

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

August 25, 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:

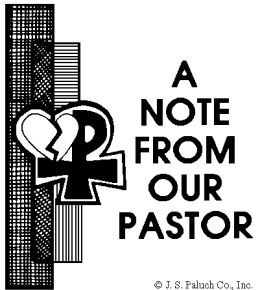
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Mark your Calendar

Bishop Conlon will be visiting us the weekend of September 14/15. A draft of the activities of the weekend can be found on page 2.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Parish Series Part 6

One of the most telling statistics on the Cara study is the percentage of people attending mass on the weekends. Sad to say that our parish experience is only slightly better than the average of 24%. Our figure is more towards 30%.

Also the aging of our parishioners and priests is getting greater. The average age of a parish priest in our own diocese is 67. I am still three years younger than the average. One priest looked at me on a retreat just a few years back, and he said to me, "Sad to say but you are still the youngest one here."

However, even if the parish worshippers are getting lesser, there are still 8 parishes in a 10 mile radius of our own parish. Among those 8 parishes there are 38 weekend masses. The earliest Saturday mass is at 4:30 at St. Scholastica Parish and the latest is at 6:00pm on Sunday night at St. Mary Parish in Downers Grove. St. Joseph Parish in Downers also has a 5:00pm Sunday afternoon mass. Our Lady of the Korean Martyrs is a church dedicated to just North Koreans, while St. Dominic and Divine Savior Parishes have masses in Spanish.

The Bishop will be coming to visit our parish on September 14, 15, and 16th. Here is the schedule of his visit

- 1:00 special parish council meeting (**Saturday**)
- 4:00 he will be available for confessions
- 4:45 mass He will celebrate mass and also install catechists for Catechetical Sunday
- 8:30 mass He will celebrate mass and also install catechists for Catechetical Sunday (**Sunday**)
- 10:00 mass He will celebrate mass and also install catechists for Catechetical Sunday
- 11:00 Confirmation Commitment Meeting. He will preside at the Commitment Service for this year's confirmation students and parents.
- 7:00 Sunday Evening we will sponsor a young adult program in the church, (more about this later)
- Monday morning we will visit Hope's Front Door in Downers Grove (**Monday**)
- Lunch with parish staff
- 6:30pm We have a regularly scheduled Finance meeting and also Service commission meeting. We will begin in church with a brief service and a meet and greet with the bishop. At 7:00 everyone will break up for their usual business meeting.

Hopefully the visit for the Bishop will be a benefit and hopefully we can have a good attendance at the meetings and the masses and the events that have been scheduled.

Rev. Frank K. Vitus

"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.

Manna Orders Ready for Pickup

Pick up Manna orders this weekend, or in the parish office during the week.

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 in being part of the Manna Team, please call Jim & Val N. They will be glad to teach you the process!

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?

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.

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Nite Out

Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 5:00 PM at

Gordon Biersch

**639 E. Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook
(in Promenade Mall)**

Call Mildred
or Mary

New members welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!**Mother McAuley/Saint Xavier Academy**

Alumnae Association

1st Annual All-Class Reunion
and McAuley Hall Induction
Saturday, November 2, 2013

Mother McAuley High School
3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago

5:30 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Reunion

Join alumnae, friends and supporters of McAuley for this fun evening to honor our first-ever inductees into McAuley Hall and celebrate friendships. Tickets available online at www.mothermcauleyalums.org. Ticket packages start at \$35. Early-bird ticket sales close October 15, 2013.

Our first CTS Road Trip to

**SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP**

Champion, Wisconsin

Road Trip Date: Saturday, September 28

Reservations required by September 8

**More info in the narthex and online:
shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com**

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.

**RF Ministry Showcase is this weekend.
Stop by and see the variety of ways that
you can help share your faith and form
disciples at all age levels. Thank you to
the Worship Commission for providing this
weekend's hospitality.**



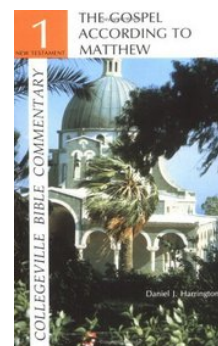
We are still in need of a few people who are willing to share (and grow) their faith with the children of the parish. We especially need help for 6th & 7th Grades and on Tuesday afternoons.

