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.
We are all fragile and vulnerable. We all need that compassion which knows how to pause, come close, heal us, and raise us up.

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.

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). This year’s CMAA theme is We Belong to God. Together, we help the poor, vulnerable, increase vocations & educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith.

Our parish’s goal for the 2023 CMAA is $43,500 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. CTS will receive a rebate of $3,629 from the 2022 annual appeal.

This weekend, February 18/19, is the commitment weekend campaign. Pledge envelopes will be available during mass and on Monday in the Parish Office. Each envelope has boxes for members to check marked one of the following: *pledge or gift amount, *already mailed CMAA pledge, *or do not wish to contribute at this time. Please know, this response envelope is a huge help to Fr. Bob, staff and the diocese. In advance, thanks for your response!

DO NOT REPLY! DELETE IT! SCAM!
If you receive an apparent phone call or email from Fr. Bob or anyone from the staff of Christ the Servant requesting money or the purchase of a gift card, please disregard! DO NOT REPLY! DELETE IT! IT IS A SCAM!
Such bogus communications may include the names of other priests from the Diocese of Joliet) and will come from what looks like a legitimate email address or Caller-ID phone number.

Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd
Mass & Ashes Schedule
8:30 AM mass,
4:30 PM RF/prayer service
and 7:00 PM mass

Stations of the Cross
Come Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM here at church. Stations will be in person, led by a different group each week. Please join us, beginning on February 24th and/or each of the following Lenten Friday evenings.

- February 24th — Led by Administration/Finance Commission
- March 3rd — Led by Respect for Life Committee
- March 10th — Led by Worship Commission
- March 17th — Led by Parish Life Commission
- March 24th — Led by Parish Pastoral Council
- March 31st — Led by Christian Service Commission
- April 7th — Led by Religious Formation Students

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
**Bulletin Shorts for Winter Ordinary Time**

“The Lord is kind and merciful” (Psalm 103)
Jesus still teaches on the mount today. He moves from the “blessed are” to the “I say to you.” He says today: Do not hate. Do not get even. Do not retaliate. Do not insult. Love your neighbor, domestic or foreign. He ends with this: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.: Clear, to the point. Hard, but doable with God’s help.

- How will I be kind, be merciful today?
- Whom shall I stop hating?
- How can I shape my less-than-perfect behavior in the perfection of God?

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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, March 2, 7:00 PM

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**Ladies Over 55 Luncheon**

The Over 55 Ladies monthly luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m. (note new time) at:

**Chuck’s Cafe**
8025 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, IL

R.S.V.P. by February 25th to Casey 630-910-7169 or Sue 630-852-8797.

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**St. Mary of Gostyn’s Grief Support Winter-Spring**

St. Mary of Gostyn Grief Support Winter-Spring (6) week session will begin this coming Thursday, February 23, at 2:00 pm.

For more information and/or to register, contract the St. Mary’s Parish Office at: 630-969-1063

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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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

No Religious Formation Classes
February 21-22 There will be no Religious Formation class. Everyone is asked to attend an Ash Wednesday service instead of class. Regular Class schedule will resume February 28 and March 1.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates
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. (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
March 21-22 Class
March 28-29 No Class Spring Break

Catholic colleges and universities are well-known for their academic excellence and are among the world’s most prestigious learning institutions. Catholic colleges and universities offer a strong foundation for nurturing faith.

Benedictine University Lisle, IL
Is Catholic University in the Benedictine Tradition founded in 1887. Studies include: Goodwin College of Business, Benedictine University’s School of Education, College of Liberal Arts and College of Science & Health with more than 20 majors, a variety of minors, concentrations that are designed to prepare for careers in these fields.

BenU also has a vibrant Campus Ministry Office, dedicating itself to pastoral care, faith formation, and furthering the common good through the practice of our Benedictine hallmarks. It has a 15:1 Faculty / Student Ratio and $116,000 Scholarship money awarded in 2021. For more information www.ben.edu/Admissions Social Media: @BenUMinistry Campus Ministry: campusministry@ben.edu 630-829-1310.

Confirmation Reminders and News

Confirmation Presentation “Why would an All-Loving God Allow Suffering”
All Confirmation students are asked to attend
Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation on “Why would an All-Loving God Allow Suffering?” With Deacon Rod Accardi. 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 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.

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 Thursdays and will run through April 20. 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.
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 2/12/23

**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 2023 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, February 11
4:45 PM Deceased members of the Panfil family, req. Richard and Shanon Weltin
Lorraine Riedl, req. Tina Fassero
Ernest Peterek Sr, req. Peterek family

Sunday, February 12
8:30 AM Maryann Bader, req. Ed and Donna Czekaj
10:00 AM Pellegrino Perricone, req. Perricone family

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

Tuesday, February 14
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 15
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 16
8:30 AM Ken Nelson, req. Paul Wisdom
Almaia Custodio, Lousisse Imo, & Forrest Cruz, req. Zendaida Cruz

Friday, February 17
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, February 18
4:45 PM Deceased members of the Altman family, req. Richard and Sharon Weltin
Lorraine Riedl, req. Gannon family
Joseph Defrancesco, req. Therese Defrancesco

Sunday, February 19
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM James J. Frale, James G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale, req. Frale family and Antonio Teves Sr. req. family

We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Pat Chang
Donna Ciolek
Michael Durkovic Sr
Rudy Durkovic
Vic Cordes
Karl Eggers
Marge Felix
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Joanne Fricke
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Robert Gripp
Joan Haffner
Bill Hardig
Michael Harris
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Barbara Hile
Fred Huth

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreskak
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 Deceased

May God give comfort and peace to Jennifer, Connor and Aaron Stafiej who recently lost her husband and their dad, Dan Stafiej. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Bible Readings Feb 19 thru Feb 26

SUNDAY: Lv 19:1-2,17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 (79)
MONDAY: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29 (341)
TUESDAY: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37 (342)
WEDNESDAY: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)
THURSDAY: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)
FRIDAY: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)
SATURDAY: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)
SUNDAY: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22)
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.

**Parish Expenses**
- 2022-2023 Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
- Debt Payment $ 2,600.00
- Total Needed $ 10,300.00

**Contributions**
- Jan 12—Jan 24:
  - Sunday $ 3,629.00
  - Sunday other forms $ 5,762.00
  - General Funds $ 1,215.00
  - Restricted $ 477.00
  - Debt Reduction $ 1,351.00
- Total Contributed $ 12,434.00

**Differential this period:**
- Needed $ 10,300.00
- Reported $ 12,434.00
- Differential this period: $ 2,134.00

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

**Other Contributions:**
- Eastern Europe $ 50.00
- Ash Wednesday $ 112.00
- Easter $ 0.00

**Debt to Diocese 1/31/2023** $ 92,888.00

**Registered Households**—784

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.**