

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**

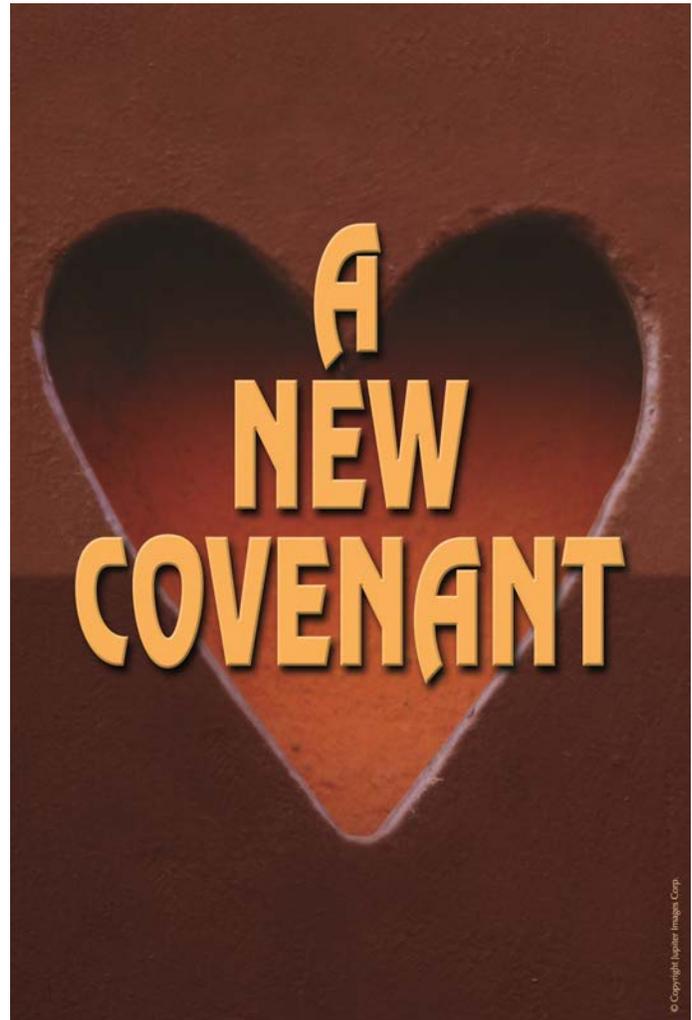
March 22, 2015

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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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
 The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love toward each of us.

5th Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2015



Dear Friends,

It's all about love! It's all about dying to ourselves, our false ego-minded selves, in loving others. That's what it takes to love others; to move from our own narcissism and self centeredness to the "other".

That's what Jesus tells us in the gospel as he gives us the paradigm and meaning of his own life and death, and ours! "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit."

Jesus tells us that the person who tries to "save" their life will lose it, while the person gives up their life for Christ's sake and the gospel, will find and save it. The only way to save your life is to lose it...in love, as Christ loved us, then we find our true selves. What a wonderful way to save and find your life, "and preserve it for eternal life." Really to let Jesus save you! Try it, you'll see!

The Lord makes a new covenant of God's love with us. He takes it out of the old temple, written on tablets of stone, and places it in us, in our hearts. "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts," we hear from Jeremiah; we become the temple of God's presence. In and thru Jesus the new and eternal covenant is established in the Body and Blood of Christ. We renew and enjoin that covenant upon ourselves each time we share the Eucharist.

We don't want to stay just a seed; we don't put our lives in a mason jar on a shelf somewhere. We take the seed of our lives and plant it into the earth, mingling with the elements, dying to our false-selves; and out of the divine agronomy of grace, become a new creation producing abundant fruit of love, peace, and all the fruits of the Spirit! It is the way God works in us. It is the divine plan for all creation; that we become a new creation in Christ!

Let us go up to Jerusalem to die and rise with Christ!

Love,

Fr. Joel

Ladies Lunch Out ~ Over 55 Ladies Club

Come join us on
Tuesday, March 24th, at 1:30 PM at

Woodridge Café
7414 Janes Ave

Call Tina F
 or Darlene J

New Members Welcome!!!

Movies with a Mission Followup

Several of us who came to watch the films for this year's parish mission would like to spend some time on **Monday, March 23 from 7-8:30 pm** to reflect on some of the peace and social justice issues within them.

