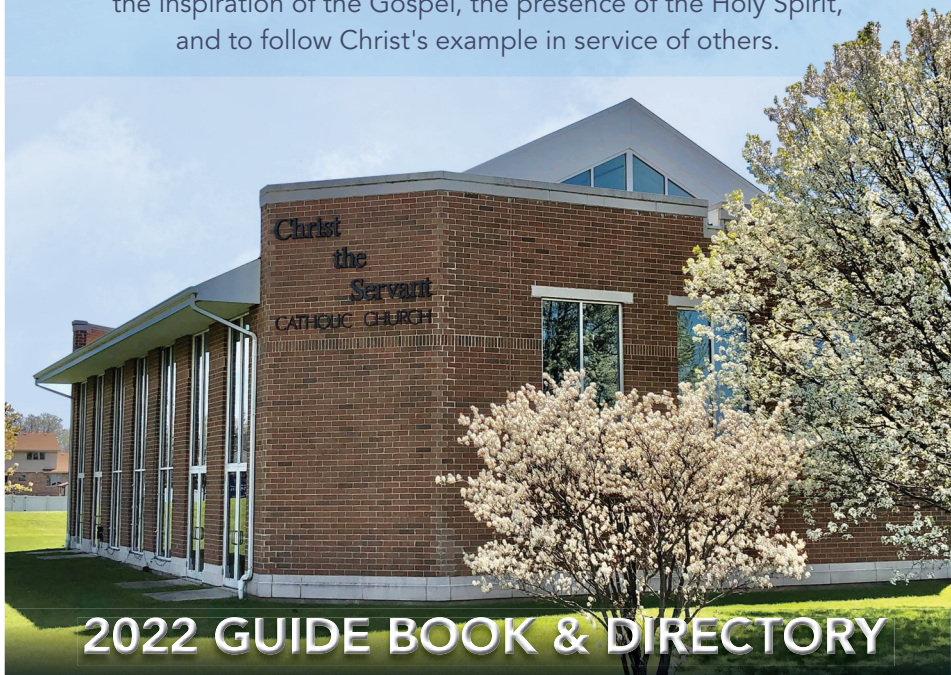




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We encourage you to share in the faith, fellowship—and fun—of Christ the Servant Parish!

Rev. Bob Duda, Pastor

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Monday - Friday..... 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM
Friday Communion Service.....8:30 AM
Saturday4:45 PM
Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM
Holy Days..... usually 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday4:00-4:30 PM or by appointment





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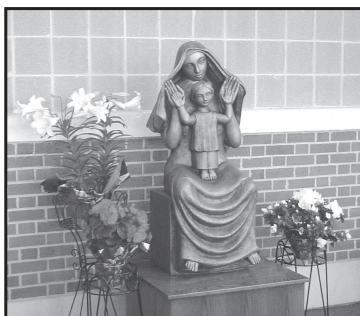


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Sacramental Information

Rite of Christian Initiation. Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, the celebration of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation are invited to contact Christine Goba in the Religious Formation Office.

Baptism of Infants. Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:00 AM. A Baptism Preparation Class (usually the first Thursday evening) must be attended if you are planning your first child's baptism or if three years have passed since you have attended a baptism preparation program. Call the Parish Office to register.

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.

Holy Orders. Are you thinking of becoming a priest or religious? Email Fr. Steve Borello at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org, or talk with Father.

Reconciliation. Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 PM (except Holy Saturday), at special times during Advent and Lent, or by appointment with Father.

Pastoral Care of the Sick. Please contact the parish office for a visit from a priest for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick when sickness occurs or death is imminent. To arrange for Communion to be brought to the sick/homebound members of the parish community, call Deacon Tom Fricke at 630-985-5266.

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

First Eucharist. First Eucharist is normatively celebrated in Grade 2, after the required two years of Religious Formation.

Confirmation. Confirmation is normatively celebrated at the end of Grade 8, after the required two years of Religious Formation.

Parish Website: www.ctswoodridge.org

Lucy Jakubas, webmaster

Our parish website contains information on staff, how to register as a parishioner (click on FAQs), a link to securely donate electronically through your debit or credit card or electronic check, Religious Formation registration and schedules, much of the information contained in this printed directory is repeated in our website and updated a little more frequently! Links to activities will periodically be placed on the home page, and each week highlights are updated on the home page. Check it out, and feel free to send comments or suggestions to webmaster@ctswoodridge.org.

