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

The elderly can teach the younger generations how to trust in God, how to be merciful, and how to pray fervently not only in good times, but especially in difficult ones.

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

Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulation, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.)

Have you ever wondered about the story behind the Divine Servant statue that is in our Church? Well, there is a story that may make this beautiful statue more meaningful to all of us.

When our parish was founded, it was very important to our founding pastor, Fr. Jim Ratigan, and to his pastoral associate, Margot Worfolk, that the people of the parish decide on the name it would have. Our parish was nameless for weeks while the people who came to Mass each Sunday stayed for discernment sessions. The name of Christ The Servant was agreed upon. Soon after, it was decided that somewhere “down the road” the sculpture by Max Greiner would be the perfect symbol of our parish because it would be a continual reminder to us of what we, as a parish, should always aspire to and commit ourselves to. It would help us to always remember that “Servanthood” is the message of the Gospel.

When our beloved founding pastor suddenly died, a part of his estate helped pay for the statue.

Holy Thursday is our parish feast day. This year, why not make a “pilgrimage” during Holy Week to the Divine Servant, either alone, with friends, or with family. Perhaps while you are there, you could remember our founding families, many of whom still worship with us and some who are now living in glory, and ask the Divine Servant to keep sending the grace of servanthood to us and to all future parishioners who choose to make Christ the Servant their Spiritual Home.

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.

At this time, we continue to record the mass for people who are not able to make it to church, posting it by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.
Volunteers NEEDED for Easter Décor!!!!
The Worship Commission is seeking helpers to help make the church prayerful and welcoming for Easter.

Easter décor preparation will be Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 am, immediately after the 9:30 am Easter Basket Blessings. If you can give an hour to help out, please contact JoAnn W at joannwelton@aol.com to confirm you can be there.

In appreciation, JoAnn W

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 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, May 5, 7:00 PM

Seniors Can Be Victims of Domestic Violence (cont.)

Knowing the signs of domestic violence in seniors
The first step to helping a senior out of an abusive home is to recognize the issue. Look for signs of domestic violence if you suspect something is going on. These are the five signs of domestic violence to look for.

1. Unexplained bruises or other injuries.
2. Withdrawal from activities he/she enjoyed, or sudden changes in alertness or unusual depression.
3. Sudden changes in financial situation.
4. Poor hygiene, bedsores, unusual weight loss, or unattended medical needs.
5. Belittling, threats, or frequent arguments with a caregiver.

While these signs may not be a one-hundred percent tell that a person is experiencing violence at home, they can help lead you to the truth. Identifying any of these signs and knowing the correct next steps to take could help get a person out of a bad situation and on to a better, healthier life.

What you can do to help those in need
You’ve noticed a senior in your life is showing signs of domestic violence. What should you do next? The best option may NOT be to insert yourself into the situation and address the abuser. This could put you or others in harm’s way. Instead, look at resources in your community that can assist with the situation. Professionals in many different fields can help get the senior safely out of the home and get them back on their feet towards a more stable living situation.

If there is immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

Adult Protective Services serves older adults and adults with disabilities who are in need of assistance. Adult Protective Services workers investigate cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. They work closely with a wide variety of professionals such as physicians, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, and police officers to help individuals on the road to recovery and safety. Every state has an Adult Protective Services agency. You may call anonymously and APS workers should never mention your name to the victim or abuser.

From VANTAGE AGING, October 20, 2020

Hotline Numbers for Help

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Religious Formation News

Class times
Tuesday 4:30-5:45 Grades 1-5 & 8
Tuesday 6:00-7:15 Grade 6
Wednesday 6:00-7:15 Grades 1, 5-8
Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)

If your child is not feeling well, they SHOULD NOT ATTEND formation sessions or parish activities.

Religious Formation Classes do not meet April 12 and 13 but students are encouraged to attend RF Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm on Good Friday and Triduum liturgies.

Class resume Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday April 20.

Join Our RF Students for Stations of the Cross
RF Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:00, April 15. If your child is interested in being part of the Good Friday Stations of the Cross, please call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email cgoba@rcdoj.org

First Communion Dates
- April 30th at 10:00 am First Communion practice
- May 7th at 11:00 am our First Communion class will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

Please keep our First Communion class in your prayers that they might truly appreciate the gift of this most wonderful Sacrament.

Confirmation Projects and Paperwork are Due
Confirmation paperwork is past due and should be turned in as soon as possible to be considered for Confirmation for this year. Please get them turned in to Christine Goba.

Confirmation Date
Christ the Servant’s Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Hicks on Friday, May 20 at 7:00 pm here at Christ the Servant Church. Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.

CRS Rice Bowls
It’s time to collect our RF Lenten mission project Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls. Please bring your CRS Rice bowls to Mass on Saturday and Sunday April 9/10 or to class on April 5 and 6 for collection. When you give to CRS Rice Bowl, 75% of your donation supports the work of CRS around the world. The other 25% supports hunger and poverty relief efforts in our diocese.

Religious Formation Spring Art Show
Parents Please drop off your Child’s artwork and RF class work for the Spring Art Show at the Religious Formation office. We will be accepting your artwork for our exhibit now through April 21. The Religious Formation Art Show will be the weekend of April 23-24. Please stop by after Mass to view our RF students’ artwork and help support their interest in giving praise to God through the Arts.

