

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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**November 3, 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.



**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.

## 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.

Francis' Tweet for the Week  
Without joy, faith becomes a rigorous and oppressive exercise, and runs the risk of ailing with sadness.  
There is no holiness without joy!

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.

**Final All Parish Meeting  
Monday, November 4th at 7:00 pm**

**Fill the chairs again!**

**We must communicate to the Diocese how much Christ the Servant is loved, growing, financially intact, thriving and needed.**

**Final opportunity to express keeping CTS open, and standalone Church.**

**Liturgy Spotlight . . .**

The ordered readings of the Lectionary, as they are proclaimed Sunday after Sunday, immerse us in God's mystery of salvation. We remember the promises God has made with humanity so as to live with an expectant, at times urgent, hope in God's finally bringing those promises to fulfillment.



Liturgical Ministry 12 (Spring 2003)

**Eucharistic Revival**



*How sweet the presence of Jesus  
to the longing, harassed soul!*

*It is instant peace,  
and balm to every  
wound.*



*-Saint Elizabeth Ann  
Seton*

**Importance of the Impact a Priest Can Make**



I invite you to take a moment and think of a priest who has impacted your life. There may be one or many, and these may be good, bad or both. The truth remains that our lives would be forever different had we not encountered or experienced them. A priest who is well formed, holy, and seeking after the heart of Jesus has the power to radically shape and shift the culture of a parish. They, because of the grace given them by God, release into the world his presence, bring healing, and work miracles in the community they are called to serve. These priests who have been well formed, give hope for the future and in the presence bring about stability because they are firmly rooted in the conviction of the call they have received.

This impact, or as I like to call it, the ripple effect of grace, moves from the Eucharist into the community, our homes and then into the world. I've seen this personally through healing miracles, transformed communities, vocations to marriage, consecrated life, priesthood, and the mixing of generations as the young and older walk together the life of faith. They say a holy priest forms great people and a great priest good people, etc.

Our church, your family, and your community deserve great and holy priests. This is the work of their seminary education, formation, and their shared experiences with you in the parish community. It is a great joy to watch as the young men see the possible impact they can make on the lives of people around them.

I ask that you take a moment to pray for your parish priest that he would be happy, healthy and holy. Please also pray for the young men in your parish that their hearts would be open to a call to priesthood. Lastly, please pray for our seminarians that they will grow in their love of God and love of the future community they will serve.

By: Fr. Steven Borello  
Director of Vocations—Diocese of Joliet

**November 8/9, Second collection  
Seminarian Education  
Endowment Trust**

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





**10,000 Villages is coming to CTS! November 9-10**

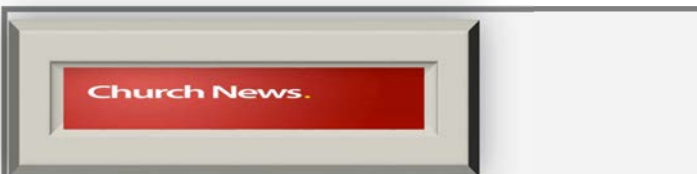
10,000 Villages is coming to sell Fairly Traded goods in time for the holidays! WHY FairTrade? Artisans and farmers who participate in Fair Trade Co-ops to sell their goods are paid a living wage. The reality behind Fair Trade is a recognition of human beings on the other end of the product chain. There is also a guarantee that there is no child labor in the supply chain.

Plan on purchasing some unique, one-of-a-kind items from 10,000 Villages. They will be in the Narthex on **Nov. 9-10** after all Masses. Sponsored by the Peace & Social Justice Committee. (All proceeds stay with 10,000 Villages to support the artisans who supply their goods.)

Scouts taking orders for holiday wreaths in the narthex **November 3/4 and 9/10.**



The scouts will be in the narthex Nov. 3/4 & 9/10 taking orders for live greens wreaths. They will give a delivery date with order.



