

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

6th Sunday of Easter

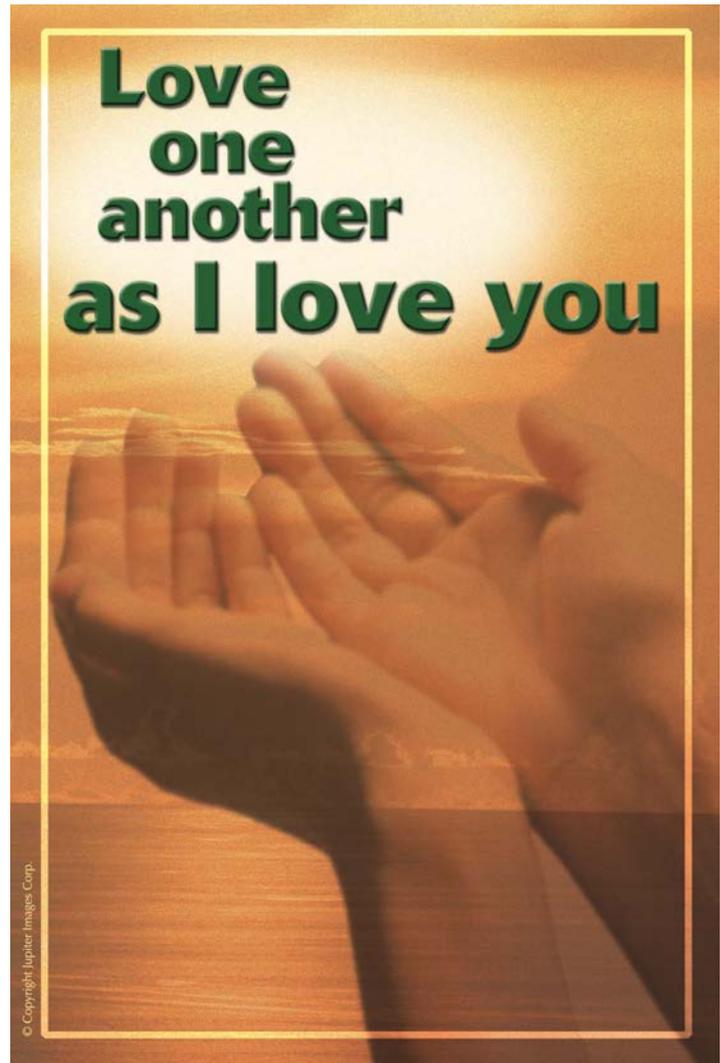
May 10, 2015

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.

This week:

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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10. 2015

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
Amid so many problems, even grave, may we not lose our hope in the infinite mercy of God.

Dear Friends,

The point, purpose, goal, and plan of the life, death and resurrection, of Jesus is revealed, and made clear in the gospel today: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain, (abide/live) in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain/abide/live in my love...I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another AS I have loved you."

"I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. It was not you who choose me, it was I who choose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last...This I command you: love one another."

That's the plan and the program! It's what we're about as church and as individuals. Love is not experienced in a vacuum but in relationships; in community. We embody the love of Christ in our relationships with each other, and all people...or we don't. The choice is ours, but the commandment is clear.

What is our motivation for doing this? "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us..." So live in love and live in God! That's a pretty good motivation for me. It's also the joy and ecstasy of my life!

It is how we measure and evaluate our lives. Is what we say and do consistent with that yardstick, with that moral principle? It becomes the ethical standard for our lives, the moral compass by which we always know true North.

It applies in our marriages, families, church, community, world, and social relationships. It can guide our lives and lead us to the Kingdom of God. That is really God's plan, to gather us all into the Kingdom, on that grand and glorious day; "when Christ will be all in all!"

And it happens in such simple human ways as we love each other. It seems simple enough; yet somehow we have difficulty doing it all the time. But ah, that's choice in life, to love even when we don't feel like it! Love is first a decision not a feeling. I'm sure Jesus didn't feel good hanging from the cross. But that's what he meant when he said, "Love one another AS I have loved you," saying, "I tell you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete!"

That is the kind of love Mothers show! Happy Mother's Day to all those who are mothers to us! You give us a lived example of Christ! May your joy be full and complete!

