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
From the Cross forgiveness poured forth and fraternal love was reborn: the Cross makes us brothers and sisters.

Please continue to check our parish website www.ctswoodridge.org, and facebook, for up to date information about what we are able to offer to help keep our community connected.

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.

Blessed Retirement
Deacon Tom Fricke

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Bishop, Diocese of Joliet, David Salvato, Chancellor, Diocese of Joliet and Fr. Bob want to thank Deacon Tom Fricke for his many years of faithful service to the Lord.

Deacon Fricke and Joanne are retired and looking forward to settling in at the Oak Trace Senior Living apartments.

Exodus Welcome Pack Weekend!

Next weekend, April 15th and 16th, CTS will welcome Jason Mohn from Exodus World Service to our church, where he will share with us the mission of Exodus. We will also have an opportunity for parishioners to choose an item from the sharing tree in the narthex, as we did last year, to create a welcome pack for a refugee family.

This year we will be accepting cash donations for groceries as well, as those lists are specific to the countries of origin of the refugee family. Items should be returned within the next two weekends to the narthex in the boxes provided. For more information, please feel free to ask a member of the Peace and Social Justice Committee, or Jason, who will be in the narthex by the information table following the masses.

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter and is a religious observance celebrated mostly among Catholics. This year, it takes place on April 16. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, “It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified.” Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection — his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after his crucifixion. You may find additional information in the narthex about The Novena to Divine Mercy and Prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones. Fr. Bob, Christine, Corinne, Janet, Mary, Nova and Bryn

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
**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, May 4, 7:00 PM**

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**OVER 55 LADIES LUNCH**

The April ladies over 55 lunch will be on **Tuesday, April 25 at 1:00 pm.**

Please join us at: **Papa’s Pizza Place**

8258 Janes Avenue, Woodridge

Please R.S.V.P. to:

- Maryann Eglaston: 630-281-0587
- Alie Phillips: 630-649-3466

Before Sunday, April 23rd.

**Local Divine Mercy Devotions—April 16, 2023**

**Holy Trinity**—25 E. Richmond St., Westmont

3 PM Holy Hour

**Our Lady of Peace**—701 Plainfield Rd, Darien

2:30-4:30 Divine Mercy Devotions

**St. Raphael**—1215 Modaff Rd, Naperville

2 PM confession & 3-4 PM Holy Hour

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**No Daily Mass Easter Monday**

April 10th, 8:30 am

There will be no daily mass on Also, the parish offices will be closed.

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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 Classes resume Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday April 12.

All Confirmation paperwork are due or are passed due and should be turned in as soon as possible to be considered for Confirmation for this year. Please get them turned in to Christine Goba.

Shields maybe turned in at the May 13 retreat.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

April 11-12
April 18-19
All Confirmation Students Confirmation Interviews
April 25-26 Class
Last Day to Turn in Artwork for Spring Art Show
April 26(Wednesday) All Confirmation students, Parents are invited to Confirmation Presentation “Proof of Jesus Resurrection and Divinity”
April 29-May 7 Weekend Masses
Spring RF Student’s Art Show
April 29 (Saturday) 1st Communion Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.
May 2-3 Last Classes
May 6 (Saturday) 1st Communion Mass 11:00 a.m.
May 13-14 (Saturday and Sunday Masses) May Crowning at all Masses
May 13 (Saturday) Confirmation Retreat Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien
May 16 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal
May 17 (Wednesday) 7:00pm Confirmation

First Communion Dates
- April 29th at 10:00 am
  First Communion practice
- May 6th at 11:00 am
  our First Communion class will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

Please keep our First Communion class in your prayers that they might truly appreciate the gift of this most wonderful Sacrament.

Confirmation Reminders and News

Confirmation Presentation “Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity”
All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz on Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity. 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 pm 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!
Easter Sunday

Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus’ Light!
CTS’s Religious Formation Invites Children to Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus’ Light! A summer kids’ event called Stellar VBS will be hosted at Christ the Servant from **June 19 to June 23**. At Stellar, kids discover how they can shine Jesus’ love and hope in everyday life!

