

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

~ Luke 3:3



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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
 Service makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives.
 Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this life.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1tHeservant).



Over 55 Ladies Club
 To participate, be sure to call one of the two people listed below **by Friday, December 3.** (If you missed the deadline, call and ask if there is still room.)

Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, December 7, 1:30 PM at

GOAT & VINE

Restaurant + Winery

195 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook

You must call
 Andie W
 Or Rita S

New members welcome!

In lieu of a Christmas Gift Exchange, we will be accepting donations for a charitable organization.

BLUE JEANS FOR THE HOMELESS

Danilo & Elaine T have volunteered to be a drop-off site for Blue Jeans for the Homeless if the church is closed. They live at the corner of Havens and Rutgers, about three blocks from the church, at 20W351 Rutgers Drive, Downers Grove. Donors can donate jeans and non-perishable foods here. From September to December they will also accept jackets, blankets, and other winter clothing. There is a yellow container on the side of the garage to place your donation. Thank you for helping our homeless brothers and sisters!



THANK YOU to ALL that helped prepare our Liturgical Decor for Advent. Everyone did an amazing job.

Don't forget everyone that Christmas decorating will be Sunday, December 19th AFTER the 10:00 am Mass.

Sincere appreciation,
 JoAnn joannwelton@aol.com

FREE Admission
 Bolingbrook Community Chorus
 Annual holiday concert
 "A Classic Holiday"
 Sunday, December 5, 2021
 2:00 pm
 Bolingbrook Community Center A
 201 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook

A collection will benefit 4 K.I.D.S. SAKE in Bolingbrook.
www.BolingbrookChorus.org
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 Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Unless it falls on a Sunday like it does this year, December 12 is the feast day we honor OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE. In 1531 our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego, whose feast day is Dec. 9. The third time Mary appeared she told Juan Diego to pick roses, wrap them in his tilma (cloak), and drop them at the feet of the bishop. A beautiful image of the Virgin Mary appeared in his tilma which is still intact today.

The tilma is on display at the Basilica in Mexico City. There are many miraculous things regarding this image:

1. After 490 years the tilma is still in perfect condition
2. There are no signs of paint on the tilma. The colors do not belong to any known chemical element. The colors HOVER above the tilma
3. The eyes are the same as looking at a human eye of a living person. When exposed to light the retina contracts.
4. A rhythmic beat of 115 pulses is heard. Tilma temperature is a constant 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit
5. Stars of the cloak reflect the position of the stars at the winter solstice Dec. 12, 1531

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us!

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 F.

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, Jan 6, 7:00 PM



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Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be as generous as you are able.

Use the envelope in your mailed packet, or any envelope marked "Retired Religious".

| Hotline Numbers for Help | |
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| 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

Class times:

Tuesday 4:30-5:45 Grades 1-5 & 8

Tuesday 6:00-7:15 Grade 6

Wednesday 6:00-7:15 Grades 1,5-8

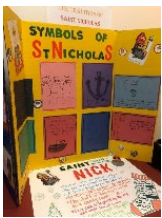
Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)



Thanks to everyone who helped set up our Mitten Tree and who donated to our mitten and hat collection this year!
(There is still a week left to add your donation to the tree!)

Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Christmas Traditions" that will be held on

Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00pm.



Parents are invited to join their children for the RF Christmas Celebration "CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS" on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. Each class will display a project that they have made explaining a different Christmas tradition in the church that they have learned about in class. Families are also invited to make a display or poster

show one of their own special Christmas traditions. There will be hospitality and lots of fun.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

December 7-8 Classes (December 10 New Remote Classes Post)

December 14 All Classes Christmas Traditions Family Event 7:00-8:30

(Families are asked to share displays or food from their own personal Christmas traditions. It is a night of sharing with the whole parish. There will be a few surprises and even a couple of heavenly and biblical characters popping up throughout the festivities.)

December 15-29 Christmas Break

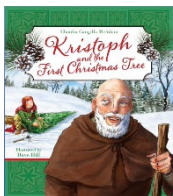
December 24 Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy

January 4-5 Classes (Jan 7 new remote classes post)

Ideas to make the most of this Advent for Kids and Families on FORMED

Kristoph & the First Christmas Tree: A Legend of St. Boniface

Based on an ancient legend, Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree is a video production drawn from the family-friendly story written by children's author Claudia Cangilla McAdam and illustrated by Dave Hill.



