

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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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
“God has placed the gift of life in your hands. From your hands tomorrow is born.”


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.



August Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people who You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served and love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.




For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life, especially in the Diocese of Joliet, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

First Friday Holy Hour
Prayers for Students


Prayers for all –pre-school, elementary, high school, college, religious education students, and their teachers as they start a new school year. May they be safe as they pursue their studies with confidence, determination, and a heart of love learning something new each day!

St. Thomas Aquinas, patron Saint of Students, pray for students and teachers. Psalm 124.8



A small faithful group will be praying in the Chapel following the 8:30 am Communion Service this Friday, August 4th. Hoping you will join us in prayer.

National Eucharistic Revival




“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.”

Mother Theresa



Invite a Friend

Baking for Church Events



Hospitality continues to grow the list of talented bakers. If you like to occasionally bake, call the office at 630-910-0770 and add you name to the list of volunteer parish bakers. Thank you.

HELP WANTED Throughout the Diocese NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ADDED WEEKLY

There is no greater privilege than working in ministry! If you are looking for more satisfaction in your work -life; consider applying for one of the many jobs listed on the Diocese of Joliet's website <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs>. Follow the link to see job postings for individual parishes throughout the Diocese and some parishes outside of the DOJ.

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



**Knights of Columbus
Council #5918
Raffling Chicago White Sox
Tickets**

The Woodridge Knights of Columbus Council #5918 are selling raffle tickets for, four (4) prime Chicago White Sox tickets with parking pass for the Sunday, September 17th afternoon game against the Minnesota Twins.

Tickets are \$10 apiece or three for \$25.

Knights will be selling tickets in the narthex starting this weekend, July 29/30. If interested, please text/call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952. Ticket sales will continue for a few weekends.

Don't Miss Catholic Charities' Golf Outing Fundraiser

Catholic Charities is thrilled to announce its annual charity golf outing, "A Swing and a Prayer," to be held on Thursday, August 24th, at the prestigious Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. This exceptional event will raise funds for Catholic Charities' vital programs and services, while providing a day of camaraderie, golfing excellence, and philanthropy.



Event Details:

Date: Thursday, August 24th

Location: Cog Hill Golf and Country Club

Attendees will enjoy:

Food and drinks throughout the day.

On-course games

Raffle and Silent Auction

The funds raised from this event will support Catholic Charities' programs and services, including shelter for the homeless, food distributions, counseling services, and more." Secure your spot today, by visiting catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or calling 815-724-1140.

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, please call Alie Phillips at 630-649-3466.

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, August 3, 7:00 PM**



**Save the Date
Annual Parish Fund
Raiser**

**Friday, October 13th
6:00 pm**

Bavarian Blast!

Details about the parish **Bavarian Blast** fund raiser will be in future bulletins.



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

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

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION



We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended to extend your resources in order to help you foster spiritual growth within your family life. The Religious Formation program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith with a formalized, systematic program based

on your child's developmental level for Kindergarten through 8th grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

Religious Education Registration

RF registration information forms are in the back of church.

July 5 – September 24	Tuition \$175
September 25 – October 24	Tuition \$190
October 25 – February	Tuition \$200

2023-2024 Religious Formation Elementary Class Days and Times

Remote eLearning is independent study and does not have a set time to meet each week (Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)



In-Person

Remote

- Kindergarten Tue 4:45-6:00 (In-Person Only)
- Grade 1 Mon, Tue or Wed 4:45-6:00 or eLearning
- Grade 2 Mon, Tue or Wed 4:45-6:00 or eLearning
- Grade 3 Mon, Tue or Wed 4:45-6:00 or eLearning
- Grade 4 Mon, Tue or Wed 4:45-6:00 or eLearning
- Grade 5 Mon or Wed 4:45-6:00 or Tue 6:30-7:45 or eLearning
- Grade 6 Mon or Wed 4:45-6:00 or Tue 6:30-7:45 or eLearning
- Grade 7 Mon or Wed 4:45-6:00 or Tue 6:30-7:45 or eLearning

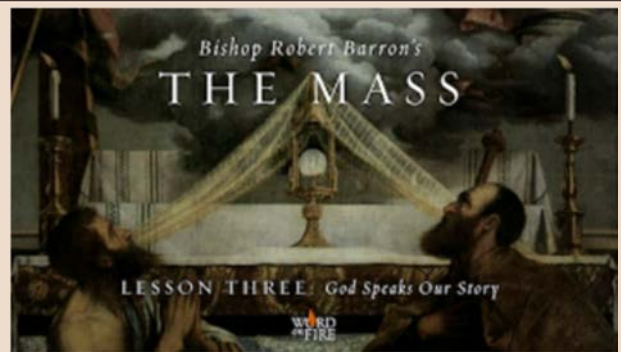
Confirmation Session:

Grade 8 Mon or Tue 4:45-6:00 or Tue or Wed 6:30-7:45, or eLearning

Confirmation & Communion remote students are required to be in person for some activities for the Sacrament preparation.



Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation is genuinely happy to be able work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments are God's great gift to mankind and so there is great joy in being able to share this wonderful gift and work of God with your family. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: "they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life." (St Thomas Aquinas)



Parish Enrichment Series

Thursdays 2:00-3:15

Bishop Barron's video series - The Mass

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

August 3 — EPISODE 3 God Speaks Our Story

August 10- EPISODE 4 Responding to God

Is God calling you to share your faith?

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.

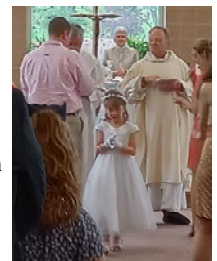


Volunteers and Catechist are essential to running a successful RF program. There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children.

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.

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.)



Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

July 6- September 24 Religious Formation Registration 2023-2024 (Tuition \$175)
August 3 - 2:00-3:15 Parish Enrichment Series The Mass Episode 4: Responding to God
August 8 Youth Group 6:30-7:30
August 22 Youth Group 6:30-7:30
August 25 or 26 Catechist Retreat / Meeting
September 5 Youth Group 6:30-7:30
September 10 Catechist Coffee & Teats Meet-up
September 11, 12, and 13 RF family prayer service and open house.
September 17 Catechetical Sunday
September 18, 19 and 20 first regular class
September 21 and 22 remote student book pickup 3-5pm
September 25-October 24 Registration Tuition increase (Tuition \$190)
October 27 Set up for Reconciliation Retreat
October 28 Reconciliation Retreat "Forgiveness Day"
November 4 Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:00
November 12 RF Grand Event 2-3:30



GRADUATING SENIORS
CONNECT HERE

Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.
 signupnc.newmanministry.com



2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL \$43,500
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$42,507 as of July 16, 2023
 AMOUNT PAID: \$36,762
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$5,745
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 215
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!!!



Junior High Youth Group



This Summer, children grades 5-9 are invited to join Religious Formation twice a month for a different activity intended to illustrate a concept from Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We will meet every other Tuesday in Summer from 6:30-7:30 PM. The first meeting will be July 11th and run until September 5th.

Topics such as Psalm 22, Virtue, Matthew 16:13-20, Jeremiah 30-33/ Baptism and the New Covenant will be discussed and reinforced with an aligning activity. Activities include: game night, laser tag, movie night, bonfire/glow night, and outdoor water games with slip and slide.



Schedule:

August 8—Matthew 16 & Water Games
 August 22—Ark of the Covenant & Movie Night (tentative)
 September 5—Baptism & Bonfire/Glow Night



Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their children. To help our parents pay for Religious Education we are starting a Religious Education Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward: Christ the Servant Religious Education's Sponsorship Program. By sponsoring the faith formation of a child – by passing your faith forward — you help to lay the foundation and shape the future of both our children and the whole of our Catholic community.

There are several ways to financially assist in passing your faith forward:

A \$175.00 donation will pay for one year of religious education tuition

\$100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament

\$25.00 will purchase a child's textbook for the year.

Other sponsorships such as retreat expenses, high school programs, speaker engagements, classroom audio/video equipment are also available.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 29

4:45 PM Chuck Dennis & Al Kikilas, req. Pat & Debi Savage
Richard Peslak & Helen Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak
Lorraine Riedl, req. Julie & Scott Lucas
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Sue Tiesenga

Sunday, July 30

8:30 AM Ed Rechner, req. Jim & Ann Kolar
10:00 AM Frate family, req. John J. Frate
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Joe & Beka Ciolek

