

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

Our Mission

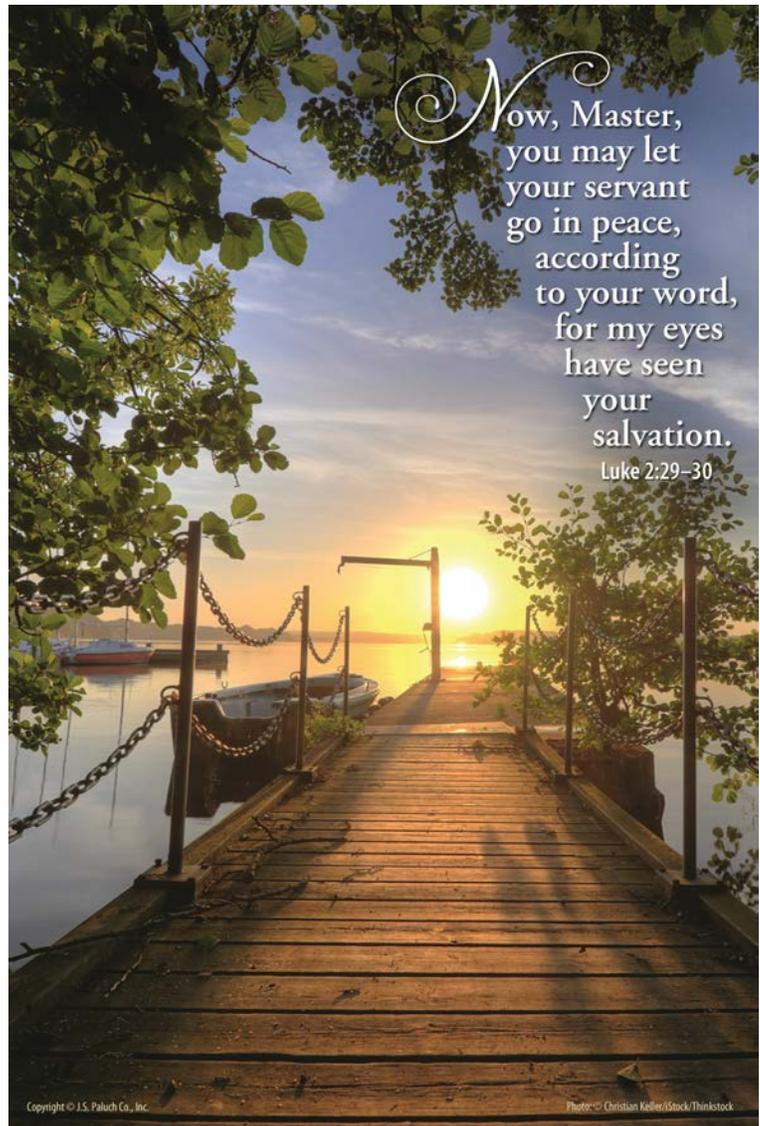
Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.

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Father Frank is on Retreat

Fr. Frank will be going on retreat this week. Monday through Friday, Deacon Tom Fricke will lead Communion Services at the normal time of 8:30 am. The schedule will return to normal next Saturday.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. Frank K. Vitus

In 1997, Blessed Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day For Consecrated Life to commemorate all the religious sisters and brothers who vowed to serve the church.



Please remember in your prayers the sisters that live in our parish, Sisters Rosemary W, SP, Lois P, OSF, Jane N, OSF, and Suzanne L, OSF.

