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

In the Child Jesus, God shows Himself to be lovable, full of goodness and gentleness. We can truly love a God like that with all our hearts.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.

ADVOCACY WORKS!!!

Bread for the World reported that, thanks to all those who advocated, Congress passed a COVID-19 relief package that boosts SNAP nutrition assistance by 15% for 6 months. This will help struggling families purchase the food they need. Many of those families are experiencing hunger for the first time because of the pandemic. THANK YOU!

I just want to THANK everyone from the bottom of my Heart who donated nonperishable food at Thanksgiving and a gift card at Christmas for the Seniors at Woodridge Horizons on Janes Ave.
You have left a HUGE impression on the Seniors at Woodridge Horizons . That they were not forgotten. The Seniors were SO overwhelmed by our generosity . CTS received SO MANY Thank you calls, cards and emails.

I also need to Thank the CTS Thanksgiving and Christmas team : Ann and Jim Kolar, Heather Smith , Joan Ruth and Jim McIlvain. Corinne for always being there. Donna Ciolek for all the beautiful homemade Christmas Cards. Bill Ciolek for helping with Manna gift cards. Jenny Gertz for all the beautiful handmade mask and bags at Thanksgiving. Tom Swik for the great donation of 100 coupons for Andy’s custard.
Last but not least, my husband Bob for the great idea of doing the nonperishable food bags for the Seniors at Thanksgiving. Love you all.

Again, thank you everyone so much. I could not have done these projects without your love and support.

Wishing you Joy, Peace and most of all LOVE for 2021!

Denice K

Students Planning on attending a Catholic High School or Accredited University, College or Trade School are Eligible to apply for the LEONARD M JARKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
The scholarship application and full eligibility requirements can be obtained from the Parish Office, downloaded from the website http://www.kofc5918.org or by contacting our Scholarship Chairman Jim Schmidt at 630.728.4784. All applications must be submitted by APRIL 15, 2021. Application can be submitted via email, printed and mailed, or given to any Council 5918 officer or our Scholarship Chairman. The scholarships will be awarded at the end of May.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11. This observance was started in 2011 when President Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Human Trafficking affects people of all walks of life. While many believe that traffickers operate in the airports of foreign countries; the reality is that a trafficker is anyone who assists in the transport, detention, or sale of human beings. Traffickers and Trafficked victims exist throughout the United States and can even be people you know or live amongst. Traffickers often use harsh physical or mental abuse to control and manipulate their victims. Trafficking Victims can be foreign nationals or US citizens that are subjected to the horrific injustices of human trafficking; including sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and debt bondage.

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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, January 7, 7:00 PM

Respect for All Life

Eucharistic Procession for Life
Together Strong: Christ Unites
Saturday, January 16, 2021; 1-4 pm
Benet Academy & St. Peter and Paul
1:00 PM: Welcome, Speakers & Prayer at Benet Academy
2:00 PM: Eucharistic Procession through Lisle & Naperville with Rosemary
3:30 PM: Closing Benediction at St. Peter and Paul Church

Guests include: Bishop Ronald Hicks, Dr. Linda Couri and Melissa Villalobos.

Transportation: Parking is available at both St. Peter and Paul Parish or at Benet Academy. Shuttle buses available for those in need of transportation returning to Benet following the program. Reserve shuttle spots at: https://forms.gle/ad9kosbaiUgZsspi7

Go Green!
The best way to Go Green is to use and recycle. The holidays are a time when there is much packaging and waste that can sometimes be reused. Two ways to reuse are:

- Tissue paper can be reused as padding when mailing packages.
- Christmas cards that cannot be recycled in the Narthex, can be used as gift tags - just tape them to a package or use a hole punch and add a decorative ribbon! Voila!!!

You can Go Green!

