

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 15, 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.*

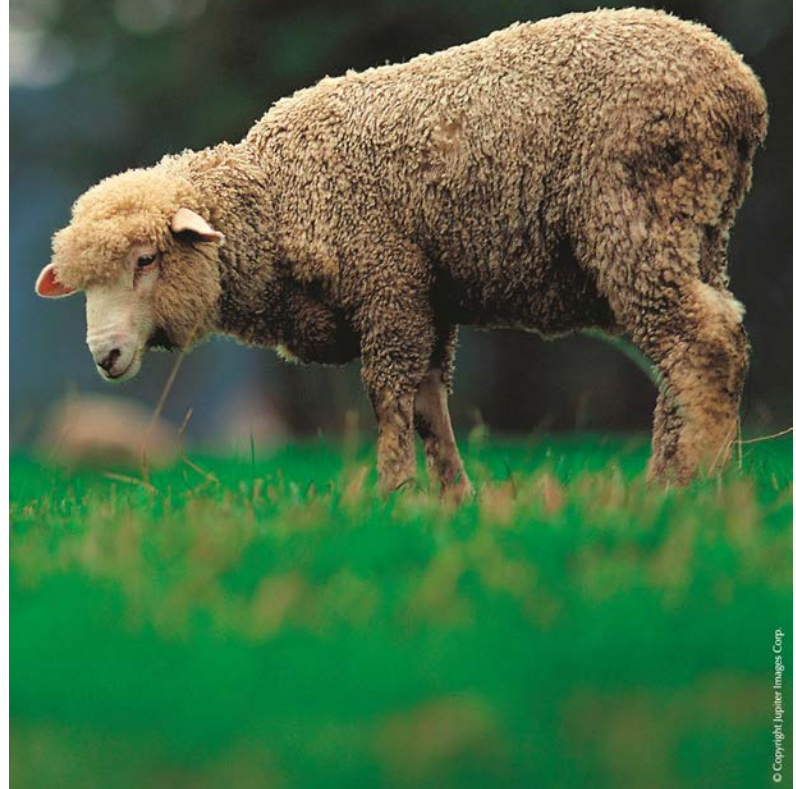
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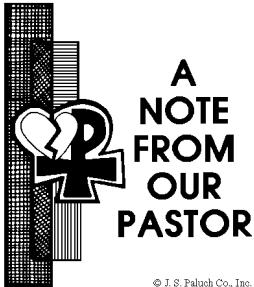
Welcome Bishop Conlon!

We warmly welcome Bishop Conlon to Christ the Servant Parish this weekend. Check out the Worship Commission displays, enjoy hospitality provided by the Religious Formation Commission, and take advantage of this rare opportunity to meet Bishop Conlon one-on-one.

REJOICE,
I HAVE FOUND
MY LOST SHEEP



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Reflection on a Parish

I have to confess that one of the things I believe in that New Age Religion talks about a lot is energy, sometimes it is called aura's. Many of us give off energies. I think that is what attracts us to some people and not to others. We feel that someone gives off a positive energy, a easy going energy, or a negative energy. It's hard to put a reason to why we like some people and not others. Sometimes more people are more attuned to energies than to others.

Recently, Deacon Rod Accardi walked into the narthex when we were having the Religious Formation volunteer signups and hospitality, and he commented to me afterwards about the positive energy that he felt. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. He and I also feel that energy when we worship. It's what visitors feel when they come to this church for the first time, they feel a welcoming, a positive energy. Where does this energy come from? What originates this energy? The Catholic Church believes it's the Holy Spirit that is working and urging us to be excited about our faith. This is what it means to be a parish, a community of believers who are open to the energy of the Holy Spirit.

I thought I should pass this on to you and hope you always feel that energy in our parish family.

Rev. Frank H. Vitus



Young Adults
(20-39 year olds, married and single)

Don't Miss
An Evening With
Bishop Conlon

On Sunday September 15th, 2013

At 7:00 pm in the Church

Parish News



Ministry Fair/Hospitality Weekends

On August 24/25, the Worship Commission provided hospitality while the Religious Formation Commission made the parish aware of what happens in the Religious Formation program, and made us aware of needs, especially in sharing your gifts of time and talent.

We recognize and give thanks to the generous people (associated with Worship ministries) who helped provide the hospitality that weekend, as well as the people who responded with an offer to share their time and talent in ministries associated with Religious Formation.

This weekend, the roles were reversed; with Religious Formation families providing the hospitality while Worship Commission ministries were highlighted. Thank you to all who participated by helping organize the event, providing snacks and beverages for hospitality, and for those who took the time to stop by the displays and perhaps chose to share their time and talents in Worship ministries.

In October and November, Christian Service and Parish Life will be doing the same kind of Ministry Fair/Hospitality. Watch for it!

