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.
Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Alleluia! is back. We can sing it every Sunday until the earth journeys around the sun again. We are focused today on a new kind of light, the light of Christ, the Morning Star that will not ever set. Though our earth spins like a top through twenty-four-hour cycles of day and night, the Church insists that this day that the Lord has made will not end.

And while we can’t gather as a community of faith on this Easter Sunday, we can join together with the rest of the world and sing Alleluia! once again. Though we may feel like our lives are spinning out of control right now, we will get through this—together—and through the support of the light of Christ shining through each and every one of us.

Helping hands—smiles for our neighbor, picking up groceries for someone who is not able to get out, or, if able, donating to a charitable organization which will help provide food and financial assistance to people who are out of work right now—we are the hands of Christ has right now. Let’s use them to the best of our ability.

2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal continues. The needs of the ministries your pledge supports are even more critical with the Covid-19 crisis we are experiencing. If you pledged and have already fulfilled your pledge, please accept the grateful thanks of the Be Kind and Merciful Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

If this crisis has caused you to lose your income, we understand that you may not be able to pledge or to complete paying your pledge at this time. On the other hand, if you are still gainfully employed, please do either pledge or complete your pledge. Your support is needed more than ever.

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.

The easiest way to make a gift is online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone.
Reflecting on God’s Word

Sports reporters love to describe games in the present tense. A television announcer will say of the play that won the game, “If she doesn’t get that rebound her team walks away without the win.” A journalist writing for the next day’s paper will write, “She sees the block coming and gets the shot off just in time.” The purpose of this technique is to make us feel as though we are witnessing the event here and now.

In the scriptures that describe the events of Easter the present tense is no reporter’s technique. It is the core of our belief in the Resurrection. Yes, Christ was raised from the dead two thousand years ago, but that’s only the beginning of the story. Christ is risen and we are witnessing that event here and now. Those who were reborn in baptism, anointed in confirmation, and ate and drank with the Lord in the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil can attest to that truth. Christ is risen, and is filling those who believe with his life-giving Spirit today. As we give witness to our faith we would do well to follow the lead of the sports reporters and the psalmist, who sings, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Alleluia!

—Virginia Stillwell

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Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,

or watch, or weep tonight,

and give your angels and saints

charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones,

and all for your love’s sake. Amen.

St. Augustine
Religious Formation

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope. (NIV)

Christ the Servant’s and Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s April 18th Confirmation has been cancelled. But with faith in God’s plan for the lives of our Confirmandi we look forward to its rescheduling. We continue to pray that God bless them on their journey toward the sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

When the women came to the tomb of Jesus, two men said to them, “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but...

ENB
REET
ADH
ISE

Answer: Lord is not here.

Easter Offering

Your financial support is still needed for us to be able to meet the financial commitments of the parish. We still need to pay the mortgage, utilities, and payroll. We’ve adjusted the thermostat to use less electricity and gas, and salaried employees (diocese-wide) have taken a 1/3 reduction in salary for at least the month of April. Thank you to the many people who are continuing making contributions to the parish, either by mailing in your gifts or contributing online. To contribute online, visit www.ctswoodridge.org, and click on the black and yellow “Donation” button near the upper right of the home page. God will see us through this time, together.

Cash For Food NEWS

The generosity of Christ The Servant Catholic Church has enabled us to maintain a long, continuing relationship with West Suburban Community Pantry. WSCP is a food provider for people in need in Dupage and Will counties.

As our Cash For Food Ministry moves forward, it becomes clear that other, more local and 'closer to home' food distribution opportunities to our neighbors in need might also be included in this Ministry that our parishioners have so strongly supported. Be assured that the West Suburban Community Pantry will continue to be the primary focus in helping those who need help.

Cash For Food volunteers have identified TWO Woodridge-based groups serving Woodridge to which CTS donations and cash may be directed.

* JANO - Janes Avenue Neighborhood Organization
* POP Micro Pantry - at Prince of Peace L.C., 75th St.

More details about these groups and how Christ The Servant’s Cash For Food Ministry will help them will be forthcoming. Our next food drive is May 16-17.

Thank You for Remembering that the Needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our Needs.

As mentioned above, the next Food Drive is scheduled for May 16/17, and we hope that we are able to gather as a community and have they Food Drive as scheduled.

In the meantime, there are many people who have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus, and are in need of help from the West Suburban Community Food Pantry. The phone number for the Food Pantry is 630-512-9921 if you find yourself in need.

The Micro-Pantry at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is at 2600 W 75th Street, Woodridge. A Micro-Pantry is a repository for non-perishable foods, available for any person in need (also, available for drop off by anyone able to do so.)

Hotline Numbers for Help

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<td>Diocese of Joliet Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator</td>
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<td>Waterleaf Women’s Center</td>
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Easter Sunday

Respect for All Life

Daytime Catholic Broadcast Leaders (AM 930/950)

- **Mid-mornings:** The Patrick Madrid Show is your premier source for the latest in current events and contemporary issues from a Catholic viewpoint. Patrick is an acclaimed public speaker, and has authored or edited 27 books. Patrick and his wife Nancy have been married 37 years, and have 11 children and 23 grandchildren. Prior to joining Relevant Radio, he was the director of the nationwide Catholic Answers program. Now, from 8 to 11 am daily, Patrick answers calls about the Trinity, the Church, and our Catholic faith principles. Have a question or concern for Patrick? Call him ON-AIR (888-914-9149) or email him: info@patrickmadrid.com

- **Mid-afternoons:** Drew Mariani is an award-winning journalist, writer, and broadcaster, whose show 2 to 5 pm daily offers a unique insight on the most important issues of the day, and a platform for dialogue with listeners and newsmakers. Drew is frequently sought after as a national and international speaker. Pray with Drew the Chaplet of Divine Mercy LIVE daily at 3 PM. He is a Knight of Columbus, and is married with 5 children.

submitted by Dave A

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, May 7, 7:00 PM (pending the coronavirus situation)
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Antonio Pe and Wesley Gormley

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

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

Monday, April 13 (pray for)
People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 14 (pray for)
People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 15 (pray for)
People of the Parish

Thursday, April 16 (pray for)
People of the Parish

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Ron Welton, r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski
Joseph Riedl, Sr, r. Lorraine & family
James Moran, r. Darlene Januska

Sunday, April 12 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Special Intention, r. Pat Savage
Darlene Markley, r. CTS Adult Choir
People of the Parish

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

Bible Readings—Apr. 12-Apr. 19

MONDAY: Acts 2:14,22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
TUESDAY: Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
THURSDAY: Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
SATURDAY: Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
SUNDAY: Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

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
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.

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
Betty Peterek
Alie Phillips
Lolli Ranchero
Robert Roche
Dick Rosenbeck
John Rossi
Jim Sanders
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
Judy Wethington
Svienna Wildoer

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.
Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Mar. 24-Apr 3:
Sunday 3/29  $             0.00
Sunday other forms         8,818.00
General Funds             420.00
Restricted               40.00
Debt Reduction          1,063.00
Total Contributed   $    10,341.00

Differential this period:
Needed    $    10,600.00
Reported        10,341.00
Deficit this period: $       (259.00)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Holy Thursday (PADS) $           10.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)              20.00
CMAA              100.00

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!