

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

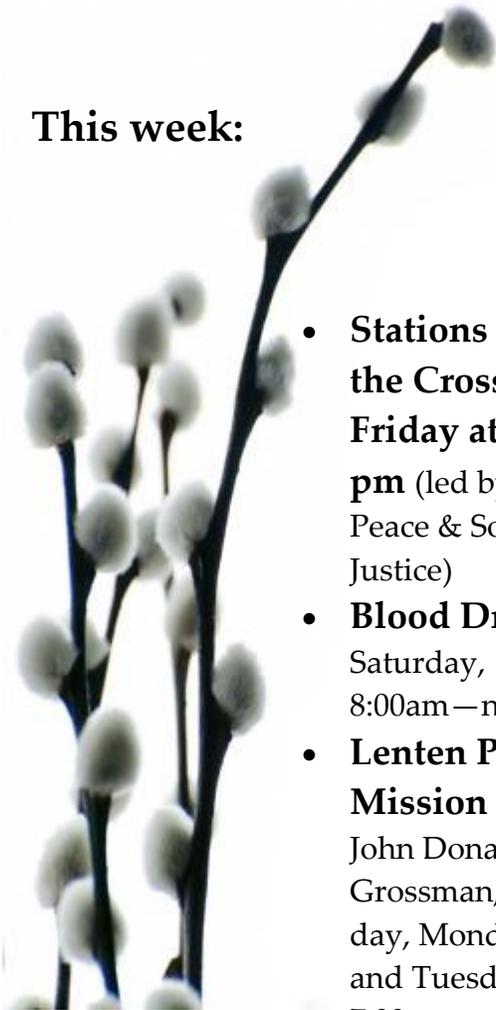
First Sunday
of Lent

March 9, 2014

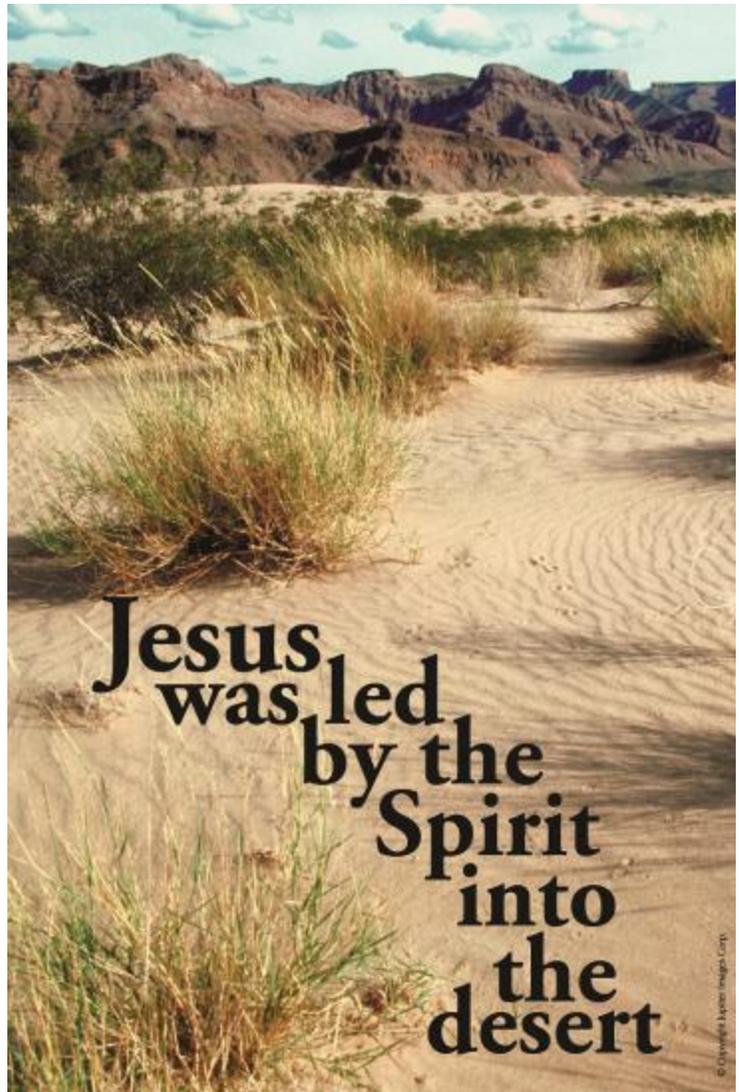
Our Mission

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.

