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

Sick people are at the centre of God’s people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

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

Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.

Special Devotional
The Five First Saturdays
Please join us on the first Saturday of the month, for the next five months for a special devotional to our Blessed Mother. We will be meeting in the Chapel, beginning Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
As a group we will meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and pray the rosary.
Attendees may go to confession, receive Communion and pray the rosary at each Saturday devotional.
For more information please call:

Andie Wolfe: 630-926-7444 or Helene Peslak: 630-910-5147

Letter from Woodridge Horizon
Senior Living Community
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind & generous gifts that were provided for all elderly residents in need this past holiday. It was such an inspiring and heartwarming experience for me as the property manager to see such a wonderful and generous donation provided for each one of our residents over the holidays. They were so incredibly grateful for your kindness during a time that can be a very difficult for many of our residents.
Forever Grateful!
Melissa Ditkowich

Special thanks to Denice Kraft for organizing the CTS Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for the residents.

Caring Network Baby Bottle Drive
Christ the Servant is participating in the Caring Network live & virtual baby bottle drive that provides critical support for women facing unexpected pregnancies. Funds collected support the life-affirming programs and services of the Caring Network. Information about donating online or a cash donation placed inside a baby bottle will be available in the Narthex next Sunday, January 29th.
Bottle donations must be made by: Sunday February 19th.

The next Manna Gift Card Sale is here!
Order forms are available in the Narthex for Manna gift cards. An Excel version of the form can be emailed to you. (Questions? Call Bill C. at 630-724-9498 or the office at 630-910-0770). Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10:00 am mass on January 29th, 2023 will be ready for pickup the weekend of February 4th and 5th.

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**Creation Care Corner**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
Join groups to accelerate creation care progress. To protect the poor and future generations, Pope Francis urges the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics to take serious action to address the ecological crisis. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si’* is a compelling call to care for our common home, the Earth, God’s great gift to us. This builds on a long history of Catholic social teaching. Joining groups that are taking action on creation care can dramatically accelerate progress. Consider getting involved in your parish Green team, local civic organizations, or state or national advocacy groups. You’ll get innovative ideas on how to make a difference. You could also consider investigating and joining groups like the Catholic Climate Covenant, Creation Justice Ministries, or the *Laudato Si’* Movement. There’s power in numbers! You can make a difference!

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**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, February 2, 7:00 PM

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**Bulletin Shorts for Winter Ordinary Time**

**Sunday Prayer Shaping Life and Belief**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22 January 2023**


*The Word of God Living Among Us.* The Word is first spoken in Jesus who is, in fact, the very spoken word of God. When this Word himself speaks, things happen. Hear the gospel today: Jesus invites: Peter & Andrew follow right away. James & John immediately do the same. We also believe this: Jesus not only spoke long ago; when Scripture is read aloud in prayer, Jesus speaks today.

- What does Christ say to me in these Sunday readings?
- What “darkness” needs dispelling by his word?
- What word that I hear will I proclaim? To whom?

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**Ladies Over 55 Monthly Luncheon**

Please join us on: Tuesday, Jan 24th at 1:30 pm at, Longhorn Steakhouse, 708 Janes Av., Woodridge, for the monthly ladies over 55 luncheon. R.S.V.P. by Monday, January 23rd to:

Helene at 630-910-5147 or Tina at 630-427-1724

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Hope’s Front Door would like to thank the Mahjong Club for their very generous donation. Thanks to donors like you, their clients no longer feel as if they are going through their trials anonymously.

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Next weekend, January 28th and 29th, Donna Ciolek will speak at each mass about a new commission!

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

- Family Shelter Service Domestic Abuse: 630-469-5650
- National Domestic Abuse Hotline: 800-799-SAFE
- Illinois Adult Protective Services: 866-800-1409
- Will County Crisis Line: 815-722-3344
- Mayslake Ministries: 630-852-9000
- Diocese of Joliet Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: 815-263-6467
- Waterleaf Women’s Center: 630-701-6270
Religious Formation News

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION
CLASS TIMES:
Tuesday 4:45-6:00 Grades K-4 & 8
Tuesday 6:30-7:45 Grade 5-7
Wednesday 4:45-6:00 Grade 1-6
Wednesday 6:30-7:45 Grades 6-8
Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)
RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and in the Narthex. For more Information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates
January 17-18 Class
January 24-25 Class
January 31- February 1 Class
February 1 Confirmation Presentation “Why be Catholic” with Deacon Tom Fricke. All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Wednesday night class session. Parents and sponsors may attend also.
February 5 (Saturday) First Communion Retreat 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (Child and Parent event for preparation for 1st Communion)
February 7-8 Class
February 9-10 No Classes (Catechist Formation Evening and DRE Retreat)
February 20 (Monday, Presidents Day) Confirmation Student meeting 10:00-11:00 a.m.
February 21-22 No Class Please attend Ash Wednesday Services

Confirmation
Reminders and News

Confirmation Date
Christ the Servant’s Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Kane on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm here at Christ the Servant Church. Confirmation practice is May 16 at 7:00 a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

Confirmation Student Meeting
Students who are preparing to receive Confirmation this year are required to attend a meeting on Monday, (Presidents Day) February 20, from 10-11 AM.

