

FIRST EUCHARIST

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Angelina C
Brendan C
Isabel Lauren C
Julianna Ysabelle P. D
Jessica Lauren F
Emily Grace G
Mia J
Ella Joanna J
James Daniel L
Emma L
Matthew Jakov A. M
Frank M
Tyler M

Nicholas Anthony M
Margaret Mary P
Seann Nicholas P
Lukas Mark R
Dominic R
Jimmy R
Abigail Marie S
Luke T. S
Danielle Elizabeth S

April 25, 2015



*4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015*

April 26, 2015 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

In this time after Easter, we not only continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Christ, but also the joy and the power of the resurrection at work in us.

The power of the resurrection is at work in us now, which was the whole point and purpose of Jesus' mission to ignite a fire on the earth, the fire of the Spirit, that all things would come alive in Christ.

The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us, transforming our lives, bringing us from death to life, from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, from selfishness to love. We share the risen life of Christ to that end.

Jesus began a process that continues in us and in all creation. As we hear in the first reading today, JESUS is the touchstone, the link, the window, the gate, through which we come to know and share eternal life, "there is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The church teaches that all people of good will have access to the grace that saves and comes to us through Jesus. The love that is poured out in Christ is for all people. Jesus, the good shepherd, in the gospel today tells us, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold...they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

The quality of the relationship between the good shepherd and all people is a very personal, human, and intimate one. The good shepherd knows and calls us each by name; we recognize and hear his voice. All people of good will hear and recognize that voice; all people are drawn into the warmth of a personal love, and so are drawn into the reality of Christ.

Not only that; through that faith and good will we become progeny of God! St. John tells us in the second reading, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God. Yet so we are!" We are all daughters and sons of God, and as such, sisters and brothers in Christ. What a world view that gives us! It is the vision and plan of God; that we all come to understand and live as children of God, sisters and brothers.

It has been said, if you want peace, work for justice. Maintaining a right relationship with one another, and all people, is the surest way to peace. It is what the power of the cross and resurrection can do, breaking down enmity between all people and God. God is our peace. That is what Jesus reveals and brings to us. We are people of the Way.

Continued Easter Blessings and love to you and yours!



Fr. Joel

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

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.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Welcome to our new Music Director Janet Alikpala



Janet I. Alikpala is our new music director, most recently serving as Associate Music Director for Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove. A classically-trained pianist, Janet was drawn to church Music Ministry from a young age, both as a vocalist and as a pianist.



In the fall of 1997, Janet served as music director for the University of Illinois at Chicago's John Paul II Newman Center in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Simultaneously, Janet served as music director/liturgist for neighboring St. Ignatius College Prep. She also served as Assistant Music Director for Crossroads Community Church in Naperville. Janet is also currently assisting as a part-time music minister at Benedictine University in Lisle for Sunday evening student masses and is a "go-to" pianist/accompanist within the Diocese of Joliet.

Janet studied piano with well-known Philippine teacher/vocalist/pianist, Perla Cudal and has traveled across country participating in regional and national music competitions through the American Guild of Music. Janet has mentored and coached vocalists and musicians over the years specializing in technique for traditional and contemporary music styles within the Catholic church.

Janet continues to work in the field of Public Affairs & Community Relations as a consultant for organizations and companies such as the Chicago Park District, Grant Park Conservancy, Danny Way Foundation, Dominick's/Safeway Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago and Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

Welcome to Christ the Servant, Janet!

Religious Formation



*May the Spirit of the Risen Lord be with you
this Easter Season.*

**Grades K-7 Sessions meet
Tuesday & Wednesday**

Confirmation Next Classes:

- Session SunA - April 26th
- Session WedA - April 29th
- Session SunB - May 3rd
- Session WedB - May 6th



Thank you to the 2nd grade catechists and aides who helped prepare the children of the parish for their First Communion this weekend:
Judy Johnson, Angie

Mrozinski and Pam Alexander.

Thank you also to Donna Ciolek, Marybeth Nunzio, Donna Mays and Pat Savage for their assistance in preparation, practices and in the celebration. Thanks also to Gayle Herce, our photographer.

Special thanks to:
Knights of Columbus, Council 5918, Woodridge, for the special gift of Rosaries given to the children that received their 1st Eucharist this weekend.
The Knights of Columbus provide support in a wide variety of ways to our parish along with fostering a strong Catholic identity.
THANK YOU!



OPERATION RICE BOWL

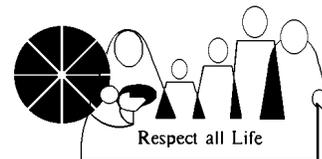
It's not too late to turn in your Rice Bowl! There is a large box in the Narthex for you to place your bowl that you filled with \$ during Lent.

Respect for All Life

Persecutions of Christians in our Day (Part 2)

"If one part of the body suffers, all the parts of the body suffer with it."

~ 1 Corinthians 12:26



What can we do to assist our fellow Christians who are suffering persecution throughout the world? First, we need to be well-informed about the extent of the problem. Catholic publications normally do a better job than the secular press in reporting this on-going problem on a regular basis. Aid to the Church in Need is one very reliable source. Various ways we can respond: write members of Congress to express our concerns, urging them to take action to protect those facing persecution; write letters to newspapers or use social media to inform others about this; on the parish/school level, bring in speakers to discuss religious persecution. Above all, we must remember to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters. If more Catholics and other Christians took an active interest in the world-wide religious persecutions, then we could make a real impact assisting those currently suffering persecution—as well as preventing attacks on religious freedom from further infecting our own country and others.

