**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

Our hope is called Jesus. He is alive and evil has no more power over Him. Failure cannot prevent us from beginning again, and death becomes the passage to the beginning of a new life.

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

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

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.

Vocation Prayer
God the Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen
By Pope Francis

For an increase of vocations in the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially in the Diocese of Joliet, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bread for the World Offering Letters
This year, Bread for the World is asking us to sign letters to our Representatives & Senators in support of reauthorizing the Farm Bill and increasing funding for some parts of the bill such as SNAP. The West Suburban Community Pantry (CTS donates) is making changes to help people losing the boost in benefits. The Woodridge based organization will increase the number of weeks people are eligible to receive food at the pantry. The pantry is serving four times the number of families since 2021.
Please join us April 22-23 to advocate for reauthorizing the Farm Bill.
A sample letter is displayed in the narthex.
Thank you for your support to end hunger in the U.S. and abroad.

Thanks for Recent Donations
Christ the Servant parish donated 403 pounds of perishable and non-perishable food to the West Suburban Community Pantry during the month of March. Because of organizations like CTS, West Suburban Community Pantry provided meals to over 68,000 people during 2022. With your generosity it is allowing the pantry to feed many more families in 2023.

Donations of Easter Hams.
Seventy (70) hams were donated by parish members to help families enjoy a wonderful Easter Sunday meal.
Thank you for this special donation.

We welcome
Joseph and Diane Criscione
Anthony and Mia DeSanto
to Christ the Servant
Both families joined the church during this month of April.
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 the office at 630-910-0770.

**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**

**Advertise Your Small Business in the Bulletin!**

Thanks to all the businesses that currently are placing their advertisement on the back page of the bulletin and helping to cover the cost of weekly printing and let members know about your business.

This week, April 24 thru April 27 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Mr. Larry Steiner from LPi Printing will be working out of the parish office. LPi is the new bulletin printer due to J.S. Paluch closing. Mr. Steiner will be reaching out to local small businesses to place an ad in the CTS weekly bulletin.

If you or someone you know have a business and would like to place an ad in the bulletin please reach out to Mr. Steiner. Any insurance agents, accounts, realtors, plumbers, handymen, HVAC, landscaping, electrician, flooring, cement/pavement workers, hair salon, computer repair, teacher, product sales are welcome to place an ad in the weekly bulletin.

**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

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Knights of Columbus Council #5918 are hosting a one-man play, Damien, starring Wayne Messmer as Father Saint Damien the leper priest of Molokai, Hawaii. The play follows the life of Father Damien, as he dedicated his priesthood to serving the ostracized lepers. The date is Friday, April 28 at 7:30 in the St. Scholastica Church. Doors open at 6:30 pm in the gym for cash bar. Tickets available: VIP tickets (reserved + meet and greet with Wayne) are $30 each; general admission tickets at $20 and youth (under 18) at $10 each. Seating is first come first served. To reserve tickets, go to our event website https://www.eventcreate.com/e/kofc5918-presents-wayne-messmer or text/call Joe Testolin 630-901-5952. Tickets will also be available after masses at both churches in the coming month. Thank you for supporting the Knights and our parishes (St. Scholastica and Christ the Servant). We hope to see you on April 28th.

**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 or Alie Phillips: 630-649-3466
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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

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 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 News
Don’t forget to turn in your Blue Banners and Votive Candle Holders

• 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

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.

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Early Registration for Religious Formation
This year we are providing early registering for the 2023-2024 Religious Formation classes. RF registration information forms will be handed out to students at class time and can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and the back of church.

Whatever it takes, we are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.
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! Stellar is for kids from kindergarten to 4th grade and will run from 9:30 to 11:45 each day. The cost is $60 and includes a T-shirt. (Kids 5th grade and older are welcomed to join us as team leaders and are Free!!)

CRS Rice Bowls

It’s time to Collect our RF Lenten mission project Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls. If you have not returned your Rice Bowl yet, please bring your CRS Rice bowls to the parish office this week.

When you give to CRS Rice Bowl, 75% of your donation supports the work of CRS around the world. The other 25% of what you give supports hunger and poverty relief efforts in your diocese.

