

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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**Sunday, September 29,
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.

October 4, 2024

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
Peace is built not with weapons, but through patient listening, dialogue and cooperation. These are the only means worthy of the human person to resolve our conflicts.

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/UC1t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t).



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

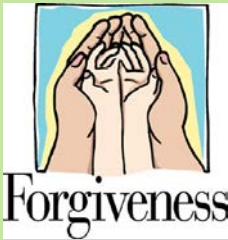
There are two separate sessions and to be best informed you'll need to attend both sessions.

Liturgy Spotlight . . .

Why are you at Mass today?

Are you here to ask for forgiveness?

Or are you here to celebrate that you HAVE BEEN forgiven?



Eucharistic Revival



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

-Saint Elizabeth Seton



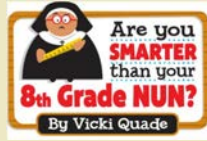
We welcome the following parishioners to Christ the Servant,

William & Jessica Moore, and family



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

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR 8th GRADE NUN?



The hit comedy will be performed Friday, Nov. 8. The play begins at 7:00 pm and runs approximately 2 hours with a 15-minute intermission.
ONE EVENING ONLY! NOVEMBER 8, 2024

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

**Raffle Tickets \$25 each, or 5/\$100.
 Grand Prize \$1,000, 2nd \$500, & 3rd \$250.**



**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
 OCTOBER 5 & 6**

Since 1971 the Knights of Columbus at Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica churches have been holding their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" to raise money for the Intellectually Disabled organizations.

Over the past years, our local Knights have raised more than \$10,000 and distributed the funds to 8 to 10 local organizations that cater to the disabled, like SEASPAR, Special Olympics Illinois, Northeast and Western Dupage Special Recreation, Thumbuddy, Catholic Charities, Marklund Children's Home, and Special Camps for Special Citizens.

Each organization has been most appreciative of our donations and thankful to people like you who have aided us in this cause.

We again look forward to your support this year. Tootsie Rolls Sales the weekend: October 5 & 6.



Church News.

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Christ's Passion
 Saturday, October 5th. Bus leaving at 8:30 am.

Knights Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser, October 5 & 6.

Blessing of the Pets, Oct. 6 at Noon, parking lot.

**Cash for Food Donations, October 12 and 13.
 Undy Sunday, October 19 and October 20.
 World Mission Sunday, 2nd collection, Oct. 19.**

Restructuring Parish Session II, 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 & raffle sales in narthex after Masses.

All Saints & All Souls Masses, November 1st,
 Masses 8:30 and 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.

**West Suburban Community Pantry
 Thank You Christ the Servant Gardeners**

Thanks to your organization's kindness we have fresh produce for our local families. Your in-kind **donation of 29 pounds of produce from the CTS garden during August 2024**, is helping West Suburban Community Pantry connect many people with much needed fresh vegetables.

Mary Hutchinson, Board Chair
 West Suburban Community Pantry



**Help Restock Shelves!
 Food & Cash Donations, October 12 & 13**

Christ the Servant parish continues to support the West Suburban Food Pantry and Downers Grove Area FISH. Food items most needed include canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. as well as personal care and paper products. Please drop off your food and product items in the parking lot before Mass.

Cash donations are most appreciated. Any amount is welcome! A Cash for Food Donation Box will be available in the narthex for your convenience. Please make checks payable to **Christ the Servant**. All cash and checks will be converted to food donations and distributed promptly following the collection on October 12/13.

**Manna Gift Card
 Order Forms**

Manna Gift card sale in progress. Orders due October 13 by 10:30 am
 Order forms are in the narthex & on the website.



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

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!



You can still register after
 the start of classes,
 but hurry!

Late registration fines increase October 25th!
 RF registration information forms can be found at
www.ctswoodridge.org and the
 back of church.



Tuition for students registered for classes

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

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

- 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)
- October 21/22/23** Regular Classes

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 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 29

8:30 AM Raymond E. Gierut, r.
Gierut & Rendak families

Mercedes Arroyo, req.

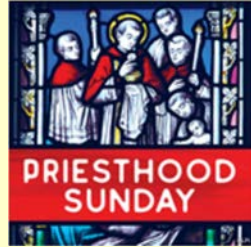
Haenke family

10:00 AM Thomas Peck, req.

