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
Saint Joseph teaches us that, in the midst of life’s tempests, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course.

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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.

Father Damien
The True One Man Inspirational Story

During the month of April the Knight of Columbus Council #5918 sold tickets to the inspirational play, Father Damien, “The Leper Priest of Molokai”.

“We as the Robert Connelly Council of the K of C for St. Scholastica and CTS would like to express our sincere gratitude for the support of this play and fund raiser for our Council”. Our thanks for always supporting the Knights Council #5918 in all our church missions.

Calling All Volunteers!
Join us for the Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner on Friday May 19th, at 6:00 pm.

Appreciation

This dinner is held to recognize the contributions of everyone who helps to make our parish great, whether by participating in liturgical ministry, being on a committee or commission, volunteering to teach religion, or working in any volunteer capacity on behalf of our parish.
Please sign-up in the narthex the first two weekends of May.
We need an accurate count so we can order enough food.
There will also be door prizes, trivia contest, fellowship and fun!

We hope to see you at the annual parish volunteer appreciation dinner on Friday, May 19th at 6:00 pm.

Queen of Peace Prayer
We ask you, Queen of Peace, to help us respond with the power of truth and love to the new and unsettling challenges of the present moment. Help us also to pass through this difficult period, that disturbs the serenity of so many people, and to work without delay to build every day and everywhere a genuine culture of peace.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Calling All Bakers!
We Need YOU!

Our newly formed Fellowship Committee would love to include you in the rotation for providing treats/baked goods for our Fellowship events four (4) times a year. The more bakers we have the better that will be and that way nobody gets burned out. If you are interested in helping, please call or email the CTS office and ask to be added to our list. We will need your name, best phone number to reach you at, and email address.
Office phone number: 630-910-0770 or bryn@ctswoodridge.org

Thanks in advance for your love, care and willingness to participate.

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 11:00 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, please call Alie Phillips at 630-985-1620.

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, June 1, 7:00 PM

National Eucharistic Revival
The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; it signifies Love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.
Saint Thomas Aquinas

Diocese of Joliet - We Belong to God

Creating an estate plan is a powerful way to honor these moments in our lives. Writing a will is an act of love that supports your family, plans for your assets, and provides lasting support to the organizations close to your heart. The Diocese of Joliet partners with FreeWill to support our parishioners in completing this important task.

FreeWill offers an online estate planning tool that can help you write your will in 20 minutes at zero personal cost. While you create your will, you'll have the opportunity to provide for your loved ones, make important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, and even make a bequest to support your parish, the Diocese of Joliet, our seminarian endowment and other Catholic ministries you care about. I hope this resource can help you safeguard all that you love and celebrate your life's milestones in a thoughtful and intentional way.

https://www.freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet

Jane Lagger
Chief Development Officer
Diocese of Joliet

May Crowning Mother’s Day Weekend

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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5th Sunday of Easter
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 New

New Date for Confirmation
Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bishop Kane has asked Christ the Servant Church to reschedule Confirmation to Tuesday, May 16 here at Christ the Servant Church. The Confirmation Practice will be rescheduled to Monday, May 15 at 7:00 a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

Confirmation Retreat
The Confirmation Class will be continuing their preparation for Confirmation with a retreat focusing on Faith and Trust in God by on Saturday, May 13 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. Permission Slips for the Retreat Need to Be Turned in ASAP

All Confirmation Projects and Paperwork are Late
All Confirmation paperwork are pass 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.

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.

Have a great summer everyone! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our faith and love of God with your children. It is always a great blessing to get to work with such wonderful families during the school year. Thank you, parents, for your help and all your efforts. May God bless you with a joyful summer.

Saturday, May 6th Sixteen of our parish children received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers that they always remain close to Him throughout the rest of their lives.

Thank you to the 2nd grade catechists, Maria Filopponi and Marj Wilkey, who helped prepare the children of the parish for their First Communion this weekend. Thank you also to all who assistance in the celebration. Everything was so beautiful!
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!!)

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.

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.

Come and Join
Christ the Servant’s Religious Formation
May 6th through 14th
for the
International Exhibition
THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD

This walk-through exhibition features photographs and illustrations of verified Eucharistic miracles that will be displayed at Christ the Servant’s church campus. From the first century to the twenty-first century, verified Eucharistic miracles have taken place in nearly every country throughout the world to strengthen our faith. Come and learn more about these Eucharistic miracles by walking through this informative and spiritually fortifying exhibition. Alongside the official displays, Christ the Servant’s Religious Formation students have created their own displays to represent the miracles that they learned in class this year. Be sure to check out what our students have been working on!

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL $43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $36,709 as of May 1, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: $29,198
REMAINING BALANCE: $7,511
DONORS THIS YEAR: 192
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.

