If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.  
Mark 8:34

Christ the Servant Catholic Church
Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

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 is gloriously and mysteriously present in creation since he is the Lord who reigns over it.
To discover this, we need to be silent, listen, contemplate.

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

CTS Capital
Contribution Challenge
We are really approaching our goal of $220,000!
Are you able to help us get there?
As of September 8, we need only $4,555 reach our pledge goal! We can do this! Many thanks to the many people who have pledged. If you have not yet, we encourage you to please participate!
Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or donate online through the parish website, choosing “other”, with “CCC” in the memo.

Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for this weekend Sept. 11-12
The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.
Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved $10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. More help is needed.
In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set this weekend for this special collection.
Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.

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 bottle” holds $30.

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.
The next Manna Sale is ending! 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).

Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10 am mass on September 12 will be ready for pickup September 18/19.

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, Oct 7, 7:00 PM**

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**Peace & Social Justice**

Christ the Servant Peace and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a free seminar on **Fair Housing Past and Present** on **Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 pm**, at **Christ the Servant Church, 8700 Havens, Woodridge**. Learn about the past and present status of fair housing conditions both nationally and locally.

Housing discrimination is real, and it is happening right now. According to government estimates, more than four million instances of housing discrimination occur each year, though only 1% is reported (**from Hope website**).

The guest speaker is Rachel Watson, Director of Outreach for Hope Fair Housing. Rachel has a background in non-profit and social rights work. She is a graduate of Hope College and has been with Hope Fair Housing for two years.

Hope Fair Housing Center in Wheaton has been dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination across Illinois since 1968.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

RSVP: John E.

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**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

Saturday, September 18, Americans through the country will honor the memory of more than 62 million unborn victims of abortion. Pro-Life Americans will gather at gravesites of aborted babies nationwide to mourn those lost to abortion and honor their gravesites.

The Day of Remembrance is sponsored by the Pro-life Action League, Citizens for Pro-Life Society and Priests for Life.

Life—what a beautiful choice. Let us remember them in our prayers.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”

Jeremiah 1:5

Visit AbortionMemorials.com

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Registration
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. 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.

First Class
Registered families, please keep an eye on your email inbox for communications about the class schedule. The quickest way for Christine to communicate with everyone is through Flocknotes, so make sure you read those emails!

CASTE, the next book for CTS BOOK STUDY
Zoom on Thursdays at 7:00 pm, starting September 16

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

The Pulitzer Prize–winning, bestselling author of The Warmth of Other Suns examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

To join this book study and get Zoom links, email Mary Porod at marifranprod@yahoo.com

Questions: Call Karen Jackson at 630-969-7644
ANNIVERSARY MASS—next weekend!

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!

St Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive
Volunteers & Donations needed
Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 23rd & 24th
Get your clothes and small household items ready
So far we’re on schedule.
Want to help with collections?
Contact Ted B
Basta_ops@ameritech.net

The altar flowers this weekend are in memory of James Frale
Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. ($30 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.

Blue Jeans for the Homeless
An interview with Ramon J of CTS
WJCH, 91.9 FM Family Radio
Saturdays in September, 2021
6:25-6:30 am
4:00-4:05 pm
6:55-7:00 pm

Fall Campaign
September 22-October 31
Www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Sally Plautz & Joan Kaim

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 11
4:45 PM James G. Frale, r. family
Patti Luchetti, r. Jim & Melinda Nowak & family

Sunday, September 12
8:30 AM Ken Horvath, r. Ciolek family
Rosamma Joseph
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 13
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 14
8:30 AM Don Fassero, r. Janet Szymanski
Richard Peslak, r. Janet Szymanski

Wednesday, September 15
8:30 AM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy

Thursday, September 16
8:30 AM Emilio Chiarella, r. Joe & Marylou Riedl
Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int, r. Zenaida Cruz

Friday, September 17
8:30 AM Pray for Don Fassero

Saturday, September 18
4:45 PM Stanislaw Wielgus, r. Barry A. Deron
Arnulfo (Noli) Harting, r. Milrose Harting
People of the Parish

Sunday, September 19
8:30 AM Regina Zdenovec, r. family
10:00 AM Paul Hogan, r. Ciolek family

To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

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
Patti Crimer
Bryan Dillon
Dinnocenzo family
Leslie Dunlap
Faith Ann Fialek
John M. Foresman
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Linda Gaunce
Michael Harris
Carol Hendrich
Rita Hogan
Jim Innis
Rayna Januska
Jackie Marquis Jarvis
Philip Knurr
Jeanne Jordan
Richard Kopp
Barb Kosiek
Bob Kraft
Karen Kripas
S. Suzanne Lesniewski
Lois Loris
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Chuck Neal
Patricia Newby
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
Michael Toro
Hanh Truong
Mary Vanderplow
Bill Wagner
Betty Zoucha

Bible Readings—Sept. 12-Sept. 19

SUNDAY: Is 50:4c-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35
MONDAY: 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10
TUESDAY: Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17
WEDNESDAY: 1 Tm 3:14-16 / Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
THURSDAY: 1 Tm 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50
FRIDAY: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY: 1 Tm 6:13-16 / Lk 8:4-15
SUNDAY: Wis 2:2,17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

We pray for those who Serve

Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Chase Halik, son of Tim & Peggy Halik
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
Raleigh Redinger, nephew of Mike Magee
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.
In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God’s gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept 1-Sept 7:
Sunday 8/29  $      3,506.00
Sunday other forms         2,747.00
General Funds             100.00
Debt Reduction             343.00
Total Contributed   $      6,696.00

Differential this period:
Needed    $    10,300.00
Reported          6,696.00
Deficit this period: $                 3,604.00

Did you know…because of Covid, our picnic next week is “bring your own picnic”. We will have water, lemonade & safely served cake to help celebrate our 30+1 anniversary!