

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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

We discover we are children of God at the moment we discover we are brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. This is why it is essential to be part of a journeying community. No one goes to the Lord alone.

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.



Prayers for Mothers
First Friday, May 5

This Friday at 9:00 am, we pray the Rosary for the Blessed Mother's intentions. for our mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, mothers who chose life for their babies and all women who have shown motherly kindness "As a mothers comforts her child, so I will comfort you." Isaiah 66:13 "Holy Mothers of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our day. Amen Please join us in the Chapel this Friday after the 8:30 communion service.



First Communion

Congratulation's to the 17 Religious Formation students making their First Communion this Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 am.



Calling All Volunteers!

Join us for the Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner on **Friday May 19th, at 6:00 pm.**

Appreciation

This dinner is held to recognize the contributions of everyone who helps to make our parish great, whether by participating in liturgical ministry, being on a committee or commission, volunteering to teach religion, or working in any volunteer capacity on behalf of our parish. Please sign-up in the narthex the first two weekends of May. We need an accurate count so we can order enough food. There will also be door prizes, trivia contest, fellowship and fun!

We hope to see you at the annual parish volunteer appreciation dinner on Friday, May 19th at 6:00 pm.

Special Devotional First Saturday



Please join us on Saturday, **May 6 at 4:00 pm** in the Chapel for a special devotional to our Blessed Mother. As a group we will meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and pray the rosary as a group. Confession is offered during this time. For information please call: Helene at 630-910-5174

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

Advertise Your Small Business in the Bulletin!

Thanks to all the businesses that currently are placing their advertisement on the back page of the bulletin and helping to cover the cost of weekly printing and let members know about your business. If you or someone you know have a business and would like to place an ad in the bulletin please reach out to Mr. Steiner.

Any insurance agents, accounts, realtors, plumbers, handymen, HVAC, landscaping, electrician, flooring, cement/pavement workers, hair salon, computer repair, teacher, product sales are welcome to place an ad in the weekly bulletin.

Contract: **Larry Steiner**,
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May is a Month that Honors Mothers

May is a month that honors mothers, but sadly it can be a very devastating time for pregnant women and mothers who are the victims of family or domestic violence. One in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. Pregnancy is a time when violence towards women is known to increase. For many, it is the first time that they will actually experience family violence. Women who are already in an abusive relationship may hope that pregnancy and/or having a baby will reform their partner and that the violence and/or the manipulation will stop; however, it is more likely to have the opposite effect, as rates of violence actually increase.

Family violence occurs when a person uses aggression, threats, intimidation, or force to control a partner or former partner, or other vulnerable family members, such as a child. It is mainly committed by men, aims to cause fear and can happen to anyone, regardless of socio-economic position, age, culture, or religion. Abuse can be verbal or physical. It can include isolating someone from family and friends, withholding money or family resources, emotional abuse, and intimidation, such as threats to harm you or others, damage to property, threats towards or actual harm of pets, and threats to commit suicide as a form of manipulation.

In pregnancy, emotional abuse may take several forms. It may, for example, take the form of threats to report the woman to child welfare authorities as an unfit mother. A partner may obstruct access to medical care. They may refuse to support a woman financially during pregnancy. Many women who experience family violence in pregnancy are reluctant to leave because they are financially vulnerable, or they fear what their partner may do.

Violence during pregnancy is harmful to both the woman and her unborn baby. Research has shown that women reporting abuse during pregnancy had higher rates of intrauterine growth retardation, preterm labor, and lower birth weight, as well as a high risk of miscarriage. The baby can also be damaged by physical assault. Family violence has significant mental health impacts for women and is linked to depression, anxiety, and decreased attachment to the baby. It is also associated with lower rates of breastfeeding.

It can be difficult to accept that your partner has been abusive, and many women are reluctant to seek help due to feelings of shame. However, if your partner has been violent, even if he expresses remorse and you may both want to believe that he will change, it is still likely that abuse and violence will very often occur again. Remember that it is illegal for anyone to assault another person, regardless of whether they are living together or are married.

If you think you may be experiencing family or partner violence during your pregnancy, it is important for you, your growing baby, and other children you may have to seek help. Talking to a trusted health professional in confidence is a good first step. This may be your family physician, your obstetrician, or your midwife. There are also dedicated helplines available to support you, such as the ones listed in this bulletin. Many health services and hospitals will have access to social workers and counselors who can help you to access protection and support, as well as provide you with strategies to manage the stress you are experiencing. In conclusion, it is important to know that calling for help in the face of violence or abuse isn't overreacting. It is simply protecting yourself and your unborn baby!

