

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

November 8, 2015
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
Vanity not only distances us from God: it makes us look ridiculous.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

Empowering low-income communities to address the root causes of poverty

“Never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity!”

Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey to Rio de Janeiro, 2014

CCHD’s mission is more important than ever: CCHD was established in 1969 to empower groups of poor and low-income people to address the root causes of poverty in their communities. CCHD has provided over **9,000 grants** to self-help organizations led by poor persons.



“Charity that leaves the poor person as he is, is not sufficient. True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer.”

Pope Francis, Address to Jesuit Refugee Services

The **Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project (SSIP)** organization will be speaking at **Christ The Servant** parish at all masses on the weekend of November 14-15, 2015, about their work in the community and the benefits of the CCHD grant program. The **CCHD collection** is the following weekend, November 21-22, 2015. Please support the important work of the CCHD grant program eliminating poverty in our communities.

Christ the Servant is continuing our long-standing tradition of providing a Thanksgiving meal for 40 of our neighbors in need.

Please sign up this weekend, November 7 & 8, or next weekend to commit to providing a turkey, the rest of the meal, or both.

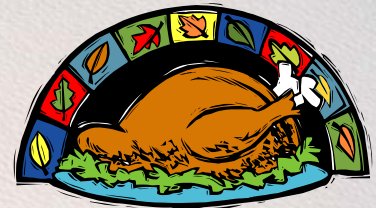
Bring non-perishables to mass the weekend of November 21/22. Please bring perishables on Sunday, Nov. 22 only, as this is the day the clients will be coming to pick up their meals.

Volunteers are also needed to help with signups at masses, and on the day the meals are distributed.



Clients are assigned by the West Suburban Community Food Pantry.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need have a nice meal to be thankful for this Thanksgiving! To volunteer or questions, please contact Denice K.



THANKSGIVING MEALS

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Mark Your Calendar for a Quick Start to the Holidays!

December 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm (will last approx 1-1.5 hours)

At Christ the Servant Church

Heritage House Florists will instruct participants & provide all supplies to make a Christmas centerpiece, to include mixed Christmas greens, pine cones and Christmas bows.

Cost per person: \$35.00. Tickets on sale now!

Minimum 25 persons; maximum 50 persons.

Any questions, call Lainie G

Light hospitality afterwards.

Come—and invite a friend!



Christ the Servant will have a Christmas Bazaar in the narthex the weekend of Dec. 5/6. Limited space is available; we request a donation which will be given to Hope's Front Door ministry in Downers Grove. Call the office at 630-910-0770.

FAIR TRADE SALE

November 14-15 before and after all Masses

"I am able to take a stand. My exposure to the gender program gave me confidence."
 ~Linda, Kuapa Kokoo, Ghana



The Kuapa Kokoo cooperative in Ghana provides the cocoa for delicious Divine Chocolate and strives to strengthen gender equity through a variety of programs. Linda was recently elected to the governing council for the cooperative after being an active member for nine years. She has four children, and is pictured here with her youngest, Nathaniel.

www.serrv.org/ArtisanStories

Catholic Relief Services and its partner SERRV seek to empower women in their communities. In addition to paying fairly and equally, they nurture environments where women can network and be supportive of one another. By supporting marginalized farmers and artisans with long-term relationships, CRS and SERRV help people move away from income insecurity and poverty.

By purchasing Fair Trade good we are responding to Pope Francis' exhortations to be with the poor and vulnerable of this world. So please join us in the Narthex for the Fair Trade Sale next weekend.

HELP WANTED:

ART & ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

We are seeking someone with a love for liturgy, good artistic sense, and usually available during the day to lead the Art & Environment team into our future. Donna M has been coordinating the group of volunteers for several years, and is ready to pass the torch to the next leader of our Art & Environment Team. Call 630-910-0770 for information. If you volunteer soon enough, Donna will be glad to help you through the transition time.

Simply Medicare

FREE seminar, offered as a public service to the parishioners of Christ the Servant **December 3, 2015, 7:00 pm, here at church**
 Register to guarantee seating (630-418-0906)
 Presenter: Maribeth Fencl

Community Relations, Barra & Associates

Are you intimidated by Medicare? Would you like to understand the basics, to make it easier to understand your choices? Parishioner Maribeth Fencl is a licensed insurance broker certified by Medicare. She partners with multiple carriers like BCBS, Humana, AARP, Equitable, Heartland and Combined Insurance. Medicare education provides knowledge and peace of mind in choosing the right Medicare health plan.

