

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this  
in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

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**Sunday, September 22,  
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**  
To know the Lord, it is not enough to know something about Him. We must follow Him, allow ourselves to be moved and changed by His Gospel, and engage in a relationship with Him—an encounter that transforms our life.

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/UC1tH8mL8mL8mL8mL8mL8mL8).



### Where Am I Going to Mass Next Year?

#### All Parish Listening Sessions—Presentation by Catholic Leaders Institute

As part of Phase 3 of the targeted restructuring process for the Diocese of Joliet, two Parish Listening Sessions are scheduled. **At each parish session important information will be shared, including the presentation of potential scenarios for the future. Feedback from parishioners will be solicited.**

The church chairs MUST be filled with the loving members of this Parish. The goal is having the Catholic Leader Institute consultant report back to the Diocese of Joliet that Christ the Servant is vibrant, and needs to remain the parish that it is with Father Bob as the Pastor.

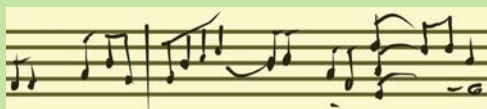
**Session 1—Monday, September 30th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

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

There are two separate sessions and to be best informed you'll need to attend both sessions.

#### Liturgy Spotlight . . .

Saint Augustine said, "Singing is for the one who loves", Music is therefore a sign of God's love for us and of our love for him. By its very nature song has both an individual and communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that signing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people.



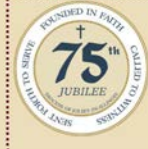
(Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship,#2)

#### **Eucharistic Revival**



*"...In this world I cannot see the most high son of God with my own eyes, except for his most holy body and blood.*


*—St. Francis of Assisi*




**Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary  
Regional Mass**

**September 28, 2024  
4:00 pm**

**President: The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
All are invited to join us in celebration of the Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary. The Mass will be at **Lewis University**. Gathering after mass for fellowship. Liturgies will be celebrated in various parts of the diocese to bring people together in celebration of our anniversary. Priests from the local area will join Bishop Hicks.



A Catholic and Lasallian University



The beautiful flowers on the Altar in memory of

**John Landers**

From his loving family  
Dave & Jeannine Baran

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



**“United Against Hate”  
Anti Defamation League Speaker  
Monday, September 23, 7:30 pm**

Anti Defamation League is one of the leading organizations working to counteract the traumatic impact of hate crimes on individuals and entire communities and to deter and prevent such crimes. We do this by fighting for more comprehensive and inclusive hate crime laws, by advocating to ensure that hate crimes investigations receive the priority attention they deserve from law enforcement and by supporting hate crime victims & their communities.

**Presentation by the ADL will be in the Church, Monday 23, 7:30 pm.** Speaker will talk about the definition of hate crime, how to report it, and to whom to report it. Sponsored by the Peace & Social Justice Committee. Light refreshments afterward. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Ladies 55 and Over September Luncheon**

**Place:** 3 Corners Grill

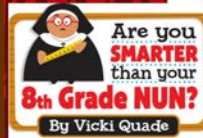
7231 Lemont Road, Downers Grove

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24

**Time:** 1:00 pm

Please reply by Monday, September 23 to.....

**Maryann: 630-281-0587  
or Sue: 312-618-0240**



**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR 8th GRADE NUN? COMEDY AT CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH**

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, Sept. 28 after all Masses. Tickets are \$30, children under 12 will be \$20, children 5 and under free.**

**ONLY! NOVEMBER 8, 2024**

**Church News.**

**Restructuring All Parish Session, Monday, Sept. 30, 7:00 pm.** The future of Christ the Servant.

**Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Christ’s Passion Saturday, October 5th.**

**Knights Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser, October 5 & 6.**

**Cash for Food Donations, October 12 and 13.**

**Undy Sunday, October 19 and October 20.**

**World Mission Sunday, 2nd collection, Oct. 19.**

**Restructuring All Parish Session, Nov. 4 7:00 pm.**

**Voting, November 5th—narthex and hallway.**

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

**All Souls Day, November 2nd, Special Mass 7 pm  
Seminarian Education, 2nd collection, Nov. 9-10.**

**Villages Fair Trade Sale, Nov. 9-10 in the narthex.**

**Green Team Recycling Event, Saturday, Nov. 16.**

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

**Woodridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

**Volunteer Opportunity-Handy Day**

Sat. October 5, 2024

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lunch & Refreshments Available

A chance to help a group of condo owners who are STILL recovering from the 2021 tornado.

Join us helping neighbors to complete their To-Do lists.

Come lend a hand with small repairs and painting.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Dan at: [HandyDayDan@gmail.com](mailto:HandyDayDan@gmail.com)



**Ministry Fair and Volunteer Sign-Up  
September 21/22 and 28/29**

Parish commissions are offering a **Ministry Fair and Volunteer Sign-up** the last weekends of September.

Members will offer information about the many different ministries. You will be amazed at the ministry opportunities offered within the church. Volunteering can be just a few hours and you will truly make a difference serving our Parish.

# 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.

For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org)

# Religious Formation Classes

## Christ the Servant Catholic Church

- \*Welcoming
- \*Fun
- \*Flexible
- \*Educational
- \*Affordable



Classes available on either  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or eLearning  
 For info call 630-910-0770

Amazing things happen here!