VBS is Coming June 20-24
Send your kids on a desert adventure! At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate God’s greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates
April 12-13 No Classes HOLY WEEK
April 15 RF Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
April 19-20 Classes (Apr 22 new remote post) Last Day to Turn in Artwork for Show.
April 23-May 1 Spring RF Artwork Show
April 26-27 Classes (Apr 29 new remote post)
April 30 at 10:00 am First Communion rehearsal
May 7 Saturday at 11:00 am First Communion
May 7/8 May Crowning—all masses
May 14 Confirmation Retreat 7th & 8th grades
May 19 Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 pm
**Job Opportunities**

**BOOKKEEPER**
Christ the Servant Church  
Part-time, non-benefitted position  
Approximately 10 hours per week  
The Bookkeeper will be responsible for financial record-keeping and reporting, bill-paying, (ParishSoft software), payroll functions (Paylocity), pension reporting (Christian Brothers), Protecting God’s Children compliance (Virtus, in collaboration with the Director of Religious Formation) and contributions data entry. The successful applicant will also be willing to help out in other clerical areas as needed. The ability to maintain confidentiality is required as well as experience in accounting. The bookkeeper reports to the Business Manager. Submit cover letter and resume to FrBob@ctswoodridge.org.

**BUSINESS MANAGER**
Christ the Servant Church  
Full-time, benefitted position  
The Business Manager is responsible for overseeing financial functions, desk-top publishing (Publisher), including the weekly bulletin, worship aids and certificates, serve as resource to the Parish Pastoral Council and other commissions. Maintain record of Commission minutes, perform secretarial functions (mass cards, answer phone, greet visitors, sacramental record-keeping and notifications, parish calendar maintenance, scheduling of baptisms, weddings and funerals, order supplies, produce all-parish mailings, serve as computer and facilities resource, copyright reporting, scheduling of liturgical ministers (Ministry Scheduler Pro software), contact with vendors, and other services as needed. The ability to maintain confidentiality is required. The Business Manager reports to the Pastor. Submit cover letter and resume to FrBob@ctswoodridge.org.

Recently, the Peace & Social Justice Committee sent a letter of support to our local Jewish Congregations in the wake of anti-Semitic occurrences. Here is the text of a letter we received from Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard:

“I was so touched by and grateful for your letter. How amazing of you to reach out to me.

Truly, it has been a crazy time to be alive in our country. (One can never predict someone would take hostages of a clergy person and parishioners.)

I was so grateful for your letter of support and hope. I shared the letter with my congregation and they too were very moved by your kindness.

May we continue to go from strength to strength.  
Thanks again,  
Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky”

**COVID DISPENSATION LIFTED**

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

(from Bishop Hicks, 3/27/22)

**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 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 your driving trips to minimize mileage. Use ground-based public transit where possible.

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**Gasoline Fast** - Slow down to waste less gas. Plan/combine errands to minimize mileage. Carpool, use public transportation, bike and walk where possible. Tires should be properly inflated to conserve fuel.
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Carol McPherson & Patti Luchetti

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, April 9
4:45 PM Betty Zoucha, r. Steve & Karen Jackson
Joseph Patrick Bacani, r. Leoncio & Marlene Bacani

Sunday, April 10
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Philip Van Geertry, r. Donna Ciolek

Monday, April 11
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 12
8:30 AM Betty Zoucha, r. Corinne Hanson

Wednesday, April 13
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, April 14
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, April 15
8:30 AM

Saturday, April 16
4:45 PM Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int, r. Zenaida Cruz

Sunday, April 17
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Donna Banaszak, r. Jim & Ginny McIlvain

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

Bible Readings—Apr. 10-Apr. 17

**SUNDAY:** Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

**MONDAY:** Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

**TUESDAY:** Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33,36-38

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

**THURSDAY:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15


**SUNDAY:** Acts 10:34a,37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5;6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

We pray for the Sick

Ray Banaszak
Bruce Barnhard
Barbara Bayro
Nancy Becker
Sharon Bhaskar
Kathy Brokowski
Jim Brabec
Pat Chang
Vic Cordes
Marge Felix
Bonnie Fiebrandt
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Joann Germanie
Michael Harris
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Rita Hogan
Remington Howard
Rayna Januska
Ed Jascewsky
Madeline Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Barb Kosiek
Bob Kraft
Karen Kripas
Brian Labuta
Jolie Landicho
S.Suzanne Lesniewski
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Joe Machanis
Jan May
Chuck Neal
Anthony Nowak
Linda Pennock
Andrew Peslak
Alie Phillips
Connie Polopoulos
Danny Ramsey
Lolit Ranchero
John Rossi
Jim Sanders
Dan Szymanski
Anastasia Thiem
Frank Tiesenga
Mary Vanderplow
Bill Wagner
Vince Zitella

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.

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak
Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Chase Halik, son of Tim & Peggy Halik
Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Cole Jirgl, nephew of Corby & Sheri Schmitz
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Raleigh Redinger, nephew of Mike Magee
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. Please also let us know when they return home.

Three holy days, one continuous liturgy.
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday.
In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, “The Master has need of it,” to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord’s work?

See Luke 19:34

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022**

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

Debt to Diocese 2/28/2022    $215,685

Registered Households—780

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

Did you know…

several of the Synod Surveys returned mentioned a desire for quiet prayer time in the sanctuary prior to mass. We love having people being glad to see each other and enjoying conversations. Out of a respect for the people desiring quiet prayer time before mass begins, maybe you can consider having conversations either after mass or in the narthex before mass.

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.

A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.

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.