

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Living a Giving Life

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

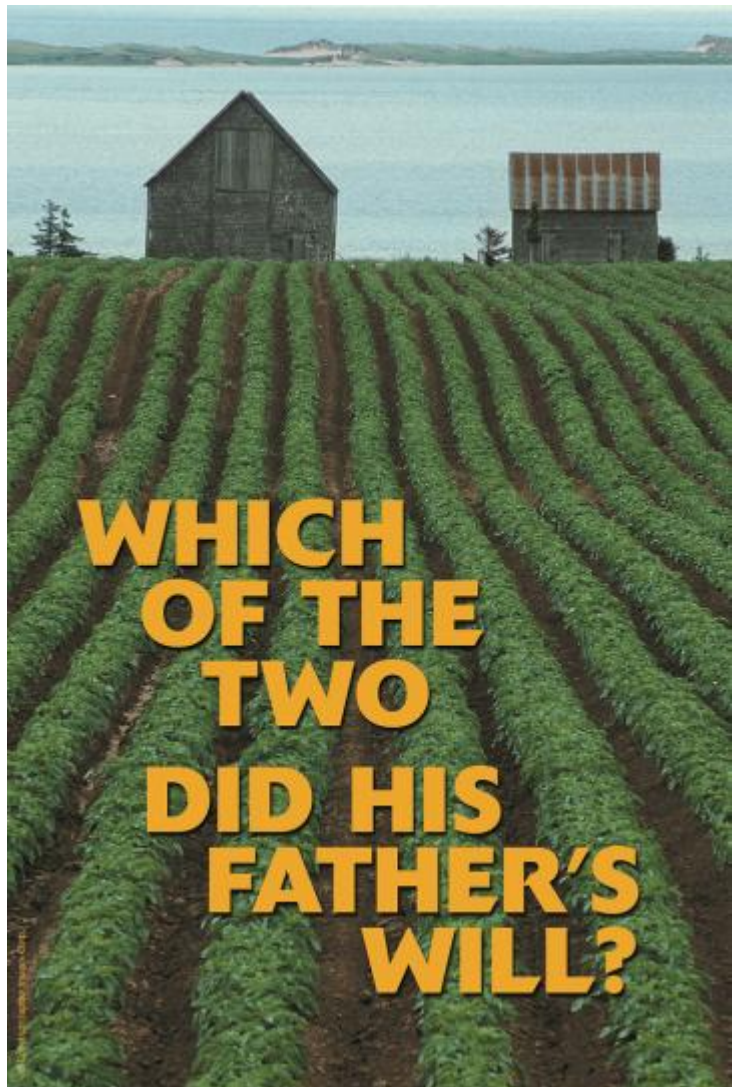
September 28, 2014

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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Dear Friends,

Today's gospel is about people who, out of a sense of faithfulness to a relationship and responsibility, do what's needed, even when at first they don't feel like it. It's the stake we have in each other's lives and our relationship to one another that prompts us to act for the common good.

That's good stewardship, to use our gifts for the common good. The community of Christ the Servant Parish is so enriched by all the people who take ownership and pride in the parish and so willingly share their gifts for the good of the community, for the Family of God.

Yes we do belong to a family, and just as with our families at home, we each have to do our part. That's what makes a family and a parish strong. Many people do many things here and we are grateful to them for that, but there is a need "to share the wealth."

Many people are concerned that it's just the same people doing everything, and they don't want it to be that way. The people who have such pride and love for Christ the Servant speak of the need for new blood, fresh ideas, new energy. It's here, we just need to step forward and make it happen!

Today is about our Liturgical Ministries, lectors, ministers of the altar, communion ministers, host families, musicians! All these ministries are open for and need new members, people who willingly and joyfully share their gifts for the good of the community.

That can only be a blessing for the whole parish and for yourself, when you are willing to invest your time and talent and share your gifts in these ways. Come join and find out about any of the liturgical ministries of our parish. Ownership and pride in this community can only enrich and make it stronger.

God Bless you and yours for being such a vital part of Christ the Servant, and thank you for all you do!

