

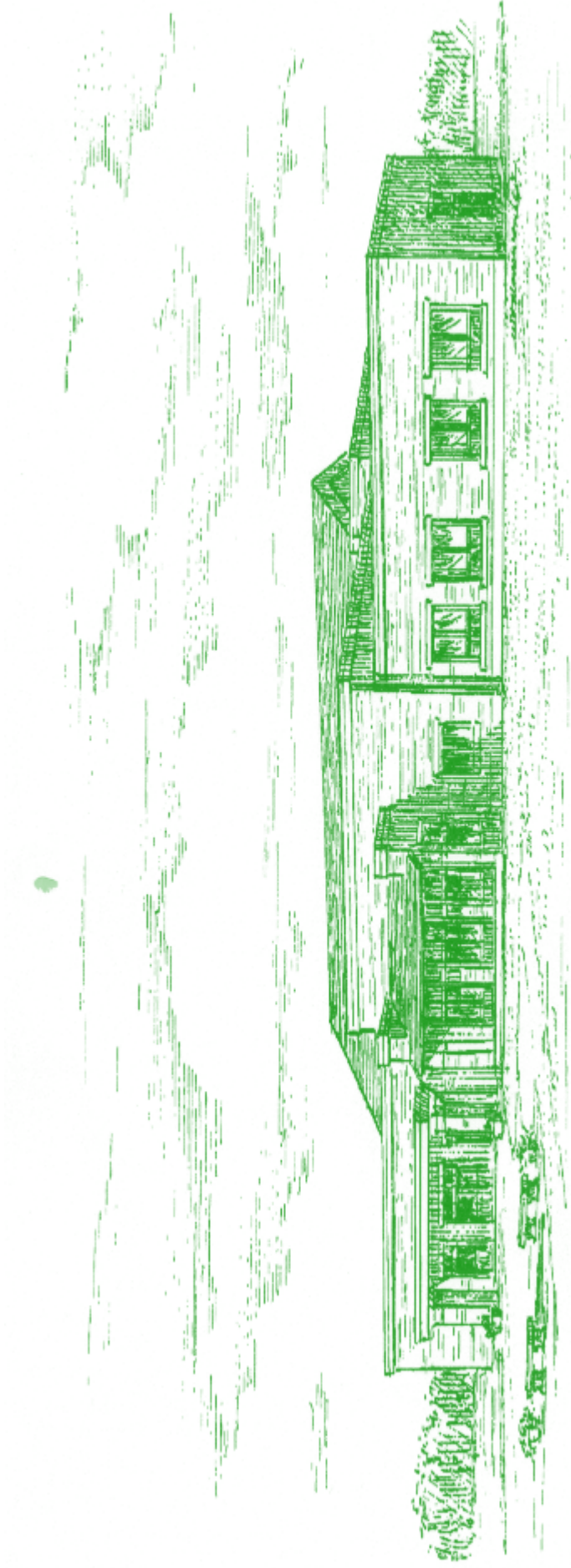
Christ the Servant Catholic Church

8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge

www.ctswoodridge.org

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

**January 29, 2012
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**





Q & A with Fr. Frank

Ask your question about the Catholic faith by emailing
frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org

Three questions came in from a parishioner. Since we have been discussing funerals, this question concerns what happens to pets when they die.

One question is common to younger people who have lost a pet for the first time. Do dogs go to heaven? Interestingly enough there are two views on this. One viewpoint says NO, and the other one says YES. I always like voting for the YES. Dogs can be replaced with the more general term, pets. (I don't want to get started with the cat war and the dog war. I digress.) So the people who say "no" quickly remind us is that whether we go to heaven or not is a choice on our part. We have the freedom of choice of choosing God or rejecting God by the life we lead. The things that we believe help us to direct our life towards God or away from God. In the gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verse 16 says "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." So since dogs do not have free will, (convince a dog owner of that!) dogs therefore do not go to heaven.

The second view point is that God created everything good and at the second coming of Christ, he will draw all creation to himself as we are all called to judgment and enter the kingdom of heaven. So since animals are part of God's creation that was created good, the answer is yes, dogs do go to heaven, along with cats, turtles, parakeets, hamsters, and whatever other pets you may have.

Remember, send your questions about our faith to frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org. Your confidentiality will be respected.

