

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY

of *Advent*

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1

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

Spiritual consolation is an experience of interior joy that allows us to see God's presence in everything. It strengthens faith, hope, and the ability of doing good; it helps us never give up in the face of difficulties because it gives us a peace that is stronger than any trial.

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.



Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses:

**Thursday, December 8th at
8:30 am and 7:00 pm**



"And the angel came in unto her, and said, hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." - Luke 1:28

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions can be heard each Saturday during Advent before the 4:45 pm mass.

Father Bob will be at the church at 4:00 pm to hear confessions.



CTS Christmas Sharing 2022

Thoughtful reminder, Christmas gift cards are due back to the church by **Sunday, December 11th**. If you have a questions, please call or text: **Denice Kraft at 630/985-8875** Again, thank you!



Come Join us in Worship
Simbang Gabi Evening Mass

Simbang Gabi mass on **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm**. This is a devotional practice, refers to the Philippine Catholic tradition of the 'novena', a series of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season, one mass at CTS. Adult & child volunteers needed as candle bearers and petition readers. Please call Tony Abellera at: 312-519-6488 or email tonyabellera@hotmail.com

Wine, Beer, and Harvest Cheer-THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who supported the "Wine, Beer, & Harvest Cheer" FUNdraiser. This was our first post-Covid event and it was wonderful that so many people showed up to support it.

First and foremost, the committee would like to thank the parishioners of Christ the Servant. Without your support and attendance, there would be no event! Your energy and enthusiasm made our work well worth it! We would like to thank all of our awesome volunteers, those who signed up beforehand and those who jumped in on the day of the event. You are amazing and your energy was contagious!

Thanks also to Bryn and Corinne, who did so much behind the scenes work! We would also like to thank all of the commissions, committees, and individuals who donated a basket for our Pick-a-Raffle event. Thanks to everyone who supported both the Pick-a-Raffle and the Grand Raffle! Recognition needs to go to the members of the Parish Life Commission who have done this for a number of years, and who have the vision for what a successful fundraiser looks like. It is a passion project for these members who give so much of their time and talent to this parish, and have for many, many years.

Finally, we recognize the following benefactors and ask that you support their businesses in return for their generosity to our parish event: The Baked Apple Restaurant, Blueberry Hill Restaurant, Country House of Clarendon Hills, Tortorice's Pizza, Mane Exchange Hair Salon, Steven's Restaurant, 3 Corners Grill and Tap, Jameson's Char House, Paramount Theater, and Ziegfield Troy Gold Course. We have also recognized a few individuals on our benefactor board for significant contributions: Jeanie Durran, Tim and Mary McIlvain, and Dorothy Slechta. We would also like to thank our "free-jay" Scott Wanner, who donated his DJ services to the parish for the event. Scott claims he's not a real DJ but he did a great job of keeping the music playing! Finally, we'd like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$300 toward the purchase of beverages for the wine and beer tasting. There are many more individuals that could be thanked here, but we would run out of room! We hope you all enjoyed the Wine, Beer, and Harvest Cheer Fundraiser, and the Parish Life Commission was honored to be able to host this awesome event!

Thank You!

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.

Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.

Creation Care Corner

Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.

Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, highlights both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming "mindful," or intentional, aware & informed, can lead to more careful purchases.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them.

Refuse Reduce Repair Reuse Recycle

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 Fricke at 630-985-5266.

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, January 5, 7:00 PM**

Retirement Fund for Religious Order Priests

Pope Francis often highlights the value of older adults and the role they play in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In his message this year for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, he noted, "A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance."

As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection on the weekend of **December 10-11** — an appeal that benefits some 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States — I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



Ladies 55 & Over December Luncheon

New members welcome to join us on:

Tuesday, December 13 at

1:30 pm, at

Cracker Barrel

1295 Lakeview Drive,
Romeoville, 60446



In lieu of gifts a donation for a charitable organization will be taken up. Thanks!
Please R.S.V.P by Thursday, Dec. 8th, to,
Andie Wolfe at 630-926-7444
Rita Sisko at 630-985-4457



Craft Fair and Christmas Shopping

Craft Fair in the narthex before and after masses this weekend, Dec. 3rd and 4th. Hope you can enjoy some Christmas shopping.

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION.
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**

Pope Francis

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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

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Class times

Tuesday 4:45-6:00 pm Grades K-4 & 8

Tuesday 6:30-7:45 pm Grades 5-7

Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm Grades 1-6

Wednesday 6:30-7:45 pm Grades 5-8

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



Religious Formation
Family Mass

Would your child be interested in helping at the Christmas Eve Mass? There are many ways they can help out. Call or message Christine Goba for more information.

Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward

No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their children. To help our parents pay for Religious Education we are starting a Religious Education 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 education 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 equipment are also available.



A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

Sun 4 On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity. Light the second purple Advent candle. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult.

Mon 5 Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family. Don't forget to put your shoes out for St. Nicholas.

Tue 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.

Wed 7 Sing Christmas hymns together.

