Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

March 30, 2025

<u>Mass Schedule</u> 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)

<u>Easter Vigil</u> 8:00 pm <u>Easter Sunday</u> 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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.

<u>RECONCILIATION</u>: Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or by appointment with Fr. Bob.

<u>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</u>: 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.

<u>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</u>: 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.

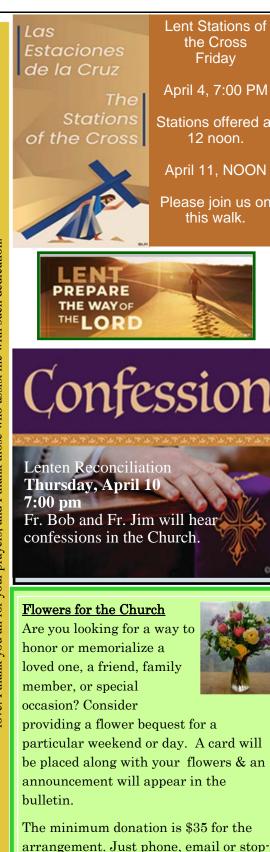
FUNERAL: Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

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.

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who, in times of sorrow, places people beside us who reflect a ray of His love. I thank you all for your prayers, and I thank those who assist me with such dedication. Francis' Tweet for the Week us and never abandons I would like to invite you, today, to join me in praising the Lord, who



by the parish office with your request.

Lent Stations of Liturgy Spotlight . . the Cross Estaciones The familiar parable of the prodigal son is Friday de la Cruz Jesus response to the Pharisees and scribes April 4, 7:00 PM Stations Stations offered at of the Cross 12 noon. April 11, NOON sinners in need of mercy, in the Eucharist we share. Please join us on this walk. PREPARE THE WAY OF Confession Lenten Reconciliation **Thursday, April 10** Fr. Bob and Fr. Jim will hear confessions in the Church. Flowers for the Church Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one, a friend, family member, or special occasion? Consider providing a flower bequest for a particular weekend or day. A card will be placed along with your flowers & an 12 announcement will appear in the 11 10 9 The minimum donation is \$35 for the

who are scandalized that Jesus shares meals with tax collectors and sinners. As the Father welcomes both of his sons to the feast, God draws us together, saints and



(Sourcebook, p. 140)

Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord — April 13 Holy Week—April 14 through April 19

And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

"Hail, King of the Jews!"

- MATTHEW 27:29

Palm Sunday Masses: Saturday 4:45, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am Holy Thursday Mass: 7:00 pm Good Friday Service: 3:00 pm **Blessing baskets**: 10:00 am Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm Easter Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am



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.



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.

Thank you for your support!



Parish Council Seeking Nominees

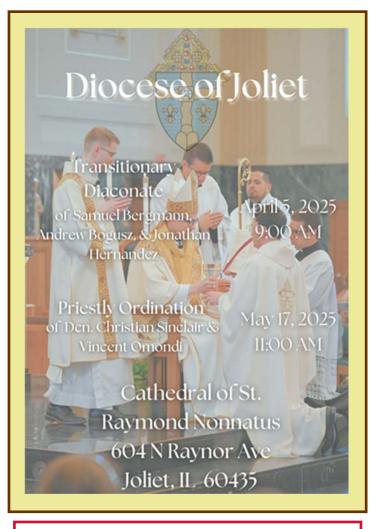


The parish pastoral council is seeking 2 new members to serve for 3 years. The parish council meets the 4th Monday, at 7:00 pm every month except December.

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 <u>purtycool@hotmail.com</u> or the Parish Office at (630) 910-0770. Easter Hams for Downers Grove FISH Could you donate a ham for a family in need?



We will be collecting hams on: <u>Palm Sunday, April 13.</u> Hams need to be dropped off between 8:00 am to 10:00 am in the front of Church. Accepting Canned or Packaged Hams



Christ the Servant is a Voting Location

Tuesday, April 1, 2025



6:00 am - 7:00 pm

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

*Welcoming

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

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.



Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

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!

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, engage 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 Forward of both our children and the whole of our



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

Catholic community.

\$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.



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 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM People of the Parish Monday, March 31 8:30 AM People of the Parish Tuesday, April 1 8:30 AM People of the Parish Wednesday, April 2 10:00 AM People of the Parish Thursday, April 3 8:30 AM Consuelo Buenvenido, req. Thomas Buenvenida Friday, April 4 8:30 AM People of the Parish

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<u>Saturday, April 5</u>

4:45 PM Ida Kenny, req. Pat & Debi Savage Mathew Mayer, req. Barb Hill

Sunday, April 6

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"

> Sandi McKee Greg Peck

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

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

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54 **Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25

-30 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn

8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/ In

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4

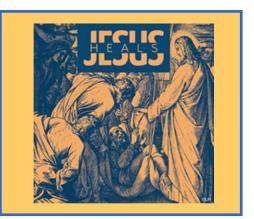


Prayers for the Sick

Bill Amplo Paul Anandappa Mary Ann Bastuga Barbara Bayro Frank Bayro 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 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 Melody Murphy 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.

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours			
Monday—Thursday8:30 AM—4:30 PM			
Friday			
Mass Schedule			
Monday through Thursday8:30 AM			
Friday Communion Service			
The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.			
Saturday4:45 PM			
Sunday8:30 and 10:00 AM			
Holy Daysconsult bulletin or call			
Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment			
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Bill Yunker, Pastoral Council Co-Chair			
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance			
Bill Yunker, Christian Service			
Donna Ciolek, Parish Life Chair			
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation			

Creation Care Corner 🖨

Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Consider a Lenten Plastic Fast

Plastic waste is a huge and growing problem. Only 9% of the 9 billion tons of plastic produced has been recycled. There is very little demand for the plastic you do recycle. 40% of all plastic is designed to be used once and tossed. Plastic doesn't decompose easily and can last 100s of years. The waste clogs landfills and waterways, and poses hazards to animals and fish life. It breaks up into ever smaller microplastics getting into our air and food chain with unknown health effects.

What you can do:

Say NO to single-use plastic. Carry your own cups, bags, to-go containers, utensils and forget the straws.

Say NO to bottled water and pop. Carry refillables.

Choose more biodegradable/recyclable materials like glass, paper, cardboard, and metal instead of plastic... and then recycle those items.

Avoid products with excessive plastic packaging and parts. If it leaves behind plastic waste, seek alternatives.

Calendar of Events

Sun, March 30-2nd collection 8:30 am-mass 10:00 am—mass Mini craft show & Raffle ticket sales Monday, March 31 8:30 am-daily mass Tuesday, April 1—Election Day 8:30 am—daily mass Wed, April 2 8:30 am - daily mass Thurs., April 3 8:30 am-daily mass 9:30 am—yoga 4:45 pm—youth/adult choir practice 7:00 pm—baptism prep class Friday, April 4 8:30 am— communion service 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross Saturday, April 5 9:00 am-WC meeting 4:45 pm-mass Sunday, April 6 8:30 am-mass 10:00 am—mass Monday-Décor changes 9 am

Upcoming Events Calendar March 30: Catholic Releif Service Appeal Collection March 30: Crafts in the narthex April 1: Election Day. CTS is a DuPage Co voting location. April 1: Mahjong 12:30 pm April 3: yoga 9:30 am April 3: Baptism Preparation 7:00 pm April 3: Adult choir practice 6:30 pm April 4: Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm April 5: WC meeting 9:00 am April 7 WC Décor change. Volunteers meet in the Church at 9:00 am

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025				
Parish Expenses	\$	8,700.00		
Total Needed	\$	8,700.00		
CONTRIBUTIONS: 3/19 thru 3/25				

20.00

Differential this period:

Needed: Reported Income Difference this period (+)	\$ 8,700.00 9,033.00 333.00
Cash for Food	\$ 70.00
Faith Forward	\$ 50.00

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!





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!