

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

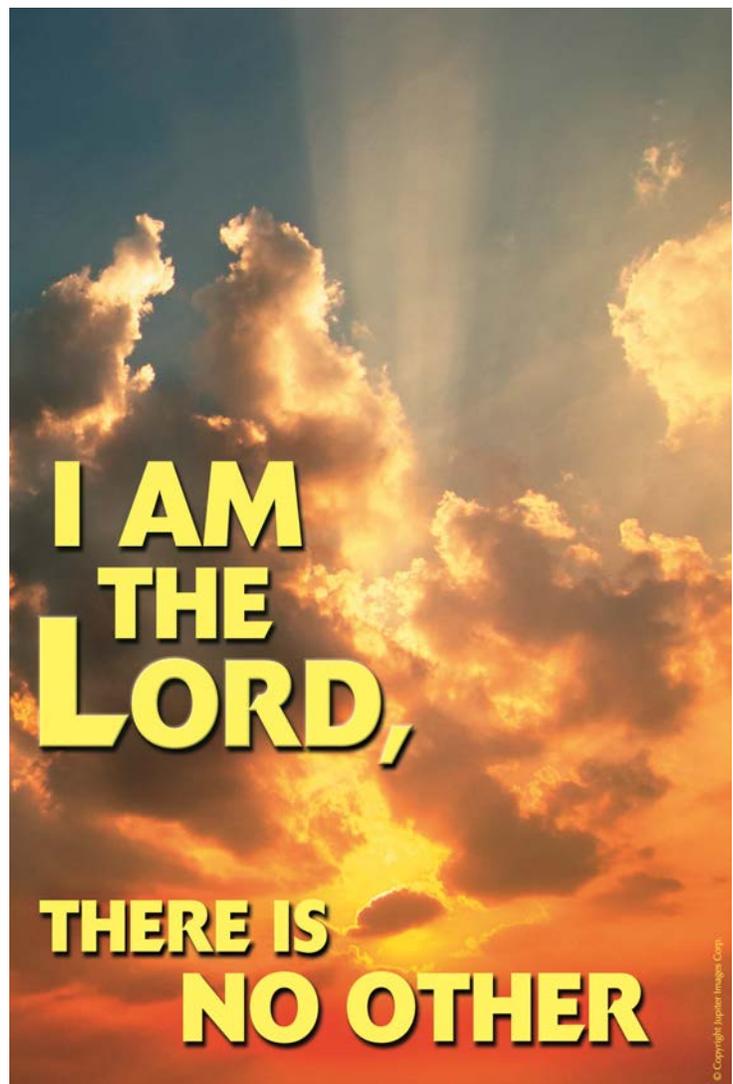
October 19, 2014

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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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday I spoke of the “Joy of living a giving life,” of how blessed we all are; that life is a banquet, and because we are so blessed, we can share of that abundance with others, especially the poor.



Christ the Servant Parish
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Living a Giving Life

One of the ways we can do that is through the good stewardship of all our gifts: of our time, talents, and treasure. We spoke in the last month of the good stewardship use of our gifts in Religious Education/Formation, and the Liturgical life of our parish.

We have yet to talk about using our gifts in the ministries of our Service/Outreach and Parish Life Commissions, which we will do in January and April of next year. But now, beginning next week we want to reflect on the Stewardship of our Treasure and gifts in the Administration and Financial needs of our parish.

A special Offertory Renewal program was planned by Fr. Frank and your Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council, before his tragic death, on which we are now following through. Not only as a tribute to Fr. Frank, but also in terms of the real ongoing needs of the parish, we need to renew our stewardship commitment of Treasure to our parish.

We spoke of how the parish is a family, much like your own, where all the members need to do their part for the common good. And so it is with Christ the Servant Parish, not only in terms of Liturgy, Formation, Service and Parish Life, but also of the financial and physical needs of the parish. We all need to do our part.

This is a wonderful and vibrant parish, but it also has financial needs. It needs to be more viable in meeting budget requirements. Hopefully you have noticed in the weekly bulletin report of how there is a significant budget deficit almost every week, and therefore annual deficit. It creates great pressure on trying to adequately serve the parish, pay down and service the parish debt, and meet ongoing building and grounds needs.

It is time for a renewed Offertory commitment on the part of everyone. The theme of this program is “The Joy of Living a Giving Life,” flowing from the spiritual basis we talked about last Sunday, of the abundance of God’s love and blessings and the joy we receive from sharing those blessings.

Stewardship is about the prioritization of our lives, that God comes first, not last. Jesus clearly understood that prioritization as expressed in the first reading, “I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me.” And in the gospel when Jesus tells us, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God!”

What belongs to God? Everything! We are asked to return just a little of it, the first fruits, as an expression of Thanksgiving to God for all that He has given us. It is a part of our faith, it helps us keep life in perspective and restores the joy of living for God, the joy of living a giving life!

