

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

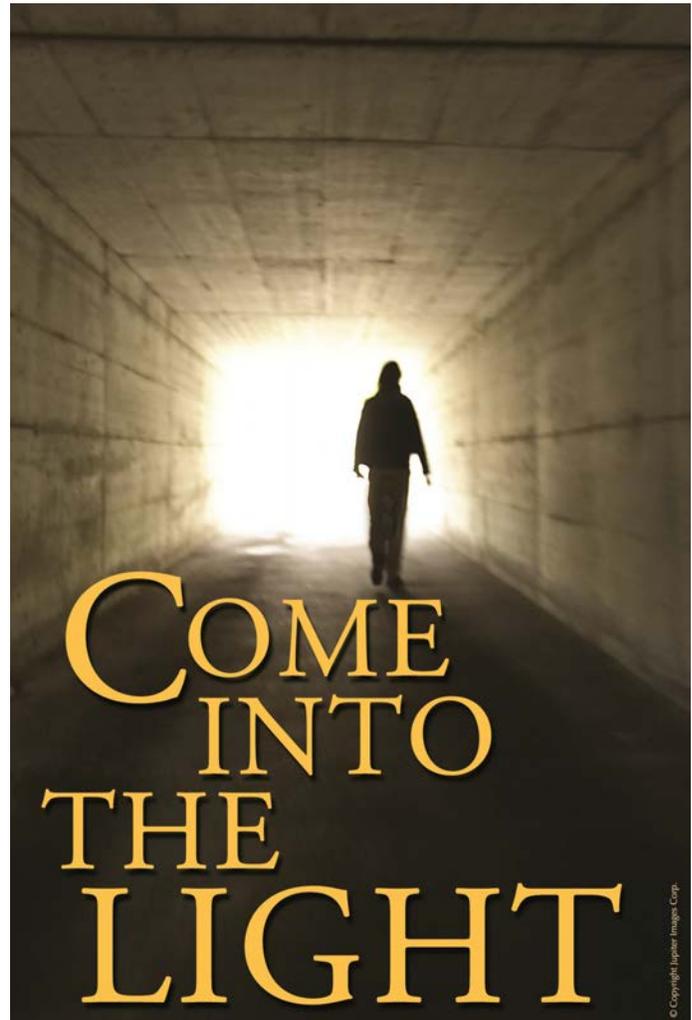
March 15, 2015

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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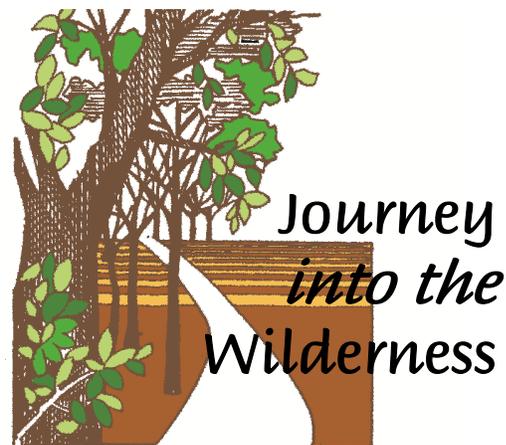


Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

4th Sunday of Lent ~ March, 15, 2015

Dear Friends,

Sometimes, and eventually we all must, look at our “shadow self”; that part of us that we try to hide from others and even ourselves. Our ego self creates a persona that hides it well. We all wear kind of a mask that hides our true self, and because we cannot identify with the divine we either hate or over inflate ourselves.



We all know people with an over inflated ego, and we all know people who are self loathing. If we are honest, we can admit that we fluctuate between both of those within ourselves, until we come to grips with our true selves. We are not junk, God doesn't make junk, and we don't need to overcompensate to hide the fear that we are.

That is why we must look at our shadow selves, why Christ must be lifted up on the cross, just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so we can see our sins which he bore; to see the source of our affliction in order to be healed and reconciled with God in Christ. The source of the problem is not our shadow self, it is but a symptom of the problem. The source of our affliction, and real problem is our separated autonomous ego self, our false self.

As Fr. Richard Rohr says, “Jesus is never upset with sinners; he's only upset with people who think they are not sinners!” His problem was with hypocrites, the self-righteous, those who judge others, and project their shadow self on others.

So we need to die with Christ to the false persona of our ego self and come alive in Christ to our true self; to identify with, to root and ground ourselves in the divine presence of Christ in us, realizing that our true self is hidden with God in Christ, that we are in God and that God is in us.

St. Paul writes: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God...we are God's handiwork,” made a new creation in Christ. And in the gospel we read, “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

We do not prefer darkness to the light; we come into the light, “so that our works may be clearly seen as done in God.” We are not afraid of the light, we can look at our shadows; we can turn away from darkness into the light. Let this be the Lent we do it. Our Parish Lenten Communal reconciliation Service is this Monday, in Church at 7:00PM. Come walk in the Light!

