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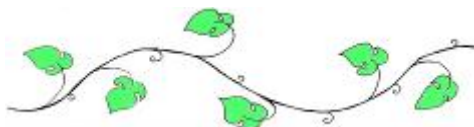
**The
one
who
does
justice
will
live
in the
presence
of the
Lord**

**22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

AUGUST 30, 2009

GIFT THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

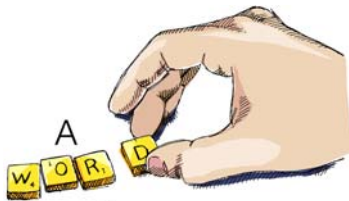
Criticized by Jewish leaders for not following certain Jewish cleansing rituals, Jesus responds by pointing out that it's the cleansing of one's heart which is so important, that our faithfulness to God and His ways comes from within.



*Growing In Faith Together
Generations of Faith*

Can I name a time when my heart-felt convictions of faith led me to make a decision or take action in a way that may have surprised or puzzled others?

Because I believe in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, what good things does God want me to do for others?



from the
Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We heard in the gospel how Jewish leaders criticized some of Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before eating. To the Jews of Jesus' day, this was considered a sinful act. This gave Jesus a chance to teach what were really sinful acts, things like theft, murder and adultery. Though washing of hands is important, it's certainly not a sin if one happens to forget.

Speaking of washing of hands, a few of you might have noticed that the Eucharistic Ministers and I cleanse our hands before we distribute the Eucharist with the hand sanitizer which is on the table next to my chair. We are trying our best not to spread germs, especially with the impending outbreak of the h1n1 virus, formerly known as the "swine flu."

As the ministers try to take every precaution against spreading germs, I ask everyone in the assembly to do the same. We will continue to distribute the Eucharist under both forms of bread and wine. Please use your good judgment by refraining from receiving from the cup if you are not feeling well. We will also continue holding hands at the Lord's Prayer as a sign of our unity as lovable children of Our Father, along with our traditional hand shaking at the Sign of Peace. Again, if you are not feeling well, please avoid those two rituals. A simple explanation ("*I have a cold*") to those next to you should be sufficient.

Also, unless you have an allergy which would prevent you from doing so, **get the flu shot**. Take advantage of one of God's many gifts of healing which He has inspired scientists to create. Besides, the possible discomfort of an injection cannot be compared with the real pain—financial and physical—of the flu.

We honor God through our worship and by doing our best to follow His commandments. Let us also honor God by doing our best to take care of our health.

In the Word,

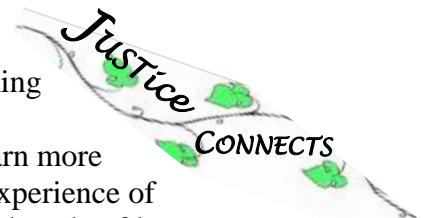
Fa. Danaher


The GIFT of the Poor

There is a common phrase, "Live and Learn." Many times it is heard after making a mistake. It applies to all of living, however.

Generations of Faith is a way provided here at Christ the Servant to learn more about our Catholic faith. The Core Team works hard to provide an enjoyable experience of learning at three events offered during the year. We call the Generations of Faith style of learning for all generations *GIFT - Growing in Faith Together*. This year, GIFT events are scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 1:00pm; Friday, February 5, 2010 at 6:30pm; and Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7:00pm.


"JUSTice Connects" to everything we do at church, at work and at home. Seven core values of Catholic Social Teaching guide us to living the kind of life Jesus taught. Over the next several months, we will focus on one Core Value each month. This parish has a tradition of caring for the poor and vulnerable of our community, so the Core Team thought this is a good core value with which to start. Read more about the Core Value: "Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable" next week.





*Through the Waters of Baptism,
the faith community of
Christ the Servant Parish
welcomes*

Abigail Angelina,
daughter of
Dominick & Julie A
8-22-09



Evangeline Rey,
daughter of
Rey & Amie T
8-22-09

Brooke Alaina,
daughter of
Dorian & Natalie P
8-23-09

Welcome to Our New Parishioners ...

Welcome to our parish family:

Michael & Cheryl L
Brewer Rd, Darien

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 watch for the Welcome Folder (in process of updating right now) to help introduce you to your new parish home!

