



Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021



Many thanks to the volunteers who have refurbished the exterior lighting at Christ the Servant! Each person on the team to complete this project did their share:
(in last name alphabetical order)

Bill G (research and expertise)

Mike M (all around handy guy)

Jim P (electrical expertise)

Tom S (solar components, catalyst to get it done)

The Green Team (financial support for ecological components)

We thank you all for your support!

With it getting dark sooner now, you will be able to enjoy the lighting even more!

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.

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Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week
 During this time of crisis - health, social, environmental -- let us reflect on how the use of material goods can be harmful for the earth. Let us choose to change and to move toward a simpler and more respectful style of life regarding creation.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR1tH8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t).



In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Bob will be **blessing pets on Sunday, October 3, at noon**, on the terrace outside the entrance doors. (In case of inclement weather, the blessing will take place in the narthex.) Bring your properly leashed or caged pet to receive a blessing!



In October we celebrate the Feast of our Guardian Angel. What comfort it is in knowing that our Guardian Angel guides and protects us from dangers real and imagined. "Jesus has placed near you an Angel from heaven who is always looking after you." (St. Therese, The Little Flower)

This spiritual gift God has given us is the presence and protection of our personal Guardian Angel. "I am sending an Angel ahead of you today to guard you and keep you along the way." (Exodus 3:2)

Pray daily to your Guardian Angel. "*Angel of God, My Guardian Dear, to whom God's love COMMITS ME HERE. Ever this day Be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*"



Knights of Columbus Council #5918 is sponsoring a Blood Drive next Saturday, October 9, from 7:30 am-noon. Sign up at www.Versiti.org/IL or just walk-in! Bring your valid ID.



Undy
SUNDAY

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

Mark your Calendar!

Most people take things like underwear for granted. Christ the Servant Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities during its *Undy Sunday* drive. RF students may bring in donations the week of Oct 11, and all are invited to bring in donations October 16/17.

Watch for more information next week.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
 Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.



St Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

Volunteers & Donations needed

Mark your calendars for the weekend of
October 23rd & 24th

Get your clothes and small household items ready
So far we're on schedule.

Want to help with collections?

Contact Ted B

Basta_ops@ameritech.net

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, Oct 7, 7:00 PM

Peace & Social Justice

Bread for the World Sunday



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Next weekend, Oct 9-10, there will be the opportunity to sign letters to our Federal legislators to encourage them to pass legislation that will reduce hunger here and abroad.

A sample letter will be on display in the Narthex.

Thank you for caring about the hungry of this world.

THANK YOU
"Cash for Food" Donors!

Our latest "Cash for Food" Drive raised \$912 in cash donations. Food drop-off donations were in excess of 300 pounds! The cash donations purchased some much needed items requested by the food pantries. Cases of baby wipes, mac & cheese, canned tuna, canned fruits and beef ravioli were distributed to the West Suburban Food Pantry, Downers Grove Area FISH Food Pantry, and Blue Jeans for the Homeless!



Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity!



Fall Campaign

September 22-October 31

Www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

Hotline Numbers for Help

Family Shelter Service Domestic Abuse	630-469-5650
National Domestic Abuse Hotline	800-799-SAFE
Illinois Adult Protective Services	866-800-1409
Will County Crisis Line	815-722-3344
Mayslake Ministries	630-852-9000
Diocese of Joliet Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator	815-263-6467
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270

Religious Formation News

Religious Formation Will Continue At Christ The Servant



Parents will be happy to know that Christ the Servant has decided to continue our own religious formation program as in previous years. All upcoming K-8 religion classes will take place at the Christ the Servant building.

We Miss Your Child... There Still Time To Sign Up For Class

Although, registration has already begun for Religious Formation classes there still time to register for classes. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and on the parish website. If your family is new to the RF program, we are excited to have you join us and we welcome you to the program. Please contact the Religious Formation Director, Christine Goba. 630-910-0770 so we can help your family get registered and to personally welcome you to our program.