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.

Mass on Your Car Radio
To hear the mass clearly on our car radio, please use the parking spaces closest to the church, north end of parking lot.

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL $43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $35,138 as of April 16, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: $28,177
REMAINING BALANCE: $6,961
DONORS THIS YEAR: 187
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: $0
Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
Mass Intentions for the Week

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

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 22**
4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Jacob 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

**Monday, April 24**
8:30 AM Gary Halm, req. Bob & Corinne Hanson

**Tuesday, April 25**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, April 26**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, April 27**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, April 28**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, April 29**
4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Donna Mays
   and Donna & Tom Weigel
   Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Pat & Debi Savage

**Sunday, April 30**
8:30 AM Deacon Tom Fricke,
   req. Deacon Tom Marciani & Desiree
10:00 AM Deceased members of the Frale Family,
   req. John J. Frale

We pray for the Sick

Bruce Barnhard
Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Pat Chang
Donna Ciolek
Vic Cordes
Michael Durkovic Sr
Rudy Durkovic
Vic Cordes
Ray DiGrazia
Karl Eggers
Marge Felix
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Joanne Fricke
Robert Gripp
Jeanne Jordan
Donna Mays
Sue McGuire
Chuck Neal
Janice Proksery
Bob Pluta
Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Lolit Ranchero
Robert Rodriguez

Barbara Hile
Fred Huth
Brian Jackson
Jessica James
Rayna Januska
Ed Jasewsky
Madeline Jasewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Ida Kenny
Paul Knight
Barb Kosiek
Robert Losik
Joyce Mapsles
Jan May
Donna Mays
Sue McGuire

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 the Corinne and Bob Hanson, who recently lost their brother-in-law Eddie Williamson. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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.

Bible Readings April 23 - April 30

**SUNDAY:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46)
**MONDAY:** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273)
**TUESDAY:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555)
**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275)
**THURSDAY:** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276)
**FRIDAY:** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277)
**SATURDAY:** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69 (278)
**SUNDAY:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49)
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Office Hours
Monday—Thursday..................8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Friday.....................................8:30 AM—1:30 PM

Mass Schedule
Monday through Thursday.............8:30 AM
Friday Communion Service.............8:30 AM
The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.
Saturday.................................4:45 PM
Sunday..................................8:30 AM and 10:00 AM
Holy Days...consult bulletin or call
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

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Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Bill Yunker, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 23
Peace & Soc Justice Letter Signing
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, April 24
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—PPC

Tuesday, April 25
8:30 am—daily mass

Wednesday, April 26
8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, April 27
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga

Friday, April 28
8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, April 29
11:00 am—1st communion practice
4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, April 30
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events
April 22/23: Sign Offering Letters—Farm Bill in the narthex
April 24: PPC meeting 7:00 pm
April 29: 1st Communion practice
10:00 am
May 4: Baptism prep class 7 pm
May 6: 1st Communion 11 am
May 7: Baptisms 11 am

Parish Giving

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: April 12–April 18
Sunday $ 4,439.00
Sunday other forms $ 3,020.00
General Funds $ 40.00
Restricted $ 375.00
Debt Reduction $ 188.00
Total Contributed $ 8,062.00

Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported $ 8,062.00
Differential this period: $ 2,238.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Good Friday (Holy Land) $ 20.00
Easter collection $ 1,110.00
Ash Wednesday $ 100.00
Home Missions $ 30.00

Debt to Diocese 3/31/2023 $70,255.00
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. 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.

Earth Day Message

“Thus we live in this common home as one human family in biodiversity with God’s other creatures.” “Because of our selfishness we have failed in our responsibility to be guardians & stewards of the earth. ‘We need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair’ (LS 61). We have polluted it, we have despoiled it, endangering our very lives. I deeply appreciate these initiatives; we have no future if we destroy the very environment that sustains us.” “In today’s celebration of Earth Day, we are called to renew our sense of sacred respect for the earth, for it is not just our home but also God’s home.” …let us pledge to love and esteem the beautiful gift of the earth, our common home, and to care for all members of our human family.”