The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas

The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. <https://watch.formed.org/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas>



A Week Full of Family Advent Activities



SUN 5 Light the second purple Advent candle. Sing Christmas hymns together. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult. To help celebrate Advent try making this delicious "Advent Hot Chocolate" - A Liturgical Recipe For Catholic Kids [https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-hot-](https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-hot-chocolate/)

[chocolate/](https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-hot-chocolate/)

MON 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas Listen to a story about the legendary gift giver. Make or buy a small, thoughtful gift for someone you know. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/nicholas-the-boy-who-became-santa>

TUE 7 During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. So, have a Birthday Party for Jesus or a Baby Shower and donate the gifts to a family in need or to a local charity.

WED 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Make card for or give a call to your mother or a mother figure in your life today.

THUR 9 Feast of Saint Juan Diego Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Watch the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/juan-diego-messenger-of-guadalupe> and <https://watch.formed.org/videos/our-lady-of-guadalupe-and-st-juan-diego> Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary.

FRI 10 Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member's name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.

SAT 11 Long before an angel appeared to a young girl named Mary, the need for the angel's message was firmly established in history. At the start of Creation, mankind had rebelled, choosing to trust something other than its Creator, bringing sin and death into the world. So how does that event connect to a young virgin and a startling visit from a celestial being? Watch "Trust in God" with Brigid DeMoor on FORMED. <https://watch.formed.org/ysdisciple/season:18/videos/trust-in-god-with-brigid-demoor>

Our Beloved Dead

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the bulletin last week:

Ella Amabile
 Emilia Amabile
 James Amabile
 Ralph Amabile
 D'Amico family
 Alberto Daniele
 Amelia Daniele
 Antonietta Daniele
 Carmine Daniele
 Christina Daniele
 Ernest Daniele
 Francesco Daniele
 Francisco Daniele
 Michlina Daniele
 James Sullivan
 Wachowski family
 Harry Wiebler
 Wintczak family



Wednesday, December 8:
Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation.
 Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

December 11/12: normal schedule

December 18/19: normal schedule

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve: no morning service. Masses:
 4:00 pm (Children)
 10:00 pm

Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day:
 10:00 am mass
 (no 4:45 pm mass on 12/25)

Sunday, December 26: Holy Family
 8:30 am and 10:00 am mass

Friday, December 31: Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation
 4:45 pm only

Saturday, January 1: NO Holy Day morning mass
 4:45 pm: **Epiphany**

Sunday, January 2: Epiphany
 8:30 am and 10:00 am mass

Creation Care Corner



"... the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."
 – Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from burning fossil fuels traps heat, is warming the planet, and contributing to climate instability. Transportation, including our daily driving, contributes to 29% of total US GHG emissions. When purchasing, consider buying the highest mileage vehicle in the class you need. For example, a 40-mpg vehicle can save you 4500 gallons of fuel over the life of the vehicle and dramatically reduce emissions, compared to a 20-mpg alternative. Hybrid and electric vehicles can often deliver even greater reductions. Check for available incentives on those. Often the move to a more efficient vehicle can result in reduced operating expense and an overall cost savings to you, while reducing waste and pollution!



Like to see more pictures of what Religious Formation is up to? Check out the Christ the Servant Religious Formation Facebook page!

Christ the Servant - Religious Formation
<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation>

"Like" us!

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Rev. Tom Tivy & Jerry Scotti

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4

4:45 PM John & Assunta Bigicalupo, *r. Frate family*
 Dick DuSatko, *r. JoAnn Welton*
 Betty Lou Wargren, *r. Jean Durran*

Sunday, December 5

8:30 AM Robert Glos, *r. John & Marge Stancel*
 Harriet Jendrack, *r. Marge Buch*
 10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 8

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Marge Buch & family*
 Donna Buonamici, *r. Mary Kiser*
 7:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven

Thursday, December 9

8:30 AM David Kestler, *r. Bernie Kestler*

Friday, December 10

8:30 AM

Saturday, December 11

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
 Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
 Stanley A Deron, *r. Barry Deron*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM Linda Marczewski, *r. Paul & Lisa Daly*
 10:00 AM Ann Polan, *r. Water Tower Book Club*