Class times are:

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)

Flipgrid Join codes for Remote Learning:

Grade 1 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade1>
 Grade 2 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade2>
 Grade 3 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade3>
 Grade 4 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade4>
 Grade 5 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade5>
 Grade 6 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade6>
 Grade 7 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade7>
 Grade 8 join code: <https://flipgrid.com/ctswoodridgegrade8>
 RF Teacher join code: <https://flipgrid.com/goba4052>

Up Coming RF Events

October 5-6 Classes (October 7 New Remote Classes Post)

October 12-13 Classes (October 14 New Remote Classes Post)

October 19-20 Classes (October 21 New Remote Classes Post)

October 26-27 Classes (October 28 New Remote Classes Post): **Grades K-4 Dress Up as Saints for Class**
October 27 Confirmation Saints Party 6:00-7:15

October 30 (Saturday TBA) **Mitten Tree Set Up and Decorate: Middle School Service Project**

November 2-3 Classes (November 4 New Remote Classes Post)

November 6 (Saturday 10:00-12:00) **"Forgiveness Day Reconciliation Retreat": Parent and Child Event for preparation for 1st Reconciliation**

November 6 (Saturday 1:00-2:00) **Confirmation Parents Meeting (No Students)**

November 9-10 Classes (November 12 New Remote Classes Post): Classes preparation for Grand Event service project

November 14 (Sunday 2:00-3:30) **"Grand Event" for grades K-8: Grandparent, Grand-friend and Child Event**

November 16-17 Classes (November 19 New Remote Classes Post)

Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation

In 6th & 7th grades, our youth have the opportunity to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, which will be **conferred at the end of 8th grade** according to the Bishop's schedule. During these years, the emphases will be on the Kerygma,

the nature and reality of God, the Bible, finding true happiness and sacraments, as well as on prayer, encountering God and finding one's personal mission.

Confirmation students will be participating in classes, service projects, saint party, Confirmation retreat, Lenten mission, pizza party. These events are a planned part of the curriculum and contain content not covered in classes. Participation in these events will help to make receiving this sacrament a grace filled event for your child.

Confirmandi will also be responsible for completing various classwork including a saint project, service reflection, and a letter to the pastor. Confirmation is a sacrament which requires the student to make a personal choice to be Catholic.

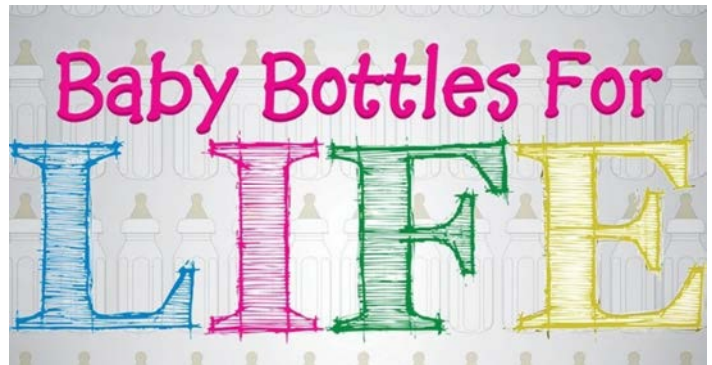
All parish requirements must be completed, and the students must have been enrolled in Religious Formation on a regular basis in previous years to be eligible to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation as per the requirements of the Diocese of Joliet. Children must have participated in RF in seventh and eighth grade which is the minimum preparation time.

"Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the 'Character,' which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness."

(Council of Trent, Lk 24:48-49)

Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? No one else can answer God’s call to His mission for your life but you. If you do not respond to God’s call, the unique work that God wanted to accomplish through you will not get done.

Volunteers and Catechists are essential to running a successful RF program. Helpers are need for online learning and in person. There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children. Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org if you are able to give time to help during the year.



