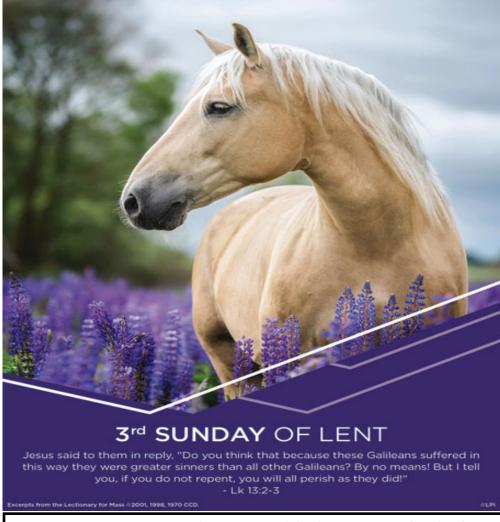
# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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





March 23, 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.

**<u>FUNERAL:</u>** 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.

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's presence for them. We need this "miracle of tenderness" to accompany those who face adversity, in order to bring a little light into the night of pain. Francis' Tweet for the Week I think of the many people who find various ways to be close to the



Lent Stations of the Cross Friday

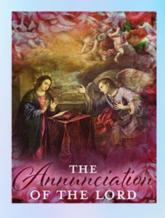
March 28, 7:00 PM April 4, 7:00 PM

Stations offered at 12 noon. April 11, NOON

Please join us on this walk.

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

# The Solemnity of the Annunciation March 25, 2025



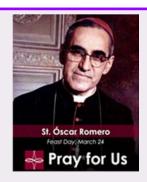
The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.



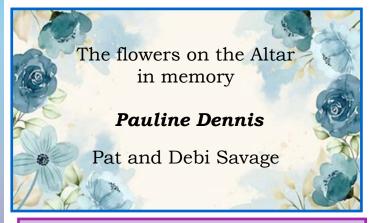
# Liturgy Spotlight . .

Although not yet incorporated into the general calendar for the dioceses of the United States, Mar. 24th is the feast day of St. Oscar Romero. This saint, the archbishop of El Salvador, was a scholar-turned-



prophet who was a voice of hope for the poor of his country. Because he became an outspoken critic of the economic system in El Salvador that left so many people in poverty, Romero was assassinated as he celebrated Mass. He has been acclaimed a martyr and saint because of his fearless stand for the cause of social justice.

(Sourcebook, p.132)





# 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. Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar. 3rd Sunday of Lent Page 3

#### **Ladies 50 and Better Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 25th, 1:00 PM Bakers Square Restaurant 2020 W. 75th St. Woodridge, IL 605416 .S.V.P. Sue H. 630-945-1589 o

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 29th 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.



# 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 <a href="mailto:purtycool@hotmail.com">purtycool@hotmail.com</a> or the Parish Office at (630) 910-0770.



# 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

Could you 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. Accepting Canned or Packaged Hams



Now through Palm Sunday, you have a chance to enter a raffle to win 1 of 2 Family Easter Baskets. Each basket is chock full of goodies including gift cards, decorations, and edible treats.

Tickets will be sold in the narthex before and after Masses. Purchase one ticket for \$5 or five (5) tickets for \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Parish Appreciation Party, the annual Fall fundraiser, and the Religious Formation program.



Volunteers Needed
Catholic Communion Ministry

Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz at Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@aah.org

or 630-852-5347 Page 4 March 23, 2025

# 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

# 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!



#### **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

# 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 weekend 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.



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# **Religious Formation Upcoming Dates**

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

At Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School kids discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork -building games, en-





gage in fun snack-eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Rock Wrap-Up that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Rocky Railway is for kids entering Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade and will run from June 23-27 at CTS.

# **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 Faith 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.



Church and Religious

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.)



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### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Sunday, March 23

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

10:00 AM Peter Knippen

Monday, March 24

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 26

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, March 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, March 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 29

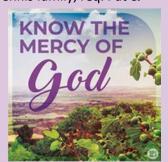
4:45 PM Fred Huth, req. Jim & Melinda Nowak Deceased members of the Dennis family, req. Pat &

Debi Savage

Sunday, March 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM People of the Parish





"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 23, 2025

**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 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/

Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk

12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 **Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/

2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/

Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

# 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 Rov 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





#### 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.

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# Office Hours & Staff

8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 Phone: (630) 910-0770 Fax: (630) 910-6060



8-30 VM-1-30 DM

www.ctswoodridge.org Monday—Thursday

#### Office Hours

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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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#### **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

Creation Care Corner

# Calendar of Events

Sun. March 23 Letter signing after Masses 8:30 am—mass 10:00 am-mass Monday, March 24 8:30 am—daily mass 7:00 pm—PPC meetings Tuesday, March 25 8:30 am—daily mass Wed, March 26 8:30 am - daily mass Thurs., March 27 8:30 am—daily mass 9:30 am—yoga 4:45 pm—youth/adult choir practice Friday, March 28 8:30 am— communion service 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross Saturday, March 29 4:45 pm—mass Mini craft show & Raffle ticket sales Sunday, March 30 8:30 am—mass 10:00 am-mass

#### **Upcoming Events Calendar**

Mini craft show & Raffle ticket sales

March 22/23: Letter Signing—to local elected officials, after Masses

March 22/23: Easter Basket raffle ticket sales continue

March 22/23: Sign the Thank you poster

March 24: PPC meeting 7:00 pm

March 25: Ladies 50 & better lunch at

Bakers Square restaurant, 12:30 pm

March 27: yoga 9:30 am

March 27: youth and adult choir practice

March 28: Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

March 29: Easter Egg hunt, St. Scholastica

11:30 am

#### **Connecting The Dots.**

From time to time, questions arise about what the connection is between the Catholic faith and the environmental sustainability recommendations presented in this column. Care for God's Creation is one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops links stewardship efforts to our faith when saying: "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation." Care for Creation is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. The Bishops' tell us, "The environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

"...the future of the human family depends also on how we safeguard both prudently and compassionately...the gift of creation ..."

# Parish Giving

#### NEEDED WEEKLY:2024-2025

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

#### CONTRIBUTIONS: 3/12 thru 3/18

\$ 4,847.00 Sunday Other Donations \$ 14,950.00 General Funds 378.00 Restricted 80.00 Capital Projects 270.00 Total: \$ 20,525.00

#### Differential this period:

Needed: \$ 8,700.00 Reported Income \$20,525.00 Difference this period (+) \$11,825.00

Ash Wednesday \$ 10.00 Faith Forward 30.00

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

#### **Active Members 1322**

# Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/ cemeteries for more details. We're here to help!

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!