

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 8, 2013

Our Mission

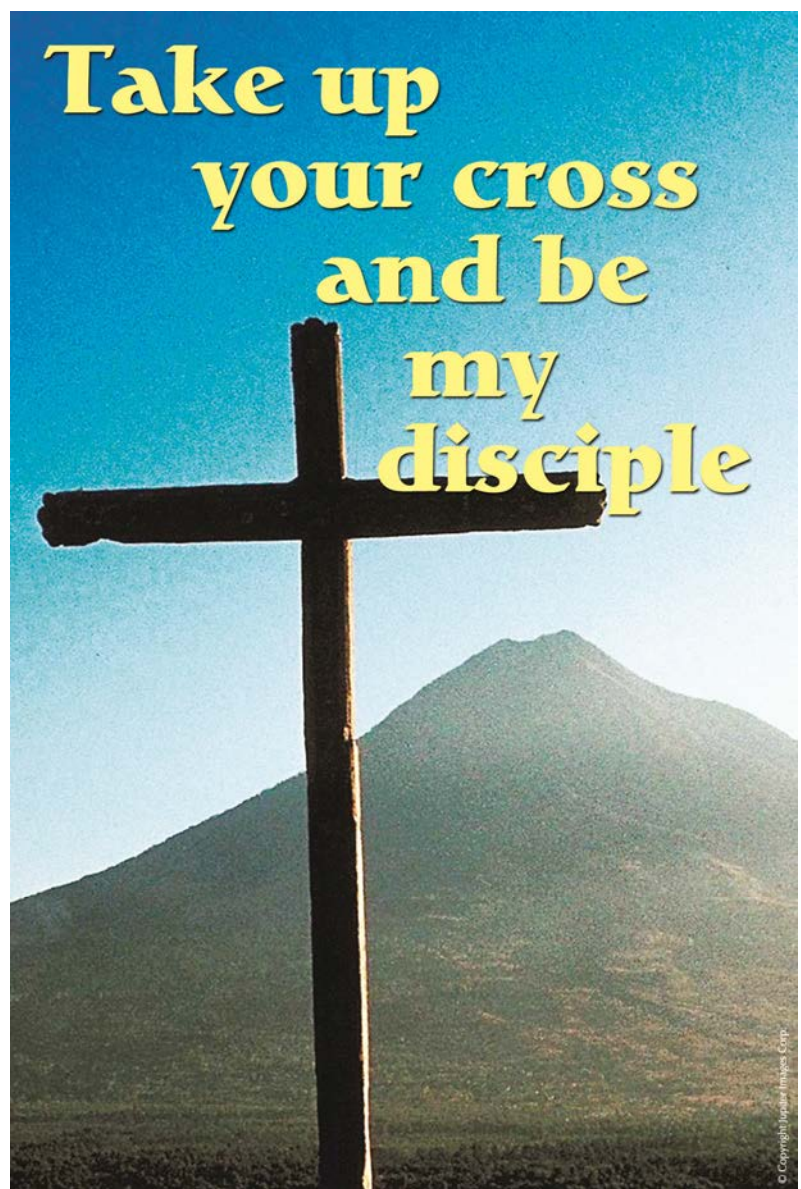
*Christ the Servant Parish is
a welcoming Catholic faith community
gathered together to gratefully share
and live the Eucharist,
the inspiration of the Gospel,
the presence of the Holy Spirit,
and to follow Christ's example in service of others.*

Special points of interest:

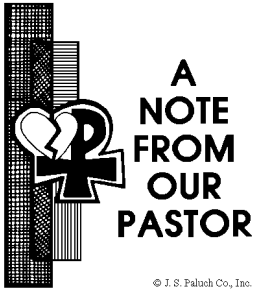
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What does the Worship Commission do?

Plan to stop by the displays in the narthex after masses next weekend. Learn about the different opportunities to experience “full and active participation” in our liturgies!



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



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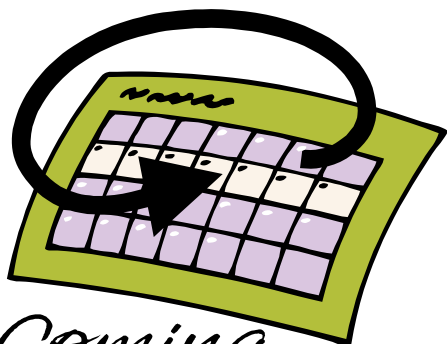
Recently, I received a congratulatory letter from our Diocesan Appeal Office that our parish has pledged over our goal for this year's Appeal. Our goal was \$30,313 and we have pledged \$34,633. When we have collected amounts over our goal, the diocese will rebate half of what is paid over goal.

However, even when the pledge amount is over goal, what counts is what is paid. To date, we have collected \$27,186, which is still \$7,478 short of what is pledged, and \$3,127 short of our parish goal. So if you have not yet paid off your pledge to the Catholic Ministry Annual Appeal, please write the check to the Diocese and help us meet our goal.

If you pledged with credit card payments, please check your credit card statements to make sure the amounts are continuing to be taken out correctly. One pledge we know of is behind because the credit card charge wasn't going through after the first month. If you aren't sure whether your pledge is paid in full yet, please check at the parish office; Corinne Hanson can help you find out.

Thank you for your support in all of this. I am very grateful to those who pledge and pay their pledges. For those who did not respond to the appeal, like Cub fans say in Chicago, "There is always next year." And, really, it's not too late to pledge for this appeal. If you just didn't "get around to" pledging, there are envelopes outside the parish office. You may complete the form and drop it in the collection basket.

Rev. Frank K. Vitus



*Coming
Next Week*

Worship Commission Ministry Fair

Next week, in the narthex, the Worship Commission will be highlighting the many ministries under their umbrella.

