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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24
Lent is about discerning where our hearts are directed. Let us ask: Where is my life’s navigation system taking me—towards God or towards myself?

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.

Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
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, April 8, 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter all require complete décor rearrangements. (Specific days and times are still being worked out due to Covid19 requirements and filming Mass set-up times. So we are flexible!)

If you can give just an hour to help it would be extremely appreciated. The list is long: changing out décor, changing Altar cloths, making palm arrangements, ironing, setting up the large wooden cross and ALL that goes into Easter preparation.

Call JoAnn W for any questions and to give times and share talents you can offer. Thank you in advance.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

**Spring Campaign**

February 17 - March 28

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, community-based prayer vigil that asks our loving God to help bring about an end to abortion through Prayer and Fasting • Constant Vigil • Community Outreach.

Volunteers are needed to pray for one hour in front of the abortion clinic in Downers Grove; Access Health Center located at 1700 W. 75th St.

Over 18,000 babies lives have been saved through the prayers of people praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil. Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer this year, and bring a friend.

For more information and to sign up for an hour, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
We need your prayers... so do the moms and babies!

**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

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**Religious Formation**

**This Week for RF Classes:**
**All RF Student Reconciliation**
All students grade 3-8 will be asked to attend classes in-person on Wednesday, March 24 to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note that class times are different from the regular scheduled times. In order to best maintain Covid-19 protocol and all safety standards. Grades 3-5 will meet for Reconciliation at 6:00-6:30 and Grades 6-8 will meet for Reconciliation at 6:30-7:30.

**Spring break and Easter break is scheduled for March 28 to April 12**

**RF Lenten Project: Stations of the Cross**
All Religious Formation students are asked to participate in this year’s Good Friday’s Stations of the Cross by helping us to make a RF video of the Stations of the Cross. We are hoping to have all of our students record themselves saying part of a Station. We will then edit the kids all together and post it for all the families of Christ the Servant to joins us in praying the Stations on Good Friday. Student should check the their Flipgrid topic called Stations of the Cross for more information.

**Confirmation Paperwork is Due or Overdue**
Confirmation is quickly approaching, and all Confirmation paperwork and service hours must be completed and handed in no later than April 13, 2021 to be eligible for Confirmation in 2021.

**Important Confirmation Dates**
- Confirmation Retreat Saturday, May 8
- Confirmation Practice Wednesday, May 12
- Confirmation Thursday, May 13

Parents don't forget to keep saving your child's class projects and artwork for the Spring Art Show April 24-25

**First Communion Retreat**
Thank you to all who attended and helped out at our First Communion. It was great fun learning and sharing about the great gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. Please don't forget to complete and turn in your First Communion Banners and Votive Candle Holders before the First Communion practice on April 24.

**Coming this Summer!**
Christ the Servant and Our Lady of Peace Churches are teaming up together for the event of the Summer!

**Your kids are going to love this!!**

**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.

**Hurry! Room For Only One More In Our Kindergarten Class**
Religious Formation has room for two more children in our new Kindergarten class. 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.

cgoba@rcdoj.org

**FORMED.org is a premier on-line platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, ebooks, and talks – and it’s free for every parishioner to use.**
**Job Opportunities**

**Parish Accountant (full-time)**
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Naperville, IL

The parish accountant provides day-to-day accounting services which supports both the parish and school. Responsible for all aspects of maintaining the general ledger for both month-end reporting and the fiscal year-end reporting period; liaison with both the school tuition management servicer, and the parish on-line giving servicer. To view a full job description, visit: https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=655

Interested candidates, email your cover letter and resume to: financemanager@sspeterandpaul.net

**Part-time Maintenance Assistant – St. Dennis Church, Lockport, IL**

St. Dennis Church and School are seeking a part-time maintenance assistant. This is a non-benefitted position of 20-25 hours per week. Responsibilities will include custodial tasks, event setups, some landscape work and various maintenance duties around the campus. This may include changing light bulbs and other ladder work. Must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. All applicants will adhere to Diocesan Hiring Guidelines including a background check and PGC requirements. Submit a resume to secretary@saint-dennis.org. If you have any questions, please call Victor Leon at 815-838-2592, ext. 123.

**Catholic Elementary School Teachers and Instructional Assistants Needed**

As they prepare for a 2021-2022 school year marked by an unprecedented growth in Catholic elementary school student enrollment, Principals of Diocese of Joliet Catholic Elementary Schools are seeking passionate and dedicated professional educators to fill 100-125 full and part-time teaching and Instructional Assistant positions. Applicants must hold appropriate state licensure and be devout and practicing Catholics who exhibit a passion for and commitment to Catholic Education. Please view complete vocation descriptions and apply online at www.applitrack.com/dioceseofjoliet/onlineapp. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Karen Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

**HAMS FOR THE HUNGRY**

Once again, we will be collecting hams to share with our neighbors in need for Easter. Hams will be collected on **Sunday, March 28 between 8:00 am and 10:15 am.** We do not have enough space to keep them refrigerated so please bring the hams during collection time outside the church. All sizes of hams are appreciated as the sizes of the families in need varies greatly.