ADULT CONVERSATION ON TEENS IN CRISIS
Webinar – Saturday, January 23, 2021
1 – 2:30 PM via Zoom

REAL-LIFE RISK FACTORS, WARNING SIGNS, AND THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO AVOID THE UNTHINKABLE

Linda Pacha, attorney, public speaker, and founder of “Nick’s Network of Hope” tells her son’s heartbreaking story which includes on-going bullying, not fitting in, and ultimately suffering from mental health issues that ended in suicide.

Gain access to real-life examples of warning signs missed in Nick’s last behaviors and communications as well as risk factors and the complexities of mental health. Learn parenting considerations and practical suggestions to reduce the pressure we put on our youth and for creating a more compassionate world.

Benefit from Linda’s insight from hindsight to help yourself, your family, or your friends. Parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone working with teens is encouraged to attend.

Due to the nature of the content of this presentation, it is recommended for adults only.

Registration via Google Link: https://forms.gle/pyRwhTeyBFwwCAQCA or email Mary P directly at maryporod@gmail.com. You will receive a link to the webinar a few days in advance.

If you would like to read the book by the Pacha’s, please contact Mary P through the above email address.

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Religious Formation

This Week for Religious Formation Classes
All grades will continue classes on Flipgrid for Tuesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13. We are currently reassessing having in-person classes for the upcoming weeks and will notify parents through Flocknote emails as soon as there is a decision to continue with in-person classes.

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Parents of all students preparing for Confirmation need to attend a meeting on either Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm or Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm. In an effort to reduce the number of people in the building and to help maintain social distancing we are limiting the number of people attending each meeting, parents will need to register for the meeting of their choice. Parents should sign up for the meeting they wish to attend by emailing or calling Christine Goba. 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org Thank you for your involvement in the preparation of your child for this special event.

Religious Formation is forming a Core Group of high school students.
We are of building a community of high school students who are committed to building their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic tradition, spirituality, and theology, come hang out with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping out please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

What Religious Formation Classes are Studying
Baptism
As part of Christ the Servant’s Religious Formation classes, some of our students have been learning about Baptism. Baptism is the Sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word. By Baptism, the first Sacrament, we are made members of Christ’s Church, cleansed of all sin, and receive a portion of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In this sacrament, the minister of Baptism pours water three times upon the head of the person being baptized (or is immersed three times in water) while saying the words given to us by Jesus, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” This bath cleanses the baptized, removing all sin from his soul, including the stain of Original Sin inherited from Adam and Eve, as well as the temporal punishment for those sins as well as the sins actually committed by the baptized. Sanctifying grace is conferred upon the soul of the baptized, which is the free and undeserved gift of God’s very life, and as the children also learned, that sanctifying grace is Mrs. Goba’s favorite part of the Sacraments.

They also learned that by Baptism, we are made a new creation, and with the help of the Christian community, the baptized advance on the journey toward salvation. Further, our students learned that Baptism also initiates the baptized into the Church, literally serving as a communal rite of passage that bestows on the person all the rights and privileges — as well as all the responsibilities — that come with being a member of Christ’s Church.

New Kindergarten Class
Religious Formation is now offering a Kindergarten class at our Tuesday afternoon sessions. The kindergarten class will meet in person every other week for instruction and fun. For more information or to sign up your child, please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

 Helpers are needed for online learning and in person.
Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? 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. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org for more information.

Baptism, the first Sacrament, we are made members of Christ’s Church, cleansed of all sin, and receive a portion of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
Signs of Trafficking:  Kept isolated and activities restricted, May be “coached” to answer questions, Many develop loyalties, positive feelings toward trafficker, Signs of physical abuse, Less appropriately dressed than before, Grooming is less than desirable, Overly tired, withdrawn, depressed and distracted, Displays expensive clothes, accessories or shoes, New tattoos (tattoos of a name, symbol of money) many traffickers use this to brand their victim, Older boyfriend or new friends with a different lifestyle.  If you see something suspicious, call the National Hotline at 888-3737-888 or BEFREE Textline 233733

