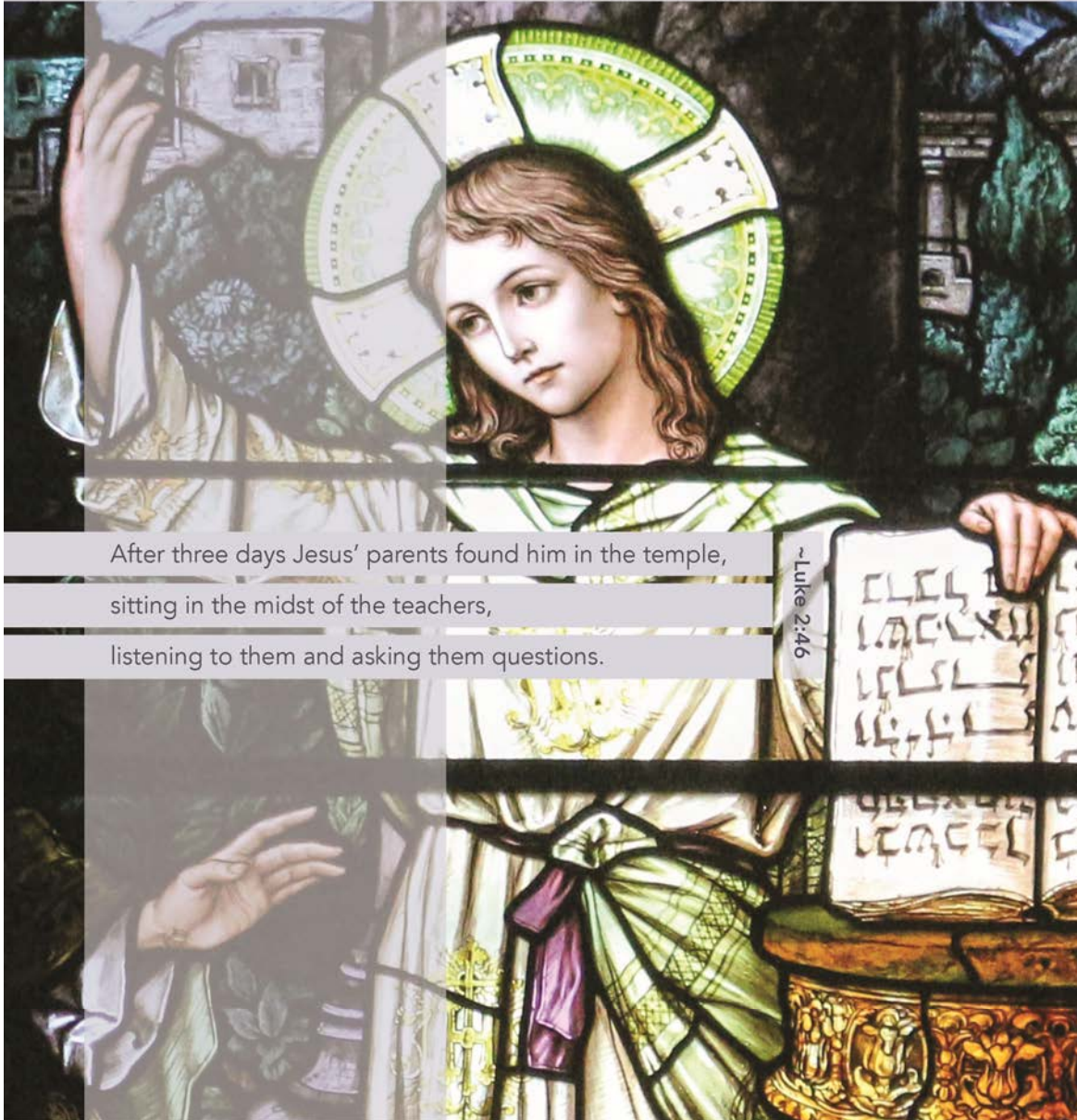


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

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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

Life is a time for making decisive, eternal choices. Trivial choices lead to a trivial life; great choices to a life of greatness. In fact, we become what we choose. If we choose God, we grow daily in his love, and if we choose to love others, we find true happiness.

