

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

~Luke 1:39-40

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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
 We're all called to contribute courageously and decisively to respect everyone's basic rights, especially of those who are 'invisible': the hungry and thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers or prisoners, those living on the margins or are discarded from society.

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.

A Good New Year's Resolution:
 Save Lives
 The Knights of Columbus are
 Sponsoring a



Saturday, January 8th
 From 7:30 AM to Noon
 In the Activity Center
 At St. Scholastica Church in
 Woodridge

Walk-ins are welcome. If you wish to make an appointment, contact Versiti Blood Centers at 1-800-7TO-GIVE or www.Versiti.org/IL. OR email wcschiffer@comcast.net and state the time you will arrive.

We donate to save lives. Each donation can save up to three lives. You will need an I.D. and please wear a mask.



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



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

The altar flowers last weekend were in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, requested by the Rodriguez family.



Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. (\$30 suggested donation.) Make sure you identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.

The altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Jim O'Brien, requested by Mary Anne O.



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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



The Knights of Columbus Robert P. Connolly Council #5918 recently presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Fr. Bob as a contribution to participate in the Christmas Sharing program. Presenting the check on behalf of the Knights of Columbus was Mike M.

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

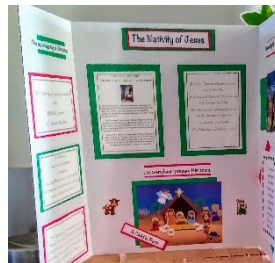


Religious Formation Class will be on Christmas break from December 15 to January 3. Have a Merry Christmas!



Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Christmas Traditions" RF Christmas program on Friday evening.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.



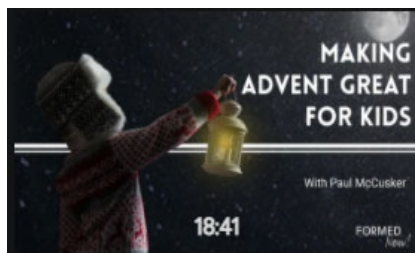
Ideas to make the most of this Advent for Kids and Families on FORMED



The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn't
<https://watch.formed.org/advent-3/videos/the-christmas-pageant-that-almost-wasn->

#comments

Making Advent Great for Kids Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker discuss how to help kids experience Advent as a joyful season of preparation for Christmas.
<https://watch.formed.org/advent-3/videos/making-advent-great-for-kids>



Religious Formation Up Coming Dates December 15-29 Christmas Break

December 24 Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy (Hosted by All Grades)

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



A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 19 O Key of David! Jesus opens doors that seem difficult to open. Pray about ways to overcome things that may be difficult for you. Light the fourth Advent candle. Consider ways you can bring peace and love to others.

MON 20 O Radiant Dawn! Jesus is our light! Shut off the house lights and all electronics after dinner and enjoy the light of the Christmas tree together as a family

TUE 21 O King of All Nations! Jesus is the king who unites us all. Read about how other countries and cultures celebrate the traditions of Christmas. Consider adopting one of these new traditions in your family

WED 22 O Emmanuel! We believe that Jesus is with us always. Call or visit someone who could use your company today.

THUR 23 Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Read the nativity story in the Bible together as a family.

FRI 24 Christmas Eve Christ is Born! Let us rejoice! Thank God for the greatest gift, the gift of his only Son! Put the figurine of the baby Jesus you made for the nativity scene in the manger.

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

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

"Like" us!

Save the Date!

Mr. Hassan Chaudhry will be presenting on
**Asian Americans and the
 Model Minority Myth**

Monday, January 10th at 7 PM
 at Christ the Servant Church.
 More details in the upcoming weeks.



We'd like to offer a big thanks to all of Christ The Servant community for their generous support of The American Cancer Society Relay for Life. In the many years we've come out you have always given us the love, support and prayers we needed. We have been raising funds for this cause for over 21 years because we've all been touched by cancer in some way. We will keep fighting. May Our Lord continue to bless, strengthen and guide you.

Prayers and blessings,
 Donna C and Vicki T

The Knights of Columbus also appreciate your support.

Join the diocesan mission trip to the Navajo Nation in June

The Diocese of Joliet will resume its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona.