Thank you for sharing sunshine in the lives of others! **Team Christ the Servant has raised \$390** in the Waterleaf Baby Bottles for Life Virtual Team Challenge 2021. Because of your support, Waterleaf can continue in its mission to support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies through our medical clinic and Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.



LIFE CHAIN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites churches in each city and town all across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 60 minutes, while holding a pro-life sign which will be provided. Examples of signs are “ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN” or “ADOPTION: THE LOVING OPTION.”

A nearby LIFE CHAIN will be from 2:30pm-3:30pm, Sunday, October 3rd, at the corner of 75th Street and Devereaux, a few blocks west of Lemont Road. For more information, please call Betty Girdwain at (630) 963-0654 or see times and locations for other nearby chains at: http://lifechain.net/NatList1_V2.html

The easy-to-hold 18" x 22" Life Chain signs are back-printed to feature Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, the Life Chain Code of Conduct, and a compelling statement on The Purpose of Life Chain. During the Life Chain hour both verbal and physical responses to motorists are discouraged. Life Chain is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation.

Accordingly, Life Chain is not only a demonstration, and its witness is not intended for the viewing public only. Another important goal is to minister to its own participants—to those who call Christ their Lord and hold pro-life messages that declare abortion a grave evil that defames the name and holiness of God (Leviticus 18:21).

Please consider standing up for life in a concrete way, letting the world know you care about the innocent children who never get to experience the joy of life. If you cannot attend, please pray that our demonstration will open the minds and hearts of all who see it to work for respect for all life.

Creation Care Corner 



“Praise be to you my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us...”
– St. Francis of Assisi

Protect and Respect God’s Gift of Nature.

The Season of Creation (Sept. 1 to Oct. 4) ends on the Feast of St. Francis. Love opened St. Francis to the divine mystery at the heart of everything. He realized that the God of his life was the God of every life and he called all creatures “brother and sister.” Each and every thing, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, had infinite value because it reflected God in its own unique being. Francis attended to every creature with grace and respect. He lived in solidarity with all creation because his life was part of every other life—all were bound together in the compassionate love of God. His life shows that when we live in the gift of God’s merciful love, we live with a new reality of belonging together, bound in the heart of God’s mercy. Ilia Delio, OSF Earth Community and Mercy Consciousness excerpts

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Harold Nemec

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 2

4:45 PM Joseph & Josephine Lotito, *r. Frate family*
Diana Kowalski, *r. Kathryn Kowalski*
Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven,
r. Zenaida Cruz

Sunday, October 3

8:30 AM Paul Hogan, *r. Ciolek family*
Hanh Truong, Sp. Int., *r. Hang Ho*
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, October 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 6

8:30 AM Inna Reddy

Thursday, October 7

8:30 AM David Kestler, *r. Bernie Kestler*
Hailey Kornack & family, Sp. Int., *r. Bernie Kestler*

Friday, October 8

8:30 AM

Saturday, October 9

4:45 PM Pauline Dennis, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*
Mom & Dad Kolodziej, *r. Helene Peslak*
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 10

8:30 AM Mitchell Rendak, *r. Gierut/Rendak family*
Genevieve & Marty Morrison, *r. Elena Haas*
10:00 AM Arthur Valliere, *r. Jim & Ginny McIlvain & family*

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



We pray for the Sick

Pam Alexander	Rita Hogan	Anthony Nowak
Barbara Bayro	Jim Innis	Linda Pennock
John Berger	Rayna Januska	Alie Phillips
Pam Bartel	Jackie Marquis Jarvis	Lolit Rancho
Sharon Bhaskar	Philip Knurr	Dick Rosenbeck
James Brabec	Jeanne Jordan	John Rossi
Pat Chang	Richard Kopp	Virginia Ryan
Bryan Dillon	Barb Kosiek	Jim Sanders
Dinnocenzo family	Bob Kraft	Dan Szymanski
Leslie Dunlap	Karen Kripas	Frank Tiesenga
Faith Ann Fialek	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
John M. Foresman	Lois Loris	Shirley Tomaeno
Dcn. Tom Fricke	Robert Losik	Michael Toro
Linda Gaunce	Joyce Maples	Hanh Truong
Don Gruszek	Carmella Morris	Mary Vanderplow
Michael Harris	Chuck Neal	Bill Wagner
Carol Hendrich	Patricia Newby	Betty Zoucha

*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

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

Patrick Pendergast, son of Dave & Toni Pendergast

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. 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.

