

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

Pentecost

May 24, 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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***There appeared to them
tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest
on each one of them.***

***And they were all filled with
the Holy Spirit.***

Acts 2:3-4

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
Why do we find it so difficult to tolerate the faults of others? Have we forgotten that Jesus bore our sins?

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 23, 2015

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost! It is as the prophet Joel said, "Thus says the Lord: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; even upon the servants and handmaids, in those days, I will pour out my Spirit." Joel 3:1-3, and Acts 2:14-18.



I take great pride in my namesake being the prophet of Pentecost, and so I kind of take Pentecost as my personal feast day, since there is no other feast day assigned to the Prophet Joel.

But it is a feast day for all us, because we have all received the gift of the Holy Spirit! It is a day to celebrate how we live in the Spirit and of how the Spirit lives in us. That is the joy of my life; living in the Spirit! The Spirit is in us, we have already received the manifold gift of the Spirit.

We just need to release the power of the Spirit, to be consciously aware of our relationship with Jesus and the energy that flows from it: the Holy Spirit! It is the Love that flows between the Father and the Son, and now us; it draws and catches us up into the very life of the Trinity. It is a dynamic, creative, life giving relationship; it heals and saves us.

May we experience what it means to be baptized in the name of Jesus; initiated into the life and love of the Holy Spirit, and with it to experience the full power and a release of all the gifts of the Spirit that flow from a life lived in love.

It is the joy of that love that we celebrate today, the joy of Life in the Spirit! It is an incarnate, embodied, real love that takes us beyond the mere physicality of things into the realm of the Spirit. It is not a passing moment in time, but a window in time through which we move beyond time into eternity.

Through Jesus, in the Spirit, all glory and honor be yours almighty God and Father! Amen!
Blessings and Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joel".

Fr. Joel

**Bluestem Earth Festival 2015: May 30, 10am-3pm, Free admission,
at University of St. Francis, 500 Wilcox Street, Joliet.**

Over 50 Vendors & Exhibitors: Master Gardeners, Heirloom Plants, Pastries, Composting, Beekeepers & Wildlife Rescue, All Natural Soaps, All Natural Farm Products, Fair Trade Crafts, Organic Foods/Smoothies and more!

Shredding: On-site secure document destruction 10 am-1 pm. Signs will be posted.

Food/Snacks/Drinks available for purchase. **Free Ice Cream Social. Live Entertainment.**

Children's Activities: Recycled Crafts (Build an Owl) Animals, Face Painting, Games

Sponsored by The Joliet Franciscan Sisters and Associates. Visit: BluestemEarthFestival.com



Parish Appreciation Party

Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 5, 2015, at 7:00 pm** here at **Christ the Servant** for a social evening of enjoyment and munchies to celebrate who we are as a parish. We appreciate all the parishioners and volunteers who make Christ the Servant a welcoming, giving community of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, and all you do to make it happen!

Let us celebrate together!

Munchies—appetizers, sandwiches, snacks—will be provided, along with beverages.

Because the beverages will include beer and wine as well as soft drinks and water, we ask that only adults plan to attend this event.

For all who feel like they want to bring something, please feel free to bring a dessert to share.

We would like to know how many to plan for and have name tags available, so please ***sign up in the narthex!!!***

Questions? Please call Corinne 630-910-0770.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

@ Christ the Servant, June 13 & 14

SPRING CLEANING? If so, save any unwanted items in your closets and drawers for our next clothing drive! Mark your calendars because the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the **weekend of 6/13 & 6/14**. If you need a home pick up, please call us at 630-231-4658 or email saintvincentdonate@gmail.com. Thanks to everyone at Christ the Servant for helping us help others!!!



Celebrate Life

by filling a Baby Bottle!



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

1. Pick up a baby bottle after Mass.
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.

Religious Formation



Grades K-5 Happy Summer!

Remember that God hears prayers all year long.

**Please return any RF textbooks
that may still be at home.**



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

Thank you CLOW Volunteers

We have finished our third year of Children's Liturgy of the Word, bringing God's Good News to kids, ages 3 through 8, in ways they can understand. Thank you to our Leaders, Chris B, Donna C, Lisa G, Gayle H and Mary R. We need more volunteers to help us Lead and Shepherd next Fall. If you would be interested in joining the CLOW team for next year, please contact Liz Jesse.

"Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake?" Matthew 7: 9-10

This year Christ the Servant's **Offering of Letters** will focus on domestic hunger issues, specifically our government's feeding and nutrition programs for children in the U.S. Preprinted letters will be available for signatures on the weekend of June 6-7.

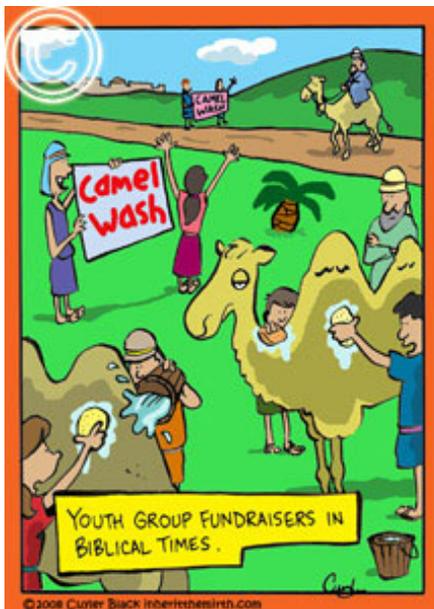


Nearly 16 million children in the U.S. - one in five - live in households that struggle to put food on the table. Many of these children have parents who have a job and work hard, but their wages are not high enough to cover the high costs of rent, transportation and utilities - and daily meals. Our federal government's feeding programs serve as a life-line for vulnerable children.