Parish Pastoral Council

Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair

Purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council. Christ the Servant pastoral council is a praying, visionary, planning and collaborative body that advises the pastor. The council, in union with the pastor, sets the vision and long term goals of the parish after assessing the needs and gathering input from the parishioners. It will also set priorities with respect to time, talent and financial resources and work through the five commissions to accomplish these goals. The council exists to carry out the mission of the parish and to provide a living example of true Christian values within our Parish and community.

Membership. Membership on the council is made up of the pastor, business manager (in a support role), representatives of each commission, and three at-large members from the parish. (Terms are three years in length.)

Administration/Finance Commission

Ed Koch, Admin Commission Chair

Administration/Finance. This commission is responsible for the overall stewardship function of the parish which includes:

- **Budgeting** - Prepare the annual budget, in collaboration with Commissions, which reflects the goals and needs of the parish.
- **Reporting** - Monitors actual revenue and expenses; ensuring alignment with the budget and recommends adjustments to spending where appropriate. Manages and monitors the debt obligation of the parish. Provides periodic finance reports to the parish and the Diocesan Finance Office.
- **Capital Improvements/Maintenance** - Makes recommendations to the Parish Pastoral Council on major expenditures, improvements and maintenance to ensure the safety and comfort of parishioners.
- **Volunteer Office Help** - Periodic assistance with assembly of mailings, files cleanup, packet and booklet preparation, etc. Time commitment is about two hours at a time, as your schedule permits.
- **Annual Fund-Raiser for Debt Reduction Committee** - The annual fund-raiser, managed through the cooperation of the Parish Life Commission.

(Time commitment one to three years.)

Christian Service Commission

open position, Christian Service Commission Chair



Goals

- Recognize the dignity and worth of each person, both in the Parish community and beyond.
- Support programs that provide assistance to those in need.

Bereavement Ministry. Service to parishioners who have recently experienced loss of a loved one, assisting the bereaved in funeral planning and providing ongoing contact and support through phone calls, cards, etc. (As needed.)

Commission Member. Plan and implement yearly programs and projects for those in need, provide education on social justice issues for our parishioners. Meetings are usually held quarterly, on a Saturday morning. (Three year commitment.)

Cash 4 Food & Paper Goods Drives. Organize the drive and collect and deliver staples to the West Suburban Community Pantry, and some with people who are homeless. There are 4 food drives per year. (Help with one or all.)

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Ministry of Care. Service to the homebound, sick or elderly of the Parish. (Ongoing.)

- **Meals** - emergency situations.
- **Eucharist** - to those unable to attend Mass (need to be a Diocesan-trained Minister of Care).

Peace and Social Justice Committee. Serve the oppressed and disenfranchised by addressing issues related to social justice and structural change. Coordinate and implement several Parish-wide educational programs promoting specific initiatives within the larger community. Peace & Social Justice usually meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

Respect for All Life Committee. Our Mission:

The **RESPECT for ALL LIFE** Committee represents the essence of Catholic teaching that all life is sacred and precious to God, from conception throughout all the stages of life to natural death. The Respect for All Life Committee seeks to open hearts and minds through prayer, fasting, education, service, advocacy and inspiring people to choose life and give hope.

Respect for All Life Activities:

- **PRAYER:** Private prayer, First Friday devotions, Rosary, praying at abortion sites, Mass for the Unborn (January) and Stations of the Cross (Lent)
- **EDUCATION:** Conferences, Catholic printed and audio materials, Christian Radio and TV, Bible
- **SERVICE:** Support and attend Respect for All Life events and conferences
- **ADVOCACY:** Contact government officials, support and uphold all Life Issues
- **INSPIRE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE LIFE AND GIVE HOPE:** Positive role models and reaching out to others
- **MEETINGS:** Suspended during the pandemic. Email and phone call communication.



Green Team. The mission of the Green Team is to reduce the carbon footprint of our parish by increasing awareness of environmental issues, educating the community of Christ the Servant in ways to preserve and improve our environment, reducing waste and toxins in our environment and giving service to the community by organizing and running recycling and other events to help promote the care of our planet. We will strive to reduce waste, recycle and cherish the gift of our planet Earth. Twice a year the Green Team sponsors an electronics recycling event, open to the community, and there are some items which are collected for reuse/recycling year round. The group usually meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month, off site.

