As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just.
Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.
Pope Francis’ Tweet for the Week

God’s love is the only power capable of making all things new.

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Living Stewardship Now

Ask the Lord to flood your heart with loving-kindness and mercy that you may never bear grudges and only have room for charity, kindness, and patience toward your neighbor.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6.

Ash Wednesday services are scheduled for:

- 8:30 am—Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 4:30 pm—Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 pm—Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Lenten Mission, with John Donahue-Grossman
We Come to Share Our Story
March 10 & 11, 2019, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Join together as we begin our Lenten Journey as John Donahue-Grossman presents our Lenten Mission. He will be present at all masses that weekend to encourage us to come back at 7 pm both nights. Sunday we will focus on “A Story of Blessing”, and Monday will focus on “A Story of Remembering Who We Are”. John was with us for our mission in 2014.

Refreshments will be served after the presentation each evening.

2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Pledge your gift to the CMAA! This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

God calls all of us to be Signs of Hope for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God’s work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish’s goal for the 2019 CMAA is $40,400. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year’s CMAA. You may make your gift using one of the pledge envelopes available in the church, by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, visiting jolietdioceseappeal.org, or texting “Donate” to 815-205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you doing for Lent 2019?
Can you spare two hours to prepare your heart for Jesus?
Spiritual Renewal – March 16
The CTS Worship Commission is offering a special time for reflection on Saturday morning March 16. Our presenter will be Mary LaMont from The Knocking Door. The theme is *Lent as a Time for Finding Flowers in the Spiritual Desert*. This Morning of Reflection will run from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Mary will lead participants through a series of interactive formation experiences that weave together story, song, art, scripture and ritual action. Participants will need to bring their hearts, minds, and imagination…everything else will be provided. Hope you can join us!

Registration is required - please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Open to all. Lay ministers especially encouraged to attend.

Active Senior Expo
All seniors in the parish are invited to attend Active Senior Expo at no charge (regular admission is $2). The event will be held on **Wednesday, March 6** at the Embassy Suites, 1823 Arbiter Court in Naperville, conveniently located off Diehl Rd. Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services for seniors, free seminars, free health screenings, free musical entertainment and free door prizes. Show hours are 9:30 am-2pm, and parking is free. Simply present this bulletin, or a photocopy, at the door and you and all members of your party will be admitted free of charge.

Take a Stand for Life
From March 6th to April 14th, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Downers Grove...and beyond.

You will have an opportunity to sign up for vigil hours at the Downers Grove location at 1700 75th Street, after all masses this weekends. Or you may signup by emailing 40DaysDG@gmail.com. Signup online at: www.40DaysForLife.com/DownersGrove

"Marriage is a Dance; Discovering Harmony and Oneness in Marriage"
Three weeks ago (World Marriage Day) at each CTS mass, couples from Darien and Park Ridge, representing Worldwide Marriage Encounter, invited our married couples to take the time to pursue a fuller, richer life together. The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team (IMET)—a group of 8 West Suburban parishes who joined together 11 years ago to offer high quality events—will offer a program on Saturday, March 9, at St. Margaret Mary Church in Naperville, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Featuring well-known speaker John Donahue-Grossman (who will be leading our parish mission that Sunday and Monday!), couples will:

- Learn how their differences can become assets for the health of their marriage
- Explore the importance of purposeful presence
- Discover practical ways of igniting and preserving the passion in their marriage
- Consider how the sacrament of marriage can reflect the divine through their daily lives together. The cost for the morning program will be $35/couple. Registration can be found at www.imetevents.org

If justice and equality mean anything, then they apply to everyone, including unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us.

~ Pope Francis

submitted by Dave a
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....

Then we invite you to join our RCIA journey. We meet Sunday mornings at 8:30am. It's not too late to join us. Contact Liz 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 x103 or liz@ctswoodridge.org

Please Pray for our catechumens: Brandon j & Athena r; and our candidate: Mauricio f.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page! www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgecf.org “Like” us!

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.
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!

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Please see the Lenten Regulations on page 4.

ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS
(Liturgical color: purple/violet)

WEDNESDAY
March 6
8:30 AM mass

ALTAR MIN:
Donna M
Angie M

EXT./ASH MINISTERS:
Karen J
Steve J
Ed J
Madeline J
Andrea W

LECTORS:
Vince D
Therese K

HOST TEAMS:
D Family

WEDNESDAY
March 6
4:30 PM service

ALTAR MIN:
None needed

EXT./ASH MINISTERS:
Marylou R
Rita S
Maureen V
Liz W

LECTORS:
Donna C
Jacqueline C

HOST TEAMS:
Barbara G
Rod H

WEDNESDAY
March 6
7:00 PM mass

MINISTER NEEDED
Bill/Joe C
Maria F
Susan C
Linda O
Jason P
Ken S
Annie T
Steve W
Paula R
Maryrose G
Liz & Steve W

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ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS—First Sunday of Lent
(Liturgical color: purple/violet)

SUNDAY
March 10
10:00 AM

ALTAR MIN:
Robert T
Rosemary T

EXT. MINISTERS:
Deacon A
Heather J
Mary K
Linda O
Marylou R

LECTORS:
Bob C
Debi S

HOST TEAMS:
Donna M
Shirley W

Next Weekend’s MINISTERS—First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY
March 9
4:45 PM

ALTAR MIN:
Robert T
Rosemary T

EXT. MINISTERS:
Deacon A
Heather J
Mary K
Linda O
Marylou R

LECTORS:
Bob C
Debi S

HOST TEAMS:
Donna M
Shirley W

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. Steven Borello vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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, 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, March 7, 7:00-8:00 PM
**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Anthony Mantelli & Ellen Nowak

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 2**

4:45 PM  John & Esther Michalek, r. family
         Gerald Johnson, r. family
         Shirley & Paul Stiglic, r. family
         Alegría B. Manzanillo, r. *Nenita & Ross Luyun*
         People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 3**

8:30 AM  Marty Wachowski, r. Marge Buch
         Daniel Wolfe, r. *Andie Wolfe*
10:00 AM  Joe Houston, r. *Kathy Vana*

**Monday, March 4**

8:30 AM  Jeanine Soloy, Sp. Int, r. *Bernie Kestler*

**Tuesday, March 5**

8:30 AM  Betty Kozlowski, r. *family & friends*

**Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday**

8:30 AM  Carol Engel, Sp. Int., r. *Bernie Kestler*
4:30 PM  Prayer Service with Ashes
7:00 PM  Edna & Marieth Wall, r. *family*

**Thursday, March 7**

8:30 AM  Jeanine Soloy, Sp. Int, r. *Bernie Kestler*

**Friday, March 8—Communion Service**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, March 9**

4:45 PM  Arlene Monahan, r. Steve & Karen Jackson
         Bernice C. Deron, r. Jim Naso & Betty Vitale
         Alegría B. Manzanillo, r. *Nenita & Ross Luyun*

**Sunday, March 10**

8:30 AM  Al Januska, r. Greg & Cheryl Feltz
         Rick Kopp, r. Marge Buch
         Cindy Giannini, r. Lee White & John Gantz
10:00 AM  People of the Parish
         *To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.*

Bishop Conlon has issued a decree which states that only twice per week we may combine intentions of more than one person at a single mass. The stipend is $10. If you wish to donate more, you may direct the offering to another purpose. Excess donations not specifically directed will be forwarded to the Diocesan Finance Office to be used for the purpose of maintaining underfunded diocesan cemeteries.

**Bible Readings—Mar. 3-Mar. 10**

**SUNDAY:** Sir 27:4-7 / 1 Cor 15:54-58 / Lk 6:39-45

**MONDAY:** Sir 17:20-24 / Mk 10:17-27

**TUESDAY:** Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY:** Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6,16-18

**THURSDAY:** Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

**FRIDAY:** Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

**SATURDAY:** Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

**SUNDAY:** Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

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**We pray for the Sick**

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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.**

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**We pray for the Deceased**

Norbert Rojewski
(cousin of Pat & Debi Savage)

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**We pray for those who Serve**

Emily Dome, granddaughter of Paul & Brenda Czarapata
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
David Jackson, son of Cathleen & Richard Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Wagner
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister 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.
Jesus used images when speaking to the disciples. Among others, He stated that a tree is known by its yield. Each person speaks from His heart's abundance. As we persevere in life, we see already the good fruit born with the passage of time. Because of God's kindness and fidelity, the just man and woman will flourish like a palm tree.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2018-2019

Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment 2,900.00
Total Needed $ 10,600.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Feb 20-Feb 26:

Sunday 2/24 $ 5,171.00
Sunday other forms 907.00
General Funds 250.00
Debt Reduction 35.00
Total Contributed $ 6,363.00

Differential this week:
Needed $ 10,600.00
Reported 6,363.00
Deficit this period: $ (4,237.00)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Diocesan Cemeteries 20.00

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.

Debt to Diocese1/31/19 $338,659
Registered Households—762

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know…next Saturday night, move your clocks forward an hour in observance of Daylight Savings Time.

Leave a Legacy. Call the Development office at 815-221-6100 to donate.