The June 4-17 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc.

"It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson.

The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during the past two years because of the on-going coronavirus pandemic.

Informational meetings on the trip will be held on Jan. 4 and 12 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email bcarslon@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.



A bit of humor:

Q: What do my dog & my cellphone have in common?

A: They both have collar ID.

Creation Care Corner



"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation."
 — Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Reducing air travel can dramatically reduce your household carbon emissions. Air travel accounts for 12% of all U.S. transportation greenhouse gas emissions that warm the planet. Driving may be a better environmental option on shorter trips. Driving high mileage cars with additional passengers is almost always a better environmental option. When flying, non-stop coach flights are the best alternative. If you must fly, consider purchasing carbon offsets from a reputable third party certified company like Sustainable Travel International. Purchasing offsets invests in projects that remove some of the planet-warming carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. Easy to use calculators help you calculate a price to compensate for your travel footprint, so you can purchase credits equivalent to the amount of emissions you were responsible for.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

4:45 PM Bruce A. Deron, *r. Barry Deron*
Dad Kolodziej, *r. Helene Peslak*
Arnulfo (Noli) & Leonila (Nila) Harting, *r. Milrose Harting*

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM Bob Haas, *r. Elena Haas*
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Ann Polan, *r. Water Tower Book Club*
Jim O'Brien, *r. Mary Anne O'Brien*
Lorenza Murillo, *r. Roman & Lourdes Rodriguez*

Monday, December 20

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 AM Inna Reddy

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 AM Kasper Reddy

Thursday, December 23

8:30 AM Losik family, Sp. Int, *r. Bernie Kestler*

Friday, December 24

4:00 PM Dad Peslak, *r. Helene Peslak*
Bob Jahn, deceased members of Derlitz & Jascewsky families
James Crockett & Beth Crockett, Michael & Angeline
Kolek, *r. Colette Crockett & family*
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*

Saturday, December 25

10:00 AM Richard Iovito, *r. Andie Wolfe*
Rino LaPaglia, *r. Mom & Dad & Sister*

Sunday, December 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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



We pray for the Sick

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

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



Lorraine Shoerger
(mother of Jill Walsh)

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.
Please also let us know when they return home*

Bible Readings—Dec. 19-Dec. 26

SUNDAY: Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

MONDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

THURSDAY: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

FRIDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79

SATURDAY: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 (night; other options available)

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 / 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

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

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Ed Koch, Administration/Finance

Position Open, Christian Service

Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Position Open, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 19

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

11:00 am—Christmas decorating

Monday, December 20

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 am—daily mass

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, December 23

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—Yoga

Friday, December 24

No morning service

4:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass

10:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am—Christmas Day mass

Sunday, December 26

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass



Upcoming Events

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: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. Dec 31 @ 4:45 pm **only**. (No morning mass on Saturday, January 1)

Parish Giving

Most people do not see the call to holiness as their first priority in life. If anything, the tendency of many is to run in the opposite direction. For those who love and trust God, however, living holy lives, while providing great challenges can bring some of life's greatest rewards. Jesus shows us through stewardship, the way to these rewards.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to an early bulletin deadline, contributions will be reported next week.

Debt to Diocese 11/30/2021 \$249,359
Registered Households—781

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

Did you know...we are offering one mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This will be at 4:45 pm on Friday, December 31.

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.

If you are able, please consider these ideas provided by the Diocese of Joliet in addition to your much needed monetary donations:

1. *Save taxes on appreciated stock by donating it.*
2. *Avoid the hassles and costs associated with selling real estate by donating it.*
3. *Put an insurance policy to good use. Name Christ the Servant Parish or the Diocese of Joliet as the policy owner.*
4. *Tax-free donations of Required Minimum Distribution for an IRA. By having your RMD sent to Christ the Servant, you don't have to pay taxes on that money.*
5. *Charitable Gifts from your Will or Trust. Include a bequest to the parish or the Diocese in your will.*

saint snippets

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

St. Peter Canisius

Dutch Jesuit priest who reformed universities and attracted many back to the Catholic faith; known as the Second Apostle of Germany

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