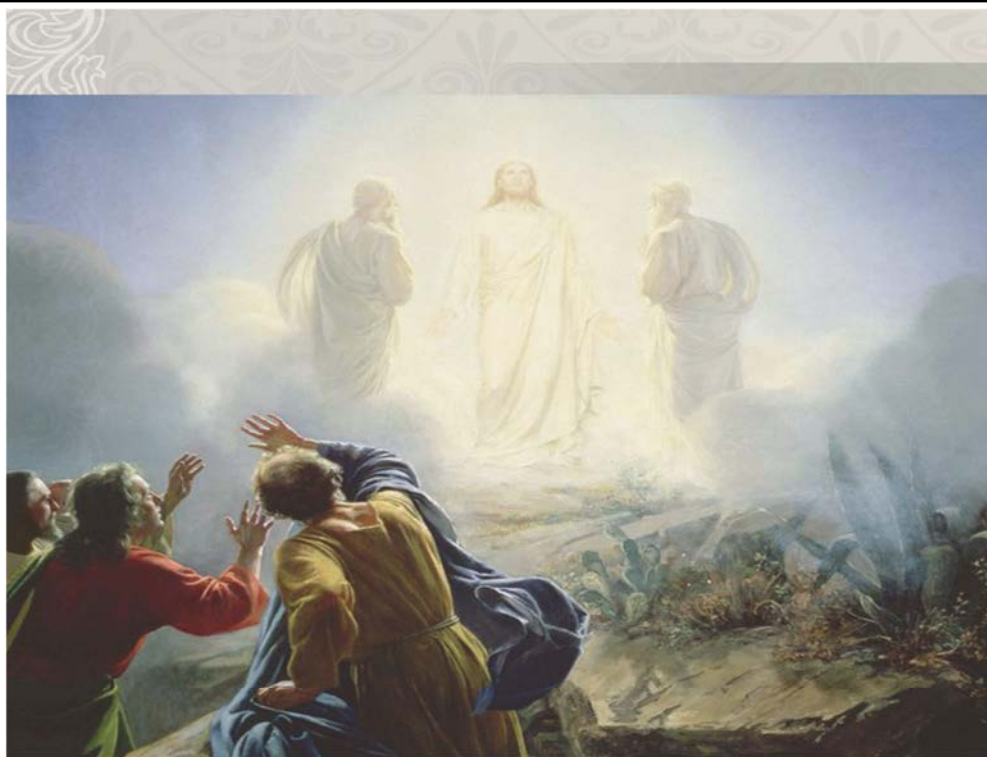


# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday O F L E N T

While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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**March 16, 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 think of the many people who find various ways to be close to the sick, becoming a sign of the Lord's presence for the night of pain. We need this miracle of tenderness to accompany those who show face adversity, in order to bring a little light into the night of pain.

*Las Estaciones de la Cruz*

*The Stations of the Cross*



**Lent Stations of the Cross**  
Friday  
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.**

### **Liturgy Spotlight . . .**

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. - Pope Frances

(Sourcebook, p.106)

The flowers on the Altar in memory

**Rudy & Lorraine Porod**

Mary & Greg Porod



### **Changing Sunday Mass Starting Times**

Palm Sunday, April 13,  
8:30 and **10:30 am**  
Easter Sunday, April 20,  
8:30 & **10:30 am**

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

**Ladies 50 and Better Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 25th, 1:00 PM  
Bakers Square Restaurant  
2020 W. 75th St.  
Woodridge, IL 605416

**R.S.V.P. Sue H. 630-945-1589 or  
Donna C. 630-664-7468**



By March  
23rd

**Easter Egg Hunt is coming!**  
**March 29th at St. Scholastica**

The Knights of Columbus Council 5918 will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30am in the St. Scholastica School Gym. The Easter Bunny will be present and available for photos with children. Families from St. Scholastica and Christ the Servant parishes are invited to join in the fun. Hot Dogs, chips, juice boxes, water and coffee will be available. The Egg Hunt in the Activity Center will start around 12:15pm. Admission is FREE.

**Welcome New Members**

**Gianna Batryn  
Louie and Dennis Joven  
James and Rita Putong  
Pearl Snoddy**



Others have joined the CTS faith community, but opted not to be mentioned in the weekly bulletin.

