to-school or a “stock-up” Manna order. Orders are due, with payment, by 11:00 am, Sunday, August 18.

Jim & Val N have been the coordinators of our Manna gift card fund-raising program for the last three years, and it is time to pass the baton. Do you enjoy using the Manna gift cards? Do you have some time to spend? Typically, it takes about two hours of time to set up and process the order forms and orders, and then about two hours to sort the cards for distribution. Then someone needs to be present at the three masses the weekend of pickup. Corinne in the parish office helps by printing the order form and setting up the display for people to pick up the forms, and submitting it to the webmaster for posting on the website.

Manna sales are scheduled to fit both your schedule and that of the parish. Usually, we have one in August for back-to-school, one before Thanksgiving, one or two before Christmas, and then one before Easter. If interested, please call Jim & Val. They will be glad to teach you the process!

"Cash For Food"

School Supplies & Backpack Drive August 24 & 25

CTS's next "Cash For Food" Drive will feature donations of School Supplies & Backpacks along with CASH DONATIONS to help the West Suburban Community Food Pantry.

School Supplies most needed are **Colored Pencils, 8-10 Count Thick/Thin Markers, Blunt Scissors, Wide Rule Notebook Paper, and Highlighters.**
School Backpacks filled with **School Supplies** are, of course, most welcome.

Volunteers will be in the Parking Lot before each Mass to receive **School Supplies, Paper and Food** donations.

A CASH for FOOD Donation Box will be in the Narthex for your convenience. Please make checks payable to: West Suburban Community Food Pantry. Please **"GET INVOLVED"** and donate **Dollars, School Supplies, Paper Goods, Food, and your time to "Help Others"**. Please contact **Jerry F** for details.

THANK YOU! The needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our needs.

Do you have what it takes to be a Deacon?

The Joliet Diocese is beginning to train a new class of permanent deacons. The class will be ordained in 2018. If you are interested in becoming a deacon, it is a five year program of study.

The diocese will hosts four information sessions for anyone who is interested in the program.

Wives are also included. Information sessions will be held at:

- Christ the King Parish in Lombard, on Thursday August 22, 2013
- St. Theresa Parish in Kankakee on August 26
- St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center August 28
- St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center, August 30, 2013. This meeting will be conducted in Spanish.

All meetings are from 7:00pm-9:00pm.



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Religious Formation



Grades K-8: HAPPY SUMMER!

**RF Family Opening Prayer Service is
Friday September 13th at 7:00pm.
Classes begin September 17th & 18th.**

**If you have not registered for
2013/14 Religious Formation,
forms are available the in the Narthex and on
the parish web-site; www.ctswoodridge.org**

**Classes are being assigned
as registrations are received.
Some classes are filling up.**



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. We need catechists for
all age levels,
from Kindergarten through 7th Grade,
ESPCIAALLY on Tuesdays!**

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A CATECHIST, AIDE
OR SUBSTITUTE**

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



**F.A.C.T.
Families with Active
Catholic Teens**

**Our June 22nd Car Wash
was rained out
our new date is:**

Saturday, August 10th – 9am to Noon

**All families with children entering 6th grade
and above in the fall are invited to join the
fun!**

**Please sign up to help in the Narthex or
contact Liz Jesse**

Live your Faith this Summer...



**Watch for special
summer visitors!**

*We share God's creation with some
amazing wildlife...*

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 inter-

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 training session is being offered at Christ the Servant on Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 7:00pm. There will be many other sessions offered at neighboring parishes. Visit www.virtus.org for session listings (select Joliet, IL (Diocese)) and to register. For more information contact Liz Jesse @ 910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org.

The Religious Formation Commission invites you to....

GO and make Disciples



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

**Catholics:
Change the
Culture**



On Independence Day, a “Freedom Mass” was celebrated in the Chicago area by Fr. Francis Hoffman (aka Fr. Rocky) from Catholic Relevant Radio. Statements from his homily: Thanks to our Founding Fathers and generations of loyal Americans, today we enjoy the benefits of freedom and security. However, the authors of our Constitution realized that ‘when in the course of human events’ the state of affairs becomes intolerable, men and women of courage and conviction have a right and duty to change the state of affairs. We thank God for our freedom of religion, freedom of speech, our civic virtue, and our Christian spirit of volunteerism when our safety and security are threatened. However, we cannot take our freedoms for granted, and we would be foolish to underestimate the danger of the present moment. We have the breakdown of the family, abortion, gay marriage—largely because we Catholics, at all levels, have NOT been faithful to God. We have become lukewarm. As the Church goes, so goes society. We have to change ourselves if we are going to change the culture. And we either change the culture OR it will change us! What the Church needs, and our country yearns for, is an authentic blossoming of personal holiness—by our example and our witness. Authentic Christianity is NOT a spectator sport. The laity must speak...get involved...be courageous. Pray—a lot! Fill your soul with grace; God will give you courage to witness.”

