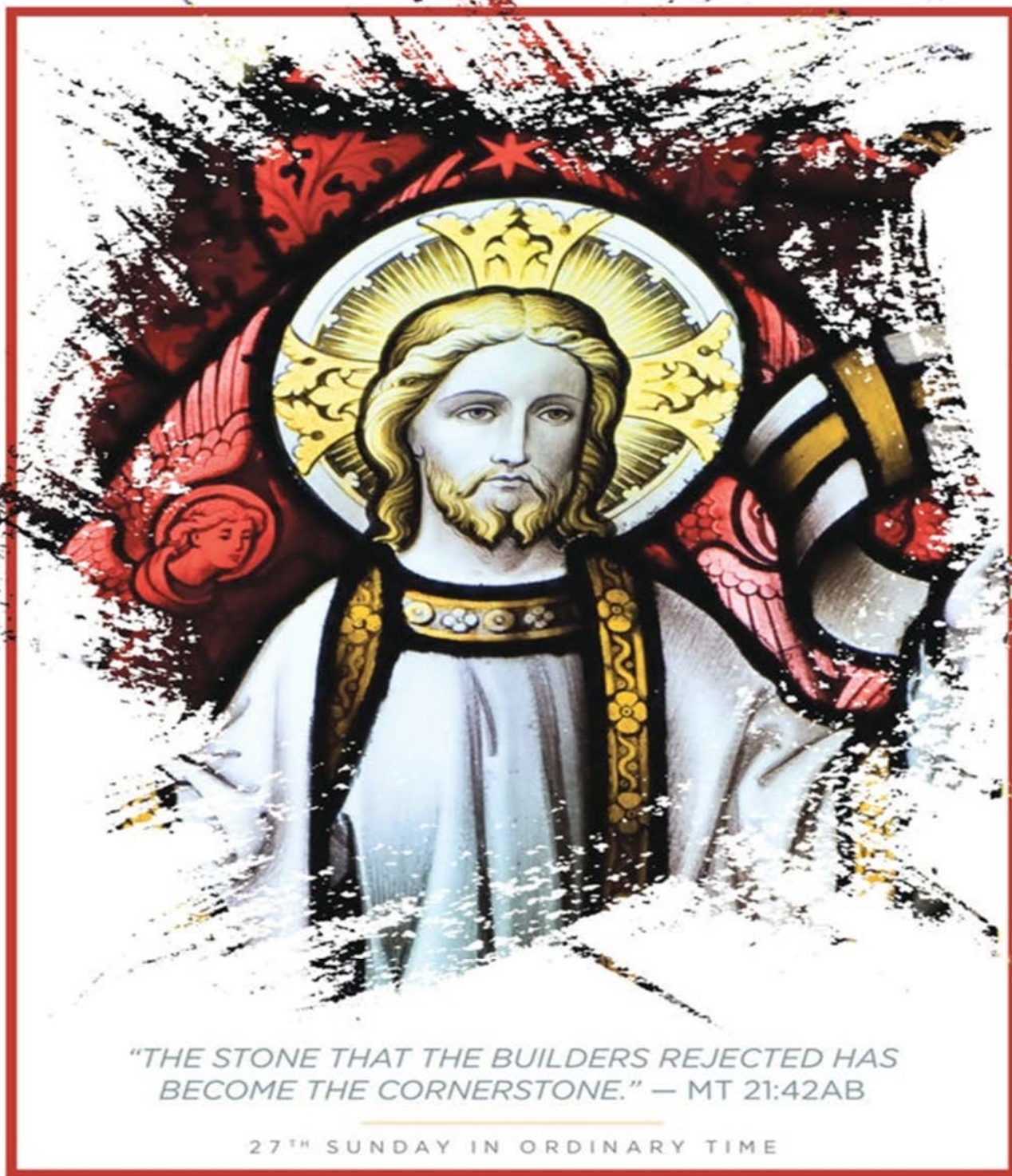


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



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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 work of God always passes through fraternity, through the eyes, the hands, the feet, the hearts of men and women who, in their respective roles of ecclesial or civil responsibility, try to build fraternal relationships and social friendship.

