

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

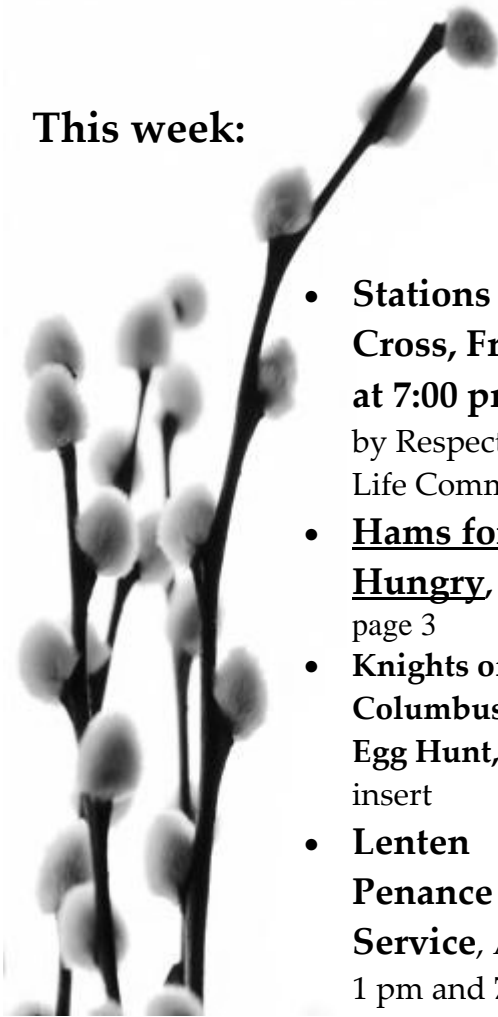
Fourth Sunday
of Lent

March 30, 2014

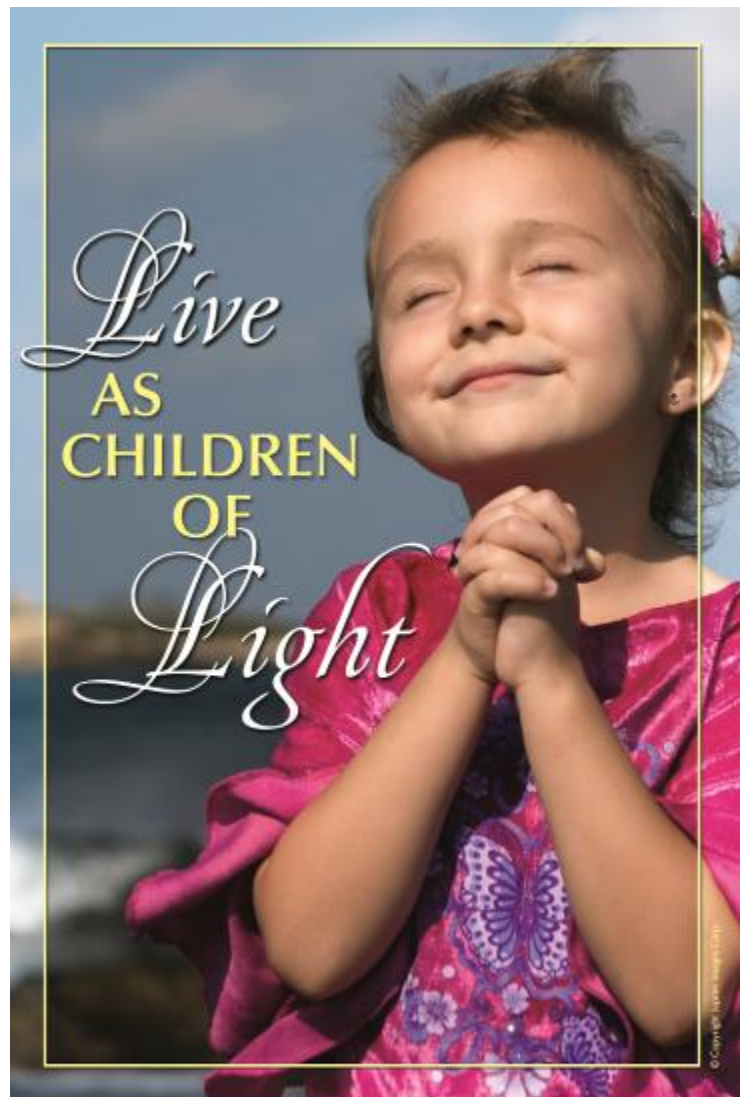
Our Mission

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 Respect for All Life Committee)
- **Hams for the Hungry**, see page 3
- **Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt**, see insert
- **Lenten Penance Service**, April 2, 1 pm and 7 pm



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Mark Your Calendar

Christ the Servant Parish celebrated it's first mass on September 16, 1990, meaning that we will be celebrating 25 years in 2015. This is coming up very fast!

