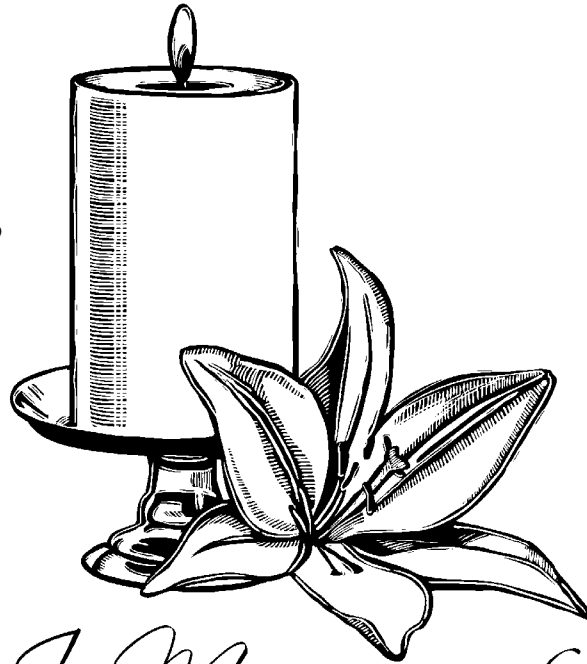


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

November 3, 2013



In Memory of...

Florence K

Stephen K

Richard B

Caterina P

Gloria B

Regina Z

Frank P

James C

Ronald B

Raymond N

Jeanne H

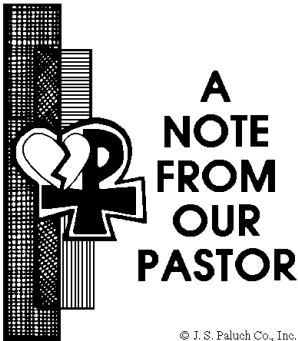
Walter S

Donna B

and all our beloved dead

All Souls 2013

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Rev. Frank H. Vitus

Beginning this weekend we are starting something slightly new. We are basing our petitions on a talk that Pope Francis recently offered at a meeting for the world's catechists. He offered a model of prayer using your hand. I thought it may be a good idea to use this model at our mass for our petitions. So it begins with...

Your thumb is the nearest to you. So begin your prayer by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in industry and business, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself.

Special points of interest:

- The five-finger prayer, page 2
- Coming up next weekend, page 3.
- Religious Formation News,
page 4.

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.***

Ministry Fair and Hospitality

Enjoy simple snacks (provided by the Christian Service Commission) while checking out the many activities of the Parish Life Commission at the Ministry Fair next week.



Be a valued team member to help with the *St. Nick's Festival & 12 Tastings of Christmas*. See the Parish Life Happenings magazine included with this bulletin for details on the many choices you have to be a part of the fun!



Plan to spend a few minutes chatting with friends, checking out the many fun things the Parish Life Commission organizes, and be one of the first to purchase your tickets to the December 6 *St. Nick's Festival*.

If you haven't already received it, watch your mail for a bright flyer giving details about the festival, an order form for tickets, your personal advertising in the silent auction program, and opportunity to donate to help the cause of the fundraiser if you won't be able to attend in person.

Email questions to HolidayFundraiser@ctswoodridge.org or call Lainie G..

Our Beloved Dead

It is a Catholic tradition to celebrate our love for those who have died during the month of November, especially with the feasts of All Saints on November 1 and All Souls on November 2.

The "Our Beloved Dead" poster will be displayed on the large bulletin board throughout the month of November, updated each week as new requests come in.

To participate in the "Our Beloved Dead" poster, complete one of the envelopes available in the narthex. They have a label on them saying "In Death, our life has changed, not ended..." List the names of the dead that you wish to have included on the poster. Donations are accepted in the envelope, and your name is requested for accounting purposes. Donations are tax deductible if they are identifiable. We will list all these names in the November 24 bulletin.

Parish News

Next Week!

There's lots going on at Christ the Servant!

1. Nov. 9, 9-12 noon Electronics and Coats Recycling Event.

A list of what is accepted is posted on the big bulletin board; basically, almost anything with a cord that is not hazardous waste. Gently used coats will be taken to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



2. Nov. 9 & 10, Parish Life Ministry Fair after all masses.

Learn about things that happen under the umbrella of the Parish Life Commission! Picnics, social events, FUNdraisers, visits to holy places—all this and more, including the ticket sales kickoff for the *St. Nick's Festival featuring the 12 Tastings of Christmas!*



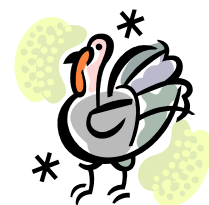
3. Nov. 10, 11:00 am. Manna orders are due.

with payment. Pickup next week. Be sure to order for purchasing the Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas sharing for our neighbors in need!