Gregory & Beverly Peck

Barb Smith, req. Barb Gutman

Joseph Moolayil, Thomas Moolayil



Monday, September 30

8:30 AM Holy Souls that are near to Heaven and Poor
Souls in Purgatory, req. Zenaida Cruz
Abelardo Limjoco Sr., req. family

Tuesday, October 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 2

8:30 AM People of the
Parish

Thursday, October 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, October 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, October 5

4:45 PM JoAnn Frale, req family

Bill & Helen Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak

Mary E. Schanly, req. Andria & Auggie Garritino

Rosa Oriente, req. Pellicer family

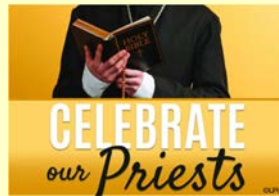
Sunday, October 6

8:30 AM Frale family, req. family

Rosa Oriente, req. Pellicer family

10:00 AM Diane Floga, req. Bill Floga & family

Clarence Duet III, req. Mary & Paul Wisdom



Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tues: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1

Prayers for the Sick

Bill Amplo
Barbara Bayro
Frank Bayro
Pam Baxter
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Renee Brennan
Douglas Bruno
Pat Chang
Vic Cordes
Michael Durkovic Sr
Rudy Durkovic
Ray DiGrazia
Fr. Bob Duda
Marge Felix
Cheryl Feltz
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Mary Chap-Grigar
Bill Hartig
Michael Harris
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Fred Huth
Brian Jackson
Cathy Jackson
Jessica James

Rayna Januska
Ed Jascewsky
Madeline Jascewsky
Rich Johnson
Roy Kastner III
Paul Knight
Ann Kopp
Barb Kosiek
Mike Leach
Robert Losik
Marta Lucarelli
Cathy Magee
Joyce Maples
Jan May
Donna Mays
Arturo Mendez
Robert Mizek
Anna Moneghini
Chuck Neal
Carmen Pegnatiello
Nam Pham
Alie Phillips
Jim Phillips
Janice Proskey
Bob Pluta
Parker Ramirez
Wm. (Bill) Rausch

Lolit Rancho
Genevieve Ragnanese
John Rossi
Sonja Rudny
Steve Ryba
Karen Salvio
Jim Sanders
Rita Sisko
Marlene Snedeker
Bill Snellenburger
Jennifer Stile
Dan Szymanski
Dennis Szulc
Michelle Toro
Mary Vanderplow
Jim Verdi
Bill Wagner
Judy Ward
Nancy Warnecke
Patricia Wheeler



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”

*Perla Cudal
Roland Burman*

We pray for those who Serve Our Country

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

Jim Kikilas, godson of Pat & Debi Savage

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak

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

**8700 Havens Drive,
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Phone: (630) 910-0770
Fax: (630) 910-6060
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
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- Janet Alikpala**, Music Director
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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 29
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Monday, September 30
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—all parish restructuring session
Tuesday, October 1
8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mahjong
Wed, October 2
8:30 am—daily mass
Thurs., October 3
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
7:00 pm—baptism prep class
Friday, October 4
8:30 am—communion service
Saturday, October 5
8:30 am—Pilgrimage
4:45 pm—mass
Knights Tootsie Roll fund raiser
Sunday, October 6
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Knights Tootsie Roll fund raiser

Upcoming Events Calendar

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
Oct 3: Youth Choir 4:45 pm
Oct 3: Adult Choir 6:30 pm
Oct 5: Youth & Adult Pilgrimage to The Shire of Christ’s Passion. Bus leaves 8:30A
Oct 5/6: Knights Tootsie Roll Drive
Oct 6: Pet Blessing at Noon. Gather in front of the Church & circle drive.
Oct 12/13: Food/cash donation weekend.

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025

Parish Expenses	\$ 8,700.00
Total Needed	\$ 8,700.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Sept 18—Sept 24

Sunday	\$ 4,601.00
Other Donations	\$ 1,420.00
General Funds	\$ 91.32
Restricted	\$ 2,570.00
Capital Projects	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$ 8,707.32

Differential this period:

Needed:	\$ 8,700.00
Reported Income	\$ 8,707.32
Difference this period (+)	\$ 7.32

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Cash for Food	\$ 0.00
World Mission	\$ 0.00

Active Members 1309

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

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 individual action to protect biodiversity by:

- Reducing our fossil fuel usage which contributes to warming that is contributing to growing extinction rates
- Eating foods that require lower land use or reduce aquatic impact to minimize loss
- Advocating for Congressional legislation that will conserve nature and promote clean energy
- Supporting local conservation efforts or organizations that are making a difference
- Planting native flora to support the wildlife around you, and minimizing your use of pesticides and herbicides.

Enjoy a world as beautiful, diverse and ecologically healthy as the one we inherited.

Creation Care Corner

2024 GOAL
\$42,900

Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
42,900 as of September 22, 2024.

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$42,946
AMOUNT PAID: \$40,341
BALANCE DUE: \$2,605
DONORS THIS YEAR: 223
2024 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0

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