Special Events. (Seasonal, by event)

- **Christmas Sharing** - make the season bright for local seniors
- **Easter** - provide hams for West Suburban Community Pantry.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Support the local St. Vincent de Paul Society through collections of clothing, household items, etc. (2 times/year: spring and fall.)
- **Thanksgiving Sharing** - dinner fixings for local seniors

Religious Formation Commission

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation Commission Chair

The Religious Formation Commission exists as an advisory and visioning group for the faith formation of all ages of parishioners. Members are the pastor, the Religious Formation Director, and 6-8 parishioners to represent the various groups present in our faith community. Commission usually meets the 2nd Monday of the month.

Registration for Grades K-8 Religious Formation begins in the month of June. Classes usually begin in September. A calendar is provided at the beginning of the year to help families plan their schedules and to be advised about variations in the schedule. If changes occur, they are communicated to the registered families.

The children's formation programs are blessed to exist within a larger faith community willing to support the ministry by volunteering in many ways. All families participating in Religious Formation are needed and expected to volunteer the time and talents God has provided to them. Each and every family participating in some way strengthens the ministry.

Commission Member. Meet monthly and discern direction for the Religious Formation programs. Meet annually with other Commissions and Parish Pastoral Council to align parish goals. Assist in Religious Formation Commission fundraising events as needed.

Opportunities for service in Religious Formation for Grades K-8 include:

- **Catechist.** Share your faith with a group of students and pass on Catholic teachings.
- **Catechist Aide.** Assist the catechist with teaching of lessons.
- **Special Events.** Drama, skit development, prayer services. Assist in planning, practice and implementing programs and liturgical events. Share talents in fine arts, artwork, sewing, music, etc. A specific example is Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, at least in non-Covid years.
- **Hospitality for events, including Sacramental Retreats and Celebrations:** Provides treats, beverages. Set-up, serve, clean-up.
- **Support Tasks.** Phone calling, office help, craft preparation and help as needed.

C.L.O.W. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) is currently suspended due to the pandemic. When we resume, it will be regularly celebrated at the 10:00 AM Mass from mid-September through Pentecost. Children ages 3 through grade 3 are invited to hear the Scripture readings and receive an explanation at their level. Adults as Leaders and Shepherds are needed. Teens may also help.

F.A.C.T. (Families with Active Catholic Teens). This group is dedicated to the personal, religious and spiritual growth of our parish teens in grades 6-8. The focus is on incorporating social relationships into active service opportunities. We desire to foster and strengthen family relationships within the context of community and church. Activities include (but are not limited to) the Hat & Mitten Tree and summer car wash.

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) The process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering coming into full communion with the Catholic Church through the reception of sacraments. Sponsors to support catechumens and candidates are also welcomed.

Adult Study Groups. These groups come together to grow and share their faith through the study of a variety of resources which are of common interest. Currently, this group is formed when a leader emerges, with a specific book/study guide, and scheduled in alignment with the parish calendar. For example, a Lenten book study.

Other groups form as interest and needs warrant.

Parish Life Commission

Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Commission Chair

Vision Statement. Provide social interaction opportunities for our parish community.

Parish Social Events. Parish Life commission plans social events such as the annual picnic, bowling night, local minor league baseball game, golf outing, and sometimes a pilgrimage trip to a local shrine.

Parish Fundraising Events. An event designed to be both fun and financially profitable (benefits Debt Reduction), including a Grand Raffle, in cooperation with the Admin/Finance Commission. Some fundraising events have been concerts, silent auction, and entertainment shows. Suggestions for a fun event are always welcome! Your ideas can help make this happen next year!



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- **PLC On-Call Event Volunteers** - There are several volunteer jobs that need parishioner volunteer support with each event planned:
- **Event Chairs** - the volunteer who enjoys working with others toward a common goal while providing organization and coordination of the event work activities and staff.
- **Event Promotion Specialists** - the volunteer who enjoys using the computer to generate event flyers, media ads, posters and tickets receiving instruction and feedback from PLC and event chairs interacting with others through social media, such as: Facebook, Twitter, etc. in cooperation with the bulletin editor.
- **Event Ticket Sales** - help sell event and raffle tickets after weekend Masses and during events.

For more information or for parishioners who would like to support the PLC as a Member or an On-Call Event Volunteer or in any capacity please contact: ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org.

Worship Commission

Chris Bojanowski, Worship Commission Chair

Altar Minister. Carries the Cross and leads the entrance and parting procession for the Liturgy; prepares the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist and assists Father in accepting the gifts during the presentation, and washing of his fingers. (Especially well-suited for, but not limited to, families. Single ministers also welcome. Scheduled according to your availability.) Donna and Bill Ciolek train our ministers of the altar.