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



We pray for the Sick

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| Barbara Bayro | Rita Hogan | John Pilizota |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Rayna Januska | Lolit Rancho |
| Jim Brabec | Philip Knurr | Dick Rosenbeck |
| Clem Campbell | Jeanne Jordan | John Rossi |
| Pat Chang | Barb Kosiek | Sonja Rudny |
| Roy Clavey | Karen Kripas | Jim Sanders |
| Vic Cordes | Joan Kurtz | Cathy Spataro |
| Bryan Dillon | Alan LeDuc | Dan Szymanski |
| Bruce Fitch | S.Suzanne Lesniewski | Frank Tiesenga |
| John M. Foresman | Robert Losik | Joseph Tomaeno, Jr |
| Dcn. Tom Fricke | Joyce Maples | Shirley Tomaeno |
| Linda Gaunce | Jeff May | Trunzo family |
| Joann Germanie | Chuck Neal | Michael Toro |
| Julie Grell | Patricia Newby | Mary Vanderplow |
| Don Gruszek | Anthony Nowak | Bill Wagner |
| Michael Harris | Linda Pennock | |
| Carol Hendrich | Alie Phillips | |

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 corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased



Kaspa Reddy
(brother of Kireeti Reddy)

We pray for those who Serve

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
Cole Jirgl, nephew of Corby & Sheri Schmitz
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Patrick Pendergast, son of Dave & Toni Pendergast
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. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Bible Readings—Dec. 5-Dec. 12

SUNDAY: Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

MONDAY: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20/ Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13

SUNDAY: Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 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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Commission Chairpersons

Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair

Ed Koch, Administration/Finance

Position Open, Christian Service

Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Position Open, Worship

Calendar of Events

Christmas Sharing Signups Craft Fair

Sunday, December 5

8:30 am—mass
 10:00 am—mass
 11:00 am—Manna orders due

Monday, December 6

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 7

8:30 am—daily mass
 1:30 pm—Ladies Lunch Out

Wednesday, December 8

8:30 am—Holy Day Mass
 7:00 pm—Holy Day Mass

Thursday, December 9

8:30 am—daily mass

Friday, December 10

8:30 am—daily service

Retired Religious Collection Christmas Sharing Signups Manna Order Pickup

Saturday, December 11

4:45 pm—mass



Sunday, December 12

8:30 am—mass
 10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events

Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation. Masses 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Dec 24/25: Masses Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm (no 4:45pm on Dec 25.)

Dec 26: Mass 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Dec 31/Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. Dec 31 @ 4:45 pm, Jan 1 @ 10:00 am

Parish Giving

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov 17-Nov 30:

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| Sunday 11/14 | \$ 3,435.00 |
| Sunday 11/21 | 3,308.00 |
| Sunday other forms | 3,439.00 |
| General Funds | 155.00 |
| Restricted use | 335.00 |
| Debt Reduction | <u>246.00</u> |
| Total Contributed | \$ 10,918.00 |

Capital Ctrb Challenge: Congratulations, Christ the Servant! Your generous donations have achieved the goal of \$220,000 for capital projects!!!
THANK YOU!!!!!!

Donations will continue to be accepted, and will be put into savings for future capital needs.

Differential this two week period:

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| Needed | \$ 20,600.00 |
| Reported | 10,918.00 |
| Deficit this period: | \$ 9,682.00 |

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

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| Thanksgiving | \$ 125.00 |
| Campaign/Human Dev | 654.00 |
| Diocesan Cemeteries | 20.00 |

Debt to Diocese 10/31/2021 \$260,660
 Registered Households—781

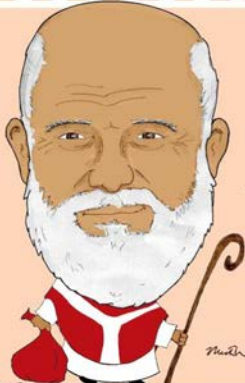
God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...while the Religious Formation year is well under way, it's not too late to sign up your child for classes! Contact Christine Goba for information.

Year End Giving.

Thank you to all who have helped support our parish this past year. It's been a rough year for many, and it's still going to take a while to recover. Your many generous gifts to our parish are an example of your faith and commitment to our parish community and the Lord.

saint snippets



St. Nicholas of Myra

4th-century Greek bishop known for putting coins in the shoes of the poor

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December 6

The giver of every good and perfect gift has called us to mimic his giving.