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.
Let us pray constantly that the Israelis and Palestinians may find the path of dialogue and forgiveness. Let us pray for the victims, in particular for the children; let us pray for peace.

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.

CTS Capital Contribution Challenge

As of May 18, 255 of 768 registered parishioners (33.2%) have responded, including some people who are not officially registered, but do support Christ the Servant. Please join in if you are able!

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Do you or someone you know have need of a caregiver?

Irena, 630-901-2312, is an independent caregiver, who may be able to meet your needs.

Any arrangement made between you is totally independent of Christ the Servant parish, and you would be responsible for making any employment/background checks.

Through the Waters of Baptism, the faith community of Christ the Servant Parish Welcomes

Anthony James,
son of Richard & Margarita R
May 15, 2021

Dylan,
son of Angelica M & Eduardo S
May 16, 2021

Abrielle J & Justin Z
May 15, 2021

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
As Catholic Christians, we are called to condemn all forms of violence, and should stand in solidarity with all humans in their time of pain. This letter was sent to express sorrow at the pain experienced by the racial violence recently in Indianapolis:
April 21, 2021

The Sikh Coalition
50 Broad Street, Suite 504, New York, NY 10004

Dear Sikh Community Members,
The members of Christ the Servant Catholic Church stand with you in solidarity in the wake of the massacre of Sikhs in Indianapolis and years of racial traumas and violence. When one of us is attacked, it affects all of us.

We offer our prayers and sympathy for the families of those who were killed. We recommit to ending racial violence in all its forms.

Respectfully and in Peace,
Karen A. J, Peace and Social Justice Committee
Christ the Servant Church

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
as of 5/16/21

Thank you for your generous support of the Shining the Light of Christ 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.
If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

2021 GOAL $40,700 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $41,990
AMOUNT PAID: $36,115 REMAINING BALANCE: $5,875
DONORS THIS YEAR: 192 (24 less than last year)

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!

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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, June 3, 7:00 PM

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CASH FOR FOOD
Saturday, June 5
Sunday, June 6

CHRIST THE SERVANT supports the West Suburban Food Pantry, Downers Grove Area FISH, and Blue Jeans for the Homeless.

Food items are very welcome, including canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. as well as personal care and paper products.

Please drop off your food and product items in the parking lot before Mass.

Cash donations are most appreciated. Any cash amount is welcome! A Cash for Food Donation Box will be available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Please make checks payable to Christ the Servant. All cash and checks will be converted to food donations and distributed promptly.

*The needs of those less fortunate than ourselves are just like our needs.*
Religious Formation

Religious Formation Classes
In person classes are done for the year. Your child is encouraged to complete any classes that are not done on the Flipgrid. The Flipgrid links and your child’s password for their Flipgrid will remain accessible until July 31.

Have a great summer everyone! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our faith and love of God with your children. It is always a great blessing to get to work with such wonderful families during the school year. Thank you, parents, for your perseverance and with home education and your ability to be flexible during this trying time. May God bless you with a joyful summer.

Sacrament Reminder
Don’t forget, if your child is planning on making a sacrament that the Diocese of Joliet requires that children complete a minimum of two consecutive years of religious formation before receiving sacraments. Typically, in 2nd grade, our children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. (Children must have participated in RF in first and second grade or two other consecutive years of preparation). Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, which will be conferred at the end of 8th grade according to the Bishop’s schedule begins in 6th and 7th grade. (Full participation in RF in 7th and 8th grade is the minimum enrollment required.)

Congratulations go out to our Confirmation class who received the sacrament of Confirmation May 13, 2021. The Celebrant for the Mass was the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Calling all high schoolers: Let’s have some fun!
Christ the Servant is currently planning our 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.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School
Youth 5th grade to High school and Adult volunteers are needed to help lead Vacation Bible School. We need volunteers who like to laugh, have fun and like to smile while sharing the love of God with others.

