

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

September 25, 2016
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Father
Abraham,
have pity
on me



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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
The concrete sign that we have encountered Jesus is the joy that we show in communicating it to others.



**Wednesday, September 28 –
Sunday, November 6, 2016.**

The 40 Days for Life campaign is a nation-wide, community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, Peaceful vigil, and Community outreach. Volunteers are needed to pray at Abortion Clinics in the Diocese of Joliet. See: <http://40daysforlife.com> for more information or go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove to sign up for an hour of prayer vigil at the Access Health Center at 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove. Vigil hours are from 7 am-7 pm. The local contact is Bob 40DaysDG@gmail.com

Illinois Citizens for Life—44th Annual Forget-Me-Not Benefit—Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:30 pm at The Carlisle in Lombard. ICL welcomes the Sisters of Life, celebrating 25 years since their founding in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. Come join us to hear their joyful message of hope. See www.icl-life.com for ticket information. A phone number you can call is 630-852-5448.


Order forms for the current Manna sale are available



in the Narthex. Turn in your order with payment (made payable to Christ the Servant) for gift cards to many sources for groceries, restaurants, clothing and many other items. Planning a Disney vacation—get a gift card, and help the parish at the same time. Mariano's is now available through the Manna gift card program! Orders need to be placed by 11 am October 2, for pickup the following week. (If you aren't able to pick it up during the week, you may come to the office during the week.)

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Nite Out
Tuesday, September 27, 4:30 PM at



1001 75th Street, Woodridge

*Call Mildred Z
or Darlene J*

New members welcome!

2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL
Pledge Report (as of 9/16/16)

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 65% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

PARISH GOAL:	\$36,755	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$41,099
AMOUNT PAID:	\$36,529	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$4,570
DONOR COUNT:	257 (14 more than last year!)	REBATE AMOUNT:	NONE YET.

We have met our goal in pledges! Thank you! When all pledges are paid in full, the parish will receive \$2,823.60 back, but we need you to keep your commitment in order to do so.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Here at Christ the Servant, October 8th and 9th

We will be having our fall St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive in two weeks. We will accept normal items:

- Clothing and shoes
- small, working appliances
- small electronics
- books and toys

We are not able to accept large items, baby equipment, paint, chemicals, grease, oils, or TVs.

For larger items, please call 630-231-4658 to arrange home pickup.

We also need help!!!

We need a new chairperson. (Many thanks to Marybeth Nunzio for her years of organizing this event.)

Hopefully this will be someone who has helped with the clothing drive before, but not necessarily. The chairperson 1) coordinates dates of the drives with St. Vincent de Paul and the parish calendar, 2) opens the back of the truck during times that items are being accepted, 3) recruits volunteers to help (bulletin articles, word of mouth, contacting former volunteers to see if they wish to help this time), and 4) makes sure that there is someone with the truck the entire time it is unlocked. There are written helps provided by the St. Vincent de Paul people as well.

We also need helpers, 3-4 people to help out before and after each mass to accept the donations as they come in, and provide receipts.

To volunteer, either as chairperson or a helper, please call Corinne in the parish office at 630-910-0770, or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org



Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 630-910-0770, or you may email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org

Thank you for your help!

**CHRIST THE SERVANT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

My dear parish family,

The love and kindness you have shown me this past year is very much appreciated. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

I am quite impressed with the great love the parishioners have for Christ the Servant Parish. Your continued generosity and support insure a bright future for our faith community.

The next page is our parish annual financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; along with a comparison to the prior fiscal year.

The parish generated an overall surplus of \$21,020 for the current fiscal year. Included in this number is a \$55,000 unrestricted bequest left to us by Fr. Frank Vitus, your former pastor, and \$27,000 of expenses relating to masonry repairs. (An additional \$10,000 for this expense had been set aside last year.) Excluding these unusual items, the parish incurred a small deficit (\$7,075) from operations in the current year.