Fr. Joel

BLESSING OF PETS—OCTOBER 4

"According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work or providing food and clothing." (from the Order For the Blessing of Animals)



Animals have another role to play in our lives, as household pets who provide love and companionship. St. Francis believed all of God's creation to be sacred.

To celebrate Francis' profound respect for all of life, including our pets, we will celebrate a Blessing of Pets on **Saturday, October 4, at 9:30 AM** outside of the church. We ask that your pets are properly leashed or caged for this special blessing.



THE PRINTERY HOUSE

Christian greeting cards and gifts

Catalogs will be available soon to purchase beautiful Christian greeting cards and gifts and benefit Christ the Servant parish. If you prefer to order online, visit www.printeryhouse.org and use Key Code: FP1401 when you order.



Manna Bonus!

Orders that were placed by September 21 are ready for pickup this weekend. Orders placed by 11:00 am, Sunday, September 28, will be ready for pickup next weekend. The next regularly scheduled Manna sale will have order forms available the weekend of October 18/19, due by 11:00 am November 2, with pickup November 8/9.

Make plans for your Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping needs now! For information about Manna, call Bill C or email manna@ctswoodridge.org.

Darien Woman's Club
Fall Children's Clothing Resale
 Saturday, October 11; 9AM-2PM

Prairieview School
 699 Plainfield Road, Downers Grove

Fall/winter boys & girls, sizes infant to 16 (no junior sizes); uniforms, costumes, outerwear, maternity, baby equipment (no car seats or bath/toileting items); shoes (no gym shoes), skates, boots. Some half-price items after 12 PM. Children allowed on floor AFTER 12 PM.

Credit card or cash

Seller registration: Tuesday, September 30, Darien Safety Village, 7400 South Cass Avenue, 5:30PM – 8:30PM. Registration fee \$7 (\$10 after Sept. 30).

Questions: Call Valerie or visit www.darienwomansclub.org.



Keep praying for a respect for life in all stages.



Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

UNDY SUNDAY OCTOBER 18/19

Most people take things like underwear for granted. At Catholic Charities, we have found that low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear and they desperately need it.

Catholic Charities is proud to announce that the 12th Annual Undy Sunday will be held on October 18/19, 2014. Donations from Christ the Servant Parish last year were tremendous. This year we will be requesting Men's and boys boxers; size 2 & 3 diapers and size small/medium Depends for Women.

Last year, dozens of parishes, schools and organizations participated in the program. Donations from parishes throughout the diocese collected thousands of pairs of underwear and socks which were distributed to low-income children, families and seniors through our various locations in Kankakee, DuPage, and Will Counties. This year we are hoping for even more participation!

BANDing Together!

Join us in our effort to band DuPage County together to end homelessness! Last year DuPagePads served 1,360 individuals including 241 children in 144 families who were homeless here in DuPage County. **Take action** today to change those numbers!

DuPagePads has *The Solution*: it's housing coupled with support services and employment, which leads to good health and economic sustainability.

Donate now (www.dupagepads.org) and we'll send you an orange wristband. Wear one and tell a friend that DuPagePads has *The Solution*. Invite them to band with us today!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Come pray the Rosary weekdays at 8:10 am (just before the morning mass). With our Rosaries, we will ask Our Lady to intercede for our Holy Father's special intention of the month, as well as for our own intentions and for world peace without the threat of terrorism. All are most welcome to join us. If there is a special intention that you would like to have remembered during the Rosary, please email Rita at rita_sisko@yahoo.com or come pray with us to include your intention.

Religious Formation



As We Start the New Year

Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation

Classes:

Session SunB - September 28th

Session WedB - October 1st

Session SunA - October 5th

Session WedA - October 8th



Diocese of Joliet - Religious Education Office
**2014-2015 Catechist Initial Formation Day/
 Day of Renewal:**

A Spiritual & Practical Learning Experience
 This experience is primarily for new or nearly new catechists for all age-groups – and any catechist who wants to refresh their sense of mission. This program will be offered at Christ the Servant on Saturday October 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please RSVP to Liz Jesse by October 1st.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday September 28th.



During the 10:00 Mass, children are blessed and dismissed to a meeting room for the Children's Liturgy. Leaders present the same Scripture readings that are read in the

Church, but at a level appropriate to children. Children return to their parents in Church during the Offertory.

