

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

**32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

November 10, 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:

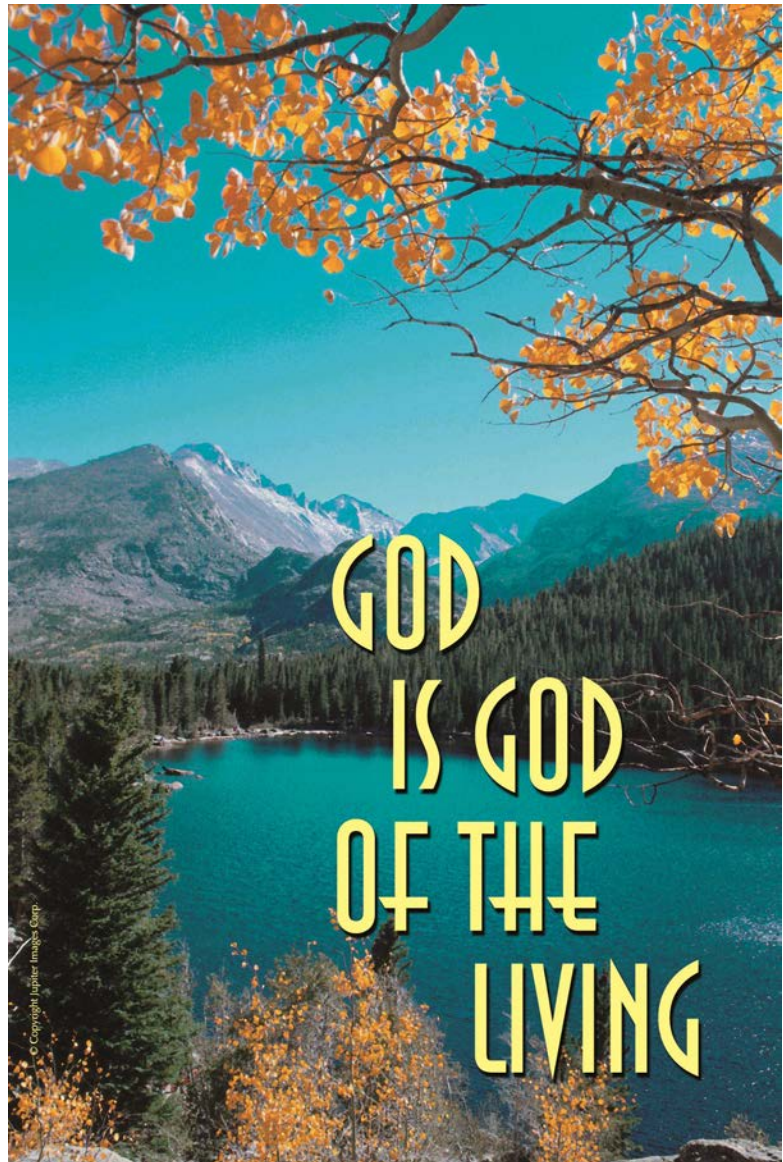
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St. Nick's Festival

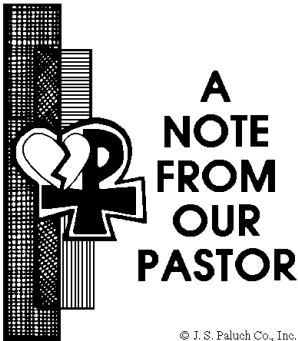
Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the *St. Nick's Festival featuring the 12 Tastings of Christmas*—ticket price includes live entertainment, applicable tastings, fun and fellowship with friends new and old, and opportunity to do some Christmas shopping through the silent auction items and Pick-a-Raffle. Cash bar, too!

Pick-a-Raffle items will be on display and open for your raffle tickets the weekend of November 30/December 1.

Many thanks to Christian Service Commission for providing hospitality this weekend.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Rev. Frank H. Vettes

Song Lyrics

Last week I made a reference to using a deck of cards to pray. Here is the text of that song by Tex Ritter. It begins with a soldier who is brought up before the court for bringing a card deck in for services. This is the explanation the soldier gave.

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The soldier said, "Sir, I have been on the march for about six days, I have neither Bible nor prayer book but I hope to satisfy you, Sir, with the purity of my intentions."
And with that, the boy started his story.

"You see sir, when I look at the Ace, it reminds me that there is but one God, and the deuce, reminds me that the bible is divided into two parts, the old and the new testament.
When I see the trey, I think of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.
And when I see the four, I think of the four Evangelists who preached the Gospel: There was Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

And when I see the five, it reminds me of the five wise virgins who trimmed their lamps, there were ten of them, Five were wise and were saved, five were foolish, and were shut out.
When I see the six, it reminds me that in six days, God made this great Heaven and Earth.
When I see the seven, it reminds me that on the seventh day, God rested from His great work.
And when I see the eight, I think of the eight righteous persons God saved when he destroyed this Earth.
There was Noah, his wife, their three sons, and their wives.
And when I see the nine, I think of the lepers our Savior cleansed, and, nine out of the ten didn't even thank him.
When I see the ten, I think of the ten commandments God handed down to Moses on a table of stone.

