Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Mission

Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefuly 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.
God’s word pushes us to go out of ourselves so as to encounter our brothers and sisters solely with the gentle power of God’s liberating love.

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.

First Friday, February 3rd
Draw Near to God
As we celebrate St. Valentine’s Day this month let us, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you” James 4:8. On First Friday, February 3rd we pray that we, and our families will come closer to God as we join in Eucharistic prayer in CTS’ Chapel after the 8:30 Mass/Services. “He said in reply, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind’” Luke 10:27.

Special Devotional
The Five First Saturdays
Please join us on the first Saturday of the month, 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 information please call: Andie Wolfe: 630-926-7444 or Helene Peslak: 630-910-5147

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 pamphlet for donating online or a cash donation can be found by the baby bottles. Bottles are found on the large table in the Narthex.
Online or cash donations need to be made by: Sunday February 19th.

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

**Taking action to protect God's great gift to us**

Every appliance comes with two price tags: the purchase price and the cost of operating the product. ENERGY STAR certified appliances help consumers save money on operating costs by reducing energy use without sacrificing performance. Reducing energy use can reduce fossil fuel emissions that pollute the air and contribute to climate instability. Since appliances have a long service life, small everyday savings add up to a big impact over time. Choosing energy efficient ENERGY STAR products can save families $200 to $400 a year. Go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information.

“The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.”

- Pope Francis

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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**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29 January 2023

**The Presentation of the Lord, Feast**


**Christ is present.** Hebrews announces what we know: Jesus Christ had to become like us in every way (be human) in order to be high priest (like us in all things but sin). We light and bless candles today to remember that Christ out Light illumines everything and everyone. We listen to Simeon and Anna sing his praise.

- How will I carry the Light who is Christ with me from Mass today?
- To whom will I let it shine?
- How will I sing his praise?

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**Eucharistic Revival**

Our diocesan church will gather on Feb. 8-10 to celebrate a spiritual devotion before the Blessed Sacrament during diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival. Our 40 Hours Devotion will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. It will begin each morning Mass & conclude with a prayer service in the evening. Throughout the day there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, & at various times during the day there will be communal prayer services. The basic schedule will be the same each day morning Mass on Wed., Feb. 8 at 6:30 a.m.; morning Mass on Thurs., Feb. 9 at 8 a.m.; and morning Mass on Fri., Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. With the conclusion of morning Mass and until the 8 p.m. prayer service, the cathedral will be open for individuals to spend time in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Communal prayer services will take place at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., and will be led by various priests of the diocese, cultural groups, needs groups, school children and diocesan employees. After the 8 p.m. service, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed for the day. We encourage all people to come and reflect in prayer on the wondrous gift of the Eucharist and spend time together praying for the needs of their parish, their families and their neighbors.

To learn more about the diocesan Forty Hours Devotion, please contact Sister Sharon Stola at the Office of Divine Worship at 815-221-6230 or sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org

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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 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 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

February 22 at 4:30 is the Children’s Liturgy

February 28-March 1 Class

March 4 (Saturday) First Communion Retreat 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (Required Child and Parent event for preparation for 1st Communion)

March 7-8 Class

March 8 Confirmation Presentation “Why would an All-Loving God Allow Suffering?” with Deacon Rod Accardi. All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Wednesday night class session. Parents and sponsors may attend also.

March 14-15 Class

First Communion Reminders

First Communion Retreat NEW DATE
- All students preparing to make their 1st Communion will need to attend the Retreat rescheduled for Saturday, March 4 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.

Confirmation Reminders and News

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.” Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.

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.

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.

Congratulations to the Children Who Celebrated Their First Reconciliation

Congratulations 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.

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!
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 1/22/23

*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.**

| 2022 GOAL | $43,400 |
| AMOUNT PAID: | $48,584 |
| DONORS THIS YEAR: | 226 |
| AMOUNT PLEDGED: | $49,639 |
| REMAINING BALANCE: | $1,055 |
| REBATE AMOUNT: | $3,629 |
| PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: | We made it! |
| Congratulations on achieving our goal! |
| Remember to keep up on pledges! |

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 28**
4:45 PM Leoncio Bacani, req. Corinne Hanson
Lorraine Riedl, req. Donna Mays
Aleta Nawcot,req. Nawrot family

**Sunday, January 29**
8:30 AM George Wisdom, req. Paul Wisdom
10:00 AM Daniel Kitchen, req. Nawrot Family

**Monday, January 30**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 31**
8:30 AM Andrew Iovito Sr., req. Andie Wolfe

**Wednesday, February 1**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, February 2**
8:30 AM Josephine & Bob Schmuch, req. children of

**Friday, February 3**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, February 4**
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, Gerald Johnson, req. family
JoAnn Frale, req. family

**Sunday, February 5**
8:30 AM Bill Haas, req. Elena Haas
10:00 AM Pellegrino Perricone, req. Perricone family

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

**We pray for the Sick**

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

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 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, son 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 Deceased**

Please pray for our dear deceased members of the parish

**Bible Readings Jan 29 thru Feb 5**

**SUNDAY:** Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a (70)

**MONDAY:** Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20 (323)

**TUESDAY:** Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43 (324)

**WEDNESDAY:** Heb 12:4-7,11-15/Mk 6:1-6 (325)

**THURSDAY:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32 (524)

**FRIDAY:** Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29 (327)

**SATURDAY:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34 (328)

**SUNDAY:** Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 5:13-16 (73)
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: 2022-2023**

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**CONTRIBUTIONS: Jan 12—Jan 24**

- **Sunday**                 | $ 4,055.00 |
- **Sunday other forms**     | $ 3,628.00 |
- **General Funds**           | $ 15.00    |
- **Restricted**              | $ 35.00    |
- **Debt Reduction**          | $ 160.00   |

**Total Contributed** $7,893.00

**Differential this period:**
- **Needed** $10,300.00
- **Reported** $7,893.00
- **Differential this period:** $2,407.00

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**
- Latin America $345.00
- Ash Wednesday $1.00

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

Registered Households—781

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

**Upcoming Events**

- **Feb 4:** 1st Saturday Devotional 4 pm in the Chapel
- **Feb 22:** Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 25:** All - Commission Coordination Planning meeting 10:00 am
- **Feb 26:** 1st Sunday of Lent

**March 25/26** PLC Easter Candy Sale— all masses

**Win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So be right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful.**

St. John Bosco

19th-century Italian priest who devoted his life to educating poor boys. He founded the Salesian Order in 1859.

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