Thu 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today

Fri 9 Feast of Saint Juan Diego Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary

Sat 10 During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Donate baby supplies to a local charity

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

December 6-7 Classes

December 7-January 29 1st Reconciliation - by appointment

December 11 3:00pm Religious Formation Family Christmas Event – Jesus, God is with us.

December 11 4:00pm Christmas Concert with Jazz Spectrum

December 13-January 2 Christmas Break

**Book Study Holy Moments:
A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life**

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study with a new book by Mathew Kelly called Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. The book study will be on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**, beginning **January 5, 2023** and will run **through February 16, 2023**. To get a copy of this new book or for more information about the book study please stop by the Religious Formation office or call Christine at 630-910-0770.



Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it your life will finally make sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential.

Christmas Concert - December 11
 All are Invited to a Jazz Christmas Concert At Christ the Servant Church **Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00-5:30pm** With Musical Guest Jazz Spectrum. Admission is free but a freewill donation for the benefit of Religious Formation programs is appreciated.

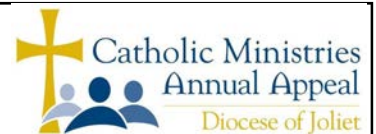
Jesus
 Emmanuel
God is with us

RF Christmas Program
Jesus, God is With Us
 Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Jesus, God is with Us" that will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm.**

Before the Christmas Concert with Jazz Spectrum.

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 11/27/22

Your participation in the CMAA is important. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs, and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.



Our goal is \$43,400. 70% of gifts received over goal will be returned to our parish for our use. A mailing has been sent to parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the 2022 CMAA. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA.

A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our diocese through our ministries and help others in need. Thank you for your support!
If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

2022 GOAL	\$43,400	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$47,899	PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:	\$45,464	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,435	Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:	221	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$1,445	Remember to keep up on pledges!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Joe Miklosz

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek
and Gerald Johnson, req. family
Thomas Wolf, req. Andie Wolfe

Sunday, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
that are near to heaven

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 8

10:00 AM Richard Buch, req. Marge Buch
7:00 PM Donna Buonamici, req. Mary Kiser
James Sullivan, req. Sullivan family

Friday, December 9

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 10

4:45 PM Bill Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak
Leoncio Bacani, req. Debi & Pat Savage

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry Deron
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

Erin Babington	Fred Huth	Lolit Rancho
Barbara Bayro	Rayna Januska	Robert Rodriguez
Sharon Bhaskar	Ed Jascewsky	John Rossi
Jim Brabec	Madeline Jascewsky	Sonja Rudny
Pat Chang	Jeanne Jordan	Jim Sanders
Greg Chisholm	Derek Kaunelis	Jennifer Stile
Donna Ciolek	Ida Kenny	Victoria Swartz
Patti Crimer	Paul Knight	Dan Szymanski
Michael Durkovic Sr	Barb Kosiek	Frank Tiesenga
Vic Cordes	Karen Kripas	Mary Vanderplow
Marge Felix	Patricia Lackey	Bill Wagner
John M. Foresman	Thomas Lackey	
Marty Foy	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	
JoAnn Frale	Robert Losik	
Dcn. Tom Fricke	Joyce Maples	
Robert Gripp	Jan May	
Karen Gormley	Donna Mays	
Joan Haffner	Chuck Neal	
Barbara Hile	Linda Pennock	
Michael Harris	Alie Phillips	
Carolyn Heinrich	Janice Proskoy	
Carol Hendrich	Bob Pluta	



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.

We pray for the Deceased



Please pray for the deceased
**Adrienne Ahern and
JoAnn Frale**

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.

Bible Readings Dec 4 thru Dec 11

SUNDAY: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

MONDAY: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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 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
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am—mass
CTS craft show
10:00 am—mass
CTS craft show

Monday, December 5

8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—PPC meeting

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mahjong club
Religious Formation classes

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 am—daily mass
Religious Formation classes

Thursday, December 8-Holy Day

Immaculate Conception

8:30 am—holy day mass
9:30 am—yoga
7:00 pm—holy day mass

Friday, December 9

8:30 am—daily mass

Saturday, December 10

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, December 11

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
4:00 pm—live Christmas concert
Jazz Spectrum

Upcoming Events

Dec 3: Advent Reconciliation:

4:00 pm at the church

Dec 3/4: Craft sale after masses

Dec 6: Manna orders due

Dec 8: Immaculate Conception

Holy Day masses at 8:30 & 7:00 pm

Dec 11: 4:00pm Jazz Concert

Dec 14: 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi mass

Dec 24: Christmas Eve masses at 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day mass 10:00am only

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: 2021-2022

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 21-Nov 29

Sunday 11/21 & 27	\$ 7,000.00
Sunday other forms	5,250.00
General Funds	355.00
Restricted	00.00
Debt Reduction	<u>430.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 13,035.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 20,600.00
Reported	13,035.00
Differential this period:	\$ 6,965.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Missions	\$ 0.00
All Saints	\$ 50.00
All Souls	\$ 80.00
Seminarian Support	\$ 10.00
Campaign Human Dev	\$ 66.00
Priests/Nuns retirement	\$ 25.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 818.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas Mass	\$ 0.00

Debt to Diocese 10/31/2022 \$126,670
Registered Households—781

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



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