Monday, July 31

8:30 AM Special Intention,
req. Christine Goba

Tuesday, August 1

8:30 AM Special Intention,
req. Christine Goba

Wednesday, August 2

8:30 AM Special Intention,
req. Christine Goba

Thursday, August 3

8:30 AM Special Intention, req. Christine Goba

Friday, August 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

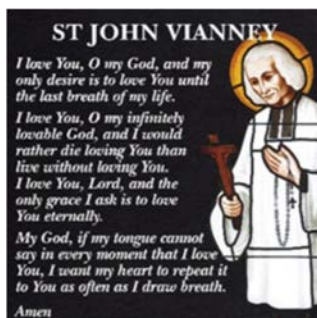
Saturday, August 5

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek & Gerald Johnson, req. family
JoAnn Frate, req. family
Lorraine Riedl, req. Diana Arke
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Tom & Chris Bojanowski

Sunday, August 6

8:30 AM The Blessed Mother's intentions, req. Pat Savage
Jeanine Rendak, req. Gierut family
10:00 AM Thomas Sullivan, req. Paul Wisdom
Verna T. Czaja, req. Arlene Czaja

The tabernacle light burns this week in
loving memory of **Lewis Barnes**.



We pray for the Sick

Bruce Barnhard	Barbara Hile	Janice Proskey
Barbara Bayro	Fred Huth	Bob Pluta
Nancy Becker	Tony Iovito	Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Sharon Bhaskar	John Ito	Lolit Rancho
Jim Brabec	Jessica James	Robert Rodriguez
Renee Brennan	Rayna Januska	John Rossi
Pat Chang	Ed Jascewsky	Sonja Rudny
Donna Ciolek	Madeline Jascewsky	Jim Sanders
Vic Cordes	Paul Jasinevicius	Rita Sisko
Michael Durkovic Sr	Jeanne Jordan	David Sivak
Rudy Durkovic	Ida Kenny	Ken Sloup
Ray DiGrazia	Karin Kietzman	Jennifer Stile
John M. Foresman	Paul Knight	Dan Szymanski
Tina Fassero	Barb Kosiek	Dennis Szulc
Marty Foy	Barbara Kuehn	Mary Vanderplow
Joanne Fricke	Robert Losik	Bill Wagner
Robert Gripp	Joyce Maples	Judy Ward
Joan Haffner	Jan May	Patricia Wheeler
Bill Hartig	Donna Mays	
Michael Harris	Chuck Neal	
Carolyn Heinrich	Una O'donnell	
Carol Hendrich	Nam Pham	



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

We pray for the Deceased



May God give comfort and peace
to all who have lost someone
dear recently.

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 July 30—Aug 6

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt
13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt
13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19

Office Hours & Staff

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www.ctswoodridge.org



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

Pastoral Staff

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Commission Chairpersons

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, July 30

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

Monday, July 31

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, August 1

8:30 am—daily mass

12:30 pm—mahjong

Wed, August 2

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, August 3

8:30 am—mass

9:30 am—yoga

2:00 pm—parish Enrichment Series

7:00 pm—baptism prep class

Friday, August 4

8:30 am—communion

service

Saturday, August 5

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, August 6

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

11:00 am—baptism



Upcoming Events

Aug 3: Parish enrichment series 2 pm

Aug 3: Baptism Prep 7 pm

Aug 6: Baptism 11 am

Aug 7: RF commission

Aug 8: RF Youth Group 6:30—

7:30 pm

Aug 10: Anniversary of Fr. Frank Vitus death.

Aug 11: Worship commission 9 am

Aug 15: Assumption of Mary Holy Day—masses 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Oct 13: Bavarian Blast 6 pm

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: July 19 - July 25

Sunday	\$ 4,927.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 1,770.00
General Funds	\$ 160.00
Restricted	\$ 340.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>18.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,215.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 7,215.00
Differential this period:	\$ 3,085.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Debt to Diocese	6/30/2023
	\$36,120.00

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. As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, Christ the Servant is sharing a **free, online will-writing tool**. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations and strengthen Christ the Servant. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.

Leave a Legacy.

Creation Care Corner

Dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) properly.



Do not dispose of HHW to landfills or pour into drains or ditches. Save these toxic and electronic materials for periodic collections. This includes old/unneeded meds, which could contaminate waterways. Some local police stations take back unused meds. Search [Earth 911.com](http://Earth911.com) for local recycling/disposal resources. Also check with your city, township or county for upcoming HHW collection events, and with your state EPA office for permanent HHW drop site locations.

"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth."
—Pope Francis