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

If you find it hard to pray, don’t give up. Be still, make space for God to come in; let Him look at you, and He will fill you with His peace.

Living God’s Word

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASchal TRIDUUM

Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, Sacramentary). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too!

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

1. Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.
2. Palm Sunday: At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1–11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.
3. Holy Thursday: Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.
4. Good Friday: Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. (See next page for an abbreviated Stations of the Cross, excerpted and published by Barton-Coton.)
5. Holy Saturday: In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.
6. Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren’t the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation.

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OPENING PRAYER
Pr.: Jesus came with his disciples to a country place called Gethsemani, and he said to them, “Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray.” Then he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be saddened and exceedingly troubled. He said to them, “My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch with me.” He went forward a little, and falling prostrate he prayed, saying, “Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will but as you will.” (Mt. 26, 36 to 39)
All: Almighty and eternal Father, / accept our prayer of thanksgiving for your Beloved Son, our Savior and Lord. / As we recall his Sacred Passion / send the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, / we beg You, / so that whether we pray or work we might do all in union with Christ our Redeemer. / Amen.

FIRST STATION
Jesus is condemned to death
All-powerful and eternal God, for proclaiming the truth your Son, Jesus Christ, is condemned to death by crucifixion. Stir up your love in our hearts so that we might be ever faithful to all that You have told us and fear nothing more than the loss of your friendship through sin.
Amen.

SECOND STATION
Jesus carries his Cross
Father in heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ, still carries his Cross in his persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. Make us feel the needs of all persons so that we might as readily help them as we would help Jesus himself.
Amen.

THIRD STATION
Jesus falls the first time
O God, to free us from sin and weakness your Son, Jesus Christ, embraced his fearful passion and crucifixion. Strengthen us in our baptismal resolutions by which we renounced sin and Satan, so that through the passion of this life’s sufferings we might rise to a new life of joyful service free of all selfishness.
Amen.

FOURTH STATION
Jesus meets his afflicted mother
O blessed Lord, at your passion a sword of sorrow pierced the loving heart of your mother as Simeon had foretold. Grant that we who look back on her sorrows with compassion might receive the healing fruits of your sufferings.
Amen.

FIFTH STATION
Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross
Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see in the sufferings and shortcomings of our lives a share in Your Cross; strengthen and console us in the belief that we bear all things in union with You, who have taken upon Yourself even our guilt.
Amen.

SIXTH STATION
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
Almighty and ever-loving God, we feel your love and understanding in the consolation and support we received from one another. Give us, we beg You, the courage and dedication to sacrifice and suffer with those who are in need, the least of your people.
Amen.

SEVENTH STATION
Jesus falls the second time
Lord Jesus Christ, You shared in our weaknesses and accepted our guilt. Grant us the favor of rejoicing over our human weaknesses, so that in all we do, Your strength, dwelling in us, may be shown to all others.
Amen.

EIGHTH STATION
Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
Beloved Jesus, with tears of pity these women of Jerusalem responded to You, broken, bruised, and beaten, on the road to Calvary. Deepen our faith, we beg You, so that we may
see You in our brothers and sisters, bruised by our envy, beaten down by injustice, and broken by our green and our indifference.

Amen.

...be shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses. (Is. 53, 12B)

NINTH STATION
Jesus falls a third time
Almighty and eternal God, You permitted your Son to be weakened, crushed, and profaned so that He might rise from the dead freed from the ravages of sin. Help us to accept our weaknesses and failings as forerunners of our glorious resurrection in union with your Son.

Amen.

All who see me scoff at me... (Ps. 21, 8)

TENTH STATION
Jesus is stripped of his clothes
Lord Jesus Christ, stripped of everything, You stood exposed to the jeers and contempt of the people whom You loved. Clothe us with genuine love of others, so that nothing we suffer may ever fill our hearts with hatred or bitterness.

Amen.

...they have pierced my hands and my feet: I can count all my bones.
They look on and gloat over me;... (Ps. 21, 17B-18A)

ELEVENTH STATION
Jesus is nailed to the Cross
Lord and Savior, You have told us that we too must accept crucifixion if we are to accept resurrection with You. Help us to rejoice in the sufferings that come with the fulfillment of our daily duties, seeing in them the royal road of the cross to the resurrection.

Amen.

Just as by the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, so also by the obedience of the one the many will be constituted just. (Rom. 5, 19)

TWELFTH STATION
Jesus dies on the Cross
Pr.: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle. Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, “It is finished. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Then, bowing his head, he died. (Lk. 23, 44 to 46; Jn. 19, 30b)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. / Thy kingdom come, / Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. / And lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Jesus, when delivered up by the settled purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have crucified and slain by the hands of wicked men. (Acts 2, 23)

THIRTEENTH STATION
The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross
Beloved Savior, You returned to the Father all that He had given You, so that He might restore all to You a hundred-fold in the glorious resurrection. Help us, we beg You, to give generously of ourselves in all that we do for You, so that like You we might be made perfect In a new resurrection.

Amen.

My heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you allow your faithful one to undergo corruption. (Ps. 15, 9-10)

FOURTEENTH STATION
Jesus is laid in the tomb
Almighty and eternal God, on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost, You restored to us the Savior we thought defeated and conquered. Help us, we beg You, so to empty ourselves of self concern that we might see your hand in every failure and your victory in every defeat. These things we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him... “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, ... who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty. (Apoc. 1, 5A-6)

CLOSING*
The Resurrection of Jesus
Father in heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ, still carries his Cross in his persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. Make us feel the needs of all persons so that we might as readily help them as we would help Jesus himself.

