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.
The design that God has for each one of us is always a design of love. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to that call, offering one’s entire being to the service of God and the brothers and sisters.

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.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.

Christmas Thank You’s!

The seniors living at Woodridge Horizon were thrilled with the generosity of Christ the Servant parishioners. Here are a couple of their notes:

“You are too good to be true! All the other gifts, and now another surprise Gift Card to Meijer! Thank you so much! You’re all so dear—God Bless you—Love u All, Mona”

“For everything you have done...for everything you have given...Thank You. Happy New Year. Have a healthy and wealthy life in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior! Amen. Blessings, Rita”

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

**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 4, 7:00 PM

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**Creation Care Corner**

Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us, Mother Earth

“Let ours be a time remembered for... the firm resolve to achieve sustainability... and the joyful celebration of life.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

**THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:**

Be Salt Wise This Winter.

Salt can infiltrate and permanently pollute groundwater and streams. Use the minimal amount needed.

1. **Shovel** - Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice.
2. **Scatter** - If you use salt, scatter it so that there is space between the grains. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway.
3. **Switch** - When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt won’t work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter that works at lower temperatures (i.e., Calcium chloride).
4. **Store Correctly** - Store ice melting products in airtight containers to maintain maximum effectiveness.

For information, visit: [www.wisaltwise.com](http://www.wisaltwise.com).

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**Respect for All Life**

“Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? … Even a woman who doesn’t go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.”

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Religious Formation

This Week for Religious Formation Classes
Hybrid classes will again be meeting in person for classes starting Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday, January 27.

Hybrid grades 2, 3 and 4 will meet for class on January 26 and Hybrid class for grade 8 will meet for class on January 27. All other classes will continue with the class work on Flipgrid. Hybrid classes grades 1 and 5 will meet for class on February 2 and Hybrid class for grades 6 and 7 will meet on February 3. All other classes will continue with the class work on Flipgrid.

Forgiveness Day Workshop Rescheduled
All students preparing to make their 1st Reconciliation this year should attend the parents and child 1st Reconciliation workshop/retreat “Forgiveness Day.”

This in-person event is rescheduled for 10:00-12:00, Saturday January 23 and is an important part of the preparation for First Reconciliation. Thank you for your involvement in the preparation of your child for this special event.

Religious Formation is forming a Core Group of high school students.
We are of building a community of high school students who are committed to building their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic tradition, spirituality, and theology, come hang out with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping out please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

What Religious Formation Classes are Studying
As part of Christ the Servant’s Religious Formation classes, some of our students have been learning about how God reveals Himself to us in His Word, through Sacred Scripture. They learned that Sacred Scripture, the Bible, is the written record of God’s revelation of Himself. God wanting to make Himself known to His creation, revealed Himself and His loving plan for us in words and deeds. The kids were taught that God continued this self-revelation throughout Salvation History, culminating in the Incarnation, when God became man in the Person of Jesus Christ. In the opening words of John’s Gospel, “In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God … and the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1, 14). Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Word of God, was present with God in the beginning and is God Himself. The kids discussed how the Word became flesh and entered into human history and how He revealed fully the glory of God, who is truth itself. In Jesus Christ, God has spoken His one, perfect, unsurpassable Word and completely revealed Himself.

In addition, the class covered how Scripture possesses great power in our lives. Not only do we meet our Lord through it, but, as St. Paul reminds us, it is useful for “teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16) and is capable of cutting directly to our deepest selves, discerning the “reflections and thoughts of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). In Scripture we find our manual for living life, for teaching others about the Faith, and for defending the Faith. Scripture also speaks directly to each of us. The class ends with the thought that just as we spend time with loved ones in order to know them, so too must we spend time with the Lord and hear His voice in the Word.

New Kindergarten Class
Religious Formation is now offering a Kindergarten class at our Tuesday afternoon sessions. The kindergarten class will meet in person every other week for instruction and fun. For more information or to sign up your child, please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

Helpers are needed for online learning and in person.
Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? 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. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcojoj.org for more information.
Alarming Effects of Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence

Domestic violence (DV) takes many forms, including chronic arguing and yelling, controlling behaviors, intimidation, threats of suicide or murder, threats involving weapons, and serious injuries. There is always, however, a destructive undercurrent of power and control, with offenders commonly and compulsively grasping for in a surrogate the control that is lacking within themselves. Any pattern of behaviors in intimate relationships marked by coercive control can be a signal or foreshadowing of abuses.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported that in homes where violence between partners occurs, there is a 45% to 60% chance of co-occurring child abuse, a rate 15 times higher than the average. Even when they are not physically attacked, children witness 68% to 80% of domestic assaults. These numbers are a sobering reminder of the toll a violent environment takes on kids.

The psychological aftermath of exposure to DV can include fear of harm or abandonment, excessive worry or sadness, guilt, inability to experience empathy or guilt, habitual lying, low frustration tolerance, emotional distancing, poor judgment, shame, and fear about the future.