From COPE (Centre of Perinatal Excellence), 4/2023

Abuse and Domestic Violence during pregnancy Marygrace Taylor, 5/17/2021

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 11:00 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 Alie Phillips at 630-985-1620.

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 4, 7:00 PM

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

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

CLASS TIMES:

Tuesday 4:45-6:00 Grades K-4 & 8

Tuesday 6:30-7:45 Grade 5-7

Wednesday 4:45-6:00 Grade 1-6

Wednesday 6:30-7:45 Grades 6-8

Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)

RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and in the Narthex. For more Information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcoj.org

Religious Formation Spring Art Show 2023

The Religious Formation Art Show will be on exhibit from April 29 – May 4. Please stop by after Mass to view our RF student's artwork and help support their interest in giving praise to God through the Arts.



First Communion

May 6th 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 Reminders and New

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Class will be continuing their preparation for Confirmation with a retreat focusing on Faith and Trust in God by on **Saturday, May 13** at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.



New Date for Confirmation

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bishop Kane has asked Christ the Servant Church to reschedule Confirmation from Wednesday, May 17 to **Tuesday, May 16** here at Christ the Servant Church.



The Confirmation Practice will be rescheduled to **Monday, May 15** at 7:00 a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

All Confirmation paperwork are due or are passed 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.

Shields maybe turned in at the May 13 retreat.

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

April 29-May 7 Weekend Masses

Spring RF Student's Art Show

April 29 (Saturday)

1st Communion Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

May 2-3 LAST CLASSES

May 6 (Saturday)

1st Communion Mass 11:00 a.m.

May 13-14 (Saturday and Sunday Masses)

May Crowning at all Masses

May 13 (Saturday)

Confirmation Retreat Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien

May 16 (Tuesday) 7:00pm

Confirmation Rehearsal

May 17 (Wednesday) 7:00pm

Confirmation



**Stellar VBS:
Shine Jesus' Light!**

CTS's Religious Formation Invites Children to Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus' Light! A summer kids' event called Stellar VBS will be hosted at Christ the Servant from **June 19 to June 23**. At Stellar, kids discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in everyday life! Stellar is for kids from kindergarten to 4th grade and will run from 9:30 to 11:45 each day. The cost is \$60 and includes a T-shirt. (Kids 5th grade and older are welcomed to join us as team leaders and are Free!!)




May 2 and 3 is the last Religious Formation classes

Have a great summer everyone! See you in September! 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 help and all your efforts. May God bless




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Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

signupnc.newmanministry.com





Early Registration for Religious Formation

This year we are providing early registering for the 2023-2024 Religious Formation classes. RF registration information forms will be handed out to students at class time and can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and the back of church.

Whatever it takes, we are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

Save the Date!
Electronics Recycling/Textile & Book Collection
Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 8:30 to 11:30 am
Parking lot of Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Electronics recycling, clothing and book collection sponsored by eWorks ESI and CTS Green Team. Collection is open to all residents and small businesses. If you have more than 50 items, (3 pallets or greater), please contact eWorks to arrange for a special pickup.
Donation fee will apply for all televisions and monitors. Exact change only or credit card.

All types of books accepted, please 1 box only per car.
Clean textiles will be accepted, please donate in plastic bags only.

Costs
CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs & Monitors
Under 21 inch screen, cost: \$25 per unit
21 Inch screen and over, cost: \$35 per unit

Cash or Credit Card accepted.
Please no checks.

Mass on Your Car Radio


To hear the mass clearly on our car radio, please use the parking spaces closest to the church, north end of parking lot.



2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL \$43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$36,138 as of April 23, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: \$28,367
REMAINING BALANCE: \$7,771
DONORS THIS YEAR: 188
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0

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



Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

Mass Intentions for the Week



TABERNACLE LIGHT

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

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Donna Mays
and Donna & Tom Weigel
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Pat & Debi Savage

Sunday, April 30

8:30 AM Deacon Tom Fricke,
req. Deacon Tom Marciani & Desiree
10:00 AM Deceased members of the Frale Family,
req. John J. Frale

Monday, May 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, May 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 5

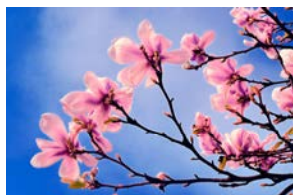
8:30 AM Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Bryn Wildman