Learn how to navigate Medicare by understanding Original Medicare A & B as well as the difference between Medicare Advantage programs versus Medicare Supplements. Explore how Medicare Part D plans work.

Attendees will benefit from this program if: 1) they will soon be eligible for Medicare; 2) they are already on Medicare, but losing their group retiree benefits; 3) they serve as a caregiver to a Medicare beneficiary; and 4) they would like to learn more about all parts of Medicare.



The "40" film will be shown in the Downers Grove North Auditorium, 4436 Main St, Downers Grove, at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 8.

The "40" film presents abortion as the most important human rights issue of our time. More than 40 national pro-life leaders—and some local pro-life youth!—are featured, as well as inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews.

The movie is directed by John Morales, producer of the award winning film "Champions of Faith: Baseball Edition" and a former Fox sportscaster.

The movie is free of charge, and is family friendly, with content suitable for ages 14 and up. Contact: 40DaysDG@gmail.com

PRAYER WARRIORS

Thank you for your prayers, presence and fasting these past 40 Days for the Unborn. "We are all His children." (Acts 17:28) There were 307 Vigil locations, one of which was in our neighborhood on 75th Street in Downers Grove. There were 61 different churches of all faiths praying at 75th Street. The hours spent in peaceful, prayerful vigil totaled over 700 hours. Also, there were Christ the Servant parishioners who chose to pray for the unborn at home. Every prayer matters. "Lord, open my lips" (Psalm 51:17)

Religious Formation



**Grades K-7 Sessions meet this
Tuesday and Wednesday**



Confirmation 8th Grade Next Classes:

Sunday Sessions - November 15th

Wednesday Sessions - November 18th

**Service Project - Thanksgiving Food Scavenger
Hunt**

Sunday November 8th 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Permission slip is required

2015 CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the 41
students who were confirmed by
Bishop Conlon on November 4th.



CATECHIST SESSION

Sunday, November 15th, 1-3 pm



Deacon Rod Accardi
will lead us in a reflection,
"The Wonder of Advent:
See With New Eyes".

Come together to pray, reflect on your
experiences, share your ideas, and get a sneak
peek at what's coming!

Contact Liz if you are unable to attend.



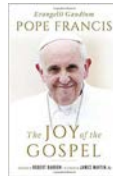
Service Opportunity for 6th & 7th Graders

We need some help with Hospitality after our First Reconciliation Celebration on Saturday November 21st at 10:00 am. We need volunteers for set-up, service and clean-up. Please contact Liz Jesse if you would like to help. liz@ctswoodridge.org or 630-910-0770 ext. 12



Christ the Servant families are being asked to dress the **F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE** with donations of new hats, mittens & gloves for children. They will be donated to Hope's Front

Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry) and St. Ethelreda. Monetary donations are also welcome.



Join us as we read and discuss
The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis.
We will meet at 11:15am on Sunday
Nov 8, Nov 15, Dec 6 and Dec 13.

The cost of the book is \$12.

For more information contact Liz Jesse.



This year's RF Christmas Program will
be Friday December 18th at 7:00pm.



THE PRINTERY HOUSE



Christian greeting cards and gifts

Purchase beautiful Christian greeting cards
and gifts and benefit Christ the Servant parish. Pick
up a catalog in the Narthex or outside the Religious
Formation Office.

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

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, November 22, 2015

6:00 pm

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2600 W 75th Street, Woodridge

The theme for this year's thanksgiving service is
"Giving Thanks for the Gift of God's Children".

Each scripture reading and meditation will raise up
the value of children in some way.

Please plan to attend this special prayer service.
Come as a family!

Tired of seeing the same names over and over? One of the names you see could be yours—and then you wouldn't see the other names as often! It doesn't take any longer to serve at mass than it does to come, and the role you fulfill is needed and satisfying. Find out how!

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org, for information on how to get started in a liturgical ministry. Scheduling is based on your availability. When you see a name lots of times on the lists to the right, it's because we need more people like you helping out!



