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

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with the Risen Lord.

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.

CTS Capital Contribution Challenge

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Over 55 Ladies Club

We’re back! If you feel comfortable going to a restaurant for lunch, now is the time you can start feeling normal again! (Kind of, at least.)

Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, May 11, 1:30 PM at

3 Corners Grill & Tap
7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove
(It used to be Fuddrucker’s)

You must call Andie W or Tina F.
New members welcome!

Outpatient Trial Opportunity

Would you like to participate in a clinical trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of varying types of blood thinners to treat adults diagnosed with COVID-19?

This ACTIV-4 outpatient trial investigates whether anticoagulants or antithrombotic therapy can reduce life-threatening cardiovascular or pulmonary complications in newly diagnosed COVID-19 patients who do not require hospital admission. Participants are assigned to take either a placebo, aspirin, or a low or therapeutic dose of the blood thinner apixaban.

To obtain more information about this opportunity, please contact Kathy Sanders at 630-626-8180 or email ksandersresearch@gmail.com. All you have to do to sign up is to contact Kathy. You will not have to leave your home for any testing.

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

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.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Friday Holy Hour

Spend some time with the Lord in prayer. You can really do this any time and anywhere, but it’s special to visit the Lord in the Eucharistic Chapel. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Pray the Divine Chaplet. And let the Lord communicate with you as well as you with the Lord.

The First Friday Holy Hour takes place immediately after the 8:30 am service, beginning in the Eucharistic Chapel. No reservations necessary.

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 Fricke at 630-985-5266.

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, May 6, 7:00 PM

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 4/25/21

Thank you for your generous support of the Shining the Light of Christ 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

2021 GOAL $40,700 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $40,275
AMOUNT PAID: $33,390 REMAINING BALANCE: $6,885
DONORS THIS YEAR: 186 (28 less than last year)

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!

Creation Care Corner

Celebrating the Anniversary of Pope Francis’ transformational encyclical, Laudato Si’.

“Care for Creation” and Laudato Si’ (Part I)

- The Pope’s encyclical, Laudato Si’, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching.
- Francis, like his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our “common home”, which is like our sister.
- But we are damaging this familial relationship as we seriously degrade the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to adjust to the changing environment: the poor and future generations.
- The Pope encourages people to examine and change their lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.
- Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”
- By taking personal action and reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can meet our obligation to reduce our impact on the environment while creating a sustainable future for generations to follow.

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

This Week for Religious Formation Classes
This week: Hybrid classes grades 1 and 2 will meet for class on May 4 for their final class of the school year. Grades 3, 4 will continue with the class work on Flipgrid.

Class times are Tuesday 4:45-6:00pm
Wednesday 6:30-7:45pm

Congratulations First Communion Class
Congratulations go out to our First Communion class who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday, May 1, 2021.
We extend our sincere thanks to our catechists, Madeline Morales and to the parents, godparents, relatives and friends who have inspired and helped our First Communicants to this important step in their initiation into the Body of Christ and his sacramental Mysteries.

Religious Formation’s Spring Art Show
The RF Spring Art Show is Held Over for another week so be sure and stop by after Mass this weekend to view the Religious Formation student’s artwork.

Confirmation Class
May 8 our Confirmandi will attend a retreat and May 13 they will be confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers that they truly be open to receiving all that God wishes to bestow on them in the Sacrament of Confirmation and that their hearts be set on fire with the love of the Holy Spirit.

Calling all high schoolers:
Let’s have some fun! Christ the Servant is currently planning their Summer Youth Program and we want your input! We are sending out an email survey, parents please watch your email for your high schoolers survey. Contact Christine Goba at cgoba@rdoj.org or 630-910-0770 for more information.

Coming June 28-30!
Treasured VBS: Discovering you’re priceless to God.
A summer kids’ event called Treasured VBS will be hosted at Christ the Servant from June 28 to 30. At Treasured, kids discover God’s greatest treasure isn’t diamonds, gems, or gold – it’s them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and 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 Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.
Kids at Treasured VBS will join a mission project effort to provide mosquito nets for draping over beds to protect kids while they sleep. The nets will be distributed all over the world—wherever mosquitoes may carry malaria.
Treasured is for kids from 5 to 9 and will run from 9:30 to 11:45 each day. Cost to participate is $30 For more info, call Christine at 630-629-0724.

We now have a subscription to FORMED!
Bread for the World Offering of Letters  
May 1-2, 2021

Below is the letter that can be printed and sent to the two U.S. Senators and Rep. Bill Foster. Their local office addresses are:

230 S. Dearborn       230 S. Dearborn            815 N. Larkin Ave.
Suite 3892                  Suite 3900                  Suite 206
Chicago, IL 60604        Chicago, IL 60604        Joliet, IL 60435

If you do not know your U.S. Representative, go to: find my U.S. Representative, put in your zip code + 4 digits and the website will tell you who the Representative is and the local address.

Dear Sen. Durbin and Sen. Duckworth  Dear Rep.____________,

Hunger is reaching historic levels. The Pandemic continues to increase the effects of hunger and poverty here and around the world. I am asking Congress to:

· Reauthorize and strengthen national child nutrition programs, including school meals and WIC.
· Make permanent the 15% increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
· Make permanent the summer EBT program so children get nutrition when school is out of session.
· Make the Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan Permanent.
· Increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs.