**Parish Council  
Seeking Nominees**

The parish pastoral council is seeking 2 new members to serve for 3 years. The parish council meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, at 7:00 pm every month except Dec.

A Candidate Information Meeting will be scheduled in late April for interested parishioners. If you would like more Information about serving on the parish council, please contact Bill Yunker at [purtycool@hotmail.com](mailto:purtycool@hotmail.com) or the Parish Office at (630) 910-0770.

**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.**

**Craft Show  
In the Narthex**

Saturday, March  
29 and Sunday,  
March 30, 2025

Shop before and  
after weekend  
Masses

**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 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](mailto:cgoba@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](http://www.ctswoodridge.org) and in the Narthex. For more Information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org)

## First Communion Dates

- May 3rd at 11:00 am our First Communion class will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.



Please keep our First Communion class in your prayers that they might truly appreciate the gift of this most wonderful Sacrament.

## Religious Formation Spring Art Show 2025



The Religious Formation Art Show will be the weekends of April 25-May 4. Religious Formation students, Alumni, and Teachers are welcome to submit artwork that they would like to display in the Spring Art show. Parents don't forget to keep saving your Child's artwork so the piece can be displayed.

## "Abundant Blessings" Food Drive for FISH



The best way to show God our gratitude for the blessings of keeping our Parish open is to bless others. We will begin collecting nonperishable foods (especially canned soup) at the beginning of classes starting the week of March 10-12. Donations will go to Downers Grove area FISH food pantry and community services. Donations can be dropped off before class or during week-end Masses. The last day for donations is March 23rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Religious Formation Classes will not meet for classes during Spring Break March 29-April 6

## 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.

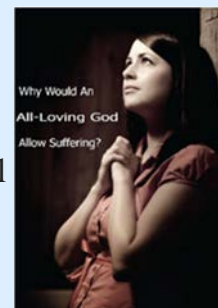
### Confirmation Paperwork

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, April 9th 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 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 interviews  
**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

## COMING SOON!



## 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.



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 16**

8:30 AM Michael Aube, req. Ciolek family

10:00 AM Frale family, req. family

**Monday, March 17**

8:30 AM Regina Zdenovek, req. family

**Tuesday, March 18**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, March 19**

10:00 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, March 20**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, March 21**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, March 22**

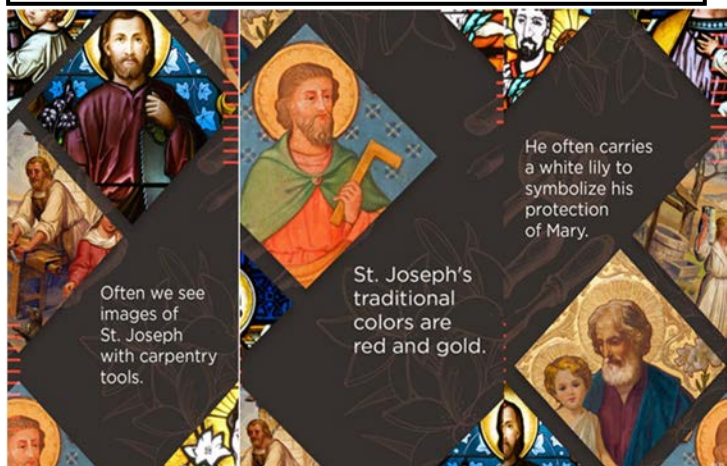
4:45 PM Pauline Dennis, req. Pat &amp; Debi Savage

JoAnn Frale, req. family

**Sunday, March 23**

8:30 AM Joseph E. Doria, req. Joe &amp; Martha Haenke

10:00 AM People of the Parish



## Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

**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**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**Next Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## Prayers for the Sick

Bill Amplo  
Paul Anandappa  
Mary Ann Bastuga  
Barbara Bayro  
Frank Bayro  
Pam Baxter  
Sharon Bhaskar  
Jim Brabec  
Renee Brennan  
Douglas Bruno  
Pat Chang  
Joe Ciolek  
Deanna Concannon  
Jim Dongarra  
Michael Durkovic Sr  
Rudy Durkovic  
Ray DiGrazia  
Marge Felix  
John M. Foresman  
Marty Foy  
Craig Frommelt  
Bill Hartig  
Michael Harris  
Carolyn Heinrich  
Carol Hendrich  
Cathy Jackson  
Jessica James

