

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



“I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.” —MT 16:19

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Those who love do not stand around doing nothing. They hurry to reach others to serve in the name of Jesus. We love through our deeds and love makes us happy!

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 [christtheservant](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ChristTheServant).



Sacrament of Baptism
Baptized on Sunday, August 20th



Miles Christopher Fellers,
son of Travis and Jennifer Fellers

Luca Armando Russotto,
son of Vincent and Jessica Russotto

Present the Gifts for Communion



At each weekend Mass members offer to carry the gifts of water, wine, and bread to Fr. Bob at the altar. If you are interested in presenting the gifts, talk to a Host Team member before Mass (they are usually passing out worship booklets). They will let you know what you need to do so you can present the gifts at the altar. Please consider volunteering for this special participation in the liturgy.

National Eucharistic Revival

"I urge you with all of my soul to approach the Eucharistic table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."

*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



First Friday Devotional—September 1,

September 23rd is the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Padre Pio told us not to worry, but to pray. So let us share the gift of prayer for our family, friends & ask for God's mercy on our country & our world. Leave your worries & bring your needs to CTS' Eucharistic Chapel as we pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary of the Sacred Heart. Jesus I Trust in Thee. May the peace of the Lord be with you as you read & reflect on these Holy Words! "Come to me, all who are weary & find life burdensome, I will refresh you." Mt:11:28. Join us after the 8:30 Communion Service.

The flowers placed by the Blessed Mother Mary statue are in loving memory of,

Rosemary DiVincenzo.

From her husband, Vince.



Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. (\$35 suggested donation). Flower request forms are in a basket in the narthex by the Sacristy. Make sure you identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.



The altar flowers are in honor of **Pattie and Jerry Crimer's** wedding anniversary.



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



Harvesting Fresh Vegetables

Could you donate 30 minutes once or twice a week to harvest vegetables from the CTS garden? The garden is just west of the church. The homegrown, vegetables are donated a local food pantry. Please call the **parish office at 630-910-0770** and leave your name and phone number if you can help.

August Manna Gift Cards—Sale



Manna gift card order forms are available in the narthex or on the CTS website. If you have questions, call Bill C at 630-724-9498 or the parish office at 630-910-0770. Orders placed (and paid for) by the 10:30 am mass on August 27th. **Orders will be ready for pickup the weekend of September 2nd & 3rd.** Thanks for your support.

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 11:00 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, please call Alie Phillips at 630-649-3466.

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, September 7, 7:00 PM

Make-A-Will Sunday

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our community to reflect on the many gifts God has blessed us with. During this month of August, you are invited to set aside time to think through your estate planning and how you can best steward what God entrusted to you.

You can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you love. Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet to get started on your will. Or speak with Bob Borla after mass. Bob is an attorney and a longtime CTS parishioner.



Save the Date
Annual Parish Fund Raiser
Friday, October 13th
Starting at 6:00 pm

Bavarian Blast!

Please pick up your **Bavarian Blast fund raiser** envelope with tickets after mass. **Save the date for good food, raffle baskets, music and sharing the evening with your parish community.**



This year Downers Grove Area FISH Food Pantry and Community Services is celebrating 54 years of helping those in need. As a non-for profit, all volunteer organization, that's a pretty good track record. What has made it all possible, is the support from our generous group of donors! Without their contributions, our doors would have closed years ago. As a valued member of that group, we want to thank you for your continued generosity and kindness that has sustained our mission. We appreciate your very generous gifts of 171 pounds of canned goods, plus 109 pounds of pancake mix, syrup and produce from the Summer program. Signed: *Lynn Hayes*, Downers Grove FISH.

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

RF registration information can be found in the Narthex. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

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 8th grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.



Religious Education Registration

RF registration information forms are in the back of church.

July 5 – September 24	Tuition \$175
September 25 – October 24	Tuition \$190
October 25 – February	Tuition \$200



2023-2024 Religious Formation Elementary Class Days and Times

Remote eLearning is independent study and does not have a set time to meet each week (Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)

You may pick one of the following class sessions to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4:45-6:00 PM	Grades 1-8	Grades K-4, & 8	Grades 1-8
6:30-7:45 PM		Grades 5-8	Grades 5-8
eLearning	Grades 1-8 (any day of the week)		

Confirmation & Communion remote students are required to be in person for some activities for the Sacrament preparation.