- Scouts Wreath sales**, Nov 2/3 and 9/10 narthex.
- Seminarian Education**, 2nd collection, Nov. 9-10.
- Thanksgiving meal sign-up**, Nov. 9/10 & 16-17.
- Villages Fair Trade Sale**, Nov. 9-10 in the narthex.
- Knights Wine Basket raffle**, Nov. 9/10 & 23/24
- R.F. Grand Event**, Nov. 10, 2—3:30 pm

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

**Thanksgiving meal drop-off at the Church:**  
Nov. 23-Non-perishable, Nov/24-Turkeys, by 12:30pm

**Thanksgiving Day**, Mass 10:00 am  
**Advent/Christmas Church decorating**, please come help us set-up, Fri. Nov. 29.

- Christmas Sharing meal sign-up**, Nov. 30 & Dec 1.
- 1st Sunday of Advent**, December 1.
- Craft Show** Dec 7-8: before/after Masses
- Ladies Christmas Luncheon**, Dec 10, Clara's (\$40)
- RF Christmas Event-Ancient Days, Live Nativity**, Tuesday evening, December 17.
- Reconciliation**, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:00 pm

**Church Nativity Scene set-up**, please come help us set-up, Monday, December 23, 9:00 am.

**THANKSGIVING SHARING**

Annually, Christ the Servant invites parishioners to help make Thanksgiving a special time for our neighbors in need. The West Suburban Community Party supplies us with a list of 30 families needing a Thanksgiving dinner. Parishioners have an opportunity to sign up to provide either a turkey or the rest of the meal (the "fixings"). **Signups will take place the weekend of Nov. 9/10 and Nov. 16/17.**

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY**

may be dropped off Saturday, Nov. 23 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

**TURKEYS & FIXINGS** may be dropped off Sunday, Nov. 24, from 8:00 to 10:30 am. The families will be picking up their meals at the West Suburban Community Pantry between 11 am and 12:30 pm.



*Thank you in advance for helping make our neighbors in need have a Happy Thanksgiving.*

**Knights of Columbus Wine Basket Raffle November 9/10, and 23/24**

The Knights of Columbus Council #5918 has started our first ever Wine Basket raffle. **Tickets are \$5 for one or 3 tickets for \$10.** We have multiple baskets available, one containing all white wine and one red wine. Even if wine is not your thing, this makes a great Christmas gift for that someone special.

Drawing is December 18th at our monthly meeting. We will be selling raffle tickets before and after all masses the weekends of November 9th-10th and 23rd-24th at Christ the Servant Church. If you're interested and will not be at the respective masses, please text or call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952. Take care and keep God in your hearts!



**November Manna Gift Cards Sale**

Final Manna gift card sales of the year. We look forward to helping you meet your gift card needs. Manna pre-Thanksgiving, starts now, order forms are found in the narthex, and online.



**Orders Due Sunday, November 10 by 10:30 am.**  
**Order pickup, Sat., Nov.16 & Sunday Nov. 17th.**

**Catholic Charities Counseling Services Available**

Catholic Charities provides outpatient counseling in DuPage, Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Ford, and Iroquois counties. We offer individual, group, family, and couples therapy, including specialized services like anger management and preventative education programs.

Our services are available to those in financial need, and we accept most major insurance. If you or a loved one are struggling with anxiety, depression, substance use, or relationship issues, we are here to help.

**Call 815-723-0331 for more information, to verify insurance coverage, or to schedule an appointment. We're now accepting new clients!**

# Religious Formation News

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## Religious Formation All Saints Day Fundraiser

\$5 per charm



Religious Formation will be selling TinySaint Charms in the Narthex after classes and Masses.

\$5 per charm

October 27 thru November 3

Proceeds from sales will help to fund Religious Formation Events

### 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

### Religious Formation Classes

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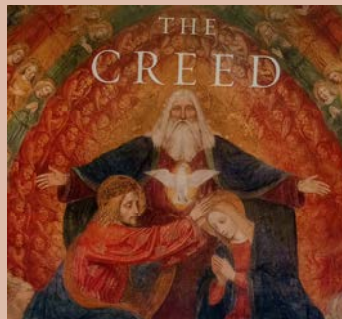
Classes available on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or eLearning For info call 630-910-0770

Amazing things happen here!