Ai Chi at Christ the Servant

Not certain whether Ai Chi is for you? We invite you to participate in the introductory class on Sept. 14 at 1:30 pm. You may register at the end of that class if you wish to continue with the 8-week program.



Ai Chi teaches breathwork, relaxation and stretching. The program will help develop range of motion, body awareness, muscle balance and strengthening. The Ai Chi exercises will be performed on the floor in the narthex. **If you would like to participate but the floor work is a problem, we can adapt to using a chair instead of the floor.** A walking exercise will be included for those who can participate. The program is approx. 45 minutes—meeting weekly for 8 weeks.

Mondays- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Sept.14-Nov.2

Session I will be an introductory meeting of 1 hr 30 mins.
Cost: \$40 for 8 weeks. Send payment to CTS payable to the instructor, Patti Crimer.

Goal: To learn body/mind relaxation exercises using breathwork.

Requirements: You must sign a diocesan hold harmless agreement.

Suggested material: Exercise mat for floor exercise or towel/blanket

Book: “Full Catastrophe Living” by Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D. (available through Amazon.com)

Questions: Contact Patti C. Registration forms available on the parish website www.ctswoodridge.org

Register soon!

We have 6 of the 8 minimum number of participants needed to do the 8 week program. We will meet on September 14 regardless of the number of participants.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- If you feel that the Lord is calling you into deeper relationship....
- 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....
- Are you seeking a sacrament??
Baptism..Eucharist..Confirmation



Then we invite you to join our RCIA journey.

Contact Roberta Balsewicz, Director of Religious Formation, for information about the RCIA Process. 630-910-0770 or roberta@ctswoodridge.org.



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

If you have not joined with thousands of others in giving to this important mission, please do so today. Even if you are not able to pledge, please do return your pledge card. Every response counts! Last year we made 80% of our goal.

Our goal: \$30,134
As of August 24
Pledged : \$20,961 (69.56% of goal)
Number of donors: 234 of 693 families

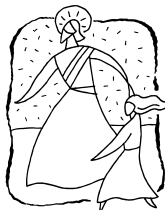
Religious Formation (all ages!)

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES FOR FALL

(space is limited)

Forms are available in the back of Church and on the parish web-site;

www.ctswoodridge.org



Sign up now for the CTS reality show.....
"Pray It, Learn It, Live It"

TV shows can be recorded.
Laundry can wait.
Children grow up too fast.

Spend some time with our kids and the best in reality programming on Tuesday evenings....

"Pray It, Learn It, Live It"



Our parish is blessed with many children and little space which means that we offer our Religious Formation groups on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Quite a number of adults have volunteered to share their faith on Wednesdays, yet for some reason, Tuesday groups still need 7 catechists.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist, contact Roberta Balsewicz, Director of Religious Formation, at 910-0770 ext 12 or roberta@ctswoodridge.org.

"Spirituality in this New Millennium"

Fr. Richard Rohr, Franciscan priest and internationally acclaimed author and speaker, is coming to the Lisle Wyndham on October 3rd, 2009, 9am-3pm.



Fr. Richard is often referred to as the most recorded priest on the planet!

A block of tickets has been reserved for CTS parishioners at a reduced rate of \$55 per person. The event is expected to

be a sell-out. If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity to hear Fr. Richard Rohr in person, contact roberta@ctswoodridge.org or Karen J. **CALL FOR TICKET AVAILABILITY.**

Christian Service Peace & Social Justice

Don't miss



August 30, 2009 at 11:15 am

Christ the Servant Peace and Social Justice Committee is pleased to present "The Story of Stuff" video and a discussion following this weekend's 10:00AM Mass. If you want to know more about the environment and what you can do to help preserve it, this may be just what you need to get you started.



ATTENTION RF

6th & 7th Graders!

Attending "The Story of Stuff" with your family will be a great way to complete a required family activity.

Make this Labor Day Count!

Every worker living in this country deserves to be protected from exploitation and to live without fear. The Immigrant Worker Rights' March in Chicago begins at 11 am Monday, September 7th. Support the marchers at the Glen Ellyn Train Station, 551 Crescent Blvd at Main St, Glen Ellyn, 8:00 am, Sept. 7, for a Train Station Send-Off Rally. See the flyer on the main bulletin board. Contact Tom Cordaro for details.

