

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 1, 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.***

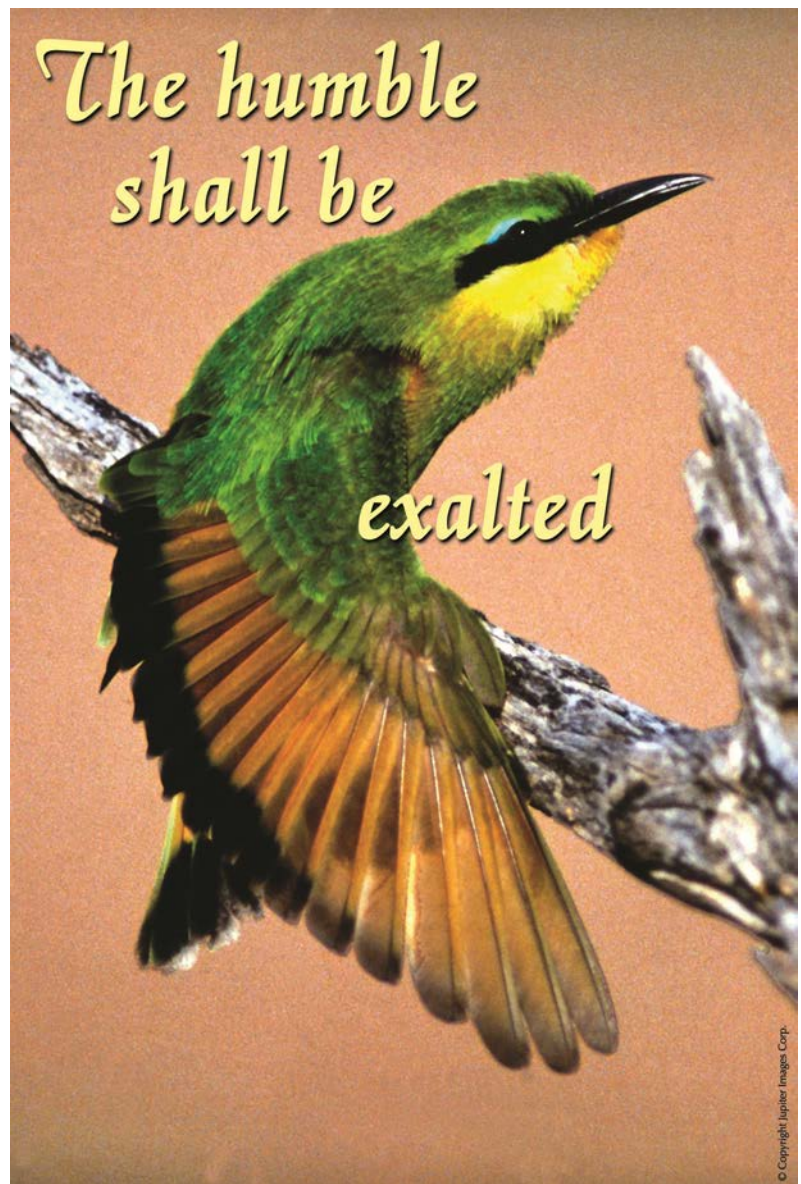
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Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58



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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

create
a **Ripple**

The U.S. Farm Bill - **More Than
Just Farm Subsidies and the
Price of a Gallon of Milk**

Life and Dignity
of the Human
Person

The USCCB advocates for the protection of agriculture and nutrition programs that provide for poor, hungry, and vulnerable people, both at home and abroad, support for those who grow our food, fairness to family farmers and ranchers, and those who promote good stewardship of the land. When faced with limited government resources, agriculture subsidies should be directed to small and medium sized farmers and ranchers who truly need assistance to be competitive and successful.

FACTS

What is the Farm Bill?

The Farm Bill is a comprehensive piece of legislation that guides and authorizes funding for most federal farm and food policies, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Every five years, Congress renews the Farm Bill through the reauthorization process.

On New Year's Day, the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. This was a temporary stopgap step short of going over the 'fiscal cliff'. As part of that Act, the U.S. Farm Bill of 2008, which was to expire at the end of 2012, was extended until September 2013.

