The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them.

John 10:3

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 brings us this message: the message of rebirth. We can be reborn with the same strength that raised up the Lord: with the strength of God.

The need for blue jeans for the homeless never stops. We do still accept donations of clean jeans for the homeless; you may drop them off at church (weekdays between 9 & 3), and ring the doorbell for contactless delivery.

Homeless persons also are in need of face masks to help slow the spread of Covid-19. These may be donated the same way as blue jeans. It is helpful if they are freshly laundered and in an individual plastic bag.

While the City of Chicago has helped by providing portable sinks and toilets, a need exists for toiletries, combs, soaps, wipes, toilet paper and other hygiene items. Cash donations for food are also helpful.

Please hold onto cold weather items until September; they will be needed then.

Questions? Contact ramonjoson@gmail.com

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Creation Care Corner

Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis’ transformational encyclical, Laudato Si’.

“Care for Creation” and Laudato Si’ (Part I)

- The Pope’s encyclical, Laudato Si’, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching.
- Francis, like his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our “common home”, which is like our sister.
- But we are damaging this familial relationship as we seriously degrade the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to adjust to the changing environment: the poor and future generations.
- The Pope encourages people to examine and change their lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.
- Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home ... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”
- By taking personal action and reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can meet our obligation to reduce our impact on the environment while creating a sustainable future for generations to follow.

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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. Our pledges have already exceeded the goal for 2020 of $40,300! Every payment now brings us closer to our parish receiving a refund of 70% of the amount over goal to be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Pledges still need to be fulfilled before the goal refund starts to kick in.

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

2020 GOAL: $40,300
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $44,734

AMOUNT PAID: $31,483
REMAINING BALANCE: $13,251

DONORS THIS YEAR: 214
REBATE AMOUNT: none yet.

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!

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Please continue to check our parish website www.ctswoodridge.org, and facebook, for up to date information about what we are able to offer to help keep our community connected.

As long as we are not able to gather for mass, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted at 9 am Sunday on the YouTube channel christtheservant.
Living God’s Word

Jesus not only searches us out, but he “bore our sins in his body upon the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24). We praise the Father for giving us Jesus as “the shepherd and guardian of our souls” and we pray for all who minister to God’s people (2:25).

CHOCOLATE FOR HEALTHCARE HEROES

World’s Finest Chocolate hopes to donate 10 million chocolate bars to frontline responders during this difficult time.

Kristie S, daughter of parishioners Gil & Alice S, is offering free shipping on each box sold, and donate an additional box for each box sold. To get the free shipping, follow Kristie’s personal link: https://gift.worldfinestchocolat.com/shop/?COUPONCODE=KRISTIESARMIENTO.

Not everyone will be able to participate, but perhaps you will share this information with someone who is able to do so.

Thanks for your support and generosity!

PROJECT LOVE MOTHER’S DAY AND FATHER’S DAY CARDS ORDER FORM

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I would like to make an additional donation to Project Love: $ __________

GRAND TOTAL $ __________

Please make checks payable to “Illinois Right to Life” and put “Project Love” on the memo line.
Mail checks and order form to: Mrs. Eileen McGleam, 7180 Springside Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60516

Address to which we send your cards: (Please print clearly): Phone: ______________________
Name: ______________________, Address: ______________________, ______________________, IL ________:
Religious Formation

With the continuation of Shelter in Place until May 30 and the likelihood of slowly easing restrictions thereafter, there are some changes for our Religious Formation programs as well.

**First Communion & Confirmation masses**: These will be postponed for the time being. As directed by Bishop Pates, once the Governor provides a date for larger gatherings to resume, first Communion and Confirmation will be rescheduled.

**RF registration**: Registration has not yet begun. We will give you more information about registering for the 2020-2021 RF year after May 31st.

**VBS**: Plans to provide a VBS program for the summer of 2020 have been cancelled.

It is with much sadness that we have postpone our sacramental masses and cancel so many of our programs, but it is with great hope that we will keep each other healthy, praying for one another and lifting each other up during this difficult time.

RF classes have continued throughout the Governor’s “shelter in place” order, with the amazing efforts of parents, catechist and CTS staff. The Religious Formation Director would like to thank and honor everyone’s efforts in continuing religious instruction at home. New technologies, learning sites and books had to be used to continue the catechesis of CTS’s children. All of this took great effort by everyone to be set up and used by our students. Thank you everyone for your help and thank you to our kids for caring enough about Jesus and their Faith to do the work from home.