We invite all children 3 years old through 2nd grade to join us.

If you would be interested in joining the CLOW team, please contact Liz Jesse.

Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program was developed to help caring and responsible adults in keeping children safe. PGCA is mandatory for all adults who work with children in the parish. All parents are encouraged to attend this program.

Visit www.virtus.org for session listings in our area (select Joliet, IL (Diocese)) and to register. For more information contact Liz Jesse @ 910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org.

Respect for All Life

Pope Calls Meeting of Bishops re: "Marriage and the Family"

Pope Francis has convened a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican from Oct. 5-19: "Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization." Among situations demanding the Church's attention and pastoral care are:



- the widespread practice of cohabitation
- the single parent family
- a culture of non-commitment and a presumption of the marriage bond as temporary
- the influence of the media on popular culture in its understanding of marriage and family
- a weakening of faith in both the sacrament of marriage and the healing power of the sacrament of Penance

~from "Oct. 2014 Extraordinary Synod," *Christ Is Our Hope*, Sept 2014

"Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan."
 ~Pope Francis

submitted by Dave A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- If you simply want to know more about the Catholic Church...
- If you are interested in our Catholic Faith and Traditions....
- If you have questions about the Catholic Church....
- If you seeking a sacrament....
 Baptism..Eucharist..Confirmation
- If you feel that the Lord is calling you into deeper relationship....



Maybe the RCIA is the next step on your journey. Sunday morning classes will begin on October 5th. Contact Liz Jesse, Director of Religious Formation, for information about the RCIA Process or if you are interested in serving on the RCIA Team and sharing your faith. Call 630-910-0770 x12 or email liz@ctswoodridge.org



Next Weekend's MINISTERS

The next scheduling period is rapidly approaching. All current active ministers who have not already done so are encouraged to return their availability form to Corinne Hanson by Monday, September 29.

The next scheduling period is from **October 18 through Thanksgiving.**

ALTAR MIN:

Saturday
October 4
4:45 PM

T Family

EXT. MINISTERS:

Patti C
Deb G
Jim G
Donna M
Marylou R

LECTORS:

Jim N
Kathy V

HOST TEAMS:

M Family

Sunday
October 5
8:30 AM

W Family

Cheryl F
Deacon F
Bob S
Dan S
Heather S

Lou S
Peg K

Greg F
Steve W

Sunday
October 5
10:00 AM

A Family

Judy E
Maria F
Ramon J
Dan R
Maureen V

Joe T
Antonio A

G Family



**Our Lady of Fatima
Public Square Rosary Crusade**

All are invited to join the 2014 Public Square Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 11, 2014 at 12:00 noon, here at the Christ the Servant parking lot. For further information, contact Marjorie C

Sacramental Information

RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, the celebration of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:30 AM. A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended if you are planning your first child's baptism or if three years have passed since your last child was baptized. Call the Parish Office to register and to check whether adjustments have been made to the schedule.

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 becoming a priest or religious? Talk with Fr. Joel or email Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or at parish reconciliation services during Advent and Lent, or by appointment with Fr. Joel.

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, help driving to appointments, emergency meals, or anyone needing 2 hour respite care for a homebound family member call Deacon Tom F.

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

**Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, October 9, 7:00-8:00 PM**

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Every First Friday of the month there will be a Holy Hour, after the Communion Service, from 9-10

am in the Christ the Servant Eucharistic Chapel. The Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Litany to the Divine Mercy, and "The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory" will be said. Join us in adoring the Blessed Sacrament Friday October 3 after morning services.

"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!"