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.



National Eucharistic Revival

"It became obvious why Catholics had built such beautiful cathedrals and churches throughout the world. Not as gathering or meeting places for Christians. But as a home for Jesus Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. Cathedrals house Jesus. Christians merely come and visit Him. The cathedrals and churches architecturally prepare our souls for the beauty of the Eucharist."



- Allen R. Hunt

He is an American author and speaker. He is a former Methodist pastor and convert to the Catholic Church.

World Mission Sunday

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move**" (Luke 24:13-35). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication. With "**hearts on fire**" and "**feet on the move,**" let us put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on **October 22**.



Important Statistics Regarding Domestic Violence

How prevalent is domestic violence in our country? The following statistics may surprise you. On average, [20 people per minute](#) are physically abused by an intimate partner. **Ten million men and women** face physical abuse yearly in the United States. **50% of people have experienced emotional abuse.**

1 in 4 Christian marriages includes abuse. People in [Christian marriages](#) tend to stay longer than non-believers.

- **1 in 15 children** is exposed to domestic violence each year, and **90%** of these children are eyewitnesses to the violence.
- 1 in 3** children who witness domestic violence are also [victim's of child abuse](#).

More than **20,000 phone calls** are placed to domestic violence hotlines daily.

Everyone knows someone who is a victim or a survivor of domestic abuse. If you think you don't know someone who is or who has faced this, think again. Victims overwhelmingly hide abuse because they are afraid that exposing it will make things worse or put them in even more danger.

Impacts of Domestic Violence

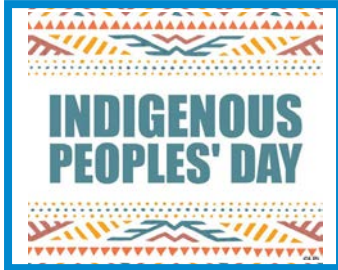
Domestic violence can have a long-lasting and devastating impact on a family. Spouses and children who are the targets of abuse have higher rates of anxiety, depression, PTSD, and suicidal behavior. Victims of domestic violence are at [higher risk](#) for developing drug, tobacco, and alcohol addictions.

The effects of abuse don't stop with the victim. Children who witness domestic violence and abuse are three times more likely to engage in violent and aggressive behavior than their peers. Children also have increased anxiety, depression, insomnia, nightmares, and difficulty concentrating.

Week 3 will appear in the October 15th bulletin.

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

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Diane Rose Floga from her husband Bill.



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, November 2, 7:00 PM

West Suburban Food Pantry

Christ the Servant Parish food donations of 23 pounds of produce received in August 2023 is helping the West Suburban Community Pantry connect people with food and hope. "Every day, you're bringing us closer to our vision of a community without hunger". Lisa Spaeth, Directory of Development

Thank You!



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

See You Next Friday at the Bavarian Blast!

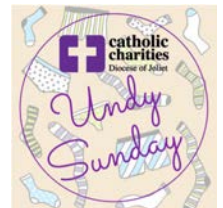
Join your parish family for an evening of fun, good food, raffle baskets, and music. Information in the narthex.

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

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 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	FULL	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
7th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	FULL	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



But We are Missing Your Child in Our Classes!



There is still time to Register for Religious Formation Classes...But Hurry!!!!

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

All Saint Costumes

On October 23-25 students, K-7 are invited to Dress Up as Saints for Classes.



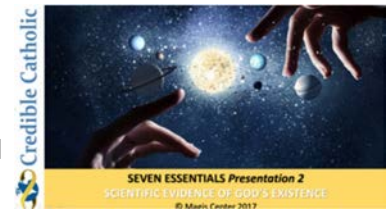
Confirmation Saints Party



All Confirmation Students are asked to attend the Saints Party on Wednesday, Oct. 25. This event is part of preparation for Confirmation. *Saint Costumes Required for the Confirmation Party.*

Confirmation Presentation: "Scientific Evidence of God's Existence"

All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, October 11 at the 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Greg Porod on Scientific Evidence of God's Existence. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.



