

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

5th Sunday of Easter

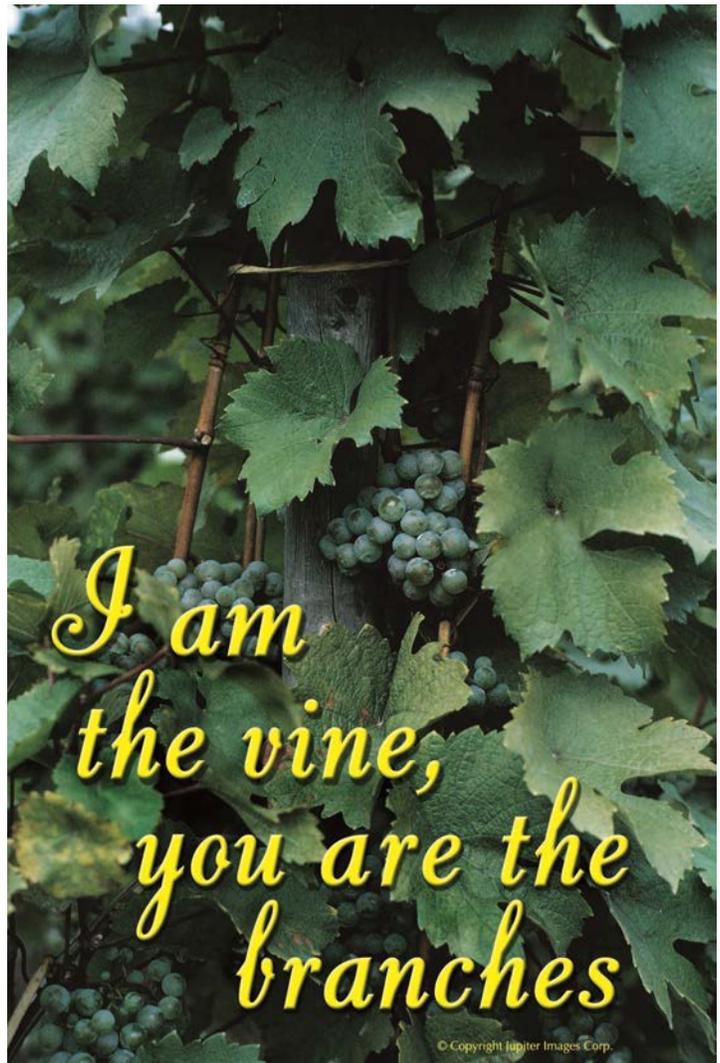
May 3, 2015

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

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the merry month of May! It is a time for May flowers and the merriment that comes from being united in the Spirit. We have in the gospel today one of the most organic images of our relationship with Christ and one another in all of scripture.

“I am the vine, you are the branches...remain in me, as I remain in you.” Think about it, those are incredible words. Christ lives in us and we live in Christ, by the power of the Spirit.

It bespeaks the incredible connection we have with each other. There could be no more wonderful connection than Christ Jesus. That’s what Jesus does, Christ connects us! That is the whole point and purpose of God’s plan, that we be united in love, united in the Spirit.

That is the name of the game, united in the Spirit! How do we know that Christ remains in us? By the way we love one another as Christ commanded us, St. John tells us in the second reading today. It is an active, dynamic, organic unity. It grows in and through our relationships of love. The fruit of the Spirit comes from such an organic unity.

Jesus tells us in the gospel, “Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing...the Father is glorified in you bearing much fruit.”

So our unity and true identity is not based on our national, ethnic, genetic, or social status, but on the love of Christ in us. Christ is the ground of our being, the common ground, the unifying principle of all creation.

Isn’t it wonderful to be part of such a living, dynamic, organic reality; to be so connected with the whole cosmos...the Cosmic Christ! The universe is the context of our existence; spiritually and physically. We would do well to pay attention to that organic unity, and work to keep it healthy.

United with you in Christ’s love,



Fr. Joel

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
We Christians are called to go out of ourselves to bring the mercy and tenderness of God to all.

Peace Pole Dedication

The Peace and Social Justice Committee gratefully thanks all the Staff, the Commissions, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Garden committee, all the children and families, and all the parishioners who so willingly gave of their time, talent and treasure to support the Peace Pole project. We also thank all those who planned and participated in the Dedication Ceremony on April 26. We especially thank the Holy Spirit for stirring all of our hearts to work and pray for Peace in ourselves, our families, our parish, our community and our world.

