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.
Respect for All Life

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS
Parishioner Ramon J runs a ministry to the homeless, particularly blue jeans (the only clothing needed right now is men’s blue jeans), and he is expanding to helping them with food. Ramon has created a Wish List on Amazon. Follow this link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lst/FYAAKLXXPIJL/ref=wl_rivid_8
and the food you purchase will be delivered to Ramon’s home for distribution to the homeless.

Blue Jeans for the Homeless.org

Continued from last week...

At the north side I was met by Tom who was very helpful to me. Sometimes I’m puzzled about Tom. He is a smart and caring person with a character of a CEO of a company but how come he is living in the street. “Is he an agent of the government or an FBI?”, I ask myself. He asked me for 18 face masks but I was able to give him 10 because I might run out on my last stop. I promise him that I will give him more next visit.

Arriving at the Tent City a young woman who was talking to herself grabbed a handful of face masks from the plastic container that I was handing the homeless to maintain distancing. My quick hand was able to recover all the masks. Inside the Tent City compound I saw the lady again and gave her a mask and candies. “Thank you”, she said with a mischievous smile. “What happened to her”, I thought. A beautiful white young woman on the street.

Parking at the middle of the ramp under the viaduct at Canalport Street a few blocks from Pacific Garden Mission, I was surprised witnessing people interacting with each other without face masks. Not only the homeless but also number of volunteers distributing toiletries. A professional videographer was shooting the scene. I was asked to speak about our ministry. The homeless were excited to see me. While they were about to approach the truck I yelled at them “stop” and asked their jeans sizes and hand it to them maintaining social distancing.

To wrap it up it was always a beautiful day seeing our friends in need even if they gave you a pain in the neck (worries). Happy days are coming again. Stores are carefully opening. A couple of days ago Amy and I went to Taco Bell then to famous Hazel Marie ice cream place eating by the curbside. What a lovely day. Have a wonderful day!

Peace,
Ramon

ramonjoson@gmail.com

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 by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com. Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference

In an abundance of caution, the opening report for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is being delivered directly to your inbox and is also available online at jolietdioceseappeal.org. Please take a moment to read how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly illustrate this year’s theme, Shining the Light of Christ, serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and assist parishes, including ours. 

Our parish’s goal for the 2021 CMAA is $40,700, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our use. The Diocese of Joliet mailed a packet about the CMAA, including a pledge card, to all registered parishioners in January, and Fr. Bob is sending additional information this month. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s CMAA and return your pledge card or envelope, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year’s annual appeal.

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, February 4, 7:00 PM
Religious Formation

This Week for Religious Formation Classes
Hybrid classes grade 2, 3 and 4 will meet in person Tuesday, February 9. Hybrid class grade 8 will meet in person Wednesday, February 10. Everyone else should be continuing with the work that is posted on Flipgrid.

Next week: There will be no classes on the Tuesday, 16th and Wednesday, 17th so that our students and their families can attend the Ash Wednesday Services. Hybrid grades 1 and 5 will meet in person Tuesday, February 23. Hybrid class grades 6 and 7 will meet in person Wednesday, February 24. Everyone else should be continuing with the work that is posted on Flipgrid.

Class times are Tuesday 4:45-6:00pm Wednesday 6:30-7:45pm

1st Communion Retreat
All students preparing to make their 1st Communion will need to attend the Retreat on Saturday, February 27 from 10:00-12:00. A parent will also need to attend with their child.

Confirmation News
All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Parish Mission Mass and talk on February 28 at 7:00 pm. This event is part of the preparation for Confirmation. All Confirmation students are also invited to "Dinner with the Priest" at 5:00 pm before the Lenten Mission begins. Reservations are needed for the dinner so that we can provide the individually prepared and packaged meals for all the Confirmandi who will be attending the dinner.

Confirmation Date
Christ the Servant’s Confirmation Class
Confirmation is Thursday May 13 at 7:00 pm.
Bishop Perry from the Archdiocese of Chicago will be the celebrant.

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.

 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.

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.
MORNING OF REFLECTION
"Growing in Grace and Holiness"
Women's Monthly Morning of Reflection
Wednesday, February 24th 10:00-1:30
- Each month’s Morning of Reflection includes prayer, meditation, and time for sharing.
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.
- $30 Donation requested.
- If there are 6 or less guests, we will be at the House of Prayer 13820 Main St. Lemont.
- If there are more than 6 guests, we will be at the Mount Assisi Center (former high school) 13860 Main St. Lemont.

