

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

8th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

March 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.*

## Special points of interest:

- From our Bishop and Lenten Regulations, page 2
- Ministry Schedules for both Ash Wednesday and next weekend, page 5
- Lenten Mission with John Donahue-Grossman, March 16/17/18
- Daylight Savings Time begins Saturday night, March 8. Set clocks forward.

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, March 5.

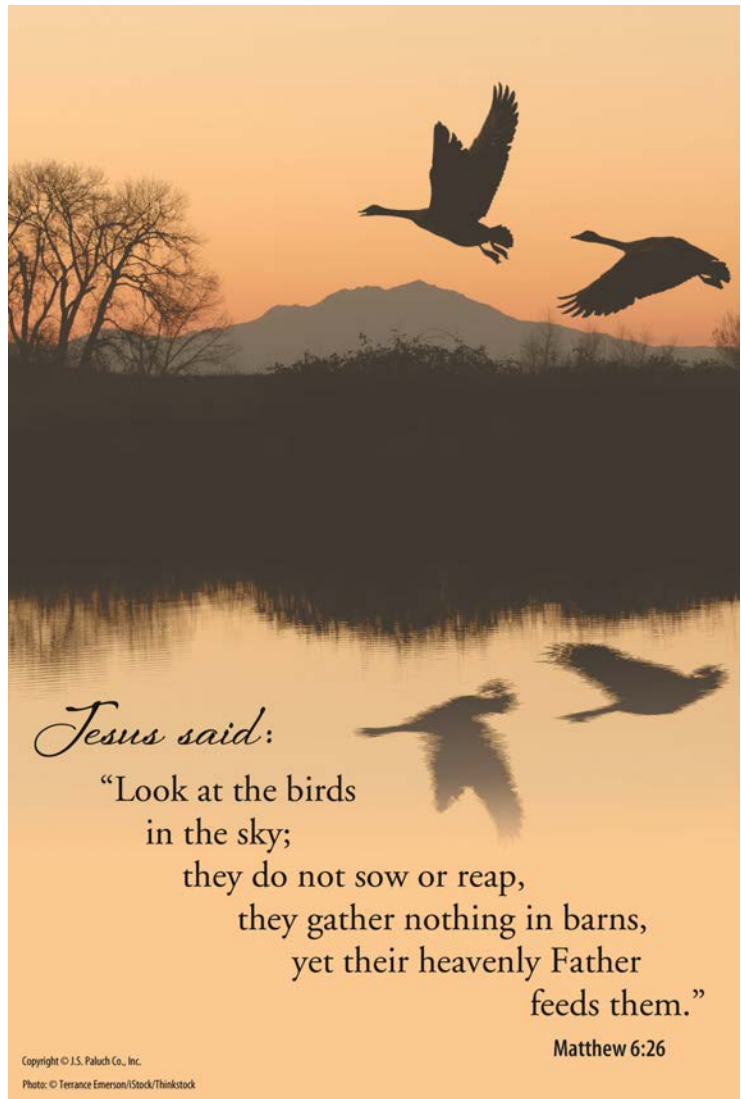
Ashes will be distributed at Christ the Servant as follows:

8:30 am Mass

4:30 pm Prayer Service

7:00 pm Mass

Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm.



*Jesus said:*

“Look at the birds  
in the sky;  
they do not sow or reap,  
they gather nothing in barns,  
yet their heavenly Father  
feeds them.”

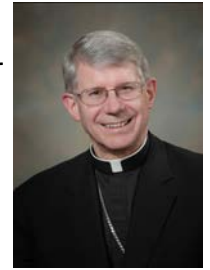
Matthew 6:26

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*Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home*



# FROM BISHOP CONLON



## **CRS: Restore the Church. Build the Future**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Joliet will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on Ash Wednesday, March 5. This Collection funds grants that provide pastoral care, affordable shelter, and a cultural and spiritual education for suffering people who live in areas formerly under Soviet control. This special collection is a way for Catholics in the United States to stand in solidarity with those who experience the *continuing* aftermath effects of decades of strife in that part of the world. The bishops and people of these regions face the enormous task of restoring church structures while rebuilding the life of the community.

