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.

Jesus said, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15
Pope Francis’ Tweet for the Week

In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: Christ is risen and living by our side.

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.

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.

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: $45,059
AMOUNT PAID: $33,385 REMAINING BALANCE: $11,674
DONORS THIS YEAR: 217 REBATE AMOUNT: none yet.

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

CHOCOLATE FOR HEALTHCARE HEROES
BUY CHOCOLATE + GIVE CHOCOLATE

World’s Finest® Chocolate hopes to donate 10 million chocolate bars to healthcare heroes during this difficult time.

Kristie S, daughter of parishioners Gil & Alice S, is offering a code for free shipping on each box sold. In addition, the company will donate a box for each box sold. Use promo code KRISTIESARMIENTO at www.WFCHealthcareHeroes.com for free shipping.

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!

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
This year more than ever, we realize that the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is more than just a single day. The joy of the saving sacrifice of our Lord can rest in our hearts each and every day, even amid worries about health and financial security.

The memorials reflected in the donations for Easter Décor show that the memories of our deceased loved ones, and gratitude for new life don't depend on lilies in a building on a single day.

The funds donated WILL be used for décor for the church as described in the flyer you received as Lent began, before we knew just how much we were giving up for Lent this year. We thank those who contributed, as we remember family and friends with love: (sorted by last name of those being remembered/recognized)

Joseph Patrick Bacani by Leoncio & Marlene B
Virginia & Bill Barnes by Mary K
Rich Buch by Marge B
Donna Buonomici by Mary K
Cashman-Firestone families by C-F families
Connors, Buch & Czech families by Marge B
Sylvia A Cordes by Victor J C, II
Robert D’Amico by D family
Pauline Dennis by Pat & Debi S
Tommy Dongarra by Jim & Jan D
in honor of Eleanor Mary Fleming by Ed & Fran F
Mr & Mrs L Guglielmo by Mike M
Pat & Ann Guglielmo by Mike M
deceased members of Hartig & Schulze families by
   H family
Donald Hendrich by Carol H
Regina Hlavka by Barbara S
Al & Beth Anne Januska by Darlene J
Rick Kopp by Marge B
Lally family by R family

Art & Stell LaRocque by Mike M
Nellie Mabansag by Odonnell & Linda O
James Magee by Mike M
James & Margaret Magee by Mike M
Marie Magee by Mike M
James & Carol Mcllvain, Jr by Timothy M M
Theresa & Timothy Mcllvain, Jr by Timothy M M
Eleanor & Estelle by Bob & Pam M
Marty O’Toole by O family
Peslak & Kolodziej families by Rich & Helene P
Laddie, Pauline, Bart & Joey Popek
Frank Ross family by R family
Ruff family by Donna M. M
Mike Salemme by Mike M
Myrtle Schaeffer by Judy L
Stancel & Glos families by John & Marge S
Stanton & Prohaska families by M/M D P
Stella Szymanski by Janet D S
Gino Testolino by Joe & Mary T
Edna, Steven & Maribeth Wall by Gary W
Eleanor Weber by Janet D S

Donations made by:
Richard & Maureen M
Jose & Melania S
anonymous givers

(paper copy of original available at the church door during the day on weekdays.)
Cash For Food NEWS
THE BONUS PLAN

In the last edition of Cash For Food NEWS a few weeks ago, it was noted that our next Food Drive is scheduled for May 16-17. Also, that more info about our new, very local clients would be provided.

FIRST - Because the Stay At Home directive was extended through May 30, we will use “The Bonus Plan”. THE BONUS PLAN will allow Drop-Off Food Item & Cash/Check Donations at the Front Door of Christ The Servant from Monday 5/18 thru Thursday 5/21 between 9AM and 3PM. Simply drive up, place your donated items on the designated cart and/or drop your cash donation in the box provided. At the end of each day, all items will be brought into the narthex; at the end of the week, all items will be distributed to West Suburban Community Pantry (WSCP) and POP/Prince of Peace Lutheran Micro Pantry. Designated Checks & Cash will be appropriately distributed.

SECOND - Our new, very local clients are Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach (JANO) and the Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church (POP) Micro Pantry.

JANO is a 501c3 organization “focused on Children, Youth, Seniors, and Families” in Woodridge’s Janes Ave. neighborhood. Christ the Servant intends to provide check/cash donations to help fund a Mobile Food Pantry Event sponsored by JANO for those in need. Check donations should be made out to JANO. Additional information about JANO can be found online at >janowoodridge.org<.

Prince of Peace (POP) Micro Pantry is open to anyone in immediate need of food. Located outside at 2600 W. 75th St., this repository of non-perishable food is open to all. Christ The Servant will continue giving a portion of Cash For Food items to replenish the Micro-Pantry and encourages anyone to drop off re-stock items if able to do so.