Rayna Januska  
Ed Jascewsky  
Madeline Jascewsky  
Rich Johnson  
Roy Kastner III  
Paul Knight  
Ann Kopp  
Barb Kosiek  
Mike Leach  
Robert Losik  
Marta Lucarelli  
Joyce Maples  
David Marcotte  
Jan May  
Donna Mays  
Sandy McKee  
Bryan Mendel  
Arturo Mendez  
Robert Mizek  
Anna Moneghini  
Chuck Neal  
Carmen Pegnatiello  
Nam Pham  
Allie Phillips  
Jim Phillips  
Janice Proskey  
Bob Pluta

Parker Ramirez  
Wm. (Bill) Rausch  
Lolit Ranchero  
John Rossi  
Sonja Rudny  
Steve Ryba  
Karen Salvio  
Jim Sanders  
Rita Sisko  
Marlene Snedeker  
Bill Snellenburger  
Jennifer Stile  
Dan Szymanski  
Dennis Szulc  
Michelle Toro  
Mary Vanderplow  
Jim Verdi  
Bill Wagner  
Judy Ward  
Nancy Warnecke  
Patricia Wheeler



 WITH HEARTFELT  
**SYMPATHY**

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”

## 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 &amp; Staff

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**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**

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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, March 16**

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—St's Joseph & Patrick mass  
2:00 pm—Lenten Journey mission  
**Monday, March 17**

8:30 am—daily mass  
7:00 pm—P&SJ & Finance meetings

**Tuesday, March 18**

8:30 am—daily mass  
12:30 pm—mahjong

**Wed, March 19**

8:30 am - daily mass

**Thurs., March 20**

8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga  
4:45 pm—youth/adult choir practice

**Friday, March 21**

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

**Saturday, March 22**

4:45 pm—mass  
**Sunday, March 23**  
8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
Letter signing after Masses

**Upcoming Events Calendar**

**March 16:** Lenten Journey Mission, Deacon Rod is presenting a Mission designed for anyone desiring a more meaningful Lenten Journey. Beginning at 2:00 pm.  
**March 17:** Admin/Finance meeting 7 pm  
**March 17:** P&SJ meeting 7:00 pm  
**March 18:** mahjong 12:30 pm  
**March 20:** yoga 9:30 am  
**March 20:** youth choir practice 4:45 pm  
**March 20:** adult choir practice 6:30 pm  
**March 21:** Stations of the Cross 7 pm  
**March 22/23:** Letter Signing—to local elected officials, after Masses

## Parish Giving

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2024–2025**

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS: 3/5 thru 3/11**

Sunday \$ 6,186.00  
Other Donations \$ 12,680.00  
General Funds \$ 245.00  
Restricted \$ 885.00  
Capital Projects \$ 125.00  
**Total: \$ 20,121.00**

**Differential this period:**

Needed: \$ 8,700.00  
Reported Income \$ 20,121.00  
Difference this period (+) **\$ 11,421.00**

Ash Wednesday \$ 1,965.00  
Easter \$ 10.00

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

**Active Members 1322**



**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 **What the Saints say about Caring for Creation**

**Saint John Paul II** - "The visible world is like a map pointing to heaven.... We learn to see the Creator by contemplating the beauty of his creatures. In this world the goodness, wisdom, and almighty power of God shine forth. Reason can know God through the Book of Nature."

**Saint Hildegard of Bingen** - "Every creature is a glittering, glistening mirror of divinity." "Creation is the song of God." "The Earth sustains humanity. It must not be injured; it must not be destroyed."

**Saint Francis of Assisi** - "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

**Saint Irenaeus of Lyons** - "The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge of God is contemplation of nature."

**Saint John Paul II** - "... humanity has disappointed God's expectations. Man, especially in our time, has without hesitation devastated wooded plains and valleys, polluted waters, disfigured the earth's habitat, made the air unbreathable . . ."