When I see the king, it reminds me that there is but one King of Heaven, God Almighty.
And when I see the Queen, I think of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Who is Queen of Heaven, and the Jack of Knives is the Devil.

When I count the number of spots in a deck of cards, I find 365, the number of days in a year.
There are 52 cards, the number of weeks in a year.
There are four suits, the number of weeks in a month.
There are twelve picture cards, the number of months in a year.
There are thirteen tricks, the number of weeks in a quarter.
So, you see Sir, my pack of cards serves me as a Bible, an Almanac, and a prayer book.

Service through Music Ministry

Is music your gift? Don't hide it under a bushel basket - - let your light shine, and become a cantor or join the choir! What a beautiful way to serve the Lord, and your parish - - through music at liturgies. Please contact Donna Kovarik at 630-369-2602 or donna@ctswoodridge.org.



**Craft Fair
Before and After Masses
December 7/8
in the narthex**

**Defend
human dignity**
Take POVERTY off the map

Use your Campaign for Human Development envelope the weekend of Nov. 23/24. 25% of the your donation will stay in our diocese.

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.

St. Nick's Festival 2013

Featuring ... the Twelve Tastings of Christmas

Tickets now on sale!!!

**December 6th
6:30 pm-10:30 pm**

Admission of \$20 includes all tastings, including alcohol
Admission of \$15 includes all tastings except alcohol

Volunteer, Donation and Advertising Opportunities!


- Help with the event. Meeting Nov. 11 at 7 pm
- Donate goods, services or cash to the Silent Auction or Pick-A-Raffle
- Advertise in the program—your own business, or a holiday note to a special loved one.



To volunteer, or with any questions, call Lainie G. Tickets available for purchase before/after mass, and in the parish office.

Come and enjoy twelve of the season's most popular wines, spirits, and food, including flavored vodkas, chocolates, cheeses, appetizers, and more. LIVE Music, dancing, Silent Auction and our first "Pick-a-Raffle" Extravaganza completes the perfect evening.





Pick up orders next week. The next Manna sale will begin right away, with orders being due December 8, with pickup the following weekend.

Thanksgiving signups

Parishioners of Christ the Servant will be providing Thanksgiving dinners for 35 hungry Woodridge families (assigned by the West Suburban Community Pantry). Sign up to provide either a Thanksgiving turkey, or the rest of a Thanksgiving dinner for a neighbor in need. **Bring your items back to church before 11 am Sunday, November 24.** (Non-perishables can come Saturday, but we have no refrigeration available.)



Religious Formation



Grades K-7: Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Confirmation:



Next classes:

Session A—Sunday November 10th

Session B—Sunday November 17th

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



**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.



**CATECHIST SESSION
Sunday, November 17th,
1-3 pm**

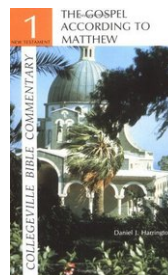


Come together to pray, reflect on your experiences, share your ideas, and get a sneak peek at what's coming!

Contact Liz if you are unable to attend.

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



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 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

Good vs Evil

The Lord said to me: "Son of man, confront them with their detestable practices, for blood is on their hands...they even sacrificed their children, whom they bore." ~ Ezekiel 23:36-37



The Respect Life movement began when one person extended a hand to help another. Then, the prophets of the Old Testament preached against child sacrifice. Then, Christians in the Roman empire rescued abandoned infants. It continues today and it will be victorious, just as surely as Christ is risen.

Come, Holy Spirit, convert the minds and hearts of all those who defend the right to kill, and bless those who respect the gift of life.

Dave A

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 or David

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Thank you to all of the parishioners who so lovingly came out to pray for those touched by abortion. Your prayers contributed to the 1225 hours of prayers offered up in front of the abortion clinic in Downers Grove by 59 different churches during the 40 Days for Life. Through the Grace of God and your prayers, 3 women decided to keep their babies. Nationally, at the 306 locations for the 40 Days vigils, 476 mothers chose life for their babies. May God Bless you!

D **Helping our Homeless Neighbors**
 Did you know Christ the Servant Parish serves at a local homeless shelter on the 5th Saturday of the month? The next time we will be serving is November 30th. Helpers are needed to provide food, help set up, stay overnight, help cleanup, and help do laundry afterwards. Flyers with information are in the narthex. Can you help? To say yes, or to get more information, call Greg P.