For example, in Bucharest, Romania, the Collection is funding a repair of the New Home Centre which provides a home for abandoned children, offering them nursery care and preschool education. The project will provide living quarters for children and a separate kindergarten, ensuring that the children live in a safe and welcoming environment.

Approximately 40,000 Ukrainians die each year from alcoholism, a remnant of the hopelessness fostered by generations of communist oppression. In response to this tragic predicament, Fr. Andriy Lohin founded four centers to care for those struggling with alcohol addiction and their families to focus on direct counseling and spiritual therapy, as well as educational outreach to rural villages. Thus far, the program has reached 15,000 people; therapists have conducted more than 350 consultations and visited over 150 villages.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, where your gifts are restoring the Church and building the future. Thank you and God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet

*P.S. At Christ the Servant, we have a tradition of allocating the Ash Wednesday collection to offset the costs of the Parish Mission. This year, we will allocate half to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe collection, while retaining the other half for our traditional purpose of offsetting the Parish Mission costs. Your generosity will support both these worthy endeavors.*

### **Lent begins March 5: LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.



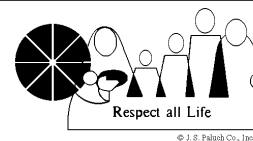
**CTS Blood Drive**  
**Saturday, March 15th**  
**8:00 am-12:00 pm**

Register online at:  
[https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/2022034](https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2022034)

or sign up in the narthex, or call the Parish office at 630-910-0770.  
 Photo ID required; please eat a good meal and drink plenty of water before donating.  
 It's one of the easiest ways to save a life.

*Respect for All Life*

**Marriage as a  
 Divine Institution**



*The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him..." So the Lord God then built up into a woman the rib he had taken from the man, and the man said: "This one is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called woman, for out of her man this one has been taken." This is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two then become one body.*

*~ Genesis 2:18,22-24*

The sacred writer stresses the fact that conjugal union is willed by God. They "become one body" suggests not only physical union, but also a unity through a common household and the raising of children. This becomes the foundation for marriage as a divine institution.

"Marriage Insurance" Available—for free!  
 For the past month we have featured portions of the new book "Marriage Insurance: 12 Rules to Live By," by Fr. Francis Hoffman (Fr. Rocky), of Relevant Radio. Our Respect for All Life Committee is providing copies for our parish use, available in the narthex on the table under the "pastors" wall. If you are married, planning for marriage, or hope to be married in the future, please feel free to talk a copy.

*submitted by Dave A*

**Restorative Justice: Conflict as Opportunity**  
 speaker: **Robert Koehler**

**The West Suburban Faith-Based Peace Coalition presents this lecture in the Rev. J. Robert Sandman Lecture Series.**

**Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 pm**  
**Lombard Mennonite Church**  
**528 East Madison St, Lombard IL 60148**

Free and Open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Restorative justice seeks to achieve harmony not through the abolishment of conflict, but rather through cooperation and communication that remains respectful to all parties involved. It can be used as an agent for change both on a personal level and a societal one. Restorative justice is being taught in schools and law offices as an alternative to punitive discipline, which doesn't address the roots of our social problems and dehumanizes oppressed communities. This growing social movement has the potential to transform our institutions, as well as our nation.

Award-winning author and journalist Robert Koehler writes a nationally syndicated column for Tribune Media Services. He also contributes to websites like the Huffington Post, Common Dreams, and TruthOut. Dubbing himself a "peace journalist," he writes fiction, poetry, and columns about social justice.

**40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil**

**"Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God..."  
 ...and Baby David was born!**

**You** can be that *sign* from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever you can. Invite a friend to join you as a "prayer buddy" or bring your kids to teach them what is important. Or, if you cannot join us on site, pray and fast from home – you will still make a difference! What a great Lenten sacrifice.

**When:** March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7am to 7pm

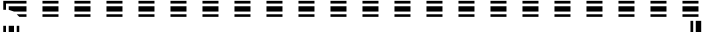
**Location:** Access Health Center, 1700 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Downers Grove

Or sign up anytime online at: [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove), then click on **"Vigil Schedule"**.