As the weather permits, new plantings will appear in the Peace Garden and all the stones will be placed there after they have been sprayed with preservative.

Peace prayer cards are available in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to take one .

As our Peace Garden grows, so we pray that PEACE will also grow.

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

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7th, our nation will observe the 64th National Day of Prayer.

From its infancy, American presidents and statesmen have called the country to special times of prayer and fasting—and celebration—to thank God for His blessings.

In 1952, federal legislation required the president to annually issue a proclamation designating a national day of prayer. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation amending the law to permanently celebrate the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday in May. www.nationaldayofprayer.org

The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer is "Lord, Hear Our Cry". 1 Kings 8:28 has been chosen to highlight the chosen theme. "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."

Living Water Community Church, 190 Lily Cache Ln, Bolingbrook, is celebrating a National Day of pray from 6:30 am to 7:30 am. Register at bolingbrook-christianclergy.com. Tickets are \$10 online, includes breakfast. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

Mother's Day Cards for A Cause

As Mother's Day approaches, our parishioners will have an opportunity to support a very worthy cause and honor mom at the same time. Before and after masses, the Respect for All Life Committee will be distributing beautiful Mother's Day cards (free will donation) to Project Love. Each card will state that "A donation to Project Love has been made in the honor of _____ (your mother, grandmother, or any mother you would like to honor). Please stop by the narthex to obtain a special card for a special mom or grandma in your life. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Next weekend, members of the Knights of Columbus and the Respect for All Life Committee will be distributing prayer cards to all women in attendance, and offering silk-like roses or natural carnations in honor of mothers and all who have loved with a mother's love. The roses are courtesy of Illinois Citizens for Life, and all donations for flowers will benefit Illinois Citizens for Life. Plan to take a flower home with you for the mom in your life.

The month of May we honor our Blessed Mother. You are invited to honor Mary in a special way each weekday morning before and after Mass by joining in praying the rosary.

Our Lady's Advice through Father Gobbi to parents whose children have fallen away from the faith. The Blessed Mother told parents to pray the following prayer before the Rosary, holding up their Rosary beads: "O Mary, conceived without sin, with this rosary I bind my children to your Immaculate Heart." The Blessed Mother then told Fr. Gobbi: "and I will tend to their souls."

Rosaries are available in the Narthex for your personal, family and friends' use. Please feel free to help yourself. Compliments of CTS Respect for All Life Committee.

Our support of the West Suburban Food Pantry is appreciated:

A Letter From a Client... My name was one of those chosen in the Thanksgiving Lottery and was given to Christ the Servant in Woodridge. ... I was greeted warmly at the church with a lovely prayer shawl and... bags of totally healthy, natural items for me to cook with. They said they knew about my fight with breast cancer and that I used fresh items rather than processed...and, even gave me an organically grown turkey. ...I was absolutely stunned with the kindness, consideration and care... exhibited towards me. ...No signs of cancer have returned and I don't need another checkup for a year .Thank you isn't adequate for this situation and all the other things you do. You've helped me beyond measure. B

Religious Formation



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



As part of our 1st Eucharist celebration, families donate loaves of bread for the food pantry. 34 pounds of bread were delivered to the West Suburban Community Food Pantry from Christ the Servant. Thank You!

Grades K-7 Sessions meet Tuesday & Wednesday
 No classes for Grades 6 & 7
 Make sure your Service Project Reports have been turned in.

Confirmation Next Classes:
 Session SunB - May 3rd
 Session WedB - May 6th



Letter to the Pastor is due May 27th.



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.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org
 "Like" us!



Thanks to our Catechists and helpers!

This special group of adults blessed our parish children with joy, patience, understanding and a love of Jesus. Thank you for the time spent and your commitment to showing that God's love is present in the lives of all generations!

