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.
The witness of Blessed Carlo Acutis indicates to today’s young people that true happiness is found by putting God in first place and serving Him in our brothers and sisters, especially the least.

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 PRAYER FOR THIS ELECTION SEASON
By Dianna Ortiz, OSU, Pax Christi USA Deputy Director

God, Promise Keeper of the new creation, in this election season guide us to be Gospel-informed voters, who stand on the side of justice and truth.

As a community of conscience, we recognize our shared responsibility in righting the wrongs that dishonor and dehumanize the dignity of the most vulnerable among us.

As a community of conscience, we acknowledge the harm that has been done to the environment and the urgency to work collectively to care for the Earth, our common home.

We see our country in turmoil—experiencing a time of chaos that not only impacts every person of this nation, but peoples from across the globe.

As individuals and a faith community, we recognize that we bear both a privilege and a burden to vote our conscience and to make choices that will and do affect the future of everyone.

As we ready ourselves to go to the polls this November, may our time of discernment be rooted in the teachings of our faith and our common life together.

May our faith guide us to vote for genuine servant leaders, who, like Jesus, will welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, embrace the sick and dying, and promote peace and nonviolence.

Send your Spirit to be with us as we cast votes for the common good and, regardless of the outcome of the elections, may we continue to work for a more just and sustainable world.

May we always stand on the side of justice and truth. Amen.

2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 10/11/20

Please Be Kind and Merciful to those in need. A mailing has been sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA, if your means allow.

The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times. Christ the Servant parishioners—you are amazing in your generosity. Thank you for your support!

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

2020 GOAL $40,300
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $50,304
AMOUNT PAID: $44,515
REMAINING BALANCE: $5,789
DONORS THIS YEAR: 241
REBATE AMOUNT: $2,951 so far!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Alcoholism and Domestic Abuse During the Coronavirus Pandemic

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, nearly all 50 states have instituted emergency measures. Many have asked their residents to stay at home until the pandemic has passed. However, as more people stay inside, domestic violence cases have surged. These tense times appear to be worsening rates of domestic violence, as well as increasing stress and alcohol consumption. With this, violence in the home can lead to a higher risk of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and substance abuse issues. While the pandemic continues for the next few weeks and months, it’s critical to ensure everyone feels safe in their homes and has ways to escape situations of domestic violence due to alcohol abuse. Treatment for alcohol abuse and addiction may break the cycle of violence at home.

The Link Between Stress, Alcoholism, and Domestic Abuse

Nearly 55% of domestic violence incidents involve alcohol. This is partly due to a complex relationship shared between stress, alcohol consumption, and domestic abuse. Stressful times can cause a person to feel emotionally and physically overwhelmed. Many may try to use alcohol as a type of self-medication to numb feelings of stress. For those who commit acts of domestic violence, chronic alcohol abuse may lower their inhibitions and exacerbate violent tendencies. As survivors of domestic violence, alcohol may serve as a way to numb emotional and physical pain. Alcohol abuse can lead individuals into situations of domestic violence and make it difficult for survivors to leave these situations. The COVID-19 pandemic is hard for many people; even if you manage to avoid sickness, the disruption of your daily routines or economic insecurity can cause significant stress. It’s also worth noting that sales of both alcohol and firearms have increased. Since firearms tend to be the main cause of death in incidents of domestic violence, this trend is deeply worrying.

Continued next week...

From ALCOHOL.ORG by Timothy Esteves

Fr. Bryan N. Massingale on Pro-Life

On September 6, 2020, Fr. Bryan N. Massingale in conjunction with the National Black Sisters Conference and the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus offered a Zoom presentation on “The Racist Sitting in the Pew: The Challenge Facing Black Catholicism Today.”

Fr. Massingale, Professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Fordham University in New York, pointed out that the Catholic pro-life movement had never intended to be single-issue. The 1974 Document from the Vatican on the Declaration of Proced Abortion called on Catholics to oppose not just the practice of abortion but the conditions that make abortion an attractive option.

