

# *Christ the Servant Catholic Church*

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.*



#### **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**

When we encounter difficulties in living and proclaiming the Gospel, we may be tempted to grow discouraged. But Jesus grants us the grace we need to continue on the path of Christian life with faithfulness and perseverance.

Please continue to check our parish website [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://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.

**National Eucharistic Revival**

I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.



- John 6:51

**Thank You from the Knights of Columbus**

The Woodridge Knights of Columbus Council #5918 would like to congratulate Miguel Lopez, who won our White Sox Ticket Raffle. He won four prime seats & parking pass to the September 17th game. The Knights want to thank Fr. Bob Duda and the Parishioners of Christ the Servant parish, who so generously supported us in this important fundraiser. We are happy to report that we raised thousands of dollars, which allows us to better support both our Churches and the entire Woodridge community.

The Knights also want to recognize and thank our generous ticket donor, Tim Cibulka (CTS Parishioner) and Legacy



**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)  
Funds Supporting Students**

As August winds down, I think of all the children heading back to school and the flurry of activity to prepare for a new school year. Parents are shouldered with the responsibility of buying school supplies, scheduling haircuts, physicals, dental exams. This can be costly and overwhelming, especially for families in need. Thankfully, Catholic Charities, one of our ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), is there to ensure a positive start to the year! Their Back to School Program served more than 1,500 families and thousands of children in need this year.

The extensive work of Christ done by Catholic Charities is made possible by the support it receives from the CMAA. Please take a moment to watch this short video about Catholic Charities and all they do for our community.

Your gifts enable us to walk alongside those in need with compassion and offer integrity and self-sustainability to all those we serve.



With sincere gratitude,  
Jane Lagger  
Chief Development Officer  
Diocese of Joliet

**PEACE GARDEN STONES PAINTING**

On the weekend of **September 23-24, 2023**, there will be an opportunity to either paint a new stone or repaint a faded stone currently in the CTS Peace garden just west of the church.



If you bring in a stone from the garden please wash it off and dry it before repainting. Acrylic markers and paint, brushes and directions will be provided. The stones will then be sprayed with clear acrylic paint before being placed in the garden. This takes a week. Thank you for your interest in keeping the Peace Garden looking lovely.



**Patriot Day Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, or the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).  
Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.

**Thank You Note**

**From Woodridge School District 68**

Dear Parishioners,  
 On behalf of the students, staff & families of Woodridge 68, thank you for the backpacks & supplies you donated. Your generosity helps start the school year off right. We appreciate your support in the community!  
 Warm wishes,  
 Amy Melinder  
 Director of Community Engagement



**Ladies September Luncheon**

Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 pm

The over 55 ladies lunch will be at:

**3-Corners Grill & Tap**

**7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove**

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, September 24th to:



**Alie Philips at 630-649-3466, or**

**Maryann Egleston at 630-281-0587**



**Upcoming Events!**

Cash for Food, Sept 30/October 1, 2023  
 Electronics Recycling Event  
 Saturday, November 18  
 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

**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 630-649-3466.

**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, September 7, 7:00 PM**



**Annual Parish Fundraiser**  
**Friday, October 13th**  
**Starting at 6:00 pm**

**Bavarian Blast!**

Save the date for good food, raffle baskets, music and sharing the evening with your parish community.

**Your Bavarian Blast Tickets Are Ready for Pickup in the Narthex!**



Parishioners will find their Bavarian Blast letter from Fr. Bob, admission ticket (s) and raffle tickets ready for pickup in the narthex.

The correspondence for the annual fundraiser is in white envelopes, in alphabetical order, placed in boxes on a table. You can pick up your envelope before or after masses this weekend or during the week when the parish office is open. A sign-up sheet asking for snack food, paper goods and volunteers is also in the narthex.

**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

RF registration information can be found in the Narthex. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org)



A table will be available in the Narthex for last minute registrations during the open houses this week.

## CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended to extend your resources in order to help you foster spiritual growth within your family life. The Religious Formation program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith with a formalized, systematic program based on your child's developmental level for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.



## Religious Formation Registration

RF registration information forms are in the back of church.

July 5 – September 24	Tuition \$175
September 25 – October 24	Tuition \$190
October 25 – February	Tuition \$200



## 2023-2024 Religious Formation Elementary Class Days and Times

Remote eLearning is independent study and does not have a set time to meet each week (Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)

You may pick one of the following class sessions to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4:45-6:00 PM	Grades 1-8	Grades K-4, & 8	Grades 1-6
6:30-7:45 PM		Grades 4-8	Grades 5-8
eLearning	Grades 1-8 (any day of the week)		

Confirmation & Communion remote students are required to be in person for some activities for the Sacrament preparation.



## Catechists are invited

There will be a Catechist Coffee & Treats Meet-Up Sunday, September 10. There will be a brief meeting to go over the upcoming school year. Class list's and books will be given out at the meeting. Reach out to Christine at 630-910-0770 with any questions.



