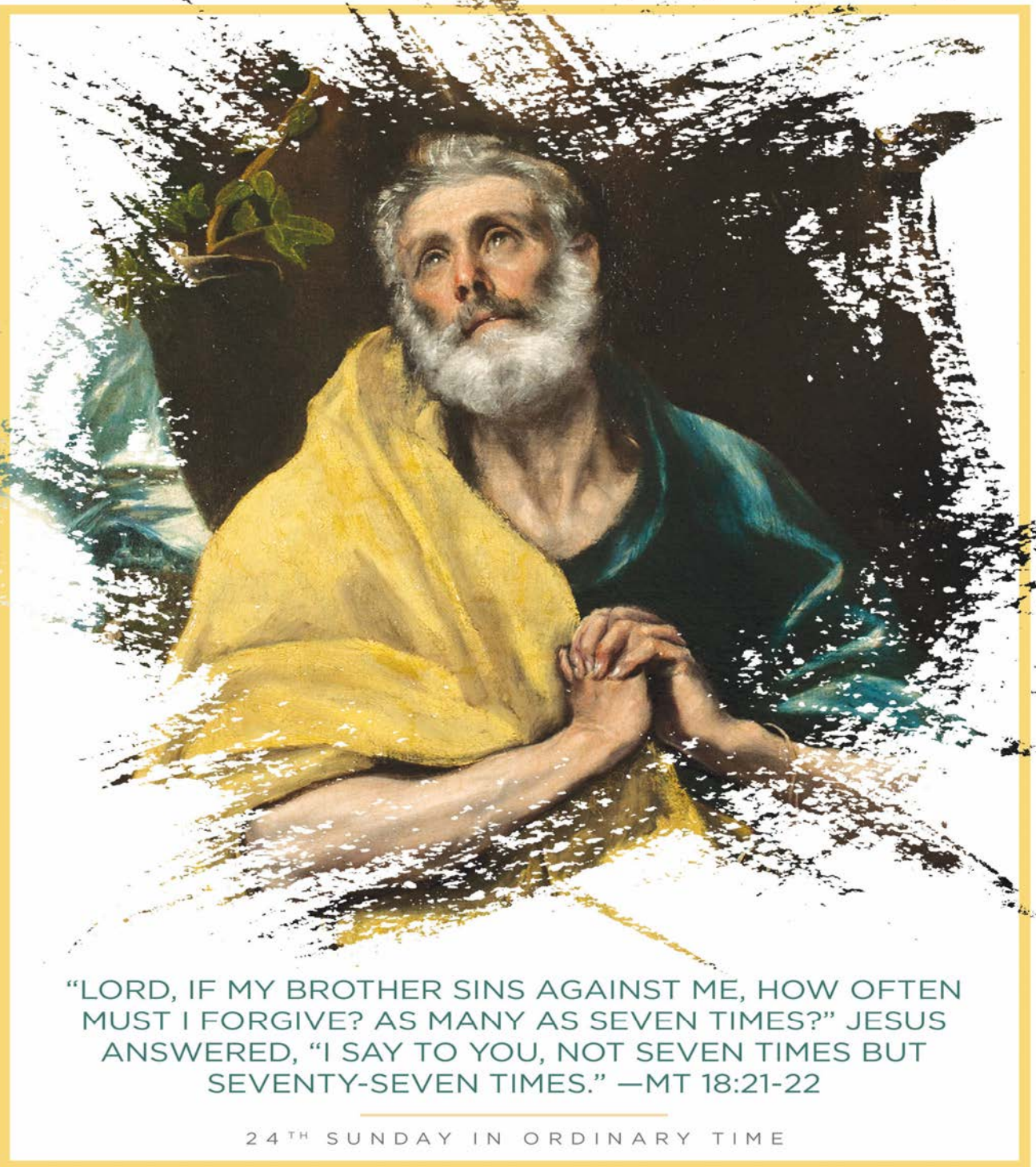


# *Christ the Servant Catholic Church*

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



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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**

Pointing the finger often makes it more difficult for the wrongdoer to recognize his mistake. Rather, the community must make him feel that, while it condemns the mistake, it is close with prayer and affection, ready to offer forgiveness.

