

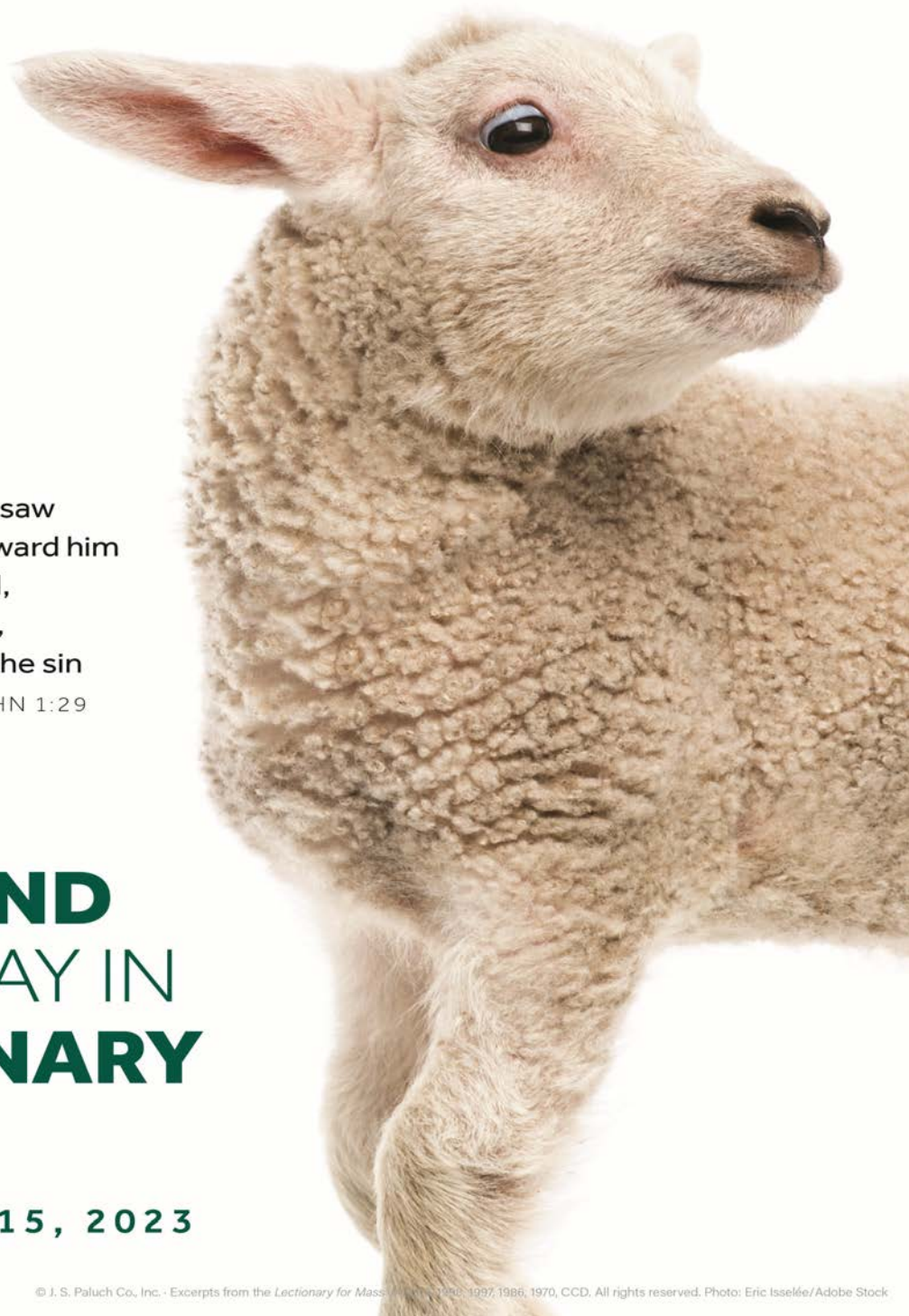
Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

John the Baptist saw
Jesus coming toward him
and said, "Behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world." JOHN 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023



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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.

Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week

Let us do as Jesus did: let us share, let us carry each other's burdens, let us look at each other with compassion, let us help each other. Let us ask ourselves: am I a person who divides or shares?

Please continue to check our parish website www.ctswoodridge.org, and facebook, for up to date information about what we are able to offer to help keep our community connected.

At this time, we continue to record the mass for people who are not able to make it to church, posting it by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel [christservant](https://www.youtube.com/channel/christservant).