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 9 Monday COLUMBUS DAY**
Monday students work online or join Tue or Wed classes
- October 10/11 Regular Classes**
- October 11 (Wednesday)** All Confirmation students and Parents Confirmation Presentation: "Scientific Evidence of God's Existence"
- October 12 (Thursday)** SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY
Removal of chairs in church for Bavarian Blast
- October 16/17/18 Regular Classes**
- October 22 Sunday** SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY Giv-ing Tree Set
- October 23/24/25** Grades K-7 are welcome to dress-up as Saints for class
- October 23/24/25 thru November 27/28/29** SERVICE PRO-JECT Class project for "Grand Event" service project
- October 25 (Wednesday)** EVENT All Confirmation students Confirmation Saints Party for ALL Confirmation Classes 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- October 28 (Saturday)** Reconciliation Retreat "Forgiveness Day"
- November 4 (Saturday)** Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:00
- November 12 (Sunday)** RF Grand EVENT 2-3:30



SACRAMENTS

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)

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.

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

2023 GOAL \$43,500
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$45,095 as of September 17, 2023
 AMOUNT PAID: \$40,939
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$4,156
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 220
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!



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 equipment are also available.

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 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 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Thanksgiving Mass, req. Jesus
Masquel
10:00 AM Frale family, req. John J. Frale
Diane Folga, req. Bill Folga

Monday, October 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish



Tuesday, October 10

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, October 12

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven, souls
that are most forsaken, req. Zenaida Cruz

Friday, October 13

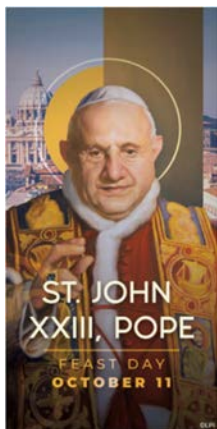
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, October 14

4:45 PM Pauline Dennis & Ida Kenny, req. Pat & Debi Savage
Lorraine Riedl, req. John & Nancy Arke
Dennis Prohaska & Allyn Peslak, req. Helene Peslak

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM Mitchell Rendak, req. Gierut family
10:00 AM James J. Frale, John G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale,
req. Frale family



Prayers for the Sick

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



Readings for the Week

Oct 8 thru Oct 15

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
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 (461)
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42 (462)
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4 (463)
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 11:5-13 (464)
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15:2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26 (465)
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28 (466)
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (142)

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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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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 8

8:30 am—mass - hospitality to follow
10:00 am—mass - hospitality to follow
11:00 pm—Baptism

Monday, October 9

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 am—daily mass

Wed, October 11

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, October 12

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

10:00 am—Set-up for Bavarian Blast

Friday, October 13

8:30 am—communion service

6:00 pm—Bavarian Blast Fundraiser

Saturday, October 14

9:00 am—worship commission meeting

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

11:00 am—baptism

Upcoming Events

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 14: Worship commission

Oct 15: Baptism 11 am

Oct 16: P& SJ meeting 7 pm

Oct 21/22: Knights of Columbus

Tootsie roll sales

Oct 27: church set-up

Oct 31: Halloween

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 28—Oct 3

Sunday	\$ 4,357.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 3,255.00
General Funds	\$ 130.00
Restricted	\$ 815.00
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 811.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 9,368.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 9,368.00
Differential this period:	\$ - 932.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Missions	\$ 20.00
Altar Corpus Christi	\$ 650.00
Blue Jeans-Homeless	\$ 30.00
Cash for Food	\$ 1,037.00
Fundraiser Donations	\$ 2,100.00

Debt to Diocese 9/30/2023
\$1,780.00

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.**

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).