A growing body of literature has revealed that children who have been exposed to DV are more likely than their peers to experience a wide range of difficulties, from anger and oppositional behavior, to fear, low self-worth and withdrawal, to poor sibling, peer, and social relationships. Studies have found evidence of much higher rates of pro-violence attitudes, rigid stereotypical gender beliefs involving male privilege, animal abuse, bullying, assault, property destruction, and substance abuse.

In so many cases, it is difficult for those outside of these family systems to know with sufficient clarity what is going on, and it is often difficult to know how best to intervene. And unfortunately, the reality is that in many cases, meaningful intervention occurs only after a child has endured direct and continued exposure to DV.

Thank goodness there are protective factors that can mitigate the worst impacts, including a child’s literacy and overall intelligence, the extent to which the child is outgoing and socially competent, and whether the child has safe and supportive relationships with at least one influential adult (Carlson, 2000; Edleson, 2011; Hughes, et al., 2001).

As a society, we have an opportunity and responsibility to inject resiliency through academic, emotional, and social support. We must all grapple with whether there are ways we might more effectively intervene within our families, schools, and communities to instigate help and healing.

By Blake Griffin Edwards LMFT from Psychology Today

At-large member for PPC

The Parish Pastoral Council is the lay leadership of the parish. Ideally, it is made up of a representative from each of the five commissions (Admin/Finance, Religious Formation, Worship, Parish Life, and Christian Service/Peace & Social Justice), plus a Youth Member (high school/college age), and two to four representatives at-large.

Again, in an ideal world, members come onto the Council for a three-year term. Only two members of the current council have any time left on their terms, so if you feel called to have a voice in decisions made by the Council, please contact current Chairperson Elena H. Elena721@sbcglobal.net.

Meetings are generally on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, sitting socially distanced in the narthex.
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Richard Peslak and Joseph Lanzillo

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. Darlene Januska
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 24
8:30 AM Diomedes Ragasa, r. Steve & Angie Mrozinski
10:00 AM Alice Maltese, r. Rosanne Maltese
Caterina Perricone, r. Onofria Perricone
Lottie Bugay, r. Deacon Rod & Chestine Accardi

Monday, January 25
8:30 AM Colin Broussear, Sp. Int, r. Bob & Lou Schiller

Tuesday, January 26
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory, r. Alvarez Cordon family

Wednesday, January 27
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 28
8:30 AM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy

Friday, January 29—Communion service or mass
8:30 AM

Saturday, January 30
4:45 PM Richard Peslak, r. Donna Mays
Sophie Krol, r. Helene Fosco
Marjorie Pfeifer, r. Helene Fosco
Andrew Iovito, Sr, r. Andie Wolfe

Sunday, January 31
8:30 AM Sister Rosemary Ward, r. Andie Wolfe
People of the Parish
10:00 AM JoAnn Accardi, r. Donna Mays

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 corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

Bible Readings—Jan. 24-Jan. 31

SUNDAY: Jon 3:1-5,10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20
MONDAY: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Mk 16:15-18
TUESDAY: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Mk 3:31-35
WEDNESDAY: Heb 10:11-18 / Mk 4:1-20
THURSDAY: Heb 10:19-25 / Mk 4:21-25
FRIDAY: Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34
SATURDAY: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 / Mk 4:35-41
SUNDAY: Dt 18:15-20 /1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar
Dick DuSatko
Faith Ann Fialek
John M. Foresman
Eric Hanson
Carol Hendrich
George Gustafson
Tedd Jank
Darlene Januska
Rayna Januska
Jackie Marquis Jarvis
Steve Jasewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Barb Kosiek
Sally Krueger
S. Suzanne Lesniewski
Daniel Loris
Joyce Maples
Chuck Neal
Anthony Nowak
Carol Paul
Linda Pennock
Kim Peterson
Alie Phillips
Lolti Ranchero
Allison Riley

We pray for the Deceased

Cesar Banias
Rudy Cabigas
Ma. Lourdes

We pray for those who Serve

Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
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
Jim Kikilas, godson of Pat & Debi Savage
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God’s blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.
There is a certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021**

Parish Expenses $  7,700.00  
Debt Payment 2,600.00  
Total Needed $   10,300.00  

**CONTRIBUTIONS Jan 13-Jan 19:**  
Sunday 1/10          2,803.00  
Sunday other forms         4,275.00  
General Funds          1,155.00  
Restricted Use          1,115.00  
Debt Reduction             288.00  
Total Contributed   $      9,636.00  

**Differential this week:**  
Needed    $   10,300.00  
Reported         9,636.00  
Deficit this period:  ($      664.00)  

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

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Diocesan Cemeteries               20.00  
Latin America               30.00  
Debt to Diocese 12/31/2020    $372,924  
Registered Households—765  

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

**Did you know…**this weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Thank you for being as generous as you are able. (Donations will be accepted next week, too.)

**Leave a Legacy.**
To donate stocks, visit www.diocesefojilet.org and click on “Donate”, then click on “Stock Donations or call the Development office at 815-221-6100 for information.