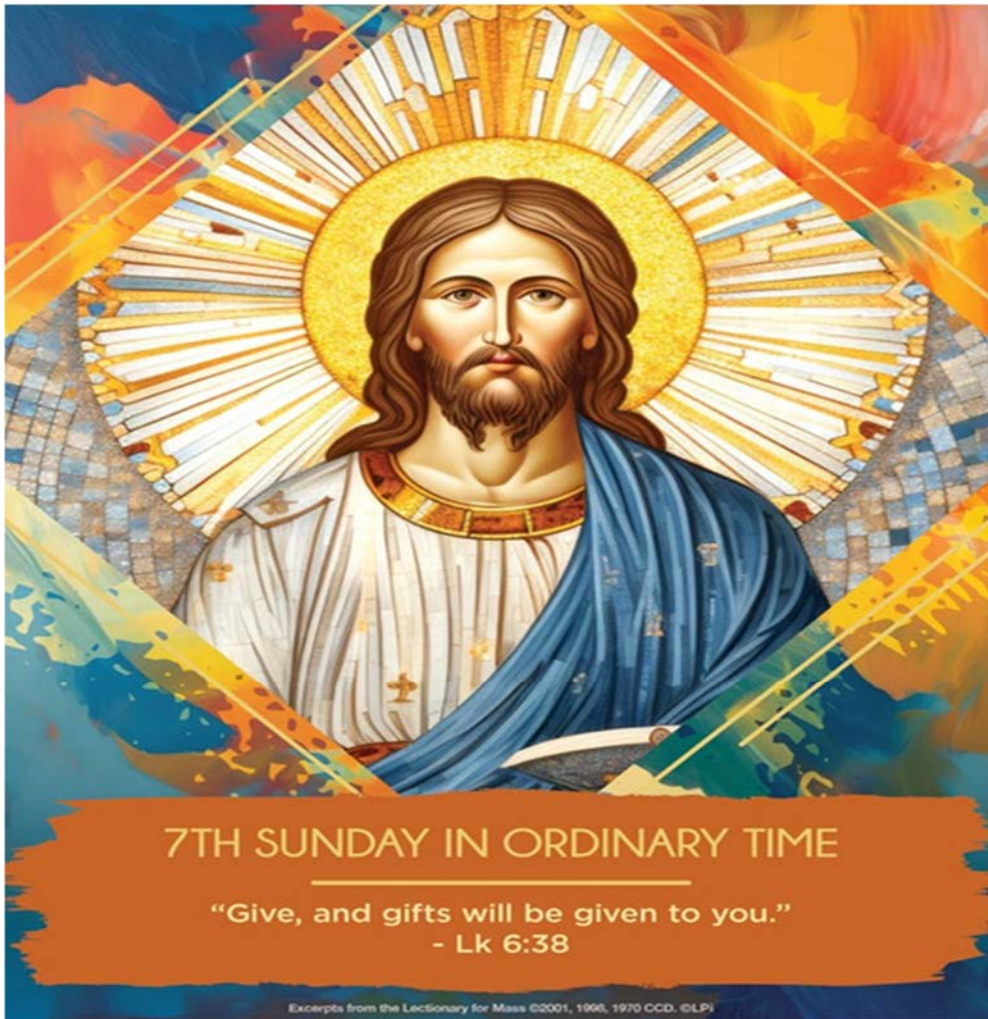


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



February 23, 2025

Ash Wednesday

March 5th

**Masses 8:30 am & 7 pm
Communion Service &
Ashes 4:30 pm**

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
Friday 8:30 am**

Weekly Confession

**Saturday 4:00 to 4:30pm
or by appointment.**

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

Let us ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to hear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognize His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world.

Las Estaciones de la Cruz

The Stations of the Cross



Lent Stations of the Cross
 Friday
 March 7, 7 PM
 March 14, 7 PM
 March 21, 7 PM
 March 28, 7 PM
 April 4, 7 PM
 Stations offered at noon.
 April 11, NOON

Please join us on this walk.


Changing Sunday Mass Times Two Weekends Only.
 Palm Sunday, April 13, 8:30 and **10:30 am**
 Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:30 & **10:30 am**
 Two weekends only, from 10 to 10:30 am

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The Opening Report for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how as Christians, we are called to *Open our hearts to God's goodness* in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

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

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 parish and local community connected.



We 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/UC...).

Liturgy Spotlight

Today's Gospel offers a scriptural foundation for practicing nonviolence. Jesus instructs us to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful".

By the many examples given, it is clear that living mercy is a challenge that calls us beyond our comfort zone. Thankfully, so that we might really be merciful, God has already gifted us with grace.

(2025 Sourcebook, p.98)



Ash Wednesday, March 5
Masses 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
Ashes will be given at each Mass.

Communion Service & Ashes 4:30 pm

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

Hospitality Weekend—March 1 and March 2



Please join fellow parishioners for hospitality treats, coffee and lemonade. Gathering in the narthex following Masses. Hoping you can stay and chat!

