

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Second Sunday  
of Lent

March 16, 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:



- **Lenten Parish Mission** with John Donahue-Grossman, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- **Stations of the Cross, Friday at 7:00 pm** (led by Worship Commission)
- **Spiritual Reflection Day for Liturgical Ministers**, Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 am

**Parish Mission  
Called to Discipleship  
March 16/17/18**



**John Donahue-Grossman**

*Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home*



## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

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I have been speaking and writing about traveling this Lent. I am reading a wonderful book called “Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches” by George Weigel. He talks about the importance of pilgrimages in Christian life. Another book that is an allegory about our journey through life is a book that was written in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and is still popular today. John Bunyon wrote the Protestant classic “Pilgrim’s Progress.” At that time there was an anonymously written play called “Everyman”; it was part of the High School reading list when I was younger. Bunyon wrote a work concerning an “Everyman” type of character whose name is Christian. He

has a wife, Prudence, and two children Obstinate and Pliable. His home town is called the City of Destruction. Christian is weighed down and saddened by reading a book (the Bible) that talks about the knowledge of his sins. This burden can take him to a place called Tophet (hell). He reads that he has a choice, and if he seeks deliverance of his sins he can go to a place called Mt. Zion.

Throughout his journey he meets people with very obvious names like Evangelist, who shows him the way to the heavenly city. He then meets different categories of people like Formalist, Hypocrisy, Piety, and Discretion. He also meets two giants, Pope and Pagan. (This is an obvious reflection on the typical Protestant views about Catholicism.) Christian’s path is strewn with all sorts of obstacles and he makes all sorts of detours on his journey to heaven. It’s an obvious allegory on how we journey through life.

*Rev. Frank Vitus*

# Called to Discipleship

## Parish Mission

**John Donahue-Grossman** is a gifted and passionate storyteller who has spoken to more than 1.5 million people across the country. He has served in ministry for over 25 years. John is currently the Director of Retreats at La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, Illinois. He lives in Big Rock, Illinois, with his wife of 25 years, and they have 3 adult children.

### **Sunday, March 16:**

**4:30 pm**—Parish Teens are invited to enjoy **Catholic Pizza Pie**. Come taste and see how great being a Catholic can be. Social time at 6:00 pm. Stay for the mission talk afterwards.

### **7:00 pm**

#### **Journey into the Desert**

We will explore stories of temptation and woundedness so we can identify what is holding us back from being all that God has created us to be.

### **Monday, March 17:**

**9:30 am**—**Companions on the Journey**  
Deacon Rod Accardi will discuss companions on the journey, the characteristics of a spiritual companion, and how we help one another to see with new eyes.

### **7:00 pm**

#### **God’s Healing and Grace**

Having identified our broken selves Sunday evening, we will enter the well of our baptism to recall our goodness and experience God’s healing journey of coming out of the desert.

### **Tuesday, March 18:**

**9:00-ish am**—**Living as a Disciple**  
After the morning mass, gather informally with Fr. Frank. Bring any questions you have about our Catholic Faith—Fr. Frank will answer!

### **7:00 pm**

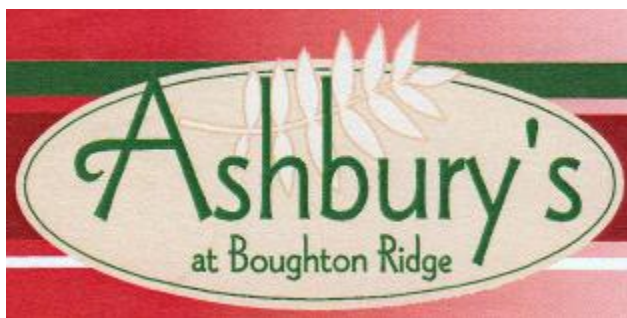
#### **Called to Discipleship**

We will experience stories of Eucharist, hope and challenge that will send us forth into the world to live the good news of Jesus Christ and become the light of the world.