**Christian Service
 Peace and Social Justice**

**THANK YOU
 from WSCFP!**

Our **Cash For Food Drive** last weekend provided **245 pounds** of Paper Goods and Food Items to the West Suburban Community Food Pantry.



More Importantly... **Cash Donations** totaling **\$616.65** will allow **WSCFP to purchase 3,426 pounds of food** including milk, eggs, cheese and other perishable items to distribute to those in need.

*Your Generosity and willingness to **GET INVOLVED**, especially Linda L, Maureen M and Cindy M, are most appreciated by WSCFP and Christ the Servant Parish.*

THANK YOU! The needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our needs.



**Don't Forget to Take the
 Diocese Pastoral Plan Survey**

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is developing a comprehensive pastoral plan that will offer a roadmap for every parish to build community and to strengthen faith.

An online survey has been set up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ActionsIdeas> to gather your suggestions. In addition, 90-minute group "forums" are being offered to gather comments and suggestions through face-to-face settings. Upcoming forum times and locations are listed below.

Please participate in this effort to carry out the work that Christ has given to us as Catholic faithful.

Visit www.ctswoodridge.org and click on the link to the survey.

Survey is only 10 questions long.

- Forum Date, Time, Parish, Town**
 Monday, Nov. 11, 7:00pm, St. Bernard's, Homer Glen
 *Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:00pm, St. Dominic *, Bolingbrook *In Spanish
 Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30pm, Immaculate Conception, Braidwood
 Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:00pm, St. Joseph, Manteno

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

John & Esther Michalek

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, November 11

8:30 AM Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*
 William R. Weber, *r. Dan & Janet Szymanski*

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

8:30 AM Domenick Mascia, *r. daughter*

Thursday, November 14

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

Friday, November 15

8:30 AM Wayne Kocinski, *r. Janice Kocinski*
 Josephine Lamsen, *r. Michelle Gonzales*

Saturday, November 16

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
 John W. Kuehn, *r. Barbara Kuehn*
 Bart Cimaglia, *r. family*
 Pete Gianfrancesco, *r. John & Lorrie Soria & family*

Sunday, November 17

8:30 AM John W. Kuehn, *r. Mary McIlvain*
 Henrietta Breyne, *r. Ron & Peg Breyne*
 Richard Buch, *r. Marianna, Andy & Jacklyn Serafin*
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 Gary Reed, *r. Jim & Maryann Gilroy*

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

Bible Readings—Nov. 10-Nov. 17

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

MONDAY: Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:1-6

TUESDAY: Wis 2:23-3:9 / Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY: Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY: Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY: Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9 / Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY: Mal 3:19-20a / 2 Thes 3:7-12 / Lk 21:5-19

We pray for the Sick

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

Stephen Boden and Ginny Myer are both doing much better now. Praise the Lord for his healing power!

We pray for the Deceased



Sam Esposito
(father of Christopher Esposito)

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.

Sacramental Information

Baptism: Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage: Call Parish Office at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Completing sacraments as an adult: Call Liz Jesse.

Communion for the Homebound: Call Deacon Tom.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4-4:30 (*Fr. Frank's office*)

Funeral: Call Parish Office.

Office Hours & Staff

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Woodridge, Illinois 60517
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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

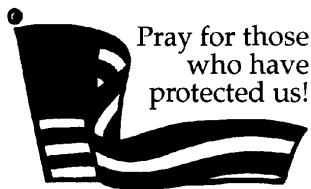
Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Mary McIlvain, Parish Life

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship



Pray for those
 who have
 protected us!

Calendar of Events

Parish Life Ministry Fair & Hospitality
Sunday, November 10

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

11:00 am—Manna Orders due

Monday, November 11

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm.

7:00 pm—Parish Life Volunteers Mtg.

Tuesday, November 12

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, November 13

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

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

Thursday, November 14

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 15

Thanksgiving Dinner Signups
Pick Up Manna orders

Saturday, November 16

8:30 am—Worship Commission

10:00 am—First Reconciliation

Sunday, November 17

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

11:15 am—Bible Study

1:00 pm—Catechist Formation

Upcoming Events

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Mass, 9 am.

Nov. 30: PADS, offsite.

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

Parish Giving

Experience tells us that life on this earth is temporary. Faith teaches us that God intended life to be eternal. God offers us eternal life and reveals the glory of resurrection through his Son Jesus. We will come to inherit these blessings by believing in Jesus and uniting our lives to his.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 1-3:

Sunday	\$ 8,814.22
All Saints	1,062.14
All Souls	582.00
Solemnity of Mary	15.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,848.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 12,321.36
This week's catch up	\$ 2,151.36

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

Registered Households—736

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