Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”
Matthew 11:29

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

The Word of God is given to us as the Word of life, which transforms, renews, and does not judge in order to condemn, but heals and has forgiveness as its aim. A Word that is light for our steps!

Reflecting on God’s Word

When you think of a king coming before his people, the image of someone riding on a donkey does not come to mind. If the Lone Ranger had Silver and Roy Rogers had Trigger, a similar white stallion would seem most fitting for a king. Not an ass, even a purebred one. But this image from the prophet Zechariah is one that must have planted itself in the imagination of Jesus, for that is how he made his great entrance into Jerusalem and was greeted as the Messiah. It was not the entrance of a powerful warrior, but of a gentle king whose rule would bring peace to the nations.

I have sometimes regretted the loss of St. Christopher from the calendar of saints. That legendary saint, whose name means “Christ-bearer,” signaled that the risen Lord had now chosen to be carried by his disciples. We bear him in our bodies, minds, and hearts. We bring him to the world when we work to bring peace and healing and knowledge of the Father.

This necessitates being willing to take on the yoke of Jesus. I remember once hearing that the yokes Jesus made in the carpenter shop under Joseph’s guidance rode easily on the shoulders of the animals, distributing evenly the weight they pulled. The yoke Jesus offers us is his teaching about the kingdom of heaven and how to live in it while in the world. This means putting on his attitude and spirit of attentive listening for the will of the Father—home schooling in the best sense.

Living God’s Word

Lord, give us the rest only you can give when we feel burdened by life’s labors and sorrows. Open our hearts so that we learn from you to seek and accept the yoke that is easy. Give us the strength to help others with the burdens that weigh them down.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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 the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted at 9 am Sunday on the YouTube channel christtheservant.

A Day of "Flowering" a la Mary’s Garden & the Divine Gardener

A retreat day of spiritual care for widows and widowers reflecting on the joys, sorrows, glorious, and luminous mysteries experienced in this garden of life. Several models to promote self-care, healing, creativity, spiritual well-being and holistic health will be discussed. The day of “flowering” will include the creation of a spiritual bouquet of spiritual practices to promote an abundant, blooming life.

EVENT: A Day of “Flowering” for the Widowed
DATE: August 1, 2020
TIME: 8:30 am-5:00pm
*Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm (if event on-site at Blanchette Catholic Center)

Pre-registration is required by July 22. Register online at https://bit.ly/2UMz5v1 or call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Religious Freedom
We are living in trying times so we must do ALL we can to protect our freedoms and support life from conception to natural death. What better way than to pray the Rosary daily!

“Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.”
Psalm 33:12
God bless America! Stay Safe!

It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.
George Washington

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

(As you know, Bishop Conlon has retired, and Bishop Pates is serving as Apostolic Administrator as we await the naming of a new Bishop for our Diocese. This prayer has been distributed for all to share in praying for the right shepherd to guide our Diocese of Joliet into the future.)

Prayer for A New Bishop

Good and gracious God,
You have always been present to your Church giving it a Shepherd’s care.

Our Diocese has been blessed again and again with generous, wise, and loving Bishops. In Your kindness, we ask abundant blessings be bestowed upon Bishop Conlon for the years he served the people of the Diocese of Joliet with the heart of a Missionary Disciple.

We come once again in need of a shepherd. Send your Spirit to guide the deliberations that will lead to the appointment of a shepherd with a heart like Your Son.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. ($30 suggested donation.) Make sure you identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.

Creation Care Corner

“We cannot interfere in one area of the ecosystem without paying due attention...to the well-being of future generations.”
—Pope John Paul II

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
Protect Forests.

