

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

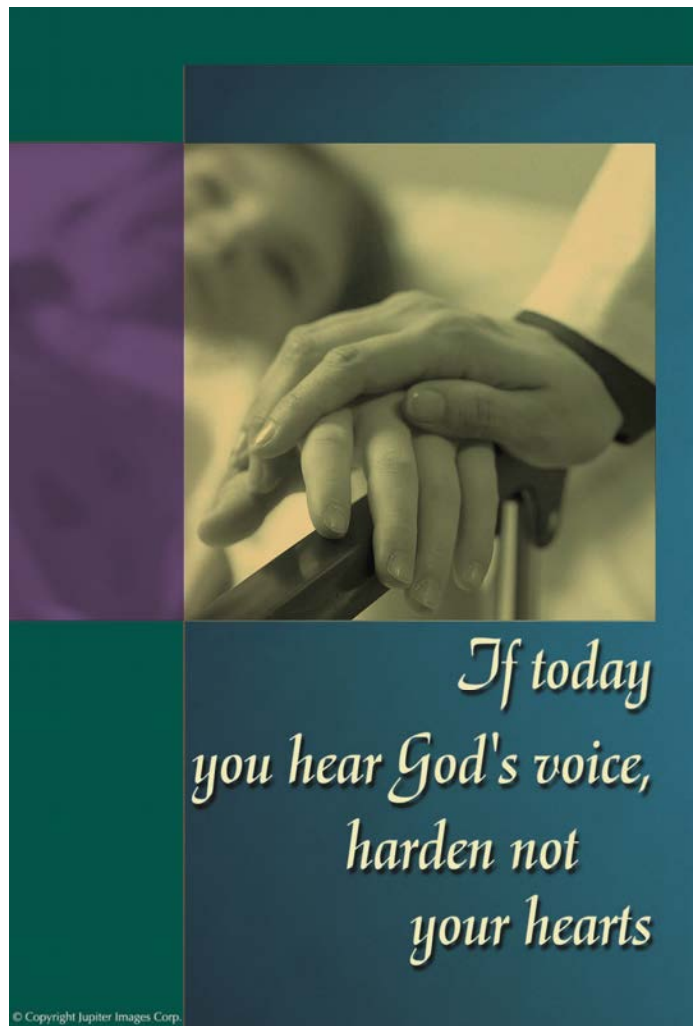
February 1, 2015

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Feb. 1, 2015

Dear Friends,

Today Jesus is described in the gospel as having “authority”, not speaking as the scribes, and those who can only speak from the letter of the law. Jesus speaks from a higher authority; he understands what the law is about. It is about giving, protecting, affirming and assuring life; healing and restoring, bringing life to its fullest greatest development and potential.

Jesus speaks with life giving power. His words are Spirit and Life, words of truth that give life. Jesus speaks and people are healed and transformed. The Word of God is a love word. It is liberating and transforming. God's word has its own power. Jesus is the Word made flesh.

The word “authority” derives from Greek and Hebrew words that transpose into Latin and English as “auctor” and “author”; we stretch it out to “authority”. But the Greek word translated literally means “life giver”. We have that sense when we speak of God as the author of all life, and of parents as co-authors with God in the lives of their children.

So to be an authority is to be a life giver; not just someone who has power or control over someone else. We have seen plenty of abuses of authority, persons who are in positions of authority, but who do not give life, but who abuse it.

We are to speak words of truth and life to one another. Our words are true not just because I or someone in authority says them, but because they have truth in and of themselves, because they resonate with truth and life, give life. Our words must always be love words having the power of life. We know words can kill, too, don't we? We have all experienced that.

Jesus never speaks words that kill, but always words that give life. We are to speak such words also, to build up not to tear down; to heal and affirm, not to destroy or belittle. This is what it means to have true authority. We proclaim God's love word to the world, the gospel of God. That is our mission, by word and example.

As St. Francis says, preach the gospel always, and if you have to, use words! May our deeds and actions always witness the truth of our words, and never belie them.

United with you in the love of God and the Word made flesh,



Fr. Joel



Christ the Servant Parish
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**February 13, 2015:
6:00-11:00 pm
Alpine Banquets
(8230 Cass Ave, Darien)**

Don't miss this unique opportunity for a fun evening with the Christ the Servant family!

Tickets on sale before and after masses, or in the parish office. We must give our final count to the restaurant on Feb. 2, so your last chance to purchase Dinner Dance tickets is Sunday, Feb. 1. Correction: Preliminary numbers are due to the restaurant on Feb. 2. We can accept reservations for one more week, and the final, final numbers need to be to the restaurant on Feb. 9

Grand Raffle: tickets will be sold up until shortly before for the drawing the night of the dinner. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Questions? Call Denice K.
Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate our past and present at this unique event.