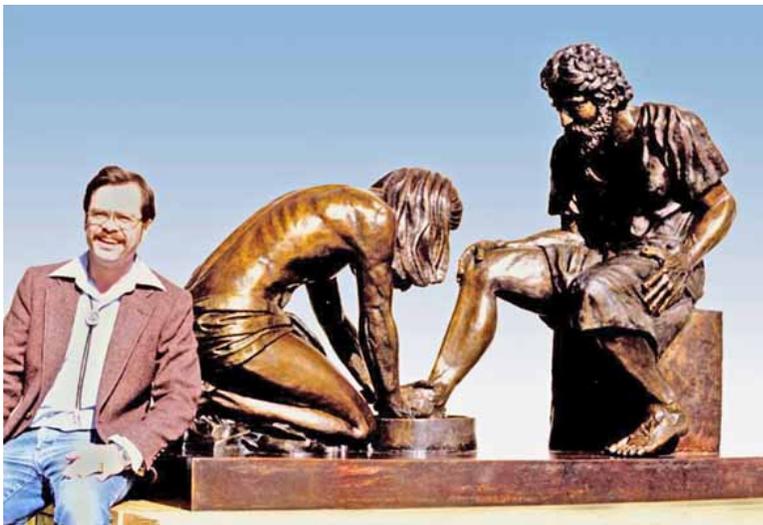
Our Church Art

Christ the Servant Parish

When a pastor begins a new parish usually he sends out a letter to the parishioners asking them for suggestions for names. Usually the pastor offers some suggestions and criteria for making those suggestions. Fr. Ratigan was very involved in the social teachings of the church. Some would call him an activist. It was no surprise to anyone that the name for the parish that Fr. Ratigan started was to be called **Christ The Servant**. The logo became Christ washing the feet of Peter. We read the 'Great Mandatum' or command in the Gospel of John 13:12-16.

So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him.

In the year 2000, Fr. Dennis purchased a statue from the artist Max Greiner depicting Christ washing the feet of Peter. The actual name of the original sculpture is "Divine Servant."



The artist, Max Greiner
Posing with Christ the Servant Statue

Last week, we mentioned the name of the donor of the Mary statue. It was not made clear that the "Christ Feeding the Multitudes" and Stations of the Cross were funded by other donations, some anonymous.



Christmas Season is over. The decorations have all been put away and the poinsettias are slowly fading. It is time to thank all who helped in preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons, setting up the Nativity, window sconces and Christmas tree, hanging the banners, placing the flowers, watering the flowers, changing from the purple of Advent to the White of Christmas, and then switching the décor back to Ordinary Time. All the helpers, too many to name specifically are very much appreciated, whether you helped with set up, or take down, or both, or are part of the continuing team of plant waterers.

Watch for more opportunities to be part of this behind-the-scenes, yet very important, ministry. Very early in March, we will be preparing décor for Lent. (Ash Wednesday is March 5.) The busiest week of the year as far as Art & Environment goes is Holy Week—beginning with being prepared for Palm Sunday on April 12, and the three-day liturgy (Triduum) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Would you like to help out, at least once? Watch the bulletin for opportunities. The current Art & Environment chairperson, Donna M, will be glad to include you in the plans! Call Donna to volunteer or ask questions.

Go Green!

Are you looking for a place to drop off some hazardous waste items like the non-rechargeable batteries in children's electronics? The place to go is behind Fire Station No. 4, 1979 Brookdale Road, Naperville. The facility is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding holidays.

Items they will accept:

Automotive fluids (including oil, gasoline, and anti-freeze), Batteries (including automotive and sump pump), Cleaning products, drain openers, Fertilizers, Fire Extinguishers, Flammables, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fluorescent bulbs, CFLs, Mercury, Mineral spirits, strippers, solvents, Paints and stains (oil based and alkyd only), Prescription medications, Propane tanks (20 lbs or less), Thermostats, Unknown hazardous substances

The **Green Team** is no longer collecting gym shoes because we no longer have a place to recycle them. Donate your shoes to your favorite charity. Remember to **Go Green!**

The **Green Team**



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.

2014 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY "TRUST IN THE FATHER'S CARE"

The 2014 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, funds support training for catechists and liturgical ministers.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Trust in the Father's Care." God does provide for us. He never forgets us.

Our parish goal is \$30,921. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal, as we have the last two years. (Our final report for 2013 showed a final amount paid of \$35,008, paid with \$2,615 yet unpaid.) When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive **60%** of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation Next Classes:

- Session A—Sunday, February 2nd
Session A—Sunday, February 9th



Do you need a Spiritual "Tune-up"?

Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with God?



Join us for a series of six mini-retreats. We will see video presentations by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM,

"who will give you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life - and then show you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze."

We will meet at 11:15am-12:45pm on Sundays: Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 2, Mar 9, Mar 30, Apr 6, 2014. Supplemental reading materials are available for \$15. Contact Liz Jesse for more information or to RSVP.

F.A.C.T. Chocolate Sale Families with Active Catholic Teens 6th-12th graders

Sign-ups are available in the Narthex for this Service Opportunity!