The Second Vatican Council encourages “full and active participation” in our liturgies, and the ministries of the Worship Commission give us ways to do that. For instance, there are the greeters, the cross-bearers, the

lectors, the ones who assist with distribution of Communion, the musicians, and the behind-the-scenes people who work on making the worship space a welcoming and beautiful space (that’s the Art & Environment ministry). There are people who keep the plants watered. There are people who help with the outside gardening. And there are Commission members who help Father in the decision making process.

All these, and more! And there will be hospitality offered by the Religious Formation Commission. Come, enjoy and participate!



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**



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.

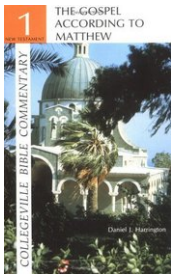
RF Classes for Grades K-7 start on Tues/Wed September 17/18.

8th Grade Confirmation Commitment Meeting will be held on

Sunday September 15th at 11:15am.

Parents and 8th graders are required to attend.

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



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 8, 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

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/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 Durran at jeandurran@hotmail.com or 630-484-7468

Mayslake Ministries Program
Annual Fall Spirituality Conference
October 5, 2013 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI



Mayslake Ministries is pleased to present a day with renowned speaker, columnist and author Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Join us for an inspiring day that is sure to bring enrichment to your faith life. Ron Rolheiser is an international speaker and the author of "The Holy Longing" and numerous other books and articles. The topic for the morning session is: Toward A New

Evangelization; in the afternoon, he will discuss Dark Nights and Doubts Within Our Church. To register or for more information, contact Mayslake Ministries at 630.268.9000 or visit our website: www.mayslakeministries.org.

Respect for All Life

Are We Growing Closer to God?

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires, and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.



~ Paul's letter to Titus 2:11-14

In this column back in January, we encouraged our parishioners to consider for 2013 a RESOLUTION to grow closer to God in the following ways: (1) frequent reception of the Eucharist to receive God's abundant grace and gifts; (2) improving our prayer lives by reading God's word daily, praising God for all we have, and asking Him about our needs and the needs of others; (3) using Catholic media, such as our Joliet diocesan magazine, and Catholic Relevant Radio (AM 930) with its informative daily programming, to learn more about our Catholic faith, applying it's principles to our daily lives. By pursuing these goals, all of us become capable of being a people of virtue—to become Christ to others, within our own family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers--everyone we meet. So, how are we doing? Time to take stock, and time to recommit.

Dave A

*Christian Service
Peace and Social Justice*

**CASH
4
FOOD**

Many people helped with our recent Cash 4 Food drive—your generous cash donations resulted with an all-time high of \$711! This is enough to purchase TWO TONS of food for our neighbors in need. The director of the West Suburban Community Pantry expressed special gratitude for the school donations—they could not have been more timely with school starting up again at the same time!

Volunteers who helped receive donations included The Tom M Family, Bob & Luann F, Tom & Joan R, and Arturo M Senior. Thanks again to all, including our coordinator Jerry F.



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*

Jackson Joseph,
son of
Terrence & Sarah B
September 1, 2013

Caleb Joseph,
son of
Daniel & Amy J
September 1, 2013

Xander M. and Zayden M.,
twin sons of
Michael & Patricia P
September 1, 2013

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Steve Koperny

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, September 12

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 14

4:45 PM Donna Buonamici, *r. Donna Mays*
RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo*
Timothy Siegmund, *r. family*

Sunday, September 15

8:30 AM Peter Tomaeno, *r. Marijane Tomaeno*

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Frank DeRosa, *r. Jim & Maryann Gilroy*

Timothy Siegmund, *r. family*

Jeanne Hotchkin, *r. Christ the Servant Adult Choir*

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 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	Don Heinrich	Kim Simpson
Stephen Boden	Gene Mroz	Linda Simpson
Dennis Boyle	Eben Palmquist	Chris Templin
Jeff Coole	Tom Raslowsky	Kim Transon
Holly Derrico	Pauline Ryan	Maribeth Wall
Mike Gorman	Ron Rydzewski	Fr. Jerry Wirth

*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



Andrew Iovito
(brother of Andie Wolfe)

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—Sept. 8-Sept. 15

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

MONDAY: Col 1:24-2:3 / Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY: Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY: Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY: Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 / Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY: Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

SUNDAY: Ex 32:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 /
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 8

11:15 am—Bible Study

1:00 pm—Catechist Formation Training

Monday, September 9

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 pm—Mission Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, September 13

7:00 pm—RF Opening Prayer Service

Worship Commission Ministry Fair

Hospitality by RF Commission

Saturday, September 14

1:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council lunch
 with Bishop Conlon

Sunday, September 15

11:15 am—Confirmation Commitment

7:00 pm—Young Adults Evening
 with Bishop Conlon

Upcoming Events

Sept 28: 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

Our human minds cannot understand what is of the world let alone what is of God and the spiritual life. We cannot be saved by ourselves, our family and friends, or our worldly possessions and positions. The only way to heaven is to empty our hands of our earthly cares, take up our cross, follow Jesus and do God's will.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Aug. 24/25:

Sunday	\$ 4,816.00
Assumption	5.00
Debt Reduction	45.00
Total Contributed	\$ 4,866.00
This week's deficit	\$ (5,274.00)

CONTRIBUTIONS Aug. 31/Sep. 1:

Sunday	\$ 6,248.10
Debt Reduction	1,449.00
Total Contributed	\$ 7,697.10
This week's deficit	\$ (2,472.90)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

Electronic General Funds	\$ 482.00
8/10 fact Car Wash	373.00
8/18 Manna profit	265.04
General Funds	2,377.00
Debt Reduction	50.00

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

Registered Households—729

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