This self-quarantine has brought many hardships to those least able to cope with the social and economic damage encountered. While we continue to pray for those fighting the virus and those who have died, as followers of Christ, The Servant, we are called to help our neighbors. Our usual CASH FOR FOOD Drive along with THE BONUS PLAN will help us do what we are called to do. Peace.
Respect for All Life

As we know, especially in these uncertain times, life can change in a moment. Together as the Christ the Servant family, we are able to stand strong for the lives of women and men facing uncertainty. More than ever, families need our support and love. Today we share the Waterleaf story and hope you will join us, in partnership with Waterleaf, in standing strong for God’s most vulnerable children.

Waterleaf’s mission is to be the chosen destination for women facing an unplanned pregnancy, transforming their fear into confidence, by addressing their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, and equipping them to make healthy life-affirming decisions.

In their first ten years, they served 4,213 patients, provided 3,792 pregnancy tests, 2,969 ultrasounds, and 65.26% of their patients identified as either abortion vulnerable or minded. Most importantly, they celebrated the birth of over 1,300 children.

Very good news, indeed, however while we celebrate the many lives saved from abortion, we understand this life affirming work must continue. Amidst this coronavirus crisis, Planned Parenthood of Illinois has consolidated their services from 17 centers to 6. The Aurora PP has been designated as one of their sites to increase their abortion services to 6 days per week for chemical abortions and maintaining 3 days per week for surgical.

Waterleaf is committed to preserving the life of the unborn and meeting the needs of parents in crisis, so they too have increased their clinic hours and will stand strong in the face of adversity.

While we cannot come together to celebrate mass during the stay-at-home order, we can come together to celebrate life. Please support Waterleaf through the “Virtual Baby Bottle” Campaign and help bring hope to others. Through adversity, we can make this pro-life’s finest hour. Visit www.onechoiceonelife.org/event/bottles-for-life/ to contribute to the Christ the Servant Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign.

submitted by Mary Griffith

Creation Care Corner

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

“Care for Creation” and Laudato Si’ (Part 3)

* The Pope’s encyclical, Laudato Si’, challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
* He reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
* Our pervasive “throwaway” culture, combined with deforestation, and massive industrial and agricultural pollution is seriously degrading the earth, our common home.
* Francis points out the solid scientific consensus that human activity is a main contributor to a warming climate and warns of a worsening crisis. Without change, additional harmful sea level rise, droughts, water shortages and negatively impacted crop yields are expected.
* Since the livelihoods of the poor will be most impacted, it becomes a moral imperative to take action.
* Pope Francis urges us to take action to mitigate these outcomes by protecting our common home and working to eliminate wastefulness in our lives.

Sacramental Information, continued

**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)
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Don Fassero and Josefina Mendez

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Suzanne Miller, r. Steve & Karen Jackson
Joseph Riedl, Sr. r. Lorraine & family
James Moran, r. Darlene Januska
Tommy Dongarra, r. family

SUNDAY, MAY 17 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Virginia Gebka, r. Ciolek family
People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 18 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Tom Ruff, r. Donna Mays

TUESDAY, MAY 19 (pray for)
People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 (pray for)
People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 21 (pray for)
People of the Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 22

SATURDAY, MAY 23 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
Helen Kolodziej, r. Peslak family
Lilly Mary
James Moran, r. Darlene Januska
Tommy Dongarra, r. family

SUNDAY, MAY 24 (pray for; will be rescheduled)
People of the Parish
Josefina Mendez, r. Ciolek family

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

Bible Readings—May 17-May 24

SUNDAY: Acts 8:58,14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21
MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a
WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
(Ascension)

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
Suzanne Lesniewski
Debbie Giese
Joyce Maples
Guy Grimmelbein
Chuck Neal
Belle Hanen
Tony Nowak
Carol Harris
Jim O’Brien
Carol Hendrich
Ken Horvath
Richard Panek
Rayna Januska
Steve Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Richard Kellner
LaVergne Kozerski
Wed Kozerski
Barb Kosiek
Sally Krueger
Julie Lape
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 Deceased

Felicidad Ibe Cinco
(sister of Gerry Ibe, aunt of Janet Alikpala)

Mary Frances Berglind
(mother of Catherine Glennon)

Regina McEvoy

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
Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

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

CONTRIBUTIONS May 6-May 13:
Sunday, May 10: $0.00
Sunday, May 17: 5,540.00
General Funds: 225.00
Debt Reduction: 328.00
Total Contributed $6,093.00

Differential this period:
Needed $10,600.00
Reported 6,093.00
Deficit this period: $4,507.00

The gratitude we feel for those able to continue to support the parish financially during this time cannot be measured. We still have bills to pay, and your donations are what keep us running. Thank you.

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.
Debt to Diocese 3/31/2020: $618,062
Registered Households—760

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

Did you know…when someone is here, we have a drop box by the entrance door, so you may drop off contributions or other items safely. It gets checked several times per day. Or you can ring the doorbell to let me know to come to the door.