Art & Environment. Creates a beautiful and prayerful environment in which to celebrate our Liturgies. An understanding of church documents relating to Art & Environment and an appreciation of beauty, harmony and color is desired. Care and watering of plants (indoor & outdoor) and the periodic cleaning and polishing of the church's interior and accessories are also part of this committee's responsibility. JoAnn Welton leads this endeavor.

Care of Altar Linens. Willing to take the linen used during our Liturgical celebrations home to be washed and pressed. Janet Augustyn and Cindy Fish currently share this responsibility.

Cleaning Crew. During Covid, cleaning crew members sanitize surfaces each day to make it safe for the next group of people coming in.

Commission Member. Responsible for planning and coordinating the Parish Liturgies; also plans and implements other forms of spiritual enrichment for the Parish, such as a Lenten Mission. Works closely with the liturgical ministers, Art & Environment Ministers, pastor and the Parish Music Director.

Extraordinary Minister. Assists Father in the distribution of the Eucharist at the Parish Liturgies. (Normally, scheduled according to your availability.) Contact Deacon Tom Fricke or Alie Phillips to become a minister of the Eucharist.

Greeters/Ushers (aka Host Team). Welcoming people as they arrive, encouraging use of hand sanitizer and social distancing, assisting with seating as necessary, assist at communion time (spritzing sanitizer or ushering), distribute bulletins and safely store the collection.

Lector. Proclaims the Good News of the Scriptures at the weekend and special Liturgies. The ability to speak clearly and with meaning is an essential part of this ministry. (Scheduled according to your availability.) Debi Savage trains our parish lectors.

Marriage Ministry. Help prepare people for the sacrament of marriage. Contact Father for further information about participating in one of these ministries:

- **Sponsor Couple.** Sponsor couples are parishioners who have been married at least five years, willing to share their faith with a couple preparing for marriage. FOCCUS training required.
- **Wedding Coordinator.** Coordinates and leads the wedding rehearsal and assists on the day of the wedding.

Music Ministry. There are several opportunities to use your musical talent. Contact Janet Alikpala to learn more about music ministry.

- **Adult Choir Member.** Teen Choir and Ensemble. Teens are encouraged to praise God with their voice and instruments. Rehearsals and ministering at Mass are scheduled according to group and space availability.
- **Joyful Noise Choir Member.** Children in grades K-8. The choir sings at the 4:00 PM mass on Christmas Eve.
- **Cantor.** Leads the assembly in song. Needs to be able to learn new music easily.
- **Resurrection Choir.** Sings at Funeral Liturgies. Needs to be available at least some mornings. Rehearsal is held 30 minutes prior to the Funeral Liturgy.

What it means to be Christ the Servant Parish and Parishioner

What does it really mean to be Christ the Servant (CTS) Parish, and to be a parishioner?

We have a “Mission Statement” and we live our Catholic Social Teaching core values (1-7).

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I write this article as a reminder to myself and others of what we are called to do as Christians and members of CTS faith community. The following are my thoughts and opinions on our calling.

We welcome all who come to our doors. We practice our faith in God. We celebrate our unity and community in the Eucharist. We listen and hear and see the Gospel in ourselves and others. We acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in our parish and parishioners; we follow Christ Jesus in helping others and providing service to those in need.

We welcome the differences of others as our strength in diversity. We respect the life and dignity of every human person;(1) we have an active “Respect for All Life” committee. We welcome new parishioners and priests, we are Christ The Servant for everyone. The faith community of CTS does not expect others to meet our expectations, but we certainly hope as parish and parishioners, we will satisfy theirs.

We participate in the parish and our communities with our time, talent and treasure;(2) we educate ourselves and our children in our faith traditions. We volunteer to share our faith and teach in faith formation programs;(3) we practice our faith in our daily lives. We come together to worship, pray, and sing in our liturgies guided by faith and the Holy Spirit. We serve one another in our ministries; we step up to the challenges of making our parish alive with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

We provide for the needs of others with our food drives, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts and meals, Easter hams, St. Vincent DePaul clothing drives, and other collections as needed.(4) We support the dignity of work and the rights of workers to organize and form unions to bargain collectively.(5)



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Respectfully Submitted, Stephen F. Jackson, CTS Christian Service
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