

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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
Prayer is "water for the soul". It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly. They know how to raise their gaze on high, remembering they are made for Heaven.

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/UC1t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t).



National Eucharistic Revival

*While they were eating,
Jesus took bread,
said the blessing, broke it,
and giving it to his disciples said,
'Take and eat; this is my body.'*



Matthew 26:26

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the priests who have ministered to us through our lives, the ones who baptized us, gave us communion, offered absolution, prayed for us, inspired us, and nurtured our faith. May they know your goodness and our gratitude! Amen.



CASH FOR FOOD
Saturday, September 30
Sunday, October 1

Christ the Servant supports the West Suburban Food Pantry, Downers Grove Area FISH (includes Woodridge), and Blue Jeans for the Homeless.

Food items are very welcome, including canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. as well as personal care and paper products. Please drop off your food and product items in the parking lot before each mass.

Cash donations are most appreciated.

Any cash amount is welcome!
A Cash for Food Blue Donation Box will be available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Please make checks payable to **Christ the Servant**. All cash and checks will be converted to food donations and distributed promptly.

Thank you for attending to the needs of those less fortunate.



"Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God" ... and Baby David was born!

You can be that sign from God! Join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever you can. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray. Or if you can't join us, pray from home.

When: Wednesday, September 27th to Sunday, November 5th
7AM to 7PM daily
Location: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove

Sign up anytime online at:
www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
Click on "Log in/Signup"

PEACE GARDEN STONES PAINTING

This weekend of September 23-24, there will be an opportunity to either paint a new stone or repaint a faded stone currently in the CTS Peace Garden. Acrylic markers and paint, brushes and directions will be provided in the narthex.




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

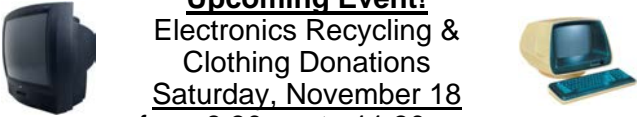


Baptized on Sunday, September 17th
Ava Brielle Yamat Unciano
 Daughter of
Christian and Katrina Unciano

Pet Blessing
October 1 at Noon
 Fr. Bob will bless pets in the front circle on Sunday, Oct. 1st at noon. Make sure your pet in on a leash, or in their cage for this special blessing.



Upcoming Event!
 Electronics Recycling & Clothing Donations
Saturday, November 18
 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am



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, October 5, 7:00 PM

Ladies September Luncheon
 Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 pm
 The over 55 ladies lunch will be at:
3-Corners Grill & Tap
7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove
 R.S.V.P. by Sunday, September 24th to:

 **Alie Philips at 630-649-3466, or**
Maryann Egleston at 630-281-0587


Annual Parish Fundraiser
Friday, October 13th
Starting at 6:00 pm



Bavarian Blast!
 Save the date for good food, raffle baskets, music and sharing the evening with your parish community. Information in the narthex.

UNDY SUNDAY
 The collection will be held the weeks of **October 7-15.**

Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty. CTS is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting the following NEW items for children and adults living in low-income households. The collection will begin on Saturday, Oct 7 and ending on Sunday, October 15. Drop-off bin will be found in the narthex. Thank you.



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



Classes are now in session! You can still hurry and register! Tuition increases again on October 24th!

Religious Formation Registration

RF registration information forms are in the back of church.

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)

You may pick one of the following class sessions to attend. Confirmation & Communion remote students are required to be in person for some activities for the Sacrament preparation.

	Monday Afternoon	Tuesday Afternoon	Tuesday Evening	Wednesday Afternoon	Wednesday Evening	Remote
K		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM				
1st	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	FULL Tuesday 6:00-7:45 PM				Remote any day
2nd		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
3rd		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM				Remote any day
4th			Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
5th			Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
6th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		FULL Tuesday 7:45-9:15 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
7th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		FULL Tuesday 7:45-9:15 PM		Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day
8th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			FULL Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day

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.

Thank you to all of our families who attended The Religious Formation Open House!



Is God calling you to share your faith?



Volunteers 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 some time to help during the year.

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- 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



Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are genuinely happy to be able to 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)

Sacrament Reminder

Don't forget, if your child is planning on making a Sacrament **the Diocese of Joliet requires 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.)