Food Drive News

Our next Food Drive is scheduled for **September 12/13**. We have a volunteer to receive donations before and after the 8:30 mass on Sunday the 13th. Volunteers are still needed to serve before and after the 4:45 Saturday and 10:00 Sunday masses.

What is involved?

1. You need a van or SUV or truck or station wagon...
2. Come early (at least 20 minutes before mass) and park near the mailbox. Receive donations from people as they arrive.
3. Stay by your vehicle to receive donations after mass.
4. Transport the donations you received to the Woodridge Community Food Pantry, 6809 Hobson Valley Dr, Unit 118. Hours to drop off donations are 9:00am -2:30 pm Monday through Saturday. 630-512-9921. Contact Fr. Danaher or the Parish Office to volunteer.

Magical Music for the Holidays featuring David Kovac, magician and



Lauren grew up in Christ the Servant Parish. Gifted with fabulous singing talent, our very own Lauren was chosen to perform as “Young Barbra” in Barbra Streisand’s Timeless Tour. Now back in the Chicago area, Lauren will be bringing her marvelous voice back to Christ the Servant in our annual fundraiser on December 6, 2009.

The evening of fun and entertainment will begin at 4:00 pm with magician David Kovac who specializes in combining original, intelligent humor with cleverly crafted magical routines. After a break, during which the raffle prizes will be drawn, Lauren and her band Blue Lou will perform a variety of music, including some music written by Lauren.

Tickets will go on sale at the end of September. Also available at that time will be Lauren’s CDs for \$10 each. Plan to get a CD early so you can pick out favorites to request at the concert! Save the date of December 6 for a great entertaining event and a great fundraising cause for Christ the Servant Parish.

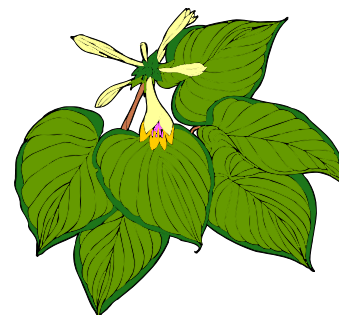
Gardening Fun at Christ the Servant

The gardening group of CTS is planning to get together for some planting!

Date: Saturday Sept. 5
Time: 1:30-2:30 P.M.

We are planning to plant some Hedgestone Rudbecki and hostas. If you can bring some hosta from your gardens that would be helpful. Bring your garden tools and gloves.

Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome at this event. The more the merrier! Questions: please call Patti C.



Items needed for Food Drive—September 12/13

Coming up **September 12/13**, the Christian Service Commission is sponsoring a food drive. Please bring non-perishable foodstuffs, paper products and toiletries with you to the Parking Lot (by the mailbox) when you come for Mass. Collected items will be taken to the Woodridge Food Pantry for distribution to local families. Cash donations welcome and appreciated. There will be vehicles in the parking lot and volunteers to assist you.

Edible items needed, but not limited to, include:

- Canned Vegetables/Fruit
 - Non-perishable cheese
 - Pasta/Noodles/Rice
 - Spices/Cooking Oil
 - Cereal
 - Coffee/Tea
 - Peanut Butter/Jelly
 - Canned meat/fish
 - Instant potatoes
 - Beverage Mixes
 - Baby Food
 - Spaghetti Sauce
- Remember that there are smaller families too, so small servings are also appreciated.*

Paper products and toiletries needed because they cannot be purchased with food stamps include, but are not limited to: Shampoo/Cream Rinse, Toilet Paper/Tissues, Cleaning Products, Soap/Hand Lotion, Toothpaste/Brush, Paper Towels, Shaving Cream, Deodorant. Woodridge Community Pantry, 630-512-9921.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CARE FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE!

From the Diocese of Joliet

A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Join Bishop Peter Sartain on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Rome Italy, March 5 to 13, 2010. Includes visits to several of the major basilicas, papal audience, full day’s excursion to Assisi and more. Only \$3,378 from Chicago -O’Hare Airport. Space is limited. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/BishopSartain or contact Group Coordinator, Tony Brandolino at 815-834-4032 to tbrandolino@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Helping Scouts Learn about their Faith

Are you willing to help Girl & Boy Scouts in your parish earn their Religious Medals/Emblems? If so, the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee of Scouting invites you to attend a training session on Saturday, Oct 17th, from 8:00 AM – Noon at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville.

