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

Hunger is not only a tragedy for humanity, it is shameful.

Faced with this reality, we cannot remain insensitive or paralyzed. We are all responsible.

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 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 10/18/20

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 jolietdioceseappeal.org or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone.

2020 GOAL $40,300
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $50,384
AMOUNT PAID: $44,915
REMAINING BALANCE: $5,459
DONORS THIS YEAR: 243
REBATE AMOUNT: $3,231 so far!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
Make A Difference Day has been celebrated the fourth Saturday of October since 1992. Make A Difference Day is an unofficial secular holiday of observance that emphasizes community service and volunteerism.

Million of people throughout the United States volunteer and perform projects for their community, for individuals in need and for charitable organizations.

Let us take at least one day in 2020 to try to make a difference in the world. We can help: family members, our neighbor, the less fortunate, the elderly, the homeless, anyone in need.

If every member of Christ the Servant Catholic Church did one small thing, it could make a massive difference. Let us be Servants as Christ was to the world! One way you can help is to leave food for the Homeless in containers on: Andie W’s and/or Rita S’S front porch (Andie; Rita ). Ramon J will distribute the donated food to the Homeless who live under the viaducts and bridges in Chicago. Ramon’s visit will be the second Sunday in November. Contact him at ramonjoson@gmail.com if you can help Ramon. “The way of Giving is as important as the gift.” Pope Francis.

Submitted by Rita S

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Continued from last week...

Preventing Domestic Violence During the Pandemic
Since the pandemic has caused people to reconsider traveling, many domestic violence survivors may find themselves trapped. The high stress, alcohol consumption, and daily disruption caused by the coronavirus appears to have created a perfect storm. However, there are ways that those at risk of being survivors of domestic violence can protect themselves.

Domestic violence hotlines have led the charge and adapted their strategies to the realities of the coronavirus lockdown. While physically escaping from abusive partners and relationships can be difficult due to travel bans, experts recommend keeping a journal of abuse incidents for protection down the line. Individuals should also avoid small areas such as kitchens or bathrooms as much as possible, where they may have difficulty escaping if a situation turns violent. Sleeping in a car is another recommended strategy until you are able to leave your home and stay with friends and family.

Treating Alcoholism and Trauma in Domestic Violence Survivors
The pain, hurt and suffering survivors go through may also cause feelings of shame. Because of this, it may be easy for them to turn to alcohol to numb the emotional and physical pain of their domestic abuse. However, this creates a pattern of problematic drinking which increases a person’s risk of developing an alcohol use disorder (AUD).

But there is help out there for survivors of domestic abuse including domestic violence hotlines that can assist individuals in finding safety, solace, and healing. Treatment for alcohol abuse and alcoholism can also help address not just problem drinking, but the underlying trauma that may have led to excessive alcohol use. Additionally, if your partner is ready to seek treatment for alcoholism, their path to sobriety may be the change needed to ensure a safer environment for you. Along with alcohol recovery programming, individuals can benefit from private and group therapy and counseling services in order to fully understand the impact of this chronic disease. Therapy sessions will work to rebuild self-esteem and self-confidence, and teach healthy coping mechanisms that do not require the use of alcohol. Many facilities also offer gender-based treatment programs in order for patients to feel safe and understood among their peers.

From ALCOHOL.ORG by Timothy Esteves

Each year, we donate the entire Thanksgiving collection to help people in need at Hope’s Front Door. If you wish to give electronically, please use “other” and add “Thanksgiving” in the memo section of your one time payment from our website.
**Religious Formation**

The Religious Formation office will be closed from October 22-November 6. All in-person classes for October 27 and 28 will not meet but will continue with online instruction. The Director can be reached online or by phone during this time to assist you and your family with your needs. cgoba@rcdoj.org  639-910-0770

**Reminder**

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. Also, there will be no classes for November 10 and 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Students are expected to work on their “Grand Event” projects during this time.

**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/ctswoodridgegrade1
- Grade 2 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade2
- Grade 3 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade3
- Grade 4 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade4
- Grade 5 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade5
- Grade 6 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade6
- Grade 7 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade7
- Grade 8 join code: https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade8
- 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 Catechists are essential to running a successful RF program. Helpers are needed 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.

**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.

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**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.

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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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Respect for All Life

"Abortion Doctor Shortage"

No medical student is right now striving to be (unlike other fields of medicine) the best abortion doctor in America. Abortionists are the disgrace of the medical community, and they often know it. That's why few of them admit to doing abortions, and they often hide in their cars as they're driven into the facility. The abortion industry is experiencing a staffing crisis as doctors are increasingly unwilling to do abortions. And help is not on the way as the median age of abortion providers continues to rise.