Coming June 28-30!
Treasured VBS: Discovering you’re priceless to God.
A summer kids’ event called Treasured VBS will be hosted at Christ the Servant from June 28 to 30. At Treasured, kids discover God’s greatest treasure isn’t diamonds, gems, or gold – it’s them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Kids at Treasured VBS will join a mission project effort to provide mosquito nets for draping over beds to protect kids while they sleep. The nets will be distributed all over the world—wherever mosquitoes may carry malaria.

Treasured is for kids from 5 to 9 and will run from 9:30 to 11:45 each day. Cost to participate is $30.

For more info, call Christine at 630-629-0724.

We now have a subscription to 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 for free!

WATCH: True Reformers: Episode 3—St. Philip Neri
LEARN: Formed Now: The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost
LISTEN: The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon
Help the Invest in Kids Act Keep Going

Bishop Hicks, in union with all the Illinois Bishops, is urging all to write the Governor and our state legislators to urge support of keeping the Invest in Kids Act viable. The Invest in Kids program has enabled over 20,000 children in Illinois to attend 650 different schools of their families’ choice. Our bishop has asked your support of the Invest in Kids tax credit and annual renewals for scholarship students. The plan will benefit not only families in our Catholic schools, but will also provide otherwise unattainable educational opportunities for all working class families.

Contact information for your state legislators can be found on www.ilcatholic.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page, click on “Find Your Legislator” and input your zip code and address. There is no specific bill number to give. Simply ask your legislators to oppose the Governor’s plan to cut the Invest in Kids program and support efforts to extend and improve opportunities for our children’s education.

Job Opportunities

Help Wanted - General Office – Parish Secretary
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville
Full-time (40 hours per week), benefitted position
Must be able to self-direct and prioritize work while being a welcoming presence to the public. Training provided. Previous clerical experience and familiarity with Microsoft Office is required (experience with Publisher and Spanish speaking ability are a plus.) To view a full job description, visit; www.dioceseofjoliet.org. To apply, send a brief statement of interest, a resume and references to mainoffice@stapostle.org. Apply by June 11.

Faith Formation Administrative Assistant
Job-Share Description
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville
Part-time (12-25 hours per week), non-benefitted position
Job share Administrative Assistant. The Faith Formation Administrative Assistants support the four ministries of Faith Formation: Elementary (pre-K through Grade 5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School Youth/Young Adult Ministry, and Adult Faith Formation. Good organizational and communication skills, both oral and written a must. Skilled in Microsoft Office and Publisher experience preferred. For a full job description, visit; www.dioceseofjoliet.org. To apply, send a brief description of your interest, a resume and a list of three references to mainoffice@stapostle.org. Apply by June 10.

Part-time Maintenance Custodian
St. Mary Nativity Church, Joliet, Il
Part-time, non-benefitted Maintenance Custodian. The person in this position is responsible for performing general maintenance tasks including janitorial, completing work orders, maintaining the grounds at St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross parishes. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent; college and/or trade school preferred. To view a full job description, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Send resume and references to: Mary Nemanich at mnemanich@smncs.com.

Part time Director of Religious Education
Holy Ghost Church in Wood Dale
(25-29 hours a week) Applicant should have a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of Director of Religious Education and be committed to ongoing personal formation. For a full job description, visit; www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Send a cover letter and resume to Theresa Bero at tbero@holyghostparish.org.

Creation Care Corner

“All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation.”
—Pope Francis

The Anniversary of Laudato Si’

This week is the anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’: a text of landmark significance and an appeal for us to rethink our relationship with nature.

- He reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”
- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.
- By reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can significantly improve care for Creation.
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Gary St. Pierre & Victor Waszkiewicz

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 22
4:45 PM Special Intention, r. Pat Savage
John & Catherine Frale, r. Frale family

Sunday, May 23
8:30 AM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Robert Vodicka, r. Brian, Jennie & Maggie Clark

Monday, May 24
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 25
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 26
8:30 AM Jim Fleming, r. Ed & Fran Fleming

Thursday, May 27
8:30 AM Dick Ruff, r. Donna Mays

Friday, May 28—Communion Service or Mass
8:30 AM

Saturday, May 29
4:45 PM Steve Joyce, r. Steve & Karen Jackson
Diane Rosenberg, r. John & JoAnn Frale
Mom Kolodziej, r. Helene Peslak