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/UCm2wZ3DfT3vT8G1F1G1G1G1).



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

Blood DRIVE

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 wcsiffer@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 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



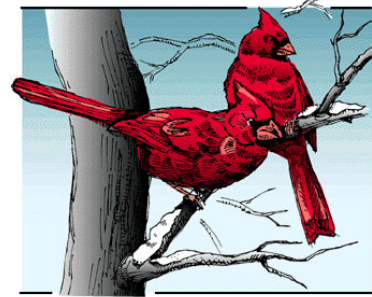


Through the Waters of Baptism,
the faith community of
Christ the Servant Parish
Welcomes
Jordan John, son of
Jake & Lisa W
November 21, 2021

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

Christ the Servant—January, 2022

- Jan. 1 No morning mass.
- Jan 4 12:30 pm, Mah Jong
- Jan 6 9:30 am, Yoga
- Jan 6 7:00 pm, Baptism Preparation Class
- Jan 9 10:00 am, Religious Formation 2nd graders serve at mass
- Jan 10 7:00 pm, Religious Formation Commission
- Jan 13 9:30 am, Yoga
- Jan 15 9:00 am, Worship Commission
- Jan 16 11:00 am, Baptism
- Jan 17 7:00 pm, Admin/Finance Commission
- Jan 17 7:00 pm, Peace & Social Justice Committee
- Jan 18 12:30 pm, Mah Jong
- Jan 20 9:30 am, Yoga
- Jan 24 7:00 pm, Parish Pastoral Council
- Jan 25 1:30 pm, Ladies Lunch Out
- Jan 27 9:30 am, Yoga



JANUARY

For information on Religious Formation activities, see page 4

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

WATCH

**FORGIVEN—SESSION 1:
WHERE ARE YOU?**
As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORGIVEN
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION



World Day
of Prayer
for Peace

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Mark Your Calendar

**18th Annual World Peace Day
Interfaith Prayer Service**
“Coming Together for the Common Good”

Sunday, January 2, 2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Wentz Concert Hall
North Central College
171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville

Masks required

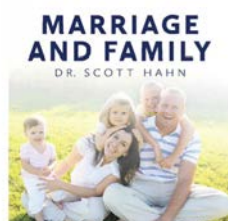
FORMED Now!

**FORMED NOW!
WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?**
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY:
LOVE UNVEILED
BY DR. SCOTT HAHN**
The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



**MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY**
DR. SCOTT HAHN

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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 nice break!

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 resume (Jan 7 new remote classes post)

January 19 Second Graders serve at 10 am mass



Photos taken at the Christmas Traditions event. 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!

Christmastime December 25, the Birth of the Lord through the Baptism of the Lord

Christmastime is a celebration of promises kept and prophecies fulfilled. During Advent, we hear Isaiah's prophecy of a Savior who would be sent from God. During Christmastime we hear the good news of the birth of that Savior, Jesus of Nazareth.

It is hard for us to remember that it is not gifts under the tree that make Christmas so important. If the presents were all we looked forward to, then when the presents were opened, Christmas would be over for us.

But Christmastime is not just one day. It is a season of almost three weeks after December 25. Many good days come during Christmastime. There are the feasts of the Holy Family, Saint John, and the Holy Innocents. On January 1 we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The solemnity of the Epiphany, the Sunday after January 1, is a key time of celebration in the annual cycle of the church year. Epiphany celebrations usually last for a week or so, until the Baptism of the Lord brings the season to a close.

Try to wait until after Christmastime is over to take down any decorations. The end of the Christmas season should not be sad. In fact, some people



leave their Christmas stable up until February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, as it is also called.

From Blessings and Prayers through the Year, E. Jeep. © 2004

Francis



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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.



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.