January and February Baptisms

Hannah Nicole Girolamo, daughter of Michael and Victoria Girolamo

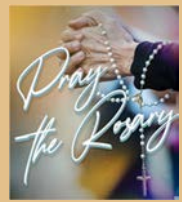
Owen Roger Fellers, son of Travis & Jennifer Fellers

Francesca Maria Desario, daughter of Antonio and Jennifer Desario



Pray the Rosary in a Group

Friday, March 7, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Eucharistic Chapel



Manna Gift Cards

Order gift cards at Christ the Servant

Order forms are located in the narthex. Gift cards orders must be placed by: Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 am.

Cards will be available for pickup March 15/16 after Masses.

A percentage of sales is donated back to Christ the Servant Church.



SENIORS ARE A BLESSING

"Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone."
Psalm 71:9

Caring for older people is not just a good thing to do—it's close to God's heart. All throughout Scripture, we see God's care and concern for the elderly, and He calls us to follow His example. From Abraham and Sarah, who were blessed with a child in their old age, to Anna in the temple rejoicing at the sight of Jesus, the service, wisdom, and faith of older generations are celebrated in His Word. Yet in today's world, it's easy to overlook those in their later years. We get caught up in our busy schedules, often forgetting that our elders carry a lifetime of experiences, wisdom, and stories that hold immense value. God reminds us that honoring older people shows love—both to them and to Him.

Leviticus 19:32 says, "Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord." The call to honor older individuals is intertwined with our reverence for God. When we take time to care for elders, we reflect His compassion and faithfulness.



Caring doesn't always require grand gestures. It could mean a visit to an aging parent or grandparent, a phone call to check on a neighbor, or assisting someone who struggles with daily tasks. Small acts of kindness brighten their days and remind them that they are not forgotten. But caring for the elderly isn't just about meeting their needs; it's also about receiving their wisdom. Proverbs 16:31 says, "Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness." God encourages us to listen, to learn, and to cherish the guidance they offer.

Ask yourself today—how can you embody God's love for the elderly in your life? Take a moment to pray for them, reach out, or simply listen to their stories. When we honor and care for the older people around us, we fulfill a divine calling to love as He loves.

Easter Hams for Downers Grove FISH

If you would like to donate a ham for a family in need, we will be collecting hams on: **Palm Sunday, April 13.** Hams need to be dropped off between 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Church. **Canned or Packaged Hams**



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

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

February 27 The Triumphal Entry and the End Times

March 13 The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus

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.

No Religious Formation Classes
March 3, 4, and 5
online.



Religious Formation classes will not meet for classes the week of March 3-7 but are asked to attend an Ash

Wednesday services instead.

CLASS TIMES:

- Monday 4:45-6:00 Grades K-4, 8
- Tuesday 4:45-6:00 Grades 1-6, 8
- Tuesday 6:30-7:45 Grade 6-8
- Wednesday 6:30-7:45 Grades 7-8
- Remote option (any day of the week)

RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and in the Narthex. For more Information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

Come join us for a St. Patrick and St. Joseph Mass and Celebration

St. Patrick Mass



Come join Religious Formation Families on March 16 at the 10:00 am Mass for an Irish Flavored Mass and St. Joseph Table. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Don't forget to wear green!



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.

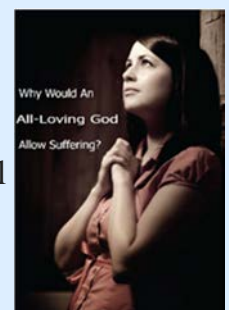
Confirmation Paperwork

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 Would an all-Loving God Allow Suffering?"

All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation on "Why Would an all-Loving God Allow Suffering?" Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.



Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- February 24/25/26** Regular classes
- February 28 (Friday)** Youth Group
- March 3/4/5** NO CLASSES All Students are asked to attend an Ash Wednesday Service instead of Class
- March 5 (Wednesday)** 4:30 Ash Wednesday Service
- March 8 (Saturday)** 1st Communion Retreat 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (Child and Parent event for preparation for 1st Communion)
- March 10/11/12** regular classes
- March 12 (Wednesday)** Confirmation presentation: Why would an All-Loving God Allow Suffering?
- March 16 (Sunday)** RF St. Patrick’s Mass
- March 17/18/18** regular classes
- March 24/25/26** regular classes & Reconciliation for grades 2-8
- March 29-April 6** Spring Break
- April 7/8/9** regular classes
- April 14/15/16** regular classes & 8th grade inter-views
- April 17-20** Holy Week
- April 21/22/23** regular classes
- April 25 (Friday)** Youth Group
- April 26 (Saturday)** 10am First Communion practice
- April 26-May 4** Spring Art Show



Teen Youth Group Night Friday, February 28

Confirmandi and High Schoolers are invited to join us on Friday, February 28th at 6:30 PM for our fun Youth Group activity.

Choosing Catholic Higher Education



Catholic higher education offers a unique path: delivering academic excellence, preparing students to become leaders, and exploring today’s professional responsibilities while incorporating personal responsibility for social justice.

