

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 630-910-0770



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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**Sunday, September 8,
2024**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:45 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, and
10:00 am

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday—Thursday
8:30 am, and
Communion Service on
Friday 8:30 am

Weekly Confession

Saturday 4:00 to
4:30 pm

The **Rosary** is prayed the first
Friday of each month 9:00 am
in the Eucharistic Chapel.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to Christ the Servant! Registration forms are available in the narthex by the Sacristy. Please feel free to ask a host member where to find forms, Religious Formation information & the bulletin.

RECONCILIATION: Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or by appointment with Fr. Bob.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptism is celebrated twice a month, first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:00 am. Patents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class, offered the first Thursday of each month. You must register for the preparation class by calling the parish office at: 630-910-0770.

SACRAMENT OF 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.

FUNERAL: Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

Francis' Tweet for the Week
Jesus asks you for a gaze that does not stop at outward appearance. He asks you to look at the heart with a gaze that is not judgmental but welcomes others. For love alone heals life.

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/UC1tHeservant).



All Parish Sessions

As part of Phase 3 of the targeted restructuring process for the Diocese of Joliet, two Parish Listening Sessions are scheduled. Important information will be shared, including the presentation of potential future scenarios, and feedback from parishioners will be solicited.

Session 1—Monday, September 30th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Session 2—Monday, November 4th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

These are two separate sessions and you should attend both, as different information is provided at each session.

Liturgy Spotlight . . .

Communal singing provides everyone access to their baptismal right and duty to be celebrant of the liturgy and to enact the Pascal Mystery...and has great bearing on the principle that the **primary celebrant** of the liturgy is the **assembly**.

(Liturgical Ministry, vol. 12, Spring 2003)



Eucharistic Revival



"What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But, what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ, and the chalice is the blood of Christ"

-Saint Augustine



Save the Parish Letter Writing

Inquiries have been voiced about writing letters to the Diocese of Joliet about keeping Christ the Servant Church open today and long into the future. Below is the response from Rosemarie Banich, Consultant, Catholic Leadership Institute.

We are just at the beginning of the restructuring process, neither Bishop Hicks or the Targeted Restructuring Committee will be taking any submission or feedback into consideration at this time (there aren't any potential scenarios to comment on yet). Once the restructuring scenarios are created and shared with the parishioners, they will have the opportunity to submit their feedback to the scenarios, and in addition to the specific feedback that we will ask for, any additional feedback, such as letters, can be submitted by the parish as well. Having said that, if the parishioners feel compelled to write something now, they can be sent to my email address and I will hold on to them until the Targeted Restructuring Committee meets in November.

Rosemarie Banich
rbanich@catholicleaders.org



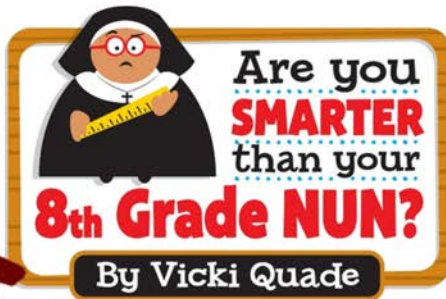
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Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.

**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR 8th GRADE NUN?
HIT COMEDY COMING TO CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH
ONE-NIGHT ONLY! NOVEMBER 8, 2024**

Continuing her series of religious comedies, including the hit Late Nite Catechism, writer and actress Vicki Quade brings her latest comedy to Christ the Servant Church, Woodridge, IL, a new game show called Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?

The hit comedy will be performed Friday, November 8. The play begins at 7:00 pm and runs approximately 2 hours with a 15-minute intermission.

Ticket sales begin Saturday, September 28 after all Masses. Tickets are \$30, children under 12 will be \$20, children 5 and under free.



Around the Town, Chicago, reviewer Frank Meccia gives the show “Five Stars!”, adding, “This show is great, well worth it. The show is loosely based on the TV show, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, but it’s more like, Who Wants to Get Out of Purgatory?! Lots of fun, and you can bring the whole family!”



Parish Ministry Fair & volunteer sign-up.
September 14/15, and 21/22 in the narthex.

What is a Hate Crime, Special Speaker, Monday, September. 23, 7:30 pm. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) will talk about the definition of hate crime, how & whom to report it.

Ladies Lunch, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:00 pm.
3 Corners Grill, 7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove.

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Christ’s Passion
Saturday, October 5th. Sign-up in the narthex.

Cash for Food Donations, October 12 and 13.

Undy Sunday, October 19 and October 20.
World Mission Sunday, 2nd Collection, Oct. 19.

