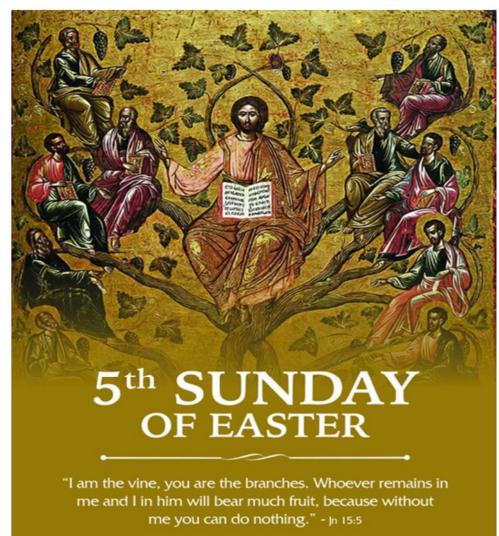
# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.* 8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 630-910-0770



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Sunday, April 28, 2024

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:45 pm Sunday: 8:30 am, and 10:00 am

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am, and Communion Service on Friday 8:30 am

The **Rosary** is prayed the first Friday of each month at 9:00 am in the Eucharistic Chapel.

#### **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.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you to Christ the Servant! Registration forms are available in the narthex by the Sacristy. Please feel free to ask a host member where to find forms, Religious Formation information & the bulletin.

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

**<u>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</u>**: Baptism is celebrated twice a month, first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:00 am. Patents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class, offered the first Thursday of each month. You must register for the preparation class by calling the parish office at: 630-910-0770.

**<u>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</u>**: 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.

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

The love we receive from the Lord is the force that transforms our lives and enables us to love. We are able to love only because He has loved us, because He pours His own Spirit of holiness into our hearts. His Love heals and transforms us. Francis' Tweet for the Week

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.

WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK The weekend of April 21-22, parish members took tags to purchase a specifying items the Exodus Welcome to America Pack. All items need to be NEW and returned to Church, this weekend, April 27/28.

The items will be delivered when we have the date and new home loca-



tion. You are welcome to help deliver the Pack and help set up the apartment. It can be a lot of fun! Let one of

#### Woodridge Knights Raffling Cubs Baseball Game Tickets

This weekend the Woodridge Knights will begin selling raffle tickets to win

Cubs baseball game tickets. Sales will continue in the narthex May 4/5 & May 18/19th.

The Knights are raffling three separate Cubs ticket packets. Packets are for different game dates. Games are played at Wrigley Field this summer. Buyer can choose the game date (s) to buy raffle tickets for. Knights will have three different envelopes for capturing tickets bought, one set of four tickets for each game. Games: Sunday, June 2, vs. Cincinnati Reds; Wednesday, June 19, vs. San Fran Giants; Thursday, July 4, vs. Philadelphia Phillies; Each game offers excellent seats. Tickets are \$5 for one or \$10 for 3 raffles. The drawing for the raffles will occur at the Knights meeting on May 22nd.

The Knights will also raffle Cubs vs. Sox tickets later in May or early June. The cross town game is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th at Sox ball park. The winner will be drawn at our meeting on July 24th.



Saying the Rosary Friday

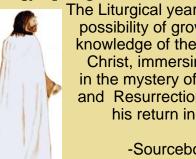
A small group will pray the Rosary for the Blessed Mother's intentions, for our mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, mothers who chose



life for their babies, and all who have done a motherly kindnesses. "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you", Isaiah 66:13.

Please join us at 9:00 am in the Eucharistic Chapel to pray the rosary.

#### Liturgy Spotlight . . . .



The Liturgical year is for us the possibility of growing in our knowledge of the mystery of Christ, immersing our life in the mystery of His Death and Resurrection. Awaiting his return in glory.

-Sourcebook, p. 181

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





#### Pray the Rosary - The Five First Saturdays at 4:00 pm

The First Five Saturdays devotion stimulates the spirit of reparation; it instills a tender love for the holy sacraments of confession and the

blessed Eucharist. It nurtures a holy affection for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Rosary. Above all, it is an excellent means to maintain one in the state of grace while immersed in the daily spiritual battles and prosaic existence in the world that we live in.

Saturday the rosary will be prayed at **4:00 pm** in the Chapel **on May 4.** 

Electronics Recycling Event, Textile & Book Collection Saturday, May 18th 8:30 am to 11:30 am The Green Team at Christ the Servant is hosting an Electronics Recycling Event and Book &Textile Collection on Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

#### What electronics will be collected?

Almost anything with a cord attached to it! This includes computer equipment, cell phones extension cords, copy machines, hard drives, etc. Televisions are costly to recycle. The electronic recycling company eWorks charges a fees for: CRT, flat screens, projection TV's monitors.

The recycling fees for these items: \$25 per unit for screens less than 21 inches. \$35 per unit for screens 21 inches or larger. Cash or Credit Cards are accepted. No Checks please.