United with you in the light and life of Christ,

Love, Fr. Joel

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
There is no sin that God cannot pardon. All we need to do is ask for forgiveness.



Donna Kovarik Retirement

We want to announce today that our Music Director, Donna Kovarik, has decided to take her retirement and has resigned from her role here at Christ the Servant Parish. Donna has served us well for nearly fifteen years. We are deeply grateful for her years of dedicated service and wonderful presence in guiding and helping to grow the liturgical life of our parish and music ministry. We want to thank also her husband, Bob, who volunteered here as well. Her work is deeply appreciated and she will be greatly missed. Our gratitude, blessings, and good wishes go with them.

At this time we also announce that the position is open and we are taking applications to fill it. Anyone from the parish, or outside the parish, that is interested should contact Fr. Joel at the parish office at 630-910-0770 or send a resume. We have temporary help to cover masses until we are able to hire someone.



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.



LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Rev. Ron Hicks of the Archdiocese of Chicago is going to be at Christ the Servant on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00-noon. Fr. Ron is a dynamic speaker who will speak about Liturgical Ministries. While all are invited, the Worship Commission especially invites all liturgical ministers, and the Religious Formation Commission invites all catechists to attend. Fr. Hicks is sure to enrich the lives of all who hear. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend; refreshments will be served. *(Please RSVP to 630-910-0770 so we can plan appropriately)*

Fr. Hicks serves as Vicar General to Archbishop Cupich in Chicago. He has served on the faculty of St. Joseph College Seminary and as Formation Director of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.



Biographical information and photo accessed from www.archchicago.org on February 17, 2015.

Religious Formation

Grades K-7 Sessions meet
Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation Next Classes:

Session SunB - March 15th

Session WedB - March 18th

Session SunA - April 12th

Session WedA - April 15th



March 22nd—Gifts of the Spirit Day—
1:00-3:30 pm

Service Opportunity:

Please contact Liz Jesse

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

The Stations
 of the Cross



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



Catechist Formation

Saturday, March 21st,
9am-12pm.

**Catechists, aides, substitutes &
 former catechists are invited to
 the Minister Morning of Reflec-
 tion... see page 3 for more info.
 This morning replaces the
 catechist meeting originally
 scheduled for Sunday, March
 15th.**



Running on Empty, Pausing For Fuel

March 21

**A Conference for the DIVORCED AND WIDOWED and
 for those who care about them.**

Blanchette Catholic Center --

16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL

9 am check-in concluding with a

4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Siegel.

The featured speaker for this well-attended annual event will be Father Jim Friedel, OSA, a popular retreat leader who has traveled the USA and Canada presenting parish missions. Known and loved for his down-to-earth approach to spirituality, Father will lead us into the realization that we are much more than a person who has lost a spouse. Father Jim carefully weaves his stories together with spiritual insight and creates presentations that are both humorous and joy-filled.

The suggested donation of \$35 includes morning coffee, lunch and resources. For information or to register please call the Office for Family Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet at 815-838-5334. To view a brochure about the day go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry and click on the conference banner (Button 3) Please register by March 13th.

Portiuncula Retreat Center

9263 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Illinois

An Opportunity for Inter-faith Dialogue:

"An Introduction to Islam"

Date: Monday, March 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$20

Following up on our Fall Film Series on World Religions which ended with the film on Muhammad, this evening we will have an opportunity to hear about the beliefs and practices of Islam first-hand from a practicing American Muslim here in Frankfort. Together we will be able to engage in conversation together regarding the Muslim religion, their concept of God, common beliefs and practices. Time will also be provided for questions and answers.

For more information or to register for one of our programs, please call 815-464-3880 or info@portforprayer.org

Go Green!

On March 21, 2015, Benedictine University 5700 College Road, Lisle, IL is sponsoring **Sustainable Saturday**. Besides electronics, they are collecting batteries of all types, scrap metal, bicycles and helmets, eye glasses, worn American flags, reusable building supplies, washers, dryers and stoves. A more complete list can be found at www.villageoflisle.org. No hazardous waste will be collected.



Our **Green Team** is sponsoring an electronic recycling event here at Christ the Servant on May 23. It is time to start spring cleaning closets and basements/crawl spaces. Give away usable items. Or, plan a neighborhood garage sale. Recycle items that can no longer be used.