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

## Adult Study: The Creed



Christ the Servant will be providing an adult study "the Creed" on Monday evenings at 7:00pm starting November 11th. There is no cost to join the study and participants may come to as many sessions as they are able attend. The Creed, a new

film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.

Explore the meaning of "belief" and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son's Incarnation and the great drama of his Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the Spiritus Sanctus, or "Holy Breath," shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ's divinity—not only in the next world but here and now.

The Creed will help you rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual depths of Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith.

### Thank you to all of the kids that joined us for our Fall Youth Group Activities!



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

October 25 – February Tuition \$200

RF registration information forms can be found at [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org) and the back of church.



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.

### Confirmation Presentation: "Proofs of God's Existence from Philosophy"

All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, November 6 at the 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Mary Goba on Proofs of God's Existence from Philosophy. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.

Credible Catholic





## Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

November 4/6 Regular classes

November 5 NO RF Classes on Tuesday—CTS is a polling location

November 6 All Confirmation students meet on Wednesday at 6:30-7:45 for speaker presentation.

**November 10 (Sunday) 2:00-3:30 "Grand Event"**

**November 11 7:00-8:15 PM Adult Study on the Creed**

November 11/12/13 Regular classes

November 15 (Friday) Youth Group Activity

November 18/19/20 Regular classes

November 21 7:00-8:15 PM Adult Study on Luke

November 25/26/27 No RF classes—Thanksgiving

## The Grand Event

On Sunday, November 10, 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.



## 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:**

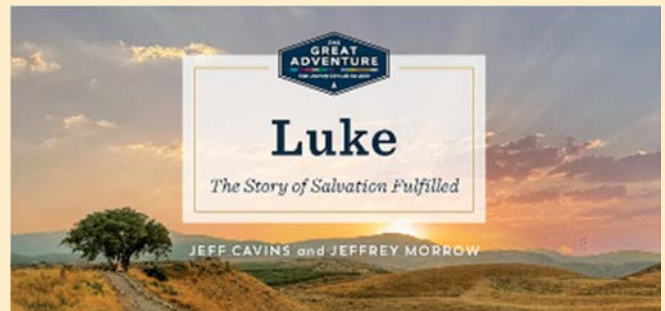
A \$175.00 donation will pay for one year of religious education tuition

\$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.

## New Adult Study starting Thursday, Nov. 21st Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled



Please join us for this 8-part study and video series on the Gospel of Luke. We will meet **every other Thursday at 7:00-8:15 PM starting Nov. 21st**

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament.

In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

## 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...

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, November 3**

8:30 AM The John Frale family, req. family  
Joe Florio, req. family  
10:00 AM Gertrude Wiebler, req. Casey Kellner  
Rino LaPaglio, req. family  
Albert J. Pennacchio, Jr., req. Patti & Bob Johnson

**Monday, November 4**

8:30 AM Frank Marchese, req. Carole Sullivan  
All who are buried in our Diocesan  
& Parish cemeteries

**Tuesday, November 5**

8:30 AM Irene Iovito, req. Andie Wolfe

**Wednesday, November 6**

8:30 AM Jim Berliner, req. Sally Thomas  
Debbie Fletcher, req. Carole Sullivan  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Parish, Coal City

**Thursday, November 7**

8:30 AM Walerya Wielgus, req. Barry J. Deron  
Chuck Koziao, req. Carole Sullivan

**Friday, November 8**

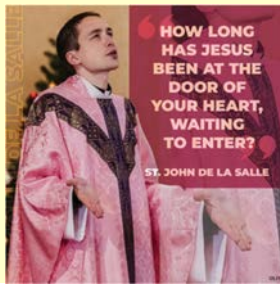
8:30 AM St. Peter Parish, Clifton

**Saturday, November 9**

4:45 PM John Kenny, req. Pat & Debi Savage  
Fred Berliner, req. Sally Thomas

**Sunday, November 10**

8:30 AM Henry Barkowski, req. Ciolek family  
10:00 AM Rosemary Valenti, req.  
John Frale  
The Slavik family,  
req. Donna & Bill Ciolek



