

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

5th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 9, 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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Girl Scout Cookies

Have you noticed that kids don't do as much soliciting door to door anymore, like Girl Scouts selling cookies, Cub Scouts selling popcorn, students selling magazines or wrapping paper for their school?

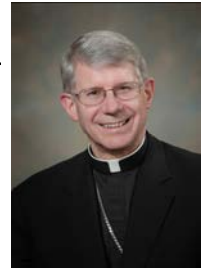
The church narthex is a safe, supervised environment for the girls to offer the ever-popular Girl Scout Cookies. Watch for the Girl Scouts of our parish in the narthex next weekend.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



FROM BISHOP CONLON



HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their populations. Through annual grants, Catholic Home Missions funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs in dioceses in need. As a result of parishioners' generosity, Catholic Home Missions impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. The dioceses funded by the Appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all U.S. dioceses.

The state of Mississippi has the highest number of families living below the poverty line in the U.S., as well as the lowest per capita income and a low level of formal education. For the Diocese of Jackson, these challenges are combined with an immense area—the diocese encompasses two-thirds of the state—and only a small number of Catholics. One of the biggest problems is a lack of priests to reach people under these difficult circumstances. The head of the diocese, Bishop Joseph N. Latino, commented on this shortage, "I've buried more priests than I've ordained in my 10 years of tenure." With limited resources, this reality hits this home mission diocese hard. A grant from Catholic Home Missions helps cover the cost of educating the diocese's 10 seminarians, whose education each costs \$35,000–\$37,000 per year. As future priests of the diocese, these men will bring the sacraments and provide a Catholic presence to the faithful.

A mission diocese often times must compete with high rates of poverty and a lack of educated pastoral and lay leadership to serve the community. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses.

Our diocese takes up this Collection this weekend of February 8-9, 2014. If you missed using your envelope this week, please be as generous as you are able next week in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Daniel Conlon". To the left of the signature is a small blue cross.

For more information on the Catholic Home Missions and the dioceses and eparchies funded by the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, please visit www.usccb.org (search home missions).

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.

Go Green!

If you cannot get out to the fire station in Naperville (as mentioned in last week’s bulletin) to recycle some hazardous waste materials, here are two alternatives:

Home Depot is collecting CFL’s. Just make sure that they are sealed in a plastic bag.
Lisle Police Department, 5040 Lincoln Avenue is collecting drugs that are no longer needed or have expired date codes, prescription or over the counter. Place these in a sealed plastic bag.

- ✦ Different medications can be mixed in the same bag.
- ✦ Do not include pill bottles or pill packaging. This will assist in reducing program costs and ensure that drop-off program participants remain anonymous.
- ✦ For liquid medications, cross out any personal information with a permanent marker on the prescription bottle and place the container in a sealed plastic bag. Double-bagging the container is recommended to ensure the contents do not leak.
- ✦ **No needles, sharp medical supplies or other hazardous waste will be accepted.**
- ✦ Inhaler canisters without the plastic mouthpiece/casing will be accepted. Place the canisters in a plastic bag.

Remember to keep our environment safe for our children and grandchildren!
The Green Team

SPIRITUALITY AND ORGANIZED RELIGION

Too often we hear – “I am spiritual but I just don’t buy organized religion.” Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm. our presenter, says, “It’s not an either/or, rather it is spirituality AND organized religion. He will lead us this evening in a deeper understanding of both spirituality and organized religion.

Date: Monday, February 10th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Location: Divine Savior Church
6700 Main St., Downers Grove**

Prison Ministry Christmas Card Collection

Thank you for your donations of Christmas cards for Prison Ministry. For those who are incarcerated, getting a card letting him or her know they are thought of is a feeling of Christ’s love.

Over 800 cards were signed and sent to Illinois prisons from the combined parishes of Christ the Servant and Divine Savior.

Again, Thank you, and May God Bless You,

Bev G

Pro-Life member, Divine Savior Parish



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.

2014 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

“TRUST IN THE FATHER’S CARE”

Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Trust in the Father’s Care.” God’s blessings are abundant. Each of us should always be thankful that we can trust in the Father’s care. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, funds support the Office of Family Ministry and the Religious Education Office.

Our parish goal is \$30,921. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal, as we have the last two years. 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

Session B meets Sunday February 9th

Next Classes:

Session A—Sunday, March 2nd

Session A—Sunday, March 9th



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



Buy chocolate for your Valentine & support our Youth Activities.

Parent and Child 1st Eucharist Retreat

Saturday, February 22nd, 10am – 11:30am

Families with children that will be celebrating First Eucharist this year.

Come spend some special time with your child preparing to receive 1st Eucharist. Look and listen through the eyes and ears of a child. Update your knowledge of the guidelines and rituals and deepen your understanding of the sacrament.

One parent needs to attend along with the student preparing to celebrate the sacrament of 1st Eucharist.



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 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.



Christian Service

Peace and Social Justice

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 below!*)



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!