**MSS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 6**
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek and Gerald Johnson, req. family
JoAnn Frale, req. family
Lorraine Riedl, req. Julie & Scott Lucas
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Jim & Alie Phillips

**Sunday, May 7**
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM John J, Paul J., Andrea Frale,
Christine & Stephen Klouda, req. John J. Frale

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

**Tuesday, May 9**
8:30 AM Mary Hofer, req. Casey Kellner

**Wednesday, May 10**
8:30 AM Gerane Dougherty, req. Paul Wisdom family

**Thursday, May 11**
8:30 AM Michael Johnson, req. Maryrose George

**Friday, May 12**
8:30 AM Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Knights Council #5918

**Saturday, May 13**
4:45 PM Pauline Dennis, req. Pat & Debi Savage
Tommy Dongarra, req. family
Lorraine Riedl, req. Gloria Dusatko
Deacon Tom Fricke, req. Pat & Debi Savage

**Sunday, May 14**
8:30 AM Ginny Haas, req. Elena Haas
Helen Ciolek & Josephine Borkowski, req. Ciolek family
10:00 AM Aline Phipps, req. Casey Kellner
Deceased members of the John J. Frale family

**Bible Readings May 7-May 14**

**SUNDAY:** Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 (52)
**MONDAY:** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)
**TUESDAY:** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)
**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)
**THURSDAY:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)
**FRIDAY:** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)
**SATURDAY:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)
**SUNDAY:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55)

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**We pray for the Sick**

Bruce Barnhard  
Barbara Bayro  
Sharon Bhaskar  
Jim Brabec  
Pat Chang  
Donna Ciolek  
Vic Cordes  
Michael Durkovic Sr  
Rudy Durkovic  
Ray DiGrazia  
Karl Eggers  
Marge Felix  
John M. Foresman  
Marty Foy  
Joanne Fricke  
Robert Gripp  
Joan Ha  
Jan May  
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  
Andie Wolfe  
Fred Huth  
Brian Jackson  
Jessica James  
Rayna Januska  
Ed Jasczewsky  
Madeline Jasczewsky  
Jeanne Jordan  
Ida Kenny  
Paul Knight  
Barb Kosiek  
Robert Losik  
Joyce Maples  
Brice Janelli  
Joe Barlow  
Joyce Libs  
Janice Proskey  
Bob Pluta  
Wm. (Bill) Rausch  
Lolit Ranchero  
Robert Rodriguez

*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.*

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**We pray for the Deceased**

May God give comfort and peace to the Donna & Roy Clavey family, who recently lost their cousin **David Stenger**

Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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**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.*
Office Hours & Staff

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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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Commission Chairpersons
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, 7
8:00 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism

Monday, May 8
8:30 am—daily mass
6:30 pm—R.F. commission

Tuesday, May 9
8:30 am—daily mass

Wednesday, May 10
8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, May 11
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga

Friday, May 12
8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, May 13
Our Lady of Fatima
9:00 am Worship commission
4:45 on—mass—May Crowning

Sunday, May 14
Mother’s Day—May Crowning
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events
May 7: Baptisms 11 am
May 8: R.F. commission 6:30 pm
May 13: Worship commission 9 am
May 13/14: May Crowning
May 14: Mother’s Day
May 15: Confirmation practice
May 15: Finance commission 7 pm
May 16: Confirmation
May 19: Volunteer appreciation dinner
6:00 pm
May 20: Electronic recycling/textile
And books 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Parish Giving

How many of us live day-to-day not
being aware of what we do or per-
haps 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 26–May 2
Sunday $ 5,433.00
Sunday other forms $ 3,845.00
General Funds $ 20.00
Restricted $ 150.00
Debt Reduction $ 228.00
Total Contributed $ 9,676.00

Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported $ 9,676.00
Differential this period: $ 624.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Home Missions $ 491.00

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 disburse-
ments by having the check mailed
directly to the church. Consult with
your financial advisor for infor-
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Creation Care Corner

Managing stormwater runoff in our yards and communities is challenging. Left unchecked,
stormwater carries pollutants from roofs, chemically treated lawns, driveways and roads into
streams and waterways. Increasing ways for water to be absorbed through landscaping
makes for healthier land and water for all. One home solution is the “rain garden”, a shallow
depressions filled with perennial native plants which temporarily collect a few inches of rain.
Plant roots then slowly filter out pollutants and allow the water to percolate into the surround-
ing soil. Up to 30% more water is absorbed into the ground. Besides alleviating problems
associated with flooding and drainage, rain gardens can beautify yards, recharge the ground
water supply and provide habitat and food for wildlife, including birds and butterflies.

Managing Runoff
with Rain Gardens