May God Bless you and yours abundantly,

Fr. Jael

Christ the Servant Parish
FLAVORS OF FALL
A Toast to 25 Years

Save the Date!!!!
November 21st, 2014
6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Music, wine & beer tastings, cash bar. We are looking for donations of fall-inspired foods. Examples are: caramel apples & popcorn, pumpkin anything, cranberry bread, etc.
Sign up on the board in the narthex.
Tickets will go on sale soon!
Call Lainie G

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Relationship Warning Signs

A Safety Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence
from the American Bar Association

A safety plan is my plan for increasing my safety and preparing me in advance for violence that may happen in the future. I don't have control over my partner's violence, but I do have a choice about how to respond and how to best get me and my children to safety.

In an Emergency—If you are at home and you are being threatened or attacked:

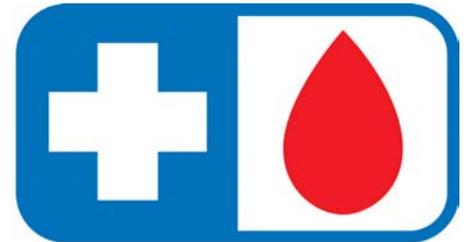
- Stay away from the kitchen (the abuser can find weapons, like knives, there)
- Stay away from the bathroom, closets or small spaces where the abuser can trap you
- Get to a room with a door or window to escape
- Get to a room with a phone to call for help; lock the abuser outside if you can
- Call 911 right away for help; get the dispatcher's name
- Think about a neighbor or friend you can run to for help
- If a police officer comes, tell him/her what happened; get his/her name and badge number
- Get medical help if you are hurt
- Take pictures of bruises or injuries

If you or a friend feel you may be in an abusive or damaging relationship, help is available.

National Hotline: 1-800-799 SAFE (7233)

Local: Family Shelter Service HOTLINE: 1-(630) 469-5650

Blood Drive Mark your Calendar for November 1 from 8-noon.



Heartland Blood Centers serve 59 hospitals, including VA hospitals. There is a desperate need for blood donations!

GIVE
Blood

Donors can sign up in the narthex or online at https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/2025934

We know that not everyone is able to donate blood, but you might be able to donate an hour or two of time to help out at the Blood Drive by volunteering to greet people as they arrive, and help serve snacks and beverages to donors. Helper volunteers are invited to call Kathy V.



Manna order forms are available now. You can purchase cards for your Thanksgiving and Christmas giving (don't forget the 35 Thanksgiving dinners and 50 families we help at Christmas!), and benefit our parish at the same time. Return your order form with payment by the date indicated on the form.

Religious Formation



**Grades K-7 Sessions meet this
Tuesday and Wednesday**

Confirmation

**Saints Retreat -
Sunday October 19th 1-3 pm**

**Service Project - Thanksgiving Food Scavenger
Hunt - Sunday November 2nd 1-3 pm
Permission slip is required**

Classes:

Session SunA - November 9th
Session WedA - November 12th
Session SunB - November 16th
Session WedA - November 19th



**Parent and Child 1st Reconciliation Retreat
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 6:30-8:00pm**



Families with students in Grades 2 and above that will be celebrating 1st Reconciliation this year.

Come spend some time updating your understanding of the sacrament of Reconciliation along with your child.

One parent needs to attend along with the child preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.

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

CASH 4 FOOD!

Saturday & Sunday, November 1 & 2

CTS's Fall "Cash For Food" Drive seeks donations of **HOUSEHOLD PAPER GOODS** in addition to **CASH DONATIONS** to help the West Suburban Community Food Pantry.

Paper Towels, "Kleenex", Toilet tissue, Napkins, Wet Wipes—Essential items which WSCFP cannot purchase. Food items are also very welcome.

Drop off your Paper Goods and Food donations **in the Parking Lot before each Mass**. A CASH for FOOD Donation Box is available for cash & checks in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to :

West Suburban Community Food Pantry.

ALSO, please check out our Grocery Cart Display (in the narthex) of items usually provided by the Food Pantry to each client—125 pounds of food items.

Thank you! *The needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our needs.*

Respect for All Life

Who Will Fill These Shoes?