## Is God calling you to share your faith?

Volunteers and Catechists are essential to running a successful RF program. There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children. Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time.



Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org) if you are able to give some time to help during the year.



Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are genuinely happy to be able work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments are God's great gift to mankind and so there is great joy in being able to share this wonderful gift and work of God with your family. The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: "they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life." (St Thomas Aquinas)

## Sacrament Reminder

Don't forget, if your child is planning on making a Sacrament that the Diocese of Joliet requires children complete a



**minimum of two consecutive years of Religious Formation before receiving Sacraments.** Typically, in 2nd grade, our children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. (Children must have participated in RF in first and second grade or two other consecutive years of preparation). Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be conferred at the end of 8th grade according to the Bishop's schedule begins in 6th and 7th grade. (Full participation in RF in 7th and 8th grade is the minimum enrollment required.)

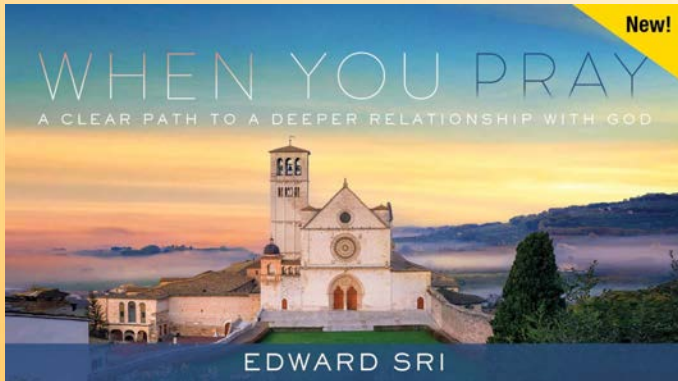
## Adult Sacrament Classes

Adults interested in completing their Sacraments or in becoming Catholic are invited to join us this fall as we begin sessions that will be both online and in-person. Call Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 for more information.



**NEW ADULT STUDY COMING SOON!**

**When You Pray**  
**A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God**



**Religious Formation Upcoming Dates**

**July 6- September 24** Religious Formation Registration 2023-2024 (Tuition \$175)

**September 10** Catechist Coffee & Treats Meet-Up

**September 11, 12, and 13** RF family prayer service and open house.

**September 17** Catechetical Sunday

**September 18, 19 and 20** first regular class

**September 21 and 22** remote student book pickup 3-5pm

**September 25-October 24** Registration Tuition increase (Tuition \$190)

**October 27** Set up for Reconciliation Retreat

**October 28** Reconciliation Retreat "Forgiveness Day"

**November 4** Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:00

**2023 Catholic  
Ministries Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Joliet**

2023 GOAL \$43,500  
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$44,253 as of September 3, 2023  
AMOUNT PAID: \$39,611  
REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,889  
DONORS THIS YEAR: 218  
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0  
*Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!!!*



**Youth Group**

Thank you to all of the kids and adults who helped to make this summer's youth group so much fun! Keep an eye out for more events in the coming future!



**Religious Formation Sponsorship - Faith Forward**



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their child or children to religious classes. To help our parents pay for Religious Formation classes, we have started a Religious Formation Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward, Christ the Servant Religious Education's Sponsorship Program. By sponsoring the faith formation of a child – by passing your faith forward — you help to lay the foundation and shape the future of both our children and the whole of our Catholic community.

There are several ways to financially assist in passing your faith forward:

A \$175.00 donation will pay for one year of religious formation tuition

\$100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament

\$25.00 will purchase a child's textbook for the year.

Other sponsorships such as retreat expenses, high school programs, speaker engagements, classroom audio/video



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday, September 9**  
 4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sandy & Fernando Alonzo  
 Kathleen Gabehart, req. Laverne Trembacz  
 Una O'Donnell, req. Jim & Melinda Nowak  
 Dennis Prohaska, req. Helene Peslak  
 Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere

**Sunday, September 10**  
 8:30 AM Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere  
 10:00 AM James (Jim) Sullivan req. Carole Sullivan  
 Frale Family, req. John J. Frale  
 Carmen Valliere, req. Suzanne Valliere

**Monday, September 11-Patriot Day**  
 8:30 AM Religious Formation, req. Parish

**Tuesday, September 12-The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
 8:30 AM Religious Formation, req. Parish

**Wednesday, September 13**  
 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to heaven souls that are most forsaken, req. Zenaida Cruz

**Thursday, September 14**  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, September 15**  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, September 16**  
 4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. John & Nancy Arke  
 David Stenger, req. Roy & Donna Clavey  
 Almaia Custodio, Louise, Matteo Domino, & Forrest Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz  
 Dennis Prohaska, req. Pat & Debi Savage