Each year an area the size of South Carolina is deforested worldwide, adding to biodiversity loss and contributing significantly to global warming. Make sure the lumber you (or your contractor) use for your next project carries the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. The FSC program is an independent, nongovernmental, nonprofit organization established to promote the sustainable management of the world’s forests. Evaluation is typically performed by an independent third party. Certification can assure consumers that they are buying forest-related products that were grown, harvested and processed sustainably, protecting the resource for future generations.
Religious Formation

Registration for Religious Formation
It is time to start registering for the 2020-2021 Religious Formation classes! Keep an eye out for your registration packet coming in the mail and also emailed. RF registration information can also be found at www.ctswoodridge.org Whatever the covid-19 situation brings us this Fall, Religious Formation is prepared to help your child to grow in their faith and in their relationship with Jesus. RF is prepared to continue formation classes in a distant learning environment, in person or a combination of both remote and traditional classroom. Whatever it takes, we are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

Mass from your Car!
88.3 FM
Do you want to come to mass at church, but don’t feel quite comfortable coming inside yet? There is an option—listen to mass from your car on the frequency 88.3 FM. (Reception will be best from the north end of the original parking lot.)

At communion time, a minister will come outside the entrance doors of the church to distribute communion. Please be sure to observe the safety rules of wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer, and practicing social distancing.

Are you glad to be coming back into the church to worship? If so, try to say “thank you” to the volunteers who are making it possible. Without the set-up, greeting, ushering, and the cleaning helpers, we wouldn’t be allowed to have mass.
Can you help? More helpers would mean that these dedicated volunteers would be able to have a weekend off duty sometimes. Please contact the office to be referred to the team leaders to get you scheduled.

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.

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who labor and...”


Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is often overlooked because his memorial falls on the 4th of July, but he is very much worth knowing about. Pier was just a regular guy but with extraordinary holiness and a passion for life. He was an engineering student in Turin, Italy. He enjoyed music, art, literature and mountain climbing. Because Pier Giorgio loved God so much, he also loved his neighbor and served God by serving his neighbor, especially the poor. He said, “Christ comes to me daily to visit me in the Holy Eucharist. I return the visit by going to visit him in the poor.” His love of the poor and the impact he had on them became evident when he contracted polio and died at the age of twenty-four. The streets of Turin were lined with thousands of people, most of them poor, who mourned the loss of their great friend. St. John Paul II called Pier Giorgio “the man of the eight beatitudes.” Blessed Pier Giorgio, pray for us.

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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, July 9, 7:00 PM

LANDSCAPING NEWS
Next time you are looking around the property, look for trees newly planted by Patti & Jerry Crimer. Study the photo to see where to look for them!

The Community Gardens continue to grow.

Watch for projects by future Eagle Scouts. One young man will be organizing more landscaping around the rectory, (thanks to Jim English for the work that has been done already!) and the other will be replacing the worn trio of crosses on the berm, while weeding and mulching around them and the berm.
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—July 5-July12

SUNDAY: Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9,11-13 / Mt 11:25-30
MONDAY: Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22 / Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY: Hos 8:4-7,11-13 / Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY: Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 / Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY: Hos 11:1-4,8e-9 / Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY: Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10:24-33
There is a fundamental unity between God the Father and the Son evident in today’s Gospel. Because of this unity, Jesus is the only one who truly knows the Father and is the One who reveals to us the depths of the Father’s love, as well as his plan for salvation. As Stewards of God, we are blessed to know the Father’s love through Jesus.

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 for the holiday, contributions will be reported next week.

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.
Debt to Diocese 5/31/2020 $592,659
Registered Households—760

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

Did you know…we are doing everything we can to help make Christ the Servant a safe place for everyone to worship. A professional cleaning crew comes every week to thoroughly cleanse the floors, bathrooms, and other surfaces which are touched often. After each service, more people are cleaning and disinfecting all regularly touched surfaces, as well as the chairs we sit upon. Rows are six feet apart, and we ask for three chairs to be left empty between each household. Crowds are not too large as of yet, but if you don’t feel comfortable coming into the church to worship, you can attend Sunday mass in your car, listening on 88.3 FM, then come up to the front doors to receive communion.

Leave a Legacy.
Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn’t have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid estate taxes as they help our parish or diocese preserve our Catholic heritage. Call the Development Office at 815-221-6100.