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP

Champion, Wisconsin

Date: Saturday, September 28

Celebrate our Catholic faith! The trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help received enough positive response that it will happen!
For details, call Rosada H

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Nite Out

Tuesday, September 24, 5:00 PM at

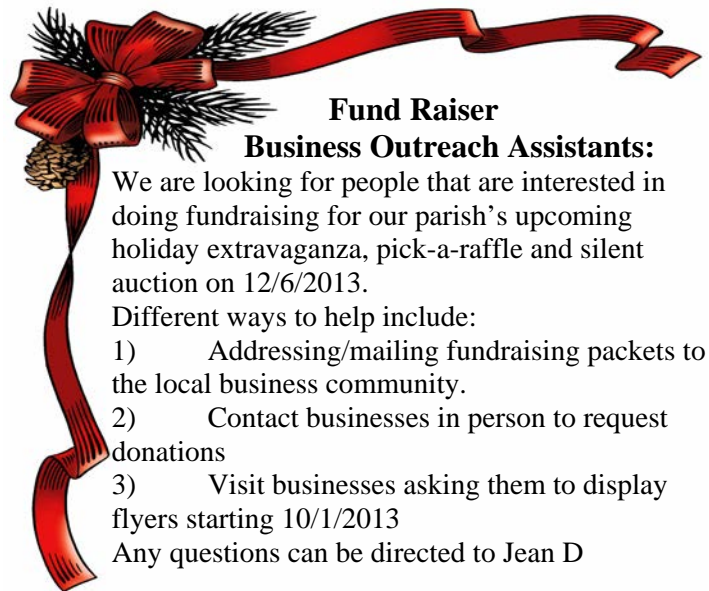
Clara's

6740 Route 53, Woodridge

Call Peg K
or Michele S

New members welcome!

Volunteer Opportunities



Fund Raiser

Business Outreach Assistants:

We are looking for people that are interested in doing fundraising for our parish'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 D

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.

Help Needed

Patient woodworker needed to help restore stability to our hand-crafted wooden plant stands. Please contact Donna M for details.

Religious Formation

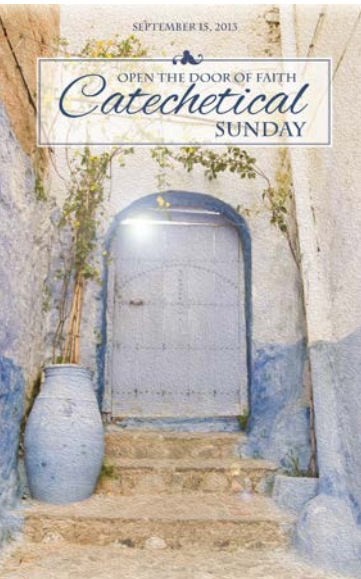


Welcome Back!

Grades K-7: Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation:

8th Grader and Parent Confirmation Commitment Meeting Sunday September 15th, 11:15am First sessions on: September 22nd and 29th



Catechetical Sunday is September 15th

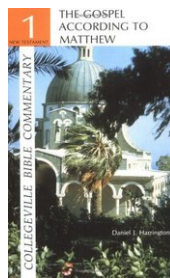
We bless the catechists, who have been called to share (and grow) their faith with the children of the parish, at all masses.

2013-14 Catechists, Catechist Aides & Substitutes:

- Chris B, Beth C, Diana C, John C, Sheri C, Donna C, Joe C, Ed F, Diane G, Anna G, Barbara G, Peggy H, Rosada H, Gayle H, Tish I, Judy J, Tracy K, Barb K, Denice K, JoAnn M, Sharon P, Onofria P, Katie S, Paula S, Karyn S, Jackie S, Michele S, Rose S, Kathi T, Erica V, Steve W, Brian W, Lori Z.

High School Youth Ministry LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT??? TAKE A RISK!!! JOIN S.T.O.R.M. YOUTH MINISTRY - Now open to 8th Graders! BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15 on Sundays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the St. Scholastica parish complex. Participate in small group discussions, listen to interesting speakers on real life issues, make new friends, belong to a group that cares about you and accepts you as you are. Music, FUN, gym games, prayer, and real friends = S.T.O.R.M. GIVE US A CHANCE.

For more information please contact Jennifer Olson at 630-985-2351x138 or e-mail her at stscholasticaym@aol.com.



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 22, Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3, and 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

Respect for All Life

**God speaks to us.
Are we listening?**



Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

~ John 16:24

It was late summer 1972. I had just completed the last class at Loyola University to be a certified school counselor. Driving home on the Stevenson, I turned on WLS to hear this hit song by the Hollies starting to play:

“The road is long, with many a winding turn, that leads us to who knows where...But I’m strong enough to carry him. He ain’t heavy, he’s my brother. His welfare is my concern. No burden is he to bear—we’ll get there. For I know he would not encumber me. He ain’t heavy, he’s my brother...”

