

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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January 12, 2025

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 4:30pm

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

The Gospel (Jn 1:1-18) reminds us of the power of God's love, which cannot be overcome by anything. Despite all obstacles and rejections, God's love continues to shine forth and illuminate our path.

Eucharistic Revival



This food we call the Eucharist... we do not receive....as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation.
-Saint Justin Martry

Liturgy Spotlight

The Lord Jesus, by being baptized by John, identified with our human estate. At our own Baptism we are joined to Christ, cleansed from sin, receive the Spirit, and are proclaimed God's adopted daughters and sons.



(2025 Sourcebook, p. 54)

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$44,400, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Thank you!

The flower arrangement on the Altar in loving memory of ***John and Elaine Kasprzyk***



Greg and Mary Porod

“ IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN, IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK, IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO... KEEP MOVING FORWARD. ”

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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

Thanks For All of Your Support

The Woodridge Knights of Columbus Council #5918 would like to thank Fr. Bob, the CTS Staff, and our **generous** Parishioners for supporting us in our first Wine Basket Raffle.

We are happy to announce that the winners are:

1) Deborah Novak (red wine basket), and

2) Michelle Greco (white wine basket).

They are both parishioners of St. Scholastica Parish. We would also like to thank our generous donor, Deputy Grand Knight, John Lausas.

Thanks again for all of your support and help in building up our Knights Fundraising fund. Without your kindhearted generosity, we would not be able to support both parishes, the Woodridge Community and the various Knight's Charities throughout the State of Illinois. God Bless!



The Worship Commission says **THANK YOU** to all of you who came out to help make ready our Parish Worship space for Advent and Christmas. Many people came on each of the three days to lend a hand! We couldn't have done it without you, that is for sure! There are so many things to accomplish - ironing, climbing ladders, hanging banners, arranging flowers, changing cloths on the altar, the gift table, and the credence table, setting up the Nativity scene and the Christmas trees, making and putting up the outside decorations, and cleaning everything up afterwards. Everyone's help was really needed and appreciated so very much. We would like to acknowledge the help of a group of high school and college students who are not even members of our parish who came out to help - John and Fran Eber's grandchildren! Our sanctuary and narthex became a beautiful and fitting worship space as we awaited and celebrated the birth of the Lord Jesus because of all the unselfish work everyone did. And guess what? It all needs to come down and be replaced with Ordinary Time colors!! **We will be doing that on January 13th after the morning Mass, so if you are able to help out, come around 9:15 AM.**

Again, Thank you, and may the Lord bless you for the gift of time that you gave to our parish.



Volunteer Help Needed Taking Décor Down

Monday, January 13th after the morning Mass, please come around 9:15 am to help take down Christmas décor & store until next Christmas.
"many hands make light work"

MANNA Gift Cards

Manna Gift Cards
The January Manna gift card sale is in progress. Orders are due no later than Sunday Jan. 26 by 10:30 am.

Order forms are in the narthex, look for the Manna poster. Orders will be available for pickup before/ after Masses, Saturday Feb. 1st and Sunday, Feb. 2nd. Christ the Servant receives a percentage from each sale, & no additional fees to the buyer.

Religious Formation News

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

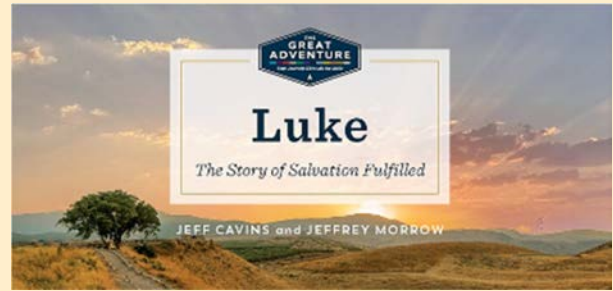


We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended 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 cgober@rcdoj.org

Adult Study: Every Other Thursday 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**

January 16: Sharing in Jesus' Mission

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.

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!



Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the RF family Christmas Mass.



Religious Formation Classes Resumed on January 6th, 7th, & 8th

Confirmation Reminders and News



Confirmation Date

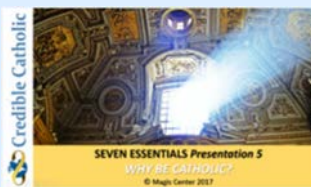
Christ the Servant's Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Dennis Spies, May 13 at 7:00 pm here at Christ the Servant Church. Confirmation practice is Friday, May 9 at 7:00 a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

Confirmation Paperwork

Students who are preparing to receive Confirmation this year should start turning in their required paperwork.

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.

Confirmation Presentation "Why be Catholic"



All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation on "Why be Catholic." Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.



Youth Group Night Friday, January 24

Grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Friday, January 24th from 6:30-7:30 PM for our fun Youth Group activity.

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- January 13/14/15** Regular classes
- January 19 (Sunday)** First Communion classes attend 10:00 Mass
- January 20/21/22** Regular classes
- January 24 (Friday)** Youth Group Activity
- January 27/28/29** Regular classes
- January 29 (Wednesday)** Confirmation Speaker presentation on "Why Be Catholic?"
- February 3/4/5** Regular classes
- February 10/11/12** Regular classes
- February 17 (Monday) PRESIDENTS DAY** Monday students work online or join Tue or Wed classes
- February 18/19** Regular classes
- February 19 (Wednesday)** Confirmation Speaker
- February 24/25/26** Regular classes
- February 28 (Friday)** Youth Group

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.

SACRAMENTS Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are genuinely happy to be able to work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments are God’s great gift to mankind and so there is great joy in being able to share this wonderful gift and work of God with your family. The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: “they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian’s life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.” (St Thomas Aquinas)

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation

Congratulation to our students who have received their first Reconciliation or will be receiving the sacrament in the upcoming weeks. Please pray for them that they may always remain close to Jesus through this most holy sacrament. Thank you to their parents and teachers for all of their efforts to preparing and encouraging them.



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.)



GRADUATING SENIORS
CONNECT HERE

Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

signupnc.newmanministry.com

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM John & Elaine Kasprzyk, req. Mary & Greg Porod
Emily Gierut, req. Gierut family

10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Monday, January 13

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Wednesday, January 15

10:00 AM Holy Souls that are near to Heaven & poor souls in Purgatory, req. Zenaida Cruz

Thursday, January 16

8:30 AM Almaia Custodio, Louisse, Matteo, Forrest, Rosalina, Lianna, & Elcid Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz

Friday, January 17

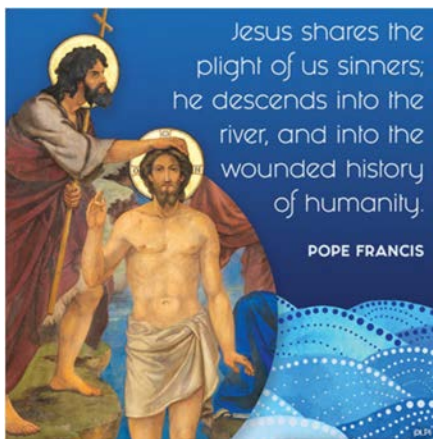
8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Saturday, January 18

4:45 PM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish
10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish



Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

Prayers for the Sick

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| Bill Amplo | Jessica James | Parker Ramirez |
| Paul Anandappa | Rayna Januska | Wm. (Bill) Rausch |
| Mary Bastuga | Ed Jascewsky | Lolit Rancho |
| 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 |
| Douglas Bruno | Mike Leach | Marlene Snedeker |
| Pat Chang | Robert Losik | Bill Snellenburger |
| Vic Cordes | Marta Lucarelli | Jennifer Stile |
| Michael Durkovic Sr | Cathy Magee | Dan Szymanski |
| Rudy Durkovic | Joyce Maples | Dennis Szulc |
| Ray DiGrazia | Jan May | Michelle Toro |
| Marge Felix | Donna Mays | Mary Vanderploeg |
| Cheryl Feltz | Arturo Mendez | Jim Verdi |
| John M. Foresman | Robert Mizek | Bill Wagner |
| Marty Foy | Anna Moneghini | Judy Ward |
| Craig Frommelt | Laura Murphy | Nancy Warnecke |
| Mary Chap-Grigar | Chuck Neal | Patricia Wheeler |
| Bill Hartig | Carmen Pegnatiello | |
| Michael Harris | Nam Pham | |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Alie Phillips | |
| Carol Hendrich | Jim Phillips | |
| Fred Huth | Janice Proskoy | |
| Cathy Jackson | Bob Pluta | |



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

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**



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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- Rod Accardi**, Permanent Deacon
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- Bryn Wildman**, Bus. Mgr (part-time) Ext. 102
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- Christine Goba**, Religious Formation Director
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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, January 12, 2025
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Monday, January 13
8:30 am -daily mass
9:15 am—Christmas décor taken down and store to next Christmas.
Tuesday, Jan. 14
8:30 am—daily mass
Wed, January 15
8:30 am - daily mass
Thurs., January 16
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
6:30 pm—adult choir practice
Friday, January 17
8:30 am— communion service
Saturday, January 18
4:45 pm—mass
Sunday, January 19
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
(2nd grade R.F. students attending this 10:00 am Mass)
11:00 am—baptism

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jan 12:** Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 13:** RF commission meeting 7 pm
- Jan 16:** Yoga 9:30 am
- Jan 19:** 2nd Grade Children attend 10am Mass.
- Jan 19:** Baptism 11:00 am
- Jan 20:** Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 20:** P & SJ meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 21:** Mahjong 12:30 pm
- Jan 23:** Yoga 9:30 am
- Jan 23:** Youth choir practice
- Jan 23:** Adult choir practice
- Jan 24:** Youth group meets at 6:30 pm
- Jan 25/26:** Collection for Latin America

Parish Giving

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 26 thru 31

Sunday	\$ 4,808.00
Other Donations	\$ 3,860.00
General Funds	\$ 232.46
Restricted	\$ 223.64
Capital Projects	\$ 120.00
Total:	\$ 9,244.10

Differential this period:
Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 9,244.10
Difference this period (+) \$ **544.10**

CONTRIBUTIONS:
Christmas \$ 15,494.00
Cash for Food \$ 50.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Jan 1 thru Jan 7

Sunday	\$ 4,857.00
Other Donations	\$ 2,645.00
General Funds	\$ 1,965.00
Restricted	\$ 20.00
Capital Projects	\$ 805.00
Total:	\$ 10,292.00

Differential this period:
Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 10,292.00
Difference this period (+) \$ **1,592.00**

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

Active Members 1309

2024

GOAL \$42,900

PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
42,900 as of January 5, 2025

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$46,900
AMOUNT PAID: \$46,017
BALANCE DUE: \$600
DONORS THIS YEAR: 230
2024 REBATE: \$2,182

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

Creation Care Corner Turning Down the Gas

A big challenge in caring for creation is reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that often leaks into the atmosphere. It is a significant contributor to global warming. Sources include oil and gas mining, landfills, agriculture and even leaks in the pipes that bring natural gas (methane) into our homes for fuel. When natural gas is burned for fuel it creates CO₂, which is also a GHG. In our homes, it can create air quality issues as well. Electrification of space and water heating, as well as cooking appliances, is an enormous opportunity to cut greenhouse gas pollution and save money on energy bills. Electric heat pumps heat homes and water far more efficiently than fossil-fuel appliances. Induction stoves and cooktops are also more energy efficient than their gas counterparts. Where possible, as your natural gas-powered appliances reach the end of their life, investigate converting to newer electric appliances for a more sustainable future. This website is a valuable source of information on these options: www.rewiringamerica.org/electrify-home-guide