Saturday, May 6

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek and Gerald Johnson,
req. family
JoAnn Frale, req. family
Lorraine Riedl, req. Julie & Scott Lucas
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Jim & Alie Phillips

Sunday, May 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Isabel & Honorio David, req. Jocelyn David
John J., Paul J., & Andrea J. Frale and Christine &
Stephen Klouda, req. John J. Frale



We pray for the Sick

Bruce Barnhard	Barbara Hile	John Rossi
Barbara Bayro	Fred Huth	Sonja Rudny
Sharon Bhaskar	Brian Jackson	Jose Sabado
Jim Brabec	Jessica James	Jim Sanders
Pat Chang	Rayna Januska	Rita Sisko
Donna Ciolek	Ed Jascewsky	Ken Sloup
Vic Cordes	Madeline Jascewsky	David Stenger
Michael Durkovic Sr	Jeanne Jordan	Jennifer Stile
Rudy Durkovic	Ida Kenny	Dan Szymanski
Vic Cordes	Paul Knight	Dennis Szulc
Ray DiGrazia	Barb Kosiek	Frank Tiesenga
Karl Eggers	Robert Losik	Mary Vanderplow
Marge Felix	Joyce Maples	Bill Wagner
John M. Foresman	Jan May	Judy Ward
Marty Foy	Donna Mays	Eddie Williamson
Joanne Fricke	Sue McGuire	Andie Wolfe
Robert Gripp	Chuck Neal	
Joan Haffner	Janice Proskey	
Bill Hartig	Bob Pluta	
Michael Harris	Wm. (Bill) Rausch	
Carolyn Heinrich	Lolit Ranchero	
Carol Hendrich	Robert Rodriguez	



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 bryn@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.**

We pray for the Deceased



May God give comfort and peace to the Janet & Ron Alikpala family, who recently lost their aunt, and Janet's Godmother,
Amy Rienton

Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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
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.

Bible Readings April 30 - May 7

SUNDAY: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49)

MONDAY: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 (279) or Gn

1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58 (559)

TUESDAY: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

WEDNESDAY: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 (561)

THURSDAY: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)

FRIDAY: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)

SATURDAY: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)

SUNDAY: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 (52)

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday.....8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Friday.....8:30 AM—1:30 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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Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Bill Yunker, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 30
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Monday, May 1
8:30 am—daily mass
Tuesday, May 2
8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mah jong
Wednesday, May 3
8:30 am—daily mass
Thursday, May 4
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
7:00 pm—baptism prep class
Friday, May 5
8:30 am—communion service
Saturday, May 6
11:00 am—1st Communion
4:45 on—mass
Sunday, May 7
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism

Upcoming Events

May 2/3: Final R.F. classes
May 4: Baptism prep class 7 pm
May 6: 1st Communion 11 am
May 7: Baptisms 11 am
May 8: R.F. commission 6:30 pm
May 13: Worship commission 9 am
May 13/14: May Crowning
May 14: Mother's Day
May 15: Confirmation practice
May 15: Finance commission 7 pm
May 16: Confirmation
May 19: Volunteer appreciation dinner
6:00 pm
May 20: Electronic recycling/textile

Parish Giving

How many of us live day-to-day not being aware of what we do or perhaps even who we are? Living a conscious, purposeful life takes a lot of energy and commitment. Jesus came into our world to teach us how to live such a life as His Stewards. He reached out to everyone, even those who were considered outside of the acceptable community life.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2022- 2023

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: April 19– April 25

Sunday	\$ 3,816.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 2,100.00
General Funds	\$ 0.00
Restricted	\$ 0.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>93.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 5,916.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 5,916.00
Differential this period:	\$ 4,384.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 10.00
Easter collection	\$ 230.00

Debt to Diocese 3/31/2023 \$70,255.00
Registered Households—784

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

Did you know... 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.

A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet. 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. You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church.



Creation Care Corner

Managing Runoff with Rain Gardens

Managing stormwater runoff in our yards and communities is challenging. Left unchecked, stormwater carries pollutants from roofs, chemically treated lawns, driveways and roads into streams and waterways. Increasing ways for water to be absorbed through landscaping makes for healthier land and water for all. One home solution is the "rain garden", a shallow depressions filled with perennial native plants which temporarily collect a few inches of rain. Plant roots then slowly filter out pollutants and allow the water to percolate into the surrounding soil. Up to 30% more water is absorbed into the ground. Besides alleviating problems associated with flooding and drainage, rain gardens can beautify yards, recharge the ground water supply and provide habitat and food for wildlife, including birds and butterflies.