

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

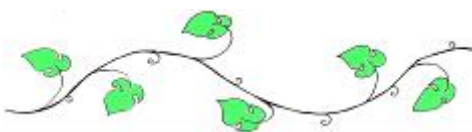
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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

*I will establish
my covenant
with you*

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2009

GIFT THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK



*Growing In Faith Together
Generations of Faith*

Like Jesus who spent time in the desert to reflect before he began His public ministry, we are called to take time during Lent to reflect on our behaviors and relationships with God and each other.

What can I do this Lent to deepen my trust in God as my only source of strength and peace?

What can I do at home or school this Lent to be more like Jesus?



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The last person we would expect to make a grammatical error—or any kind of error for that matter—is God. Yet, there it is in today's first reading from Genesis when God said to Noah, "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant ***between me and you*** and every living creature with you..."

There was a reason why God spoke that way about His covenant, His sacred promise of love with all living creatures. God saw Himself as the driving force, as the One who initiated this covenant. God should go first because God loved us first. All of creation, along with the sending of His Son to live with us, was done without us even asking. It was all God's initiative.

How we respond to that love, how we tell God that He is our way, could be something to think about during Lent.

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher

BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when
praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter



Reconciliation Service

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Experience the beauty of God's way of forgiveness at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father is always available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm for the Sacrament; we will have a communal Reconciliation Service with opportunity for private confessions on

Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 pm.

There will be other priests available to assist Fr. Danaher that evening.



Christ the Servant Parish
welcomes
Fr. Burke Masters
presenting our Lenten Mission

“You are my Way, Lord”

March 8, 9 and 10, 2009
7:00 pm each night

March 8: God’s Love Points the Way. The whole foundation for our spiritual life and morality is knowing that God loves us.

March 9: What pulls us off course? What separates us from our relationship with God, and how can we repair the rift?

March 10: Our moral compass guides the Way. Living our lives in response to God’s love and mercy.

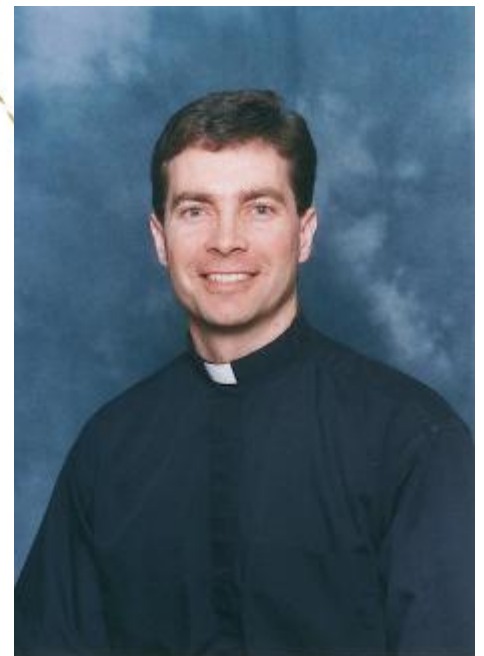
Hospitality will follow each night’s presentation.

About Fr. Burke Masters:

After his standout collegiate baseball career at Mississippi State, Burke Masters found his true calling in helping others find their true path in life.

An All-SEC performer, Masters twice earned academic All-America honors and was a three-time academic All-SEC selection. While working for the Kane County Cougars, Masters received a calling that he could not ignore.

- Known for clutch walk off Grand Slam in NCAA playoffs.
- Gave up a potential professional baseball career for a career in service to the community and God.
- Can be seen as an "extra" baseball player in the movie "The Babe - The Story of Babe Ruth"
- Currently the Vocational Director for the Joliet Diocese in Illinois.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION



RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

Grades K-7: Sessions this week on Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation:

Mission Night - Sunday, March 8th, 7pm

Next small group classes on: March 15th and 18th



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers during this up-coming Lenten season as they begin the final stages of preparing to be received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church

- Aдриanna G
- Emily M
- Kate M
- McKenzie M
- Christopher P
- Lisa Z

RICE BOWL



First Week of Lent – Jesus’ Temptation

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus is tempted by the devil for 40 days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things.

Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into action; our prayers and alms help people in need around the world.

Let us remember in prayer that the ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions. May we turn to God and be mindful of those who provide food for their families and assist those in need.

If you would like to participate in this Lenten practice – there are Rice Bowls available in the narthex. The Rice Bowls will be offered as part of the Preparation of Gifts on Palm Sunday, the weekend of April 4th and 5th.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

SHEPHERD’S TABLE COLLECTION

Thank you for your wonderful response to the Shepherd’s Cup collection for Shepherd’s Table. One hundred seven cups were returned last weekend, plus a few Ziploc bags, and one from Panera Bread! The total amount to help feed the hungry of Shepherd’s Table (remember—this money will be supplemented with the Feinstein Challenge) deposited on Tuesday morning was \$1602.04, a significant increase over our contribution of \$1425.00 last year.