Confirmation Presentation “Why be Catholic”
All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation on “Why Be Catholic?” by Deacon Tom Fricke. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.

Confirmation Retreat
All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, May 13 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.

First Communion
Reminders

First Communion Retreat
All students preparing to make their 1st Communion will need to attend the Retreat on Saturday, February 5 from 10:00-12:00. A parent will also need to attend with their child. Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life
Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus’ life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Christ the Servant Parish will begin the Jesus study at 2:00pm on January 19 and will run for 10 weeks. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org. We hope you can join us!

Congratulations to the Children Who Celebrated Their First Reconciliation
Congratulation to our students who have received their first Reconciliation or will be receiving the sacrament in the upcoming weeks. Please pray for them that they may always remain close to Jesus through this most holy sacrament. Thank you to their parents and teachers for all of their efforts to preparing and encouraging them.

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study this Christmas season with a new book by Mathew Kelly called Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Mike Gormley will guide the book study on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. To get a copy of this new book or for more information about the book study please stop by the Religious Formation office or call Christine at 630-910-0770.
Dear RF Parents,

I would like to thank and commend our RF parents for their outstanding job and their sacrificial efforts to pass on our Catholic Faith to their children. We are so blessed to have parents who care and support our Religious Formation program and the efforts of our catechists here at Christ the Servant. Thank you. I know that many of you have had to sacrifice so much to provide a religious education for your children. I am humbled to see with what strength and resolve that you parents have carried the cross of raising a Catholic family in times that are hostile to families and to faith in God and yet, you have persevered. I know that many of you feel that you have not measured up or that there are so many undone things in your lives and in the lives of your kids. I know that many of you have felt like the kids are not listening or just seemed unengaged and often you may have even gotten frustrated with them and then with yourselves. But I assure you, all of you, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matt 25:23) You have done much with very little.

I have no doubt that God is blessing you with each new situation and within every struggle. It might be helpful to remember that God always brings forth blessings from the difficulties we face and that He never leaves us alone, ever! God is truly good and His love unending. I have the privilege of being able to stand back and observe the Christ the Servant RF families and kids and I am amazed as I see the many ways that everyone is growing and being blessed through the mess. Thank you for letting me be a part of your journey of faith.

God bless,
Christine Goba, Religious Formation Director

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**2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 1/15/23**

**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.**

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Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21
4:45 PM Lottie Bugay, req. Accardi Family
Lorraine Riedl, req. Pat & Debi Savage

Sunday, January 22
8:30 AM Ginny & Bill Haas, req. Elena Haas
Emily Gierut, req. Gierut Family
10:00 AM James J. Frale, James G. Frale and Catherine & John Frale, req. Frale Family

Monday, January 23
8:30 AM Caterina Perricone, req. Perricone Family

Tuesday, January 24
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 25
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 26
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, January 27
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 28
4:45 PM Leoncio Bacan, req. Corinne Hanson
Lorraine Riedl, req. Donna Mays

Sunday, January 29
8:30 AM George Wisdom, req. Paul Wisdom
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 those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreashak
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.

We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Dennis Burke
Pat Chang
Greg Chisholm
Donna Ciolek
Michael Durkovic Sr
Rudy Durkovic
Vic Cordes
Marge Felix
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Robert Gripp
Karen Gormley
Bill Haas
Joan Haffner
Michael Harris
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Fred Huth
Jessica James
Rayna Januska
Ed Jascewsky
Madeline Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Derek Kaunelis
Ida Kenny
Paul Knight
Barb Kosiek
Karen Kripas
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Jan May
Donna Mays
Chuck Neal
Alie Phillips
Janice Proskey
Bob Pluta
Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Lolit Ranchero
Robert Rodriguez
John Rossi

We pray for the Deceased

Please pray for our dear deceased
Sister Suzanne Lesniewski

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Bible Readings Jan 22 thru Jan 29

SUNDAY: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:1-10-13, 17/
Mt4:12-23 or 4:12-17
MONDAY: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30 (317)
TUESDAY: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35 (318)
WEDNESDAY: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519)
THURSDAY: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:21-25 (320)
SATURDAY: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41 (322)
SUNDAY: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a (70)
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: 2020-2023
Parish Expenses $7,700.00
Debt Payment $2,600.00
Total Needed $10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Jan 11—Jan 17
Sunday $3,854.00
Sunday other forms $2,782.00
General Funds $270.00
Restricted $100.00
Debt Reduction $383.00
Total Contributed $7,389.00

Differential this period: Needed $10,300.00
Reported $7,389.00
Differential this period: $2,911.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Latin America $10.00
Sol of Mary $50.00
Ash Wednesday $0.00

Debt to Diocese 12/31/2022 $104,181
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.