

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

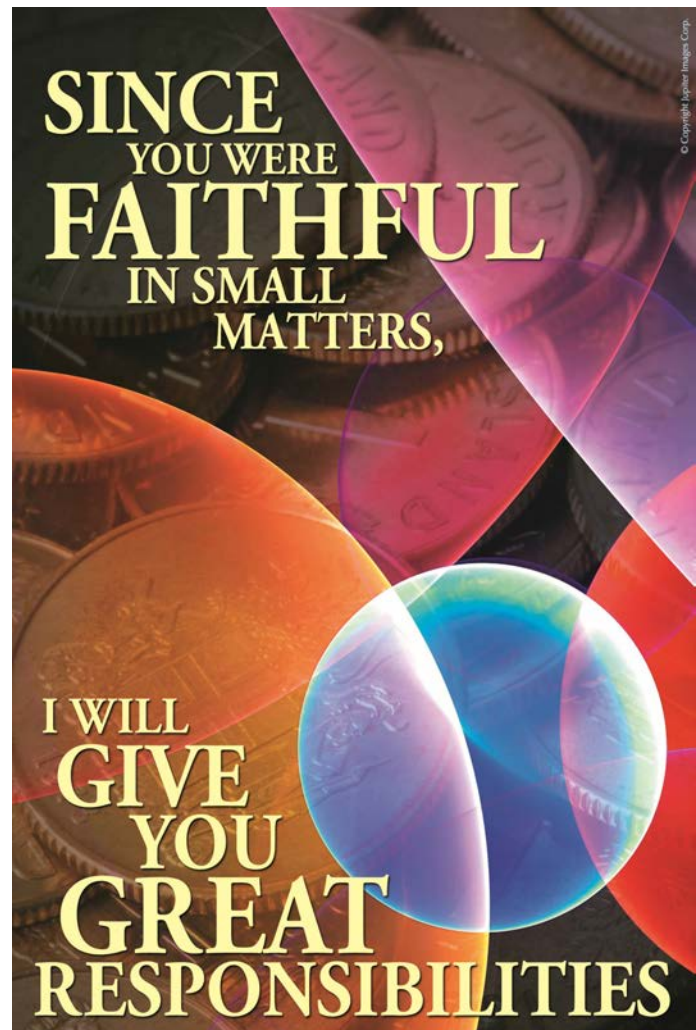
November 16, 2014

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:

- **LAST CALL!** While you will be able to purchase tickets at the door, this is the last weekend to purchase tickets for next Friday's fall holiday party, raffles live band, and raffles/silent auction. Get your tickets today!
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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
 The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society.

November 16, 2014 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

First of all, Thank You! to all those who have responded to our Stewardship of Treasure renewal initiative. And I would ask all those who have not yet made a response to prayerfully consider what your response will be.



Christ the Servant Parish
1990-2015

Living a Giving Life

God gifts us with every good thing, and invites us to use those gifts to reap the harvest of the Kingdom of God in our lives. As we approach the end of our liturgical year, it is time for an accounting.

Today in the gospel we hear of how incredibly affirming God is of us; we are empowered with God's own life and Spirit. Jesus uses a parable to describe it: "A man went on a journey, called in his servants and entrusted all his possessions to them."

This is about us, God believes in us, just as any mother or father believes in their children and affirm and empower them to be all that they can be. This is the role of any authority as a life giver: to see that the beautiful bundle of potentiality—their children—develop to their fullest, greatest potential.

That is what God does with us, making us co-authors, co-creators with God of not only our physical lives, but also of all creation and human potential. And like any good parent, God expects us to use our gifts well. So we hear in the gospel parable of an accounting of how the stewards used those gifts.

We are accountable; God has give each of us wonderful and varied gifts; God expects, affirms, and empowers us to use and develop our gifts, not for our own vain glory, but for the common good, that the glory of God might be revealed in us!

We are encouraged not to be timid about our gifts, but to be wise and take risks to grow the gifts into something wonderful. That's what creation is all about, that's what our lives are all about. We are told in a way, "use it or lose it!"

That's how it is with God's gifts, love only exists if you give it away! May God make us always generous, joyful, compassionate lovers. What you have received as a gift, give as a gift!

In Christ's love, *Fr. Jael*

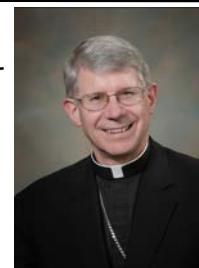
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Christ the Servant is happy to host the Woodridge Ecumenical Service on Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 pm. Plan to come and pray together, sing together, and thank God for our blessings. Enjoy the music of the combined choirs from Christ the Servant, St. Scholastica, Woodridge United Methodist Church and Prince of Peace Church, including the St. Scholastica Handbell Choir. Please come and help the people of other churches in Woodridge experience the warm, welcoming community of Christ the Servant.