~from "Martyrs For the Faith: The Persecution of Christians in Our Day", by Bishop Joseph Siegel, Diocese of Joliet, *Christ is Our Hope*, April 2015.

submitted by Dave A

Ladies Lunch Out ~ Over 55 Ladies Club

Come join us on
Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 1:30 PM at

DELL RHEA'S CHICKEN BASKET
645 Joliet Road, Willowbrook

*Call Helene P
or Carol P*

Cash Only

New Members Welcome!!!



**Peanut Butter and Jelly
and CASH FOR FOOD!!**

**Saturday and Sunday,
May 2 and 3**

Would you like to participate in helping our weekend liturgies be well prepared and run smoothly? Do you have a gift for clear diction, reverence for the Eucharist, or a smiling face and friendly nature to greet people? If you would like to know more about being part of our liturgical ministries, please call Corinne Hanson in the parish office to be connected with the contact person for the ministry that is right for you! 630-910-0770



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
May 2
4:45 PM

A Family

Marlene B
Karen J
Steve J
Terri M
Minister Needed

Ramon J
Bob C

D Family

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
May 3
8:30 AM

P Family

John C
Cindy F
Barb K
Michael L
Mathew M

Kathy V
Rita W

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
May 3
10:00 AM

K Family

Joanne F
Ed J
Madeline J
Maureen N
Jesse T

Scott G
Toni M

D Family

Christ The Servant Peace and Social Justice Committee presents "Inequality for All" Monday, May 4, 2015, 7:00PM, 90 minute film with short discussion and light refreshments

For more information, contact Steve J

"We make the rules of the economy – and we have the power to change those rules." –Robert Reich

We're in the biggest economic slump since the Great Depression, and we can't seem to get out of it. Why? Because, exactly as in the 1920s, so much of the nation's income and wealth are going to the top, that the vast middle class doesn't have the purchasing power to keep the economy going. I've spent most of my working life concerned about what's happening to American workers – their jobs, their wages, their hopes and fears. My father sold clothing to the wives of factory workers in the late 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. I watched as the factories began to close, and as those families struggled with a new economy. Households kept their living standards by sending those wives and mothers into paid work – a strategy that did the trick for a time. But when it no longer generated enough income, American families went deeper and deeper into debt – and that's been the vicious cycle most middle class Americans have been in ever since.

People are stressed. They're angry and frustrated, and the tide is only rising on that front. People need to understand what's happening to them – because from their perspective, the picture looks pretty bleak.

Until we can take a step back and understand the big picture, we can't do anything to get ourselves out of this mess. Our democracy as we know it depends on it. One of the best ways to help people understand the challenges we face, is with a movie that can grab an audience and move them to action.

And this movie will do exactly that.

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, May 14, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Bob Sieracki

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

4:45 PM James Crockett, *r. family*

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Sam Maltese, *r. Alice Maltese*

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 29

8:30 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Donna Mays*

Thursday, April 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 1—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, May 2

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Sylvia Cordes & Shannon Hall, *r. Jean Durran*

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



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Friday, May 1st there will be a Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel after the Communion Service.

From 9 to 10 a.m. we will say the Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Litany, Chaplet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and "The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory".

"Keep your appointment with Jesus and He will bless you". St. Catherine of Siena

Bible Readings—Apr. 26-May 3

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: Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

MONDAY: Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY: Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY: Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY: Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY: Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY: Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

We pray for Vocations

For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We need to pray, so that "the Lord of the harvest may send out laborers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2) Pray that we may openly accept the call to serve God with generosity and love. The Virgin Mary, model of every vocation, did not fear to say "yes" to the Lord's call. May she protect and intercede for us all.

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Julie Krol	Pauline Popek
Helen Ciolek	Peggy Laughlin	Ron Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	Gene Padgett	Marge Schillaci
Sylvia Cordes	Shirley Nowak	Jan Szykowny
Holly Derrico	Thomas O'Donnell	Elaine Thomas
Jay Dunn	Mary Peterson	Martha Tracey
Hannah Jahn	Alie Phillips	Joe Zapalac
Mary E. Kapraun	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 the Deceased



Gerry Rosario
(husband of Rose)

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Dan Fialek, nephew of Jerry Fialek
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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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

Janet Alikpala, 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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 26

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

10:00 am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am—Peace Pole dedication

11:00 am—Manna orders due

Monday, April 27

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, April 2128

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

Wednesday, April 29

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, April 30

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

9:00 am—Holy Hour

Mother’s Day Cards for a Cause

Cash4Food Drive

Pick up Manna orders

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word

11:30 am—Baptism

Upcoming Events

May 23: 9-noon; Electronic Recycling

Parish Giving

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

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 Apr. 13-20:

Sunday \$ 7,853.45

General Funds 575.00

Restricted gifts 101.40

Debt Reduction 108.00

Total Contributed **\$ 8,637.85**

This week’s deficit \$ (1,532.15)

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

Debt to Diocese as of 3/31 \$543,858

Registered Households—742

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...your continued support is vital to fulfilling the mission of our parish. Be sure to fulfill your CMAA pledge—we have enough pledges to reach our goal and then some. 60% of amounts paid over our 2015 goal will be returned to our parish.

Leave a Legacy. Make a planned gift to our parish or diocese. 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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