Christ the Servant Catholic Church  
Serving God from your Heart

We celebrate the freedom to worship.

Christ the Servant Parish has our doors wide open to welcome all to come together as a community and thank the Lord for our many gifts, welcoming us back to worshipping at church.

It was fast when we had to shut down in the spring of 2020. Now that we are in the summer of 2021, we are easing back into pre-Covid worship. We encourage all to come through our doors each week. Visit the Diocesan website www.dioceseofjoliet.org to view a “Welcome Back” video from our bishop, Ronald Hicks. Please come worship with your parish family.

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.
CTS Capital Contribution Challenge

We are slowly approaching our goal of $220,000. Are you able to help us get there?

As of June 29, we still need $13,355 to reach our pledge goal.
Pledge cards are available at the check-in table, or donate online, choosing “other”, with “CCC” in the memo.

Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity!

2021 Waterleaf Baby Bottle Campaign

Christ the Servant is participating in the Waterleaf Virtual Baby Bottles for Life Campaign to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected support the life-affirming programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic in Aurora. Participation is easy: Donate Online: Visit: http://www.fundeasy.com/m/5221010/ and make your donation at this secure site.

1 “virtual bottles” holds $30.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. Below is our progress—we have met our goal in pledges. After the next $3100 in paid pledges, we start earning a rebate.

- **2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 6/27/21**
- **2021 GOAL: $40,700**
- **AMOUNT PLEDGED: $43,095**
- **AMOUNT PAID: $38,550**
- **REMAINING BALANCE: $4,545**
- **DONORS THIS YEAR: 203** (13 less than last year)

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

The next Manna Sale has started! Order forms are available in the Narthex. An Excel version of the form can be emailed to you. Email manna@ctswoodridge.org to receive one. (Questions? Call Bill C). Manna cards protect your identity, make great gifts, and a percentage of your purchase stays to help Christ the Servant!

Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10 am mass on July 11 will be ready for pickup July 17/18.

**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, July 1, 7:00 PM**

**Creation Care Corner**

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

“... the moral implications underlying the ecological problem is the lack of respect for life...” — Pope John Paul II

**THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:**

**Compost.** Food scraps and yard waste together currently make up about 30 percent of what we throw away, so consider composting instead. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Your compost can then be used to enrich soil and reduce the need for fertilizer. For convenience, try using an airtight receptacle in your kitchen for interim storage of scraps to reduce trips to your outdoor composter. More info at https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home

**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Religious Formation

Vacation Bible School: Treasured

Sixteen children thoroughly enjoyed Vacation Bible School this past week! Three days of hearing how they are Treasured by God. Three days of fun and song.

The groups, Chewie, Ruby & Grace, made crafts, had treats, played games and celebrated the love of God!

Sacraments

Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation is 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.)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 4, 2021

WATCH
JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the “Pilgrim Pope.”

LEARN
FORMED NOW! CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND BASEBALL

What better time to discuss America’s favorite pastime than the week of July 4th!Baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you’ll be reminded of your mission to be safe at home!

LISTEN
WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Adm. Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony in this talk!

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3. Enter your name and email
The Power of Nature

Many thanks to the people who have contributed to relief for the tornado victims. Your gifts will go to these homeowners and others with tornado damage.

While the damage is terrible, the unity of the people helping people in our community is a beautiful thing to behold.

Jim M helps Deacon John Vidmar and Deacon Joe Winblad from the Archdiocese of Chicago "Hope’s on the Way" as they dropped off buckets filled with cleaning supplies on June 23, 2021 at Christ the Servant Parish in Woodridge in the Diocese of Joliet that were given to tornado victims in Woodridge and Naperville IL. After touching down in Naperville, an EF-3 tornado ripped through Woodridge and Darien, IL late on June 20.

(Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)
We pray for the Sick

John Berger            Eleanor Jahn            Dick Rosenbeck
Sharon Bhaskar         Raynor Januska          John Rossi
James Brabec           Jackie Marquis Jarvis    Jim Sanders
Pat Chang              Jeanne Jordan          Dan Szymanski
Pat Chuchla            Barb Kosiek             Frank Tiesenga
Patti Crimer           Karen Kripas           Joseph Tomaeno Jr
Dinnocenzo family      Suzanne Lesniewski      Shirley Tomaeno
Leslie Dunlap          Joyce Maples            Mary Vanderplow
Dick DuSatko           Chuck Neal              Arthur Valliere
Faith Ann Fialek       Kelsey Neal             Bill Wagner
Lauren Fields          Anthony Nowak            Betty Zoucha
John M. Foresman
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 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
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—July 4-July 11

**SUNDAY:** Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a
**MONDAY:** Gn 28:10-22a / Mt 9:18-26
**TUESDAY:** Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38
**WEDNESDAY:** Gn 41:55-58;42:5-7a,17-24a / Mt 10:1-7
**THURSDAY:** Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15
**FRIDAY:** Gn 46:1-7,28-30 / Mt 10:16-23
**SATURDAY:** Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a / Mt 10:24-33
**SUNDAY:** Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 / Mk 6:7-13
This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.” May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS June 23-29:
Sunday 6/20 3,894.00
Sunday other forms 2,532.00
General Funds 220.00
Restricted 643.43
Debt Reduction 475.00
Total Contributed $ 7,764.43

Capital Ctrb Challenge (see page 2)
Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported 7,764.43
Deficit this period: $ 2,535.57

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Priests’ Care & Support 308.00
Peter’s Pence 35.00
Diocesan Cemeteries 30.00
Disaster/Tornado Relief 60.00

Debt to Diocese 5/31/2021 $316,897
Registered Households—768

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

Did you know…July 1 marks the beginning of our fiscal year. With the help of two PPP loans, our parish has been able to stay afloat. With the help of our many donors, we have even been able to work toward raising fund to re-shingle the roof, replace the HVAC units, and we’ve even got almost enough money to rebuild the original parking lot. Many thanks to all who have helped contribute to the financial well-being of your parish. Thank you.