

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

LUKE 23:43

The background of the entire page is a photograph of three crosses on a hill, silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with shades of orange, red, and pink. The crosses are of varying heights, with the tallest one in the center. The text is overlaid on this image.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 10, 2022

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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.

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.



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.

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

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 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, 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

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

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
A P R I L	11	12	13	14	15	16	Easter 17

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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.*



We pray for the Sick

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

*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

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.

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

FRIDAY: Is 52:13-53:12 / Heb 4:14-16;5:3-9 /
Jn 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY: Gn 1:1-2:2 / Gn 22:1-18 / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Is 54:5-14 / Rom 6:3-11 / Lk 24:1-12 (at CTS, other options available)

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

Office Hours & Staff

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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

Pastoral Staff

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Commission Chairpersons

Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Position Open, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Hams Collected 8:00-10:15 am

Sunday, April 10

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—Holy Week Rehearsals
7:00 pm—Adoration and Rosary

Monday, April 11

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 am—daily mass
NO RF CLASSES

Wednesday, April 13

8:30 am—daily mass
NO RF CLASSES

Thursday, April 14—Our Feast Day

9:30 am—Yoga
7:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15

3:00 pm—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross (led by Religious Formation students)

Saturday, April 16

9:30 am—Blessing of Easter Baskets
10:00 am—Decorate for Easter
NO CONFESSIONS OR 4:45 PM MASS
8:00 pm—Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events

April 30: First Communion practice, 10am

May 1: First Communion, 11 am

May 8/9: May Crowning at masses

May 14: Confirmation retreat

May 28: Electronics Recycling Event

Parish Giving

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

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

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/DiocesefofJoliet.

To donate stocks, visit www.diocesefofjoliet.org and click on "Donate", then click on "Stock Donations" or call the Development office at 815-221-6100 for information.

Good Friday  "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." -Luke 23:38 **St. Veronica** 1st-century woman of Jerusalem who was moved with pity when Jesus carried his cross. She offered him her veil to wipe his forehead. When Jesus handed it back, the image of his face was impressed upon it. April 15 Copyright © 2020, Michael Thimons