In the joy and love of Christ, with you,



Fr. Joel

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

The West Suburban Community Food Pantry thanks Christ the Servant Parish and all those who donated & contributed to our latest

“Cash For Food” Drive.

Cash & Check donations of \$353.00

plus 207 lbs of mostly

Peanut Butter & Jelly

provides over ONE TON (2000 lbs) of Food for those in need.

Thank you!

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

Celebrate Life

by filling a Baby Bottle!

Baby Bottles 4 Life...easy as 1-2-3!



1. Pick up a baby bottle after Mass next weekend.
2. Take the bottle home and fill it with spare change, cash or a check made payable to: Woman's Choice Services (Hint: leave it in the cupholder of your car, and as you make purchases, drop your change into the bottle instead of your wallet.)
3. Return the bottle the weekend of June 6/7.

Thank you!

And don't forget the opening of the new Bolingbrook site on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Festivities begin at 10:00 am, when the site will be blessed by Bishop Joseph Siegel. The location is 682 W. Boughton Road, Suite B, Bolingbrook.

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.

A SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL JOURNEY TO ITALY!

September 22 to October 1, 2015

Join Fr. Burke Masters on a once-in-a-lifetime 'Spiritual & Cultural Journey to Italy!' September 22 to October 1, 2015. This special pilgrimage of faith includes visits to: Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Caramanico Terme, Sulmona, Pescara and more!

Only \$2,969 from O'Hare International Airport. Space is limited must register by May 27, 2015. To download a free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Brandolino. For more information, contact Group Coordinator,

Tony Brandolino at (815) 221-6190 or by e-mail at tbrandolino@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe: May 15

Join St. Joseph Parish for a May Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The overnight pilgrimage will begin with a coach bus departing from St. Joseph Parish parking lot (4801 Main St., Downers Grove) at 3:00 pm on Friday, May 15 and returning on Saturday, May 16. The pilgrimage includes participation in Relevant Radio's "Marian Day of Reflection" with Rev. Francis Hoffman (Fr. Rocky) from 8:30 am-3:30 pm on Saturday. Focusing on the theme "Holy Family and Your Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph" the day includes prayer, procession and the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother. The morning session will include meditations, Holy Mass and Rosary. There will be time for confession and reflection. Following lunch with fellow pilgrims in the crypt (\$15), the day of reflection continues with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the final meditation, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Reservations will be made for transportation, lodging, and food and will include roundtrip via deluxe motor coach (\$150.00), overnight stay at the Hampton Inn, LaCrosse (\$150.00) and lunch at the Shrine (\$15). Dinner will be on your own, Friday and Saturday. Please make check payable to: St. Joseph Parish. You can mail or drop off your payment to St. Joseph Parish, 4824 Highland, Downers Grove, IL 6015.

For more information, please contact Barbara Labotka at 630.272.4335. Space is limited and registration deadline is May 10. A plenary indulgence can be gained by participating in this pilgrimage.

Religious Formation



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

Grades K-5 No sessions this week.
Happy Summer!

Grades 6-7
Please make sure your Service Project Reports
are turned in.

Confirmation

Letter to the Pastor is due May 27th.



Feed My Starving Children service project is
scheduled for Saturday, August 29th, from 9:00
to 11:00 am at their facilities in Aurora.

See Confirmation announcement below.



*The office of the Bishop
has informed
Christ the Servant Parish that
Bishop Conlon
will be confirming the youth of
Christ the Servant
on Wednesday November 4, 2015 at
7:00pm
at Christ the Servant.*

*The Confirmandi along with their sponsors
are to attend a
Confirmation Re-cap and Send-off
(It will be fun!) on
Sunday November 1, 2015
from 5:30pm. to 7:00pm.*

*This will be followed by practice at
7:00pm. (approx. 1 hour)
If the sponsor is unavailable, one parent
will need to attend the meeting and
practice with their child.*

HONOR YOUR MANY MOTHERS

While we are celebrating Eastertime,
it is a very good season to
celebrate our mothers, who have brought
us into life and who can
teach us to begin living eternal life.