Sunday, May 30
8:30 AM Madeleine Edralin, r. David family (1st year anniv.)
George Gustafson, r. Marge Buch & family
10:00 AM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy
People of the Parish

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

We pray for the Sick

Greg Basta  Carol Hendrich  Alie Phillips
Ken Bastuga  Jean Henry  Lolit Ranchero
Dave Billings  Eleanor Jahn  Dick Rosenbeck
Joan Billings  Rayna Januska  John Rossi
Sharon Bhaskar  Jackie Marquis Jarvis  Jim Sanders
Pat Chang  Jeanne Jordan  Dan Szymanski
Pat Chuchla  Derek Kaunelis  Frank Tiesenga
Patti Crimer  Barb Kosiek  Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Dinnocenzo family  Suzanne Lesniewski  Shirley Tomaeno
Leslie Dunlap  Patti Luchetti  Hanh Truong
Dick DuSatko  Cathy Magee  Mary Vanderplow
Faith Ann Fialek  Joyce Maples  Bill Wagner
Lauren Fields  Chuck Mapes  Joan Zaitlen
Phil Florek  Kelsey Neal
John M. Foresman  Anthony Nowak
Michael Harris  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 the Deceased

Steve Laughlin
Patricia Leskowski

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
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.

Jim Kikilas, godson of Pat & Debi Savage, has returned from his tour of duty. Praise God!

Bible Readings—May 23-May 30

SUNDAY: Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or
MONDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Jn 19:25-34
TUESDAY: Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31
WEDNESDAY: Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17 / Mk 10:32-45
THURSDAY: Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52
FRIDAY: Sir 44:1,9-13 / Mk 11:1-26
SATURDAY: Sir 51:12cd-20 / Mk 11:27-33
SUNDAY: Dt 4:32-34,39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20
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**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021**

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS May 12-May 18:**

- Sunday 5/9 $ 2,550.00
- Sunday other forms $ 2,665.00
- General Funds $ 720.01
- Restricted $ 1,040.00
- Debt Reduction $ 858.00
- Total Contributed $ 7,833.01

Differential this period:

- Needed $ 10,300.00
- Reported $ 7,833.01
- Deficit this period: $ 2,466.99

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

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Peters Pence $ 5.00
- Diocese Priests’ Care $ 5.00
- Blue Jeans/Homeless $ 100.00
- Diocesan Cemeteries $ 10.00

Debt to Diocese 4/30/2021 $ 328,145

Registered Households—768

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

**Did you know…**

- being able to welcome more people back to mass while still needing to do contact tracing/check-in means that the lines when you come in just a few minutes before mass begins will be longer. The line will go faster if the check-in people can just check your name off the prepared list, instead of needing to write your name in and assure that we have your email address or phone number. Please register before 1 pm on Fridays for masses for the weekend. You can also plan to arrive 5 or 10 minutes earlier than normal to help spread out the line.

Praise God that we are able to increase our capacity and approach what we used to call “normal”.

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**Calendar of Events**

- **Sunday, May 23**
  - 8:30 am—mass. Reserve your spot.
  - 10:00 am—mass. Reserve your spot.

- **Monday, May 24**
  - 8:00 am—daily mass
  - 7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

- **Tuesday, May 25**
  - 8:30 am—daily mass

- **Wednesday, May 26**
  - 8:30 am—daily mass

- **Thursday, May 27**
  - 8:30 am—daily mass

- **Friday, May 28**
  - 8:30 am—daily mass

- **Saturday, May 29**
  - 11:00 am—Funeral
  - 4:45 pm—mass. Reserve your spot.

- **Sunday, May 30**
  - 8:30 am—mass. Reserve your spot.
  - 10:00 am—mass. Reserve your spot.
  - 11:00 am—Baptism
  - 3:30 pm—Convalidation

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**Parish Giving**

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**Upcoming Events**

- **May 31:** Memorial Day Holiday; offices closed
- **June 28-30:** Vacation Bible School, 9:30-11:45 am