Several people asked if we could accept late contributions, and the answer is “yes”. Thank you very much for your generosity to the poor and hungry of our area.

Shepherd’s Table provides free mid-day meals to members of the community who are hungry and unable to provide for themselves. Shepherd’s Table is also used as a warming and cooling center during extreme weather. *To volunteer at Shepherd’s Table, call Jennifer Wilsterman at (815) 774-4663.*

Divorced and Widowed Conference

When Everything Changes and Nothing Fits

A one day conference for the **divorced and widowed and those who care for them**, featuring author and speaker, Richard B. Gilbert, DMin, PhD, CT.

Saturday, March 28, 2009

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Pastoral Center, 402 S Independence Blvd, Romeoville
The day will conclude with mass at 4:00 pm, which does satisfy the Sunday obligation, celebrated by Bishop Sartain. There is a \$35.00 registration fee which includes lunch, refreshments and materials.

Come and experience the church as a compassionate community. Registration is required and forms are available in the narthex or by downloading the form from www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Click on Agencies, then Family Ministry, then Register for Events. Then scroll down the calendar to March 28, and click on “conference brochure”. This will open an Adobe Acrobat registration form/brochure, with all the information you need. Information also available by calling 815-838-5334.



Our next Food Drive is April 18/19.

Our next Clothing Drive is May 16/17.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners ...

When you meet your new neighbors, let them know you welcome them both to the neighborhood and to our parish family.

Arturo & Josefina M
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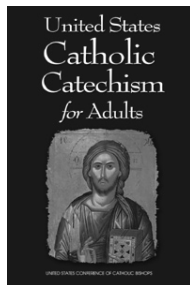
If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to take the Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

The Parish is reading....

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults

Come explore Catholic teachings in a group discussion.

- Grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith.
- Hear some of the stories of role models for Catholic living. Explore how the culture of the US can be taken into account while preserving the unity of faith and fidelity to Catholic teaching.



Discussion group will meet on Sunday mornings;
March 15, 22 and 29 11:15am – 1:00pm.

To obtain a copy of the USCCA and the Reader's Journal contact Roberta Balsewicz, Dir of Religious Formation -- roberta@ctswoodridge.org or 630-910-0770.

LENTEN REGULATIONS



1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Bishop Peter Sartain, Bishop of Joliet, will be offering an "Online Lenten Retreat" starting Ash Wednesday. The Bishop will be presenting two short recorded talks each week, along with several scripture passages for further reflection, which will assist and inspire parishioners to begin an authentic journey of conversion and a renewed commitment to prayer, penitence, almsgiving, and self-denial. Please visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org to hear Bishop Sartain's reflections and to find more resources for Lent.



Manna orders will be ready for pickup next weekend, March 7/8.

Help the parish at no extra cost to you or your budget.

Any questions, please call Dawn M.

Calling all Teens!

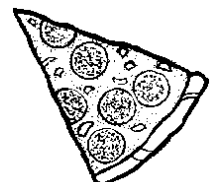
Sunday, March 8th, 5-6pm

Come enjoy **pizza** and conversation with **Fr. Burke Masters**, our Lenten Mission speaker.



Stay for conversation with your friends from 6-7pm and then hear Fr. Burke speak from 7-8.

Reservations required by March 4th!
Contact Mrs. Balsewicz at 630-910-0770 or roberta@ctswoodridge.org



OFFICE HOURS & STAFF

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....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 PM or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Philip M. Danaher, Pastor *Ext. 15*

Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon

Roberta Balsewicz,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

Corinne Hanson, Business Manager *Ext. 10*

Donna Kovarik, Music Director *Ext. 13*

Commission Chairpersons

Deb Perdue, Pastoral Council

Jeff May, Pastoral Council Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

vacant, Christian Service

Colleen McCoy, Parish Life

Lori Zeman, Religious Formation

Ron Welton, Worship



Music Next Week:

Adult Choir—10:00 am

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

1:00 pm—RCIA at cathedral

Monday, March 2

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, March 3

4:45 pm—RF Grades K-4

6:30 pm—RF Grades 2,3,5-7

Wednesday, March 4

4:45 pm—RF Grades K-4

6:30 pm—RF Grades 4-7

Thursday, March 5

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 6

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am—GIFT Core Team

Time Change—Spring Forward

Parish Mission Begins

Sunday, March 8

5:00 pm—Teens Pizza with the Priest

7:00 pm—Parish Mission

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 8, Spring Forward Time Change

Mar 8-10, Lenten Mission with

Fr. Burke Masters, 7:00 pm

Mar 27, Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

GIFT event; we ask that you bring a can of soup to share with the Food Pantry

PARISH GIVING

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that “there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God’s service in and through the Church.”