This year represents the first time the parish topped the \$400,000 mark in Sunday collections. Thank you for your stewardship commitment as an expression of thanksgiving for all the Lord has given you. Your financial support also helps ensure we have a safe and comfortable spiritual home in which to worship.

At the end of the fiscal year, our debt obligation to the Diocese of Joliet is down to \$348,000. Your use of the debt reduction envelopes helped the parish meet its debt obligation to the diocese and retire over \$156,000 in debt principal and make \$18,000 in interest payments. Continuing to pay down the debt is important as we look forward to the future.

We also continue to support a number of important programs such as the Woodridge Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society which help the poor and those in need in our community. On behalf of our neighbors in need, thank you for your continued generosity.

One thing this financial report does not reflect is the literally hundreds of volunteer hours given in service to the various parish ministries. It is your commitment to the parish that makes possible the ministries and programs that we offer. Without your giving of time and talent the parish could not do all the good work it currently does.

This upcoming year we will expand our parish parking (including a drop-off driveway) and build a rectory on the parish property. This work will represent a significant undertaking for our small staff. Please pray the Lord will look favorably upon Christ the Servant parish and guide us to a successful completion of our expansion plans by next summer.

We will grow together as a parish because of your dedication, hard work, and generosity. May the Lord bless and watch over you.

Peace and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr Bob". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Fr. Bob

**CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH
FINANCIAL REPORT**

	FISCAL YEAR ENDING		Increase (Decrease)	
	6/30/2016	6/30/2015		
Cash Inflows				
Sunday Collections	\$402,080	\$391,966	\$10,114	
Other Collections	51,158	53,707	(2,549)	
Fundraisers (net)	8,540	16,982	(8,442)	
Other Unrestricted Revenue	16,569	29,024	(12,455)	(1)
Debt Reduction Envelopes	29,276	33,477	(4,201)	
Other Restricted Revenues	1,972	4,689	(2,717)	
Total Inflows	\$509,595	\$529,845	(\$20,250)	
Cash Outflows				
Salaries & Benefits	\$164,112	\$155,778	\$8,334	
Repairs & Maintenance	12,586	20,551	(7,965)	
Services	33,017	54,147	(21,130)	(2)
Materials & Supplies	18,214	24,897	(6,683)	
Insurance	7,900	6,505	1,395	
Utilities	24,357	24,411	(54)	
Diocesan Assessment	35,029	27,022	8,007	
Other Operating Expense	3,919	3,726	193	
Capital Expenditures	1,923	1,110	813	
Parish Subsidy For Religious Ed (net)	41,613	36,311	5,302	
Loan Principal	156,846	150,177	6,669	(3)
Loan Interest	17,154	23,823	(6,669)	(3)
Total Outflows	\$516,670	\$528,458	(\$11,788)	
Surplus (Deficit) From Operations	(\$7,075)	\$1,387	(\$8,462)	
Unrestricted Bequest	55,000	-	55,000	(4)
Repairs & Maintenance - Masonry	(26,905)	-	(26,905)	(5)
Total Surplus	\$21,020	\$1,387	\$19,633	
FOOTNOTES:				
(1) Lower unrestricted donations in current year.				
(2) Last year includes cost of stewardship campaign & higher contracted musician costs.				
(3) Debt service obligation due to Diocese - \$174,000 annually.				
(4) Fr. Frank Vitus unrestricted bequest to parish.				
(5) Masonry repair work completed. (\$10,000 set aside in 2014-2015)				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				
	6/30/16	6/30/15	Increase (Decrease)	
Mortgage Loan - Principal Balance	\$348,480	\$505,326	(\$156,846)	
Funds on Deposit w/ Diocese - Savings / Development Fund	\$165,629	\$138,378	\$27,251	

Religious Formation



Grades K-7

Sessions meet Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation 8th Grade Classes:

Session SunA - September 25th

Session WedA - September 28th

Session SunB - October 2nd

Session WedB - October 5th



Diocese of Joliet -
Religious Education Office
2016-2017 Catechist Initial Formation
Day/ Day of Renewal:
A Spiritual & Practical
Learning Experience

This experience is primarily for new or nearly new catechists for all age-groups – and any catechist who wants to refresh their sense of mission. This program will be offered at Divine Savior on Sunday October 2nd from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Liz Jesse Wagner by September 28th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the 10:00 Mass, children are blessed and dismissed to a meeting room for the Children's Liturgy. Leaders present the same Scripture readings that are read in the Church, but at a level appropriate to children. Children return to their parents in Church during the Offertory. We invite all children 3 years old through 3rd grade to join us.



**We need adult and high school
Shepherds & Presiders.**

If you would be interested in joining the CLOW team, please contact Liz Jesse Wagner.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- If you simply want to know more about the Catholic Church...
- If you are interested in our Catholic Faith and Traditions....
- If you have questions about the Catholic Church....
- If you seeking a sacrament...Baptism.. Eucharist..Confirmation
- If you feel that the Lord is calling you into deeper relationship....



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Maybe the RCIA is the next step on your journey.

Meetings begin in the Fall.

Contact Liz Jesse-Wagner, Director of Religious Formation, for information about the RCIA Process or if you are interested in serving on the RCIA Team and sharing your faith. 630-910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org

Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program was developed to help caring and responsible adults in keeping children safe. PGCA is mandatory for all adults who work with children in the parish. All parents are encouraged to attend this program.

Visit www.virtus.org for session listings in our area (select Joliet, IL (Diocese)) and to register. For more information contact Liz Jesse Wagner @ 910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org.

THE PRINTERY HOUSE



Purchase beautiful Christian greeting cards and gifts and benefit Christ the Servant parish. Catalogs and order forms are available in the Narthex.

Christian greeting cards and gifts

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

If you/your family would like to bring up the gifts

at Mass (Bread, Wine and collection basket), just let one of the "hosts" know when you come into church. (the ones handing out the music booklets) They're always looking for volunteers!

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!



Next Weekend's MINISTERS—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Liturgical color: Green)

	Saturday October 1 4:45 PM	Sunday October 2 8:30 AM	Sunday October 2 10:00 AM
<u>ALTAR MIN:</u>	Mathew M Donna M	Ci Family	Maria F Gayle H
<u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u>	Marlene B Deb G Marylou R Darlene S Annie T	Cindy F Paula R Jose S Melania S Bob S	Antonio A Deacon A Tim G Ramon J Tony L
<u>LECTORS:</u>	Bob C Debi S	Lou S Barb K	Dan R Scott G
<u>HOST TEAMS:</u>	An Family	Maryrose G MINISTER NEEDED	R Family

Respect for All Life

Every Life is Worth Living!

The Respect for All Life Committee represents the essence of Catholic teaching that ALL human life is sacred and precious to God, from conception throughout all stages of life to natural death.

We respect life—ALL persons:

- From conception to birth
- Throughout childhood
- With special needs
- During teen years
- Who attend college/other training
- Who serve in the military
- Who choose priesthood/religious life
- Who are single
- Who are married
- Who have families
- Who are grandparents
- Who are imprisoned
- Who are in Senior years
- Who are in their final days of life

Our Committee seeks to open hearts and minds through prayer, fasting, education, service, advocacy, and inspiring people to choose life and give hope.