FROM BISHOP CONLON

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has come to the aid of communities nationwide for over 40 years in an effort to eradicate poverty. During World Youth Day, July 25, 2013, Pope Francis told us to “never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity.” CCHD puts these words into action by funding housing, education, and the development of job opportunities.

Projects supported by CCHD move beyond providing for basic needs. They work to build healthy, sustainable futures for communities. Ten years ago, Boston’s Haley House began offering bakery training at the request of a few regular guests at the soup kitchen. Experiencing a tremendous demand, Haley House created a six-month course that includes customer relations and basic business principles. Haley House currently has 70 trainees who have completed the program and are now employed in the Boston area.

Haley House also runs cooking classes for at-risk teens and a Transitional Employment Program that provides holistic, individual support to men and women re-entering the community after incarceration. Haley House creates a strong local economy by building human relationships; it carries on Christ’s mission “to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

This Collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs. Collection funds offer new hope each year to those living in poverty throughout the United States. And remember, 25 percent of the Collection’s proceeds stays here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors. Help us defend human dignity and show Christ’s charity to those in need.

For more information about the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the groups it funds, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

God bless you,

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation

Classes:

Session SunB - November 16th
 Session WedB - November 19th
 Session SunA - November 30th
 Session WedA - December 3rd



Congratulations to the children who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on November 15th.



Thank you to the 6th & 7th grade RF students who helped with the hospitality that followed the celebration.



This year's RF Christmas Program will be Friday December 12th at 7:00pm.

Please make sure that you have returned your RF Christmas Program participation form.

CATECHIST SESSION

Sunday, November 16th, 1-3 pm

Come together to pray, reflect on your experiences, share your ideas, and get a sneak peak at what's coming! Contact Liz if you are unable to attend.

Christ the Servant families are being asked to dress the **F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE** with donations of new hats, mittens & gloves for children. They will be donated to Hope's Front Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry.) Monetary donations are also welcome.



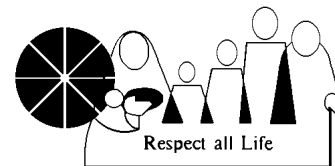
Protecting God's Children for Adults

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

The Case for Marriage

Ryan T. Anderson, defender of traditional marriage, stated: "During the Supreme Court consideration of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in 2013, Just Mito



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framed the debate as a contest between the conjugal view (a comprehensive, exclusive, permanent union that is ordered for producing new life) and consent-based view (a commitment marked by emotional union)." Anderson argued the conjugal: "The State cares about marriage because of its connection with children and its ability to unite children with their mother and father. The question for law and culture is whether a father will be involved in the life of that child, and, if so, for how long. Marriage, rightly understood, brings together the two halves of humanity (Male and female) in a one to one relationship. Husband and wife pledge to each other to be faithful by vows of permanence and exclusivity. Marriage provides children with a relationship with the man and the woman who made them. Whatever the law or culture may say, we must commit now to witness to the truths about marriage: that men and women are distinct and complementary, that it takes a man and a woman to bring a child into the world, and that children deserve a chance to grow up with a mom and a dad...If we speak with truth and love, we CANNOT fail."

~Ryan T. Anderson: "Marriage: Where Do We Go From Here," Catholic Citizens of Illinois annual dinner, Sept. 24, 2014

submitted by Dave A

On behalf of the Peace and Social Justice Committee, thank you to all the parishioners who so warmly welcomed Fr. Ron Chochol, a Catholic Relief Services Global Fellow this past weekend. He was very pleased with our openness to his message about "connections" with our brothers and sisters around the globe.

CASH 4 FOOD Results: Many thanks to all who donated to the recent Cash4Food drive. We donated a total of \$615 and almost 200 pounds of paper goods and foods. Thank you especially to the First Grade Religious Formation Class for their cash donation and great example of giving to our neighbors in need.



Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Thanksgiving Day

	Saturday November 22 <u>4:45 PM</u>	Sunday November 23 <u>8:30 AM</u>	Sunday November 23 <u>10:00 AM</u>	Thursday November 27 <u>9:00 AM</u>
ALTAR MIN:	M Family	C Family	N Family	W Family
EXT. MINISTERS:	Marlene B Deb G Jim G Mary K Alie P	John C Cheryl F Michael L Jose S Melania S	Joanne F Ed J Madeline J Maureen N Maureen V	Deacon F Gregory P Annie T
LECTORS:	Gregory P Debi S	Rita W Paula R	Dan R Toni M	Jim N Steve W
HOST TEAMS:	Jim P Ron P	Greg F Steve W	A Family	Ron P Pat S

THANKSGIVING DINNERS



Each year we ask parishioners to help provide a Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors in need. The West Suburban Community Food Pantry supplies us with information about the families assigned to us, and parishioners sign up to provide a turkey or the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Sign up now!

Please also know that, if we cover the needs of the assigned families, you can plan to help at Christmastime. We expect to be helping 50 families at Christmas, with dinners, a gift card to purchase entrée (purchase through Manna—forms available in the narthex!), and gifts for children and seniors.