Please consider whether you can help out as a catechist, an aide or a substitute. Please contact Liz Jesse, liz@ctswoodridge.org or 630 910-0770 x12 if you are interested.

**Our first Catechist Meeting will be held on
Sunday September 8th from 1:00pm to
3:00pm.**

Bible Study

Fr. Frank's Bible Study group will be reading and discussing *The Gospel According to Matthew*. The group is scheduled to meet after the 10:00 Mass on Sept 9, Sept 22, Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 17. Contact Fr. Frank or Liz Jesse for more information.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



- If you feel that the Lord is calling you into deeper relationship....
- 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....
- Are you seeking a sacrament??
Baptism..Eucharist..Confirmation

Then we invite you to join our RCIA journey. Sunday morning classes will begin on October 6th at 8:30am. 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 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.

Respect for All Life

Why Must We Attend Mass?

Last week, we detailed the 6 Rules of dealing with non-believers in defending and promoting our Catholic faith. On the Catholic Relevant Radio Sunday morning program "Disciples Called to Witness," Fr. Michael Joncas explained the link between the Eucharist and discipleship. Why does the Church say that we must attend Mass weekly? Well, we should probably take Jesus at His word when He says: "Come—eat My body, drink My blood." The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a gathering of disciples, imperfect as we are, coming together to enact what it takes to be faithful followers of our Lord. Just as our physical bodies need daily nourishment of food and drink, we believe that our souls need the nourishment of Christ's body and blood—often—regularly. Christ's sacrifice serves as an energy to go out to teach others. We are not called to be lone rangers in our faith. We are called from Mass to go out together to spread the Word and to teach by our example.

Listen to "Disciples Called to Witness" on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on AM 930.

Dave A

Diocesan Employment Resource Center (D.E.R.C.)

The statistics in our diocese on the number of unemployed, underemployed and those who have just given up looking for work are staggering. The effect that unemployment has on individuals and families is not only financial but also truly a significant challenge to the emotional, psychological and even spiritual wellbeing of our parish families.

A diocesan committee has initiated the "Diocesan Employment Resources" link on the navigation bar of the Diocesan website. www.dioceseofjoliet.org/derc/ The site will provide information about individual Parish job club meetings and services, useful articles for parish bulletins and will list job openings submitted by all parishes.

This effort is charitable outreach and building community at its best as we pool our resources (sharing our gifts as we are taught) and use today's communication technology to help each other. For more information or to volunteer skills and services contact Deacon Andy Cirimo at andydcn@gmail.com or Jim Gamache at jbgamache@comcast.net



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.

Woman's Choice Services and Leo McWatkins Films are pleased to present *The Blood and The Rose*.

Date: Saturday, September 8

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Lincolnway Central High School, New Lenox

Ticket Price: \$15.00 per person

Shot on location in Mexico and Spain, *The Blood & The Rose* offers riveting interviews with top experts in the fields of science, history, and theology, exploring the mystery of St. Juan Diego's tilma and the miraculous image that it bears.

Tickets are available for purchase on-line. Please visit <http://thebloodandtherose.com/index.php/events> to purchase tickets. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Woman's Choice Services. Questions call Karla Ohner 815-735-4676.

Fund Raiser
Business Outreach Assistants:
 We are looking for people that are interested in doing fundraising for the church's upcoming holiday extravaganza, pick-a-affle and silent auction on 12/6/2013.
 Different ways to help include:

- 1) Addressing/mailing fundraising packets to the local business community.
- 2) Contact businesses in person to request donations
- 3) Visit businesses asking them to display flyers starting 10/1/2013

Any questions can be directed to Jean D

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Florence Keller

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24

4:45 PM Gerald Johnson family, *r. Rosalie Braasch*
 Bill Jackson, *r. Sister Rosemary Ward*
 Jerry & Patti Crimer, Sp. Int.

