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.
Living God’s Word

We can pray for the Holy Spirit to open our minds to understand what is at the heart of Jesus’ teachings, and that we both discern what God asks of us and respond wholeheartedly. Thus we witness to others what it means to walk in the law of the Lord.

Welcome to our parish family:

Welcome

Susan M
Cambridge Way,
Bolingbrook

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Pick up a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

Opening Ceremony
Sunday, Feb 23rd, at 3 pm, at Access Health Center in Downers Grove, Fr. Al Heidecke, pastor of St. Joseph’s Church, will lead us in prayer for the Opening of the 2020 40 Days for Life campaign. Nancy Kreuzer from Silent No More will give a short presentation regarding her regrets regarding her abortion. In preparation for Lent, join us in a peaceful and prayerful half hour of Respect for All Life on Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Access Health Center in 75th Street in Downers Grove.

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 1:30 PM at

1338 75th St, Downers Grove

To assure your reservation, you MUST call the coordinator no later than Friday, Feb. 21.

This month’s coordinator to call is Andie W or Rita S

If you don’t call, you won’t have a seat.

New members welcome!

2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today’s bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year’s theme, Be Kind and Merciful. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours.

Our parish’s goal for the 2020 CMAA is $40,300, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year’s annual appeal.

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Tolton: From Slave to Priest

Thursday, February 28, 2020
at 4 pm
University of St. Francis
Sexton Auditorium
500 Wilcox Street, Joliet IL 60435

Friday, February 28, 2020
at 7 pm
Billie Limacher Bicentennial
Park and Theatre
201 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet IL 60432

For admission, get FREE tickets at Eventbrite.com or ToltonJoliet@gmail.com.
For questions, call the Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) at: 630-286-9029.

Sponsored by Anti-Racism Committee of Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate
www.ToltonDrama.com

Tolton: From Slave to Priest is a powerful new live production based on the life of Rev. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, postulator for Tolton’s canonization cause, is calling Tolton a production that will “inspire a new era of peace, hope and forgiveness in America.”

The production runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for middle school ages and up.

To characterize Tolton’s life as remarkable is an understatement. He was born a slave on a Missouri farm in 1854, and his mother risked everything to reach freedom in Illinois with her three small children. After settling in the town of Quincy, Ill., the family continued to experience hardships and prejudice. In spite of this, he persevered in his deep desire to become a Catholic priest. When every seminary in the United States rejected him, Tolton did not give up, and he was finally ordained in Rome. Upon his return to Illinois, Tolton worked tirelessly to serve people of all races, especially the former slaves who flocked to Chicago.

Tolton saw the Catholic Church as the antidote to the discrimination and rejection that he experienced in his own life. “It was the priests of the Church who taught me to pray and to forgive my persecutors,” he said. “We should welcome all people into the Church, not send them away.”

At the young age of 43, Tolton died after collapsing from heat exhaustion in Chicago. Now his cause for sainthood is moving forward, as more and more people are beginning to recognize the humble perseverance, courage, and compassion of this extraordinary man.

Currently celebrating 100 years of higher education rooted in Franciscan values, the University of St. Francis, in Joliet, Ill., serves close to 4,000 students nationwide and offers undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and certificate programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, nursing and social work. There are over 50,000 USF alumni across the globe. For information, call 800-735-7500 or visit stfrancis.edu.

University of St. Francis: Bigger thinking. Brighter purpose.
Religious Formation

There are a lot of things going on at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To help our RF kids get more out of the Mass some of the students have been learning about the sacred items used, the reasons behind the rituals and the meaning of the words you will find at Church. This is one of the things that they have learned:

The presentation of the gifts, also known as the “Offertory” (from the Latin word offerre, meaning to present, to bring, or to offer) is the part of the Mass where the gifts, that are usually placed on the Offertory table, are brought up to the sanctuary during the procession of gifts. The practice of offering gifts after the prayers of intercession during the Mass is an ancient practice and references to this practice can be found as early as 155 AD. in the writings of St. Justin Martyr and St. Hippolytus 225 AD. St. Justin Martyr wrote, “Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks… that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.”