Is God calling you to share your faith?

Is God calling you to share your faith with His children? No one else can answer God's call to His mission for your life but you. If you do not respond to God's call, the unique work that God wanted to accomplish through you will not get done.



Volunteers and Catechist are essential to running a successful RF program. There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children.

Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org if you are able to give time to help during the year.



Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation is genuinely happy to be able 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 that **the Diocese of Joliet requires that 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.)

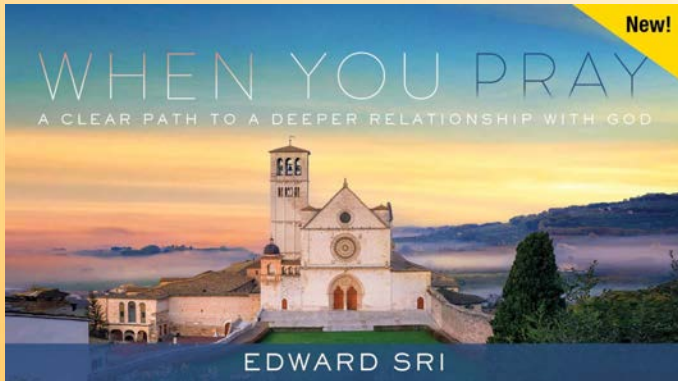
Adult Sacrament Classes

Adults interested in completing their Sacraments or in becoming Catholic are invited to join us this fall as we begin sessions that will be both online and in-person. Call Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 for more information.



NEW ADULT STUDY COMING SOON!

When You Pray:
A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God



Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

- July 6- September 24** Religious Formation Registration 2023-2024 (Tuition \$175)
- September 5** Youth Group 6:30-7:30
- September 10** Catechist Coffee & Teats Meet-up
- September 11, 12, and 13** RF family prayer service and open house.
- September 17** Catechetical Sunday
- September 18, 19 and 20** first regular class
- September 21 and 22** remote student book pickup 3-5pm
- September 25-October 24** Registration Tuition increase (Tuition \$190)
- October 27** Set up for Reconciliation Retreat
- October 28** Reconciliation Retreat "Forgiveness Day"
- November 4** Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:00
- November 12** RF Grand Event 2-3:30

**2023 Catholic
Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet**

2023 GOAL \$43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$44,253 as of August 20, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: \$39,120
REMAINING BALANCE: \$5,133
DONORS THIS YEAR: 217
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!!!



Youth Group

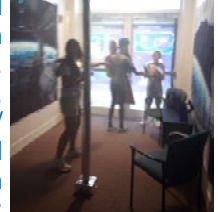


This Summer, children **grades 5-9** are invited to join Religious Formation twice a month for a different activity intended to illustrate a concept from Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We will meet every other Tuesday in Summer from **6:30-7:30 PM**.

The first meeting will be July 11th and run until September 5th.

Topics such as Psalm 22, Virtue, Matthew 16:13-20, Jeremiah 30-33/ Baptism and the New Covenant will be discussed and reinforced with an aligning activity. Activities include:

game night, laser tag, movie night, bonfire/glow night, and outdoor water games with slip and slide.



Schedule:

September 5—Baptism & Bonfire/Glow Night



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26

4:45 PM Jack Sullivan, req. Paul Wisdom
 Rosemary DiVincenzo, req. Vince DiVincenzo
 Lorriane Riedl, req. Julie & Scott Lucas
 Jessica Marshall, req. Chandler family

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM Robert Glas, req. John & Marge Stancel
 Ed Rechner, req. Ed Rechner, req. Ann & Jim Kolar
 10:00 AM Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek
 Eddie Williamson, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek

Monday, August 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, August 31

8:30 AM James Fleming, req. Fran & Ed Fleming

Friday, September 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 2

4:45 PM Chuck Dennis, req. Pat & Debi Savage
 Richard Peslak, req. Helene Peslak
 JoAnn Frale, req. family
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Tom Kittel