Over 55 Ladies Club

**Ladies Lunch Out**

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 1:30 PM at



**335 E Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook**

Contact: Donna M  
or Shirley E

*New members welcome!*

*Respect for All Life*

**Positive Sacrifice**

*“Love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”*



~Leviticus 19:18

Last week, I happened to tune in to a conference on C-Span. The first speaker I heard was Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, from Champaign, IL. During her presentation, Erika mentioned that she had come to appreciate the positive role that faith-based service groups can have in society. She joined the prison fellowship ministry of the late Chuck Colson, where people of faith brought a message of hope into prisons. On one occasion, Erika was asked to speak at a women’s prison segregated housing unit, where inmates are incarcerated 23 hours per day. Visitors wore flak jackets, since they were warned that isolation causes these prisoners to scream expletives and threaten visitors. Though fearful and hesitant, Erika believed that faith compelled her to go ahead. She shared with the inmates the message of God’s love and redemption. In the end, the women inmates thanked her for coming and said “God bless you.”

During Lent, we are encouraged to practice self-denial and to make sacrifices. Yet, shouldn’t we also think in terms of engage in positive, even risky, actions to truly serve the needs of others? But how? Think about it.

*Lord, let your command of love free us from the prejudices that distract us. Open our eyes to see every human person as our neighbor and to act accordingly.*

*submitted by Dave S*

**VOTER INFORMATION**

“The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed.”



National Committee of Catholic Bishops, 2007

Since it is difficult for the average citizen to find accurate information about how the many candidates stand on the life issues, Illinois Citizens for Life has prepared non-partisan voter information based on surveys, public statements, and/or voting records. This guide is not an endorsement and may not be used to advance the candidacy of any individual. Go to [www.icl-life.com](http://www.icl-life.com). Please read the directions carefully. You must know your own districts. If you don’t have a current voter registration card with those district numbers, you can call your County Board of Election Commission or call the ICL office at 630-852-5448. You can print this information out and take it into the voting booth with you. Please take your responsibility to vote very seriously and pray about your decision.



**Need something for a birthday, or for an Easter Basket?**

**Manna Order Forms are Available**

Here is how Manna works: you **complete the order form** (both sides), and **return it with your payment by 11:00 am, March 30.** (Checks are made payable to Christ the Servant.) On April 5/6, you pick up your order! Orders placed during this sale will be back in time for Easter shopping.

Purchase grocery store gift cards, and take them to the store to purchase hams for our hungry neighbors. Bring them to the church on Palm Sunday (sorry, Sunday only please, because we don’t have refrigeration available.) They will be taken to the West Suburban Food Pantry.

**Young Adult Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday, March 18, 7pm  
at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle

No registration required. For more information, contact Kevin 815 221-6232 or [kodonnell@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:kodonnell@dioceseofjoliet.org) or [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam)



**Mark Your Calendar**

On April 5, at 11:00 am, we will meet at the church to brainstorm ideas for celebrating our 25th anniversary as a parish. All ideas are welcome at this brainstorming session. Please plan to come! No RSVP required.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 No Sessions this week— Parish Mission

Confirmation

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.)

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.

R.S.V.P. Required

Contact Ms. Jesse 630-910-0770 x12 liz@ctswoodridge.org



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 30 and Apr 6, 2014.

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.



**ALTAR MIN:**

**EXT. MINISTERS:**

**LECTORS:**

**HOST TEAMS:**

Saturday  
March 22  
4:45 PM

T Family

Marlene B  
Mary K  
Donna M  
Marylou R  
Pat S

Sylvia C  
Vince D

G Family

**Next Weekend's MINISTERS**

Sunday  
March 23  
8:30 AM

P Family

John C  
Cindy F  
Barb K  
Mathew M  
Heather S

Paula R  
Peg K

V Family

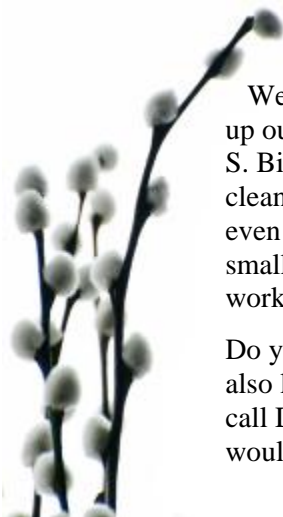
Sunday  
March 23  
10:00 AM

A Family

Deacon F  
Joanne F  
Ed J  
Madeline J  
Dan R

Toni M  
Jim N

T/S Family



**Many Thanks!**

We thank the people who helped set up our Lenten décor—Bill K and Pat S. Bill went "above and beyond" and cleaned the windows behind the altar, even working on the outside in a very small window of nice weather to be working outside.