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



**APRIL 3 DEDICATION & BLESSING -
BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER**

On **Thursday, April 3, 2014**, the administrative offices of the Diocesan Curia are pleased to invite the people of the Diocese of Joliet to join them in celebration of their new offices located in Crest Hill, Illinois. The **Blanchette Catholic Center** covers approximately 1.5 acres and houses many of the offices of the Diocese, including in the years to come, Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Joliet. The building also features a fully operational conference center available for large meetings and banquets. Please join us for:

- **2 p.m.-6 p.m.:** Open House of the Blanchette Catholic Center
- **3 p.m.:** Blessing of the building and talk by Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet in the Conference Center

Our address is: 16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

(near the intersection of Weber & Division)

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, and tours will be available through our agency offices.

Southeast DuPage Young Adults Presents

Beyond the Tap 2013-14

Another Round Sports Bar

5141 Main St., Downers Grove, IL

7:00pm – 9:00pm, **Wed. April 16**

Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR

The Easter Story

Fr. Norb is a native Chicagoan and a graduate of St. Hedwig, Gordon Tech and St. Louis University, and is pastor of St. Scholastica Parish. For more info: StSDeaconJerry@aol.com

Want to feel at peace?

One very real way to feel peace is to know your sins are forgiven. The Catholic Church teaches that we are to “Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mark 1:15). Confession is a means to be reunited with God when we have broken our relationship through sin.

The parts of the Sacrament of Penance are 1) Contrition (feeling sorry for your sins), 2) Confession (voicing your sins to the priest, 3) an Act of Penance (an action to overcome the damage done by the sin), and 4) Absolution (pardon).

Each Saturday at 4:00 pm, Fr. Frank is available in his office for the Sacrament. We also have two Penance services scheduled for next Wednesday, April 2. For those available during the day, come to the 1:00 pm service. If that is too early in the day, come at 7:00 pm. Don't let the fact that it's been a long time hold you back—we have “An Adult Guide for the Sacrament of Reconciliation” available to help.



The Diocese has a new website! Check it out at
www.dioceseofjoliet.org





Need something for a birthday, or for an Easter basket?

Manna Order Forms are Available

Order forms are due (with payment) at 11:00 am, Sunday, March 30 to the box in the narthex. Orders will be available for pickup next weekend, April 5/6. If you are not able to pick up your order next weekend, we will keep it safely in the office for you to pick up during the week.

Go Green!

The Christmas lights recycling is coming to an end for this year. Soon we will be recycling (in addition to the ongoing collections) small electronics, such as cell phones, small radios and CD players and telephones.

Check out the recycling cart near the entrance door, and see what you can contribute toward a useful project!

Your Green Team

Parents

Are you looking for something to do with your children during Spring Break? Maybe bring them to daily mass (8:30 am Monday through Friday), or get some fresh air, and pick up items which have been blown onto lawn space. While we would appreciate having trash picked up off of parish property, maybe you can just take a walk around the block, and pick up garbage you find there. Teaching your children to care for God's earth can be worked into your daily routine.



The Rice Bowl program is an extension of the Catholic Relief Services collection. There are still "Rice Bowls" available in the narthex—they are an excellent way to turn your prayer and fasting into almsgiving for Lent.

Return your Rice Bowls to church on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Volunteer Opportunities for Adults

2 hours at a time: substitute teachers needed occasionally for Religious Formation classes. PGC certification required. Tuesday / Wednesday. Call Liz 630-910-0770.

1 hour at a time: help decorate the church for seasonal decorating. Call Donna M.



Hams for Easter for our hungry Neighbors in Need

We will be collecting hams for Easter. Please bring them on Sunday, April 6, 2014 after the 8:30 and 10:00 am masses only, please. We do not have refrigeration for any that come on Saturday.