~ complete homily available at www.relevantradio.com.
Keyword: freedom

Dave A

Bereavement Ministry Committee Forming

In a faith community, no one should grieve alone. The Bereavement Ministry is always looking for compassionate people to help with the bereaved. At Christ the Servant, Jeanne Hotchkin was there to help when you lost a loved one. Jeanne has now died, and we are searching for someone who can help plan funeral liturgies and help people begin to adjust to the loss of a loved one. You can be that special person for someone else.

Bereavement Ministry Training – Are you being called to help others who have lost a loved one? Has someone been there for you when you went through the grieving and mourning process? Please consider joining the Bereavement Ministry to help those who are suffering. Training will begin this fall. For more information, please call Deacon Rod Accardi at 630-933-6634.



Heartland Blood Centers
is Udderly Thankful for
Summertime Blood Donors!

Give Blood and Receive \$7 in Oberweis Purchases!

Christ The Servant Catholic Church
Blood Drive

Saturday, August 17th
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Located in the Narthex

To make your appointment to donate,
please sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org
or call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD TO HELP HEARTLAND SAVE LIVES
IN 49 OF YOUR LOCAL HOSPITALS THIS SUMMER!

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Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Ann Bevac

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 3

4:45 PM People of the Parish
Helen Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*
Jeanine Rendak, *r. Rendak/Gierut family*

Sunday, August 4

8:30 AM Allen Cooper, *r. Cecilia Cooper*
Verna Czaja, *r. Arlene Czaja*
10:00 AM Al Brocious, *r. Tom & Karen Egan*
Frank Pergler, *r. Frank & Jennifer Pergler*

Monday, August 5

8:30 AM Vincent P. LoMonaco, *r. Rita Sisko*
Eleanor Weber, *r. Marilyn Fracasso*

Tuesday, August 6

8:30 AM Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

Wednesday, August 7

8:30 AM William Weber, *r. family*

Thursday, August 8

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, August 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, August 10

4:45 PM Bill Jackson, *r. Cecilia Cooper*
Donna Buonamici, *r. Donna Mays*

Sunday, August 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish
Timothy McIlvain, Jr
Richard Buch, *r. Richard & Leona Gordon*
10:00 AM Richard & Gloria DuSatko, *Sp. Int.*

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, August 8, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Eben Palmquist	Chris Templin
Stephen Boden	Donald Paul	Kim Transon
Jeff Coole	Tom Raslowsky	Ted Wachowicz
Holly Derrico	Pauline Ryan	Haley Wyman
Mike Gorman	Ron Rydzewski	
Audrey Hickman	Linda Simpson	
Gene Mroz	Mike Stapleton	

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



Bob Lovelette

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—August 4-11

SUNDAY: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23 / Col 3:1-5,9-11 /
Lk 12:13-21

MONDAY: Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Lk 9:28b-36

WEDNESDAY: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35 / Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY: Nm 20:1-13 / Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY: Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY: 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

SUNDAY: Wis 18:6-9 / Heb 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12 /
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Office Hours & Staff

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www.ctswoodridge.org**

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*
email: frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org

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

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 4

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, August 5

Tuesday, August 6

Wednesday, August 7

Thursday, August 8

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

9:00 am-Noon—FACT Car Wash

Sunday, August 11

Upcoming Events

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

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.

Sept 28: Road Trip to Our Lady of Good Hope. Mark your calendars and watch for more details.

Parish Giving

All who follow Stewardship - the way of Christ -wrestle with setting priorities. Filling a bigger barn, adding to a stock portfolio, increasing a market share, working a second job; these cannot dominate one's life. Each one of us must set aside working for earthly goods to do the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that make us rich in the sight of God.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS July 27/28:

Sunday	\$ 6,273.00
Debt Reduction	<u>200.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,473.00
This week's deficit	\$ (3,697.00)

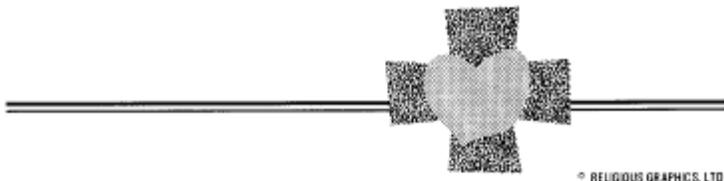
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

Electronic General (7/24-7/29)	120.00
General Funds	270.00
Debt to Diocese as of 7/8	\$787,811

Registered Households—731

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...the parking lot has been scheduled for patching, seal-coating and restriping this summer. While we will try to give advance notice of parking lot/office closings, it may be in your best interest to call before stopping by during the week until the work has been completed.



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