My faith calls me to stand with the poor and vulnerable here and around the world.

Sincerely,

Name: _______________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, State, Zip Code+ 4_____________________________

Another option is to go to: bread.org/go. The letter is prewritten. Enter your information including Zip Code + 4 digits and the letter will automatically go to the IL Senators and your Representative.

The Joliet Diocese would like to know the number of letters sent from each parish. Please call Karen J at 630-969-7644 and leave a message stating how many letters your household sent. No need to say who is calling, just give the count.

Thank you for taking the time to advocate for ending hunger in the U.S. and abroad.

Programs for Ministers of Care

This program is designed for people preparing to become Ministers of Care of Visitors of the Sick in a parish setting. A Certificate will be given to all who attend four sessions. Permission to be a minister of Care in any parish must be received by a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Cost of $50/person, registration is required (check made payable to Sister of Mercy). The next sessions are scheduled for September 11 & 18, 2021, from 9 am-1 pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road in Darien. A registration form is available in the parish office, or call 630-969-4141.

Diocesan policy suggests that every three years Ministers of Care receive updating for their ministry. To help parishes fulfill this requirement, this renewal opportunity will give current Ministers of Care the opportunity to take a second look at the skills and Theology of this important ministry. Certificates of renewal will be given at these sessions. Cost for the renewal session is $20/person, registration is required. The renewal session is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9-10:30 am.
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
John & Esther Michalek

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1
4:45 PM  Sister Rosemary Ward, r. Steve & Karen Jackson
Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrusis

Sunday, May 2
8:30 AM  Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrusis
People of the Parish
10:00 AM  Antonio Rivera, r. Chat Viacrusis

Monday, May 3
8:30 AM  Angela Trunzo, Sp. Int., r. Bernie Kestler

Tuesday, May 4
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 5
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

Thursday, May 6
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

Friday, May 7—Communion Service or Mass
8:30 AM

Saturday, May 8
4:45 PM  Richard Peslak, r. Ed & Ann Polan
Pauline Dennis, r. Pat & Debi Savage
Joseph Antiporek, Jr, r. Antiporek family

Sunday, May 9
8:30 AM  Josephine Borkowski, r. Ciolek family
Freda Klacza, r. Ciolek family
Douglas Townsend, r. family
10:00 AM  Betty Peterek, r. Ed & Fran Fleming
Beth Ann Januska, r. Darlene Januska & family
Lily Mary & Inna Reddy
Diomedes Ragasa, r. Ed & Fran Fleming
People of the Parish

We pray for the Sick

Greg Basta   Jean Henry   Lolit Ranchero
Ken Bastuga   Eleanor Jahn   Mike Renth
Dave Billings   Rayna Januska   Dick Rosenbeck
Joan Billings   Jackie Marquis Jarvis   John Rossi
Sharon Bhaskar   Jeanne Jordan   Jim Sanders
Pat Chuchla   Derek Kaunelis   Rita Sisko
Bob Cleary   Barb Kosiek   Dan Szymanski
Mari Cleary   S. Suzanne Lesniewski   Frank Tiesenga
Patti Crimer   Patti Luchetti   Joseph Tomaeo, Jr
Dick DuSatko   Cathy Magee   Shirley Tomaeno
Faith Ann Fialek   Joyce Maples   Hanh Truong
Lauren Fields   Chuck Neal   Mary Vanderplow
Phil Florek   Kelsey Neal   Bill Wagner
John M. Foresman   Anthony Nowak   Joan Zaitlen
Michael Harris   Linda Pennock
Carol Hendrich   Alie Phillips

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.

We pray for the Deceased

Elisa Joson
(mother of Ramon)
Rev. Tom Tivy

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
Patrick Pendergast, son of Dave & Toni Pendergast
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.

Bible Readings—May 2-May 9

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
In today’s Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted, or joined to Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021
Parish Expenses $  7,700.00
Debt Payment      2,600.00
Total Needed $   10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Apr 21-Apr 27:
Sunday 4/18          2,575.00
Sunday other forms         2,576.00
General Funds             150.00
Restricted             385.00
Debt Reduction             250.00
Total Contributed   $      5,936.00

Capital Ctrb Challenge (see page 2)
Differential this period: Needed    $    10,300.00
Reported          5,936.00
Deficit this period:  ($   5,049.00)

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Home Missions   $        130.00
Diocesan Cemeteries              20.00
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Registered Households—768
God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

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

Office Hours
Monday—Friday.........................9:00 AM—4:30 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

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Commission Chairpersons
Elena Haas, Pastoral Council Chair
Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance
Position Open, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Barb Kosiek, Worship

Upcoming Events
May 13: Confirmation, 7 pm
May 22: Electronics Recycling Event, 8:30-11:30 am
May 31: Memorial Day Holiday; offices closed
June 28-30: Vacation Bible School, 9:30-11:45 am

Calendar of Events
Sunday, May 2
8:30 am—mass. Reserve your spot.
10:00 am—mass. Reserve your spot.
11:00 am—Baptism
Monday, May 3
8:30 am—daily mass
Tuesday, May 4
8:30 am—daily mass
4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes 1,5
Wednesday, May 5
8:30 am—daily mass
6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes 6,7
Thursday, May 6
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class
Friday, May 7
8:30 am—daily service
First Friday Holy Hour follows
Saturday, May 8
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