

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

First Sunday
of Lent

February 22, 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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Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

First Sunday of Lent ~ Feb. 22, 2015

Dear Friends,

We enter into a journey with Jesus out into the wilderness for these 40 days of Lent. There we will confront the wild beasts and aspects of our lives that need to be tamed. We are preparing to die with Christ to our divided ego minds, embracing the shadow side of our lives so as to tame and bring them into an integrated wholeness.



This is accomplished only through the healing, reconciling grace of God; the Peace which Christ established for us by the blood of his cross, which is sealed and confirmed by the Resurrection.

It is a journey from death to life, a celebration of our passage from death to life that began for us in Baptism where we were initiated into the Pascal Mystery. We are to enter into that mystery every day, to die with Christ to selfishness and sin so that we may live in Christ, and Christ live in us, as St. Paul said, "no longer I, but Christ living in me."

Lent was initially a sort of retreat, a time for those converts to the faith who were preparing for Baptism. Now it is a time for us to renew our baptismal faith and vows, a time to renew our acceptance of the covenant of God's always faithful unconditional love, sealed with the blood of Christ.

Christ reconciles and tames our wildness (sinfulness) in himself. St. Paul tells us in the second reading for Ash Wednesday, "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made Christ to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

By grace we live, move, and have our being. We discover our true self in Christ and Christ in us.

Have a grace filled Lent. May it lead you to a deeper appreciation of your Baptism and life in Christ.

Love,

Fr. Joel

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
Christianity spreads through the joy of disciples who know that they are loved and saved.

Note: The Business Manager/Bulletin Editor will be on vacation from February 21 through March 6. Office hours will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm during this time.



Manna order forms are available!

Please consider planning ahead:

- this is our only Manna before Easter.
 - we will be collecting hams for Easter for the Food Pantry; get Manna cards for those purchases!
 - it's not too soon to think about graduations, Mothers/Fathers Days
 - A few new merchants have been added.
- The deadline to return your Manna order, with payment made to Christ the Servant, is 11:00 am, March 8. Your order will be ready to pick up the following weekend.

Manna gift cards are purchased at face value. Your identity is protected when you make your purchase, they are universal gifts, and the parish is allowed to purchase them at a discount, thus making it a fundraiser for the parish. The order form shows you how much discount the parish gets from each vendor.

If you haven't tried Manna before, now is the time!

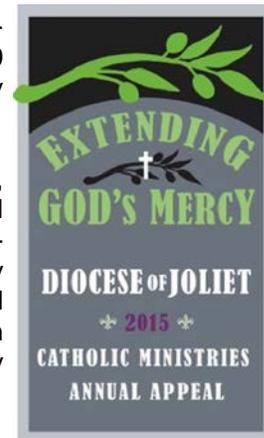
LENTEN REGULATIONS

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 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 Christian 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.



2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing via mail, online at jolietdiocese.org, or by returning one of our Commitment envelopes at Mass. Over 180 CTS parishioners have already responded.



One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal. You can and will make a difference by "Extending God's Mercy!"

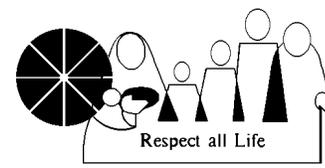
After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$34,013 in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Respect for All Life

Family Life Teaches Us How to Forgive

One of the reasons we hurt our loved ones is because we're with them all the time. Sharing a household, there are plenty of reasons for family members to become irritated with one another. At home, we see our family members at their best and worst. Most of the irritants pass quickly and are forgotten, but sometimes the wounds run deeper and can do lasting damage if they remain untreated. The ultimate healing is called forgiveness. Of course, it's not always easy to forgive a person who has wronged us, because our pride often gets in the way. But when we fail to forgive, grudges and hatreds can make our inner life painful. But the Lord has taught us to pray each day: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." And He warns us: "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." We need to go to the source of forgiveness. And we do this by regularly making a good, honest, unburdening confession of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation.



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~ Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain
for the Knights of Columbus, *Columbia Magazine*,
January 2015

submitted by Dave A

Religious Formation

Grades K-7 No sessions this week.
Catechist Institute

Confirmation Next Classes:

Session SunA - March 1st
Session WedA - March 4th
Session SunB - March 15th
Session WedB - March 18th



Lenten Mission: March 8-10 at 7:00-9:00pm

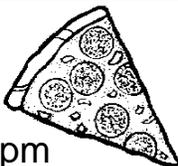
Confirmands are required to attend at least one night of the Mission. Join us on Sunday March 8th for pizza (see below.)

**March 22nd—Gifts of the Spirit Day—
1:00-3:15 pm**



**Thank you to all who helped to
prepare and facilitate the First
Eucharist Retreat**

All teens are invited to: Pizza with the Priest –



Sunday, March 8th, 4:30-7pm
Come enjoy pizza and conversation
with Fr. Joel Fortier.

Stay for conversation/games with
your friends, followed by the first night of
our parish mission from 7-9pm.

**Reservations are required by March
4th!**

Contact Ms. Jesse 630-910-0770 x12
liz@ctswoodridge.org

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 22, Mar 1, 2015.
Contact Liz Jesse for more information.

Service Opportunity:

Please contact Liz Jesse
liz@ctswoodridge.org if you would like to
serve our faith community as we celebrate
our Lenten tradition:

Friday April 3rd
7:00pm - Living Stations
of the Cross
Teen Leaders needed.