Please continue to check our parish website, [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://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/UC1t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t).



**National Eucharistic Revival**

When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels & archangels standing by you, & trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth.

-Saint John Chrysostom



**CASH FOR FOOD**  
**Saturday, September 30**  
**Sunday, October 1**

Christ the Servant supports the West Suburban Food Pantry, Downers Grove Area FISH (includes Woodridge), and Blue Jeans for the Homeless.

Food items are very welcome, including canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. as well as personal care and paper products. Please drop off your food and product items in the parking lot before each mass.

**Cash donations are most appreciated.**

**Any cash amount is welcome!**  
**A Cash for Food Blue Donation Box will be available in the Narthex for your convenience.**

Please make checks payable to **Christ the Servant**. All cash and checks will be converted to food donations and distributed promptly.

*Thank you for attending to the needs of those less fortunate.*

**PEACE GARDEN STONES PAINTING**

On the weekend of **September 23-24, 2023**, there will be an opportunity to either paint a new stone or repaint a faded stone currently in the CTS Peace Garden just west of the church.



If you bring in a stone from the garden please wash it off and dry it before repainting. Acrylic markers and paint, brushes and directions will be provided. The stones will then be sprayed with clear acrylic paint before being placed in the garden. This takes a week. Thank you for your interest in keeping the Peace Garden looking lovely.



The flower arrangement on the altar is in loving memory of **Don Fassero** from his wife Tina

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

**Purchasing Manna Gift Cards**

CTS will have three more Manna sales this year. The due dates for orders will be October 8, November 5, December 3. A separate order form will be provided for each.

Thank you for all of your orders so far. In 2023 to date, the parish has received \$1500 from the program! We look forward to supplying your gift card needs. Contact [manna@ctswoodrige.org](mailto:manna@ctswoodrige.org) for more information."



**Upcoming Event!**  
 Electronics Recycling Event  
 Saturday, November 18  
 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am



**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](mailto: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, October 5, 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**



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

**Bavarian Blast!**

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 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. A sign-up sheet asking for snack food, paper goods and volunteers is also in the narthex.

**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)**



Classes are now in session! Welcome back!  
 You can still hurry and register!  
 Tuition increase September 25th!

## 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.

K		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			
1st	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			Remote any day
2nd		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM	Remote any day
3rd		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			Remote any day
4th			Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM	Remote any day
5th			Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM	Remote any day
6th			Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM		Remote any day
7th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day
8th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day

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

## 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.



## 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



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

Volunteers 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.





Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are 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.)



### Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

**July 6- September 24** Religious Formation Registration 2023-2024 (Tuition \$175)  
**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

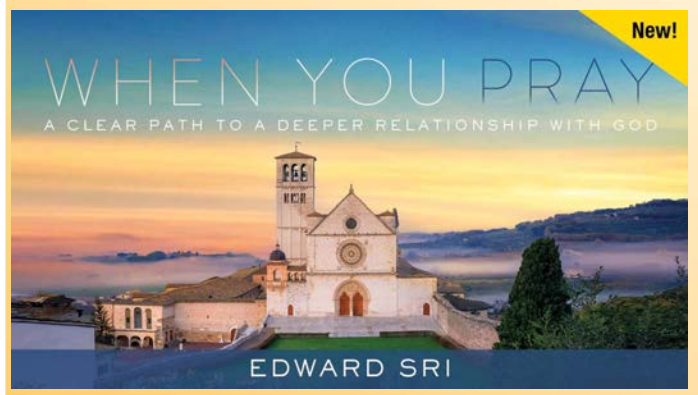
### Adult Sacrament Classes

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



### Youth Group

Thank you to all of the kids and adults who helped to make this summer's youth group so much fun! Keep an eye out for more events in the future!