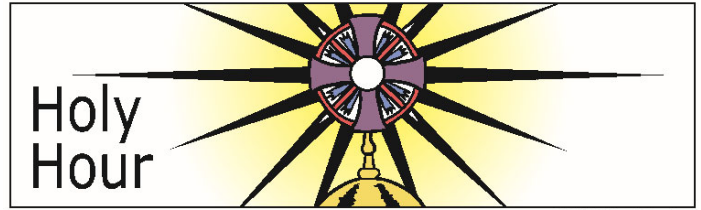
HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of becoming a priest or religious? Talk with Fr. Bob or email Fr. Steven Borello vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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 POWER OF PRAYER

Each New Year many make New Year's Resolutions, possibly to lose weight, refrain from gossip, or thank God for our blessings each day. Have you ever thought about marking your 2022 calendar to remind you to join in prayer every First Friday in CTS' Eucharistic Chapel aft the 8:30 am Service?

2022 dates: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4 and December 2.

*"More things are wrought by prayer
 than men dream of."*

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Creation Care Corner

Laudato Si' on the Incarnation

In the Encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (Laudato Si', 11)

Further, he reflects, "In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all Creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ's creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word 'became flesh' (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the Incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy." (LS, 99)

***Joy to you, and to the whole world,
 this Christmas Season!***

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Steve Laughlin & Patricia Leskowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 30

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

Friday, December 31

No morning service
4:45 PM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 1

4:45 PM Fr. Jim Ratigan, *r. founding pastor, anniversary of death*
John & Esther Michalek, & Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*
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	Anthony Nowak
Barbara Bayro	Michael Harris	Linda Pennock
Nancy Becker	Carol Hendrich	Alie Phillips
Sharon Bhaskar	Rita Hogan	John Pilizota
Jim Brabec	Remington Howard	Lolit Rancho
Fran Browne	Rayna Januska	Dick Rosenbeck
Clem Campbell	Philip Knurr	John Rossi
Pat Chang	Jeanne Jordan	Sonja Rudny
Scott Christensen	Barb Kosiek	Jim Sanders
Roy Clavey	Bob Kraft	Cathy Spataro
Vic Cordes	Karen Kripas	Dan Szymanski
Bryan Dillon	Joan Kurtz	Anastasia Thiem
Bonnie Fiebrandt	Brian Labuta	Frank Tiesenga
Bruce Fitch	Alan LeDuc	Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
John M. Foresman	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	Shirley Tomaeno
Dcn. Tom Fricke	Robert Losik	Trunzo family
Mary Garba	Christy Lucarelli	Michael Toro
Linda Gaunce	Joyce Maples	Mary Vanderplow
Joann Germanie	Jeff May	Bill Wagner
Julie Grell	Chuck Neal	
Don Gruszek	Patricia Newby	

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



Paul Kneurr

Becky LaRocque

(cousin of Mike Magee)

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. 26-Jan. 2

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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

SATURDAY: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

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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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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

Sunday, December 26

8:30 am—mass
 10:00 am—mass

OFFICES CLOSED THIS WEEK

Monday, December 27

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 am—daily mass

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, December 30

8:30 am—daily mass
 9:30 am—Yoga

Friday, December 31

No morning service
 4:45 pm—Mary, Mother of God mass

Saturday, January 1

No morning mass
 4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am—mass
 10:00 am—mass



Upcoming Events

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

Jan 1: World Day of Peace at North Central College, Naperville. (See page 3)

Parish Giving

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 8-Dec 14:

Sunday 12/5	\$ 3,817.14
Sunday 12/12	3,446.00
Sunday other forms	3,555.00
General Funds	1,185.10
Restricted use	340.00
Debt Reduction	<u>986.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 14,354.24

Congratulations, Christ the Servant!
 Your generous donations have achieved the goal of \$220,000 for capital projects!!! Donations will continue to be accepted, and will be put into savings for future capital needs. THANK YOU!!!!

Differential this two-week period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	14,354.24
Deficit this period:	\$ 6,246.76

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Thanksgiving	\$ 25.00
Retired Religious	771.00

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.



saint snippets

I want to follow you wherever you take me, freely, willingly, joyfully. Break my will! Let your will reign in me!

Bl. Sára Salkaházi

Hungarian journalist and religious sister who saved approximately 100 Jews during World War II. In 1944, she was executed by the pro-Nazi party.

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December 27