

# *Christ the Servant Catholic Church*

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.*



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Come to the feast.” - Mt 22:4bc

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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**

In this month of October dedicated to praying the Rosary, let us not tire of asking through Mary's intercession for the gift peace in the many countries throughout the world marked by war and conflicts.

Please continue to check our parish website, [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://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/UC1tH8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8).



**National Eucharistic Revival**

An excerpt from a writing by the Most Reverend Robert W. Marshall, Jr. Bishop of Alexandria.  
 ...somehow we abandoned or forgot or never experienced the close, abiding, intimate encounter with the Lord offered to us in the Holy Eucharist. We have heard that Christ is there in the Eucharist-his body & blood hidden under the ordinary appearances of bread and wine, but we have not always experienced His presence. We may have a faith that is now based on memory or curiosity or habit, but we need to experience or re-experience– the overwhelming love of God poured out for us in all of the sacraments and especially the Eucharist.  
 Jesus is anxious to encounter us. We need to rediscover the path to Him and to remove any obstacles that block the way. Jesus wants to heal us, comfort us, to nourish and sustain us. In the silence of our hearts, we have to admit that we need His loving presence."  
 "Live, Jesus, in our Hearts Forever:  
 The Joy and Promise of the Most Holy Eucharist"



**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).



**All Saints Day, Nov. 1st**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Masses 8:30 am and 7:00 pm**

**All Souls Day, Nov. 2nd**  
**Special mass to remember those who have died at 7:00 pm**



**Resources for Victims and Survivors**

If you or someone you know is currently in a domestic violence situation, here are resources that can help.

**If you are in a life-threatening situation, call 911.**

Call the [Domestic Abuse Hotline](#) or your local domestic violence resource center. It may be advisable to reach out to them using a phone or computer that your spouse cannot monitor

[Reach out to a licensed counselor](#) specializing in domestic violence and abuse.

Build the strongest support system you can.

[Set boundaries in your marriage](#)

Talk to your children. Let them know that the abusive parent's behavior is inappropriate and that the other parent's behavior is not your child's fault. Listen to your children when they bring concerns to you. You can also help them by letting them [talk with a counselor](#).

Week 4 will appear in the October 22nd bulletin.

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

**Thank You!**

The Parish Life Commission wishes to thank all our parishioners, donors, volunteers and attendees for supporting the Bavarian Blast Fundraiser. It was a great, a fun filled evening of food, beverages, games, music, dancing and prizes. We couldn't have done it without your support. See you at our next event!!!! And blessings to all!  
The Parish Life Commission



**Ladies October Lunch—Oct. 24th, 1:00 PM**

Ladies lunch will be on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1 pm. Please join us at the, **Wheatstack Restaurant 5900 S. Rt 53, Lisle**

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 22nd  
Tresh: 630-969-0388  
or  
Charlene: 630-969-9486



**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, pre-registration is required.**

**Ladies Christmas Luncheon—Thursday, Dec. 14th**



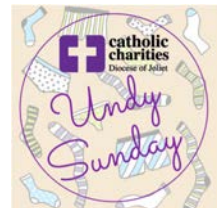
The ladies Christmas luncheon will be held on: Thursday, December 14th, arrival 11:15 am at, **White Fence Farm, 1376 Joliet Road, Romeoville 60446** Entertainment will be: Denny Diamond performing a tribute to Neil Diamond. Tickets for the show & lunch are \$42.00. Payment in advance, please make your check out to: Andie Wolfe. White Fence Farm need to know the number of attendees by November 15, 2023. Please R.S.V.P as-soon-as you are able:  
**Andie at 630-926-7444, or Rita at 630-985-4457**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>FULL</b>				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		<b>FULL</b>	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
7th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		<b>FULL</b>		Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day
8th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			<b>FULL</b>	Remote any day

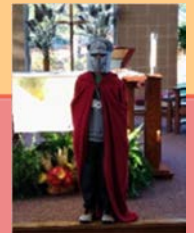


There is still time to Register for Religious Formation Classes...But Hurry!!!!

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

## The Grand Event

On Sunday, November 12, 2:00-3:30 pm

Religious Formation students will be hosting a celebration honoring their grandparents and grand-friends at Christ the Servant Church. Each class will participate by work together to provide an food, entertainment, decorations



or set up and clean up for an afternoon of sharing and refreshments for their grandparents, grand-friends and grand-neighbors.

Religious Formation students are encouraged to invite their grandparents and grand-friends to this Sunday RF event. Student will join their grandparents for refreshments and an afternoon of sharing at Christ the Servant Church.