Inherent in the document is a moral imperative to give every child every opportunity to be welcome, expressing concern for the child after birth as well as before.

In a 1999 homily in Saint Louis, MO, Pope John Paul II defined unconditionally pro-life as standing against euthanasia, the death penalty and racism, working to eradicate “every form of racism, a plague which …[is] of the most persistent and destructive evils of the nation.” In the 2018 Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et exsultate, Pope Francis proclaimed that the unborn and already born are equally sacred.

Additionally, Pope Francis, responding to the death of George Floyd, stated “we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

Based on the preceding quotations, Massingale highlighted that the Catholic Church, on a global scale and coming directly from the Supreme Pontiff, understands that combatting the sin of racism is part of the pro-life movement. It is an “American aberration” in the US Church, however, that adheres to a single-issue stance, which is “a cover for anti-Blackness and racism.”

The Church in the US, as a corporate body, “hides behind the rhetoric of being pro-life and using that language to mute concern over white nationalism.”

Fr. Massingale also authored the book Racial Justice and the Catholic Church.
This week for Religious Formation Classes
Hybrid Classes grades 1 and 5 meet in person Tuesday, October 20.
Hybrid Class grades 6 and 7 meet in person Wednesday, October 21.
Everyone else should be continuing with the work that is posted on Flipgrid.

Important Update
There will be no in person classes on November 3 and 4 since Christ the Servant is an election polling place. All grades will complete their classwork online for that week.

Permission Form
All Parent are asked to sign the provided general permission form that gives permission for the child to use digital platforms in order to participate. Also, Students are asked to sign a code of behavior located on the same permission form. Access to the eLearning will be granted after RF has received and processed the permission form.

Book Pick Up
Please call or stop by the parish office to picking up your children’s books and supplies if you have not already done so.

All Religious Formation Classes
All Religious Formation classes will be using Flipgrid as its digital platform in which the class instructor or director will upload instructional content and links for the purpose of religious instruction. Also, links, instructions, passwords and other information will be available for parents through the email address they provided at registration. Links to textbook and its accompanying websites or apps will also be included in the Flipgrid, but the user will be asked to login after clicking the link provided.

Flipgrid Join codes:
   Grade 1 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade1
   Grade 2 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade2
   Grade 3 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade3
   Grade 4 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade4
   Grade 5 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade5
   Grade 6 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade6
   Grade 7 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade7
   Grade 8 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgendearegrade8
   RF Teacher join code: https://flipgrid.com/goba4052

Everyone should have logged into their child's Flipgrid and any book publishing App by this time. If you are having problems using Flipgrid or if you are having any difficulties with the class work, please email or call cgoba@rcdoj.org or 630-910-0770.

Teachers and Aids and Cleaning Crew are Still Needed
Volunteers and Catechist are essential to running a successful RF program. Helpers are need for online learning and in person. There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children. Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org if you are able to give time to help during the year.

Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? No one else can answer God’s call to His mission for your life but you. If you do not respond to God’s call, the unique work that God wanted to accomplish through you will not get done.

To Register for Religious Formation
Registration can also be sent emailed to cgoba@rcdoj.org. RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org No student will be turned away because of late registration but supplies are limited, so don’t wait.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
During the month of October, pray and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to protect us, our family, friends, community, nation and world from Covid-19 and that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Tune in to EWTN daily at 6:30 am, 10:30 am, or 2:30 pm for the daily Rosary.

Hotline Numbers for Help
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<td>815-263-6467</td>
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<td>Waterleaf Women’s Center</td>
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CHILDREN IN CAGES

Written, edited, and contributed to by the members of the Peace and Social Justice Committee and Book Study group

Continued from last week...

We have a legal and moral obligation to treat people with respect and protect their dignity. We say “all people are created equal,” and we have laws that prohibit discrimination. We use a motto “In God We Trust” and print it on our currency.