Knights of Columbus

Why join the Knights of Columbus?
Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you join a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world

dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. We are the Knights of Columbus serving St. Scholastica & Christ the Servant Churches! For more information or to join call Grand Knight Jim L or Deputy Grand Knight Joe T or visit our web site at www.kofc5918.org



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FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR
Come share one precious hour with Jesus this FIRST FRIDAY, February 6. Holy Hour will follow the communion service in Christ the Servant's Eucharistic Chapel. The intention focus for February is Christ the Servant Church and Fr. Joel.

We will say the Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Litany, Chaplet of Sacred Heart of Jesus, and "The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory".

May we resolve to come closer to Jesus, and take one hour each First Friday to thank God for all our blessings, pray for peace in our hearts, homes and world. This is a time to embrace Jesus in which you say to Him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always." (Pope Benedict XVI)

THE 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

"EXTENDING GOD'S MERCY"

Please generously support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Last year we exceeded our goal, and received back a total of \$2,304.56 from the diocese. With your help, we can have another successful appeal to support the diocese, who provides our parish with so much support. One critical area financed by the appeal is educating seminarians to become future priests.

Our parish goal is \$34,013. With your financial support, we can exceed this goal. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive 65% of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 installments. Thank you in advance for your support.



In Pursuit of Catholic Education

Montini High School has notified us that the following parishioners of Christ the Servant achieved Honor Roll for the first semester:

- Madison S
- Tara M

Congratulations on your accomplishment and keep up the good work!

Religious Formation

Grades K-7 Sessions meet this
Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation

Classes:

Session SunA - February 1st

Session WedA - February 4th

Session SunB - February 8th

Session WedB - February 11th



(Have you turned in your Saint Paper, Sacramental Info Form and Sponsor Form? If you have any make-ups due...now is the time!)

DuPage Catechists' Institute 2015 "Go Make a Difference!"



Save the date: **Feb. 25, 2015**
For all catechists in the DuPage deaneries
Hosted at St. Petronille's, Glen Ellyn
6:00-9:00 p.m. (dinner included)
Catechists: Please RSVP to Liz Jesse by
February 18th.

BOOK STUDY GROUP

How well do you know JESUS?

Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*.

Join us for a series of six video presentations by Fr. Robert Barron. We will meet at 11:15am-12:45pm on these Sundays: Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, Mar 1, 2015.

Contact Liz Jesse for more information or to RSVP.

F.A.C.T. Chocolate Sale Families with Active Catholic Teens 6th-12th graders

Sign-ups are available in the narthex for this Service Opportunity!



Sign up to help sell
Chocolate after all Masses
on weekend of Feb 7/8.

Just in time for Valentine's Day!



Proceeds help fund youth activities
(such as Pizza with the Priest.)

CATHOLIC PARENTING with Denise Klimas

Catholic Parenting is unique. It just is. There is so much to learn about parenting, but this is different.

- Make the time to celebrate the things you are doing right.
- Learn some very simple ways to kick it up a notch.
- Here you will become aware of simple ideas, activities, rituals, prayers and celebrations that bring joy in being a Catholic Family.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7-8:30 PM
St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge

Denise Klimas is married, has five adult children, four daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and 12 grandchildren. Denise began as a Catholic school teacher and has spent over 30 years in church ministry.

To be sure we have enough materials, please register with Tricia 630-985-9255 x116 or religiousformation@stscholasticaparish.org by Wednesday, February 4.

Mayslake Ministries Program Who Am I?

Jesus asks Peter "Who do you say that I Am?," Join us for a day of reflection that will focus on how we see ourselves in light of our choices which reveal the true nature of our character.

DATE/TIME: Saturday, 2/7/15, 9am – 2pm

LOCATION: Mayslake Ministries, 718 Ogden Ave., Downers Grove

COST: \$35 per person;

FACILITATOR: Deacon Ron Searls

Register: online at www.mayslakeministries.org or by phone at 630.852.9000.

Note that we are **in need of ministers to serve next week**—a Minister of the Altar at the 8:30, and an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and a Host Team member at the 10:00. Active or Substitute teams may offer to serve.

New people are invited to join these ministries. Both Altar Ministry and Host Team are great for a family with children eager to “do something” at mass. Duties are easy to learn, and the rewards are priceless. Call Corinne at 630-910-0770 or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org to get connected with the head of that ministry.



