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.
Almighty God abundantly blesses all those who break bread with those who are hungry.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Avoid products containing palm oil.
Palm oil is a popular vegetable oil used in candy bars, snack foods, cookies, baked goods, packaged foods, and personal care products. Too often the palm oil tree plantations destroy enormous tracts of virgin tropical forests, exploit child labor, grab land from local communities & devastate critical habitat for elephants, orangutans, and tigers. The burning of tropical forests for palm oil plantations also releases enormous amounts of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Compare labels and try to avoid products with palm oil.

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, November 3, 7:00 PM

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**Ladies Over 55 Luncheon**
Ladies luncheon will be at Stevens Family Restaurant.
2393 63rd St, Woodridge,
Tuesday, October 25th at 1:30.
R.S.V.P. Casey Kellner at: 630/910-7169
By Monday, Oct. 24th.

**Downers Grove Area FISH Pantry Donations**
Thanks CTS for collecting & donating 300 pounds of groceries in September. Downers Grove area FISH pantry is truly grateful for CTS members who remember those who struggle with chronic food insecurity. Your donations make a difference. Thank you!

**Parishioner Concerns from the Synod**
In response to parishioner concerns from the Synod, Christ the Servant Parish continues to improve on the following:

- Offering more religious education and activities this year for all ages.
- CTS welcomes everyone.
- Communication at mass, in the bulletin, website and in the Narthex for more details.
- Activities and social events are growing for all.
- All are welcome to attend commission meetings and offer new ideas or suggestions.
- Additional youth and family events have been planned and are being scheduled.
- To make it work, our parish needs your support through volunteering.

Thank you!
Parish Pastoral Council

**Volunteer Kickoff**
Welcoming new interested volunteers for commissions or smaller projects.

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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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 K 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.

**Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward**

No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their children. To help our parents pay for Religious Education we are starting a Religious Education Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward: Christ the Servant Religious Education’s Sponsorship Program. By sponsoring the faith formation of a child – by passing your faith forward — you help to lay the foundation and shape the future of both our children and the whole of our Catholic community.

**There are several ways to financially assist in passing your faith forward:**

- A $175.00 donation will pay for one year of religious education tuition
- $100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament
- $25.00 will purchase a child’s textbook for the year
- Other sponsorships such as retreat expenses, high school programs, speaker engagements, classroom audio/video equipment are also available.

**Hurry before your child misses all of the fun!**

There is still time to Register for Religious Formation Classes RF registration information can be found at [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org) and in the Narthex.

For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rdoj.org

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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.)

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

**Let’s Celebrate the Season Together**

This month let’s carve out time to make memories at home and connect with each other. RF Families are invited to pick up a pumpkin (or draw a picture of one) creating a masterpiece with friends or family. Between now & Oct. 31, Share your experience with us & a photo. We will post it on our Facebook page, Christ the Servant - RF [www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation](http://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation) Take a moment to share and admire the other family’s handiwork, too!

**Christ the Servant Religious Formation Class Times**

- Tuesday 4:45-6:00 pm Grades K-4 & 8
- Tuesday 6:30-7:45 pm 5-7 grade
- Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm 1-6
- Wednesday 6:30-7:45 pm 5-8 grade
- Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)
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 jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 10/16/22

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

Adult Bible Study

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

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 Goba 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.

Hat And Mitten Tree

Junior high students are invited to participate in getting ready for the “Hat and Mitten Tree” collection which benefits clients of the West Suburban Community Food Pantry. Saturday, October 29, we need volunteers to help assembled the tree at Church, or to make posters and decoration for the tree. Don’t miss this fun opportunity to help others and get service hours at the same time! Questions or to volunteer contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org.

Confirmation Saints Party

All Confirmation Students are asked to attend the Saints Party on Wednesday, Oct. 26. This event is part of preparation for Confirmation.

Saint Costumes Required for the Confirmation Party.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

October 25-26 Confirmation Saints Party

All Confirmation students are invited to Dress Up as Saints for Classes.

October 26 Confirmation Saints Party

All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Wednesday night class session. Saint costumes are mandatory.

October 27 Adult Bible Study "Follow Me"

October 29 Mitten Tree Set Up and Decorate (Middle School service project)

November 1-2 No Class

Mass at 7:00pm for All Saints and All Souls

November 8-9 No Class

Election Day (CTS is a polling location)

November 13 (Sunday) The Grand Event 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Party Celebrating RF student’s Grandparents

November 15-16 Classes.
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
Helen Farrer

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 22—World Missions
4:45 PM Richard Kellner, req. Donna Ciolek
Michael Hanahan req. Ken & Mary Bastuga

Sunday, October 23—World Missions
8:30 AM Helen Ciolek, req. Cielek family
Ray Gary Gierut, req. Gierut family
10:00 AM Anthony Nowak, req. Jim & Melinda Nowak

Monday, October 24
8:30 AM Anna Regina Derscher, req. Marj Wilkey

Tuesday, October 25
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 26
8:30 AM Pray for Legislation that Respects Lives

Thursday, October 27
8:30 AM Andy Praxmarer, req. MaryKaye Shapiro

Friday, October 28—Mass
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, October 29
4:45 PM Richard Kellner, req.
Carmela Florio, req. family

Sunday, October 30
8:30 AM Eddy Gallego req. Martha Haenke
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Pat Chang
Donna Ciolek
Michael Durkovic Sr
Vic Cordes
Tina Fassero
Marge Felix
Edwina Feret
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Robert Gripp
Karen Gormley
Joan Haffner
Michael Harris
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Peggy Howard
Fred Huth
Rayna Januska
Ed Jascewsky
Madeline Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Derek Kaunelis
Jaxxon Kelner
Ida Kenny
Stephen Kolpack
Zoe Kolpack
Barb Kosiek
Karen Kripas
Patricia Lackey
Thomas Lackey
Francisco Legaspi
SSuzanne Lesniewski
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Jan May
Donna Mays
Jim McIlvain
Chuck Neal
Anthony Nowak
Linda Pennock
Kim Peterson
Alie Phillips
Janice Proskay
Bob Pluta
Lolit Ranchero
Robert Rodriguez
John Rossi
Lucille Russonillo
Jim Sanders
Jennifer Stile
Dan Szymanski
Frank Vanderplow
Mary Vanderplow
Bill Wagner

We pray for the Deceased

Kristin Kelly Gustafson
Anthony Nowak

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andrreshak
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.

Bible Readings Oct 23 thru 30

SUNDAY: Sir 35:12-14,16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18/Lk 18:9-14
MONDAY: Eph 4:32—5,8/Lk 13:10-17
TUESDAY: Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21
WEDNESDAY: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
THURSDAY: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
FRIDAY: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6: 12-16
SATURDAY: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1,7-11
SUNDAY: Wis 11:22—12:2/2Thes1:11-22/Lk 19:1-10
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: Oct 12-18, 2022:
Sunday 10/16  $     3,404.00
Sunday other forms         4,237.00
General Funds            100.00
Restricted              60.00
Debt Reduction         1,178.00
Total Contributed   $     8,979.00

Differential this period:
Needed    $   10,300.00
Reported         5,057.00
Differential this period:  $     1,321.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
World Missions  $           0.00
Debt to Diocese 7/31/2022    $160,246
Registered Households—781
God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

Did you know… 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.

A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit FreeWill.com/ DioceseofJoliet.