

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 22, 2013

Our Mission

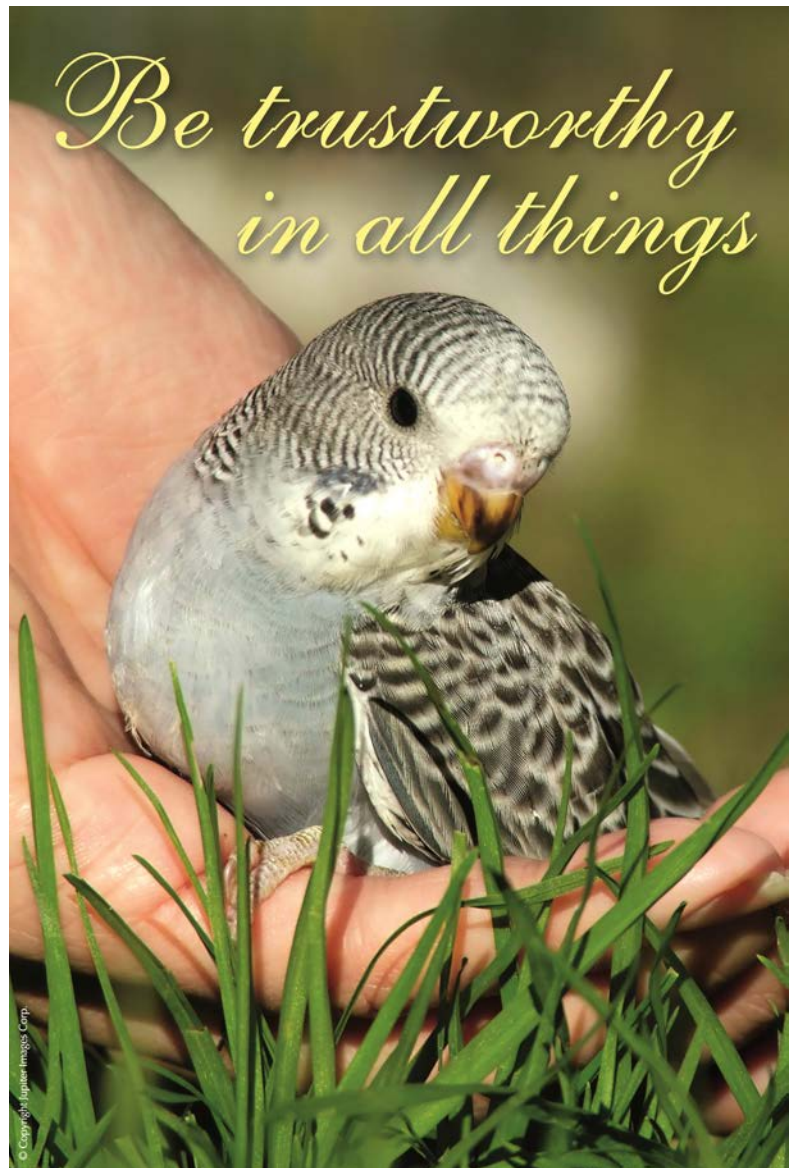
*Christ the Servant Parish is
a welcoming Catholic faith community
gathered together to gratefully share
and live the Eucharist,
the inspiration of the Gospel,
the presence of the Holy Spirit,
and to follow Christ's example in service of others.*

Special points of interest:

- Opportunities to grow in faith, page 2
- Immaculate Heart of Mary and Volunteer Opportunities, page 3.
- Religious Formation News, page 4.
- Doing Good for Others, page 5.

Ministry Fair & Hospitality

Many thanks to the Worship Commission for highlighting ways for people to become actively involved in our worship life, and to the families involved in Religious Formation for providing goodies for hospitality last week. **Mark your calendars for Oct. 5/6**, when the ministries of the Christian Service Commission will be highlighted. Hospitality will be provided by members of the Parish Life Commission & activities.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP

Champion, Wisconsin

Date: Saturday, September 28

Celebrate our Catholic faith! A bus trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is being organized by Christ the Servant Parish Life Commission. We have space for about 10 more people. **For details, call Rosada H.**



The Apparition of 1859

In early October of 1859, Adele reported seeing a woman clothed in white and standing between two trees, a hemlock and a maple. She was frightened by the vision and prayed until it disappeared. When she told her

parents what she had seen, they suggested that a poor soul might be in need of prayers.

The following Sunday, October 9, 1859, she saw the apparition a second time while walking to Mass. Her sister and another woman were with her at the time but neither of them saw anything. She asked the parish priest for advice, and he told her that if she saw the apparition again, she should ask it, "In the Name of God, who are you and what do you wish of me?"