Initial versions of bills in both the House and Senate have significant cuts to SNAP.

**Sources: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, For I Was Hungry & You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farm workers by the Committee on Domestic Policy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2003, and various letters from USCCB Bishops to Senate and House Committee Members.*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Scriptural basis:

Matthew 25: 35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

PERSONAL ACTIONS

Pray for elected officials and those affected by their work.

Learn more about the farm bill and the USCCB position at: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/agriculture-nutrition-rural-issues/farm-bill.cfm

Act - Contact your Senators and Representative and urge them to support a Farm Bill that feeds hungry people, promotes stewardship of creation, supports small family farmers and helps rural communities thrive!

Sign up for legislative action updates at:
www.paxjoliet.org/advocacy



"Create a Ripple" is an activity of the Joliet Diocese Social Justice Coalition (JDSJC), a ministry of the Office for Human Dignity, made up of parishes and religious institutions in the diocese. Standing firmly on the ground of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, led by the Spirit, afire for social justice, we are centered in prayer and united in right relationships as we raise awareness, educate, and take action to create a just world locally, nationally, and internationally. Please join us. Email: peace@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Christ the Servant Parish

Invites all young adults
(20-39 year olds, married and single)
to

An Evening With Bishop Conlon

On Sunday September 15th, 2013



At 7:00 pm
in the Church



Welcome to our parish family:

James & Kathy S
Farmington Lakes Dr.,
Oswego

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Pick up a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

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**



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-raffle and silent auction on 12/6/2013.

Different ways to help include:

- 1) Addressing/mailling 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

Let us welcome Bishop Conlon with open arms and hearts! On Saturday, September 14, Bishop Conlon and Fr. Frank will hear confessions at 4:00 pm, followed by the 4:45 pm mass.

Religious Formation



Our 2013-2014 Religious Formation Year begins with a **Family Opening Prayer Service on Friday September 13th at 7:00pm.** This will be followed by an Informational Meeting and Hospitality.

RF Classes for Grades K-7 start on Tues/Wed September 17/18.

8th Grade Confirmation Commitment Meeting will be held on Sunday September 15th at 11:15am. Parents and 8th graders are required to attend.

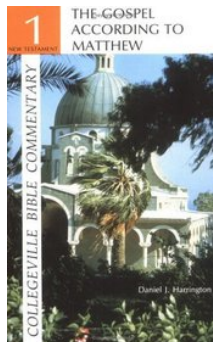
Class assignments were mailed to all families who registered by August 26th. If you have not registered for 2013/14 Religious Formation, forms are available the in the Narthex and on the parish web-site; www.ctswoodridge.org

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

Come together to pray, collect schedules, lesson plans and ideas! See you there.

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.



Protecting God's Children

ATTENTION: ALL VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS

PGC is an awareness and safe environment program. The target audience is adults that volunteer with children. Many past participants have shared that they believe **all parents** would benefit by attending.



This program is a proactive response to dealing with some of the situations of the world in which we live today. This program has been designed to raise our awareness of the issues and provide ways to respond by creating a safe environment for our children.

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of children, **all adults**, who have significant contact with children at our parish **must** participate in the Protecting God's Children Program. This program is mandated by the Diocese of Joliet in accordance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

The training session is being offered at Christ the Servant on Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 7:00pm. There will be 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.

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

Respect for All Life

Justice—Faith Lived

Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...in prison and you visited me.... As you did (these things) for the least brothers of mine, you did for me.



~ Matthew 25:34-36,40

Justice is the virtue of looking for harmony and the common good in all our actions, knowing that we not only define ourselves by our basic beliefs but act in concert with them. Justice means that we seek the good for all of God’s creation and by our lives to create harmony and peace in our world. Justice means understanding that God has created us to live his love, and our lives will be judged accordingly. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes. He didn’t promise His disciples—and us—great successes or victories in this life, but for after all is said and done, He will bless “those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Justice is the faith lived, no matter the conditions, no matter what appearance it might take on, no matter how the story ends in the human condition.

