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.

Christ the Servant Catholic Church
Serving God from your Heart

A Mission led by Deacon Rod Accardi
See With New Eyes

Sunday and Monday
March 8 & 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm
(March 8 @ 5:00 pm for youth)

Experience Christ’s amazing love for us.

How do we see Christ the Light of the World all around us?

How do we find those shards of light in everyone and everything, and bring them together to repair our shattered world?

How do we tap into resources deep within and far beyond us to rise up and stand tall on our life journey?

We do this as a community of Christ the Servant seeking to see with new eyes.

Join the journey through Lent with Deacon Rod during our parish mission, March 8/9.
Living God’s Word

God has called us to a holy life (1 Timothy 1:9). This week, as we journey with Jesus into the presence of the Father, listen for how the Father may be speaking to you now. Ask God to open your ears and eyes to recognize the beloved Son’s presence.

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Electronic Recycling Event
Mark your calendar for April 18, from 8:30-11:30 am, for our next Electronics Recycling Event, here in the CTS Parking Lot!

Items accepted include computers and peripherals, office equipment & products, small home appliances, home improvement products, and home entertainment items. CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs and Monitors require a fee by cash or credit card (no checks). Screens under 21 inches are $25 each, 21 and over are $35 each.

This event is sponsored by the Green Team for our entire community.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications due April 15
STUDENTS PLANNING TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Accredited University, College or Trade School may apply for the LEONARD M. JARKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. The Scholarship application and eligibility requirements may be downloaded from the www.kofc5918.org or by contacting Scholarship Chairman Jim Schmidt at 630-728-4784. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2020. Applications may be submitted via email, US Mail or delivered in person to a Knights of Columbus Council Officer or the Scholarship Chairman. Scholarships will be awarded at the end of May 2020.

St Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive Volunteers & Donations needed
Mark your calendars for the weekend of March 28th and 29th
It’s a little early this year.
Get your clothes and household items ready.
Want to help with collections?
Contact Ted B
Basta_ops@ameritech.net

2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will allow us to Be Kind and Merciful as, together, we do God’s work here on earth.

Every gift brings us closer to our parish’s 2020 CMAA goal of $40,300. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year’s CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the narthex. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
The Respect for All Life Committee will meet the second Tuesday of each month throughout 2020. At the monthly meeting, we will discuss the Dignity of All Human Life. As members/supporters of 16 organizations (example: Companions Journeying Together and CTA’ Ministry of Care), we work for causes for the homebound, elderly, homeless, incarcerated, marginalized, pregnant, new mothers, all age groups in need. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, in CTS’ kitchen after the 8:30 Mass. Questions: call David A Rita S or Andie W

40 Days for Life is a beautiful opportunity to join others in prayer, fasting, keeping vigil, and reaching out to the community. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life; people at various peaceful prayer locations have helped women embrace life for their children, watched as abortion clinic workers have quit their jobs, and seen some clinics close completely. We often forget the incredible power of prayer and loving witness, but 40 Days for Life reminds us of the fruits of dialogue with the Lord and others.

Register online (or at the table in the Narthex) at https://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove and reserve hours to pray at the vigil site on the calendar at https://www.40daysforlife.com/vigil-hours-signup.aspx?id=3276.

Questions? Call 630-464-5344 or email 40DaysDG@gmail.com

Lenten Fast for Creation Care

Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Plastic waste is clogging landfills, waterways, disrupting ecosystems & poisoning food chains. WEEK THREE: The average American uses 156 water bottles/year. Limited demand means only a small portion of the plastic in your recycling bin gets recycled. Plastic takes centuries to degrade, breaks down into ever smaller pieces that harms wildlife when animals mistake for food. During Lent, let’s sacrifice convenience in favor of protecting God’s wonderful gift to us of Creation.

Plastic Fast - Use Less Disposables! Pick recyclable alternatives to plastic (i.e., — metal pop cans); Avoid fast food plastic containers and straws. Carry re-usable bottles, cups, utensils, and “to-go” containers. Use re-usable canvas shopping bags instead of plastic bags.
Religious Formation

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.

Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You In “No Greater Love”
Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Bestselling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ’s life in this biblical pilgrimage. While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love—drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.

No Greater Love Bible study program begins at Christ the Servant on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 PM and will continue on Thursday nights throughout Lent. No Greater Love Bible study can also be done individually or as a family by simply purchasing the Online Video Access for $9.95 from ascensionpress.com. A study pack designed to be used with the videos can also be purchased separately for $25 or just the Book No Greater Love can be purchased for $15.

For more information: Contact Christine Goba, 630-910-0770 ext 103, Christine@ctswoodridge.org or cgoba@rcdoj.org

Letters from Heaven
Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

At the transfiguration, Jesus’ face ...

Answer: 
S   O   C   E
E   L   U   N

Thank you
Cash 4 Food Donors

Our latest “Cash For Food” Drive provided
West Suburban Food Pantry
with the following donations -

- 354 pounds
of Dry Food Products & Paper Goods
PLUS

Cash/Check Donations of $877.00
Christ The Servant helped provide
More Than TWO and a HALF TONS
of food & paper items for those in need.