**Kick-Off Prayer Service, today Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm at Access.**

*Your presence and prayers may make the ultimate difference in a baby's life!*

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation Service Project: Weekend of March 1st & 2nd

Helping with Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal at Mass.

Next Classes: Session A—Sunday, March 2nd Session A—Sunday, March 9th

Lenten Mission: March 16-18 at 7:00pm Confirmands are required to attend at least one night of the Mission. Join us on Sunday March 16th for pizza (see below.)



F.A.C.T. Families with Active Catholic Teens 6th-8th Graders Thank you for supporting our Candy Sale Fund-raiser.

There is some Equal Exchange organic dark chocolate still available. See Liz Jesse for more information.

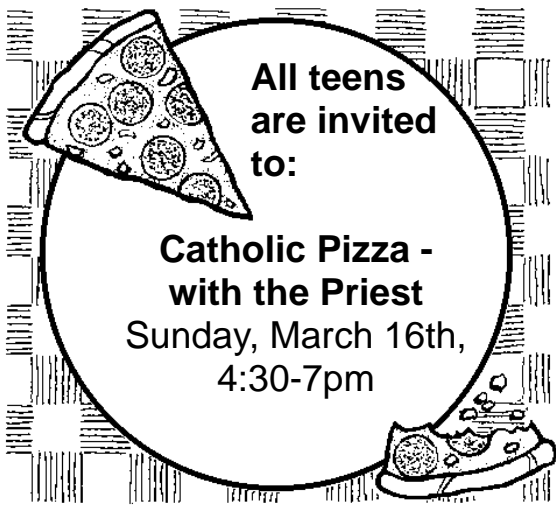
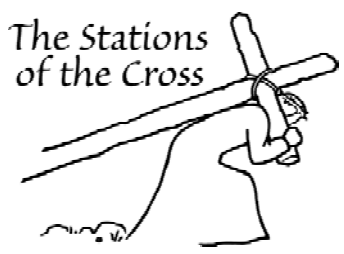
Service Opportunities:

Please contact Liz Jesse liz@ctswoodridge.org if you would like to serve our faith community as we celebrate these Lenten traditions:



Wednesday March 5th 4:30pm - Ash Wednesday Prayer Service Readers needed.

Friday March 28th 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross Teen Leaders needed.



Come enjoy pizza and conversation with Fr. Frank Vitus & John Donahue-Grossman, our Lenten Mission speaker.

Stay for conversation/games with your friends, followed by the first night of our parish mission from 7-8pm.

Reservations are required by March 9th! Contact Ms. Jesse 630-910-0770 x12 liz@ctswoodridge.org

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: 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.



# ASH

## WEDNESDAY

If you can fill in a Minister Needed spot, please check in with the Mass Coordinator or Father ten minutes before the mass/service is scheduled to begin.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS


Wednesday March 5 <u>8:30 AM</u>	Wednesday March 5 <u>4:30 PM</u> <u>Prayer Service</u> <i>none needed</i>	Wednesday March 5 <u>7:00 PM</u>
<b>ALTAR MIN:</b>  <b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b> Will also distribute Ashes	Mathew M <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	N Family
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Patti C Ed J Madeline J Pat S Annie T	Deacon F Maria F Jim N Alie P Rita S
<b>HOST TEAMS:</b>	Vince D Sister Suzanne L.	Peg K Kathy V
	D Family	Donna M Steve W

Would you like to participate as a minister, but afraid that you would be assigned times that don't work for you? Each minister/family has the opportunity to block out certain dates and times by completing an "Availability Sheet". This sheet lists the upcoming schedule, and gives you to opportunity to block out certain dates and times. You can also request to be scheduled only once per month, or once per schedule. Every minister helps! 630-910-0770.