Returning from Mass that same day, she saw the apparition a third time, and this time asked the question she was given. The lady replied, "I am the Queen of Heaven, who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same." Adele Brise was also given a mission to "gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

At the time of the apparition Adele was 28 years old, and she devoted the rest of her life to teaching children. At first she traveled by foot from house to house, and later she began a small school. Some other women joined her in this work and they formed a community of sisters according to the rule of the Third Order of Franciscans although Adele Brise never took public vows as a nun. She died on July 5, 1896.



We are called to be devoted to God. We are "children of light" and are called to stand out apart from the "children of this world". Do we reflect Jesus in our words and actions in our lives and in our marriages? Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 12-14, 2013. Contact Jim and Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.

*Catherine
Of Siena
A Woman for Our Times*

**Divine Savior Parish
6700 Main St.
Downers Grove
Monday,
September 23
7:00 PM**

A one-woman performance
Inspiring people of all ages.

**Adrian Dominican Sister
Nancy Murray, OP
Performs as
St. Catherine of Siena**
Free will donation
Appreciated.

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. To register or for more information, contact Mayslake Ministries at 630.268.9000 or visit our website: www.mayslakeministries.org.

Portiuncula Retreat Center 9263 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Ill. 60423 "WHISPERS FROM THE HEART"

**Date: Monday, October 7, from 9:30-Noon
Fee: \$20**

The theme of this retreat is to explore the messages from our hearts that yearn for a safe place to rest, be noticed, and honored. Through input, exercises, reflection time and personal sharing we will take an inner look at some recent scientific research that has come to understand the heart as a place of healing energy.

TO REGISTER: Please contact us at 815-464-3880 or info@portforprayer.org

**Join the 54-Day Rosary Novena
in Support of Pope Francis!**

People throughout the world are invited to participate in a 54-day Rosary Novena, which began September 16 and will end on November 8. Pope Francis is consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 13, 2013. The intention for the novena is: "That Pope Francis' consecration will bring mercy from God the Father for the salvation of souls; grace from God the Son for the conversion of sinners; enlightenment from God the Holy Spirit as we pray for world peace; an increase in practice of the First Saturday Communions of Reparation; and an increase in devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as we approach the 2017 Centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima."

Rosaries and rosary CD's are available in the Narthex, compliments of the Respect for All Life Committee.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Pope Francis has designated Sunday, October 13, 2013 a day to consecrate the world to Our Lady of Fatima's Immaculate Heart. The message given by Our Lady to the children at Fatima 96 years ago is increasingly relevant in today's turbulent times. Come and join in the celebration of the Eucharist at this special Mass, and join in prayers to Our Lady for Her intervention at this time for our world and our own personal intentions. As we all know, Our Lady intervenes to Her Son for our petitions.



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA 96TH ANNIVERSARY MASS
HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:15 pm

The Most Reverend Joseph Siegel,
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet,
Principal Celebrant of the Mass
Donner Music Singers
Gospel Singer, Sam Parker
Joe Schiedler, Pro-Life Speaker

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

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reminder: The location for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offered from 4:00-4:30 PM Saturdays, is in Fr. Frank's office at the far end of the hall.

Religious Formation



Welcome Back!

Grades K-7: Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation:

Session A - Sunday September 22nd
Session B - Sunday September 29th



CATECHIST NEEDED

3rd Grade on Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00pm

9 children are waiting for an adult willing to spend time sharing the stories of Jesus, teaching them about the Trinity, the Church and Sacraments, and how we should share God's love for us with each other.

Contact Liz Jesse, Director of Religious Formation, liz@ctswoodridge.org, 630-910-0770 ext 12

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our opening prayer service Open the Door of Faith.

Thanks also to everyone who provided the great assortment of goodies that were enjoyed by all.

Service Opportunity St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

assist with receiving and loading the truck

This is a parent and child activity.

One parent must stay with their own child.

Saturday, October 5, 2013

4:15pm until 15 minutes after 4:45pm Mass

Sunday, October 6, 2013

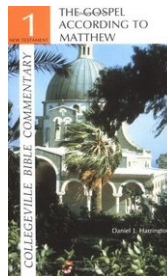
8:15am until 15 minutes after 8:30am Mass

9:30am until 15 minutes after 10:00am Mass

These are 1st come - 1st served opportunities!

Call or e-mail Ms. Jesse to sign-up.

630-910-0770 ext 12 or liz@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 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

- List of bullet points regarding RCIA: 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

Responding to God's Plan Doing God's Will

The Angel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary."

