

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

November 17, 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:

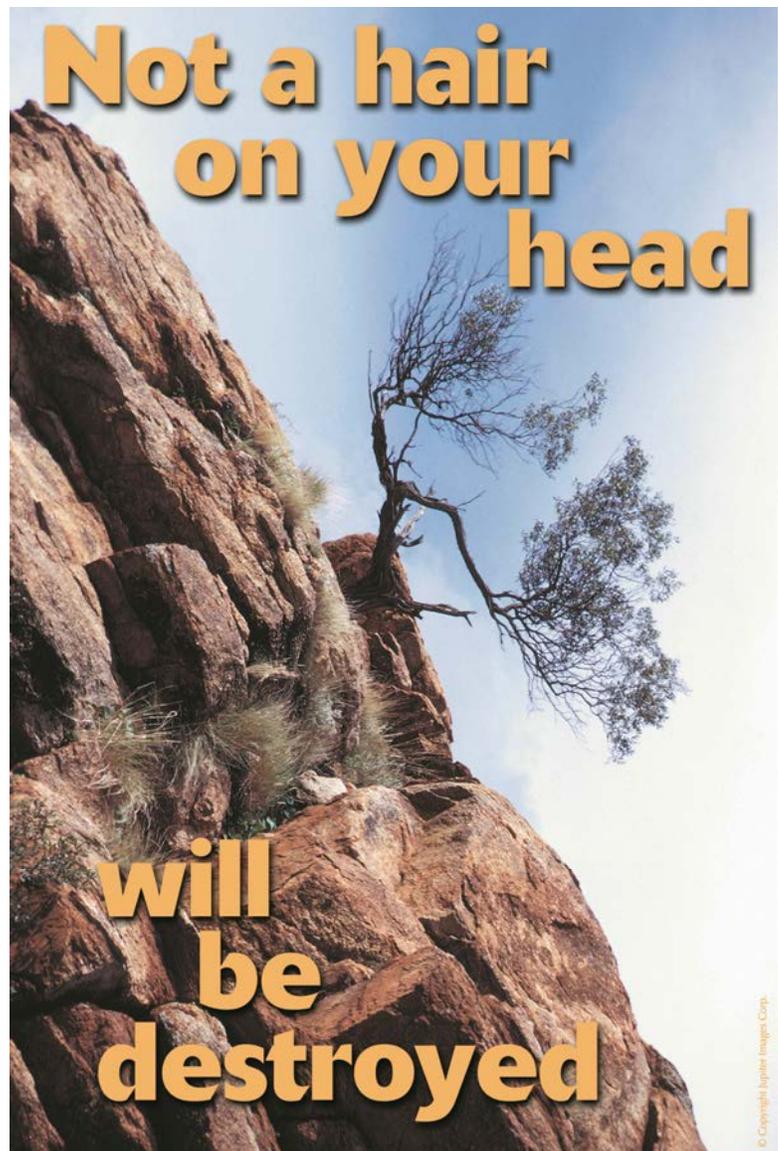
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Typhoon Haiyan

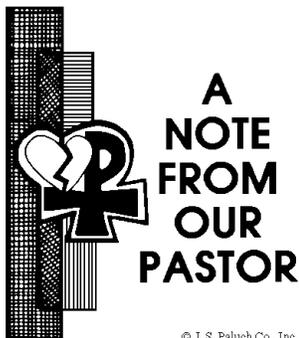
We've heard on the news how devastating the strongest storm ever recorded was to the many islands of the Philippines.

It may be hard for some of the residents to keep their faith in a loving and caring God who says "Not a hair on your head will be destroyed" when living with that kind of destruction from natural forces.

Help the survivors of the storm feel the love of God through your generosity as they begin rebuilding their lives; a collection box is in the narthex to receive your donation.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

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In June of 1990 Fr. Jim Ratigan was transferred from St. Mary Parish in West Chicago, and was given a unique assignment. He was to start a new parish in Woodridge. The Catholic growth in this area was straining the resources of the neighboring parishes of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Peace Parish in Darien, and also St. Scholastica in Woodridge. The diocese had acquired property off of 87th street in unincorporated Woodridge. It carved out an area that extended North:

75th St. from I-355 to Fairmount. East: extension of Fairmount South the Plainfield Rd.; Plainfield Rd. West to Lemont Rd.; Lemont Rd. South to DuPage-Cook County Line.

Fr. Ratigan purchased a home on 2952 Harvest Lane, a few blocks from the future church property. He also was able to ask the Lakeview School if they would offer their gym for Sunday services. So in 1990 Christ the Servant Parish had begun.

In two years, 2015, we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary. As a part of this celebration I would like to put together a Parish History. Now I already know that Fr. Ratigan served here until his death and Fr. Dennis Lewandowski became Pastor. I know that Fr. Dennis built the church in 2000 and he left and Fr. Danaher came. Fr. Danaher was then transferred to Addison in January of 2011 and Fr. Allam became the administrator, and then the following June yours truly came on the scene. I am looking for something more personal. I would like to try to collect, edit, and write about your memories, your reflections, and your thoughts about Christ the Servant Parish over the past 25 years and for me to do that I need your help.