Keep
Faith.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts will continue to keep faith in the region by supporting evangelization, developing lay leadership programs, and strengthening religious and seminarian formation. The future of the region's Church is brighter today because of your help. To learn more about how your donations are making a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

**THE 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL
APPEAL IS UNDERWAY**



**“THE KINGDOM OF GOD
IS AT HAND” (MARK 1:15)**

The 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, Christ the Servant cannot provide direct assistance to people in need; we refer calls to Catholic Charities. The Religious Education Office provides support through training and materials to RF directors and catechists. The Office of Divine Worship offers training seminars for liturgical ministers, which we use. The Office of Family Ministry provides help to those suffering loss through death or divorce, as well as providing support for marriage and baptism preparation.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “The Kingdom of God is at Hand.” We are challenged as Catholics to build up God’s kingdom here on earth. Your contribution to the CMAA enables the diocese to uphold the Gospel message and build up the kingdom of God throughout the seven-county area of the Joliet Diocese.

Please remember that God never forgets us. Even when we believe that our successes are self-made, it is the blessings that God has given to each of us that have helped us to get where we are. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our diocese. The gifts that we give enable ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal is \$30,444. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal.

Please answer Bishop Conlon’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Feb. 11
8am-noon**

**Sign up
now!**

To sign up for the blood drive, either visit our webpage and click on the link, or visit:

[http://iwebb.heartlandbc.org/pls/iwebb/adrv?
pdz=75038&pdr=DRV2017412](http://iwebb.heartlandbc.org/pls/iwebb/adrv?pdz=75038&pdr=DRV2017412)

Who Can Donate? Heartland Blood Centers is dedicated to providing the safest blood possible for hospital patients. Before you volunteer to donate blood, you need to meet certain guidelines for eligibility determined by the American Association of Blood Banks and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

You cannot donate if you have AIDS, a positive HIV test, some blood diseases, most cancers, diabetes requiring insulin, epilepsy or chronic lung, liver or heart disease, or if you have had hepatitis.

Please check the following guidelines to determine whether you may be eligible to give blood:

General: The donor must be in good health and feeling well.

Age: At least 17 years of age. 16 year olds are eligible provided they have written approval from a parent/guardian.

Weight: 110 pounds or more.

Diet: It is recommended to eat something within the four hours preceding the donation.

Interval Between Blood Donations: Must be eight (8) weeks between regular whole blood donations. Waiting period must be sixteen (16) weeks after double red cell apheresis for any type of donation; is 48 hours after platelet donation for any type of donation.

Medications: Please bring a list of medications taken and refer to Heartland staff for acceptability.

Accutane (for acne), Propecia (for hair loss),

Proscar (for prostate condition) – one (1) month after last dose.

Soriatane (for psoriasis) – three (3) years after last dose.

Tegison (for psoriasis) – permanent deferral.

Please see the signup table for a more complete listing, or visit www.heartlandbc.org under donating.

Finding Christ in Cinema with Paul Jarzembowski

Join us as we explore the image of Christ as portrayed in popular movies over the decades, and how each portrayal opens up new ways to connect with God and the Gospel. This seminar is a way to "retreat into the desert" with Jesus in modern and creative ways, and to see how the Lord speaks to each one of us through these timeless favorites of the silver screen. Adults of all ages are welcome.


When: **Saturday, February 4** from 9am-3pm Where: **Mayslake Ministries**, 450 E 22nd St, Ste 170, Lombard, IL
Cost: **\$30/person** please bring a lunch; snacks are provided. To register for this program please visit our website at www.mayslakeministries.org or call our offices at 630.268.9000.

Religious Formation

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Grades K-7 No Sessions this week
Catechists' Institute

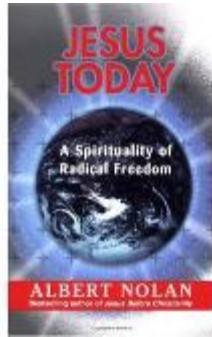
Confirmation groups

 Next Sessions February 5th & 8th
(Have you turned in your Saint Paper,
Sacramental Info Form and Sponsor
Form? If you have any make-ups due...
now is the time!)

The Book Study Group has started a new book.

Jesus Today, by Albert Nolan,
explores the spirituality of Jesus, its
relevance today, and how these
lessons might promote a greater
communion with God.

The group will meet on 2/5, 2/19
& 3/11/2012 after the 10am Mass.
Please join us for a lively,
thoughtful discussion.