It’s a long, long road from which there is no return. While we’re on the way to there, why not share. And the load doesn’t weigh me down at all. He ain’t heavy, he’s my brother.”

And I was overwhelmed with joy. I believe that God was speaking to me, assuring me that, by His grace, I was now prepared to embark on a new career. Have you spoken with God lately? He listens, you know. Are you listening?

Dave A

We Belong to God

You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

~ St. Augustine

These famous words of St. Augustine remind us what the Church means by saying human life is sacred. As human persons, we are uniquely capable of having a relationship with God. Our lives are oriented to Him as our final goal and fulfillment. Therefore, we cannot be owned, manipulated, or discarded by others.

Lord, I rejoice in my ability to relate to You, and I honor every human being as Your own special possession.

Dave A

“The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father’s work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task.” (CCC, n. 2205)

**Christian Service
Peace and Social Justice**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE
October 5th & 6th @ Christ the Servant!**

As you are weeding out the kids' school clothes that no longer fit, set them aside for our Clothing Drive! The St. Vincent de Paul Society truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **October 5th & 6th** to collect your donations of clothing, housewares, small appliances and small



electronics (working or not). Please have your donations bagged or boxed -- no hangers please. Donation bags will be available the week prior so you can take them home, fill them with clothing and bring them back for the truck.

Your donations will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where we give away a large portion to those in need in the community. Items that are for sale in the shops are priced very low to allow those in need to shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from those sales go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul volunteers help families with financial assistance. Come on in and check us out and see what treasures you can find!

For large electronics or furniture, please call for a home pick up at 630-231-4658. Thanks to everyone at Christ the Servant for helping us help others!

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-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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Myra Wozniczka

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, September 16

8:30 AM Catherine Vitus
Marge Murtha, *r. Jackie Nemec*
Thomas Joseph Moolayil, *r. members of Moolayil family*

Tuesday, September 17

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, September 19

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 20

8:30 AM Harry Czaja, *r. Arlene Czaja*
Regina Zdenovec, *r. Zdenovec & Smith families*

Saturday, September 21

4:45 PM People of the Parish
Hazel Ruth Garlitz, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, September 22

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Bernadine & Jack Madey*
10:00 AM Frank B. & Catherine Vitus

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, Oct. 10, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Gene Mroz	Kim Simpson
Stephen Boden	Ginny Myer	Linda Simpson
Dennis Boyle	Eben Palmquist	Chris Templin
Jeff Coole	Tom Raslowsky	Kim Transon
Holly Derrico	Pauline Ryan	Maribeth Wall
Don Heinrich	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



Bill Weber

(brother of Janet Szymanski)

Gail Fialek

(sister-in-law of Jerry Fialek)

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. 15-Sept. 23

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

MONDAY: 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10

TUESDAY: 1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY: 1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY: 1 Tm 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

SUNDAY: Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 /
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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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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

Divine Savior Parish, 6700 Main St, is offering a presentation on St. Catherine of Siena by Sister Nancy Murray, O.P. September 23 at 7:00 pm, free-will offerings accepted.

Calendar of Events

Worship Commission Ministry Fair
Hospitality by RF Commission

Sunday, September 15

11:15 am—Confirmation Commitment

7:00 pm—Young Adults Evening
 with Bishop Conlon

Monday, September 16

6:30 pm—Commission prayer
 with Bishop Conlon

7:00 pm—Admin/Finance Commission

7:00 pm—Christian Service Commission

Tuesday, September 17

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Gr. K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Gr. 2,4-7

Wednesday, September 18

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Gr. 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Gr. 3,5-7

Thursday, September 19

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

8:30 am—Worship Commission

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

11:15 am—Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Sept 28: Trip to Our Lady of Good Hope.

Sept 28/29: Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll bank sales.

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

Nov 9: Electronics Recycling 9 am-noon.

Parish Giving

Whenever we gather in prayer as a Christian community we are called to celebrate and rejoice, just as the merciful father ordered in today's Gospel. As we celebrate and rejoice in the Lord Jesus, may we listen to God's word, grow in holiness as he strengthens us and seek the forgiveness that only our heavenly Father can offer us.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept. 7/8:

Sunday	\$ 7,005.12
Debt Reduction	<u>586.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,591.12
This week's deficit	\$ (2,578.88)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

Elec. Gen. Funds (8/30-9/1)	\$ 447.00
Electronic Debt Reduction	15.00
General Funds	410.00

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

Registered Households—729

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Did you know...through careful stewardship of your generosity, we were able to be about \$2000 in the black this last fiscal year. Thank you!

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