The Green Team

<p>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</p>  <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.</p>	<p>ALTAR MIN:</p>	<p>Saturday March 21 4:45 PM</p>	<p>Sunday March 22 8:30 AM</p>	<p>Sunday March 22 10:00 AM</p>
	<p>EXT. MINISTERS:</p>	<p>N Family</p>	<p>A Family</p>	<p>W Family</p>
	<p>LECTORS:</p>	<p>Patti C Deb G Jim G Alie P Rita S</p>	<p>John C Rose G Jose S Melania S Lee W</p>	<p>Deacon A Judy E Barb K Michael L Maureen N</p>
	<p>HOST TEAMS:</p>	<p>Vince D Debi S</p>	<p>Marjorie C Peg K</p>	<p>Paul M Kristen M</p>
		<p>D Family</p>	<p>S Family Marijane T</p>	<p>R Family</p>

Respect for All Life

Respect the Elderly

Pope Francis, speaking to the crowds in St. Peter’s Square on March 4th, continued in his series of teachings on the family, on the role of grandparents.



With life expectancy having increased in modern societies, the Pope denounced a widespread lack of respect and consideration for the elderly and their dignity. Attention for the elderly is what makes the difference within a civilization. Yet often societies not only fail to make room for the elderly, but even consider them a burden. It is a mortal sin to discard the elderly. They are not aliens; we are them, in a short or in a long while. If we do not learn to look after and to respect our elderly, we will be treated in the same way. A society where the elderly are discarded carries within it the virus of death. And because of their vulnerability and special needs, especially of those who are ill or alone, they call for particular attention and care. Rather than a burden, the elderly are, as the Bible tells us, a storehouse of wisdom. Pope Francis pointed out that the Church has always accompanied the elderly with gratitude and affection, making them feel accepted and part of the community. And he concluded: “Where the elderly are NOT honored, there is no future for the young.”

~ excerpted from the Pope’s weekly general audience, March 4, 2015

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, April 9, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

June Rustmeier

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
 Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
 Shirley & Paul Stiglic, *r. family*
 Fr. Frank Vitus, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, March 15

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*
 10:00 AM Francine Martinek, *r. Barb Carro*
 Joan Ostrand, *r. Christ the Servant Adult Choir*

Monday, March 16

8:30 AM Steven Leninger, *r. family*

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 AM Sophie Czajka, *r. Sister Rosemary Ward*
 Regina Zdenovec, *r. family*

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 AM Cindy Giannini, *r. Lee Farbotko*

Thursday, March 19

8:30 AM Joan Ostrand, *r. Donna Mays*

Friday, March 20—Communion Service

Saturday, March 21

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*
 Agapita Chiarella, *r. Jacob family*

Sunday, March 22

8:30 AM Chester Surowiec, *r. Ciolek family*
 10:00 AM Francine Martinek, *r. Bill & Carol Hanen*

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

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Peggy Laughlin	Pauline Popek
Helen Ciolek	Hertasene Murray	Ron Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	Gene Padgett	Jim Sanders
Sylvia Cordes	Shirley Nowak	Kathy Sanders
Holly Derrico	Thomas O'Donnell	Marge Schillaci
Jenna Gardner	Mary Peterson	Jason Smith
Hannah Jahn	Alie Phillips	Elaine Thomas
Mary E. Kapraun	Mary Phillips	Martha Tracey
Julie Krol	Jim Picek	Joe Zapalac

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

Margaret Czajkowski

Michael Wilk

(father of Michele Landato)

Sharlene Hennig

(mother of Kenneth Hennig)

Maribeth Wall

(daughter of Gary Wall)

Lois Sanders

(mother-in-law of Kathy Sanders)



Bible Readings—Mar. 15-Mar. 22

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: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

MONDAY: Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY: Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 / Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a

FRIDAY: Wis 2:1a,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2,10-25-30

SATURDAY: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY: Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

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

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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

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Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager Ext. 10

Liz Jesse,

Religious Formation Director Ext. 12

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

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

Monday, March 16

7:00 pm—Lent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 17

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, March 18

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6i:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5-7

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation Class B

Thursday, March 19

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 20

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

led by Parish Pastoral Council

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am-noon—Morning of Reflection with Fr. Ron Hicks. All are welcome.

Sunday, March 22

10:00 am—CLOW

1:00-3:30 pm—Confirmation "Gifts of the Spirit" retreat

Upcoming Events

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

40 Days for Life: Continues through March 29. Pray for the unborn.

Apr. 4: Blessing of Easter Foods at 9:30 am. NO 4:45 pm mass or reconciliation. Easter Vigil begins at 7:30 pm.

Parish Giving

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015

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

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

2/18 Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,278.90
2/18-22 Sunday	7,029.36
2/21-22 Debt Reduction	440.00
2/21-22 Ash Wed	30.00
2/28-3/1 Sunday	9,403.52
2/28-3/1 Debt Reduction	1,645.00
2/28-3/1 Ash Wed	20.00
Total Contributed	\$ 19,846.78
Two week's deficit	\$ (493.22)

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Latin America	\$ 30.00
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These amounts reflect those given in the Sunday collection over a two week period. Amounts that were delivered to the parish office or electronically will be caught up next week.

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

Registered Households—741

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...Our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service is this Monday the 16th at 7:00 pm.

Father Joel is available on most Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm, and by appointment to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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