The hams will be picked up and transported to the West Suburban Community Pantry between 11:00 and 11:30 am on Sunday the 6th, stored at the Pantry until Sunday, April 13, when they will be distributed to some of the 1100 families served by the Food Pantry each month.

If you cannot bring a ham on that Sunday, please know that you could either donate cash (which the Food Pantry can convert to a LOT of food—much more than the retail value of each article) or you could take a ham directly to the Food Pantry, located at 6809 Hobson Valley Dr, Unit 118. This is just north of Hobson Road, west of Highway 53.

Respect for All Life

Lent:

Change Habits, Change Lives

Would you like your life to be happier a year from now? What is the one thing you could do right now to make life better? Our modern culture proclaims that success—whether earned, inherited, or by chance—e.g., winning the lottery—can bring us happiness. We should choose to do those things the world tells us we must do to be happy.

Our lives change when habits change. What are your habits? Are your habits helping you become a better, happier person? Most people fill their lives with habits that are self-destructive and cause them to become less than God created them to be. People like Socrates, Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Ignatius Loyola established that habits create character. Good habits create good character; bad habits create bad character. Good habits create a prosperous future; poor habits create misery in the future. Your character is your destiny in the workplace, in relationships, and in eternity. The good news for us is that we can change our habits, and change our lives.

One suggestion: Spend "10 minutes per day" in quiet prayer—in a room, or outside, or in church—becoming comfortable in the silence of prayer. And instead of telling God all that you need, ask God "What do *You* think I should do today" to become a better person—everyday.

From Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism"

"God does not expect us to be successful, only faithful."

~Mother Teresa

submitted by Dave A



Religious Formation



Grades K-7 No Sessions this week— Spring Break!

Confirmation

Next Classes:

Session A—Sunday, April 6th

Session B—Sunday, April 13th



F.A.C.T. - Catholic Pizza Pie

Our Lenten Mission presenter, John Grossman, spent some time with our 6th, 7th & 8th graders talking about the ingredients of our faith which make us Catholic. Thank you to all who made this wonderful event possible!



Thank you for the generous donations to Feed My Starving Children.

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

It's not too late for a Spiritual tuneup!

“Catching Fire: Becoming Flame” is a series of video presentations by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. Find what you need to ignite the spark of God in your life - and then 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, in the Meeting Room. Contact Liz Jesse for more information.

Community Events

Who are the Christians of Palestine and Israel?

Free and Open to the Public Tuesday, April 15th at 7pm Lombard Mennonite Church, 528 East Madison St, Lombard

The Christians of Israel and Palestine are incredibly and surprisingly diverse, and much more numerous than reported—but doomed without ecumenism. This presentation by Dr. Paul Parker will describe the variety and relationships of the Christians of Israel and Palestine, and suggest several steps we can all take toward ecumenism. Sponsored by the West Suburban Faith-Based Peace Coalition.

Registration Deadline 4/11/14

POLAND

John Paul II Pilgrimage of Mercy

10 Day Spiritual Travel Experience From Warsaw to Krakow

Visiting Warsaw, Lichen Stary, Czestochowa, Wieliczka, Wadowice, Krakow, Zakopane

July 25 – August 3, 2014

\$3338* From Chicago Per Person – Double Occupancy

See the Royal Palace, Wawel, The Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Birth Home of PP JP II & More

Celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, Jasna Gora Monastery, and Divine Mercy Basilica

To Register or More Information

www.deacontravel.org

Phone: 630.334.5065

Catholic Charities Offers New Counseling Group: Teen Talk

Catholic Charities' Hands of Hope Counseling is offering a new group for teenagers. Teen Talk is an open group where teens can vent, support, explore, listen and learn! The group explores issues with peers, conflicts with parents, problems at school and any other challenges they may face. They strive to create a safe, non-judgmental, supportive atmosphere where everyone can address common concerns in a productive way.

Registration: This is an open group that will meet on an ongoing basis

Ages: 12-17

Cost: \$20 per group

When: First and third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm (starting March 20, 2014)

Location: 26 W. St. Charles Rd. in Lombard

Contact: If interested, please call Katie Tesensky 800-240-7011 or email ktesensky@cc-doj.org

To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

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.



Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Parish Reconciliation Service
April 2
7:00 pm

Lector: Kathy V
Host Team: Steve W
 Andrea W

ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
 April 5
4:45 PM

M Family

Patti C
 Karen J
 Steve J
 Donna M
 Annie T

Gayle H
 Jerry F

D Family

Sunday
 April 6
8:30 AM

N Family

Cheryl F
 Cindy F
 Rose G
 Paula R
 Heather S

Barb K
 Donna C

Greg F
 Mathew M

Sunday
 April 6
10:00 AM

W Family

Deacon A
 Maria F
 Ed J
 Madeline J
 Dan R

Antonio A
 Dan 4

MINISTERS NEEDED



- to all the Liturgical ministers who attended the morning of reflection on Saturday March 22nd.
- to Deacon Rod Accardi, our speaker, who guided us with Scripture, music and video
- to Donna M, Pat S, and Alie P who prepared and served us lunch and prepared a SPRING environment in the narthex
- to all who helped restore order to the narthex afterward
- and last, but not least, to our Pastor Father Frank who suggested the event and asked Deacon Rod to conduct the morning

Sister Suzanne L
 Chairman of the Worship Commission

Are you interested in applying for an instructional position in a Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Joliet?

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Joliet has successfully converted to an AppliTrack online application system. As a result, all instructional and administrative openings and their locations are now available for review by potential applicants. Individuals who are interested in pursuing these positions are encouraged to apply online at:

www.applitrack.com/diocesefojoliet/onlineapp/

We anticipate that 80-100 teaching positions and 12-14 administrative positions will be available for the 2014-15 school year. For detailed information about the application process, see the Catholic Schools Office employment webpage at <http://www.diocesefojoliet.org/cso/employment.asp>. Thank you for your interest in pursuing a career in the Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese of Joliet, where **“We TEACH More.”**

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 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Ronald Bomba

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 29

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 30

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski,
r. Barbara & Steve Hile and Jean & Joe Scolaro

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, March 31

8:30 AM Harry Lesniewski, r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski

Tuesday, April 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, April 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, April 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, April 5

4:45 PM Dennis Boyle & Celeste Grosvenor, r. Barb Boyle

Sunday, April 6

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski, r. Donna Mays

10:00 AM Leonidas Ruiz, r. Kraft family

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.

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 Fricke at 630-985-5266.

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	Linda Lagman	Dick Rosenbeck
Jeff Coole	Art LaMarre	Ron Rydzewski
Sophie Czajka	Anna Lang	Harry Spatero
Holly Derrico	Sr. Suzanne Lesniewski	Chris Templin
Bob Epstien	Gene Mroz	Kim Transon
Jamie Filippini	Julie Nelson	Maribeth Wall
Cindy Giannini	Larry Nicioli	
Don Heinrich	Beverly Peck	
Hannah Jahn	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



Gene Tester
Mary Ann Kozlik
Theresa Brazda
June Rustmeier
Kathleen Gunther
(wife of Leslie)

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.

Bible Readings—Mar. 30-Apr. 6

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 /
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

MONDAY: Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY: Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY: Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY: Wis 2:1a,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

SATURDAY: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY: Ex 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 /
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

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

Sunday, March 30

8:30 am—RCIA
10:00 am—CLOW
11:00 am—Manna Orders Due

Monday, March 31

Tuesday, April 1

NO RF CLASSES

Wednesday, April 2

1:00 pm—Reconciliation Service
NO RF CLASSES
7:00 pm—Reconciliation Service

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Pick Up Manna Orders

Saturday, April 5

11:00 am—25th Anniversary Planning

Sunday, April 6

8:30 am—RCIA
8:30 am—Confirmation A
10:00 am—CLOW

Upcoming Events

Apr 5: 25th Anniversary Brainstorming; 11am

May 10: Electronic Recycling, 9-noon

Jun 7/8: Clothing Drive

Parish Giving

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Mar. 22/23:

Sunday	\$ 5,981.50
Debt Reduction	<u>360.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,341.50
This week's deficit	\$ (3,828.50)

Debt to Diocese as of 2/28 \$704,366

Registered Households—735

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... the chairs in the church are dusty. Do you have some time (during the day) to dust and/or vacuum the chairs? If so, please contact Corinne in the parish office. Work as little or as long as you like, we'll just keep it organized so we know where to pick up again. Generally, any time between 9:30 and noon would probably work best.

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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