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
November 14
4:45 PM

O Family

Marlene B
Jim G
Donna M
Marylou R
Rita S

Ramon J
Kathy V

D family

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
November 15
8:30 AM

A Family

Paula R
Jose S
Melania S
Dan S
Heather S

Jim N
Peg K

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
November 15
10:00 AM

MINISTERS NEEDED

Judy E
Maria F
Deacon F
Maureen N
Maureen V

Paul M
Kristen M

G Family

Respect for All Life

For an Increase in Religious Vocations

National Vocation Awareness Week is a U.S. Catholic Church celebration dedicated to promote vocations in the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. We pray that more men and women be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation to religious life.



Learn about a Priestly Vocation

Once again this year, the Joliet Diocese is inviting young men ages 16-40, along with their parish priests, to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Friday, November 27th, from 9 am-3 pm. The day will include Mass, talks from priests and seminarians, lunch, and time to answer questions about the priesthood. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons. This year the Joliet diocese has 40 seminarians studying for the priesthood. For more information and registration, contact Fr. Burke Masters, Joliet Diocese Director of Vocations. 815-221-6171.

submitted by Dave A

The **Respect for All Life Committee** will meet Tuesday, Nov 10th, at 7 p.m. at Sharon M home. Please call 630-910-0770 for information.

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. Bob or email Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or after daily mass each M—Th during Advent, or by appointment with Fr. Bob.

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, December 3, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

John & Esther Michalek

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
Kathleen Heneghan, *r. family*

Sunday, November 8

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski, *r. Labinski family*
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Maltese family, *r. Alice Maltese*

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

8:30 AM Catherine Vitus

Wednesday, November 11

8:30 AM James Leninger, *r. family*

Thursday, November 12

8:30 AM James Leninger, *r. family*

Friday, November 13—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Nicholas Licudine

Saturday, November 14

4:45 PM Nicholas Licudine, *r. family*
Dennis Peck, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, November 15

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Don Hendrich, *r. Donna Mays*

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



We pray for the Sick

Theo Buck	Jeff Joyce	Dan Ryan
Donna Ciolek	Mary Ann Kelly	Ron Rydzewski
Helen Ciolek	Virginia Konczalski	Jim Sanders
Lorraine Clark	Ben Lacson	Roger Terry
Jeff Coole	Dorothy Nagl	Elaine Thomas
Holly Derrico	Peggy Laughlin	Erica Valenti
Jay Dunn	Thomas O'Donnell	Rick Vendl
Danny Gordon	Tim Palmer	Kelley Wilson
Bill Hanen	Alie Phillips	Jane Wiviott
Bp. Joseph Imesch	Pauline Popek	Joe Zapalac
Brian Jackson	Steve Potter	

*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



Louise Boden

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

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.

IT TAKES MORE

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.

—Billy Sunday

Bible Readings—November 8–November 15

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: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 /
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

MONDAY: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

TUESDAY: Wis 2:23-3:9 / Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY: Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY: Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY: Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY: Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14,18 / Mk 13:24-32

Office Hours & Staff

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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

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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

**Parish Life Ministry Fair
Christian Service—hospitality
Pick up Manna orders**

Sunday, November 8

11:15 am—*Joy of the Gospel*

1:00-3:00 pm—FACT/Confirmation

Scavenger Hunt

Monday, November 9

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

7:00 pm—Admin/Finance Comm.

Tuesday, November 10

4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

7:00 pm—Respect Life Comm (*offsite*)

Wednesday, November 11

4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, November 12

5:00 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov. 13-Communion Service

8:30 am—Communion Service

Fair Trade Fair

Thanksgiving Dinner signups

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15

8:30 am—Confirmation Class

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—*Joy of the Gospel*

11:30 am—Baptisms

1:00 pm—Catechist Formation

Upcoming Events

Nov. 22, 6:00 pm, Ecumenical Prayer Service @ Prince of Peace Lutheran

Nov. 26, 9:00 am, Thanksgiving mass

Nov. 26/27: Offices closed

Parish Giving

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2015-2016

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,820.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Oct 28-Nov. 1:

Sunday 11/1	8,911.52
Sunday other forms	1,345.00
General Funds	789.25
Debt Reduction	<u>1,565.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 12,610.77

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Campaign/Human. Dev. \$ 5.00

Differential report for week:

Needed	\$ 10,170.00
Reported this week	12,610.77
Catch up this period	\$ 2,440.77

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

Debt to Diocese as of 9/30 \$466,768
Registered Households—736
Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...over the last 5 years, our gas bills have averaged \$300.95 in the month of November. We try to keep the building comfortable when people are using it, and "efficient" when no one is using the space.

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