* This closing may be omitted on Good Friday

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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.

Respect for All Life

"Discovering God's Will for You"

"This is the Will of God: that you be saints";

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God wants you to be a saint, and it is critical for modern Catholics to hear this call to sanctity. We all need to be reminded that holiness is possible. We need to set aside our prejudices against the idea of holiness, and embrace a new vision of what it truly means. Sanctity means sainthood -- loving God by seeking His will and becoming all that God created you to be. There are 2 main differences between leaders, champions, saints...and us: a singleness of purpose that penetrates every activity of their lives, and the formation of habits that helps them achieve their goal. Life-giving habits lead to excellence and holiness. Also, the saints concluded to embrace whatever would help them draw nearer to God. In this modern era, people have been lured by the lie that it's impossible to know the will of God. The truth is that God sends the Holy Spirit to guide us toward His will every moment of every day.

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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.

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2. If you prefer the paper availability route, you may still email or mail it to the parish. Even with offices closed most of the time, we will still pick up the mail.

3. Or you can leave a message on my voice mail at church, and I will make note of your availability. 630-910-0770.

Thanks so much for your support and prayers! It really helps. Corinne

News

Next Weekend is Easter Sunday (Liturgical color: white)

When we do get to come back to mass, we want to be ready, so please let me know your availability if you have not already done so. Remember, unless I hear from you, the program will think you are available for each weekend from Apr 25/26 through May 30/31.

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**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Intentions of Pat Savage

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

For masses that are cancelled, the intentions will be added to future masses. Watch the bulletin for information.

**Saturday, April 4 (pray for; will be rescheduled)**
- John & Esther Michalek, r. family
- Ron Welton, r. Greg & Bev Peck

**Sunday, April 5 (pray for; will be rescheduled)**
- Don Fassero, r. Donna Mays
- Bob Jahn & deceased members of Derlitz & Jascewsky families.
- George Sentementes, r. Lainie & Steve Sentementes
- People of the Parish

**Monday, April 6 (pray for)**
- People of the Parish

**Tuesday, April 7 (pray for)**
- People of the Parish

**Wednesday, April 5 (pray for)**
- People of the Parish

**Thursday, April 9 (pray for; will be rescheduled)**
- Ron Welton, r. Corinne Hanson

**Friday, April 10**

**Saturday, April 11 (pray for; will be rescheduled)**
- Special Intention, r. Pat Savage
- People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 12 (pray for; will be rescheduled)**
- Betty Peterek, Sp. Int., r. Sharon Bhaskar
- Don Fassero, r. Bill & Donna Ciolek

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

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**Bible Readings—Apr. 5-Apr. 12**

**SUNDAY:** Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**MONDAY:** Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

**TUESDAY:** Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

**THURSDAY:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15


**SATURDAY:** Gn 1:1-2:2 / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Ez 36:16-17,a,18-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mat 28:1-10 (as we would have been doing at the Easter Vigil)

**SUNDAY:** Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Mt 28:1-10

For full readings, and the text, please visit www.usccb.org and click on the date on the calendar on the right hand side.

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**We pray for the Sick**

Sharon Bhaskar
- Fred Cimaglio
- Bishop Conlon
- Dan Crane & family
- Dick DuSatko
- John M. Foresman
- George Geinopolos
- Guy Grimmelbein
- Barry Hanen
- Carol Harris
- Carol Hendrich
- Ken Horvath
- Rayna Januska
- Steve Jascewsky
- Jeanne Jordan
- Richard Kellner
- LaVerne Kozerski
- Ted Kozerski
- Barb Kosiek
- Sally Krueger
- Julie Lape
- S.Suzanne Lesniewski
- Marjorie Stuedemann
- Dan Szymanski
- Frank Tiesenga
- Judy Wethington
- Svienna Wildoer

Betty Peterek
- Alie Phillips
- Lolit Ranchero
- Robert Roche
- Dick Rosenberg
- John Rossi
- Jim Sanders

Richard Kellner
- LaVergne Kozerski
- Tony Pendergast
- Linda Pennock

LaVergne Kozerski
- Ted Kozerski
- Jim O’Brien

Suzanne Lesniewski
- Sain Perez
- Tony Pendergast

Marjorie Stuedemann
- Dan Szymanski
- Toni Pendergast
- Linda Pennock

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**

**We pray for those who Serve**

Paula Sedlacek
- (mother of Kelsey)

Emily Dome,
- granddaughter of Paul & Brenda Czarapata
- Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
- Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
- Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
- Brandon Januska, grandson of Darlene Januska
- Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durrnan
- 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.
The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

See Isaiah 50:4

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to an early publication deadline, contributions for March 25-31 will be reported next week.

Many, many thanks to all who are continuing your financial support of the parish during this time of not being able to gather as a community. Your generosity is truly a blessing from God.

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

Debt to Diocese 2/29/2020    $628,623
Registered Households—769

God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

Did you know…several parishioners have volunteered to run errands, pick up food, or a meal, etc. If you are in need of help, please call the parish office, 630-910-0770 (ext 102) and leave a message. Messages will be checked, and we can connect you with a volunteer.