Undy Sunday – A Great Success!

Dear Friends:

On behalf of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet I would like to thank you for participating in Undy Sunday. This year over 40 parishes, schools, and organizations collected an overwhelming amount of underwear, socks, undershirts, and diapers. Many of us take things like underwear for granted. Most of our clients don't have that luxury, but because of your generosity it will be one less thing that they have to worry about.

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities and the work we do. May God continue to bless you and your family with every good thing.
Sincerely, Glenn Van Cura, Executive Director
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

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, December 11, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Gerald Johnson

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
 Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, November 16

8:30 AM Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Vi Williams*
 Jeanine Rendak, *r. Gierut family*
 10:00 AM John W. Kuehn
 Emile & Porciana Martin, *r. Kathia & Alberte Louhis*
 Herve Martin, *r. Kathia & Alberte Louhis*

Monday, November 17

8:30 AM John W. Kuehn
 Frances Bohnsack, *r. Dan & Janet Szymanski*

Tuesday, November 18

8:30 AM Henrietta Breyne, *r. Ron & Peg Breyne*

Wednesday, November 19

8:30 AM John W. Kuehn

Thursday, November 20

8:30 AM Adeline Bara, *r. Bruce & Sharon Sayre*

Friday, November 21— Communion Service

8:30 AM Pray for Adeline Bara & Gene Rendak

Saturday, November 22

4:45 PM Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*
 Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*
 Mary Jo Lally, *r. Marylou & Joe Riedl & family*
 Gene & Mitchell Rendak, *r. Gierut family*

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM Joe Florio, *r. Carmella Florio*
 10:00 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Tony & Mila Abellera*
 People of the Parish

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

Holiday Gift Opportunities

Nazareth Academy: Wednesday, **November 19**, from 7-9 pm, 1209 E. Ogden Ave in LaGrange Park. Vendors will feature: clothing, purses, scarves & shawls, jewelry, candy, bath & body products, pillows, home décor and much more. A good will offering of toiletries for La-Grange's Caring Place for Kids will also be accepted. Info: ejanus@nazarethacademy.com.

Christ the Servant: Handmade gifts items by parishioners. After masses the weekend of **December 6/7**. Questions? Contact Corinne Hanson at 630-910-0770.

Montini Catholic: Tuesday, **December 9**, from 4-7:30 pm (Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm), 19W070 16th St, Lombard.

We pray for the Sick

Nicholas Allen	Karen Fialek	Gene Mroz
Louise Boden	Robert Gamble	Thomas O'Donnell
Salvatore Campagna	Jerry Hassman	Alie Phillips
Helen Ciolek	Paul Hassman	Tammy Riesland
Jeff Coole	Hannah Jahn	Ron Rydzewski
Holly Cottone	Mike Joyce	Jewel Sippel
Holly Derrico	Peggy Laughlin	Elaine Thomas
Bob Epstein	Pat Mclej	Duane Tutaj
Betty Fencil	Dee Moy	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 Graslie, 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.

USE YOUR TALENT

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!

—Anonymous

Bible Readings—Nov. 16-Nov. 23

SUNDAY: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21
MONDAY: Rv 1:1-4,2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43
TUESDAY: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 / Lk 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY: Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28
THURSDAY: Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19:41-44
FRIDAY: Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48
SATURDAY: Rv 11:4-12 / Lk 20:27-40
SUNDAY: Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 / Mt 25:31-46

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

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has
a Facebook page!

www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org
"Like" us!

Calendar of Events

**Thanksgiving Dinner Signups
Fair Trade Fair/Manna Order Forms
Sunday, November 16**

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

11:30 am—Baptism

1:00 pm—Catechist Formation

Monday, November 17

7:00 pm—Admin/Finance/B&P Comm.

7:00 pm—Christian Svc Commission

Tuesday, November 18

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, November 19

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5-7

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation Class B

Thursday, November 20

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 21

6:30 pm—Flavors of Fall party

Bring Thanksgiving Dinners

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23

11:00 am—All Thanksgiving dinner
materials must be here.

6:00 pm—Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Prayer Service

Upcoming Events

Nov. 27: 9:00 am; Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 27/28: Offices closed.

Nov. 29: Serve at PADS; flyers in the
narthex

Nov. 30: 11:00 am; Manna orders due

Parish Giving

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015

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

NOTE: Electronic contributions are now included with other totals

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 3-9:

Sunday	\$ 9,588.30
General Funds	510.00
Debt Reduction	395.00
Total Contributed	\$ 10,493.30
This week's catchup	\$ 323.30

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.

OTHER DONATIONS:

Mission Sunday	\$ 3.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	20.00
Tgiving/Hope's Front Door	5.00

Debt to Diocese as of 9/30 \$618,978

Registered Households—737

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...the cost of the lawn maintenance for this last summer was just over \$9,700.

Leave a Legacy. 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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