You can e-mail me these at frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org. If you don't have access to e-mail you can give them to me at mass, or even put them in the collection basket at mass.

As Corinne can attest, my literary skills are not very good. I would also like to get some help in putting this together. If there are any budding writers, or English teachers, or anyone who can put a sentence together, I would like to form a history committee. Once we start getting results we can then get together and see how we can put this grand literary masterpiece together. It should be fun. So if you want to help please put on your thinking caps, as the old nuns used to say, and jot down some thoughts. **This can only work if you will help**, and please don't leave this until the last minute. I would like to put a June 2014 deadline on collecting memories.

Rev. Frank V. Vitus



To help with immediate relief and reconstruction, please donate as generously as possible. Many of our parishioners have family and friends that were affected by the typhoon.

Checks may be made payable to Christ the Servant. There is a collection box in the narthex, or you may place your donation in a clearly marked envelope in next week's collection.

This is separate from the Campaign for Human Development. One fourth of the money donated for the Campaign for Human Development will stay to support the needs of the poor in our own diocese.



FROM BISHOP CONLON

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Holy Rosary Credit Union is taking poverty off the map in the heart of the country in Kansas City, Missouri. Started in 1943 by Italian immigrants, the not-for-profit credit union extends development and financial education services geared toward the low-income population of Kansas City.

With help from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection, the credit union encourages thrift, savings, and the wise use of credit for individuals and small businesses. It teaches its members how to manage and control their finances, helping move them into financial stability and out of poverty. Holy Rosary abides by Catholic social principles to serve seven parishes and bases its outreach on Christ's example of love for the poor.

This Collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Collection proceeds have provided access to invaluable resources for those who struggle in poverty and have made positive impacts throughout the United States.

Through CCHD the Catholic Church is working to continue the Church's tradition. Help us get poverty off the map once and for all. **Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Support CCHD in the upcoming Collection.** Please remember, 25% of the Collection's proceeds stay here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors.

For more information about the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the groups it funds, please visit www.usccb.org and search "CCHD Collection Resources."

God bless you,

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

St. Nick's Festival 2013

Featuring ... the Twelve Tastings of Christmas
Friday, December 6 from 6:30-10:30 pm

TOP FIVE Holiday Fundraiser Requests

#1 We need **Sporting Events Tickets**

BLACK HAWKS! BEARS! CUBS! BULLS!

Do you or a friend have season tickets to see the Black Hawks or another Chicago sports team? Consider donating 2 or more tickets to our fundraising event

#2 We need **BEVERAGES** to stock the **Cash Bar!**

We are looking for donations of beer, wine, and name brand soda pop—can you donate a case or two?

#3 We need **APPETIZERS—hot and cold!**

We are looking for donations of hot and cold delicious tasty treats for our snack tables. Would you bring something ready-made to serve on 12/6?

#4 We need **HOLIDAY BASKET BUILDERS!**

Are you crafty and creative? We will be at CTS building baskets for the next 2 weekends. Come join us!

- Saturday ~ 11/16 ~ 10am to 3pm
- Sunday ~ 11/17 ~ 12noon to ?
- Saturday ~ 11/23 ~ 10am to 3pm
- Sunday ~ 11/24 ~ 12noon to ?

#5 **Buy tickets now to St. Nick's Festival 12/6**

For each ticket purchased, receive a certificate for a free sandwich while supplies last from:



For purchases of 6 Admission Tickets or more, receive a free Pick-A-Raffle Ticket per Admission Ticket!

Your \$20 Ticket includes Live Music, Tasty Appetizers plus tastings of wines, flavored vodkas, cheeses, chocolates, pastries, and more! \$15 Ticket excludes alcohol tastings. Plan to do some holiday shopping at the Silent Auction & Pick-a-Raffle Extravaganza. Cash Bar, Hot Chocolate plus a special visitor and CANDY CANE LANE is coming for the kids!

Tickets available after masses, weekends in the narthex, weekdays in the Parish Office. Information: call Lainie G or email HolidayFundraiser@ctswoodridge.org

Religious Formation



Christ the Servant families are being asked to dress the F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE with donations of new hats, mittens & gloves for children. They will be donated to Hope's Front Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry.) Monetary donations are also welcome.

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

Confirmation:

Service Project: November 24th 11:30am-12:30pm Thanksgiving Food Pick-up



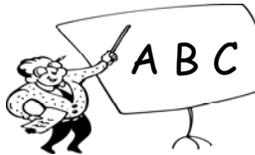
Next classes:

Session A—Sunday November 10th

Session B—Sunday November 17th

Saint Papers, Sponsor & Sacrament Forms are due at class time.

Christian Service Peace and Social Justice



English Language Tutors Needed

Greenleaf Apartments in Bolingbrook (2 miles west of Church) will be a new site for Tutors on Wheels — a program to teach English as a second language to adults. More tutors are needed to match the number of Greenleaf residents who have enrolled.