EARLY PLANS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Green Team and the Respect for All Life Commit-
tee are collecting writing materials for packets for im-
prisoned women and juveniles, so they have some-
thing to send their mothers or children for Mother's
Day.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Mother's Day cards, station-
ery and blank note cards, pens with caps only (no click
or pens with metal on them), golf-type pencils (short
with no eraser), gallon Ziploc bags, paper lunch bags,
reams of colored paper on which to print insert letter,
and stamps and donations to help cover delivery costs.

DONATIONS are needed by March 15. Place on rack
in Narthex. Thank you!

WHAT IT MEANS: "Thank you so much for the cards
and stationery. It pleases my heart to know that there
are hundreds of people who truly care for us." Bonnie
"Thank you very much for taking the time to put
together the stationery and card package for us. It is
great having people such as yourself to support and
pray for us. It is inspiring and touching! God bless you."
Jessica



TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From Ash Wednesday through Sunday, March 29,
neighboring communities will take part in 40 Days for
Life, a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobi-
lization. We pray, we fast; with God's help, this will
mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Downers
Grove and beyond.

Please stop by the table in the narthex for more infor-
mation and pick up a Lifesaver with information on how
you can pray at 1700 75th St in Downers Grove or you
can pray privately for the unborn. Thank you!
See 40DaysForLife.com/downersgrove or
facebook.com/40DaysDG for more information.

		Next Weekend's MINISTERS		
		Saturday February 28 4:45 PM	Sunday March 1 8:30 AM	Sunday March 1 10:00 AM
<p>"Journey into the Wilderness" is our theme for Lent. The wilderness can be a place of great discovery. Discover the joys of sharing the gift of your time at mass by helping out as a liturgical minister. Call the parish office for information.</p>	<p>ALTAR MIN:</p>	T Family	A Family	Maria F Gayle H
	<p>EXT. MINISTERS:</p>	Patti C Deacon F Deb G Mary K Rita S	Cheryl F Cindy F Mathew M Dan S Heather S	Antonio A Judy E Joanne F Ramon J Dan R
	<p>LECTORS:</p>	Bob C Jim N	Rita W Kathy V	Vince D Joe T
	<p>HOST TEAMS:</p>	M Family	Greg F Steve W	A Family

Ladies Lunch Out ~ Over 55 Ladies Club

Come join us on
Tuesday, February 24th, at 1:30 PM at
Mago Grill & Cantina
641 E. Boughton Rd (in Promenade Mall)

Call Andie W
or Rita S

New Members Welcome!!!



We thank you, Lord, for the gift of so many people in Christ the Servant Parish who do so much for the parish all year long. We see some, but we don't always know the ones who help behind the scenes.

For instance, we may notice how nice the plants look week after week (did you notice how long the poinsettias looked nice this year?), but how often do we think about the dedicated crew of volunteers that come in to make sure the plants are watered, and dead leaves removed, and replaced with new plants when the old ones die? We thank Barb C who organizes the volunteers—Virginia D, Joanne K, Belinda D and Janet S—and Donna M who is responsible for choosing which plants we have.

These are just a few of the many people that keep Christ the Servant going and growing! Thanks to **ALL!**

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, March 12, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Gene Tester

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*

Sunday, February 22

8:30 AM Chester Surowiec, *r. Ciolek family*
 10:00 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Ted & LaVergne Kozerski*
 Jan Mouchon, Sp. Int., *r. Jean Durran*
 Margarita DeJesus, *r. Maria Filipponi*

Monday, February 23

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 27—Communion Service

Pray for James Leninger

Saturday, February 28

4:45 PM Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Joe & Connie Witkowski*
 James Leninger, *r. family*
 Larry Carroo, *r. Barb Carroo*

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Frank Conte, *r. Marijane Tomaeno*
 10:00 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Brian & Deb Kocsis*
 Myra Wozniczka, *r. Jean Durran*

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office



We pray for the Sick

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

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



George Grabert
(father of Debbie Glassner)

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—Feb. 22-Mar. 1

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:** Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15
- MONDAY:** Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46
- TUESDAY:** Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
- WEDNESDAY:** Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
- THURSDAY:** Est C: 12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12
- FRIDAY:** Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26
- SATURDAY:** Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48
- SUNDAY:** Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

In Pursuit of Catholic Education

Nazareth has notified us that the following parishioner of Christ the Servant achieved A Honor Roll for the first semester:

Harika R

Congratulations on your accomplishment and keep up the good work!



Office Hours & Staff

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www.ctswoodridge.org**

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!

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 22

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Adult Faith Formation;
Priest, Prophet & King

Monday, February 23

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, February 24

NO RF

Wednesday, February 25

NO RF

Thursday, February 26

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

6:30 pm—Wedding Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 27

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
led by Worship Commission

**Cash4Food Drive
Girl Scout Cookie Sales**

Saturday, February 28

2:00 pm—Wedding

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Adult Faith Formation;
Priest, Prophet & King

Upcoming Events

Mar. 8/9/10: Movies with a Mission, 7:00 pm each night. This takes the place of our traditional Lenten Mission.

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

Parish Giving

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

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 Feb. 10-Feb. 16:

Sunday	\$ 6,210.94
General Funds	242.00
Debt Reduction	83.00
Total Contributed	\$ 6,535.94
This week's deficit	\$ (3,634.06)

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

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Home Missions	\$ 10.00
CMAA (electronic)	25.00

Debt to Diocese as of 1/31 \$568,742

Registered Households—741

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...you may place your CMAA pledge in the collection basket, and we will forward it to the diocese for you.

Leave a Legacy. Did you know your estate can make unlimited gifts to charitable institutions like our parish or diocese and those gifts are deducted before estate taxes are computed? Call 815-221-6100.

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