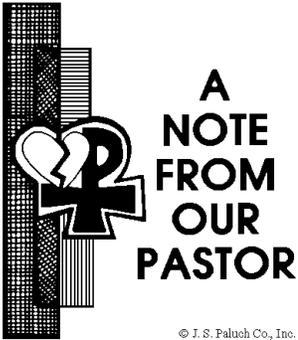
This week:



- **Stations of the Cross, Friday at 7:00 pm** (led by Peace & Social Justice)
- **Blood Drive, Saturday, 8:00am – noon**
- **Lenten Parish Mission** with John Donahue-Grossman, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 pm



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



First of all let me publicly thank Corinne Hanson for all the work she does. One of her many tasks is preparing the weekly bulletin. It's through the bulletin that we communicate what our parish is all about. We are reminded of the activities; the times, the dates, etc.

Secondly, let me share a secret with you. Whenever priests get together and the topic of parish announcements comes up, everyone sits and grumbles. Sometimes they want it after mass is over, like the way we do it after the communion prayer. Others prefer to have announcements before mass starts, like with our opening comment. Bishop Conlon wrote a series of reflections on how masses are celebrated throughout the diocese. He writes concerning the topic of announcements that: "The attitude of reverence, conveyed by the priest-celebrants, the ease with which they pronounce the prayers, and faithfulness to the official texts and rubrics is a sign of love for God and people. Too many comments and announcements tend to turn Mass into a 'town hall meeting', where we talk to each other instead of to God." In another place he says, "Lengthy and gratuitous announcements can divert the hearts and minds of the assembly from the worship of God and the saving grace he offers us at Mass."

In the periodical "U.S. Catholic", one pastor even blames announcements as the reason why people leave early before mass is over.

Therefore, since it is not a part of the Liturgy, and we do have an excellent parish bulletin, I would like to severely limit the use of parish announcements. Sometimes, things don't make the bulletin and it is absolutely necessary, but most of the time it's a repetition of what is already written in the bulletin. I don't quite understand it when people say "if Father says it from the pulpit it will make all the difference". If that worked, every baptized Catholic would accept the invitation to be at mass every Sunday and there would be peace throughout the world!

Rev. Frank K. Vitus

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 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
 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

Happiness Through the Adventure of Salvation



How do we establish a vibrant identity for Catholicism in the modern world? The mission of the Church is God's direct and intimate response to the human heart's unceasing desire for happiness. When we allow the Gospel to transform the way we live and love and work, it elevates every honest human endeavor and every aspect of society. The Gospel is alive and active, and has the power to transform our lives, our communities, our nations, even the whole world. God has a dream for you and a plan for your life. He wants you to be free to become the best version of yourself. It is through prayer, reflection, the Scriptures, the grace of the Sacraments, the wisdom of the Church, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we discover and walk the path that God is calling us to walk. In our own way, we all seek out our individual destiny. It is the task of the Church to introduce us to our destiny by unveiling for us the mystery of God, who is our ultimate end and destiny. It is OUR task to introduce others to their destiny with God. Serving others in this way will also allow us to fulfill our own destiny. By embracing the adventure of salvation, we become with each effort more perfectly the person God created us to be.

~"Searching for Identity" (Adventure of Salvation) by Matthew Kelly

Lenten suggestion: switch TV/radio channels to Comcast 119, Dish Network 261, DirectTV 370 and Catholic Relevant Radio AM 930 or AM 950.

submitted by Dave A

Cash 4 Food

The Cash For Food Drive results from our recent collection are rather amazing!

- Cash Donations = \$300.00
- Check Donations = \$525.00
- Total Cash+Checks = **\$825.00 (largest amount ever)**
 = 4,583 lbs of food!
- Product Donations (Mostly paper goods) = 256 lbs.
- Total Food & Paper products made available thru CTS donations = 4,839 lbs! That's just shy of **2 1/2 TONS** of food.

Special thanks to Jesse T & Arturo M, Sr. as Parking Lot Helpers.
submitted by Jerry F

Go Green!