Do you have some time and would also like to help with décor? Please call Donna M to talk about what you would like to do to help.

**LENTEEN 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 over 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.



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

**John David, III,**  
son of  
John & Jennifer D  
March 2, 2014

**Daniel Jeffrey,**  
son of  
Adrian & Nicole F  
March 2, 2014

**Braylon James,**  
son of  
Brian & Theresa R  
March 2, 2014

**Rosary for the Unborn**

Pray the Rosary for the Unborn in the Crypt of the Saints, every Thursday night from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Crypt of the Saints located below the Adoration Chapel in the Visitation Parish Convent, 799 S York Rd, Elmhurst. All are welcome. For more information, call Mary Ellyn Schneider, 630-253-2170.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Sue Burtnette

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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*

#### Monday, March 17

8:30 AM Regina Zdenovec, *r. Zdenovec & Smith families*  
Bernadette Lupo, *r. Jackie Nemec*

#### Tuesday, March 18

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

#### Wednesday, March 19

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Thursday, March 20

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Friday, March 21

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Saturday, March 22

4:45 PM Richard Mraz, *r. Eleanor Myczek*

#### Sunday, March 23

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Bill, Laura & Sarah Kerfin*  
Henry Borkowski, *r. Donna Mays*  
10:00 AM Leoncio Bacani, Sp. Int., *in gratitude*

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, April 10, 7:00-8:00PM**

## We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Anna Mae Husson	Dick Rosenbeck
Jeff Coole	Hannah Jahn	Ron Rydzewski
Sophie Czajka	Linda Lagman	Harry Spatero
Holly Derrico	Sr. Suzanne Lesniewski	Chris Templin
Bob Epstien	Gene Mroz	Gene Tester
Jamie Filipponi	Julie Nelson	Kim Transon
Cindy Giannini	Larry Nicioli	Maribeth Wall
Don Heinrich	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. Thank you.

## We pray for the Deceased



**Lorraine Kmiecik**  
(mother of Diane Plant)

**Joseph Wojtowicz**  
(great-uncle of Rosemary Thomas)

**Suella Zajicek**

## We pray for those who Serve

**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.

**Greg Basta**, son of Ted Basta, has finished his deployment and is home again! Praise God!

## Bible Readings—Mar. 16-Mar. 23

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

**MONDAY:** Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

**TUESDAY:** Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

**WEDNESDAY:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 /  
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**THURSDAY:** Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

**FRIDAY:** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**SATURDAY:** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**SUNDAY:** Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2,5-8 /

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

## Office Hours & Staff

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**Woodridge, Illinois 60517**  
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**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

### 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 16

10:00 am—CLOW

4:30 pm—Catholic Pizza Pie for Youth

7:00 pm—Parish Mission

### Monday, March 17

7:00 pm—Parish Mission

### General Primary Election Polling Place

### Tuesday, March 18

NO RF CLASSES

### Wednesday, March 19

NO RF CLASSES

7:00 pm—Admin/Finance Commission

### Thursday, March 20

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 21

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 22

10:00 am—Day of Reflection for Ministers

### Sunday, March 23

8:30 am—RCIA

10:00 am—CLOW

1:00 pm—Catechist Get-Together

## 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

“Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

### **NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014**

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

### **CONTRIBUTIONS Mar. 5,8/9:**

Sunday	\$ 5,198.00
Ash Wednesday*	1,306.00
Debt Reduction	<u>732.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 7,236.00</b>
This week’s deficit	\$ (2,934.00)

*\*Ash Wednesday to be divided equally between Collection for Eastern Europe and offset of mission costs.*

### **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

General Fund elec. Feb	\$ 1,850.00
Debt Reduction elec. Feb	240.00
General Fund elec. Mar 1-5	875.00
Debt Reduction elec. Mar 1-5	215.00
Debt to Diocese as of 2/28	\$704,366

Registered Households—735

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Did you know...** An additional \$30 was taken to the Food Pantry to help feed our neighbors in need. Thanks!

**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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