Questions? Contact 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.

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**Lenten Fast for Creation Care**

_This Lent, consider a Lenten Sacrifice focused on Care for God’s Creation_

**Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast?** Things we buy impact our environment, take time from our life and often control us.

**WEEK SIX:** 24/7 consumerism exhausts workers, resources, and distracts us spiritually. Pope Francis urges us to seek a simpler, less materialistic life. Observing the Sabbath encouraged detachment from temporal goods by putting aside time for God. Try designating days this week for a more contemplative state, giving up buying “stuff”, and pre-purchasing only the minimum essentials.

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“Stuff” Fast - Set aside specific days to devote your free time to contemplative thought, prayer and spiritual development. Pre-purchase necessary essentials and try to buy nothing on those days. Think about “what things do I really need?”.
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Joe Bremer & Philip Becker

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. Darlene Januska
Mike Baker, r. Cathy Baker
Sally Joy Krueger, r. Nowak family

Sunday, March 21
8:30 AM Darlene Kreger, r. Ciolek family
Rosendo Fulgar, Sp. Int, r. Jesus Renato Masaquel
10:00 AM Sylvia Cordes, r. Vic Cordes
People of the Parish

Monday, March 22
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 23
8:30 AM Richard Losik, r. Bernie Kestler

Wednesday, March 24
8:30 AM Sally Joy Krueger, r. Nowak family
Pita Chiarella, r. Riedl family

Thursday, March 25
8:30 AM David Kestler, r. Bernie Kestler

Friday, March 26—Communion service or mass
8:30 AM

Saturday, March 27
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. friends & family
Pauline Dennis, r. Pat & Debi Savage

Sunday, March 28
8:30 AM Ed Ohliger, r. Angie Mrozinski
Paula Sedlacek, r. Kelsey Sedlacek & Marijane Tomaeno
Emilio Chiarella, r. Riedl family
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Donald Kowalski, r. Kathryn Kowalski

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

We pray for the Sick

Greg Basta     Jackie Marquis Jarvis     Mike Renth
Dave Billings  Steve Jascewsky           Dick Rosenbeck
Joan Billings  Jeanne Jordan             John Rossi
Sharon Bhaskar Derek Kaunelis             Jim Sanders
Bob Cleary     Barb Kosiek                Joan Sestak
Mari Cleary    Suzanne Lesniewski         Dan Szymbanski
Dick DuSatko    Patti Luchetti            Frank Tiesenga
Faith Ann Fialek Cathy Magee              Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
John M. Foresman Joyce Maples             Shirley Tomaeno
Eric Hanson    Chuck Neal                 Hanh Truong
Carol Hendrich Anthony Nowak              Dorothy Urbanowicz
George Gustafson Linda Pennock            Bill Wagner
Jean Henry      Kim Peterson              Joan Zaitlen
Ted Jank        Alie Phillips
Darlene Januska Maeve Powers
Rayna Januska   Lolit Ranchero

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

Judy Wethington

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
Patrick Pendergast, son of Dave & Toni Pendergast
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—Mar. 21-Mar. 28

SUNDAY: Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33
TUESDAY: Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42
THURSDAY: Is 7:10-14;8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
FRIDAY: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
SATURDAY: Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56
"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS Mar 10-Mar 16:**
- Sunday 3/7: 3,773.00
- Sunday other forms: 4,170.00
- General Funds: 170.00
- Restricted Use: 165.00
- Capital Ctrb Challenge: 5,675.00
- Debt Reduction: 1,108.00
- Total Contributed: $15,061.00

**Differential this week:**
- Needed: $10,300.00
- Reported: 15,061.00
- Over budget this period: $4,761.00

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

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**
- Diocesan Cemeteries: $60.00
- Catholic Relief Services: 160.00
- Blue Jeans/Homeless: 50.00

**Debt to Diocese 2/28/2021:** $360,559

**Registered Households—765**

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

Did you know...the Capital Contribution Challenge introduced last week is the first capital campaign that has been launched since the campaign to build this church building! Yes, there has been plenty of encouragement to practice good stewardship of the gifts God has provided, but this one has a specific purpose. All donated funds to the CCC will go toward the shingles, HVAC, and parking lot replacement. If there is any money left over, we would like to set it aside for re-doing the flat portion of the roof when that becomes necessary. Please be as generous as possible so we can get up to the maximum matched funds and even more! Thank you so much for showing how much you care about Christ the Servant parish as your spiritual home.