Prayers for the Sick

Bill Amplo	Rayna Januska	Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Barbara Bayro	Ed Jascewsky	Lolit Rancho
Frank Bayro	Madeline Jascewsky	Genevieve Ragnanes
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	Laura Murphy	Judy Ward
Bill Hartig	Chuck Neal	Nancy Warnecke
Michael Harris	Carmen Pegnatiello	Patricia Wheeler
Carolyn Heinrich	Nam Pham	
Carol Hendrich	Alie Phillips	
Fred Huth	Jim Phillips	
Brian Jackson	Janice Proskey	
Cathy Jackson	Bob Pluta	
Jessica James	Parker Ramirez	



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”

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/  
Mk 12:28b-34  
**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//  
Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10  
**Fri:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor  
3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/  
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

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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  
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  - 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, November 3**  
 8:30 am—mass  
 10:00 am—mass  
 11:00 am—baptism  
**Monday, November 4**  
 8:30 am—daily mass  
 7:00 pm—Parish Restructuring meeting  
**Tuesday, November 5—Voting**  
 8:30 am—daily mass  
 12:30 am—mahjong cancelled  
**Wed, November 6**  
 8:30 am—daily mass  
**Thurs., November 7**  
 8:30 am—daily mass  
 9:30 am—yoga  
**Friday, November 8**  
 8:30 am—communion service  
 7:00 pm—Smarter Than 8th Grade  
 Nun, and Grand Raffle  
**Saturday, November 9**  
 4:45 pm—mass  
**Sunday, November 10**  
 8:30 am—mass  
 10:00 am—mass  
 Thanksgiving Sign-up Saturday & Sunday

### Upcoming Events Calendar

**Nov 4: All Parish Restructuring Meeting—7:00 pm.**  
 Nov 5: Voting at the church 6 am– 7 pm  
**Nov 7:** yoga 9:30 am  
**Nov 8:** Play-Nun Smarter & Grand Raffle  
**Nov 9/10:** Seminarian Ed 2nd Collection  
**Nov 9/10:** Thanksgiving Sharing sign-up  
**Nov 9/10:** 10,000 Villages Co-Op sale  
**Nov 9/10:** Scouts Wreath sales  
**Nov 9/10:** RF Grand Event 2-3:30 pm  
**Nov 11:** RF commission meeting  
**Nov 14:** yoga 9:30 am  
**Nov 14:** Youth & adult choir practice  
**Nov 15:** Youth group

## Parish Giving

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS: Oct 23 –Oct 29**

Sunday	\$ 4,237.00
Other Donations	\$ 1,310.00
General Funds	\$ 65.00
Restricted	\$ 13.64
Capital Projects	\$ 10.00
All Saints holy day	\$ 30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,665.64</b>

**Differential this period:**  
 Needed: \$ 8,700.00  
 Reported Income \$ 5,665.64  
 Difference this period (-) \$ **3,034.36**

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**Knights of Columbus \$ 500.00**

Active Members 1309

**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.

### Laudate Deum: the Pope's plea for a response to the climate crisis

In 2023 on the feast of St. Francis, Pope Francis published an Apostolic Exhortation called *Laudate Deum*, which builds on his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, On Care for Our Common Home. He challenged the faithful to take much greater action to effectively address climate change. The Holy Father observed that "the necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels, is not progressing at the necessary speed" (55). Francis noted the unprecedented speed in which temperatures are rising and warns that many people will be harmed by worsening droughts and increasing incidence of extreme weather events... especially the poor. He countered many of the arguments climate change skeptics use to justify inaction, while simultaneously criticizing governments for not delivering on their promises to act. Beyond a doubt, human activity is at the root cause of the warming world we are experiencing, and we all have a role in initiating just solutions. Francis reminds us that caring for our common home flows from our Christian faith.

**Creation Care Corner**

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

Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Joliet

**PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:**  
42,900 as of October 20, 2024.

**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$44,119**  
**AMOUNT PAID: \$42,444**  
**BALANCE DUE: \$1,675**  
**DONORS THIS YEAR: 225**  
**2024 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0**

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