The films covered situations from the 1200's to the 1970's and '80's, all complex in nature, all relevant to today.

The purpose of our discussion is to further reflection, rather than define answers, to share our insights and to be respectful of our differences, as we grapple with what it means to live into the gospel in a complex world. There are no easy answers, but in our reflections, we may be better able to understand our calling to be agents for peace in our world and to have some understanding of doing so as our parish namesake, Christ, the Servant.

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.

**Holy Week Schedule****Palm Sunday, March 28/29**

Masses begin 4:45 pm, 8:30 am and **10:30 am**

Holy Thursday, April 2 (our Feast Day)

No morning mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

- Receive the holy oils blessed by the bishop
- Share the tradition of Jesus in washing feet
- Adore the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm
- Night Prayer at 11:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

No morning mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Blessing of Easter Foods and Baskets, 9:30 am

Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses at 8:30 am and **10:30 am**

First Friday

The April First Friday Holy Hour falls on Good Friday. Come and spend an hour with our Lord in the Eucharistic Chapel at your convenience.

"Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us." Psalm 95:6



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The prayer intention for April is for Missions in the United States and throughout the world. "Their message goes forth throughout the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." Psalm 19:5

The Respect for All Life From Conception to Natural Death Committee will meet the evening of Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:00 pm at Andie W's home. For more information, call Andie W

The Green Team and the Respect for All Life Committee thank all of the CTS parishioners who so generously donated stationery, note cards, pens, pencils, Ziploc bags, lunch bags and paper for packets to be made for imprisoned women and juveniles so they would have something to send their mothers or children for Mother's Day.

Religious Formation

Grades K-7 Sessions meet
Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation Next Classes:

Session SunA - April 12th
Session WedA - April 15th
Session SunB - April 19th
Session WedB - April 22nd



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



Please return your Rice Bowls
next week.

Have you tried any of the recipes
that came with your Rice Bowl?

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.

We will have a practice on Wednesday, April
1st at 5:30 pm.

Darien Woman's Club

Spring Children's Clothing Resale

Saturday, March 28, 2015; 9AM-2PM

Prairieview School, 699 Plainfield Road, Downers

Credit card or cash

Offering gently used spring/summer boys & girls clothing,
sizes infant to 16 (no junior sizes); uniforms, maternity,
baby/child equipment (no car seats or bath/toileting
items); shoes (no gym shoes). 35% of sales helps the
Darien Woman's Club fund scholarships for local area
students.

Questions: Call Valerie (630-852-4097) or visit
www.darienwomansclub.org.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for
a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the
northern suburbs), on May 1-3, 2015. Cost is just
\$185 for meals and a single room. Take a chance
and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (312) 532
-8286, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or
visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Journey to Reinvention **"Make Hope Visible"**

Saturday, March 28, 9am-2:30 pm
Includes lunch.
Cost: \$45. Please register by March 26

Presenter: Mary Kay Slowikowski
Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Rd, Darien
For reservations, call 630-969-4141

Clothing and Household Goods Drive

When doing your spring cleaning, don't forget to set
aside the clothing, small household appliances,
dishes, etc., that you no longer plan to use. The St.
Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive will take place on
May 16/17. The truck will be out in the parking lot to
receive your donations. If you would like to help, or if
you have any questions, please contact Marybeth N.

Go Green! Plastics!

The above two ideas don't seem to
go hand in hand. Those thin plastic
bags that are so convenient for left-
overs or lunch bags really pile up
and they are not environmentally
friendly. In the case of leftovers, there are many
alternative "plastic" containers that can be washed
and used over and over again. Tupperware and
Rubbermaid are prime examples of longevity.
Instead of plastic lunch bags, use a reusable
container for sandwiches or use waxed paper.
Waxed paper bags or sheets are not great for wet
items, like sliced tomatoes or pickles. Those items
can be place in leak-proof containers. (They come in
so many various sizes.) The new glass containers
with lock on lids are perfect for leftovers because
they can be stored, heated in the microwave and
eaten right out of the container.



Remember our **Electronic Recycling Event** on May
23!

The Green Team



"Journey into the Wilderness" is our theme for Lent.

NOTE: The time for the 10:00 mass has been changed to 10:30 for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday only.

Holy Thursday Note: We are seeking 2-4 volunteers to help with the foot washing ritual at the Holy Thursday liturgy. Call Corinne 630-910-0770.



