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

God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love.

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.

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**CTS Capital Contribution Challenge**

The regular update will return next week. In the meantime, we wish to offer thanks to the many people who have contributed to the campaign thus far!

Thanks to your generosity, the re-shingling of the roof has been completed, protecting the interior from rain damage.

Soon, the new HVAC units should be arriving. These are high efficiency units, utilizing ionizers to keep the air fresh and free of viruses.

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**The altar flowers this week are in memory of RoseMary DiVincenzo.**

Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. ($35 suggested donation.) Make sure you identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.

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**Shingles Delivery Day**

We are now within $10,000 of our goal of $220,000. With your support to reach the goal, you will be parking on a new parking lot sometime this fall.

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**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.

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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, Sept 2, 7:00 PM**

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**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR---Sept. 3rd**

First Friday Holy Hour will begin after the service on Friday, September 3. This month the focus is: Prayers for all pre-school, elementary, high school, college, religious education students, and their teachers as they start a new school year. May they be safe as they pursue their studies with confidence, determination, and a heart to love learning something new each day. St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Students, pray for students and teachers.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8)

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**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 and ends October 4th. It’s a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creature inhabiting it. This “time for creation” offers, in the words of Pope Francis, “individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...”.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that “we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation”. Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.” (LS 139). Advocating for Creation Care helps safeguard the inheritance the Creator has given us, ... an inheritance essential to our well-being. Pope Benedict XVI told us that protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of Creation.

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Religious Formation News

Registration
Classes begin Sept 7, so get registered now! Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education classes continues for Christ the Servant and Our Lady of Peace parishes. We are excited about the upcoming religious education classes and the events that we have planned to help you and your children grow in faith, appreciate God’s love, and participate in the sacramental life of the Church. We ask that you take a moment to help us in our efforts to prepare for this coming year by registering your student as soon as possible! Registration forms can be picked up in the narthex of Christ the Servant, in the parish office of Our Lady of Peace or on the CTS website for your convenience. Thank you, parents, for enrolling your children in our religious education program! We are blessed to be part of your family’s faith journey and appreciate your dedication to raising your children in our Catholic faith. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Christine Goba at 630-986-8430.

Sacraments
Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation is genuinely happy to be able to work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments are God’s great gift to humanity 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.)

First Class
Religious Education classes will begin September 7 and 8 with an open house. Families are asked to join us as we celebrate and pray for our new RE year. Parents and students will be able to meet and talk to their new catechist, see the new building, enjoy hospitality and fun activities. The open house will end with a brief prayer service and blessing in the Our Lady of Peace church. I look forward to getting to meet everyone and showing off all of our plans for Religious Education.

We have a subscription to FORMED!
FORMED.org is an on-line platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, eBooks, and talks –

There are 3 easy steps to Sign Up
1. Visit http://signup.formed.org/
2. Enter our parish zip (60517) or name
3. Enter your name and email

FORMED NOW: POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop’s help. In response, he said, “the son of those tears surely will not perish.” Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica’s tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.

LISTEN
LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST: HE SHOWED US THE WAY BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

WATCH
INTO THE BREACH – EPISODE 3: LEADERSHIP
Among many other things, Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for his incredible pastoral presence and servant leadership. In honor of this magnificent Saint, enjoy this episode of Into the Breach! Although primarily targeted at men, this video and its emphasis on service will be fruitful to anyone who desires sanctity and self-mastery!
Christ the Servant—
September, 2021

Our Parish’s Anniversary

September 2 7:00 pm  Baptism Preparation Class
September 5 11:00 am  Baptisms
September 6 all day  Labor Day. Offices closed.
September 7 4:30-5:45 pm  RF Open House at OLP
September 7 6:00-7:15 pm  RF Open House at OLP
September 8 6:00-7:15 pm  RF Open House at OLP
September 11/12  Stewardship of Time Sunday
September 11/12  Cash For Food Drive
September 13 7:00 pm  RF Commission
September 18 9:00 am  Worship Commission
September 18 TBD  Welcome Back Ministers Training
September 19 11:00 am  Baptisms
September 20 7:00 pm  Admin/Finance Commission
September 20 7:00 pm  Peace & Social Justice Committee
September 27 7:00 pm  Parish Pastoral Council
September 28 1:30 pm  Ladies Lunch Out TBA
September 28 7:00 pm  Peace & Social Justice Presentation

ANNIVERSARY MASS
Join us as we celebrate Christ the Servant’s “30 + 1” Anniversary of the first mass in our Parish. Come worship as we mark this occasion on Sunday, September 19 at the 10 am mass. Everyone is invited to come mark our journey into the future with special prayers and blessings!

PARISH PICNIC
Our Parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 12 to 4 pm on the Parish grounds. It will look a little different because of Covid. It will be BYOP (bring your own picnic lunch) and CTS will provide safely served cake and iced water. There will be music, 50/50 raffle, games and bingo with prizes! We’ll also have a table set up to paint new and refurbish old stones for our Peace Garden. Welcome fall and getting together as a community and join in the fun. Masks always welcome so don't miss the fun!
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Ed Ohlinger & Joseph Do Van Cu

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 28
4:45 PM Leo Gross, r. Donna Mays
   Richard Peslak, r. Helene Peslak
   RoseMary DiVincenzo, r. Vince DiVincenzo

Sunday, August 29
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Arthur Valliere, r. Jim & Ginny Mcllvain & family

Monday, August 30
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 31
8:30 AM Jim Fleming, r. Ed & Fran Fleming

Wednesday, September 1
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, September 2
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 3
8:30 AM

Saturday, September 4
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family
   Gerald Johnson, r. family
   Shirley & Paul Stiglic, r. family

Sunday, September 5
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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 Sick

Pam Alexander
Barbara Bayro
John Berger
Pam Bartel
Sharon Bhaskar
James Brabec
Pat Chang
Pat Chuchla
Patti Crimer
Bryan Dillon
Dinnocenzo family
Leslie Dunlap
Dick DuSatko
Faith Ann Fialek
Lauren Fields
John M. Foresman
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Michael Harris
Carol Hendrich
Rita Hogan
Jim Innis
Eleanor Jahn
Rayna Januska
Jackie Marquis Jarvis
Jeanne Jordan
Richard Kopp
Barb Kosiek
Bob Kraft
Karen Kripas
Suzanne Lesniewski
Lois Loris
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Chuck Neal
Kelsey Neal
Anthony Nowak
Linda Pennock
Alie Phillips
Lolit Ranchero
Dick Rosenbeck
John Rossi
Virginia Ryan
Jim Sanders
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Shirley Tomaeno
Hanh Truong
Mary Vanderplow
Bill Wagner
Betty Zoucha

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
Cole Jirgl, nephew of Corby & Sheri Schmitz
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—Aug. 29-Sept. 5

MONDAY: 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30
TUESDAY: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 / Lk 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY: Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44
THURSDAY: Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11
FRIDAY: Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39
SATURDAY: Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5
SUNDAY: Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37
“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021**

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The bulletin editor was on vacation this week. Contributions reporting will catch up next week.

Capital Ctrb Challenge will catch up too!

Debt to Diocese 7/31/2021: $294,383

Registered Households—768

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

Did you know…while the renewed need to wear masks is annoying, please be assured that the reason for doing so is to keep you, your loved ones, and especially people who are immuno-compromised or too young to be vaccinated less likely to contract the Covid virus. If you don’t want to wear a mask for yourself, can you do it for “one of the least of these”?

To learn more about how you can leave a legacy to benefit our parish or the diocese, please call 815-221-6100 and ask for the Development Office.