---"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies at the gate." Psalm 127: 3 thru 5.---

Heavenly Father, please keep me from taking for granted the gift of children. Help us to remember this heritage that you have given us. Make us faithful stewards of these precious lives, that each generation might be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

All from Shawn Carney, President/CEO, 40 Days for Life (America).

Submitted by Dave A

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 the people of these United States are responsible for our crimes against humanity. How do we let our national government, Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches, and elected officials violate human rights and treat people without dignity the way they are doing at the Southern border of our United States? Why do we allow children (and adults) to be traumatized by government agents?
Will these children survive? What are the effects of the trauma that these children have suffered at the hands of the US government? Will they remember what we have done to them? Will our next generations reap the effects of our crimes against humanity?

Continued next week...

All from Shawn Carney, President/CEO, 40 Days for Life (America).
TABERNACLE LIGHT
John Lewis Nemec

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

Saturday, October 24
4:45 PM  Ron Welton, r. Steve & Karen Jackson (5/16)
        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 Gudzianas, r. family

Monday, October 26
8:30 AM  Lily Mary

Tuesday, October 27
8:30 AM  Inna Reddy

Wednesday, October 28
8:30 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory, r. Alvarez Cordon family

Thursday, October 29
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

Friday, October 30
8:30 AM

Saturday, October 31
4:45 PM  Don Fassero, r. Donna Mays
        James Moran, r. Darlene Januska (5/16)
        Tommy Dongarra, r. family (5/16)

Sunday, November 1
8:30 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory, r. Alvarez Cordon family
10:00 AM  Reda family, r. Rosanne Maltese
        Raymond Gudzianas, r. family
        Rino LaPaglia, r. Mom & Dad & Sister
        All Souls
        People of the Parish

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

We pray for those who Serve
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Jim Kikilas, godson of Pat & Debi Savage
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
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—Oct. 25-Nov. 1

SUNDAY: Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40
MONDAY: Eph 4:32-5:8 / Lk 13:10-17
TUESDAY: Eph 5:21-33 / Lk 13:18-21
WEDNESDAY: Eph 6:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16
THURSDAY: Eph 6:10-20 / Lk 13:31-35
FRIDAY: Phil 1:1-11 / Lk 14:1-6
SATURDAY: Phil 1:18-b-26 / Lk 14:1,7-11
SUNDAY: Rv 7:2-4,9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a
Avoid purchasing candy containing palm oil. Palm oil is a popular vegetable oil used in candy bars, snack foods, cookies, and baked goods. Too often the palm oil tree plantations destroy enormous tracts of virgin tropical forests, exploit child labor, grab land from local communities and devastate critical habitat for elephants, orangutans, and tigers. Compare labels and avoid products with palm oil. Avoid Mix packs where you can’t verify ingredients. More info at https://productswithoutpalmoil.com/

Calendar of Events

**Sunday, October 25**
8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
9:00 am—mass on facebook, YouTube
10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

**Monday, October 26**
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

**Tuesday, October 27**
8:30 am—daily mass

**Wednesday, October 28**
8:30 am—daily mass
All RF classes online

**Thursday, October 29**
8:30 am—daily mass

**Friday, October 30**
8:30 am—daily mass or communion svc.
**Saturday, October 31 (change clocks)**
4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.

**Sunday, November 1 (standard time)**
8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
9:00 am—mass on facebook, YouTube
10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot (All Souls commemoration)

Parish Giving

The Lord graced each of us with many abilities. These abilities give us the strength to confront life’s complexity and, with the help of our Lord, enable us to reach new heights. Let a fearless desire to please the Lord fill our lives.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021**
Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment 2,600.00
Total Needed $ 10,300.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS Oct 14-Oct 20**
Sunday 10/11 $ 1,870.00
Sunday other forms 4,417.00
General Funds 3,373.00
Restricted Use 670.00
Debt Reduction 188.00
Total Contributed $ 10,518.00

**Differential this period:**
 Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported 10,518.00
Catch up this period: $ 218.00

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

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**
World Missions $ 670.00
Diocesan cemeteries 50.00

Debt to Diocese 8/31/2020 $406,452
Registered Households—770

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

**Did you know...**it is our tradition to donate the Thanksgiving collection to Hope’s Front Door—an ecumenical ministry located in Downers Grove. They are able to provide assistance to people who are in need of financial or medical assistance. Our Thanksgiving mass is at 9:30 am on Nov. 26, you can also donate for Thanksgiving through our website using the black and yellow Donation button near the top right. Choose “other” and put Thanksgiving in the memo line.

**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