If you have copies of any of the Scout workbooks or Adult guides please bring them with you. For more information or to make a reservation to attend please call by Friday, Oct.9th Deacon Rod Accardi, Chaplain, at 630-933-6634.

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

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Roberta Balsewicz,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

Corinne Hanson, Business Manager *Ext. 10*

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vacant, Christian Service

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Ron Welton, Worship



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 F.

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, September 10, 7:00-8:00PM

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 30

11:15am—The Story of Stuff

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

1:30 pm—Gardening Project

Sunday, September 6

Monday, September 7

Labor Day Holiday—no daily mass
 offices closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRY BOTTOM DIAPER DAYS— ALL OF SEPTEMBER

Bring diapers/wipes
 to the playpen in the narthex.

- Sept 5, Manna order forms available
- Sept 7, Labor Day Holiday, offices closed
- Sept 12/13, Food Drive
- Sept 16, Protecting God's Children
- Sept 18, RF Opening Prayer Service
- Sept 26/27, Fall Manna order pickup
- Dec 6, 4 pm, Lauren Frost Concert Fund-raiser, with David Kovac, magician

Parish Giving

"Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves *using* those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

NEEDED WEEKLY:

Parish Expenses	\$6,088.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$9,438.00

CONTRIBUTED August 22/23:

Sunday	\$ 6,402.50
Holy Day	26.00
Debt Reduction	<u>35.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,463.50
This week's deficit	(\$2,974.50)

Did you know?

Many have been scandalized at the abuse suffered by young people by adults in positions of trust. Many of these tragedies might have been avoided if people knew warning signs to watch for in actions of both children being abused and the people abusing them. Protecting God's Children is a program to heighten awareness of potential for child abuse. All who have not already done so are encouraged to attend the Sept. 16 training at 6:30 pm. Call 630-910-0770x12 to register.

Registered Households—725

Thank you for your generous support!

Please remember the good works of our parish in your will. Contact Fr. Danaher for information on how you can accomplish this.



St. Vincent dePaul

September 27

1:00-3:00 pm

Evaluation forms completed at GIFT events the last few years have indicated that families would appreciate a time other than Friday night to attend a GIFT event. Here is your chance! Keep Sunday afternoon, September 27th open to learn about the patron saint of charitable organizations, St. Vincent de Paul and the continuing work and opportunities.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Lester Peterson



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29

4:45 PM John Kuehn, r. Jim McIlvain family

Sunday, August 30

8:30 AM Parishioners

10:00 AM Special Intention for Increased Faith for Family Members, r. Daniel & Mary Anne Troy

Monday, August 31

8:30 AM Lucille Marszalek, r. Jean Thode

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 AM Parishioners

Thursday, September 3

8:30 AM Debbie Bielawski, r. Steve & Karen Jackson

Friday, September 4

8:30 AM Dolores Joppa, r. Jackie Nemeč

Saturday, September 5

4:45 PM Walter Kozłowski & Virginia Kozłowski, r. family

Sunday, August 30

8:30 AM Parishioners

10:00 AM Special Intention for Increased Faith for Family Members, r. Daniel & Mary Anne Troy

Please pray for the Sick

Marie Comella
Tony Iovito
Donna Jahn
Vincent LoMonaco

Lauren McGovern
Pauline Popek
Phil Shevchuk
Dave Wise

Due to space constraints, it is no longer possible to leave a name on the list indefinitely. Names will remain on this list approximately three months. To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

Please pray for Military Personnel

Michael Corcoran, friend of Dave & Ginny Anderson
Andrew DeKruiff, nephew of Joe & Mary Testolin
Jonathan Stancel, son of John & Marge Stancel
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.

Bible Readings—Aug. 30-Sept. 6

SUNDAY: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 / Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 / Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

MONDAY: 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY: Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY: Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY: Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY: Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY: Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke



PRAYER

Let us pray...for the blessing of work, in order to appreciate the blessing of rest.

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