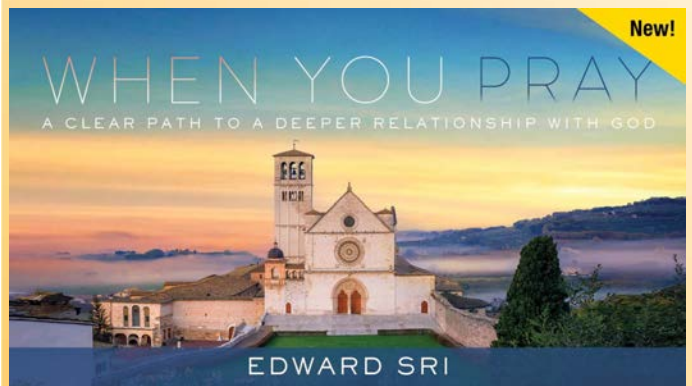
Adult Sacrament Classes

Adults interested in completing their Sacraments or in becoming Catholic are invited to join us this fall as we begin sessions that will be both online and in-person. Call Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 for more information.



NEW ADULT STUDY COMING SOON!

When You Pray
A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God



Religious Formation Sponsorship - Faith Forward



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their child or children to religious classes. To help our parents pay for Religious Formation classes, we have started a Religious Formation Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward, Christ the Servant Religious Formation'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 formation 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

**2023 Catholic
Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet**

2023 GOAL \$43,500
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$44,424 as of September 17, 2023
 AMOUNT PAID: \$39,908
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$4,516
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 218
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 23

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Julie & Scott Lucas
 Harold Nemece, req. Jackie Nemece
 Joan Omana, req. Carole Sullivan
 Ida Kenny, req. Pat & Debi Savage
 Allyn Peslak, req. Helene Peslak



Sunday, September 24 - Priesthood Sunday

8:30 AM Raymond Edward, req. Gierut family
 10:00 AM Deacon Fricke, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek
 Frale Family, req. John J. Frale

Monday, September 25

8:30 AM Robert W. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron

Tuesday, September 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 27-St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, September 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 29-Archangels

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

8:30 AM People of the Parish

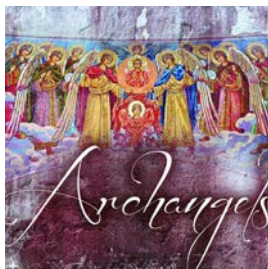


Saturday, September 30

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittel
 Thomas Peck, req. Karen & Stephen Jackson
 Dan Prohaska, req. Bob & Kathi Schmidt
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 Kathleen Sireston, req. John & Ann Cashman

Sunday, October 1

8:30 AM Eddie Williamson, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek
 10:00 AM Andy Ivkovic, req. Wisdom family



Readings for the Week

Sept 24—Oct 1

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-or 2:1

Prayers for the Sick

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

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 those who have recently lost a family member or a dear friend.

The tabernacle light burns this week in loving memory of the People of the Parish.



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.



Office Hours & Staff

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Woodridge, Illinois
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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, September 24 –Priesthood

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Painting Peace Garden stones

Monday, September 25

8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—PPC
7:00 pm—PLC

Tuesday, September 26

8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mahjong

Wed, September 27

8:30 am—communion service

Thursday, September 28

8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga

Friday, September 29

8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, September 30

Cash for Food Donation Weekend
4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, October 1

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events

Sept 23/24: Painting a stone for the

Peace Garden; join us in the narthex

Sept 25: PPC meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 25: PLC meeting 7:00pm

Sept 30: Cash for Food Donations

Oct 1: Cash for Food Donations

Oct 1: Baptism 11:00 am

Oct 1: Pet Blessing—Noon

Oct 7/8: Hospitality in the narthex
after masses

Oct 8-15: Undy Sunday collection

Oct 12: Bavarian Blast set-up

Oct 13: Bavarian Blast– 6 pm

Oct 21/22: Knights of Columbus
Tootsie roll sales

Nov 18: Electronic recycling &
clothing donations

Nov 18/19: Thanksgiving food
donations for Woodridge families

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: 2023- 2024

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Sept 13—Sept 19

Sunday	\$ 3,680.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 3,050.00
General Funds	\$ 30.00
Restricted	\$ 1,019.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 103.00
Total Contributed	\$ 7,882.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 7,882.00

Differential this period: \$ 2,418.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

\$ 0.00

Debt to Diocese 8/31/2023
\$13,250.00

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. 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.

Any extra donations you wish to make toward the church will be used for maintenance of the building or grounds projects.

Creation Care Corner

Reducing air travel can dramatically reduce your household carbon emissions.

Air travel accounts for 10% of all U.S. transportation greenhouse gas emissions that warm the planet. Driving may be a better environmental option on shorter trips. Driving higher mileage cars with additional passengers is almost always a better environmental option. Reducing the number of flights, you take is the most effective way of cutting your aviation footprint. If you have to fly, non-stop coach flights are typically the best alternative. Reducing the amount of stuff you take, and avoiding flights on very small or very large planes can also reduce your emissions impact. You can calculate emissions for various flight options at www.google.com/flights/. To compare emissions for flying vs. driving for a specific trip, use the "car" tab and the "flight" tab on this calculator to compare at www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation."