#### What is unacceptable for this collection?

Large appliances, air conditioners, hazardous waste or mercury containing devices like light bulbs, thermostats, batteries, not accepted.

This Green Team event we are collecting new/ old clothing, sheets, household textiles. Please, no heavily soiled items. Items must be in plastic bags. In addition, we are collecting books, one box limit per car.

Remember, do not get out of your car. Space cars out. Exact change only. Do not sign the credit card receipt.

Financial Donations to support the Green Team service projects are greatly appreciated.



#### Save the Date



Mark your calendar now to reserve the date of Friday, May 17, 2024 @ 6 pm for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Night!

Sign up posters will go up soon. Come for a fun evening of comradery, food, drink and our ever popular Trivia Challenge! Prizes awarded to the winning team. Looking forward to seeing you there.





### Order gift cards through the Christ the Servant Manna program at no additional costs to you.

Manna gift card order forms are in the narthex on the large table by the door. Gift cards to local stores, gas stations and restaurants.

Orders are due Sunday, April 28 by 10:30 am. Gift cards will be available for pickup on May 4th & 5th or through the parish office.

# **Religious Formation News**

#### **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 instruc-

tion 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.

For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

# First Communion Dates

 May 4th at 11:00 am our First Communion class will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.



Please keep our First Communion class in your prayers that they might truly appreciate the gift of this most wonderful Sacrament.

## **Confirmation Reminders and News**



#### **Confirmation Date**

Christ the Servant's Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Conlon, **May 14th at 7:00** pm here at Christ the Servant Church. Confirmation practice is Wednesday, **May 8th at 7:00**, a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

#### Confirmation Paperwork

Students who are preparing to receive Confirmation this year are should turning in their required paperwork.

#### **Confirmation Retreat**

All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, May 11 from 9:50- 2:00pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.



Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this <u>most important Sacrament</u>.

#### **Religious Formation Spring Art Show 2024**



The Religious Formation Art Show will be the weekends of April 27-May 5. RF student are asked to submit artwork that they would like to display in the Spring Art show. Parents don't forget to keep saving your Child's artwork so the piece can be displayed.





## April 29, 30 and May 1 is the Last Religious Formation Classes of the Year

Have a great summer everyone! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our faith and love of God with your children. It is always a great blessing to get to work with such wonderful families during the school year. Thank you, parents, for your help and all your efforts. May God bless you with a joyful summer!



### Early Registration for Religious Formation

This year we are providing early registering for the 2023-2022 Religious Formation classes. RF registration information forms will be handed out to students at

class time and can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and the back of church.

Whatever it takes, we are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

### **Religious Formation Upcoming Dates**

April 24 Last Day to Turn in Artwork for Spring Art Show

April 27-May 5 Weekend Spring RF Student's Art Show

April 27 (Saturday) 1st Communion Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

April 29/30/May 1 Last Classes

May 4 (Saturday) 1st Communion Mass 11:00 a.m.

May 8, 7:00pm (Wednesday) Confirmation Rehearsal

May 11 (Saturday) Confirmation Retreat

May 14, 7:00pm (Tuesday) Confirmation

May 19 (Sunday) MASS May Crowning at all Masses

June 10-14 VBS Vacation Bible School Scuba

#### ממממממממממממממממממממממממ **Calling All Youth Singers**

Calling all youth singers K-12th Grade! We need your voice to complete the First Communion Mass with beautiful music!

Mass with beautiful music! Singing is praying twice! First Communion is Saturday, May 4th, at 11am. The Children's choir will be rehearsing on the following Thursdays: April 11 - 4:45-6pm April 18 - 4:45-6pm April 25 - 4:45-6pm May 2 - 4:45-6pm The Children's Choir will be led by Linda Kurtz & Christy Lucarelli. To join or receive more infor-mation, please call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org at cgoba@rcdoj.org

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### 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.)

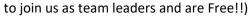


### **CTS's Religious Formation Invites Children to VBS Scuba: Diving into** friendship with God!



A summer kids' event called Scuba VBS will be hosted at Christ the Servant from June 10 to June 14. At Scuba, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out sciency-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Scuba is for kids from kindergarten to 4th grade and will run from 9:30 to 11:45 each day. The cost is \$70 and includes a T-shirt. (Kids 5th grade and older are welcomed





This exciting, first-of-its-kind vouth event will be held at Lewis University on June 1, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. An unforgettable one-day conference dedicated to

transforming the lives of 8th - 12th graders into passionate and joyful disciples, participants will:

- Engage with national keynote speakers
- Experience uplifting praise and worship
- Deepen their faith through Eucharistic adoration
  - Find renewal in Reconciliation Cost: \$75/person

Christ the Servant is planning on taking our 7th grade (currently in 7th) thru high school to Illuminate Joliet Youth Day