NEEDED WEEKLY:

Parish Expenses	\$6,085.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$9,435.00

CONTRIBUTED February 21/22:

Sunday	\$ 6,822.15
Ash Wednesday	26.00
Debt Reduction	<u>20.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,868.15
This week’s deficit	(2,566.85)

Did you know?

Pray for rain instead of snow the rest of this winter. Why? Because snow removal costs for January were over \$7500. We need the moisture for the earth, but we only budgeted \$16,000 for snow removal costs for the year, and December and January together exceeded \$18,000. Thank you for your continuing support of the parish. Please be assured that the staff does all possible to help minimize costs to get the most out of your contributed dollar.

Registered Households—713

Thank you for your generous support!



AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who shared of their abundance in participating in the Shepherd’s Cup collection for Shepherd’s Table. We especially thank **Peg K** for helping transfer donations from cup to bank deposit bag. Over \$1100 in coins was donated!

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 second and fourth Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:30 AM and three times yearly at Mass. 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.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting Father Danaher to set the date and reserve the church.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of becoming a priest or religious? Email Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com, or talk with Fr. Danaher.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), at parish reconciliation services during Advent and Lent, or by appointment with Fr. Danaher.

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.

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact Fr. Danaher for pre-planning of funerals.

Baptism Preparation Class: Thursday, March 12, 7—8 PM

Mass Intentions For The Week



TABERNACLE LIGHT

John Coyle

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28

4:45 PM Gene Taillon
r. Mary Taillon

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM Margaret LaRose
r. Home Pride Services

Monday, March 2

8:30 AM Parishioners

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 AM Parishioners

Thursday, March 5

8:30 AM Parishioners

Friday, March 6

8:30 AM Edna Wall
r. family

Saturday, March 7

4:45 PM Walter Kozlowski and
Virginia Kozlowski
r. family

Sunday, March 8

8:30 AM Parishioners
10:00 AM Arthur L. Kanter
r. John & Jeane McNichols



PRAY FOR
PEACE AND
SAFETY

Please remember in your prayers

Michael Corcoran

friend of Dave & Ginny Anderson

Andrew DeKruiff

nephew of Joe & Mary Testolin

Jeff Nespital

cousin of Brian & Christina Wiseman

Bryan Richardson

son of Dennis & Betty Richardson

Jonathan Stancel

son of John & Marge Stancel

Tom Tonika

nephew of Ted & LaVergne Kozerski

Miguel Angel Villalobos

nephew of Petra Villanueva

Dan Ward

nephew of Sr. Rosemary Ward

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.

Ben Vasi, grand-nephew of Tom & Chris Bojanowski, has returned from Iraq.



PRAYER



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| Anne Bevac | Brian Molina |
| Brittany Bielacki | Eduardo Navarro |
| Louise Boden | Cierine M. Nicolas |
| Henry Borkowski | Ted Palmer |
| Gertrude Burns | Casey Patton |
| Sue Cannon | Sr Joan Peebles |
| Evelyn Rose | Colleen Peterson |
| Cermak | Alie Phillips |
| Anthony Coco | Fr Bob Pietras |
| Marie Comella | Liz Polte |
| Ashley Constantino | Pauline Popek |
| Sylvia Cordes | Pat Quinn |
| Henry Curl | Marguerite Rafferty |
| Laura Dalton | Ken Rahe |
| John Daly, Sr. | Maryann Regan |
| Jessica Davy | Jimmy Romano |
| Teri DeCamp | John Rose |
| Art Dehoyas | Ray Rose |
| Anita Egan | Gail Ruhnke |
| Leona Falk- | Pauline Ryan |
| Gordon | Marcie Ryndak |
| Michael Filar | Timothy Ryndak |
| Shannon Hall | Lary Saladin |
| Eileen Harasti | Ernie Sciaroni |
| Patricia Hewitt | Dan Schaeffer |
| Bp. Joseph Imesch | Lou Schiller |
| Dominic Javate | Will Schwatal |
| Bp. Roger Kaffer | Kathleen Sears |
| Lee Kennedy | Ken Seil |
| Mary Anne | Ben Smith |
| Kobyłka | Chester Surowiec |
| Barb Kosiek | Bob Szykowny |
| Gerri Luemmen | Sr. Janet Tucci |
| Jean Luzzo | Michael Vavra |
| Olive Magnuson | Maribeth Wall |
| Sr. Pam Matlosz | Karen Widler |
| Kevin McBrien | Carol Wyatt |
| Brandee Melvin | John Zelasko |
| Vivian Miklosz | |

Names remain on this list until we are specifically notified to remove them. To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things.

—German proverb

Let us pray... for the participants in Catholics at the Capitol on March 4, advocating for a policy agenda based on Catholic social teaching and the promotion of the common good—change for the better.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 1—MAR. 8



- SUNDAY:** Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15
MONDAY: Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY: Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10



Remember Our Dead

John Coyle
(grandfather of Christina Wiseman)

Carol Williamson