F.A.C.T. Group Up-Coming Events

**Families with Active
Catholic Teens
6th-12th graders**

Sign-ups are available in the
narthex for these fun-
filled activities!



Sunday, January 29th after 10:00am Mass

TEEN WORK DAY - Get ready for
our annual chocolate sale!



Come make posters and apply our
labels to

**FANNIE MAY
CHOCOLATE BARS.....**

Stay to socialize!

**Weekend of Feb 11/12 -
after all Masses**

Sign up to help sell the chocolate on
Valentine's Day Weekend!



**Christian Service
Peace & Social Justice**

Prayer Service in observance of
Human Trafficking Prevention Month
Monday, January 30, 2012, 7:00 pm
Christ the Servant Church

Following is a prayer we are asked to say daily at least until
the Super Bowl on February 5.

Creator of us all, our words cannot express
what our minds can barely comprehend
and our hearts feel when we hear of children
and adults deceived and transported to unknown
places for purposes of sexual exploitation
and forced labour because of human greed.

Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry
that their dignity and rights are
being transgressed through threats, deception
and force. We cry out against the
degrading practice of trafficking
and seek ways for it to end.

Strengthen the fragile-spirited and
broken-hearted. Make real your promises
to fill these, our sisters and brothers, with a love
that is tender and good and send the exploiters
away empty-handed. Give us the wisdom
and courage to stand in solidarity with them
that together we will find ways to the freedom that
is your gift to all of us. Amen.

- Gen Cassani, SSND
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**FOOD DRIVE
February 11/12**



Our next scheduled food drive is the
weekend of February 11/12. Start col-
lecting a few items at a time, or sav-
ing up some change. Cash donations
are welcome, too, and more food can
be purchased by the food bank per
dollar than we can in the stores.

*Remember that there are smaller families too,
so small servings are also appreciated.*

Should you have any questions, please contact the
West Suburban Community Pantry at 630-512-9921.

Parish News



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

Nikolas Dominic,
son of
Dominick & Julie A
January 22, 2012

Students planning on attending a Catholic High School, accredited university, college or trade school can apply for the:

LEONARD M. JARKA HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

Administered by the Robert P. Connelly Council 5918, Knights of Columbus.

Application forms and eligibility requirements can be obtained from the Christ the Servant or St. Scholastica parish offices.

Forms can be downloaded from the council's website: www.KofC5918.org under the "Activities Button".

For further information or questions contact the scholarship chairman, Jim Schmidt 630-728-4784

All applications must be submitted by April 15, 2012.

E-Mail: scout512@aol.com. Use Word format only.

U.S. Post Office: Robert P. Connelly Council 5918

Knights of Columbus

PO Box 422, Lisle, Illinois 60532

Any officer of the council or scholarship chairman also can accept applications. The scholarships will be awarded at the end of May 2012.

Go Green!

As a break from cleaning out closets and looking for recyclables, you can keep warm by baking and cooking some great meals. Use reusable bags for your groceries and remember to recycle all glass containers, cans and plastic bottles. Each community has a different recycling program. Check your town's recycling program. You may be pleasantly surprised to find out what is acceptable.

Remember to save your electronics for our event in the spring. Those old TV's and monitors are will benefit Christ the Servant.



Your **Green Team**

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We will be having hospitality the weekend of February 18 -19. If you would like to help with set up, serving, clean up or bringing in baked goods, please contact Donna M for Saturday mass volunteering. For Sunday mass volunteers, please contact Sandy R.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sewing Projects

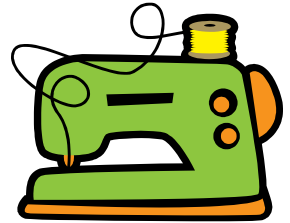
Two projects we have for sewers are simple straight seams, yet would do a great service for the parish.

First, we need **baptism bibs**.

These are simple garments to go over the head of the baby being baptized. Soft eyelet fabric is what we've been using most recently. The hems are finished with hem facing. If you are able to provide the fabric and facing, that donation will be gratefully accepted; otherwise, we will reimburse you for the materials with your receipt. The pattern will be provided.

Second, we need to replace some **purificators**—the cloth that is used with the chalice at communion. The fabric needs to be white, smooth, and a fine, high quality fabric, preferably linen. Like the baptism bibs, we can reimburse you for the cost of materials if you wish. These would just be simple hems around the edges. A sample will be provided. The red cross in the middle will be added later by a parishioner with an embroidery machine.