Religious Formation Spring Art Show 2023
The Religious Formation Art Show will be the weekend of April 29 - May 7. Please stop by after Mass to view our RF student’s artwork and help support their interest in giving praise to God through the Arts.
Parents don’t forget to keep saving your Child’s artwork and RF class work for the Spring Art Show Coming the weekend of April.

Save the Date!
Electronics Recycling/Textile & Book Collection
**Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 8:30 to 11:30 am**
Parking lot of Christ the Servant Catholic Church
Electronics recycling, clothing and book collection sponsored by eWorks ESI and CTS Green Team. Collection is open to all residents and small businesses. If you have more than 50 items, (3 pallets or greater), please contact eWorks to arrange for a special pickup.
Donation fee will apply for all televisions and monitors. Exact change only or credit card.
All types of books accepted, please 1 box only per car.
Clean textiles will be accepted, please donate in plastic bags only.
Costs
CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs & Monitors
Under 21 inch screen, cost: $25 per unit
21 Inch screen and over, cost: $35 per unit
Cash or Credit Card accepted. Please no checks.

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet
2023 GOAL $43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $34,743 as of April 2, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: $27,445
REMAINING BALANCE: $7,298
DONORS THIS YEAR: 184
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: 0
Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
**TABERNACLE LIGHT**
To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 15**
4:45 PM Deceased members of the Dennis family, req. Pat Savage
Ken Nelson, req. Paul Wisdom
Lorraine Riedl, req. Cathy & Mark Porlier

**Sunday, April 16—Divine Mercy Sunday**
8:30 AM Almaia Custadio, Lousie Imo, & Forrest Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz
10:00 AM James J., James G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale, req. Frale family

**Monday, April 17**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, April 18**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, April 19**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, April 20**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, April 21**
8:30 am Holy souls in Purgatory that are near heaven, souls that are most forsaken, req. Zenaida Cruz

**Saturday, April 22**
4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Jocob family
James Crockett, req. Colette & family
Alan Adamski, req. Melinda Nowak

**Sunday, April 23**
8:30 AM Betty Peterek, req. Peterek family
10:00 AM Deceased members of the Frale family, req. John J. Frale

**Bible Readings April 9 - April 16**

**SUNDAY:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/In 20:1-9 (42)
or Mt 28:1-10 (41) or Lk 24:13-35 (46)
**MONDAY:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 (261)
**TUESDAY:** Acts 2:36-41/In 20:11-18 (262)
**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 (263)
**THURSDAY:** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 (264)
**FRIDAY:** Acts 4:1-12/In 21:1-14 (265)
**SATURDAY:** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266)
**SUNDAY:** Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/In 20:19-31 (43)

We pray for the Sick

Bruce Barnhard
Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Pat Chang
Vic Cordes
Michael Durkovic Sr
Rudy Durkovic
Vic Cordes
Ray DiGrazia
Karl Eggers
Marge Felix
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Barbara Hile
Fred Huth
Brian Jackson
Jessica James
Rayna Januska
Ed Jascewsky
Madeline Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Ida Kenny
Paul Knight
Barb Kosiek
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Jan May
Donna Mays
Sue McGuire
Chuck Neal
Janice Proskey
Bob Pluta
Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Lolit Ranchero
Robert Rodriguez
John Rossi
Sonja Rudny
Jose Sabado
Jim Sanders
Rita Sisko
Ken Sloup
Jennifer Stile
Dan Szymanski
Dennis Szulc
Frank Tiesenga
Mary Vanderplow
Bill Wagner
Judy Ward
Eddie Williamson
Andie Wolfe

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**

May God give comfort and peace to those who have recently lost a loved one.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

**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: 2022-2023**

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- Sunday, March 29: $6,016.00
- Sunday, April 4: $3,415.00
- **General Funds**: $24.00
- **Restricted**: $200.00
- **Debt Reduction**: $898.00
- **Total Contributed**: $10,553.00

**Differential this period:**

- **Needed**: $10,300.00
- **Reported**: $10,553.00
- **Differential this period**: $253.00

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- Good Friday: $20.00
- Easter: $285.00
- Catholic Relief: $10.00

**Debt to Diocese 1/31/2023**: $81,560.00

Registered Households: 784

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**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. You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. Consult with your financial advisor for information.