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
March 28
4:45 PM

T Family

Karen J
Steve J
Marylou R
Darlene S
Annie T

Ramon J
Bob C
Kathy V

Donna N
Shirley W

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
March 29
8:30 AM

C Family

Cindy F
Mathew M
Dan S
Heather S
Andrea W

Therese K
Joe C
Paula R

C Family

Sunday
March 29
10:30 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Deacon F
Ed J
Madeline J
Dan R
Jesse T

Joe T
Virginia A
Deacon F

V Family

Respect for All Life

Volunteer/Donate to Shepherd's Table

Shepherd's Table is a soup kitchen located within Day-break Center homeless shelter in Joliet. This facility feeds members of the community who are hungry and unable to afford food by offering a free mid-day meal. Meals are prepared and served by volunteers each day of the year. Last year, 1921 individuals were served at Shepherd's Table. 18% were children under 18 years old. 35% were female. 27,358 lunches were served. Donation items most needed at Shepherd's Table: beverages (tea, juice, ground coffee, hot chocolate packets), condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc), canned vegetables, soups, instant potatoes, oatmeal, cereal, crackers, chips, and cookies. Also, monetary donations to purchase eggs, butter, milk and meat.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities and donation items, call 815-774-4663 ext 3138, or email sambrose@cc-doj.org



~ "Serving the Poor and Vulnerable at Shepherd's Table", by Maggie Snow, *Christ is Our Hope*, February, 2015

submitted by Dave A

In the first reading it says "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." God wants to be invited into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 17-19, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015 at Elk Grove Village. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

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

Eileen Nemec



MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, March 23

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 AM JaNien Moeller, *r. Jackie Nemec*

Thursday, March 26

8:30 AM Eileen Nemec, *r. Jackie Nemec*
Pauline Dennis, *r. Pat Savage*

Friday, March 27—Communion Service

Saturday, March 28

4:45 PM Donald Kowalski, *r. wife*
George Grabert, *r. Jerry & Patti Crimer*

Sunday, March 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

We pray for the Sick

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

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 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—Mar. 22-Mar. 29

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

MONDAY: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62 /
Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY: Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY: Is 7:10-14;8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY: Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY: Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 /
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Answering the prayers of our neighbors in need:

A Big Thank You!!! At our recent "Cash For Food" drive the weekend of Feb 28/Mar. 1, CTS donors provided resources for the West Suburban Community Food Pantry to purchase and distribute over 3,564 pounds of food items and paper goods.

Cash & Check Donations totaled \$600, plus paper goods and food items that loaded an SUV!

All because of your generosity and willingness to GET INVOLVED as a Christian Servant!!!

Thank you!

The needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our needs.



Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
Phone: (630) 910-0770
Fax: (630) 910-6060
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

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

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, March 22

10:00 am—CLOW

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

Monday, March 23

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, March 24

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, March 25

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5-7

Thursday, March 26

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 27

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

led by Deacon Rod Accardi

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

10:00 am—CLOW

Upcoming Events

Apr. 2: 7:00 pm, Holy Thursday liturgy

Apr. 3: Holy Hour (time at your choosing)

3:00 pm, Good Friday liturgy

7:00 pm, Living Stations of the Cross

Apr. 4: Blessing of Easter Foods at 9:30

am. NO 4:45 pm mass or reconciliation.

Easter Vigil begins at 7:30 pm.

Apr. 5: 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Easter

masses

Apr. 7: Election

Parish Giving

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Mar 14/15:

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| Sunday | \$ 5,686.85 |
| Easter | 5.00 |
| Debt Reduction | 90.00 |
| Total Contributed | \$ 5,781.85 |
| This week's deficit | \$ (4,388.15) |

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

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| Latin America | \$ 10.00 |
| Catholic Relief | 1,173.00 |

These numbers are from the Sunday collection only. Amounts that were delivered to the parish office or electronically since March 1 will be caught up next week.

Debt to Diocese as of 2/28 \$555,800

Registered Households—742

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...We will not be offering the sacrament of Reconciliation on Holy Saturday, April 4. Fr. Joel will be available in his office from 4:00-4:30 pm on Saturday, April 28, or by appointment.

Leave a Legacy. Make a planned gift to our parish or diocese. Call the Development office at 815-221-6100.

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