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Tom Klingsporn

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 27

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*
 Amalia Rosas, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*
 Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
 Milagros Floro Calupe, *r. Nenita & Rosario Luyun*

Sunday, September 28

8:30 AM Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Karen Triezenberg*
 10:00 AM Mary Agnes Lenehan, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*
 People of the Parish

Monday, September 29

8:30 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. McIvor family*
 Joseph Thomas Moolayil, *r. family*

Tuesday, September 30

8:30 AM Matthew Elapunkal, *r. Clara Elapunkal*

Wednesday, October 1

8:30 AM Joseph Pinakattu, Jr., *r. Clara Elapunkal*

Thursday, October 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, October 3—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, October 4

4:45 PM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Lucille Miller*
 Milagros Floro Calupe, *r. Nenita & Rosario Luyun*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5

8:30 AM Helen & William Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*
 Harriet Madey, *r. Marge Buch*
 10:00 AM Maltese family, *r. family*
 Denis O'Connell, *r. Schmitz family*
 Evelyn Rose Cermak, *r. Vic & Sylvia Cordes*

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

We pray for the Sick

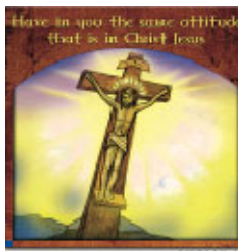
Nicholas Allen	Robert Gamble	Greg O'Leary
Louise Boden	Jerry Hassman	Alie Phillips
Ed Chuchla	Paul Hassman	Roy Randich
Jeff Coole	Brian Jackson	Tammy Riesland
Carol Cottone	Hannah Jahn	Ron Rydzewski
Jim Danelski	Betty Kozlowski	Elaine Thomas
Holly Derrico	Peggy Laughlin	Ron Trzos
Autumn Eipers	Dee Moy	Duane Tutaj
Bob Epstein	Gene Mroz	Maribeth Wall
Karen Fialek	Thomas O'Donnell	Fr. Edward Whelan

Names remain on this list approximately three months, unless specifically requested otherwise. **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

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Eric Graslje, cousin of Pauline Ryan
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Mike Kohne, grandnephew of Dan & Mary Anne Troy
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.

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!



"Let us pray that the Church be holier and more humble, loving God by serving the poor, the lonely and the sick."

Many Thanks!



Christ the Servant Parish
 1990-2015

Thank you to all who helped get our 25th anniversary celebration off to a warm start by welcoming Fr. Dennis at

the 4:45 last week, helping with the snacks and beverages, set up and cleanup afterwards. Thanks, too, to the team of organizers: Donna M, Pat S, Denice K and Marybeth N!

Bible Readings—Sept. 28-Oct. 5

SUNDAY: Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32
MONDAY: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a / Jn 1:47-51
TUESDAY: Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
WEDNESDAY: Jb 9:1-12,14-16 / Lk 9:57-62
THURSDAY: Jb 19:21-27 / Mt 18:1-5,10
FRIDAY: Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16
SATURDAY: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 / Lk 10:17-24
SUNDAY: Is 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM

Friday Communion Service.....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 or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Joel Fortier, Administrator Ext. 15
jfortier@ctswoodridge.org

Fr. Kevin Spiess, Weekend Assistant

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

Barb Kosiek, Pastoral Council

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life

Jean Durran, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org
"Like" us!

Calendar of Events

**Worship Commission Ministry Fair
Knights of Columbus Mini-banks**

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am—Manna orders due

Monday, September 29

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, September 30

4:30-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, October 1

4:30-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5-7

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation Class B

Thursday, October 2

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 3

9:00 am—Holy Hour

Manna Pickup

Saturday, October 4

9:30 am—Pet Blessing on terrace

Sunday, October 5

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

10:00 am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am—25th Anniversary Team

Upcoming Events

Oct. 11: noon; Fatima Rosary in the parking lot

Oct. 18/19: St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive AND Undy Sunday

Nov. 8: 9-12; Electronic Recycling

Parish Giving

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept 20/21:

Sunday	\$ 5,186.62
Debt Reduction	120.00
Total Contributed	\$ 5,306.62
This week's deficit	\$ (4,863.38)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christ is Our Hope	\$ 10.00
Debt to Diocese as of 8/31	\$630,988
Registered Households—737	

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...Christ the Servant participates in the Meijer's Community Rewards Program. We just received a check for \$193.13, which will be applied toward Debt Reduction. You can sign up at www.meijer.com/rewards; our organization number is 310451.

Leave a Legacy. Did you know you can make a temporary gift to our parish or diocese? A charitable lead trust lets you lend your assets for a while before they return to you or your beneficiary. Call the Development Office at 815-221-6100.

To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on "Donate", then click on Stock Donations for details on the process.

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