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Amy Rienton, req. Bob & Corinne Hanson
 Anna Le and Joseph Ho, req. Ho family



Readings for the Week Aug 27–Sept 3

Sunday: Is 22: 19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2bc-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 (121)
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22 (425)
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29 (634)
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32 (427)
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51 (428)
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13 (429)
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30 (430)
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124)

Prayers for the Sick and Our Beloved Dead

Bruce Barnhard Barbara Bayro Frank Bayro Sharon Bhaskar Jim Brabec Renee Brennan Pat Chang Donna Ciolek Vic Cordes Michael Durkovic Sr Rudy Durkovic Ray DiGrazia Marge Felix John M. Foresman Marty Foy Joanne Fricke Robert Gripp Joan Haffner Bill Hartig Michael Harris Carolyn Heinrich Carol Hendrich	Barbara Hile Fred Huth Tony Iovito John Ito Brian Jackson Jessica James Rayna Januska Ed Jascewsky Madeline Jascewsky Paul Jasinevicius Ramon Josen Jeanne Jordan Paul Knight George Koca Barb Kosiek Barbara Kuehn Robert Losik Joyce Maples Jan May Donna Mays Chuck Neal Nam Pham	Janice Proskey Bob Pluta Wm. (Bill) Rausch Lolit Ranchoero John Rossi Sonja Rudny Jim Sanders Rita Sisko David Sivak Ken Sloup Jennifer Stile Dan Szymanski Dennis Szulc Mary Vanderplow Bill Wagner Judy Ward Patricia Wheeler
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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 bryn@ctswoodridge.org. To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630- 910-0770.

We pray for the Deceased



May God give comfort and peace to, Pat & Debi Savage, they recently lost their aunt, **Ida Kenny**.
 Carol Prohaska who recently lost her husband, **Dennis Prohaska**.

The tabernacle light burns this week in loving memory of the People of the Parish.

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.



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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Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Bill Yunker, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, August 28

8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—PPC commission

Tuesday, August 29

8:30 am—daily mass

Wed. August 30

8:30 am—communion service

Thursday, Aug 31

8:30 am—mass
9:30 am—yoga

Friday, September 1

8:30 am—communion service
9:00 am—rosary

Saturday, Sepetember 2

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, September 3

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism



Upcoming Events

Aug 28: PPC & PLC at 7 pm

Sept 3: Baptism

Sept 4: Labor Day—Parish offices are closed

Sept 5: Mahjong 12:30 pm

Sept 5: RF Youth group 6:30 pm

Sept 6: New Catechist meeting

Sept 7: Baptism prep class 7 pm

Sept 9: Worship commission 9 am

Sept 10: Catechist coffee & treats

Sept 11: RF family prayer service & open house 7 pm

Sept 12: RF family prayer service & open house 7 pm

Sept 13: RF family prayer service & open house 7 pm

Sept 17: Catechetical Sunday

Oct 13: Bavarian Blast— 6 pm

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: 2023- 2024

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Aug. 16—Aug. 22

Sunday	\$ 4,267.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 2,875.00
General Funds	\$ 170.00
Restricted	\$ 1,525.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>268.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 9,105.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 9,105.00
Differential this period:	\$ 1,195.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Assumption of Blessed Mary: \$1,108

Debt to Diocese 7/31/2023
\$24,703.00

Registered Households—784
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.

A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet. You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. Consult with your financial advisor for information. You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, Christ the Servant is sharing a **free, online will-writing tool**. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations and strengthen Christ the Servant. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.

Leave a Legacy.

Creation Care Corner

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Pope Francis urges us to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity, & nature so that justice & peace will flow. Francis tells us to act now with greater urgency, so we do not miss our chance to create a more sustainable world. "We can and we must prevent the worst from happening." An "ecological conversion" is needed, which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator." We are challenged to be mindful "about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive" – using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, recycling waste, use of available products & services that are environmentally and socially responsible. Francis reminds us we must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuels. "Truly, much can be done" (LS, 180). -Pope Francis