CTS Singers, Brass & Wind Ensemble - Christmas Eve Family Mass



CTS Choir & Musicians - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass



CTS Choir & Musicians - Christmas Day Mass



The 2023 Catholic Annual Appeal is now underway

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$44,000, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.



The next Manna Sale is here!

Order forms are available in the Narthex for Manna gift cards. An Excel version of the form can be emailed to you. (Questions? Call Bill C. at 630-724-9498 or the office at 630-910-0770). Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10:00 am mass on January 29th, 2023 will be ready for pickup the weekend of February 4th and 5th. .

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

Creation Care Corner 

Turning Down the Gas

A big challenge in caring for creation is reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that often leaks into the atmosphere. It is a significant contributor to global warming. Sources include oil and gas mining, landfills, agriculture and even leaks in the pipes that bring natural gas (methane) into our homes for fuel. When natural gas is burned for fuel it creates CO₂, which is also a GHG. In our homes, it can create air quality issues as well. Electrification of space and water heating, as well as cooking appliances, is an enormous opportunity to cut greenhouse gas pollution and save money on energy bills. Electric heat pumps heat homes and water far more efficiently than fossil-fuel appliances. Induction stoves and cooktops are also more energy efficient than their gas counterparts. Where possible, as your natural gas-powered appliances reach the end of their life, investigate converting to newer electric appliances for a more sustainable future. This website is a valuable source of information on these options:

www.rewiringamerica.org/electrify-home-guide



Sacramental Information

rites of Christian Initiation Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, the celebration of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:30 AM. A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended if you are planning your first child's baptism or if three years have passed since your last child was baptized. Call the Parish Office to register and to check whether adjustments have been made to the schedule.

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.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of becoming a priest or religious? Talk with Fr. Bob or email Fr. Steven Borello vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please contact the parish office for a visit from a priest when sickness occurs or death is imminent for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. 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.

**Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, February 2, 7:00 PM**

Bulletin Shorts for Winter Ordinary Time

Sunday Prayer Shaping Life and Belief

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 January 2023

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10.1
Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-34.

What Baptism Makes of Us. We begin Ordinary Times this liturgical year full of baptismal reminders. Jesus ranks ahead of John the Baptist and all of us. But though greater, he, in his good Spirit, remains with all of us. In Baptism, we are God's servants, ordained to show God's glory (and not our own), and be about God's saving plan. Like Saint Paul and the Corinthians, we are called to be holy.

How will I cherish Baptism today and rest in Christ loving me?

How will I manifest God's glory in some simple word or work?

How will I be holier today than I was yesterday?

Ladies Over 55 Monthly Luncheon

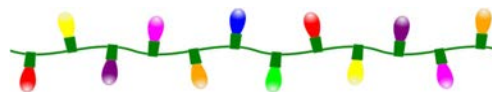
Please join us on: **Tuesday, Jan 24th at 1:30 pm at, Longhorn Steakhouse, 708 Janes Av., Woodridge.**

R.S.V.P. by Monday,
January 23rd to:
**Helene at 630-910-5147 or
Tina at 630-427-1724**



"Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"



Recycle Christmas lights. Stings of lights can be recycled. Being the lights to the church. The Green Team has placed two blue recycle bins in the west corner of the narthex for the holiday lights.

Hotline Numbers for Help

Family Shelter Service Domestic Abuse	630-469-5650
National Domestic Abuse Hotline	800-799-SAFE
Illinois Adult Protective Services	866-800-1409
Will County Crisis Line	815-722-3344
Mayslake Ministries	630-852-9000
Diocese of Joliet Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator	815-263-6467
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270

Religious Formation News

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

CLASS TIMES:

Tuesday 4:45-6:00 Grades K-4 & 8

Tuesday 6:30-7:45 Grade 5-7

Wednesday 4:45-6:00 Grade 1-6

Wednesday 6:30-7:45 Grades 6-8

Remote non-Zoom 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

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

January 17-18 Class

January 24-25 Class

January 31- February 1 Class

February 1 Confirmation Presentation "Why be Catholic" with Deacon Tom Fricke. All Confirmation students are asked to attend the *Wednesday night* class session. Parents and sponsors may attend also.

February 5 (Saturday) First Communion Retreat 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (Child and Parent event for preparation for 1st Communion)

February 7-8 Class

February 9-10 No Classes (Catechist Formation Evening and DRE Retreat)

February 20 (Monday, Presidents Day) Confirmation Student meeting 10:00-11:00 a.m.