There are many mothers to
honor - grandmothers, godmothers,
adoptive mothers, stepmothers,
foster mothers, den mothers and friends'
mothers. There's Mary, the
Mother of God. Jesus made Mary the
mother of all baptized people.

There is Mother Earth; the title for our
planet is one way of saying
that God has made the Earth a holy home
for all living things. In
different ways, any one or more of these
mothers has our love.

Remember today to say thank you to your
many different mothers.

Say a special prayer of thanks for their
presence in your life.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!



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.



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

Several years ago, the Bishops of Illinois, along with many other dioceses in the United States, decided to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord on the Sunday before Pentecost, instead of on Thursday. Therefore, next week is the Ascension of the Lord, and the readings we hear at mass will be from Ascension, not the 7th Sunday of Easter.



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
May 16
4:45 PM

T Family

Joanne F
Deb G
Donna M
MINISTER NEEDED
Annie T

Bob C
Gayle H

Maryrose G
Steve W

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
May 17
8:30 AM

P Family

Jose S
Melania S
Bob S
Dan S
Heather S

Peg K
Lou S

Mathew M
Marijane T

Sunday
May 17
10:00 AM

A Family

Michael L
Maureen N
Dan R
Rita S
Jesse T

Rita W
Joe T

D Family

Respect for All Life

Honoring Our Mothers

Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

~Exodus 20:12



The first experience of unconditional love most people have is through the image of their mother. Mothers are the ones who give us our exposure to grounding, intimacy, tenderness, and safety. In addition to our biological mothers, we have been blessed with others, including spiritual, emotional, and intellectual mothers, and of course, our Blessed Mother. All of these women have given birth to something special and vibrant in us. Mothers' Day is set aside to honor the women who are special in our lives. Honoring our mothers becomes an important way we can connect with God for the abundant life we enjoy in Christ. Biological or others, mothers are givers of life to those whose lives they share. Through their actions, mothers demonstrate Jesus' love and the love our Blessed Mother has for all of us.

Lord, we thank you for our mothers, and for all those who have loved with a mother's love.

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**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Paul Schopa

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 12

8:30 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Ted & LaVergne Kozerski*

Wednesday, May 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, May 14

8:30 AM Jerome Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*
Delia Burton, *r. Amy Averion*
William R. Weber, *r. Dan & Janet Szymanski*

Friday, May 15—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, May 16

4:45 PM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Brian & Deb Kocsis*
Veronica Lewis, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, May 17

8:30 AM Blanche Grimes, *r. Corinne Hanson*
Patrick Walsh, Spec. Intention, *r. Andie Wolfe*
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Bible Readings—May 10-May 17

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

MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

FRIDAY: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY: Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

SUNDAY: Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13 / Mk 16:15-20

We pray for the Sick

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

Please Pray With Us!

Need You Right Now, a Mental Health Ministry

Do you know someone who may be struggling with challenges like depression, anxiety, addictions, eating disorders, or bipolar?

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Please, come pray for tremendous Hope for someone special.

St. Elizabeth Seton
2220 Lisson Rd, Naperville
Friday, May 15, 7:00pm

- A reception to follow with representatives from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).

Find more information on this St. Elizabeth Seton ministry: www.NeedYouRightNow.com, or email NYRNHelp@yahoo.com, or call Gerard Erickson at 630-669-5653



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, May 10

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

Monday, May 11

7:00 pm—RF Commission

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, May 12

9:15 am—Respect for Life *offsite*

Wednesday, May 13

Thursday, May 14

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

8:30 am—Worship Commission

10:30 am—Christian Service Comm.

Sunday, May 17

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

11:30 am—Baptism

Upcoming Events

May 23: 9-noon; Electronic Recycling

May 25: Memorial Day holiday; offices closed

June 6/7: Respect for All Life Committee distributes flowers and prayer cards

June 13: Clothing Drive

Parish Giving

Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love of God’s people?

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. 29-May 4:

Sunday	\$ 10,560.75
General Funds	100.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,611.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 12,271.75
This week’s catch up	\$ 2,101.75

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY:

Rice Bowls \$ 73.35

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

Registered Households—742

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...the commitment you made to God last October is important for our parish to fulfill its mission of welcome, worship and service. If you have fallen behind on your pledge, please work on catching up! Thank you!

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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