Please call Corinne in the parish office (630-910-0770) or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org to volunteer. Your help will be greatly appreciated



Respect for Life

"Jesus beckoned a child to come to Him, placed him in their midst, and said, 'Amen, I say to you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven.'"



~ Matthew 18:2-3

It is an understatement to say that children are loved by God or important to Him. Children are central, and they exemplify certain virtues and attitudes God was us all to have.

Holy Spirit, Keep our minds and hearts focused on children, that we may learn from them.

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through 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. Frank K. Vitus, Pastor *Ext. 15*
 email: frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org
Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon
Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon
Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*
Liz Jesse,
 Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*
Donna Kovarik, Music Director

Commission Chairpersons

Norine Luft, Pastoral Council
Debi Savage, PPC Co-Chair
Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance
vacant, Christian Service
Mary McIlvain & Rosada Heintz,
 Parish Life
Paula Sedlacek, Religious Formation
Ron Welton, Worship



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29

11:15 am—FACT Candy Work Day

Monday, January 30

9:00 am—Cursillo group
 7:00 pm—Human Trafficking Prayer Svc

Tuesday, January 31

730 pm—Green Team *offsite*

Wednesday, February 1

Catechist institute *offsite*

Thursday, February 2

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal
 7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5

8:30 am—Confirmation Class
 11:15 am—Book Study Group

Upcoming Events

Feb 11: 8:00 am-noon; Blood Drive
 Feb 11-12: Food Drive, FACT Candy sales
 Feb 18: First Eucharist Retreat
 Feb 22: Ash Wednesday
 Mar 4-6: Lenten Mission
 with Fr. Bob Hutmacher

Gifts for all Seasons and Reasons Boutique
Saturday, February 4, 2012
9 am—6 pm
 St Scholastica Activity Center
 7800 Janes Ave
 All proceeds benefit
 American Cancer Society
 Questions, call Donna 630-209-1488

Parish Giving

Although the Gospels do not always tell us exactly what Jesus was saying as He taught, we know well His message: *Let God's love for you permeate your lives; love God in return, and out of that love, serve the needs of one another. The ways of the world, self pride, anger or greed are not to define you.*

NEEDED WEEKLY:

Parish Expenses	\$6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$9,770.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Jan 21/22:

Sunday	\$ 5,533.50
Debt Reduction	20.00
Mary, Mother of God	22.00
Total Contributed	\$ 5,575.50
This week's deficit	(\$ 3,994.50)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Latin America	679.00
Christ is Our Hope magazine	5.00

Other Contributions received:

General Funds	\$ 1,495.00
Restricted Gifts	61.00
Debt Reduction	155.00
Christmas	50.00

Thank you to all!

Registered Households—749

Thank you for your generous support!

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. 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 Father Frank 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. Frank.

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. Frank.

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. Frank for pre-planning of funerals.

Baptism Preparation Class: Thursday, February 9, 7:00-8:00PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28

4:45 PM *Ciro P. Vuolo, r. Deanna & family*

Sunday, January 29

8:30 AM *Theresa McIlvain*

10:00 AM *Aproniano Sarmiento, r. family*

Monday, January 30

8:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Thursday, February 2

8:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Friday, February 3

8:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Saturday, February 4

4:45 PM *Bill Love, r. Kathleen Love & sons*

Sunday, February 5

8:30 AM *Don Siple, r. Rich & Marge Buch*

10:00 AM *Lilly Mary, r. son*

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



Please pray for the Sick

Jennie Angelo

Mary Ann Burke

Brandon Dreyer

Joan Gebhardt

Tibward & Ellen Nadeti

Susan Olson

Adriana Padovini

Deacon Joe Riggi

Elaine Thomas

Names 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 the Deceased



Robert Culen
(husband of Jeanne)

Please pray for Military and Humanitarian Personnel

Bible Readings—Jan 29-Feb 5

SUNDAY: Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1-21-28

MONDAY: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3 / Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

FRIDAY: Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

Jim Albright, II, nephew of Deacon Tom & Joanne Fricke
Victor Imhoff, husband of Cheryl Dehlin
Alex Kikilas, nephew of Pat Savage; cousin of Debi Savage
Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Jesse
Brian Smyser, grandson of Dan & Mary Anne Troy
Miguel Angel Villalobos, nephew of Petra Villanueva
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.

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