**Sunday, September 17-Catechetical Sunday**  
 8:30 AM Stanislaw Wielgus, req. Barry J. Deron  
 Matthew Elapunkal, req. Clara Elapunkal  
 Jessica Marshall & Kathy Chandler, req. Chandler family  
 10:00 AM Gerald Wilmsem, req. Paul Wisdom family  
 James J. Frale, James G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale, req. Frale family

## Readings for the Week Aug 27–Sept 3

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18: 15-20 (127)  
**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11 (437)  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19 (438)  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26 (439)  
**Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78: bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2: 6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638)  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639)  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49 (442)  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28: 7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130)

## Prayers for the Sick

Bruce Barnhard Barbara Bayro Frank Bayro Nancy Becker Sharon Bhaskar Jim Brabec Renee Brennan Pat Chang Donna Ciolek Vic Cordes Michael Durkovic Sr Rudy Durkovic Ray DiGrazia Marge Felix John M. Foresman Marty Foy Joanne Fricke Robert Gripp Joan Haffner Bill Hartig Michael Harris Carolyn Heinrich	Carol Hendrich Barbara Hile Fred Huth Tony Iovito John Ito Brian Jackson Jessica James Rayna Januska Ed Jascewsky Madeline Jascewsky Paul Jasinevicius Ramon Joson Jeanne Jordan Paul Knight George Koca Barb Kosiek Barbara Kuehn Robert Losik Joyce Maples Jan May Donna Mays Chuck Neal	Nam Pham Janice Proskey Bob Pluta Wm. (Bill) Rausch Lolit Ranchoero John Rossi Sonja Rudny Jim Sanders Rita Sisko David Sivak Ken Sloup Jennifer Stile Dan Szymanski Dennis Szulc Mary Vanderplow Bill Wagner Judy Ward Patricia Wheeler
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*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 bryn@ctswoodridge.org. To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630- 910-0770.*

## We pray for the Deceased



May God give comfort and peace to those who have recently lost a family member or a dear friend.

The tabernacle light burns this week in loving memory of the People of the Parish.



## 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.*

## Office Hours & Staff

8700 Havens Drive  
Woodridge, Illinois  
60517  
Phone: (630) 910-0770  
Fax: (630) 910-6060  
[www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org)



### 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 and 10:00 AM  
Holy Days....consult bulletin or call

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

### Pastoral Staff

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[janet@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:janet@ctswoodridge.org) Ext. 104

**Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper Ext. 102

**Mary Goba**, Admin Assistant Ext. 102

### 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, September 10

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

Catechist coffee & treats

### Monday, September 11

8:30 am—daily mass

4:30 pm—RF open house

7:00 pm—RF commission meeting

### Tuesday, September 12

8:30 am—daily mass

7:00 pm—RF open house

### Wed, September 13

8:30 am—communion service

7:00 pm—RF open house

### Thursday, September 14

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

### Friday, September 15

8:30 am—communion service

### Saturday, September 16

4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, September 17

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

### Upcoming Events

**Sept 10:** Catechist coffee & treats

**Sept 11:** RF family prayer service & open house 7 pm

**Sept 12:** RF family prayer service & open house 7 pm

**Sept 13:** RF family prayer service & open house 7 pm

**Sept 17:** Catechetical Sunday

**Sept 18-20:** RF classes K-8 this week

**Sept 18:** P&SJ and Finance meetings

**Sept 21 & 22:** RF remote students book pickup 3:00 to 5:00 pm

**Sept 23/24:** Painting a stone for the Peace Garden; join us in the narthex

**Sept 30/Oct 1:** Cash for Food donations

**Oct 1:** Baptism

**Oct 1:** Pet Blessing

**Oct 7/8:** Hospitality after masses

**Oct 13:** Bavarian Blast— 6 pm

## 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: 2023- 2024

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	<u>2,600.00</u>
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>\$ 10,300.00</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS: Aug. 31—Sept 5

Sunday	\$ 5,980.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 3,175.00
General Funds	\$ 10.00
Restricted	\$ 1,325.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>1,113.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 11,603.00</b>

### Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 11,603.00
<b>Differential this period:</b>	<b>\$ 1,303.00</b>

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

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Mission Sunday:	\$ 5.00
All Saints holy day	\$ 5.00

Debt to Diocese 7/31/2023  
\$24,703.00

Registered Households—784  
**God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!**

**Did you know...**To donate stocks, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://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](http://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. As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, Christ the Servant is sharing a **free, online will-writing tool**. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations and strengthen Christ the Servant. Get started at [FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet](http://FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet).

### Leave a Legacy.

*Any extra donations you wish to make toward church will be used for maintenance of the building or grounds.*

## Creation Care Corner

### Celebrate the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. It starts September 1<sup>st</sup> and ends October 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a time of reflection on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This is a time of restoration and of hope, but also a time for action. It's a time we can take to educate ourselves on new ways of living with Creation that better care for both people and the planet. It's a time to craft plans and implement those changes.

As Pope Francis said, "this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions . . . calling for courageous decisions . . . directing the planet towards life, not death."