Sign up to help sell Chocolate after all Masses on

Weekend of Feb 8/9

Just in time for Valentine's Day!



Christian Service Peace and Social Justice



DIAPER DAYS

While families in need can get assistance in purchasing food products, that benefit does not extend to paper products and toiletries, including diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products.

To help someone who really needs this kind of help, please donate these products during the month of February. There will be a crib in the narthex during February to receive your donations.

The donations will be taken to the West Suburban Community Food Pantry for distribution to clients. This opportunity to help others is in addition to our regularly scheduled Food Drives.

CASH4 FOOD!

Saturday & Sunday, February 22 - 23

It's 2014! Christ The Servant's Parish Family is again asked to support the West Suburban Community Food Pantry with Cash donations, donated Paper Goods & food items. In 2013, almost \$2000 of CTS-donated DOLLARS became over 5 1/2 TONS of food. Yet the need remains, CASH FOR FOOD Donations to the WSCFP are most appreciated. Any cash amount is welcome and is put to very good use. Donated food items are also very welcome and appreciated.



Donated PAPER-GOODS are especially useful! Donated dollars cannot be turned into PAPER-GOODS. So, please also donate any household paper-good products - Toilet Tissue, Kitchen Towels, "Kleenex", Wet Wipes, Baby Diapers ... any paper product for in-home use. There is a constant need for this type of item. (See Diaper Days above!)

Your Fellow Parishioners will be in the Parking Lot before each Mass to receive your CASH for FOOD and PAPER GOODS donations. A CASH for FOOD Donation Box will be available in the Narthex for your convenience. Please make checks payable to the West Suburban Community Food Pantry.

Thank You for Your Generosity in 2013 and Your Continued Generosity in 2014!

Note that we are in need of a host team to serve at the 4:45 next week. Active or Substitute teams may offer to serve. New people are invited to join this ministry. It's great for a family with children eager to "do something" at mass. Duties involved coming early enough to greet people as they arrive, offering them a worship booklet, helping take up the collection, helping volunteer gift-bearers go up, guiding the communion procession, handing out bulletins as people leave, and straightening up booklets after mass. Call Corinne at 630-910-0770 or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org for information.



ALTAR MIN:

Saturday
February 8
4:45 PM

T Family

EXT. MINISTERS:

Marlene B
Deacon F
Joanne F
Deb G
Jim G

LECTORS:

Ramon J
Bob C

HOST TEAMS:

MINISTERS NEEDED

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
February 9
8:30 AM

C Family

Cindy F
Rose G
Paula R
Rita S
Andrea W

Barb K
Joe C

Mathew M
Steve W

Sunday
February 9
10:00 AM

A Family

Patti C
Judy E
Maria F
Michael L
Dan R

Virginia A
Sylvia C

D Family



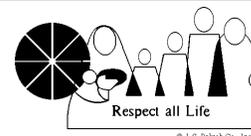
Mark your calendar for your opportunity to save a life on March 15! Even if you can't donate blood at the blood drive, you could help welcome people as they arrive to register, or help serve refreshments to those who have donated. Contact Kathy S to cover a shift. Two or three helpers would be good to have from 8-10 am, and one or two helpers would be good for 10am-noon.

Call 630-796-5654 for ticket information to the fundraiser for *Darien VFW Post 2838: Rockin' with the Vets*, to take place Friday, March 7 at Ashyana Banquets, on 75th Street in Downers Grove. All proceeds benefit the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Marriage Insurance

Imagine this. Following several weeks of preparation for marriage, a couple is offered, by a priest who has been guiding them, a marriage insurance policy. If the marriage ever breaks up, the priest agrees to pay the couple a million dollars, as long as they have followed the 12 Rules he has taught them—12 rules that have proved to be important for predicting success and happiness in marriage. [Fr. Rocky believes] if you follow the advice in a new book—*Marriage Insurance*—you'll put yourself in a very low risk category. Even if you can't put all or most of the 12 rules into effect, if you start putting some of it into action, your marriage—and your life—will improve. Even though we live in a culture and legal environment that has damaged and weakened the institution of marriage, you can have a strong, happy and permanent marriage. Guaranteed!