~ Luke 1:30



This is Gabriel's message today to every expectant mother: "Do not be afraid" to welcome new life, even when it upsets your plans, changes the direction of your life, and requires you to mature in unexpected ways. If God creates a life in the womb, He is making you ready, and He has plans for that child and for you. Also, God cares enough about each unborn child to create that child and then assign her or him an Angel. Certainly He expects us also to exercise care and vigilance to speak up for and protect the lives of those children.

Lord, remove all fear from the hearts of those who are pregnant, and fill them with Your peace and joy. And send your Angels to assist all who work to persuade mothers and fathers to choose life. Amen.

Dave A



What is 40 days for Life?

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is a wonderful 'life saving' opportunity to join with our community and hundreds of other cities around the world in **prayer, fasting** and keeping a **peaceful vigil** in front of a place where children are aborted. Through God, and your prayers and fasting, 40 Days for Life has saved more than 7,536 lives from abortion. It has led to the conversion of clinic workers and has seen many abortion facilities close completely.

"We often forget the incredible power of prayer and loving witness, but 40 Days for Life reminds us of the fruits of dialogue with the Lord."

Please sign up to pray for an hour at **Access Clinic in Downers Grove, (1700 75th St.)**. Sign up in the narthex (this weekend or next) or online at www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. 40 Days Vigil runs **Sept.25th –Nov.3rd. 7am-7pm**
Reserve your spot today!

Private prayer and fasting are also ways in which you can be a part of 40 days for Life.

Thank you for choosing to protect the most vulnerable of God's creation!

Questions??? E-mail: 40DaysDG@gmail.com.

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!

Volunteers to help accept donations at the truck are needed. Please contact Sue C.

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



**Undy
S u n d a y**

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

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

Richard Buch

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 23

8:30 AM Harold Nemeec, *r. Jackie Nemeec*

Eleanor Weber, *r. family*

Daniel Ryan, *Special Intention*

Tuesday, September 24

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 25

8:30 AM Andrew Iovito, *r. Cecilia Cooper*

Thursday, September 26

8:30 AM Harry & Pearl Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*

Friday, September 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 28

4:45 PM Bill Jackson, *r. Corinne Hanson*

Gerald Johnson family, *r. Nancy Volrath*

Ted & LaVergne Kozerski, *Special Intention*

Sunday, September 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish

John Kiwak, *r. Jim & Maryann Gilroy*

10:00 AM Ray Navarro, *r. Dan & Pauline Ryan*

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

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden

Stephen Boden

Dennis Boyle

Jeff Coole

Vic Cordes

Holly Derrico

Don Heinrich

Gene Mroz

Ginny Myer

Eben Palmquist

Tom Raslowsky

Pauline Ryan

Virginia Ryan

Ron Rydzewski

Kim Simpson

Linda Simpson

Chris Templin

Kim Transon

Maribeth Wall

Fr. Jerry Wirth

Cynthia Young

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.



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TIMING

It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.

—Anonymous

Bible Readings—Sept. 22-Sept. 29

SUNDAY: Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 /

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

MONDAY: Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 / Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY: Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY: Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY: Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45

SUNDAY: Am 6:1a,4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

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*
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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

Calendar of Events

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls

40 Days for Life signup

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

11:15 am—Bible Study

Monday, September 23

Tuesday, September 24

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Gr. K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Gr. 2,4-7

Wednesday, September 25

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Gr. 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Gr. 3,5-7

Thursday, September 26

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

Our Lady of Good Hope Pilgrimage

Sunday, September 29

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

Upcoming Events

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

Oct 12: 4:45 mass, Celebration of Deacon Tom (& classmates) 25th anniversary of ordination.

Nov 9: Electronics Recycling 9 am-noon.

Parish Giving

We are servants of a benevolent Master who has entrusted us with a stewardship of blessings. Our God-given gifts are not for increased temporal gain but to be used to build up eternal blessings.

Knowing that we will be held accountable for our stewardship, we must be prudent children of light, who plan ahead for an eternal dwelling.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept. 14/15:

Sunday	\$ 5,734.75
Assumption	5.00
Debt Reduction	<u>330.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,069.75
This week's deficit	\$ (4,100.25)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

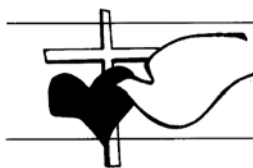
Elec. Gen. Funds (9/5-9/16)	\$ 402.00
Electronic Debt Reduction	230.00
Electronic Christ is Our Hope	20.00
Electronic CMAA	60.00

Debt to Diocese as of 9/12 \$764,300

Registered Households—729

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...the repairs/sealcoating to our parking lot cost just over \$19,000. If you would like to help defray that cost, please mark an envelope "parking lot repairs" and place it with your donation in the collection. Many thanks.



Seek after faith, love, integrity
 and a gentle spirit

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