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| Pam A | Diana C | Donna C |
| Joe C | Jennie C | Ed F |
| Fran F | Diane G | Michelle G |
| Barb G | Rosada H | Gayle H |
| Cathy J | Judy J | Denice K |
| Angie M | Onofria P | Taylor R |
| Karen S | Pat S | Katie S |
| Paula S | Barbara S | Jackie S |
| Karen S | Rose S | Kathi T |
| Erica V | Steve W | Brian W |
| Kevin W | Lori Z | |



Registration forms for 2015/16 Religious Formation Classes will be available soon in the narthex and on the parish web-site;
www.ctswoodridge.org

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 9
4:45 PM

N Family

Patti C
Jim G
Mary K
Alie P
Marylou R

Vince D
Debi S

Donna M
Shirley W

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
May 10
8:30 AM

C Family

John C
Cindy F
Rose G
Barb K
Mathew M

Therese K
Kathy V

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
May 10
10:00 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Tony L
Ramon J
Rita S
Maureen V
MINISTER NEEDED

Virginia A
Judy E

R Family

Respect for All Life

Struggling With Infertility

One in every six couples experience infertility, but Catholic couples face additional confusion, worry, and frustration as they explore the medical options available to them. Filling a major void in Catholic resources, *The Infertility Companion for Catholics* is the first book to address not only the medical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of infertility, but also the particular needs of Catholic couples who desire to understand and to follow Church teaching on the use of reproductive technology. The authors, Angelique Ruhl-Lopez and Carmen Santamaria, offer support and wisdom from their own struggles describing the options that Catholic couples can pursue in seeking to conceive, many of which are not ordinarily presented by the community. In an encouraging and non-judgmental tone, they address both husbands and wives, helping them to recognize the emotional impact of infertility on their relationship. Hear Angelique and Carmen speak about this struggle in a 6 minute video on Catholic TV at www.catholicinfertilityjourney.com.



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

Religious Community Facts: During the years of 1885 to 1900, Chicago became an important Czech Center for the Benedictine Sisters.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Cindy Giannini



MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, May 4

8:30 AM For our Blessed Mother's Intention,
r. Pat Savage

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 AM Joan Ostrand, *r. Rita Wyman*

Thursday, May 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 8—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, May 9

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*
John & Esther Michalik, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
Joan Ostrand, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, May 10

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski & Freda Klacza,
r. Ciolek family

10:00 AM Sylvia Cordes, *r. Ed & Evan Fleming*
People of the Parish

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

Bible Readings—May 3-May 10

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

MONDAY: Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY: Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY: Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY: Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 /
Jn 15:9-17

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Gene Padgett	Daniel Ryan
Helen Ciolek	Shirley Nowak	Ron Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	Thomas O'Donnell	Marge Schillaci
Sylvia Cordes	Alie Phillips	Jan Szykowny
Holly Derrico	Jim Picek	Elaine Thomas
Jay Dunn	Pauline Popek	Joe Zapalac
Mary E. Kapraun	Dick Rosenbeck	
Peggy Laughlin	James Ruff	

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. Julie Krol is much improved. Thank you for your prayers!

We pray for the Deceased



Duane Rice

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.

Helping Scouts Learn about their Faith

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting invites you to attend a training session on Saturday, May 16th, from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the Blanchette Catholic Center (16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill). Purchase workbooks prior to the training and bring proof that you have taken "Protecting God's Children" and "Youth Protection". Fee: \$2 payable that day. For more information or to make a reservation to attend one of the trainings please call 815-834-4012 by Monday, May 11th.

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

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

**Mother's Day Cards for a Cause
Cash4Food Drive
Pick up Manna orders**

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, May 4

7:00 pm—Movie: "Inequality for All"

Tuesday, May 5

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-5

Wednesday, May 6

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation Class B

Thursday, May 7

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

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

Upcoming Events

May 9/10: Respect for All Life Committee distributes flowers and prayer cards

May 23: 9-noon; Electronic Recycling

June 13: Clothing Drive

Parish Giving

If you want something done, then do it! Don't just sit there and talk about it. Such words largely reflect the work ethic of our society. However, words can also apply to us as Stewards of the Gospel. Love is not something simply to be talked about. It is to be lived. Real love for God takes work, commitment, and trust in the Lord.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

NOTE: Electronic contributions are now included with other totals CONTRIBUTIONS Apr. 21-27:

Sunday	\$ 6,808.69
General Funds	210.00
Restricted gifts	127.00
Debt Reduction	<u>178.95</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,324.64
This week's deficit	\$ (2,845.36)

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 financial support is important to be able to keep a roof over our heads. Work on repairing the masonry to stop leaks will continue this summer. It's easy to keep up on your commitment by setting up electronic payments.

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

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!

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