The **Green Team** hopes that you are surviving this long, cold, snowy winter. Think **Green** thoughts and pray for spring to arrive.

The **Green Team** is still striving to recycle or reuse. Here are items that we are currently collecting at our recycling center in the Narthex: **eyeglasses** for the Lion's Club, **pull tabs** from aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald house, **comics** for soldiers, all occasion **greeting cards** and Campbell's **Labels for Education** for St. Jude's Ranch, **paper and plastic bags w/o holes** for the Marion Food Pantry, **crayons, markers, Altoid type of containers** and **keys** for SCARCE, **Christmas tree lights** for SCARCE, **pads of paper, pens and blank note cards** for the Prison Ministry and screw on type of **plastic lids** for a group in Africa to make jewelry.

Thank you for your support. The Green Team

Mark Your Calendar

We are rapidly approaching our 25th anniversary as a parish! Would you like to help plan the celebrations of this event?

On April 5, at 11:00 am, we will meet at the church to brainstorm ideas for celebration. All ideas are welcome at this brainstorming session. Please plan to come! No RSVP required.



Religious Formation



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation Session B Meets Sunday March 9th

Next Classes:
 Session A—Sunday, April 6th
 Session B—Sunday, April 13th

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.)

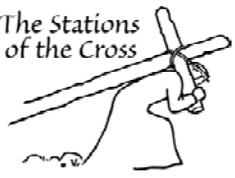


Our Confirmation Classes will be packing meals at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on March 29th. Can you donate money to help pay for the meals that the kids pack? There will be Hunger Jars in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Thank you!

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.
 — Proverbs 22:9

Service Opportunities:

Please contact Liz Jesse liz@ctswoodridge.org if you would like to serve our faith community as we celebrate these Lenten traditions:
 Friday March 28th
 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross
 Teen Leaders needed.



Catechist Get-Together

Sunday, March 23rd, 1-3pm.

We'll be sharing fellowship and classroom ideas; exploring techniques for praying with children; evaluating this past year; and planning for next year.



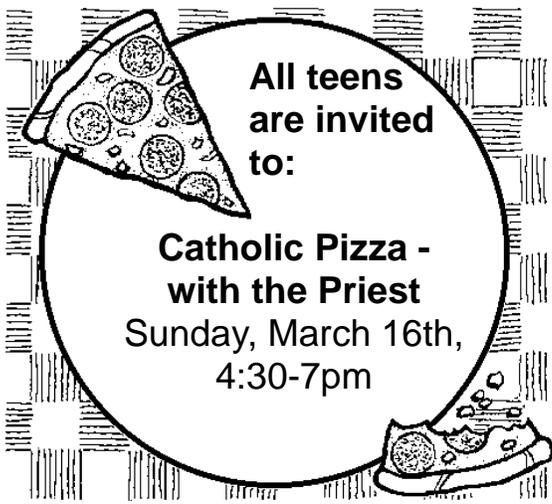
Do you need a Spiritual "Tune-up"?

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



Join us for a series of 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 9, Mar 30, Apr 6, 2014.



All teens are invited to:

Catholic Pizza - with the Priest
 Sunday, March 16th,
 4:30-7pm

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

Supplemental reading materials are available for \$15. Contact Liz Jesse for more information or to RSVP.

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

	Saturday March 15 4:45 PM	Sunday March 16 8:30 AM	Sunday March 16 10:00 AM
ALTAR MIN:	A Family	C Family	N Family
EXT. MINISTERS:	Patti C Jim G Karen J Steve J Gregory P	Rose G Michael L Jose S Melania S Andie W	Maria F Ed J Madeline J Maureen N Rita S
LECTORS:	Bob C Debi S	Virginia A Joe C	Kathy V Judy E
HOST TEAMS:	M Family	Mathew M Steve W	D Family



Called to Discipleship with John Donahue-Grossman



PARISH MISSION MINISTERS

	Sunday March 16 7:00 PM	Monday March 17 7:00 PM	Tuesday March 18 7:00 PM
LECTOR:	Donna C	Bob C	Steve W
GREETERS:	D Family	Maria F Pat S	Rita S Andie W



Welcome to our parish family:

Patrick & Jennifer S & family
Ailsworth Ct, Darien

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!