4. Nov. 9/10 and 16/17. Thanksgiving signups.

Sign up to provide either a Thanksgiving turkey, or the rest of a Thanksgiving dinner for a neighbor in need. You may purchase the items through cards you get through Manna, but we have been asked to not give gift cards.



And Beyond...

Nov. 17: Pick up Manna Orders.

Nov. 23/24: Return Thanksgiving dinners for client pickup at 11:30 Sunday.

Nov. 25: Set up Christmas gift sharing tree.

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day. Mass at 9:00 am.

Nov. 30: PADS offsite. Flyers in narthex.

Nov. 30/Dec. 1: Pick-a-Raffle in narthex. If you can't come to the FUNdraiser on Dec. 6, you can still participate!

Dec. 6: St. Nick's Festival & 12 Tastings of Christmas

Dec. 7/8: Craft Fair; Manna orders due.

Dec. 14/15: Fair Trade Fair; Mann pickup

Religious Formation



Grades K-7: Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation: Thanksgiving Food Scavenger Hunt Sunday November 3rd 1:00:00 pm permission slips are required

Next classes: Session A—Sunday November 10th Session B—Sunday November 17th



Thank You to Marybeth & Kailee N, Katie S & JoAnn M for helping at the parent & child Reconciliation Retreat. Please keep the families preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your prayers.

CATECHIST SESSION

Sunday, November 17th, 1-3 pm



Come together to pray, reflect on your experiences, share your ideas, and get a sneak peak at what's coming! Contact Liz if you are unable to attend.

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

Service Opportunity for 6th & 7th Graders We need some help with Hospitality for our First Reconciliation Celebration on Saturday November 16th at 10:00 am. We need volunteers for set-up, service and clean-up. Please contact Liz Jesse if you would like to help. liz@ctswoodridge.org or 630 -910-0770 ext. 12



Christ the Servant Religious Formation ~ The Printery House Fundraiser Christian greeting cards for all occasions

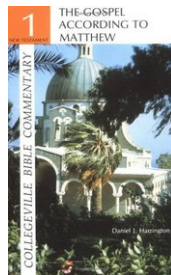
Beautiful quality Thanksgiving and Christmas cards, Notecards, Stationery and Calendars Sample cards are available for viewing in the Narthex

Christ the Servant Parish keeps 50% of the cost. Fill out the order form and return with payment to church by:

Sunday, November 17th, 11am

Payment is due with order.

Please make checks payable to Christ the Servant Church.



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 Nov 3 and Nov 17. Contact Fr. Frank or Liz Jesse for more information.



F.A.C.T. (Grades 6-8) Service Opportunity

Sunday November 10th from 1:00 to 3:00pm

We will assemble a GIVING TREE to help collect children's hats, mittens and gloves for Hope's Front Door. This can be one of your service opportunities for Grades 6 & 7.

Christ the Servant families will be asked to dress the Giving Tree with donations of new hats, mittens & gloves for children. Monetary donations will also be welcome.

Respect for All Life

To Seek and to Save
When Zacchaeus reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

And he came down quickly and received him (Jesus) with joy... And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Luke 19:5-6,9-10



The founding fathers of our nation were religious men, many of whom studied in seminaries and Bible schools. They spoke openly of Jesus, even in official government meetings. For decades now, our courts have been removing religion and morality from public life, and we see the price we have paid—for example, to date, 56,000,000 children have not seen the light of day. BUT, for all those who have been victimized, the grace and mercy of God's salvation is always available.

Lord, only in You and in Your Word do we discover the power of freedom. Bless our nation, Lord, that it may always acknowledge You publicly as the foundation of our rights and freedom.

Dave A

40 Days for Life

Thank you to all who prayed and fasted during this past 40 Days for Life campaign. Many of you prayed at home, others as you said the Rosary after morning mass, and some at Access Health Center. There were members of over 50 different Christian churches that prayed at the clinic in Downers Grove.

Our beloved dead, regardless of age, born and unborn, we remember on All Saints' and All Souls' Days.

The closing ceremony for 40 Days will be Sunday, November 3, at 3 pm at Access Health Center on 75th and Devereux, Downers Grove. Your strong and faithful prayer and presence is appreciated.

The Respect for All Life Committee

The Respect for All Life Committee will meet Tuesday, November 12th, after the 8:30 am mass in the Library (down the hall, last door on the left). New members welcome!