Sunday, August 25

8:30 AM Nancy Dobias, *r. Karen & Ken Rice*
 Richard Buch, *r. Ward & Sherry Hall & family*
 10:00 AM Frank Pergler, *r. Darlene Georgen*
 Raymond Navarro, *r. Corinne Hanson*
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 26—no mass, parking lot work

Tuesday, August 27—no mass, parking lot work

Wednesday, August 28

8:30 AM Eleanor Weber, *r. family* (Monday the 26th)
 Edna Wall, *r. Gary Wall* (Tuesday the 27th)
 Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends* (Tuesday the 27th)
 RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo* (27th)
 Larry Carroo, *r. Barb Carroo*

Thursday, August 29

8:30 AM Rich Buch, *r. Norb & Lorraine Ciesla*

Friday, August 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, August 31

4:45 PM Frank Pergler, *r. grandchildren & great-grandchildren*
 Donna Buonamici, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*

Sunday, September 1

8:30 AM Anne Kapraun, *r. Rita Sisko*
 Rich Buch, *r. Vito & Dorothy Urbanowicz*
 Rose Mascia, *r. daughter*
 10:00 AM Robert McNulty, *r. Jennifer Paluch, Karin Davey & Kelly Pearson*

Sacramental Information

RITE 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 frburke23@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, Sept. 12, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Gene Mroz	Linda Simpson
Stephen Boden	Eben Palmquist	Chris Templin
Dennis Boyle	Tom Raslowsky	Kim Transon
Jeff Coole	Pauline Ryan	Ted Wachowicz
Holly Derrico	Ron Rydzewski	Maribeth Wall
Mike Gorman	Kim Simpson	

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 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.

2013 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update as of 8/9

Our Goal:	30,313
Amount pledged:	\$34,633 114.25%
Amount paid to date:	\$26,768 88.30% (of goal)

Once our amount paid equals our goal, 50% of amounts paid will come back to help our parish. Please keep up on your payments, or donate now if you have not yet done so.

Go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on **Donate now Click and Pledge.**

Bible Readings—Aug. 25-Sept. 1

SUNDAY: Is 66:18-21 / Heb 12:5-7,11-13 / Lk 13:22-30

MONDAY: 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 / Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY: 1 Thes 2:1-8 / Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY: 1 Thes 2:9-13 / Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY: 1 Thes 3:7-13 / Mk 6:17-29

FRIDAY: 1 Thes 4:1-8 / Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY: 1 Thes 4:9-11 / Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 / Heb 12:18-19,22-24a / Lk 14:1,7-14

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*
 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, Parish Life

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Cash 4 Food/School Supplies RF Showcase/Worship Hospitality

Manna pickup this weekend

Sunday, August 25

Monday, August 26-closed for parking
lot work weather permitting

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, August 27-closed for parking
lot work weather permitting

Wednesday, August 28

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

11:30 am—Baptism

Offices closed Labor Day Monday, 9/2

Upcoming Events

Sept 13: RF Opening Prayer Service,
7:00 pm

Sept 14-15: Bishop Conlon's visit.

Sept 28: Road Trip to Our Lady of Good Hope. Return your interest form by September 8.

Parish Giving

What hope-filled news we hear today! The message of God's love, redemption and salvation that was sent to the Jewish people extends to the rest of the world. All who are willing to follow the path laid out by the Lord will join in the great feast in the eternal Kingdom. Together we will give glory and worship to God.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Aug. 15/17/18:

Sunday	\$ 5,259.64
Assumption	1,293.66
Debt Reduction	<u>373.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,926.30
This week's deficit	\$ (3,213.70)

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Peters Pence	\$ 5.00
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Debt to Diocese as of 8/12	\$776,333
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Registered Households—731

Thank you for your generous support!

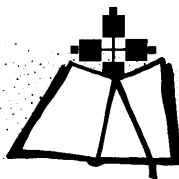
Did you know...your patience as we have tried to work through getting the parking lot repaired, sealcoated and striped is very much appreciated.

Weather permitting, the work is now scheduled for Aug 26/27.

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.

*Do not forget
the words addressed to you*

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