

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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March 9, 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
Friday 8:30 am

Palm Sunday

Saturday: 4:45 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, and
10:30 am (Time Change)

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.

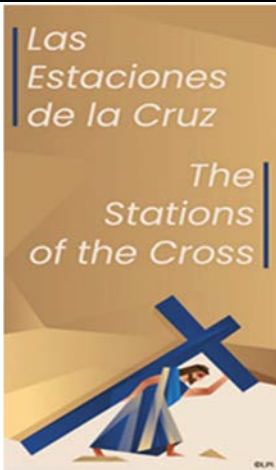
FUNERAL: Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

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

I would like to thank you for your prayers, which rise up to the Lord from the hearts of so many faithful from many parts of the world. I feel all your affection and closeness and, at this particular time, I feel as if I am "carried" and supported by all God's people.



Las Estaciones de la Cruz

The Stations of the Cross

Lent Stations of the Cross
Friday

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.


Catholic Relief Services - Second Collection, **March 30**, donations provide assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Gracious and Loving God, our hearts overflow with gratitude and joy for the countless blessings you have bestowed upon us. You have heard our pleas, felt our struggles, and in your infinite wisdom, you answered our prayers in ways we could not have imagined.

When we were confused and lacked clarity, we put our trust in you. When we felt frustrated and misunderstood, we put our trust in you. When we had no idea where this process would eventually lead us, we put our trust in you.


Hundreds of parishioners prayed week after week that our parish would survive and thrive for many years to come. Each prayer was but a single flame of hope. Together, our prayers formed a beacon of light, illuminating the darkness and bringing hope to the weary. Jesus, thank you for being the Light of the World. Thank you for showing us how to live a life of trusting in you. Give us the courage to shine your Light on all we encounter and be a reflection of your Light to everyone we meet. Amen.

Written by Deacon Rod
February 2025




Pilgrims of Hope Journeying in Wonder and Awe
Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 pm in the Church

This Mission is designed for anyone desiring a more meaningful Lenten Journey in these challenging times. Through the sharing of stories and music, poetry and prayer, we will reflect upon everyday moments of wonder and awe that give rise to a renewed spirit of hope.




Deacon Rod Accardi is the Presenter.
Worship Commission is hosting this 90 minute Mission on Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 pm.
All are welcome to attend.
Refreshments will be served.



Changing Sunday Mass Starting Times
Palm Sunday, April 13,
8:30 and **10:30 am**
Easter Sunday, April 20,
8:30 & **10:30 am**

Liturgy Spotlight



In Lent, we seek to make our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving an offering of "firstfruits", recognition of our total dependence on God. As you begin this season of Lent, take care to choose practices that will be reminders of your dependence on God. Consider focusing on prayers of thanksgiving and praise as well as sacrifices that acknowledge God's abundant gifts. - (Sourcebook. p.117)

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



Saints Joseph and Patrick will be celebrated on Sunday, March 16 at the 10:00 am Mass

Invitation to Join The CTS Book Club

“Refugee” by Alan Gratz

ZOOM meetings – 7 pm to 8:15 pm, twice a month beginning: March and April dates: March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24. Next dates: to be determined.



This book will be read aloud during our meetings. No need to read ahead! It is timely because of the migrants' experiences right now. Here's what they say about the book:

The award-winning, #1 New York Times bestselling novel from Alan Gratz tells the timely--and timeless--story of three different kids seeking refuge. A New York

Three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.

As powerful and poignant as it is action-packed and page-turning, this highly acclaimed novel was on the New York Times bestseller list for more than four years and continues to change readers' lives with its meaningful takes on survival, courage, and the quest for home.

To join the book club: Text or email Sr. Lois Prebil – 708-856-9807; lprebil@ameritech.n

Knights of Columbus
Thank You for the Funds to Purchase Bibles
 Thanks to the Christ the Servant & St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus unstoppable efforts raising money to support their ministries.

Most recently the Knights donated funds for the purchase of Bibles. Bibles are for teachers, religious education students and school students at both parishes.

An amazing and treasured gift from our own Knights of Columbus.

Letter received from Hope's Front Door

We thank you for your generous contributions on 12/17/2024 for \$1,337 to HOPES FRONT DOOR. Your donation will help provide for those items that are desperately needed such as assistance with food, transportation, medication and access to eye and dental care. In addition, your gifts will help clients end the cycle of living in crisis through the receipt of referrals, jobs lists and financial literacy. Thanks to donors like you, our clients no longer feel as if they are going through their trials anonymously.

Sincerely,
 Janell Robinson, Executive Director

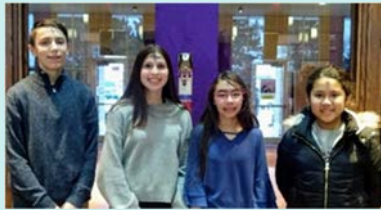
Help save lives. Give blood.

Blood Drive, Saturday, March 22. 7:30 am to 12 Noon. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 West 75th Street, Woodridge.
 Please consider giving the gift of blood this Lenten Season. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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 in the front of 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 cgoeba@rcdoj.org

Religious Formation Classes

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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

Amazing things happen here!