One Sunday in 2007, Father Victor Ivers was celebrating his final Mass before retiring after 60 years as priest in the Chicago Archdiocese. While processing out of Mass, he stopped and returned to the altar, bent



over, took off his shoes, and asked the stunned congregation "Who will fill these shoes?" Inspired by this story and encouraged by the response it has generated in promoting vocations, especially in the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Joliet diocese is inviting young men ages 16-40, and their parish priests, to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Friday, Nov. 28, from 11 am to 3 pm. The day will include Mass, talks from priests and seminarians, lunch, and time to answer any questions about the priesthood. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons on Nov. 28. Parents of our current seminarians will be available to speak about what it is like to have a son answer God's call. Many of our parishes have already felt the shortage of priests. The good news: this year we have 37 seminarians studying for the priesthood. The future of the Church is filled with much hope! What can you do? Please continue to pray for vocations. Also, invite young men to attend this event and to consider the priesthood. For more information: www.whowillfilltheseshoes.com

~by Father Burke Masters,
Joliet Diocese, Director of Vocations

submitted by Dave A

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:

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

	Saturday October 25 4:45 PM	Sunday October 26 8:30 AM	Sunday October 26 10:00 AM
ALTAR MIN:	A Family	C Family	Maria F Gayle H
EXT. MINISTERS:	Deb G Jim G Jim N Pat S Darlene S	Cheryl F Paula R Jose S Melania S Bob S	Antonio A Patti C Judy E Alie P Jesse T
LECTORS:	Vince D Gregory P	Lou S Rita W	Kathy V Virginia A
HOST TEAMS:	M Family	Greg F Steve W	G Family

Go Green!

This is a great time to clean out basements and garages and gather your old electronics and get ready to bring them to the **Green Team's Electronic Recycling Event**. We will be sponsoring this event on November 8th in the CTS parking lot. The wait time will be non-existent.

We will also be collecting coats, which will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

CRT televisions and monitors are accepted, but since they are so expensive to recycle, we are asking for a small donation. See you at our **Electronic Recycling Event!**

The Green Team

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Lunch Out

Tuesday, October 28, 1:00 PM at



708 Janes Ave, Bolingbrook

*Call Mildred
or Mary*

New members welcome!

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, November 13, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Peter Gallego

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 18

4:45 PM Richard Buch, *r. Jim & Lynn Kopp*
 RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo*
 Ricky & Carmen Gomez, *25th wedding anniv.*
 Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

Sunday, October 19

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski, *r. family*
 10:00 AM Denis O'Connell, *r. Jirgl family*
 Anastacia Vega, Mamerto Vega &
 Tansing Vega, *r. Agcamaran family*
 People of the Parish

Monday, October 20

8:30 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Mclvor family*

Tuesday, October 21—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Angie Durante

Wednesday, October 22—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Richard Buch

Thursday, October 23—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Fr. Frank K. Vitus

Friday, October 24

8:30 AM Angie Durante, *r. Dave & Ginny Anderson*
 Richard Buch, *r. Larry & Donna Longbehn*
 Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Brian & Deb Kocsis*

Saturday, October 25

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*
 Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Teresa Libera*
 James Adduci, *Mike & Mary Ellen Vrankin*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, October 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate,
 150 years of ministry, *r. Dolores Dean,*
Alie Phillips & Marcia VanNatta

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
Helen Ciolek	Brian Jackson	Tammy Riesland
Jeff Coole	Hannah Jahn	Ron Rydzewski
Carol Cottone	Mike Joyce	Jewel Sippel
Jim Danelski	Peggy Laughlin	Elaine Thomas
Holly Derrico	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 the Deceased



Mary Jo Lally
(sister of Theresa Maloney)

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Eric Graslje, cousin of Pauline Ryan
David Jackson, son of Cathleen Jackson
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.

Bible Readings—Oct. 19-Oct. 26

SUNDAY: Is 45:1,4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21
MONDAY: Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 12:13-21
TUESDAY: Eph 2:12-22 / Lk 12:35-38
WEDNESDAY: Eph 3:2-12 / Lk 12:39-48
THURSDAY: Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 12:49-53
FRIDAY: Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59
SATURDAY: Eph 4:7-16 / Lk 13:1-9
SUNDAY: Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40



May God bless the marriage of

Paul Z
 and
Paula Di
 October 11, 2014

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

Debi Savage, Pastoral Council Co-Chair

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

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live. ~ St. John Paul II

Calendar of Events

Undy Sunday/Clothing Drive
Manna order forms available

Sunday, October 19

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

11:30 am—Baptism

1:00 pm—Confirmation Saints Retreat

Monday, October 20

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm.

Tuesday, October 21

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, October 22

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5-7

Thursday, October 23

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 24

Admin/Finance Ministry Fair
Hospitality by Christian Service

Saturday, October 25

Sunday, October 26

Upcoming Events

Oct. 25/26: Living a Giving Life; Admin/Finance Ministry Fair

Nov. 2: 11:00 am; Manna orders due

Nov. 8: 9-12; Electronic Recycling

Nov. 21: Flavors of Fall—A Toast to 25 Years (holiday party)

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Dinners drop off with client pickup

Parish Giving

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God”?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Oct 11/12:

Sunday	\$ 6,168.27
Debt Reduction	<u>180.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,348.27
This week’s deficit	\$ (3,821.00)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christ is Our Hope	\$ 5.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00
Debt to Diocese as of 9/30	\$618,978

Registered Households—737

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... watch your mail for the annual financial report, which shows more than just dollar figures this year. It’s a celebration of all we do as a viable parish community.

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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