PLUS additional items were provided to
the POP Micro Pantry

THANK YOU! The needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our needs.

WATCH for NEWS about “CASH FOR FOOD - and MORE!”

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Respect for All Life

Overcoming Vice

What vice do you struggle with the most? Greed? Anger? Pride? What if you could overcome that vice and put the battle behind you?

According to Relevant Radio's Patrick Madrid, the key is to grow in virtue by cultivating the opposing virtue. If somebody insults you, don’t insult them back. If somebody interrupts you, don’t get steamed. You might feel steamed -- because at first it’s not going to be comfortable -- it won't be easy. Over time, you'll find yourself being more patient. So are you prideful? Cultivate humility. Lustful? Practice chastity. Gluttony? Grow in self-restraint. This will take time, effort, and perseverance. When you take the time to cultivate virtue, imagine how much closer you could come to who you are called to be.

By Patrick Madrid, “the Patrick Madrid Show” weekdays 8am to 11am on Relevant Radio, AM 930/950

submitted by Dave A

It’s not too late to sign up for Fr. Rocky’s “40 Days of Lessons on the Mass”

To sign up to receive daily emails from Relevant Radio’s Fr. Rocky, visit the following web address: https://relevantradio.com/father-rockys-40-lenten-lessons-mass/#form

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, April 2, 7:00 PM

The schedule was made out before Bishop Pates suspended communion from the chalice and shaking hands at the sign of peace, as a precautionary measure until the coronavirus crisis has passed.

Thank you for your understanding at this change. The schedule will not be changed, but the first three Eucharistic Ministers to sign in will serve at a particular mass. So come prepared to serve, as you always do, and know you are appreciated.

Next Weekend’s MINISTERS—3rd Sunday of Lent

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ALTAR MIN:
Robert T
Rosemary T
Denise K
Angie M
Joe C
Gayle H

EXT. MINISTERS:
Marlene B
Ken H
Mary K
Linda O
Ken S
John C
Rose G
Paula R
Heather S
Dan S
Antonio A
Milagros A
Tim G
Ed J
Madeline J

LECTORS:
Sue H
Michael M
Greg P
Therese K
Judy E
Joe T

HOST TEAMS:
Donna M
Shirley W
Jeanine A
Tony A
Gordon S
Katie S
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
John Anderson & Tom Vacek

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, March 7
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family
Gerald Johnson, r. family
Shirley & Paul Stiglic, r. family
Sheila Guenzer & Guenzer family,
  r. Kathleen, Brian & Maddie Krieger

Sunday, March 8
8:30 AM Rick Kopp, r. Marge Buch
Stanislaw Wielgus, r. Barry Deron
Edna & Maribeth Wall, r. Gary Wall
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Pellegrino Perricone, r. family friend

Monday, March 9
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 10
8:30 AM Al Januska, r. Darlene Januska

Wednesday, March 11
8:30 AM Al Januska, r. Darlene Januska

Thursday, March 12
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, March 13—Communion Service
8:30 AM

Saturday, March 14
4:45 PM Ron Welton, r. Jim & Alie Phillips
Joseph Riedl, Sr, r. Lorraine & family
People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15
8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, r. Ciolek family
10:00 AM Sylvia Cordes, r. Vic Cordes

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

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar
Helen Boyle
Bishop Conlon
Dan Crane & family
Dick DuSatko
Don Fassero
Faith Ann Fialek
John M. Foresman
George Geinopoulos
Isabelle Giurato
Guy Grimmelbein
Carol Hendrich
Jim Henry
Rayna Januska
Steve Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
LaVerne Kozerski
Ted Kozerski
Barb Kosiek
Sally Krueger
Julie Lape
Suzanne Lesniewski
Joyce Maples
Lucy Mathai
Mathew Mathai
Colleen McCoy
Josefina Mendez
Lucille Miller
Chuck Neal
Erica Neidlinger
Anthony Nowak
Jim O’Brien
Tony Pendergast
Linda Pennock
Betty Peterk
Alie Phillips

Lolit Ranchero
Robert Roche
Dick Rosenbeck
John Roos
Jim Sanders
Jerry Schultz
Paula Sedlacek
Justin Simpson
Marjorie Stuedemann
Dan Szymbanski
Frank Tiesenga
Judy Wethington
Svieni Wildoer
Rita Wyman
Ron Wyman
Ray Young
Joe Zapalac

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

Dottie Mariano
George Sentementes
(father-in-law of Lainie Sentementes)

Gino Testolin
(father of Joe Testolin)

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
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.
"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

See 2 Timothy 1:8b

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Feb 26-Mar 3:
Sunday 3/1  $      7,755.28
Sunday other forms         1,680.00
General Funds             280.00
Ash Wednesday          2,001.76
Easter Décor             230.00
Debt Reduction             373.00
Total Contributed   $    12,320.04

Differential this period:
Needed    $    10,600.00
Reported 12,320.04
Catch up this period: $      1,720.04

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Diocesan cemeteries $          10.00
Restricted 170.00

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

Debt to Diocese 1/31/2020 $644,123
Registered Households—769

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...options for book studies this Lent are meeting!
Witnesses to Racism meets on Sundays at 11 am, and No Greater Love meets Thursday at 7 pm.