

IN WHAT WAYS DOES OUR PARISH SERVE THE COMMUNITY? (3rd)

We're not called "Christ the Servant Church" for nothing!

General Public:

- Online Sunday Mass which is watched by 800-1000 people each week.
- Listen to Sunday Mass on your car radio from the church parking lot.
- Live Nativity Scene which includes an interactive village
- Electronics Recycling Events
- Engaging Masses
- Open and embracing to new people. We provide a welcoming community to people who are lost and want a place to call home.
- Our Pastor goes out of his way to get to know everyone by name.
- Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to nursing homes
- Food drives and Cash for Food Drive
- Blood Drive
- Knights of Columbus
- Giving Tree at Christmas
- Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Meal Packages to Seniors and Poor
- Large Filipino population – Simbang Gabi Celebrations
- Sharing Garden that donated 275 lbs of food to the local food pantry.
- Peace Garden
- Meditation Garden
- Gloves and Hats Drive
- Undy Sunday
- First Friday Rosary
- Blessing of Animals
- Prison Ministry Collection
- Support refugee families through collection of items for Exodus Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul Collections
- Manna Program

- Collections for PADS and Hope's Front Door
- We are conveniently located near the highway and close to the neighborhood.
- Peace and Social Justice provides speaks on relevant social issue topics.
- Pop tops for Leukemia Drive
- Misericordia Drive
- Baby Bottles for Waterleaf Pregnancy Center – People fill a baby bottle with money.
- Fair Trade Market at Christmastime.
- We accept Funerals from families who don't have a parish.
- Craft fair at Christmastime.
- Provide opportunity for Missionaries to speak and request donations.

Youth:

- Our Religious Formation program, Pre-K through High school, offers 6 different sessions each week. Children can attend any of the sessions, or they can watch a prerecorded session online.
- Speakers and Workshops for children and their parents
- Vacation Bible School
- Three Youth Groups: Pre-middle grades; middle grades; high school
- Our children are allowed to serve in any of the parish ministries.
- We have a liaison for any people with disabilities.
- Backpacks for Back-to-School – Collect all necessary school supplies.
- Toiletries Tree – collecting for the Downers Grove FISH Pantry

Adults:

- Bible Study
- Eucharistic Studies
- Prayer Enrichment Series
- Peace and Social Justice programs marketed to the community
- Weekly Yoga class
- Ladies Over 55 Luncheon
- Mah Jong Club