As the practice developed over time the faithful or a representative would offer gifts such as honey, wool, oil, fruit, wax, and flowers in addition to the bread and wine that would be consecrated and changed into the body and blood of Jesus. These other gifts were given to support the priest or to serve the poor and were truly a sacrificial offering made from the labor of one’s hands. In this way the gifts became a symbol of an individual’s giving of himself to God. As the money came into everyday use the practice of offering money in the collection basket became a thing, but it too is a sacrifice of our selves to God. The hours of our hard work are turned into money, which we offer to God during the presentation of the gifts. Offerings of ourselves to God at Mass also can be expressed in many different ways like those who give their time to help serve at the Mass, host teams and altar ministers, or by being patient with a younger brother or sister who keeps hitting your chair during Mass. We can even offer all our burdens, all our fears and all our sins during the offertory, but to truly make an offering of them to God means to not pick them up again but to let them go. All of these things can be a symbol of ourselves and of our offerings.

With that said, one might question why God would want our meager gifts? Yes, God is not lacking anything and doesn’t need anything, but it is we who need to grow in self-giving love, and this is one reason why he invites us to unite our lives to him in this way. More importantly, though these gifts count for nothing by themselves but when they are united to Christ’s perfect sacrifice, they gain immeasurable value.

Next week’s bulletin will continue the discussion of the gifts of bread and wine that are then offered up on the altar to God by the priest so that we can be strengthened and purified through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

A Reminder

All Confirmation projects and paperwork are due or are past due and should be turned in as soon as possible to be considered for Confirmation for this year. Confirmation for Christ the Servant’s Confirmandi is scheduled for April 18th, 2020.

First Communion News

The First Communion class will be participating in a “1st Eucharist Child and Parent Workshop” scheduled for Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 am to prepare for the reception of this most beautiful of Sacraments. First Holy Communion is scheduled for April 25, at 11:00 am.

Knights of Columbus #5918

Pie Gift Card Sales

Feb 22/23 and Feb 29/Mar 1 after masses

Baker’s Square Pie Cards are being offered for $15 each and are good for any pie (NOT carrot cake or cheesecake.) You pay no sales tax. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.

Hotline Numbers for Help

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Ministers, see the link on our parish website to update your availability or ask for a sub or to volunteer for a need at any time!

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email chanson@rcdoj.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!

Next Weekend’s MINISTERS—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Liturgical color: green)

**Saturday**
- **February 22**
- **4:45 PM**
  - **ALTAR MIN:** Donna M, Pat S
  - **EXT. MINISTERS:** Sue H, Ken H, Karen J, Steve J, Ken S
  - **LECTORS:** Heather J, Debi S
  - **HOST TEAMS:** Terri M, Anastacio M

**Sunday**
- **February 23**
- **8:30 AM**
  - **Bill C**
  - **Angie M**
- **February 23**
- **10:00 AM**
  - **Barb G**
  - **Rod H**
  - **Judy E**
  - **Maria F**
  - **MINISTER NEEDED**
  - **MINISTER NEEDED**
  - **Antonio A**
  - **Milagros A**
  - **Barb K**
  - **Paula R**
  - **Maryrose G**
  - **Jim M**
  - **Gordon S**
  - **Katie S**

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 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 5, 7:00 PM**

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Respect for All Life

"Marriage Enrichment Opportunities"

World Marriage Encounter Weekend -- Feb. 22 - 23 in Crest Hill; for married couples who desire a fuller, richer life together; call 630-577-0778, or email applications-joliet@alifetimeoflove.org

IMET annual event: "A Love That Laughs", March 7, 9am to 1pm, at St Petronille Parish, Glen Ellyn; presenter Ted Cunningham; $40/couple, $20/individual; register at www.imetevents.org

Eastern DuPage Deanery Marriage Ministry -- March 14 at Christ the King Parish, Lombard; April 18 at St Pius in Lombard; NO COST; we invite married couples to small group discussions led by Dr. John Gottman: "7 Principles for Making Marriage Work"; pre-registration requested; contact Patty Jaloweic at 630-202-6063.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend -- March 7 - 8, at Frankfort Portiuncula Center; designed to help couples prepare for marriage; reservations at www.jolietee.org; questions? 815-277-1112.