As part of the home instruction of our Confirmandi, they had the opportunity to join a weekly webinar with Credible Catholic. For last week’s class they learned that there was evidence for the existence of God and the nature of God in science and in Philosophy. One of the things that was covered in the lesson was that in the Catholic tradition, faith is not opposed to reason; on the contrary, faith builds on reason and is based on reason. They learned that there are several areas of study that converge to present a rational case for believing in the existence of God. They focused on three of these: scientific evidence, philosophical evidence, and what we call the “transcendental attributes” of God.

The Confirmandi learned from the Credible Catholic modules that, “God is not simply a “What” – the unique uncaused unrestricted intelligence which is the creator of everything else. He is also a “Who” calling us to a life with Him, and gives us freedom so we have the power to choose whether or not to answer that call. The evidence of reason allows us to build a bridge of understanding to God, but we must take a leap of faith in believing in him. We see a similar dynamic in human relationships—choosing to trust someone, to believe in them, to love them, always requires a free choice and a certain leap of faith. But that doesn’t mean the choice is irrational or unreasonable.” The students asked great questions and learned to look at God in new ways through these at home lessons.
Support Life by participating in the Christ the Servant Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign Mother’s Day through Father’s Day.

Respect for All Life

"Seminarians Need Our Prayers"

"These last 4 years have been incredible, but they haven't been easy". That’s how one seminarian from the Midwest, now preparing for ordination, described his time in seminary. "The academics are tough, sure. But for me, the hardest part is abandoning yourself to formation, to admit there's stuff you need to work on personally, and put a 100% into growing in virtue. Thankfully, seminary formation works! When I visit home, my brothers say I’ve lost my edge on XBox, but I can tell I’ve become a stronger Catholic man. Honestly, my classmates and I are just eager to be ordained, get into the parish, and start bringing Jesus to people".

Because we Catholics care so deeply about the quality of our priests, we need to redouble our prayers for seminarians. They are striving to be faithful to daily prayer, discern the gift of celibacy, serve part-time in hospitals and schools — all while doing masters' level coursework. Today, on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, will you adopt a seminarian to pray for daily?


...and a good source for praying for vocations? "The Harvest Is Abundant"—40 prayers to help you to intercede for priests, sisters, and seminarians --- from Serra International, serrastore.org.

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, June 4, 7:00 PM (pending the coronavirus situation)

Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign

Your giving supports the life-affirming work of meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and men who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.

www.onechoiceonenlife.org

Visit the event page to give the gift of life today!
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
John & Esther Michalek

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

Saturday, May 2 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
John & Esther Michalek, r. family
Gerald Johnson, r. family
Don Fassero, r. Pat Savage

Sunday, May 3 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
People of the Parish
Gino Testolin, r. Knights of Columbus #5918
Don Fassero, r. Donna Mays

Monday, May 4 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Patricia Knotts, r. Bernie Kestler

Tuesday, May 5 (pray for)
People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 6 (pray for)
People of the Parish

Thursday, May 7 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Betty Kozlowski, r. family & friends

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Suzanne Miller, r. Pat Savage
Lilly Mary

Sunday, May 10 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Josephine Borkowski, r. Ciolek family
Helen Ciolek, r. Ciolek family
Freda Kaczka, r. Ciolek family
Patricia Knotts, r. Fran & Ed Fleming
People of the Parish

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar
Fred Cimaglio
Bishop Conlon
Dan Crane & family
Ivona Dix
Dick DuSatko
John Fedor
John M. Foresman
George Geinopolos
David Giese
Debbie Giese
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
Joyce Maples
Pat Moran
Chuck Neal
Anthony Nowak
Jim O’Brien
Richard Panek

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

Betty Peterek
(wife of Ernie)

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.

Bible Readings—May 3-May 10

SATURDAY: Acts 14:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
Jesus says, “I came that they may have life and have it to the full.” Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others. See John 10:10

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Apr 20-Apr 27:
Sunday 4/26  $             0.00
Sunday other forms         4,757.00
General Funds             610.00
Restricted use             120.00
Debt Reduction               85.00
Total Contributed   $      5,572.00

Differential this period:
Needed    $    10,600.00
Reported          5,572.00
Deficit this period: $    (5,028.00)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Catholic Relief Services $             5.00
Home Missions               42.00

We thank God for your continued generosity during this time of separation. May you be blessed with good health and perseverance.

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

Debt to Diocese 3/31/2020 $618,062
Registered Households—764

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

Did you know… If you are in need of help, please call the parish office, 630-910-0770 (ext 102).