ALTAR MIN:

Saturday
February 7
4:45 PM

N Family

EXT. MINISTERS:

Patti C
Deacon F
Joanne F
Jim G
Annie T

LECTORS:

Bob C
Debi S

HOST TEAMS:

D Family

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
February 8
8:30 AM

Mathew M
MINISTER NEEDED

Cheryl F
Michael L
Dan S
Heather S
Lee W

Peg K
Therese K

Greg F
Maryrose G

Sunday
February 8
10:00 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Deacon A
Maureen N
Dan R
Jesse T
MINISTER NEEDED

Sylvia C
Toni M

Steve W
MINISTER NEEDED

Respect for All Life

The Gift of Catholic Education

Last week, Catholic schools across the country celebrated Catholic Schools week. This annual week of celebration gives



us the opportunity to reflect upon the important role Catholic education plays in the life and mission of the Church. For parents, the choice of a school is one of the most important decisions they make in their child's life. Many parents understand the priceless gift of a Catholic education and the task that our schools play in assisting them as primary educators of their children. Generally, there are 3 reasons parents embrace Catholic schools for their children: 1) **Community**—to be part of a thriving, joy-filled community throughout the week, including mass on the weekend; 2) **Faith Formation**—knowing the Catholic school will reinforce the faith that our family lives at home and will provide the necessary formation for academic, social, and moral development; and 3) **Academics**—noting the impressive overall results Catholic schools produce, parents are often willing to make the sacrifices needed to provide for this type of education. Consider the gift of a Catholic education for your children or grandchildren.

by Sister Cecilia Joseph, OP, principal of St. Jude Catholic School (Joliet); Christ is our Hope magazine

submitted by Dave A

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, February 12, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31

4:45 PM Andrew Iovito, Sr., *r. Andie Wolfe*
Lorraine Schoof, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, February 1

8:30 AM Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Nancy Laugel*
10:00 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Al & Darlene Januska*
Allen Kraska, *r. Jim & Maryann Gilroy*

Monday, February 2

8:30 AM Patricia Groh

Tuesday, February 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 4

8:30 AM Joseph F. Koenig

Thursday, February 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 6—Communion Service

Saturday, February 7

4:45 PM Agapita Chiarella, *r. Donna Mays*
Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Donna Mays*
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*

Sunday, February 8

8:30 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Ciolek family*
10:00 AM Francine Martinek, *r. Helene Peslak*
Dave Sevening, *r. Bob & Corinne Hanson*

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

We pray for the Sick

Judy Bernard	Hertasene Murray	Marilyn Russo
Louise Boden	Thomas O'Donnell	Ron Rydzewski
Prudy Boen	Greg Peck	Jason Smith
Donna Ciolek	Richard Peslak	Elaine Thomas
Jeff Coole	Alie Phillips	Martha Tracey
Holly Derrico	Mary Phillips	Maribeth Wall
Jenna Gardner	Pauline Popek	Joe Zapalac
Hannah Jahn	Valentin Quejadas	
Peggy Laughlin	Marcia Robinson	

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



Casimir Sledzik
(husband of Maria)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2015



Come, let us bow down
in worship;
let us kneel before the
LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

Bible Readings—Feb. 1-Feb. 8

For easy internet access to the daily readings, visit www.usccb.org, and click on the calendar on the right side of the page. You can even subscribe to have the readings sent to you via email each day. Just scroll to the bottom of the readings page if you wish to subscribe.

SUNDAY: Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

MONDAY: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

TUESDAY: Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY: Heb 12:4-7,11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY: Heb 12:18-19,21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY: Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY: Heb 13:15-17,20-21 / Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

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.

Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
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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

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!

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"Like" us!

Calendar of Events

**Christian Service Ministry Fair
Hospitality by Parish Life**

Sunday, February 1

10:00 am—CLOW

Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 3

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, February 4

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 A

Thursday, February 5

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 6

9:00 am—Holy Hour

F.A.C.T. Candy Sale

Saturday, February 7

Sunday, February 8

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Adult Faith Formation;

Priest, Prophet & King

Upcoming Events

Feb. 13: 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Doors open 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm. Cash bar, grand raffle and more!

Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday, 8:30 am mass, 4:30 pm Prayer Service, 7:00 pm mass.

Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

The deadline for bulletin articles for the March 1 & 8 bulletins is February 16.

Parish Giving

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

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 Jan. 20-Jan. 25:

Sunday	\$ 7,361.50
General Funds	595.00
Restricted use	30.00
Debt Reduction	235.00
Total Contributed	\$ 8,221.50
This week's deficit	\$ (1,948.50)

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

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Latin America	\$ 347.00
Debt to Diocese as of 12/31	\$581,458

Registered Households—741

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...2014 contribution statements have been mailed to all who a) gave \$100 or more during 2014, and b) those who specifically requested a statement. If you do not receive one and wish to, please call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

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