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

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with the Risen Lord.

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

CTS Capital Contribution Challenge

As of April 20, 194 of 768 registered parishioners (25.26%) have responded, including some people who are not officially registered, but do support Christ the Servant.

Stephanie
Bill C
Donna C
Jenny & Megan F
Dave F
Renatta J
Bill K
Cathy P
Helene P
Paula R
Corby, Sheri & Imogen S
Ken & Louann S

Huge thanks also to JoAnn W, who planned, organized, ordered the flowers, assisted in all phases of the decorations, and spent many, many hours organizing, cataloging and cleaning the Art & Environment Room!

Christ the Servant Parish

Through the Waters of Baptism, the faith community of Christ the Servant Parish Welcomes Calvin Chase, son of Christopher & Brittany F April 18, 2021

Paid $160,660
Pledged $163,300
Goal $220,000

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2021 GOAL $40,700  AMOUNT PLEDGED:  $39,295
AMOUNT PAID:  $32,710  REMAINING BALANCE:  $6,585
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Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!

Creation Care Corner
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Religious Formation

This Week for Religious Formation Classes

This week: Hybrid classes grades 2, 3 and 4 will meet for class on April 27 and Hybrid class for grade 8 will meet on April 28. All other classes will continue with the class work on Flipgrid.

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

Religious Formation’s
Spring Art Show April 24-25

Stop by after Mass this weekend to view the Religious Formation students’ artwork.

First Communion May 1

May 1st at 11:00 am our first Communion class will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers that they might truly appreciate the gift of this most wonderful Sacrament.

Important Confirmation Dates

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

Calling all high schoolers!

Christ the Servant is currently planning their Summer Youth Program and we want your input! We are sending out an email survey, parents please watch your email for your high schoolers survey. Contact Christine Goba at cgoba@rcdoj.org or 630-910-0770 for more information.

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. Check out the link sign up and enjoy this Catholic streaming service. It’s easy and free to start enjoying FORMED!

Go to http://signup.formed.org/
Enter our parish zip (60517) or name and select your parish
Register with your name and email address
Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Over 55 Ladies Club
We’re back! If you feel comfortable going to a restaurant for lunch, now is the time you can start feeling normal again! (Kind of, at least.)

Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, May 11, 1:30 PM at

7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove
(it used to be Fuddrucker’s)

You must call Andie W
or Tina F.

New members welcome!

Christ the Servant—
May, 2021

May 1 11:00 am First Communion
May 1 & 2 after masses pick up Manna orders
May 2 11:00 am Baptism
May 4 4:45 pm Last Tuesday RF class
May 5 6:00 pm Last Wednesday RF
May 6 7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class
May 7 9:00 am First Friday Holy Hour
May 8 10:00 am Confirmation Retreat
May 10 7:00 pm RF Commission
May 12 7:00 pm Confirmation practice
May 13 7:00 pm Confirmation
May 14 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal
May 15 9:00 am Worship Commission
May 15 3:00 pm Wedding
May 16 11:00 am Baptism
May 17 7:00 pm Admin/Finance Comm.
May 22 8:30-11:30 am Electronics Recycling
May 31 Memorial Day holiday; offices closed

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

Bread for the World Offering of Letters
May 1-2, 2021
Please consider sending a letter to Congress to continue advocating for:

· Strengthening national child nutrition programs including school meals and WIC which are due for re-authorization this year.

· Make permanent the 15% increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to insure vulnerable U.S. families have the nutrition they need.

· Make permanent the summer EBT program so children don’t miss out on nutrition when school is out of session.

· Make the child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan permanent.

· Increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs.

In next week’s bulletin there will be 2 options for sending letters to your U.S. Senators and Representative. There will be a letter printed in the bulletin with the local office addresses of the Senators and Representative. The second option will be a link to Bread for the World with a pre-written letter. Your Zip Code+Four will be required to automatically send the email to the correct Representative. For either option, please consider personalizing the letter by adding your own thoughts. This makes a difference. Thank you for your advocacy.

Manna orders are being accepted through the end of the 10:00 mass this weekend (if you miss the deadline by a few minutes, call Bill C). Manna cards protect your identity, make great gifts, and a percentage of your purchase stays to help Christ the Servant! Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10 am mass will be ready for pickup next week.
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Irene Rebman and Diana Kowalski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. Ed & Ann Polan
James Crockett (8th anniv of death), r. Crockett family
Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid
Michael & Angelene Kolek, r. Crockett family
People of the Parish

Sunday, April 25
8:30 AM Darlene Kreger, r. Ciolek family
Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid
10:00 AM Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid
Wally & Jan Nowak, 50th wedding anniversary, r. Jim Nowak family

Monday, April 26
8:30 AM Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid

Tuesday, April 27
8:30 AM Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid

Wednesday, April 28
8:30 AM Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid

Thursday, April 29
8:30 AM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy
Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid

Friday, April 30—Mass
8:30 AM Angela Trunzo, Sp. Int., r. Bernie Kestler

Saturday, May 1
4:45 PM Sister Rosemary Ward, r. Steve & Karen Jackson
Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid

Sunday, May 2
8:30 AM Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrucid

We pray for the Sick

Greg Basta  Jean Henry  Alie Phillips
Dave Billings  Eleanor Jahn  Maeve Powers
Joan Billings  Ted Jank  Mike Renth
Sharon Bhaskar  Darlene Januska  Dick Rosenbeck
Pat Chuchla  Rayna Januska  John Rossi
Bob Cleary  Jackie Marquis Jarvis  Jim Sanders
Mari Cleary  Jeanne Jordan  Joan Sestak
Patti Crimer  Derek Kaunelis  Rita Sisko
Dick DuSatko  Barb Kosiek  Dan Szymanski
Faith Ann Fialek  Suzanne Lesniewski  Frank Tiesenga
Lauren Fields  Patti Luchetti  Joseph Tomaeno Jr
Phil Florek  Cathy Magee  Shirley Tomaeno
John M. Foresman  Joyce Maples  Hanh Truong
Eric Hanson  Chuck Neal  Dorothy Urbanowicz
Michael Harris  Kelsey Neal  Bill Wagner
Carol Hendrich  Anthony Nowak  Joan Zaitlen
George Gustafson  Linda Pennock

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.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker is May 1
St. Joseph was a carpenter and probably taught Jesus his trade. Joseph honored and gave praise to the Father in heaven through his work as a carpenter. The Church in 1955 honored St. Joseph and the dignity of works by proclaiming the Universal feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1. Joseph is also named the protector of workers and the model for fathers. Let us pray to Saint Joseph for his help in all our work and for those who want and need jobs but cannot find them.

Bible Readings—Apr. 25-May 2

or Col 3:14-15,17,23-24 / Mt 13:54-58
To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Apr 13-Apr 20:
Sunday 4/11 3,556.00
Easter 4/11 230.00
Sunday other forms 5,014.00
General Funds 290.00
Debt Reduction 673.00
Total Contributed $ 16,482.02

Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported 9,763.00
Deficit this period: ($ 837.00)

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Home Missions 10.00
Diocesan Cemeteries 30.00
Debt to Diocese 3/31/2021 339,347
Registered Households—768

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

Did you know…the bioswale has finally benefitted from some maintenance. The plan is to cut it back once a year. (It will be in the fall from now on.) The rest of the time, it is catching rainwater, giving time for water to flow into the retention pond next to Wendy’s, while providing an ecologically friendly place for native grasses to thrive.

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.