Questions about these and other family life opportunities, call Peter Newburn at the diocese 815-838-5344.

Submitted by Dave A
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Marty O'Toole and Patricia Knotts

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 15
4:45 PM Tommy Dongarra, r. Ron & Carol Calabrese

Sunday, February 16
8:30 AM People of the Parish
Joseph DeFrancesco, r. family
10:00 AM Thomas Sullivan, r. Casey family

Monday, February 17
8:30 AM Sally Schlosser, Sp. Int, r. Bernie Kestler

Tuesday, February 18
8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, r. Bernie Kestler

Wednesday, February 19
8:30 AM Sophie Matuszak, r. Angie & Steve Mrozinski

Thursday, February 20
8:30 AM Tim Mrozinski, r. Steve & Angie Mrozinski

Friday, February 21—Communion Service
8:30 AM

Saturday, February 22
4:45 PM Ron Welton, r. Jerry & Patti Crimer
Joseph Riedl, Sr, r. Lorraine & family
Bernard Chudzik, r. Marcie Chudzik

Sunday, February 23
8:30 AM Rino LaPaglia, r. Mom & Dad & Sister
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.

Bible Readings—Feb. 16-Feb. 23

SUNDAY: Sir 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-34 or 5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37
M O N D A Y: Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13
T U E S D A Y: Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21
W E D N E S D A Y: Jas 1:19-27 / Mk 8:22-26
T H U R S D A Y: Jas 2:1-9 / Mk 8:27-33
F R I D A Y: Jas 2:14-24,26 / Mk 8:34-9:1
S U N D A Y: Lv 19:1-2,1718 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48

We pray for the Sick
Sharon Bhaskar
Helen Boyle
Bishop Conlon
Dan Crane & family
Don Fassero
Faith Ann Fialek
John M. Foresman
George Geinopolos
Isabelle Giurato
Guy Grimmelbein
Carol Hendrich
Jim Henry
Rayna Januska
Steve Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
LaVergne Kozerski
Barb Kosiek
Sally Krueger
John Kuehn
Lida Kuehn
Suzanne Lesniewski
Joyce Maples
Lucy Mathai
Mathew Mathai
Michael McCauley
Robert & Joanne McCauley
Colleen McCoy
Josefina Mendez
Lucille Miller
Chuck Neal
Erica Neidlinger
Anthony Nowak
Jim O’Brien
Toni Pendergast
Linda Pennock
Ali Phillips
Lolit Ranchero

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.

We pray for the Deceased
We pray for those who Serve

Pellegrino Perricone
(father of Onofria Perricone)

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
Brandon Januska, grandson of Darlene Januska
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
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.
A wise person is often thought of as someone having great knowledge. As Catholics, we are to see wisdom in a broader sense -- seeing wisdom as having its origin in God, and of being given to us as a gift by the Holy Spirit. Wisdom helps us grow in understanding of our faith, and helps us to choose what is right.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020**
Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment $ 2,900.00
Total Needed $ 10,600.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS Feb 4-Feb 11:**
Sunday 2/9 $ 6,239.50
Sunday other forms $ 2,702.00
Debt Reduction $ 5,168.00
Total Contributed $ 14,109.50

Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,600.00
Reported 14,109.50
Catch up this period: $ 3,509.50

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**
Diocesan cemeteries $ 30.00

Thanks to the following people for their contributions to the parish:

- *CMAA Announcement Weekend Girl Scout Cookie Sales*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Knights of Columbus gift cards*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend First Eucharist Workshop*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Confirmation Class*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Rosary Workshop*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Peace & Social Justice Workshop*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Sunday School*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Parish Life Chair*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Religious Formation*
- *CMAA Commitment Weekend Worship*