Please RSVP by FRIDAY, February 19th to Carrie Peters 630-257-7844 ext. 223 or carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us, Mother Earth

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Lent is coming. Consider a “fast” for Creation Care... sacrificing some comfort, giving up a wasteful practice, or modifying your actions to reduce harm to the environment. Some ideas include:

- A Meat Fast: How about adding a meatless Monday to meatless Fridays? What about eating only chicken when you do eat meat, or sustainably caught fish?
- An Energy Fast: How about turning the thermostat down 2-5°F lower than usual and putting that sweater on? And maybe turn the water heater down to 120°F and only take 3-minute showers?
- A “Stuff” Fast: Buying only the bare minimum of essentials you need and simplifying your life? And how about staying away from as much plastic as you can and minimizing your waste stream?

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Volunteer

Feel the need to help those who are hurting?
Phone Counselors Needed!!
Contact Exec. Director Dr. Terry Smith 1-630-988-7395
www.Catholichotline.org Catholichotline@gmail.com

If you are a Catholic who would like to provide spiritual and emotional support to our callers that need undivided attention especially during this time of crisis, you can be trained to become one of our phone counselors and work remotely.

The Upper Room Hotline is a ministry in the Catholic Tradition where our phone counselors are acting to extend Jesus’ care and compassion through the guidance of the Holy Spirit using active listening, empathy, prayer when requested.

Our phone counselors receive free training on private Zoom Meetings. They cover various areas by credentialed University Instructors and Clinical Professionals that will specifically prepare you to assume responsibilities on the hotline.

Call now to be put on our waiting list
Hurry and Sign up Now! Classes begin March 2nd-April 27th

Call 1-630-988-7395
We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar  
Bob Cleary  
Mari Cleary  
Dick DuSatto  
Faith Ann Fialek  
John M. Foresman  
Ralph Fricke  
Eric Hanson  
Carol Hendrich  
George Gustafson  
Ted Jank  
Darlene Januska  
Rayna Januska  
Jackie Marquis Jarvis  
Steve Jaslewsky  
Jeanne Jordan  
Barb Kosiek  
Sally Krueger  
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Daniel Loris  
Joyce Maples  
Anthony Nowak  
Carol Paul  
Linda Pennock  
Kim Peterson  
Alie Phillips  
Maeve Powers  
Lolit Ranchero  
Allison Riley  
Dick Rosenbeck  
John Rossi  
Jim Sanders  
Lou Schiller  
Joan Sestak  
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.

We pray for the Deceased

Ed Ohlinger  
(father of Rebecca)

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.
Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, “I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings.”

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Jan 26-Feb 2:
Sunday 1/24 2,361.00
Sunday other forms 11,165.00
General Funds 220.00
Restricted Use 55.00
Debt Reduction 4,658.00
Total Contributed $18,459.00

Differential this week:
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Catch up this period: $8,159.00

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

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Diocesan Cemeteries 80.00
Latin America 213.00

Debt to Diocese 12/31/2020 $372,924
Registered Households—765

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

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Office Hours
Monday—Friday.................................9:00 AM—4:30 PM
Mass Schedule
Monday through Thursday..........................8:30 AM
Friday Communion Service..........................8:30 AM
The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.
Saturday..................................................4:45 PM
Sunday..................................................8:30 and 10:00 AM
Holy Days…consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

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Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance
Position Open, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Barb Kosiek, Worship

Calendar of Events

Manna Pickup
Sunday, February 7
8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
11:00 am—Baptism

Monday, February 8
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—RF Commission

Tuesday, February 9
8:30 am—daily mass
4:45-6:00 pm—RF Hybrid classes gr. 2,3,4

Wednesday, February 10
8:30 am—daily mass
6:30-7:45 pm—RF Hybrid class gr. 8

Thursday, February 11
8:30 am—daily mass

Friday, February 12
8:30 am—Communion service or mass

CMAA Commitment Weekend
Saturday, February 13
4:30 pm—mass on facebook, YouTube posted
4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.

Sunday, February 14
8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
11:00 am—Baptism

Upcoming Events
Feb 17: Ash Wednesday. Mass at 8:30 am, Prayer Service with Ashes at 4:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm.
Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. (subject to change)
Mar 20/21: St Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive in the parking lot before and after masses.

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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.

St. Paul Miki
16th-century Japanese Jesuit seminarian who was arrested and crucified because of his faith

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