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

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 cgoeba@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!



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

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.

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.

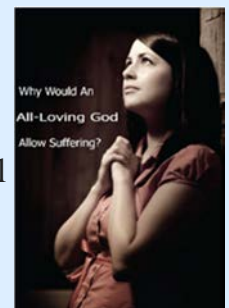
Confirmation Paperwork

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

- 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
- April 28/29/30** Last day of classes
- May 3 (Saturday)** 11am First Communion
- May 9 (Friday)** 7:00 PM Confirmation Practice
- May 13 (Tuesday)** 7:00 PM Confirmation
- May 29 (Thursday)** Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
- May 30 (Friday)** Youth Group
- June 23-27** Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School



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, March 9

8:30 AM Ricky Kopp & Marge Buch, req. family
 10:00 AM Ricky Kopp & Marge Buch, req. family
 Biagio LaPaglia, req. family

Monday, March 10

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 AM Gerald Swiatek, req. Sheila Kundys
 MaryJo Baeten, req. Grace Pastorelli

Wednesday, March 12

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, March 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, March 14

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 15

4:45 PM Thanksgiving for keeping
 CTS open, req. Pat Savage

Sunday, March 16

8:30 AM Michael Aube, req. Ciolek family
 10:00 AM Frale family, req. family



Prayers for the Sick

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| Bill Amplo | Rayna Januska | Parker Ramirez |
| Paul Anandappa | Ed Jascewsky | Wm. (Bill) Rausch |
| Mary Ann Bastuga | Madeline Jascewsky | Lolit Rancho |
| Barbara Bayro | Rich Johnson | John Rossi |
| Frank Bayro | Roy Kastner III | Sonja Rudny |
| Pam Baxter | Paul Knight | Steve Ryba |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Ann Kopp | Karen Salvio |
| Jim Brabec | Barb Kosiek | Jim Sanders |
| Renee Brennan | Mike Leach | Rita Sisko |
| Douglas Bruno | Robert Losik | Marlene Snedeker |
| Pat Chang | Marta Lucarelli | Bill Snellenburger |
| Joe Ciolek | Bryan Mandel | Jennifer Stile |
| Deanna Concannon | Joyce Maples | Dan Szymanski |
| Jim Dongarra | 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 |
| Bill Hartig | Carmen Pegnatiello | |
| Michael Harris | Nam Pham | |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Allie Phillips | |
| Carol Hendrich | Jim Phillips | |
| Cathy Jackson | Janice Proskoy | |
| Jessica James | Bob Pluta | |



LENTE DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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 March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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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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, March 9

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, March 10

8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—RF commission meeting

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 am—daily mass

Wed, March 12

8:30 am - daily mass

Thurs., March 13

8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
4:45 pm—youth choir practice
6:30 pm—adult choir practice
7:00 pm—adult sacrament prep class

Friday, March 14

8:30 am—communion service
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—St's Joe & Patrick mass
2:00 pm—Parish Mission 2:00 pm

Upcoming Events Calendar

March 14: Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
March 15: WC meeting 9:00 am
March 16: St's Joseph and Patrick Mass at 10:00 am, hosted by Religious Formation
March 16: Lenten Journey Mission, 90 minutes in the Church. Deacon Rod is presenting a Mission designed for anyone desiring a more meaningful Lenten Journey. Beginning at 2:00 pm, light refreshments will be served.
March 17: Admin/Finance meeting 7 pm
March 17: P&SJ meeting 7:00 pm
March 18: mahjong 12:30 pm

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2024-2025

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: 2/26 thru 3/4

Sunday \$ 4,582.00
Other Donations \$ 5,847.61
General Funds \$ 30.00
Restricted \$ 113.64
Capital Projects \$ 793.00
Total: \$ 11,366.25

Differential this period:

Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 11,366.25
Difference this period (+) \$ 2,666.25

Cash for Food \$ 60.00
Faith Forward \$ 175.00
Knights of Columbus \$ 772.40

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



Active Members 1320

2025



GOAL \$44,400
PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
44,400 as of March 1, 2025

BALANCE DUE: \$44,400
DONORS THIS YEAR: 0

2024 REBATE: \$2,220

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

Creation Care Corner

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION—Considering Carbon Fasting

Fasting in ways that reduce earth warming carbon emissions is a contemporary Christian way to celebrate Lent. Weather patterns are already changing. We are approaching tipping points that could cause severe ecological disruption creating misery for the poor and future generations. "Lent should be a time for prayer and fasting to stop climate change. It is an act of penance for what we in the rich world have done, and it is a prayer for help in avoiding catastrophe."

Stop eating or reduce meat consumption, especially beef, during Lent. Beef consumption produces huge amounts of greenhouse gases and contributes to deforestation. Reduce and consolidate your auto trips and use public transportation where possible. Reduce heating and air conditioning usage. "If every Catholic in the country spent Lent in this way, it would have an effect and would be a prophetic witness to the rest of the world." Attribution: Fr. Thomas Reese, EarthBeat, National Catholic Reporter - 2/14/24