This is a book for people who are married, or who have been married, or are in a second marriage, or those who look forward to being married some day. And you don't have to be Catholic to benefit from it.

~excerpts from "*Marriage Insurance: 12 Rules to Live By*", by Rev. Francis Hoffman (a.k.a. "Fr. Rocky"), Executive Director of Catholic Relevant Radio

More about this book in coming weeks.

Prayer for the End to Human Trafficking

O God, our words cannot express what our minds can barely comprehend and our hearts feel when we hear of children and adults deceived and transported to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor because of human greed.

Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are being transgressed through threats, deception and force. We cry out against the degrading practice of trafficking and pray for it to end.

Strengthen the fragile-spirited and broken-hearted. Make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good and send the exploiters away empty-handed.

Give us the wisdom and courage to stand in solidarity with them, that together we will find ways to the freedom that is your gift to all of us. Amen.

~ Gen Cassani, SSND

Dave A

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Anthony Petraitis

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM Richard Buch, r. Marianna, Andy & Jacklyn Serafin

10:00 AM Fr. John Barrett, r. Jean Durran

Fr. Frank will be on retreat this week. Mass intentions have been transferred to the following week.

Monday, February 3—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for George L. Sisko

Tuesday, February 4—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Walter Szymanski

Wednesday, February 5—Communion Service

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 6—Communion Service

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 7—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Martin Ciolkosc

Saturday, February 8

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family

Gerald Johnson, r. family

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski, r. Corinne Hanson

10:00 AM People of the Parish

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, Feb. 13, 7:00-8:00PM**

We pray for the Sick

Fr. John Barrett	Cindy Giannini	Julie Nelson
Louise Boden	Kay Goetz	Dan Ryan
Mari Cleary	Don Heinrich	Ron Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	Anna Mae Husson	Harry Spatero
Sophie Czajka	Hannah Jahn	Chris Templin
Holly Derrico	Linda Lagman	Kim Transon
Bob Epstien	Jaime Lucia	Maribeth Wall
Jamie Filippini	Marie Magee	
Jack Finan	Gene Mroz	

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

Greg Basta, son of Ted Basta

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

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.

Job Opening

Administrative Assistant – Diocese of Joliet

The Diocese of Joliet's Development Office is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for all administrative aspects of the Development Office and performs work necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Department. Bilingual in Spanish and English a plus. For a complete job description visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org, under employment. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications must submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Bible Readings—Feb. 2-Feb. 9

SUNDAY: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 /
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

MONDAY: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-18 / Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3 /
Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY: Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY: Is 58:7-10 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

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)

Tony Abellera, (interim) Parish Life

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 2

8:30 am—RCIA
8:30 am—Confirmation Class A
10:00 am—CLOW
11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

F.A.C.T. Candy Sale

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

8:30 am—RCIA
8:30 am—Confirmation Class B
10:00 am—CLOW

Upcoming Events
Mar 5: Ash Wednesday
Mar 15: 8 am-noon. Blood Drive
Mar 16-18: Lenten Mission with John Donahue-Grossman
Apr 2: Lenten Reconciliation Services; 1pm & 7pm

Parish Giving

As Mary and Joseph offered “two turtledoves or two young pigeons” in sacrifice, may each of us offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord through our time ability and tithe/alms.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Parish Expenses \$ 6,420.00, Mortgage Payment 3,350.00, Total Needed \$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Jan 25/26:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Sunday \$ 6,795.90, Mary, Mother of God 20.00, Debt Reduction 143.00, Total Contributed \$ 6,958.90, Deficit \$ (3,571.10)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Latin America \$ 294.00, Debt to Diocese as of 12/31 \$729,407

Registered Households—731

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...the FACT candy sale will include fairly traded dark chocolate (meaning the workers receive a fair wage) which is also rain forest alliance certified (meaning sustainable methods of farming were used.)

Leave a Legacy. Giving long-term assets to our parish or diocese can help you avoid capital gains tax and give you a tax deduction. Find how and get tax help as your legacy provides perpetual support for our Church. Call the Development Office at 815-221-6100.

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

Christ the Servant parishioners are invited to participate and be in the audience at two (1/2 hour each) Masses that will be taped on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at Mercy Home, 1140 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago. Fr. Carl Morello will be the celebrant. Call Rita S or sign up in the narthex.

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