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.

Do you see the same names showing up all the time, and wonder why? That is because there are not enough people/families to assign. You can be a new face in ministry! To become a Minister of the Altar, call Bill or Donna C. For Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Deacon Tom F or Alie P. For Lector, call Debi S. For Host Teams, call Greg F.



ALTAR MIN:

Saturday
February 15
4:45 PM

W Family

EXT. MINISTERS:

Karen J
Steve J
Mary K
Gregory P
Annie T

LECTORS:

Jerry F
Debi S

HOST TEAMS:

Jim P
Steve W

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
February 16
8:30 AM

P Family

Barb K
Mathew M
Jose S
Melania S
Lee W

Rita W
Paula R

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
February 16
10:00 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Deacon F
Joanne F
Ed J
Madeline J
Rita S

Sylvia C
Sr. Suzanne S

T 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 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.

Respect for All Life

National Marriage Week

Observed each year from Feb. 7-14th, National Marriage Week USA is a collaborative campaign to strengthen individual marriages,



reduce the divorce rate, and build a stronger marriage culture, which in turn helps to curtail poverty and benefits children. Marriage works. It assists people in living happier, longer lives and building economic security. In truth, the vast majority of couples wish they could have a rewarding lifelong commitment with their spouses. Yet in the midst of challenges, we can forget how marriage can benefit our personal lives. We must strengthen our determination to keep our marriages healthy and strong. Marriage breakdown is costly to our children and to society at large. In these economically challenging times, building stronger marriages helps to build a stronger nation. The major goals of National Marriage Week USA are: (1) to elevate marriage as a national issue in the media and with policy leaders; (2) to promote the benefits of marriage, that stronger marriages bring economic stability to individuals and to the nation, and provide the best environment for thriving children. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has instructed the bishops of all dioceses to encourage parish participation in National Marriage Week USA.

Dave A

**Where on Earth are we going?
And what can we do about it?**

The *Awakening the Dreamer Changing the Dream Symposium* is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth environmental sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfillment, three facets of a new dream for humanity and planet Earth.

If you are ready to explore what this vision means for you, and the opportunity to create an inspiring future, we invite you to attend.

Where: Christ The Servant Church

When: Saturday, February 15, 2014
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 to cover lunch, specify vegetarian or not;
(no one turned away for lack of funds)

Register by February 10, 2014; Contact:

Karen J, .

email kajackson@gmail.com

Sr. Rosemary W,

email rosemarysp@att.net

Registration forms are in the narthex.

The Respect for All Life Committee will meet at 9:00 am, Tuesday, February 11, at the home of Rita S. All interested persons are welcome to attend; please contact Dave A.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Stanley Oleksy

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 10

8:30 AM George L. Sisko, *r. Rita Sisko*

Tuesday, February 11

8:30 AM Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*
Dennis Boyle & Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

Wednesday, February 12

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 14

8:30 AM Martin Ciolkosc, *r. Donna Mays*

Saturday, February 15

4:45 PM Martin Ciolkosc, *r. Donna Mays*
Richard Mraz, *r. Eleanor Myczek*



Sunday, February 16

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Gomolinski family*
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.

Human Trafficking Awareness

Illinois Women Religious Against Human Trafficking

The United Nations currently estimates human trafficking to be the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, second only to drug trafficking in terms of illicit money. Experts believe that 27 million people around the world live in slavery, and between 14-17,000 people are brought to the United States for exploitation as domestic servants, restaurant workers, janitors, agricultural workers, seamstresses, factory workers or in the commercial sex trade. Runaway children in the United States are at high risk.

Bible Readings—Feb. 9-Feb. 16

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

MONDAY: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 / Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 / Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY: 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19 / Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 / Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY: Sir 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 /

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37

Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
Phone: (630) 910-0770
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)

Tony Abellera, (interim) Parish Life

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship



Calendar of Events

F.A.C.T. Candy Sale

Sunday, February 9

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

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm.
7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am—Respect for All Life (*offsite*)
4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes
6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, February 12

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes
6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes
7:00 pm—Peace & Social Justice (*offsite*)

Thursday, February 13

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class
7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 14

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Saturday, February 15

8:30 am—Worship Commission
8:30 am—*Awakening the Dreamer*

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am—RCIA
10:00 am—CLOW
11:30 am—Baptism

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

In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer our cries for help in time of need.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Feb. 1 / 2:

Sunday	\$ 8,624.91
Debt Reduction	<u>1,580.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 10,204.91
Catch up	\$ 34.91

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Funds	1,744.50
Debt Reduction	284.06
Electronic Gen. Funds (1/20-28)	160.00

DONATIONS TO CHARITY:

Latin America	\$ 43.00
Debt to Diocese as of 12/31	\$729,407

Registered Households—733

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... parish office hours will be reduced through February 17 because of the business manager's vacation. Please call before stopping by to make sure someone is here to help you. Thank you. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 18.

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