So we ask, why do ICE agents violate our laws, separate children from their families, and put them in cages? How are ICE agents able to break US laws and not be held accountable? The federal government and ICE are doing this for some inhumane alternative purpose.

How many children are separated from their families? How many are being infected with the COVID-19 virus? Who is now responsible for their care, education, and future lives?

Continued next week...

All Souls

We will commemorate our dearly departed family members and friends at the 10 am mass on Sunday, November 1. (We can’t do it on the night of the 2nd because of setup for the election the next day.)

It is expected that there may be more people than usual at that mass, so please make your reservations early. If the church reaches capacity, then late-comers will be invited to listen to the mass from their car radio (88.3 FM). Communion will be distributed outside. We do ask you, even though it is outside, to remember that you will be within six feet of the minister when receiving communion, so please do wear a mask when approaching the minister to receive.

Respect for All Life

Telehealth Ushers In Virtual Doctor-Assisted Suicide Practices

Telehealth--video visits with doctors--allows providers to use technology to diagnose and to provide care that previously had only been available through in-person visits. Services include care by physicians, but also by nurse practitioners, clinical psychologists, social workers, and other health care providers. BUT it also brings up the likelihood that assisted-suicide advocates would use it to further expand access to prescribe suicide. Compassion and Choices, formerly the Hemlock Society, quickly adjusted the spin and direction of its assisted suicide efforts in 2020 by using the pandemic lockdown to advance its goals. Last March, President and CEO Kim Callinan emailed the company advocating teleconferencing so that patients and providers could have "office visits" online without face to face meetings: "the pandemic provides the opportunity to make sure health systems and doctors are using telehealth for patients to access end-of-life options. These efforts should improve access to medical aid in dying in the short and long term". Furthermore, as of May, 8 of the 9 jurisdictions where assisted suicide has been transformed from a crime to a "medical treatment" do NOT require that the attending physician diagnose the patient in person: Oregon, Washington, Colorado, California, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, and D.C.

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@diocesefoliet.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, November 5, 7:00 PM
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John Anspach  Barb Kosiek  Jim Sanders
Sharon Bhaskar  Sally Krueger  Dawn Savage
Fred Cimaglio  S.Suzanne Lesniewski  Tom Savage
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Guy Grimmelbeen  Linda Pennock  Hazel Tomin
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Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
Ted & LaVergne Kozerski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
For reassigned masses, the original date the mass was scheduled is listed in parentheses after the listing.

Saturday, October 17
4:45 PM Joseph Riedl, Sr. Lorraine & family
Ray Gary Gierut, r. Gierut family
Betty Peterek, r. Donna Mays
Lilly Mary (5/9)

Sunday, October 18
8:30 AM Henry & Josephine Borkowski, r. Ciolek family
John & Mary Borkowski, r. Ciolek family
10:00 AM Ron Welton, r. Donna Mays
Raymond Gudzienas, r. family
Don Hendrich, r. Carol Hendrich
People of the Parish

Monday, October 19
8:30 AM Dick Ruff, r. Corinne Hanson

Tuesday, October 20
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory, r. Alvarez Cordon family
Robert & Richard Losik, r. Bernie Kestler

Wednesday, October 21
8:30 AM Inna Reddy

Thursday, October 22
8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Friday, October 23
8:30 AM

Saturday, October 24
4:45 PM Ron Welton, r. Donna Mays
Suzanne Miller, r. Steve & Karen Jackson (5/16)
Joseph Riedl Sr, r. Lorraine & family (5/16)
Virginia Crimer, r. Jerry & Patti Crimer

Sunday, October 25
8:30 AM Helen Ciolek, r. Ciolek family
Rino LaPaglia, r. Mom & Dad & Sister
Richard Buch, r. Marge Buch & family
Ken Mendel, r. Marge Buch
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Virginia Gebka, r. Ciolek family (5/17)
Raymond Gudzienas, r. family

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

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### Parish Giving

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God”?

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021**

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**Leave a Legacy.**

To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on “Donate”, then click on “Stock Donations or call the Development office at 815-221-6100 for information.