Live Play at CTS, Friday, November. 8. Comedy,
Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?
Ticket sales begin September 28th after Masses.

Thanksgiving Food Donation Sign-up,
November 9/10, 16/17, in the narthex.
Drop-off at the Church: November 23/24.

**July Food Donations
West Suburban Community Pantry**

Letter sent to Father Bob from the West Suburban Community Pantry, August 23, 2024.

Your in-kind donation of 271 pounds of produce grown in the garden at Christ the Servant parish, and non-perishable food, received in July, is helping the Pantry to connect many people with food and hope. Thanks to your kindness & hard work, our community is facing tomorrow with optimism. Unemployed workers are getting the energy they need to find their next opportunity. Seniors are putting food on the table and accessing essential medications and stay strong. Thank you for taking a stand for our neighbors in need.



With gratitude,
Mary Hutchinson
Board Chair—West suburban Community Pantry

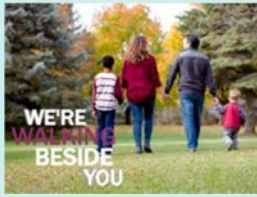


**Manna Gift Card
Order Forms**

Manna order forms are in the narthex. Forms due by 10:30 am Sunday, September 15. Gift card pickup Sat. Sept. 21st, and Sunday 22nd after each Mass.

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.

For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org



The week of September 9th, 2024!

Adult Sacrament Classes

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



Thank You!

Thank you to all of the kids who came and made this year's summer Youth Group so much fun! Thank you to all of the adults who volunteered their time to help make the summer a fun one for our kids! Keep an eye out for more Youth Group fun this Fall!



Hurry and Register!!
Tuition Increases Sept. 25!

Early Registration for Religious Formation



This year we are providing early registering for the 2024-2025 Religious Formation classes and at a discount! As low as \$21.88 a month!

RF registration information forms can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and the back of church.

Tuition for students registered for classes

July 2 – September 24	Tuition \$175
September 25 – October 24	Tuition \$190
October 25 – February	Tuition \$200

Whatever it takes, we are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

2024-2025 Religious Formation Elementary Class Days and Times

Remote eLearning is independent study and does not have a set time to meet each week

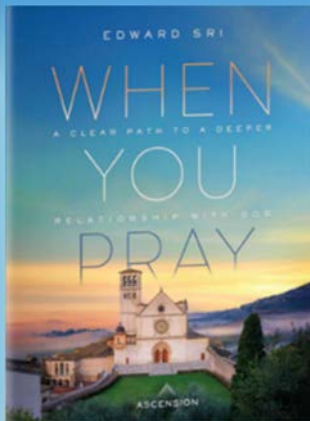
(Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)

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

ADULT

Parish Enrichment Series - Mondays



Monday, Sept. 9 at 7-8:15 pm
– Radiating Christ

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

Participants are invited to meet every week for a 7-week video study program, to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The workbook is \$25 for participants who wish to purchase a book to follow along but it is not necessary to have a book.

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God at Christ the Servant.

Is God calling you to share your faith?



Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? No one else can answer God's call to His mission for your life but you. If you do not respond to God's call, the unique work that God wanted to accomplish through you will

not get done.

Volunteers and Catechist are essential to running a successful RF program. There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children. Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org if you are able to give time to help during the year.



CATECHIST MEETING

There will be a Catechist Workshop and Meeting September 4, 7:00 pm to go over NEW Diocesan required programs.

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

Registration for 2024-2025 July 1-September 24 (Tuition \$175)

September 8 (Sunday) Catechist Coffee & Treats Meet up

September 9/10/11 Student/Parent Open House Parents are asked to join their child for activities and meeting

September 9 Adult Study: Radiating Christ 7:00-8:15pm

September 15 Catechetical Sunday Please pray for our Catechist

September 16/17/18 Regular Classes Begin

September 19/20 Remote Students can come pick up their books on either of these days from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

September 23/24/25 Regular Classes



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.)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 8

8:30 AM Ramon Joson, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek
Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere
10:00 AM Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere

Monday, September 9

8:30 AM Ron Welton, req. JoAnn Welton family

Tuesday, September 10

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish



Thursday, September 12

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 14

4:45 PM Chuck Dennis & Fran Rojewski, req. Pat & Debi Savage
Rosemary DiVincenzo, req. family

Sunday, September 15

8:30 AM Janet Leifel, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek
10:00 AM Barb Smith, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Fri.: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Prayers for the Sick