February 21-22 No Class Please attend Ash Wednesday Services



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

National Eucharistic Revival

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival the Diocese of Joliet will be having hosting a

Forty Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Times and schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion are February 8, 9, 10. Each day begins with 8 am Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration throughout the day until after the 8 pm Closing Prayer Service. During the days there will be silent prayer throughout the day with short Prayer Services at 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm and the closing at 8 pm.

Book Study Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study this Christmas season with a new book by Mathew Kelly called Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. The book study will be on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM, beginning January 5, 2023**. To get a copy of this new book or for more information about the book study please stop by the Religious Formation office or call Christine at 630-910-0770.



First Communion Reminders



First Communion Retreat



All students preparing to make their 1st Communion will need to attend the Retreat on **Saturday, February 5 from 10:00-12:00**. A parent will also need to attend with their child.

Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Confirmation Reminders and News



Confirmation Date

Christ the Servant's Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Kane on **Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm** here at Christ the Servant Church. Confirmation practice is May 16 at 7:00 a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

Confirmation Student Meeting

Students who are preparing to receive Confirmation this year are required to attend a meeting on **Monday, (Presidents Day) February 20, from 10-11 AM**.

Confirmation Presentation "Why be Catholic"



All Confirmation students are asked to attend **Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30-7:45** class for a presentation on "Why Be Catholic?" by Deacon Tom Fricke. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.

Confirmation Retreat

All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Confirmation Retreat on **Saturday, May 13** at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.



Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Christ the Servant Parish will begin the Jesus study **at 2:00pm on January 19 and will run for 10 weeks**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org. We hope you can join us!

Peace and Social Justice

Catholic Social Teaching

This is the first of seven articles on the topic of Catholic Social Teaching that will appear in the bulletin on a monthly basis. Catholic Social Teaching is the foundational tradition of the Catholic Church, and calls us, as baptized Catholics, to be aware of these tenets and to act on them in such ways as we can. The first is one of the most important, as all the others flow forth from it.



Life and Dignity of the Human Person



“God made each person, so

every life is important and should be protected.”

(from CRS – Catholic Social Teaching English Handout for Children, 2017)

While it seems easy to think that we all have a handle on this one, both St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis spoke about this at length. In his Letter on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life (*Evangelium Vitae*), released on March 25, 1995, St. Pope John Paul II addresses threats to human life: **“Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh... is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart...”**

Pope Francis addressed the participants in a meeting of the Science and Life Association on May 30th, 2015. He echoes the sentiments of St. Pope John Paul II, and adds specific details:

“The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life, above all in its most fragile stages...When we speak of mankind, we must never forget the various attacks on the sacredness of human life. The plague of abortion is an attack on life. Allowing our brothers and sisters to die on boats in the strait in Sicily is an attack on life. Dying

on the job because the minimum safety standards are not respected is an attack on life. Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. **Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity.”**

In his 2018 World Day of Peace message, the Pope called on each of us to, **“in a spirit of compassion, embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.”**

Every life is important, has value, and deserves protection. Watching the news gives us a gruesome picture of the devaluation of human life both around the globe and in our own backyards, setting our anxiety levels on overload. Undeniably, a lack of respect for the value of human life instigates the violence that we see. What can we do? We can pray. We can support life at whatever level we are able. We are blessed at Christ the Servant to have a number of ministries that help to extend the reach of our parish. Over the years there have been 14 different ministry groups that help with various issues addressing this particular teaching. We can stand in community with one another to ensure that all humans are valued and respected. We can work together in a variety of ways to lift up the most vulnerable in our cities, nation, and world.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

(from CRS – Catholic Social Teaching English Handout for Adults, 2017)

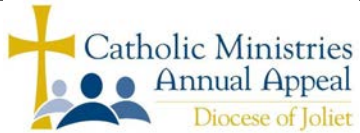
For more resources on Catholic Social Teaching, go to <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101>.

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 1/8/23

Your participation in the CMAA is important. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs, and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Our goal is \$43,400. 70% of gifts received over goal will be returned to our parish for our use. A mailing has been sent to parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the 2022 CMAA. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA.

A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our diocese through our ministries and help others in need. Thank you for your support!
If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.



2022 GOAL	\$43,400	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$49,639	PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:	\$48,584	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$1,055	Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:	226	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$3,629	Remember to keep up on pledges!

