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

#MotherTeresa loved to say, “Perhaps I don’t speak their language, but I can smile”. Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook.  www.facebook.com.

CHRIST THE SERVANT supports the West Suburban Food Pantry, Downers Grove Area FISH (includes Woodridge), and Blue Jeans for the Homeless.

Food items are very welcome including canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. as well as personal care and paper products.

Please drop off your food and product items in the parking lot before Mass.

Cash donations are most appreciated. Any cash amount is welcome!

A Cash for Food Blue Donation Box will be available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Please make checks payable to Christ the Servant. All cash and checks will be converted to food donations and distributed promptly.

TIDBITS

When you have an opportunity, please view the bulletin board in the Narthex for upcoming events.
Are you looking for a way to help at church?  
Are you available during the day for about an hour a week?  
If you answered "yes" to these questions, then perhaps you could become a member of the Money Count Team. Other qualifications are a love of accuracy and the ability to maintain confidentiality. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Bryn Wildman at 630-910-0770 or bryn@ctswoodridge.org.

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

James G. Frale

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, October 6, 7:00 PM

The Season of Creation is the time of reflection on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. It is time of restoration & hope, also a time for action. It’s a time we can take to educate ourselves on new ways of living with Creation that better care for both people and the planet and implement those changes.

What changes will you make as an individual to contribute to a more just and sustainable future? Have you considered joining your parish Creation Care Team, or starting one? The Catholic Climate Covenant has great resources to get one started. Consider reading the encyclical Laudato Si’, a great source of inspiration and motivation.

As Pope Francis said, “this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew,” a season “to reflect on our lifestyles,” and a season “for undertaking prophetic actions, calling for courageous decisions, directing the planet towards life, not death.”

Hotline Numbers for Help

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Religious Formation News

We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended to extend your resources in order to help you foster spiritual growth within your family life. The Religious Formation program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith with a formalized, systematic program based on your child’s developmental level for 1st grade through 8th grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

Registration for K-8 Religious Formation Classes

Registration has already begun for Religious Formation classes. Classes begin September 13 and 14. RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and in the Narthex.

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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.)

Adult Sacrament Classes

Adult interested in completing their Sacraments or in becoming Catholic are invited to join us this fall as we begin session that will be both online and in-person. Call Christine at 630-910-0770 for more information.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

Early Registration for 2022-2023

Sept. 1, 1:30-2:45 - Adult Bible Study

Formation Registration for 2022-2023

September 13 and 14 - Classes Begin
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 9/4/22

Your participation in the CMAA is important. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs, and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Our goal is $43,400. 70% of gifts received over goal will be returned to our parish for our use. A mailing has been sent to parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the 2022 CMAA. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA.

A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our diocese through our ministries and help others in need. Thank you for your support!

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

2022 GOAL  $43,400  AMOUNT PLEDGED:  $45,644  PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:  $40,639  REMAINING BALANCE:  $5,025  Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:  216  REBATE AMOUNT: none yet  Remember to keep up on pledges!

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

Upcoming Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study - Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Thursday September 29, at 1:30-2:45 pm
Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, we will begin Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John on September 29 thru November 17 at 1:00-2:30 pm.
For more information or to register, contact Christine Gob at 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org. The cost for the book and study is $25. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Catechist are invited
Catechist are invited to a Meet & Greet on Sunday, Sept.18th at 4:00 pm.

2022-2023 Religious Formation
Class Times
Tue 4:45-6:00pm, Kindergarten-4th, and 8th grades
Tue 6:30-7:45pm, 5th thru 7th grades
Wed 4:45-6:00pm, Kindergarten thru 6th grades
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Note: Classes may be combined or canceled for insufficient enrolment.

Teen workshop—Processing Strong Emotions (with God's help)
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Catechist Meeting
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Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
James G. Frale

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
4:45 PM Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere
James G. Frale, req. Frale family
James Sullivan, req. Sullivan family

Sunday, September 11
8:30 AM Dan & Karen Bowers, req. Bernadette Glass
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 12
8:30 AM People of the Parish

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

Wednesday, September 14
8:30 AM Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 15
8:30 AM Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int, req. Zenaida Cruz

Friday, September 16—communion service
8:30 AM Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
32nd Anniversary of the first parish mass

Saturday, September 17
4:45 PM Stanislaw Wielgus req. Barry Deron
Don Fassero req. Tina Fassero

Sunday, September 16
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Bible Readings—

SUNDAY: Ex 32:7-11,13-14/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
MONDAY: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33/Lk 7:1-10
TUESDAY: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
FRIDAY: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Lk 8: 4-15
SUNDAY: 1 Tm 2: 1-8/ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

We pray for the Sick

Janice Proskey  Dcn. Tom Fricke  Suzanne Lesniewski
Pat Savage  Leona Falk Gordon  Robert Losik
Jim MacLivain  Robert Gripp  Jose Soto
Patricia Lackey  Joan Haffner  Jan May
Thomas Lackey  Michael Harris  Anthony Nowak
Jeanne Jordan  Carolyn Heinrich  Linda Pennock
Alfredo Mendez  Carol Hendrich  Kim Peterson
Robert Rodriguez  Peggy Howard  Alie Phillips
Michael Durkovic Sr.  Fred Huth  Bob Pluta
Donna Mays  Rayna Januska  Lolit Ranchero
Karen Gormley  Ed Jascewsky  John Ross
Barbara Bayro  Madeline Jascewsky  Jim Sanders
Sharon Bhaskar  Jeanne Jordan  Jennifer Stile
Jim Brabe  Mike Joyce  Patty Stluka
Pat Chang  Derek Kaunelis  Dan Szymanski
Donna Ciolek  Jaxson Kehner  Frank Tiesenga
Vic Cordes  Ida Kenny  Mary Vanderplo
Marge Felix  Stephen Kolpack  Bill Wagner
Edwina Feret  Zoe Kolpack  Nicole Wilker
John M. Foresman  Barb Kosiek  Andie Wolfe
Marty Foy  Karen Kirnas  
JoAnn Frale  Francisco Legaspi  

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 bryn@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Father Alphonse Micka, M.I.C.
Father Micka served the people of the Diocese of Joliet for 73 years.
and
Alfredo Mendoza

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak
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
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
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.
Please also let us know when they return home.
How many of us live day-to-day not being aware of what we do or perhaps even who we are? Living a conscious, purposeful life takes a lot of energy and commitment. Jesus came into our world to teach us how to live such a life as His Stewards. He reached out to everyone, even those who were considered outside of the acceptable community life.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Sept 2-7, 2022:
Sunday 9/4 $ 5,095.65
Sunday other forms 2,163.00
General Funds 75.00
Restricted 650.00
Debt Reduction 863.00
Total Contributed $ 8,846.65

Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported 18,846.65
Deficit this period: $ 1,453.35

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
World Missions $ 260.00
Christ is Our Hope Mag 10.00
Debt to Diocese 7/31/2022 $160,246
Registered Households—781

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

Did you know… We are seeking Monday morning money counters. Weekly commitment, hour to hour and a half.

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