~excerpts from “A Guy’s Guide to the Good Life, Virtues For Men,” available in the narthex, courtesy of Respect for All Life Committee

Dave A

**Christian Service
Peace and Social Justice**

**Dorothy Day’s Granddaughter
to Speak in Chicago!**

Still Point Theatre Collective is pleased to present peace activist Martha Hennessy in a public speaking engagement on *Waging Nonviolence*. Ms. Hennessy is the seventh grandchild of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. As a strong participant with the Catholic Worker, Hennessy has followed in her grandmother’s footsteps by volunteering her time to help those in need as well as protesting issues she feels most strongly about. The event will benefit Still Point Theatre, a nonprofit that uses the performing arts in an effort to inspire compassion, raise social justice issues, and reduce the stigmas associated with incarceration and disability. The event will take place on Sunday, September 15 at 2:30 p.m., at St. Clement’s Parish, 642 West Deming Place, Chicago, IL 60614. Suggested donation is \$15, \$10 for students. For more information, call the Still Point office at (773) 868-1700; or email stillpointc@aol.com.

Christ the Servant Parish is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the 34,000 people they serve each year by collecting NEW underwear, under-



**Undy
SUNDAY**
Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

shirts and socks for children and adults in the narthex on the weekend of Oct. 5/6, after all masses. Our delivery location is especially requesting size 4 & 5 diapers & wipes, women’s white athletic socks, men’s t-shirts in sizes small, medium and large.

For more information on Undy Sunday or how you can help with a donation, please call Joan R or Angela Mehalek at 815-724-1139 or email amehalek@cc-doj.org.

Bereavement Ministry Committee

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 be held on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am to noon.** For more information, please call Deacon Rod Accardi at 630-933-6634.



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

Dylan Philip,
son of
Robert & Michelle L
August 18, 2013

Dylan Michael Sabangan,
son of
Michael & Gemma T
August 24, 2013

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Robert Zriny

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3

8:30 AM Jack Craine, *r. Colleen McCoy*
Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*

Wednesday, September 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, September 5

8:30 AM Frank B. Vitus

Friday, September 6

8:30 AM Carmen Valliere, *r. Hart family*
Domenick Mascia, *r. daughter*

Saturday, September 7

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek and Paul & Shirley Stiglic,
r. family

Sunday, September 8

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Marianna, Andy & Jacklyn Serafin*
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Ray Navarro, *r. Deacon Tom & Joanne Fricke*
To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

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	Maribeth Wall
Holly Derrico	Ron Rydzewski	Fr. Jerry Wirth
Mike Gorman	Kim Simpson	
Andrew Iovito		

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 8/23

Our Goal:	30,313
Amount pledged:	\$34,633 114.25%
Amount paid to date:	\$27,033 89.18% (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—Sept. 1-Sept. 8

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

MONDAY: 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY: Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY: Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY: Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY: Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY: Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

Office Hours & Staff

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Fax: (630) 910-6060
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, Parish Life

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 1

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

Holiday—offices closed

Tuesday, September 3

Wednesday, September 4

7:00 pm—Protecting God's Children

Thursday, September 5

Friday, September 6

6:30 pm—Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 7

2:00 pm—Wedding

Sunday, September 8

11:15 am—Bible Study

1:00 pm—Catechist Formation Training

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.

Oct 5/6: Undy Sunday. Bring donations of new underwear to share with our neighbors in need.

Parish Giving

Jesus warns his disciples of presuming to take the place of honor at the wedding feast. For the Christian Steward, the generous heart is the one that sees itself as it really is, as a sinner like all others. Therefore, rather than seeking their own wants, the generous person serves others with a preference for the poor and the sick.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

Contributions for August 24/25 will be reported next week. Thank you for your patience.

Debt to Diocese as of 8/12 \$776,333

Registered Households—731

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... Bishop Conlon's upcoming visit is a wonderful opportunity not only for the bishop to get to know us as a community better, but an opportunity for our parish family to get to know Bishop Conlon a little better, too, and help him feel welcome in the Diocese of Joliet.

Leave a Legacy. Did you know your estate can make unlimited gifts to charitable institutions like our parish or diocese and those gifts are deducted before estate taxes are computed? Call the Development Office at 815-838-8515.

Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.

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