"God does not ask us to be successful—only faithful"
Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), 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, or emergency meals, 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, October 6, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Margaret Czajkowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24

4:45 PM Tom Ruff, *r. Donna Mays*
 Marjorie Luptak, *r. family*
 Joseph Riedl Sr., *r. Joe & Gladys Malek*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, September 25

8:30 AM Billy Hile, *r. Ciolek family*
 10:00 AM Charles Dennis, Sr. *r. Pat Savage*
 Ted Wachowicz, *r. Richard & Ruth Hurbanis*

Monday, September 26

8:30 AM Pearl & Harry Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*

Tuesday, September 27

8:30 AM Debra Larkin, *r. Andie Wolfe*

Wednesday, September 28

8:30 AM Losik & Kestler families

Thursday, September 29

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to heaven

Friday, September 30—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 1

4:45 PM Wilfred Merriman, *r. family*
 Ann Marie Gunther, *r. Al & Darlene Januska*
 Joseph Patrick Bacani, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*

Sunday, September 25

8:30 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Stanley Farbotko *r. Lee White*
 Sherri Thorne, Sp. Int, *r. Jean Durran*

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

We pray for the Sick

Terri Anderson	Anna Lang	Ron Rydzewski
Mary Ann Andress	Peggy Laughlin	Jim Sanders
John Bagley	Jeanie Leonard	Paula Sedlacek
Sarah Becker	Steve Ligda	Barbara Smith
Jack Crosby	Bill Loebbaka	Joel Staszewski
Carmine Daniele	Ginny McIlvain	Donna Szarek
Bernice Deron	Dan Miller	Roger Terry
Holly Derrico	Christy Moran	Virginia Todro
Nathaniel Eagleson	Tim Mrozinski	Vicki Tuck
John Falk	Wanda Mulsoff	Frank Tiesenga
Kathy Forst	Jackie Nemeč	Mary Vanderplow
Ron Ginocchio	Yecenia Palacios	Rick Vendl
Dorothy Hunter	James Pe	Dorothy Wagner
Hannah Jahn	Kim Peterson	Delyn Wonsey
Joanne Keefe	Dana Pharo	Ron Wyman
Dave Kestler	Pauline Popek	Joe Zapalac
Carol Klucina	Diane Rutkowski	
Betty Kozlowski	Sean Ryan	
LaVergne Kozerski	Tom Ryan	

*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



Michael Merriman
(husband of Eden)

Joseph Enrique Garcia

Angelina Ibe Federigan
(sister of Gerry Ibe)

Charles Jordan

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

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.

Bible Readings—Sept. 25-Oct. 2

SUNDAY: Am 6:1a,4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

MONDAY: Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-5

TUESDAY: Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 / Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY: Jb 9:1-12,14-16 / Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a

FRIDAY: Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 / Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY: Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4 / 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 / Lk 17:5-10

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. Bob Duda, Pastor *Ext. 15*
FrBob@ctswoodridge.org

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dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org

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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

Tootsie Roll Bank Sales Knights of Columbus Membership 40 Days for Life

Sunday, September 25

8:30 am—Confirmation SA

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

Monday, September 26

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, September 27

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes

Wednesday, September 28

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation WA

Thursday, September 29

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 30

Saturday, October 1

Sunday, October 2

8:30 am—Confirmation SB

10:00 am—CLOW

11:00 am—Manna orders due

11:30 am—Baptism

5:30-7:00 pm—Confirmation recap

7:00 pm—Confirmation practice (with sponsors)

Upcoming Events

Oct. 8/9: St. Vincent DePaul clothing drive

Nov. 1: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

Nov. 2: 7:00 pm only, All Souls Day

Parish Giving

Like the rich man, many of us have opportunities for good works right outside our door. And, also like the rich man, we can ignore their very presence. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of God's gifts to us. We are not to overlook those less fortunate, but rather, we are to welcome and care for all God's children.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2016-2017

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,417.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,767.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept 13-Sept 19:

Sunday 9/18	\$ 6,198.34
Sunday other forms	2,889.00
13th Month	180.00
General funds	410.00
Debt Reduction	<u>105.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 9,782.34

Differential report:

Needed	\$ 10,767.00
Reported	9,782.34
Deficit this period	\$ (984.66)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christ is Our Hope	\$ 75.00
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General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.

Debt to Diocese as of 8/31 \$321,608
 Registered Households—747

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...next week we hope to have a sample of how the new parking lot and rectory layout may look.

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