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

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.

Holy Thursday, April 1
No morning mass
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 2
No morning service
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion Stations online only at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3
9:30 am Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4
8:30 am Mass (filled, but you can be on a wait list)
10:00 am Mass (filled, but you can be on a wait list)

Easter Monday, April 5
No mass
Offices closed

Reservations are still required for mass, but even if we don’t have room inside, you may still listen to the mass on 88.3 FM from your car, and receive communion from the minister that comes outside.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday masses will be live-streamed on Facebook then posted later on YouTube.

Easter is a Season, not just a single day. If you aren’t able to come to mass because it is at full capacity, choose another day between now and Pentecost. While we would all prefer to be here on Easter Sunday, Covid is preventing that. So we’ll just have to work around Covid this year. At least we are open this year!
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

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**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**

*Life is precious - defend it*

**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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove)

We need your prayers...so do the moms and babies!

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**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Religious Formation

RF Spring/Easter Break
Religious Formation will be on Spring/Easter break during from March 30-April 7. Students are encouraged to participate in the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies during this time.

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. Please Hurry if you have not already summitted your project we will be excepting student videos summitted on Flipgrid or emailed to cgoba@rcdoj.org until March 30.

Year of the Family
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Coming Soon!
Coming this Summer!
Christ the Servant and Our Lady of Peace Churches are teaming up together for the event of the Summer! For more information or to volunteer for VBS Contact Christine Goba at cgoba@rcdoj.org or 630-910-0770

Your kids are going to love this!!

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

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We are excited to announce coming soon, a learning tool called FORMED that will be used by some of our RF teachers, and more importantly by our students and parents in the home.
Christ the Servant—April, 2021

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Masses Live-streamed on Facebook. Will be posted on YouTube as quickly as possible afterwards.

April 1  No morning mass
   7:00 pm  Mass of the Lord’s Supper
   9:00 pm  Night Prayer following Adoration
April 2  No morning service
   3:00 pm  Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
   7:00 pm  Stations of the Cross—online only
April 3  9:30 am  Blessing of Easter Baskets (outside, weather permitting, otherwise inside)
   7:30 pm  Easter Vigil
April 4  8:30 am  Easter Sunday Mass
   10:00 am  Easter Sunday Mass
April 5  No morning mass/offices closed
April 6  Election Day
April 8  7:00 pm  Baptism Preparation Class
April 11  11:00 am  Baptism
April 12  7:00 pm  RF Commission
April 17  9:00 am  Worship Commission
April 18  11:00 am  Baptism
April 19  7:00 pm  Admin/Finance Commission
April 24  1:00 pm  Presentation on Grief (Zoom—watch for details)
April 24  10:00 am  First Communion Practice
April 24/25 before/after masses  RF children’s Spring Art Show
April 26  7:00 pm  Parish Pastoral Council

RF classes: check page 4 and/or your Flocknote email for the most up to date information.

Capital Contribution Challenge

Thank you to the people who have already responded generously to the Capital Contribution Challenge.

All contributions up to $50,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by parishioner Jim English. If you did not receive a letter and pledge card in the mail, please request one at the check-in table at mass, or contact the Parish Office at 630-910-0770.

With your support, we will not have to dip into savings to accomplish these necessary projects of replacing the shingle roof, the HVAC units, and the original parking lot.

Lenten Fast for Creation Care

This Lent, consider a Lenten Sacrifice focused on Care for God’s Creation

Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? The gas we burn in our cars impacts air quality, health and contributes to global warming.

WEEK SEVEN: Try some simple ways to reduce gasoline waste by driving more efficiently. Slow down: for every 10 mph over 50 mph you travel, there’s about a 13% reduction in fuel economy. Avoid rapid acceleration and braking which can waste even more gas.

Avoid lengthy idling. Plan you driving trips to minimize mileage. Use ground-based public transit where possible.

Gasoline Fast — Slow down to waste less gas. Plan/combine errands to minimize mileage. Carpool, use public transportation, bike and walk where possible. Check that tires are properly inflated to conserve fuel.
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
Gerald Johnson

MASSEY & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, March 28
8:30 AM Ed Ohlinger, 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

Monday, March 29
8:30 AM Mary Peterson, r. Rich & Casey Kellner

Tuesday, March 30
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 31
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday
No morning mass
7:00 PM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy

Friday, April 2—Good Friday
No morning service
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
7:30 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family
Gerald Johnson, r. family

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Bob Jahn and deceased members of
Jascewsky & Derlitz families
To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light,
call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

Bible Readings—Mar. 28-Apr. 4

SUNDAY: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 /
WEDNESDAY: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
Jn 18:1-19:42
Mk 16:1-7
SUNDAY: Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5,6b-8 /
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

We pray for the Sick

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

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 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.
Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment 2,600.00
Total Needed $ 10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS
Due to an early publication deadline, contributions will be reported next week.

Debt to Diocese 2/28/2021 $360,559
Registered Households—765

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

Did you know... both masses on Easter Sunday are filled to capacity. You still have the option of listening to the mass in the parking lot on 88.3 FM, or watching the livestream on Facebook. The video will be placed on YouTube as quickly as it can after the conclusion of the mass. Please be sure to check Eventbrite (link on the parish home page) for availability at other masses. Each month has a unique link, and it’s possible that you may need to do a refresh on the web page to see the newest link.

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.

You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. Consult with your financial advisor for information about how to accomplish this.