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| Bill Amplo | Ed Jascewsky | Barb Rogers |
| Barbara Bayro | Madeline Jascewsky | John Rossi |
| Frank Bayro | Rich Johnson | Sonja Rudny |
| Pam Baxter | Roy Kastner III | Steve Ryba |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Paul Knight | Karen Salvio |
| Jim Brabec | Ann Kopp | Jim Sanders |
| Renee Brennan | Barb Kosiek | Rita Sisko |
| Pat Chang | Mike Leach | Marlene Snedeker |
| Vic Cordes | Robert Losik | Bill Snellenburger |
| Michael Durkovic Sr | Marta Lucarelli | Jennifer Stile |
| Rudy Durkovic | Cathy Magee | Dan Szymanski |
| Ray DiGrazia | Joyce Maples | Dennis Szulc |
| Fr. Bob Duda | Jan May | Michelle Toro |
| Marge Felix | Donna Mays | Mary Vanderplow |
| Cheryl Feltz | Arturo Mendez | Jim Verdi |
| John M. Foresman | Robert Mizek | Bill Wagner |
| Marty Foy | Anna Moneghini | Judy Ward |
| Mary Chap-Grigar | Chuck Neal | Nancy Warnecke |
| Bill Hartig | Carmen Pegnatiello | Patricia Wheeler |
| Michael Harris | Nam Pham | |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Jim Phillips | |
| Carol Hendrich | Janice Proskoy | |
| Fred Huth | Bob Pluta | |
| Brian Jackson | Parker Ramirez | |
| Cathy Jackson | Wm. (Bill) Rausch | |
| Jessica James | Lolit Rancho | |
| Rayna Januska | Genevieve Ragnanese | |



WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”

We pray for those who Serve Our Country

- 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
Patrick Judge, nephew of Mary & Bob Glaz
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward



Please call the parish office to add a name: 630-910-0770.

Office Hours & Staff

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www.ctswoodridge.org**



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday.....8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Friday.....8:30 AM—1:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM
Friday Communion Service.....8:30 AM
The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.
Saturday.....4:45 PM
Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM
Holy Days....consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

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- Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper Ext. 102
- Mary Goba**, Admin Assistant Ext. 102

Commission Chairpersons

- Robert Ramirez**, Pastoral Council Co-Chair
- Bill Yunker**, Pastoral Council Co-Chair
- Ed Koch**, Administration/Finance
- Bill Yunker**, Christian Service
- Donna Ciolek**, Parish Life Chair
- Bill Ciolek**, Religious Formation
- Chris Bojanowski**, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sun, September 8
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, September 9
8:30 am—daily mass
4:45-6:00 pm-RF Open House .
7:00 pm—Adult Enrichment Series

Tuesday, September 10
8:30 am—daily mass
4:45-6:00 pm-RF Open House .

Wed, September 11 Patriot Day
8:30 am—daily mass
4:45-6:00 pm-RF Open House .

Thurs., September 12
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
7:00 pm—Adult Sacrament prep

Friday, September 13
8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, September 14
4:45 pm—Mass

Sunday, September 15
8:30 am—Mass
10:00 am—Mass
11:00 am—Baptism

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sept 8: Catechist meet-up
Sept 9/10/11: RF Open House
Sept 12: Adult sacrament prep
Sept 14/15: Catechist Blessing
Sept 14/15: Ministry fair and volunteer sign-up in the narthex.
Sept 16: P&SJ meeting 7 pm
Sept 16-19: R. F. Classes
Sept 17: Mahjong 12:30 pm
Sept 19: Yoga 9:30 am
Sept 21/22: Message at Mass about the Restructuring Parish Sessions.
Sept 21/22: Ministry fair and volunteer sign-up in the narthex.

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025
Parish Expenses \$ 8,700.00
Total Needed \$ **8,700.00**

CONTRIBUTIONS: Aug. 28—Sept 3

Sunday	\$ 4,809.00
Other Donations	\$ 2,410.00
General Funds	\$ 66.00
Restricted	\$ 350.00
Capital Projects	\$ 647.00
Total:	\$ 8,282.00

Differential this period:
Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 8,282.00
Difference this period (-) \$ **418.00**

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Cash for Food	\$ 32.00
World Mission	\$ 0.00

Total Members—2471
Registered Households—783

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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Celebrate the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. **It starts September 1st and ends October 4th.** It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...".

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that "we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation". Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live."

Creation Care Corner

2024 GOAL
\$42,900

Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
42,900 as of September 1, 2024.

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$42,596
AMOUNT PAID: \$39,281
BALANCE DUE: \$3,315
DONORS THIS YEAR: 223
2024 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0

Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!