## Let's Celebrate the Season Together



This month let's carve out time to make memories at home and connect with each other. RF Families are invited to pick up a pumpkin (or draw a picture of one) and create a masterpiece with friends or family. Between now and October 31, Share your experience with us and a photo. We will post it on our Facebook page, Christ the Servant - Religious Formation [www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation](https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation) Take a moment to share and admire the other family's handiwork, too!

### Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- September 25-October 24** Registration Tuition increase (Tuition \$190)
- October 16/17/18** Regular Classes
- October 22 Sunday** SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY Giving 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 PROJECT 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

#### 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](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org).



### 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 October 8, 2023  
 AMOUNT PAID: \$41,314  
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,881  
 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 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 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  
Rosa Oriente & Nester Pellicer, req. family  
10:00 AM James J. Frale, John G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale,  
req. Frale family

### Monday, October 16

8:30 AM Almaia Custodio, Louise Imo, Matteo Domino, &  
Forrest Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz  
Thomas Elapunkals, req. Clara Elapunkals

### Tuesday, October 17

8:30 AM David Stenger, req. Donna & Roy Clavey

### Wednesday, October 18

8:30 AM People of the Parish

### Thursday, October 19

8:30 AM People of the Parish

### Friday, October 20

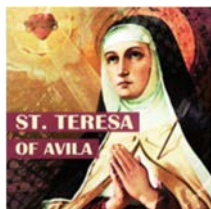
8:30 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, October 21

4:45 PM Leoncio Bacani, req. Corinne Hanson  
JoAnn Frale, req. family  
Lorraine Riedl, req. Sandy & Fernando Alonzo  
Dan Prohaska, req. Donna Mays  
Allyn Peslak, req. Darlene Janska

### Sunday, October 22

8:30 AM Rich Bush, req Marge Bush & family  
Raymond Gary Gierut, req. Gierut family  
10:00 AM Frale family, req. John J. Frale



## Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

## Prayers for the Sick

Bruce Barnhard	Carol Hendrich	Chuck Neal
Barbara Bayro	Barbara Hile	Nam Pham
Frank Bayro	Fred Huth	Carmen Pagnatiello
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.*



## Office Hours & Staff

8700 Havens Drive  
Woodridge, Illinois  
60517  
Phone: (630) 910-0770  
Fax: (630) 910-6060  
[www.ctswoodridge.org](http://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

**Fr. Bob Duda**, Pastor Ext. 101  
*FrBob@ctswoodridge.org*

**Rod Accardi**, Permanent Deacon  
*dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org*

**Bryn Wildman**, Bus. Mgr Ext. 102  
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**Christine Goba**, Religious Formation  
Director Ext. 103  
*cgoba@rcdoj.org*

**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
*janet@ctswoodridge.org* Ext. 104

**Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper Ext. 102

**Mary Goba**, Admin Assistant Ext. 102

### 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 15**  
8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
11:00 pm—baptism  
**Monday, October 16**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
7:00 pm—P&SJ meeting  
**Tuesday, October 17**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
12:30 am—mah jong  
**Wed, October 18**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
**Thursday, October 19**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga  
**Friday, October 20**  
8:30 am—communion service  
**Saturday, October 21—Tootsie roll sale**  
3:00 pm—baptism  
4:45 pm—mass  
**Sunday, October 22—Tootsie roll sale**  
8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
11:00 am—baptism

### Upcoming Events

Oct 8-15: Undy Sunday collection  
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 1: All Saints Holy Day  
Nov 2: All Souls' Day, special mass at 7:00 pm  
Nov 5: change clocks-fall back  
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 2,600.00  
Total Needed **\$ 10,300.00**

**CONTRIBUTIONS: Oct 4 thru Oct 10**  
Sunday \$ 3,725.00  
Sunday other forms \$ 6,400.00  
General Funds \$ 40.00  
Restricted \$ 157.50  
Debt Reduction \$ 573.00  
Total Contributed \$ 10,895.50

**Differential this period:**  
Needed \$ 10,300.00  
Reported \$ 10,895.00  
**Differential this period: \$ 5,955.00**

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**  
World Missions \$ 0.00  
Shepherds Endowment \$ 0.00

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.  
**Thank you.**

## Creation Care Corner

### CREATION CARE AND RESPECT LIFE: A CONNECTION

Life and Dignity of the Human Person and Care for God's Creation are separate but interconnected themes in Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings call upon us to respect human life. Many examples demonstrate the relationship between environmental degradation and negative impacts on human life, which are cause for action. Poor air quality from industrial pollution and burning fossil fuels ends life prematurely for 100,000 Americans each year. Respecting human life and dignity calls us to be better stewards of the environment. In caring for the environment, we are also acting on our special responsibility to the poor, the vulnerable, and the unborn of future generations who are most affected and least heard. *"The Church has a responsibility towards Creation and considers it her duty ... to protect earth, water and air as gifts of God, the Creator, meant for everyone ..."*