Questions? Call Rita

Lee

David

Christian Service Peace and Social Justice

Defend human dignity

Take **POVERTY** off the map

The **Campaign for Human Development** is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Your generosity helped fund ten local programs in 2013, including:

Job Training Program, We Grow Dreams Inc., West Chicago provides job training and employment opportunities for people with mental and physical disabilities. This non-profit landscaping and greenhouse business provides a caring and supportive environment in which people with disabilities can develop work skills and interact with the local population and larger community. This underserved segment of society is provided with healthy and dignified employment; they are empowered and fulfilled by this meaningful work.

From the Diocese

Come to the Operation Andrew dinner at Ss. Peter and Paul!

December 10th, 2013; 6-8pm

For Young Men ages 14+

In the Ministry Center

Bishop Conlon and Father Burke Masters, vocation director, will be showing a short film and discussing the vocation to the priesthood. Dinner is free for all those who attend.

Come find out what priesthood is all about. God is calling men to the priesthood. Is He calling you?

For more information please call the parish offices of Ss. Peter and Paul (630) 355-1081 or Fr. Frank.

RSVP Required

36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, Illinois 60540-4619

Today's gospel shows how the love of God can and does change people. Do you know and feel the love of our Lord for you, your spouse, or your family? Make the time to allow the love of God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on December 6-8, 2013. Contact Jim and Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Caterina Perricone

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 2

4:45 PM Jeanne Hotchkin, *r. Christ the Servant*
Adult Choir and Resurrection Choir
 Lucille Holland, *r. Bev & Greg Peck*

Sunday, November 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Richard Buch, *r. Ward & Sherry Hall & family*
 10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, November 4

8:30 AM Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*

Tuesday, November 5

8:30 AM Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*
 Irene Iovito, *r. Andie Wolfe*

Wednesday, November 6

8:30 AM Rich Buch, *r. Esther Rizzo*

Thursday, November 7

8:30 AM Bill Weber, *r. Jacky Kaspari*

Friday, November 8

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, November 9

4:45 PM Steven Leninger, *r. family*
 Donna Buonamici, *r. Donna Mays*
 Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, November 10

8:30 AM Rosemary Stewart, *r. Ed & Fran Fleming*
 Nancy & Raymond Dobias, *r. Ken & Karen Rice*
 10:00 AM Catherine Vitus
 Reda family, *r. family*
 Carmela Latini, *r. family*

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, Nov. 14, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Mickie Anderson	Dar Finan	Virginia Ryan
Jim Bloomfield	Jack Finan	Ron Rydzewski
Louise Boden	Elizabeth Freer	Kathryn Stimetz
Stephen Boden	George Grabert	Chris Templin
Jeff Coole	Don Heinrich	Kim Transon
Vic Cordes	Marie Magee	Maribeth Wall
Holly Derrico	Gene Mroz	Cynthia Young
Autumn Eipers	Ginny Myer	
Sam Esposito	Pauline Ryan	

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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2013



The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

— Psalm 145:14

Bible Readings—Nov. 3-Nov. 10

SUNDAY: Wis 11:22-12:2 / 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 / Lk 19:1-10

MONDAY: Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY: Rom 12:5-16b / Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY: Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY: Rom 14:7-12 / Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY: Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

SUNDAY: 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14 / 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 / Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27,34-38

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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

Cash 4 Food Drive

Sunday, November 3

8:30 am—RCIA

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Bible Study

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, November 4

Tuesday, November 5

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, November 6

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, November 7

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 18

Parish Life Ministry Fair & Hospitality

Saturday, November 9

9:00 am-noon—Electronic Recycling

Sunday, November 10

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

11:00 am—Manna Orders due

Upcoming Events

Nov. 16: First Reconciliation, 10 am.

Dec 6: St. Nicholas Festival & Twelve Tastings of Christmas.

Parish Giving

Taking advantage of the right moment can make all the difference in the world. That is why all special moments need to be treasured. In a similar way, the Lord gives us many opportunities as well. These special blessings of grace help us to find wholeness and maintain virtuous lives. Do we recognize and cherish them or do we take them for granted?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Oct. 26/27:

Sunday	\$ 4,560.25
All Saints	35.00
All Souls	10.00
Debt Reduction	<u>32.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 4,637.25
This week's deficit	\$ (5,532.75)

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Missions 118.00

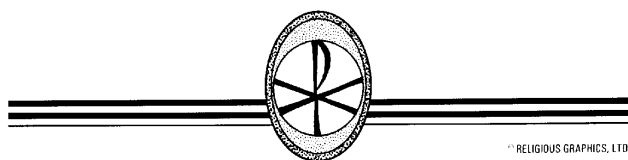
Debt to Diocese as of 9/12 \$764,300

Registered Households—735

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