**Respect
Life Month**

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Bible Readings—Oct. 3-Oct. 10

SUNDAY: Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

MONDAY: Jon 1:1-2:2,11 / Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY: Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY: Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY: Jl 4:12-21 / Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY: Wis 7:7-11 / Heb 4:2-13 /

Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM

Friday Communion Service.....8:30 AM

The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.

Saturday.....4:45 PM

Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days....consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

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Commission Chairpersons

Position Open, Pastoral Council Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Position Open, Christian Service

Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Barb Kosiek, Worship

Calendar of Events

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Bank sales

Sunday, October 3

8:30 am—mass
 10:00 am—mass
 11:00 am—Baptism
 12:00 noon—Pet Blessing on terrace

Monday, October 4

8:30 am—daily mass
 7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, October 5

8:30 am—daily mass
 12:30 pm—Mah Jong
 4:30-5:45 pm—RF Classes
 6:00-7:15 pm—RF Classes

Wednesday, October 6

8:30 am—daily mass
 6:00-7:15 pm—RF Classes

Thursday, October 7

8:30 am—daily mass
 7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, October 8

8:30 am—daily service

Bread for the World Letters

Saturday, October 9

7:30am-12p—St. Scholastica Blood Drive
 4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, October 10

8:30 am—mass
 10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events

Oct 23/24: St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

Nov 13/14: Fair Trade Fair after masses

Nov 20: Electronics Recycling Event,
 8:30-11:30 am, parking lot

Parish Giving

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	<u>2,600.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept 22-Sept 28:

Sunday 9/19	\$ 3,045.00
Sunday other forms	1,967.00
General Funds	75.00
Debt Reduction	<u>45.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 5,132.00

*Capital Ctrb Challenge: **Congratulations, Christ the Servant!** Your generous donations have achieved the goal of \$220,000 for capital projects!!!*
THANK YOU!!!!

Donations will continue to be accepted, and will be put into savings for future capital needs.

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	5,132.00
Deficit this period:	\$ 5,168.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Disaster Relief	\$ 121.00
Diocesan cemeteries	20.00
Christ is Our Hope magazine	75.00

Debt to Diocese 8/31/2021 \$283,182
 Registered Households—767

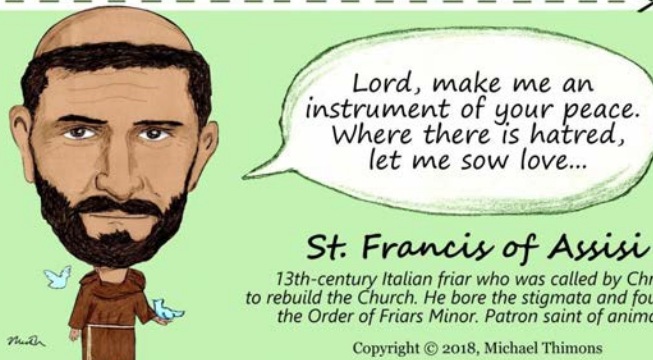
God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... Thank you for your patience while they were working on the parking lot! We hope you feel the newly rebuilt parking lot is worth the wait!



To learn more about how you can leave a legacy to benefit our parish or the diocese, please call 815-221-6100 and ask for the Development Office.

saint snippets



St. Francis of Assisi

13th-century Italian friar who was called by Christ to rebuild the Church. He bore the stigmata and founded the Order of Friars Minor. Patron saint of animals.

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