

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.*



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

“El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará”. - Mt 16, 24b-25

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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.



**Thank You Note**

**From Woodridge School District 68**

Dear Parishioners,  
 On behalf of the students, staff & families of Woodridge 68, thank you for the backpacks & supplies you donated. Your generosity helps start the school year off right. We appreciate your support in the community!  
 Warm wishes,  
 Amy Melinder  
 Director of Community Engagement



**August/September Manna Gift Cards**

Manna gift card orders are ready for pickup this weekend, September 2nd & 3rd in the narthex.  
 Thanks for your continued 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**

**Ladies September Luncheon**

Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 pm

The over 55 ladies lunch will be at:

**3-Corners Grill & Tap**

**7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove**

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, September 24th to:



**Alie Philips at 630-649-3466, or**

**Maryann Egleston at 630-281-0587**



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

**Bavarian Blast!**

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



**Your Bavarian Blast Tickets Are Ready for Pickup in the Narthex!**



Parishioners' will find their Bavarian Blast letter from Fr. Bob, admission ticket (s) and raffle tickets are ready for pickup in the narthex. The correspondence for the annual fundraiser is in white envelopes, in alphabetical order, placed in boxes on a table. You can pick up your envelope before or after masses this weekend or during the week when the parish office is open.

**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](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org)**

## CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

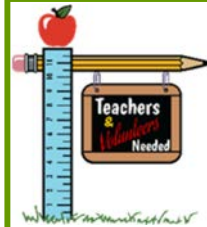
We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended 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 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.



### Catechists are invited

There will be a Catechist Coffee & Treats Meet up Sunday, September 10. There will be a brief meeting to go over the upcoming school year. Class list and books will be given out at the meeting. Reach out to Christine at 630-910-0770 with any questions.

### Is God calling you to share your faith?



Volunteers and Catechists 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](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org) if you are able to give some time to help during the year.



## Religious Formation 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-5, & 8	Grades 1-6
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.

**SACRAMENTS** Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are 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.)



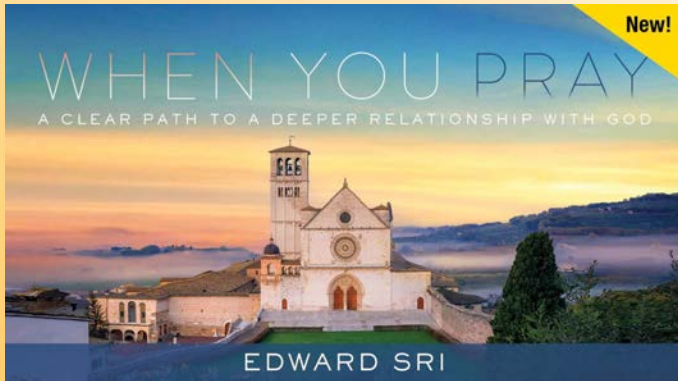
### Adult Sacrament Classes

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 Upcoming Dates**

- July 6- September 24** Religious Formation Registration 2023-2024 (Tuition \$175)
- September 5** Youth Group 6:30-7:30
- September 10** Catechist Coffee & Treats 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 27, 2023  
 AMOUNT PAID: \$39,440  
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$4,813  
 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 Formation 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 Formation we are starting a Religious Formation 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 formation 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, 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  
John & Esther Michalek  
and Gerald Johnson, req. family

#### 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

#### Monday, September 4

8:30 AM Julie Wisdom, req. Paul Wisdom

#### Tuesday, September 5

8:30 AM Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere

#### Wednesday, September 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Thursday, September 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Friday, September 8

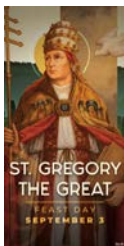
8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Saturday, September 9

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sandy & Fernando Alonzo  
Kathleen Gabehart, req. Laverne Trembacz  
Una O'Donnell, req. Jim & Melinda Nowak  
Dennis Prohaska, req. Helene Peslak  
Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere

#### Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere  
10:00 AM Jameo (Jim) Sullivan req. Carole Sullivan  
Frale Family, req. John J. Frale  
Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere



## Prayers for the Sick

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



*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 those who have recently lost a family member or a dear friend.

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.*

## Readings for the Week Aug 27-Sept 3

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124)  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30 (431)  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4: 31-37 (432)  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44 (433)  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 (434)  
**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636)  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5 (436)  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18: 15-20 (127)

## Office Hours & Staff

8700 Havens Drive  
Woodridge, Illinois  
60517  
Phone: (630) 910-0770  
Fax: (630) 910-6060  
[www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org)



### 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

**Fr. Bob Duda**, Pastor Ext. 101  
*FrBob@ctswoodridge.org*

**Rod Accardi**, Permanent Deacon  
*dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org*

**Bryn Wildman**, Bus. Mgr Ext. 102  
*bryn@ctswoodridge.org*

**Christine Goba**, Religious Formation  
Director Ext. 103  
*cgoba@rcdoj.org*

**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
*janet@ctswoodridge.org* Ext. 104

**Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper Ext. 102

**Mary Goba**, Admin Assistant Ext. 102

### Commission Chairpersons

**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, September 3

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

### Monday, September 4

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

### Tuesday, September 5

8:30 am—daily mass

### Wed, September 6

8:30 am—communion service

### Thursday, September 7

8:30 am—mass  
9:30 am—yoga

### Friday, September 8

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

### Saturday, September 9

4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, September 10

8:30 am—mass

### Upcoming Events

**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>
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>\$ 10,300.00</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS: Aug. 23—Aug. 30

Sunday	\$ 3705.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 2,075.00
General Funds	\$ 80.00
Restricted	\$ 1,805.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>43.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 7,708.00</b>

### Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 7,708.00

**Differential this period: \$ 2,592.00**

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

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Assumption of Blessed Mary:	\$ 60.00
Faith Forward	\$ 175.00
Blue Jeans for Homeless	\$ 100.00

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](http://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](http://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](http://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