### Next Weekend's MINISTERS-Time change, set clocks forward

Saturday March 8 <u>4:45 PM</u>	Sunday March 9 <u>8:30 AM</u>	Sunday March 9 <u>10:00 AM</u>
<b>ALTAR MIN:</b>	W Family	P Family
<b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b>	Karen J Steve J Mary K Marylou R Annie T	John C Donna C Cheryl F Deacon F Andrea W
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Ramon J Steve W	Maria F Joanne F Ed J Madeline J Maureen N
<b>HOST TEAMS:</b>	V Family	Dan R Virginia A  D Family



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

**Mackenzie Rose,**  
daughter of  
Sara B & Michael K  
February 16, 2014



Welcome to our parish family:

**Rick & Margarita R  
& family**  
Gilbert Dr, Lockport

**Tony & Amy D  
& family**  
Valley View Drive, Downers Grove

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Pick up a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Gerald Johnson

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, March 1

4:45 PM People of the Parish

#### Sunday, March 2

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Richard & Leona Gordon*

Henry Borkowski, *r. Donna Kovarik*

10:00 AM Carl Koerner & Virginia Clark, *r. Mary Koerner*

#### Monday, March 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, March 4

8:30 AM Eleanor Weber, *r. family*

#### Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM Godofreda & Diosdado Bandelaria, *r. Norma Valencia*

4:30 PM Prayer Service (with distribution of Ashes)

7:00 PM People of the Parish

#### Thursday, March 6

8:30 AM Edna Wall, *r. family*

#### Friday, March 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Saturday, March 8

4:45 PM Larry Carroo

#### Sunday, March 9

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski, *r. Donna Mays*

Rick Kopp, *r. Marge Buch*

10:00 AM mother of Julius Dasco, *r. Christ the Servant Adult Choir*

Ofelia Mallari & Paciano Monsalud, *r. Norma Valencia*

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](mailto: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, March 13, 7:00-8:00PM

## We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	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	Gene Mroz	Maribeth Wall
Jamie Filipponi	Julie Nelson	
Cindy Giannini	Dan 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](mailto: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.*



## Girl Scout Award

The parish would like to offer a well earned congratulations to one of our parishioners, Natalia Mendez. On March 23 she will be receiving the Marian Medal for Catholic Girl Scouts, at a ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral. Congratulations, Natalia.

## Bible Readings—Mar. 2-Mar. 9

**SUNDAY:** Is 49:14-15 / 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Mt 6:24-34

**MONDAY:** 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Mk 10:17-27

**TUESDAY:** 1 Pt 1:10-16 / Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY:** Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6,16-18

**THURSDAY:** Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

**FRIDAY:** Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

**SATURDAY:** Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

**SUNDAY:** Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19 / Mt 4:1-11

**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](mailto: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

The March Respect for Life meeting will be held Tuesday, Mar. 4, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will meet off-site at Andie Wolfe's home at 9:15 am. Call Andie W.

**Calendar of Events**

**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

**Sunday, March 2**

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

10:00 am—CLOW

11:30 am—Baptisms

**Monday, March 3**

7:00 pm—Christian Service Commission

**Tuesday, March 4**

NO RF CLASSES

**Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday**

8:30 am—Mass w/ashes

4:30 pm—Prayer Service w/ashes

7:00 pm—Mass w/ashes

**Thursday, March 6**

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, March 7**

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 8**

**Sunday, March 9**

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

**Upcoming Events**

**Mar 5:** Ash Wednesday; 8:30 mass, 4:30 prayer service; 7:00 mass

**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**

Jesus says that we are more important than the birds of the sky and the birds do not sow or reap nor gather anything into barns. Can we trust the Lord to take better care of us than the birds of the sky?

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014**

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS Feb. 22/23:**

Sunday	\$ 5,891.32
Debt Reduction	<u>55.00</u>
Total Contributed	<b>\$ 5,946.32</b>
This week's deficit	\$ (4,223.68)

Debt to Diocese as of 1/31 \$716,746

Registered Households—733

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Did you know...**our Lenten Mission is coming up on March 16/17/18.

Evenings will begin at 7:00 pm with John Donahue-Grossman. Monday and Tuesday mornings, we will have sessions with Deacon Rod Accardi (Monday) and Father Frank (Tuesday), with additional information that will enrich our Lenten road to Discipleship.

**Leave a Legacy.** You want your heirs to have an estate, not a tax bill. Consider a charitable lead trust. It's a way to Leave a Legacy by benefiting our parish or diocese while you reduce the taxes on your estate. Call the Development Office at 815-221-6100.

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