Empowering another adult to speak and read English is an enriching experience and promises to be the high point of your week. Please consider sharing your time and talent. No experience is needed. You do not have to know your student's language. Training sessions will be held on Saturday January 11 and 25 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Contact Sr. Rosemary W.



Congratulations to the children who celebrated their

1st Reconciliation on November 16th.

Thank you to the 6th & 7th grade RF students who helped with the hospitality that followed the celebration.

This year's RF Christmas Program will be Friday December 13th at 7:00pm.



Please make sure that you have returned your RF Christmas Program participation form.

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

Bible Study

Fr. Frank's Bible Study group is 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.

Mark your Calendars for the Fair Trade Fair

Before and after masses December 14/15

Fair Trade goods are just that. Fair. From far-away farms to your shopping cart, products that bear our logo come from farmers and workers who are justly compensated. We help farmers in developing countries build sustainable businesses that positively influence their communities. With Fair Trade USA, the money you spend on day-to-day goods can improve an entire community's day-to-day lives.



Thanksgiving signups

We are feeding 35 families this Thanksgiving. Bring your items back to church before 11 am Sunday, November 24.





*Through the Waters of Baptism,
the faith community of
Christ the Servant Parish
welcomes*

Brenna Ivy,
daughter of
Steven & Kimberly D
October 20, 2013

Mac Shelton,
son of
Jake & Megan P
November 3, 2013



Mac



*30th Wedding Anniversary
Jim & Ginny M
November 12*

May God bless you with many more years
of health and happiness.

Art & Environment needs volunteers to help with Advent décor, Christmas tree setup, Nativity setup, and Christmas décor.

Especially needed is help with the Nativity at noon, Sunday, December 8.

Please call Donna M.



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.

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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection next weekend. Help the poor as much as you are able.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Gloria Barrientos

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*
 Joe Florio, *r. Carmela Florio*
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 Gary Reed, *r. Jim & Maryann Gilroy*

Monday, November 18

8:30 AM Tom Klingsporn, *r. Janet Szymanski*

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 AM John W. Kuehn, *r. Joanne Kuehn*
 Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*

Wednesday, November 20

8:30 AM Joseph Florio, *r. Carmela Florio*

Thursday, November 21

8:30 AM Bill Weber, *r. Jerome & Pat Metyk*

Friday, November 22

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, November 23

4:45 PM People of the Parish
 Jean Rendak, *r. Rendak/Gierut families*

Sunday, November 24

8:30 AM Peter Gallego, *r. Haenke family*
 10:00 AM Sebastian & Anna Vogel, *r. Rita Sisko*
 Myra Wozniczka, *r. Christ the Servant Adult Choir*
 CTS Adult Choir, *in gratitude, r. Jean Durran*

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 fbrurke23@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	Elizabeth Freer	Pauline Ryan
Jim Bloomfield	Kay Goetz	Virginia Ryan
Louise Boden	George Grabert	Ron Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	Don Heinrich	Kathryn Stimetz
Vic Cordes	Jaime Lucia	Susan Tiesenga
Holly Derrico	Dan Miller	Chris Templin
Autumn Eipers	Marie Magee	Kim Transon
Jack Finan	Gene Mroz	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



Thomas 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—Nov. 17-Nov. 24

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

MONDAY: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 /
 Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY: 2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY: 1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY: 1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY: 2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

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

Thanksgiving Dinner Signups
Pick Up Manna orders

Sunday, November 17

8:30 am—RCIA
 8:30 am—Confirmation Class B
 11:15 am—Bible Study
 1:00 pm—Catechist Formation

Monday, November 18

Tuesday, November 19

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes
 6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, November 20

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes
 6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, November 21

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal
 7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22

Return Thanksgiving Dinners
by 11 am Sunday

Saturday, November 23

10:00 am—Fundraiser Basket Building

Sunday, November 24

11:00 am—Confirmation Service Project

Upcoming Events

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Mass, 9 am.

Nov. 30: PADS, offsite.

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

Parish Giving

Today's readings show us that even in the midst of a world gone mad, we are still empowered to bring God's order to any situation. Whether it is by our behavior, our words or our presence, believers have been given the power to share God's message no matter where we find ourselves.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 9/10:

Sunday	\$ 5,723.25
All Saints	7.00
All Souls	30.00
Debt Reduction	<u>210.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 5,970.25
This week's deficit	\$ 4,199.75

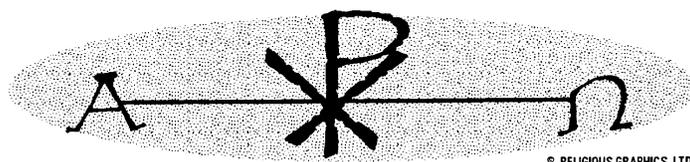
Debt to Diocese as of 10/31 \$761,800

Registered Households—736

Thank you for your generous support!

***Did you know...** God has given you everything you have—family, friends, home, health—in differing degrees. With Thanksgiving coming, think about how grateful you are for a God who gives out of unconditional love.*

Leave a Legacy. Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid estate taxes as they help our parish or diocese preserve our Catholic heritage. Call the Development Office at 815-838-8515.



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