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)

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, February 23

8:30 AM Laura Murphy, req. Casey Keller
 10:00 AM Peter Guenzer, req. Knippen & Guenzer families

Monday, February 24

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 26

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, February 28

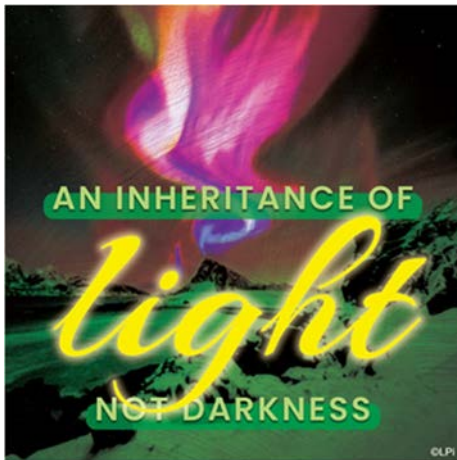
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 1

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 2

8:30 AM Joseph E. Doria, req. Joe & Martha Haenke
 10:00 AM Paul Ray, req. family



Prayers for the Sick

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| Bill Amplo | Rayna Januska | Wm. (Bill) Rausch |
| Paul Anandappa | Ed Jascewsky | Lolit Rancho |
| Mary Ann Bastuga | Madeline Jascewsky | John Rossi |
| Barbara Bayro | Rich Johnson | Sonja Rudny |
| Frank Bayro | Roy Kastner III | Steve Ryba |
| Pam Baxter | Paul Knight | Karen Salvio |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Ann Kopp | Jim Sanders |
| Jim Brabec | Barb Kosiek | Rita Sisko |
| Renee Brennan | Mike Leach | Marlene Snedeker |
| Douglas Bruno | Robert Losik | Bill Snellenburger |
| Pat Chang | Marta Lucarelli | Jennifer Stile |
| Joe Ciolek | Joyce Maples | Dan Szymanski |
| Deanna Concannon | David Marcotte | Dennis Szulc |
| Michael Durkovic Sr | Jan May | Michelle Toro |
| Rudy Durkovic | Donna Mays | Mary Vanderplow |
| Ray DiGrazia | Sandy McKee | Jim Verdi |
| Marge Felix | Arturo Mendez | Bill Wagner |
| John M. Foresman | Robert Mizek | Judy Ward |
| Marty Foy | Anna Moneghini | Nancy Warnecke |
| Craig Frommelt | Chuck Neal | Patricia Wheeler |
| Barb Gutman | Carmen Pegnatiello | |
| Bill Hartig | Nam Pham | |
| Michael Harris | Allie Phillips | |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Jim Phillips | |
| Carol Hendrich | 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”

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.



Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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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- 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, February 23
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, February 24
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—P&SJ meeting

Tuesday, February 25
8:30 am—daily mass

Wed, February 26
8:30 am - daily mass

Thurs., February 27
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
4:45 pm—youth choir practice
6:30 pm—adult choir practice
7:00 pm—study of Luke

Friday, February 28
8:30 am— communion service
6:30 pm—youth group (Jr. high & high school youth)

Saturday, March 1
4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, March 2
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events Calendar

Feb 23: 2025 CMAA
Feb 24: PPC & P&SJ meetings 7:00 pm
Feb 25: Ladies lunch-Gong Ho 1:00 pm
Feb 28: Youth Group 8th grade through high school age youth.
March 1/2: Hospitality weekend
March 1/2: CMAA commitment
March 3: Décor change to Lent
March 3: No RF classes
March 4: Mahjong 12:30 pm
March 5: Ash Wednesday Masses
8:30 am, & 7:00 pm, Communion and Ashes at 4:30 pm

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: 2/12 thru 2/18

Sunday	\$ 5,905.00
Other Donations	\$ 4,476.26
General Funds	\$ 228.00
Restricted	\$ 450.00
Capital Projects	\$ 135.00
Total:	\$ 11,194.26

Differential this period:

Needed:	\$ 8,700.00
Reported Income	\$ 11,194.26
Difference this period (+)	\$ 2,494.00

Faith Forward \$ 175.00

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



Active Members 1314

2024

GOAL \$42,900

PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
42,900 as of February 1, 2025

BALANCE DUE: \$ 0
DONORS THIS YEAR: 230
2024 REBATE: \$2,220

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Lent is coming. Consider a “fast” for Creation Care... sacrificing some comfort, giving up a wasteful practice, or modifying your actions to reduce harm to the environment. Some ideas include:

- A Meat Fast:** How about adding a meatless Monday to meatless Fridays? What about eating only chicken when you do eat meat, or sustainably caught fish?
- An Energy Fast:** How about turning the thermostat down 2°-5° F lower than usual and putting that sweater on? And maybe turn the water heater down to 120° F and only take 3-minute showers?
- A “Stuff” Fast:** Buying only the bare minimum of essentials you need and simplifying your life?

And how about staying away from as much plastic as you can and minimizing your waste stream?

“...the environment is God’s gift to everyone.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

Creation Care Corner