Only 1 in every 20 grocery bags that feed children who are hungry come from church food pantries and other private charities. Federal nutrition programs provide the rest.

The National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program and WIC Program are at risk for significant cuts in funding by our legislators. These programs are up for reauthorization in 2015 and it is VITAL that we as Catholics tell our Congresspersons that these child nutritional programs need to continue to be funded.

Next week's bulletin article will provide more information on why we need to communicate our support of these programs to our legislators. For more background information, visit www.bread.org/OL.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

Saturday, June 20th - 9am to Noon

F.A.C.T. Service Opportunity!

Families with Active Catholic Teens Car Wash.....

Surprise DAD with a clean car for Father's Day!

All families with children entering 6th grade and above in the fall are invited to join the fun!

Please sign up to help in the Narthex.

We are lucky as cars are much easier to clean than camels!!!

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 30
4:45 PM

O Family

Patti C
Jim G
Karen J
Steve J
Mary K

Jerry F
Debi S

Maryrose G
Donna M

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
May 31
8:30 AM

C Family

Rose G
Barb K
Mathew M
Paula R
Bob S

Marjorie C
Rita W

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
May 31
10:00 AM

G Family

Ed J
Madeline J
Tony L
Dan R
Rita S

Antonio A
Scott G

T/S Family

Respect for All Life

God is in Control

"It is I who bring both death and life."

~Deuteronomy 32:39

Some people in our society use language about the "right to die" to disguise a "right to kill"—to get the burdensome and inconvenient out of the way. No matter how frail they become, people are always children of God whose lives are valuable beyond measure.

"Lord, give us patience in our sufferings and a spirit of service when we encounter the sufferings of others."



submitted by Dave A

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Did you miss getting confirmed when the rest of your classmates were getting confirmed, whatever the reason may have been?
- Are you married to a Catholic, and think that maybe now is the time to look into becoming Catholic yourself?
- Do you just want to learn more about your Catholic faith, or maybe want to share what you believe with others who are just now learning?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, contact Liz Jesse for information about the RCIA process. Meetings begin in the fall. Call 630-910-0770 x 12 or email liz@ctswoodridge.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, June 4, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Joe Miklosz



MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23

4:45 PM Dorothy Iaculla, *r. Klein family*

Sunday, May 24

8:30 AM Chester Surowiec, *r. Ciolek family*
People of the Parish

10:00 AM Sylvia Cordes, *Debi & Pat Savage*

Monday, May 25

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, May 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 29—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, May 30

4:45 PM Helen (Mom) Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*
Ann Marie Murphy-Klauke, *r. Patti Crimer*

Sunday, May 31

8:30 AM Mary Agnes Lenehan, *r. Cecilia Cooper*

10:00 AM Richard Regnier, *Helene Peslak*
People of the Parish

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

Bible Readings—May 24-May 31

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 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 / Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

MONDAY: Sir 17:20-24 / Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY: Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY: Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17 / Mk 10:32-45

THURSDAY: Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52

FRIDAY: Sir 44:1,9-13 / Mk 11:11-26

SATURDAY: Sir 51:12cd-20 / Mk 11:27-33

SUNDAY: Dt 4:32-34,39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mk 28:16-20

We pray for the Newly Baptized



Courtney Jane
(daughter of Arlene W & Court S)

May 17, 2015

We pray for the Sick

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| Joe Becker | Mary E. Kapraun | Daniel Ryan |
| Louise Boden | Peggy Laughlin | Ron Rydzewski |
| Gail Cheffer | Carol McPherson | Jim Sanders |
| Helen Ciolek | Blair Nuccio | Marge Schillaci |
| Julie Connolly | Thomas O'Donnell | Elaine Thomas |
| Jeff Coole | Alie Phillips | Andie Wolfe |
| Holly Derrico | Pauline Popek | Joe Zapalac |
| Jay Dunn | Dick Rosenbeck | |
| Pat Guglielmo | 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.

We pray for the Deceased



Olive Magnuson
(wife of Donald, mother of Jeanne Culen)

We pray for those who Serve

- Christopher Durkovic**, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Dan Fialek, nephew of Jerry Fialek
Eric Graslje, cousin of Pauline Ryan
David Jackson, son of Cathleen Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
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.

Pray for positive action AGAINST bills in the Illinois legislature that would restore funding for elective abortions. Help God answer your prayers by contacting your State Senator to ask for a NO vote on SB 1564, and your State Representative to ask for a NO vote on HB 4013. You can contact your state representative by calling the Capitol switchboard at 217-782-2000 during normal business hours. www.IllinoisFamily.org

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 24

10:00 am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Last one till fall)

Monday, May 25

8:30 am—Mass

Memorial Day holiday-offices closed.

Tuesday, May 26

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

Upcoming Events

June 6/7: Respect for All Life Committee offers Project Love Father’s Day cards

June 13/14: Clothing Drive

June 20: Car Wash. Sponsored by FACT: our parish teens. 9:00 am-noon.

July 3: Offices closed for 4th of July holiday

July 19: Parish Picnic, begins at 1 pm. Fr. Allam will be joining us at all masses that weekend as part of our 25th anniversary celebration.

Parish Giving

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share?

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 May 13-May 18:

Sunday collection	\$ 5,344.25
Sunday other forms	1,326.00
Debt Reduction	<u>85.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,755.25
This week’s deficit	\$ (3,414.75)

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY:

Nepal	\$ 1,558.97
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Debt to Diocese as of 3/31 \$543,858

Registered Households—742

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...the Peace Pole garden is a collaborative effort of the Peace & Social Justice Committee, the Green Team, parish gardeners, and all who have completed a rock. There is still time for you to create a Peace Rock, too!

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.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!

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