

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



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 Lord Jesus has entrusted the Gospel to us so that we might bear His light into the world's darkness. Please, do not extinguish this light in you, but share it, so that fraternity might shine forth!

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/ChristTheServant).



National Eucharistic Revival

This Heavenly bread of angels removes my pains, my cares—warms, cheers, soothes, contents, and renews my whole being.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

First Friday Holy Hour, October 6th
Month of the Holy Rosary



During the month of the Holy Rosary we pray and ask our Blessed Virgin Mary to protect us, our families, friends, community, nation and world from illness and that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Hail Mary we pray together in CTS' Eucharistic Chapel after the 8:30 am Communion Service. Tune into EWTH daily at 6:30 am, 10:30 am or 2:30 pm for the daily Rosary. Form a life-long commitment of saying the Rosary for Our Blessed Mother's Intentions. May Mary be with us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

October Prayer for Vocations

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. -- Pope Francis

Step Up, Speak Up: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence awareness is critical. It's not a comfortable topic to talk about, and it's a heartbreaking reality to face. The truth is that domestic violence runs rampant in our society. Everyone knows someone who has faced it. So, talking about domestic violence helps bring it into the light. And when you pull something out of the darkness and into the light it helps to remove the fear and stigma surrounding it. Also, it brings hope and support to those who might otherwise have none. Overall, domestic violence awareness is critical to bring healing to families.

Domestic Violence?

The United Nations defines [domestic violence](#) as "a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. "Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence. Men and women of any race, age, class, or faith can be the targets of such behavior. However, domestic violence doesn't stop at abuse between partners — it often includes children and other members of a family. Domestic violence can do tremendous damage to a family and have a lasting impact for generations. It is critical to note that domestic violence can be far more than one person hitting or physically injuring another. Domestic abuse can be:

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|-----------|--------|-----------|---------------|
| Physical | Verbal | Emotional | Psychological |
| Financial | Sexual | Spiritual | |

Many men and women believe that if "he/she didn't hit me," they are not domestic abuse victims. While physical battering does put a person in danger, the other methods of abuse are just as deliberate, debilitating, and damaging. It is critical to raise awareness that these types of abuse not only happen but are shockingly common. We must find ways to help victims out of these situations, help survivors thrive, and prevent abuse from happening.

Week 2 will appear in the October 8th bulletin.

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

Worship Commission

"On behalf of the parishioners of Christ the Servant, the Worship Committee would like to thank retiring Arts & Environment Coordinator, **JoAnn Welton** for all her years of dedication and service.

Thank you JoAnn for a job well done!

Also, we would like to welcome our new Coordinator, **Alice Lagman**. If you would like to be one of Alice's "helpers" when we change the church decor for the various liturgical seasons, please call the parish office with your contact information."



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

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



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

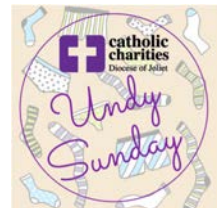
Bavarian Blast!

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				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	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
7th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		FULL		Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day
8th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			FULL	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.



Adult Small Study Group Jesus and the Eucharist

Join this opportunity to draw closer to Jesus & each other. Catholic parishes all over the United States are providing this special 7-session study. Each lesson is drawn from audiovisual content created by the Augustine Institute made specifically for this year of Eucharistic revival. It is designed for you to attend all sessions, but come to the church if you can!



- Friday, October 6, 2023 - Who is Jesus?
- Friday, October 13, 2023 - Am I Saved?
- Friday, October 20, 2023 - Why a Church?
- Friday, October 27, 2023 - God is With Us
- Friday, November 3, 2023 - Story of the Eucharist
- Friday, November 10, 2023 - Bread for the Journey

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: \$40,148
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$4,276
 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 30

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittel
 Thomas Peck, req. Karen & Stephen Jackson
 Dan Prohaska, req. Bob & Kathi Schmidt
 Dan Prohaska, req. Donna Mays
 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

Monday, October 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, October 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, October 6

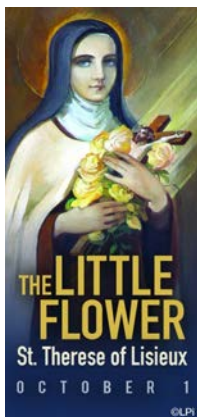
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, October 7

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek
 and Gerald Johnson, req. family
 Bill & Helene Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak
 Adeline Casey, req. Paul Wisdom
 Joann Frale, req. family
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Carlene Arke

Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM Freda Klacza, req. Ciolek family
 10:00 AM Frale family, req. John J. Frale
 Diane Folga, req. Bill Folga



Readings for the Week Oct 1 thru Oct 8

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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 the Gayle Herce family who recently lost her Uncle **Michael Putnam**.

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

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, October 1

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 pm—Baptism

Monday, October 2

8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—RF Commission

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mahjong

Wed, October 4

8:30 am—communion service

Thursday, October 5

8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
7:00 pm—baptism prep class

Friday, October 6

8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, October 7-Hospitality

Cash for Food Donation Weekend
4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, October 8-Hospitality

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism

Upcoming Events

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: Training Altar Ministers 10:30

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

Dec 16/17: Christmas non-perishable food drop-off & distribution

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 20—Sept 27

Sunday	\$ 4,028.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 1,490.00
General Funds	\$ 30.00
Restricted	\$ 625.00
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 6,183.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 6,183.00
Differential this period:	\$ - 4,117.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Assumption	\$ 10.00
Faith Forward Donation	\$ 2,000.00

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.

Creation Care Corner

Protect Species Diversity Scientists report that nearly one million species are at risk of

extinction by the end of this century, driven by human activity. Biodiversity is necessary for a healthy world. We can take action to protect biodiversity by: Reducing our fossil fuel usage. Eating foods that require lower land use or reduce aquatic. Advocating for Congressional legislation that will conserve nature & promote clean energy. Supporting local conservation efforts or organizations that are making a difference. Planting native flora to support the wild-life around you, and minimizing pesticides. Consider spending time to better understand how the way we live our lives impacts the world around us. There are opportunities for all of us to make modifications to help ensure future generations can enjoy a world as beautiful, diverse and ecologically healthy as the one we inherited.

"Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence... We have no such right" (LS 33).