### Religious Formation Sponsorship - Faith Forward



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their child or children to religious classes. To help our parents pay for Religious Formation classes, we have started a Religious Formation Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward, Christ the Servant Religious Formation'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

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

2023 GOAL \$43,500  
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$44,424 as of September 10, 2023  
 AMOUNT PAID: \$39,836  
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$4,588  
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 218  
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0  
*Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!!!*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 16

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. John & Nancy Arke  
 David Stenger, req. Roy & Donna Clavey  
 Almaia Custodio, Louisse, Matteo Domino, & Forrest  
 Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz  
 Dennis Prohaska, req. Pat & Debi Savage

### Sunday, September 17 - Catechetical Sunday

8:30 AM Stanislaw Wielgus, req. Barry J. Deron  
 Matthew Elapunkal, req. Clara Elapunkal  
 Jessica Marshall & Kathy Chandler, req. Chandler family  
 10:00 AM Gerald Wilmsem, req. Paul Wisdom family  
 James J., James G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale, req.  
 Frale family

### Monday, September 18

8:30 AM Religious Formation, req. Parish



### Tuesday, September 19

8:30 AM Regina Zdenovec, req. family  
 Harry J. Czaja, req. Arlene Czaja

### Wednesday, September 20-Sts. Andrew Kim

Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang  
 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to  
 heaven souls that are most forsaken.



### Thursday, September 21-St Matthew Apostle

8:30 AM People of the Parish

### Friday, September 22

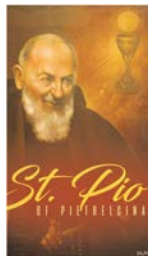
8:30 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, September 23-St Pius of Pietrelcina

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Julie & Scott Lucas  
 Harold Nemeck, req. Jackie Nemeck  
 Joan Omana, req. Carole Sullivan  
 Ida Kenny, req. Pat & Debi Savage

### Sunday, September 24-Priesthood Sunday

8:30 AM Raymond Edward, req. Gierut family  
 10:00 AM Deacon Fricke, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek  
 Frale family, req. John J. Frale



## Prayers for the Sick

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

*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

Sept 17—Sept 24

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/  
 Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

## 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*

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**Christine Goba**, Religious Formation

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**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director

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**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 17-Catechist

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

### Monday, September 18

8:30 am—daily mass  
7:00 pm—Admin/Finance meeting  
7:00 pm—P&SJ commission meeting

### Tuesday, September 19

8:30 am—daily mass  
12:30 pm—mahjong

### Wed, September 20

8:30 am—communion service

### Thursday, September 21

8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga

### Friday, September 22

8:30 am—communion service

### Saturday, September 23

4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, September 24

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
Peace garden stone painting

### Upcoming Events

**Sept 17:** Catechetical Sunday

**Sept 18-20:** RF classes K-8 this week

**Sept 18:** P&SJ commission 7:00 pm

**Sept 18:** Admin/Finance 7:00 pm

**Sept 21 & 22:** RF remote students

book pickup 3:00 to 5:00 pm

**Sept 23/24:** Painting a stone for the  
Peace Garden; join us in the narthex

**Sept 30:** Cash for Food Donations

**Oct 1:** Cash for Food Donations

**Oct 1:** Baptism 11:00 am

**Oct 1:** Pet Blessing—Noon

**Oct 7/8:** Hospitality in the narthex  
after masses

**Oct 8-15:** Undy Sunday collection

**Oct 13:** Bavarian Blast—6 pm

**Oct 21/22:** Knights of Columbus  
Tootsie roll sales

## 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: Sept 6—Sept 12

Sunday	\$ 4,062.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 3,747.00
General Funds	\$ 40.00
Restricted	\$ 825.00
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 391.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 9,065.00</b>

### Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 9,065.00
<b>Differential this period:</b>	<b>\$ 1,235.00</b>

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

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Mission Sunday:	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00

Debt to Diocese 8/31/2023  
\$13,250.00

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. 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.

*Any extra donations you wish to make toward the church will be used for maintenance of the building or grounds.*

## Creation Care Corner

### Celebrate the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. It starts September 1<sup>st</sup> and ends October 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a time of reflection on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This is a time of restoration and of hope, but also a time for action. It's a time we can take to educate ourselves on new ways of living with Creation that better care for both people and the planet. It's a time to craft plans and implement those changes.

As Pope Francis said, "this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions . . . calling for courageous decisions . . . directing the planet towards life, not death."