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM William Maracewski, req. Barry J. Deron

10:00 AM Holy souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven, souls that are most forsaken, req. Zerraida Cruz

Monday, January 16

8:30 AM Walerya Wielaus, req. Barry J. Deron
Almaid Custodio Louise
Imo & Forrest Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz

Tuesday, January 17

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 18

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 19

8:30 AM Margaret Povalish, req. Fed & Pam Schmitz

Friday, January 20

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 21

4:45 PM Lottie Bugay, req. Accardi Family
Lorraine Riedl, req. Pat & Debi Savage

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM Ginny & Bill Haas, req. Elena Haas

10:00 AM James J. Frale, James G. Frale and
Catherine & John Frale, req. Frale Family

To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

We pray for the Sick

Greg Basta	Fred Huth	Robert Rodriguez
Barbara Bayro	Jessica James	John Rossi
Sharon Bhaskar	Rayna Januska	Sonja Rudny
Jim Brabec	Ed Jascewsky	Jose Sabado
Dennis Burke	Madeline Jascewsky	Jim Sanders
Pat Chang	Jeanne Jordan	Jennifer Stile
Greg Chisholm	Derek Kaunelis	Dan Szymanski
Donna Ciolek	Ida Kenny	Frank Tiesenga
Michael Durkovic Sr	Paul Knight	Mary Vanderplow
Rudy Durkovic	Barb Kosiek	Bill Wagner
Vic Cordes	Karen Kripas	
Marge Felix	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	
John M. Foresman	Robert Losik	
Marty Foy	Joyce Maples	
Dcn. Tom Fricke	Jan May	
Robert Gripp	Donna Mays	
Karen Gormley	Chuck Neal	
Bill Haas	Alie Phillips	
Joan Haffner	Janice Proskey	
Michael Harris	Bob Pluta	
Carolyn Heinrich	Wm. (Bill) Rausch	
Carol Hendrich	Lolit Ranchero	



Names remain on this list approximately three months, unless specifically requested otherwise. To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email bryn@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased



Please pray for our dear deceased
Dan Kitchen
Nephew of Betty & Bill Kohl ,
Ronald Pisarczyk
Dad to Rachel Aguilera, and
Andy Ivkovic
Husband of Letitia

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak
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
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Raleigh Redinger, nephew of Mike Magee
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward



If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. Please also let us know when they return home.

Bible Readings Jan 15 thru Jan 22

SUNDAY: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64)

MONDAY: NEB 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

TUESDAY: Heb 6.10-20/Mk 2.23-28/Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY: Heb 7:1-3.15-17/Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY: Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY: Heb 9:2-3.11-14/Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:1-10-13, 17/
Mt4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Office Hours & 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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- Commission Chairpersons**
Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Position Open, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 15
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass—2nd grade RF students

Monday, January 16
Dr. Martin Luther King Day
8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, January 17
8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mahjong
Religious Formation classes

Wednesday, January 18
8:30 am—daily mass
Religious Formation classes

Thursday, January 19
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
2:00 pm—adult book study, Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life
7:00 pm—adult book study, Holy Moments
High School Religious Formation

Friday, January 20
8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, January 21
4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, January 22
Latin America Collection
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events

Jan 19: Adult Book Study 2:00 pm, Jesus: The Way, the Truth, & the Life
Jan 19: Adult Book Study 7:00 pm, Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life
Jan 21/22: Latin American Collection
Jan 28/29: New commission opportunity information at masses
Feb 4: 1st Saturday devotion 4 pm in the church
March 25/26 PLC Easter Candy Sale— all masses

Parish Giving

How many of us live day-to-day not being aware of what we do or perhaps even who we are? Living a conscious, purposeful life takes a lot of energy and commitment. Jesus came into our world to teach us how to live such a life as His Stewards. He reached out to everyone, even those who were considered outside of the acceptable community life.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020- 2023

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	<u>2,600.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Jan 1—Jan 10

Sunday	\$ 4,098.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 4,785.00
General Funds	\$ 325 .00
Restricted	\$ 0.00
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 808.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 10,,016.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 10,016.00
Differential this period:	\$ 284.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Latin America	\$ 95.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 125.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
 Christmas collection	 \$ 745.00

Debt to Diocese 12/31/2022 \$104,181
Registered Households—781

God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!



Did you know... To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on "Donate", then click on "Stock Donations" or call the Development office at 815-221-6100 for information.

saint snippets

The devil is afraid of us when we love Jesus very much.

St. Anthony the Abbot
3rd-century wealthy man who gave everything he had to the poor so that he could live as a hermit in the deserts of Egypt

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