Submitted by Alie P, Joliet Franciscan Associate, Human Trafficking Committee
Mass Intentions for the Week

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**
Antonio Masaquel & Dorothy Wagner

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 9**
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. Darlene Januska
People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 10**
8:30 AM Philip Becker, r. Donna Mays
10:00 AM Tim Gontarz, r. Knights of Columbus #5918

**Monday, January 11**
8:30 AM Lilly Mary

**Tuesday, January 12**
8:30 AM Diana Kowsalski, r. Kathryn Kowsalski

**Wednesday, January 13**
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory, r. Alvarez Cordon family
Guy Grimmelbein, r. Jackie Nemec

**Thursday, January 14**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, January 15** — Communion service or mass
8:30 AM

**Saturday, January 16**
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. Donna Mays
Sr. Rosemary Ward, r. Tom & Chris Bajanowski
Walerya Wielgus, r. Barry Deron

**Sunday, January 17**
8:30 AM John Grande, r. Steve & Angie Mrozinski
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Margaret Stevens, r. Rich & Casey Kellner

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

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We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar
Dick DuSatko
Faith Ann Fialek
John M. Foresman
Carol Hendrich
Darlene Januska
Rayna Januska
Jackie Marquis Jarvis
Steve Jasczewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Barb Kosiek
Sally Krueger
S. Suzanne Lesniewski
Therese Magee
Joyce Maples
Chuck Neal
Anthony Nowak
Carol Paul
Linda Pennock
Kim Peterson
Alie Phillips
Lolit Ranchero
Allison Riley
Dick Rosenbeck
John Rossi
Jim Sanders
Nancy Sinclair
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Judith Tomaeno
Shirley Tomaeno
Dorothy Urbanowicz
Judy Wethington

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.

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We pray for the Deceased

Peggy Blazek
(wife of Eddie)

Guy Grimmelbein
(sister of Florence Dalton)

Allen Kwiatkowski
(cousin of Pat & Debi Savage)

Leo Gross
(husband of Pat)

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We pray for those who Serve

Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
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.

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Bible Readings—Jan. 10-Jan. 17

**SUNDAY:** Is 55:1-11 / 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11
**MONDAY:** Heb 1:1-6 / Mk 1:14-20
**TUESDAY:** Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28
**WEDNESDAY:** Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39
**THURSDAY:** Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45
**FRIDAY:** Heb 4:1-5,11 / Mk 2:1-12
**SATURDAY:** Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17
**SUNDAY:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

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January 10, 2021
If there were an addendum to the Book of Ecclesiastes it might read: 
There is a time and place for every excuse under heaven. Actually, there is no room for this attitude in Ecclesiastes or in our lives. There is no excuse that can justify our refusing to respond to God's call to Stewardship in building His Kingdom on earth.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 18-Jan 4:
Sunday 12/20  $      2,377.00
Sunday 12/27          2,132.00
Sunday other forms       12,772.00
Holy Days             550.00
Christmas          9,302.00
General Funds          1,325.00
Restricted Use          2,383.00
Debt Reduction          2,121.00
Total Contributed   $    32,962.00

Differential this two week period:
Needed    $    20,600.00
Reported 32,962.00
Catch up this 2 wk period: $ 12,362.00

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Campaign/Human Dev              20.00
Diocesan Cemeteries               50.00
Religious Retirement              80.00
Debt to Diocese 11/30/2020    $384,141

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

Did you know...people have been getting lax in pre-registering for weekend masses. We are glad to accept walk-ins when space is available, but checkin is much faster when you just need to have your name checked off a list instead of having the team member write down your name.

While the advent of the vaccine indicates that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, it is still incredibly important to continue to follow the safety protocols. Register ahead of time for masses (both January and February links are up on the website now, with a piece of clipart to help you identify which is which.) Wear your mask. Use hand sanitizer. Maintain social distancing, and visit with friends outside rather than inside.