Spring-time is coming! And so is the springtime Manna sale!

Watch for the order forms next weekend, March 15/16.

Here is how Manna works: you complete the order form (both sides), and return it with your payment. (Checks are made payable to Christ the Servant.) The next week, you pick up your order! In the meantime, the parish has been able to purchase the cards at a discount, thus making it a fundraiser for the parish. Orders placed during this sale will be back in plenty of time for Easter shopping!

"The Francis Revolution: Taking Stock of the New Pope at Year One"

Veteran Vatican correspondent John L. Allen Jr., now at the Boston Globe, will step through the most important twists in the evolving saga of Pope Francis and his impact on both the Church and the world of his times, arguing that it adds up to a revolution in Catholic life. Allen covered the resignation of Benedict XVI, the election of Francis from Rome and has spent time in Argentina developing background on the new pope. Allen has covered Francis' major trips and decisions.



March 20, 2-3:15 p.m., Lewis University, St. Charles Borromeo Center Chapel, 101 W. Airport Rd, Romeoville, IL 60446. Information: cms@lewisu.edu or 815-836-5786. *Free and open to public.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Frank Pergler

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, March 10

8:30 AM Doris & William Kapraun, *r. Rita Sisko*

Leo Breyne, *r. Ron & Peg Breyne*

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 AM Dennis Boyle & Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*

Ann Bonarek, *r. Dan & Janet Szymanski*

Wednesday, March 12

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Walter Szarek*

Thursday, March 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, March 14

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 15

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek and Paul & Shirley Stiglic,
r. family

Gerald Johnson, *r. family*

Sunday, March 16

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Ward & Sherry Hall & family*

10:00 AM Steven Leninger, *r. family*

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, March 13, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Don Heinrich	Dan Ryan
Jeff Coole	Anna Mae Husson	Ron Rydzewski
Sophie Czajka	Hannah Jahn	Harry Spatero
Holly Derrico	Linda Lagman	Chris Templin
Bob Epstien	Gene Mroz	Kim Transon
Jamie Filipponi	Julie Nelson	Maribeth Wall
Cindy Giannini	Larry Nicioli	

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.

St. Joseph Catholics for Life present:

40 Days for Life

Mid-Point Celebration!

A dessert feast for the Feast of the Annunciation!

Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church basement

All are invited—please spread the word!

There will be a short prayer service, great fellowship, and activities! We will provide ice cream, toppings, and drinks; if you can, please bring a baked dessert to share or a donation (monetary or material (diapers, wipes, formula, shampoo, soaps, lotions, etc.)) for a local pregnancy resource center.

Help us plan—let us know how many are coming!

Contact Bob L

40DaysDG@gmail.com

Bible Readings—Mar. 9-Mar. 16

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

MONDAY: Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY: Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY: Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Office Hours & Staff

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Woodridge, Illinois 60517
Phone: (630) 910-0770
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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

Election Day

March 18 is Election Day, and we are a polling place. Mass and the Parish Mission will take place in the Church as originally scheduled.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 9

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

Monday, March 10

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, March 11

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, March 12

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, March 13

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 14

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

8:00 am—Blood Drive

8:30 am—Worship Commission

Sunday, March 16

10:00 am—CLOW

4:30 pm—Catholic Pizza Pie for Youth

7:00 pm—Parish Mission

Upcoming Events

Mar 16/17/18: Lenten Mission. 7:00 pm with John Donahue-Grossman.

Mar 17: Lenten Morning Mission. 9:15 am, with Deacon Rod Accardi.

Mar 18: Lenten Morning Mission. 9:15 am, with Fr. Frank Vitus.

Apr 2: Lenten Reconciliation Services; 1pm & 7pm

Parish Giving

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Mar. 1/ 2:

Sunday	\$ 7,497.27
Ash Wednesday	30.00
Debt Reduction	<u>2,280.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 9,807.27
This week's deficit	\$ (362.73)

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

Registered Households—735

Thank you for your generous support!

***Did you know...** your support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is important! Any response from you is a good one! If you have not yet returned a response to the CMAA, please use one of the envelopes available in the narthex. Even if you can't make a monetary donation, you will save the diocese the costs of continuing to ask, as long as they hear from you.*

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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