**Classes are now in session!**  
 But We are Missing Your Child in Our Classes!  
 You can still hurry and register! Tuition increases  
*this week on September 25th!*



### 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 |                      |                      |                        |                        |                |
| 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 |                      | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM |                        | Remote any day |
| 5th | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM |                      | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM |                        | Remote any day |
| 6th | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM |                      | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM |                        | Remote any day |
| 7th |                     |                      | 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 6:30-7:45 PM | Remote any day |

## Hurry and Register!!



Tuition Increases Sept. 25!  
 RF registration information forms can be found at [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://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.**

**Religious Formation Upcoming Dates**  
**Registration for 2024-2025 July 1-September 24**  
**(Tuition \$175)**

- September 23/24/25** Regular Classes
- September 30/Oct 1/2** Regular Classes
- October 5 (Saturday)** Retreat Shrine of Christ's Passion Pilgrimage
- October 6 (Sunday)** Pet Blessing after 10:00 Mass
- October 7/8/9** Regular Classes "Stuff Animal Blessing"
- October 14/15/16** COLUMBUS DAY No Classes meet this week
- October 18 (Friday)** Youth Group Night Activity
- October 26 (Saturday)** Confirmation Parent Meeting 1:00 (Parents only)

**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.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

- If you feel that the Lord is calling you into deeper relationship....
- If you simply want to know more about the Catholic Church...
- If you are interested in our Catholic Faith and Traditions....
- If you have questions about the Catholic Church...

**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](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org) if you are able to give time to help during the year.

**Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward**



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their children. To help our parents pay for Religious Education we are starting a Religious Education Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward: Christ the Servant Religious Education'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 education 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.

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 22**

8:30 AM Regina Zdenovec, req. family  
 John Landers, req. Dave & Jeannine Baran  
 10:00 AM Dan Prohaska, req. Prohaska family  
 Ron Wasilewski, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek

**Monday, September 23**

8:30 AM Joyce Schultze, req. Pat Sweatt

**Tuesday, September 24**

8:30 AM Don Fassero, req. Tina Fassero

**Wednesday, September 25**

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

**Thursday, September 26**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, September 27**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, September 28**

4:45 PM Charles Dennis, req. Pat Savage  
 Thomas Welsh, req. the Weltin family

**Sunday, September 29**

8:30 AM Raymond Edward Gierut, req. Gierut & Rendak families  
 Mercedes Arroyo, req. Haenke family  
 10:00 AM Thomas Peck, req. Gregory & Beverly Peck  
 Barb Smith, req. Barb Gutman



Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6  
**Thurs:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
**Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Prayers for the Sick

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



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”

*Rosario “Rose” Rosario  
 and  
 Mercedes Arroyo*

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](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 (part-time) Ext. 102  
*bryn@ctswoodridge.org*
- Christine Goba**, Religious Formation Director  
*cgoba@rcdoj.org* Ext. 103
- Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
*janet@ctswoodridge.org* Ext. 104
- 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 22**  
8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
**Monday, September 23**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
7:00 pm—speaker-United Against Hate  
**Tuesday, September 24**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
1:00 pm—ladies over 55 luncheon  
**Wed, September 25**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
**Thurs., September 26**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga  
**Friday, September 27**  
8:30 am—communion service  
**Saturday, September 28**  
4:45 pm—Mass  
Ministry Fair  
**Sunday, September 22**  
8:30 am—Mass  
10:00 am—Mass  
Ministry Fair following weekend Masses.

### Upcoming Events Calendar

- Sept 21/22:** Message at Mass about the Restructuring Parish Sessions.
- Sept 21/22:** Ministry Fair and volunteer sign-up in the narthex.
- Sept 23:** United Against Hate speaker in the church, 7:00 pm
- Sept 26:** Yoga 9:30 am
- Sept 26:** Choir—Youth 4:45 & Adult 6:30
- Sept 28/29:** Ministry Fair and volunteer sign-up in the narthex.
- Sept 30: All Parish Listening Session about Phase 3 Restructuring, meeting 7:00 pm**
- Oct 1:** Mahjong 12:30 pm
- Oct 3:** Baptism prep class 7:00 pm

## Parish Giving

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS: Sept 11—Sept 17**

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday           | \$ 5,345.00         |
| Other Donations  | \$ 3,375.00         |
| General Funds    | \$ 156.00           |
| Restricted       | \$ 1,525.00         |
| Capital Projects | \$ 150.00           |
| <b>Total:</b>    | <b>\$ 10,551.00</b> |

**Differential this period:**  
Needed: \$ 8,700.00  
Reported Income \$ 10,551.00  
Difference this period (+) \$ **1,851.00**

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| <b>Cash for Food</b> | \$ 0.00 |
| <b>World Mission</b> | \$ 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](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.

**2024 GOAL**  
**\$42,900**

**PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:**  
42,900 as of September 15, 2024.

**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$42,896**  
**AMOUNT PAID: \$40,216**  
**BALANCE DUE: \$2,730**  
**DONORS THIS YEAR: 223**  
**2024 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0**

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

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION**

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

[www.carbonfootprint.com/](http://www.carbonfootprint.com/)

**Creation Care Corner**