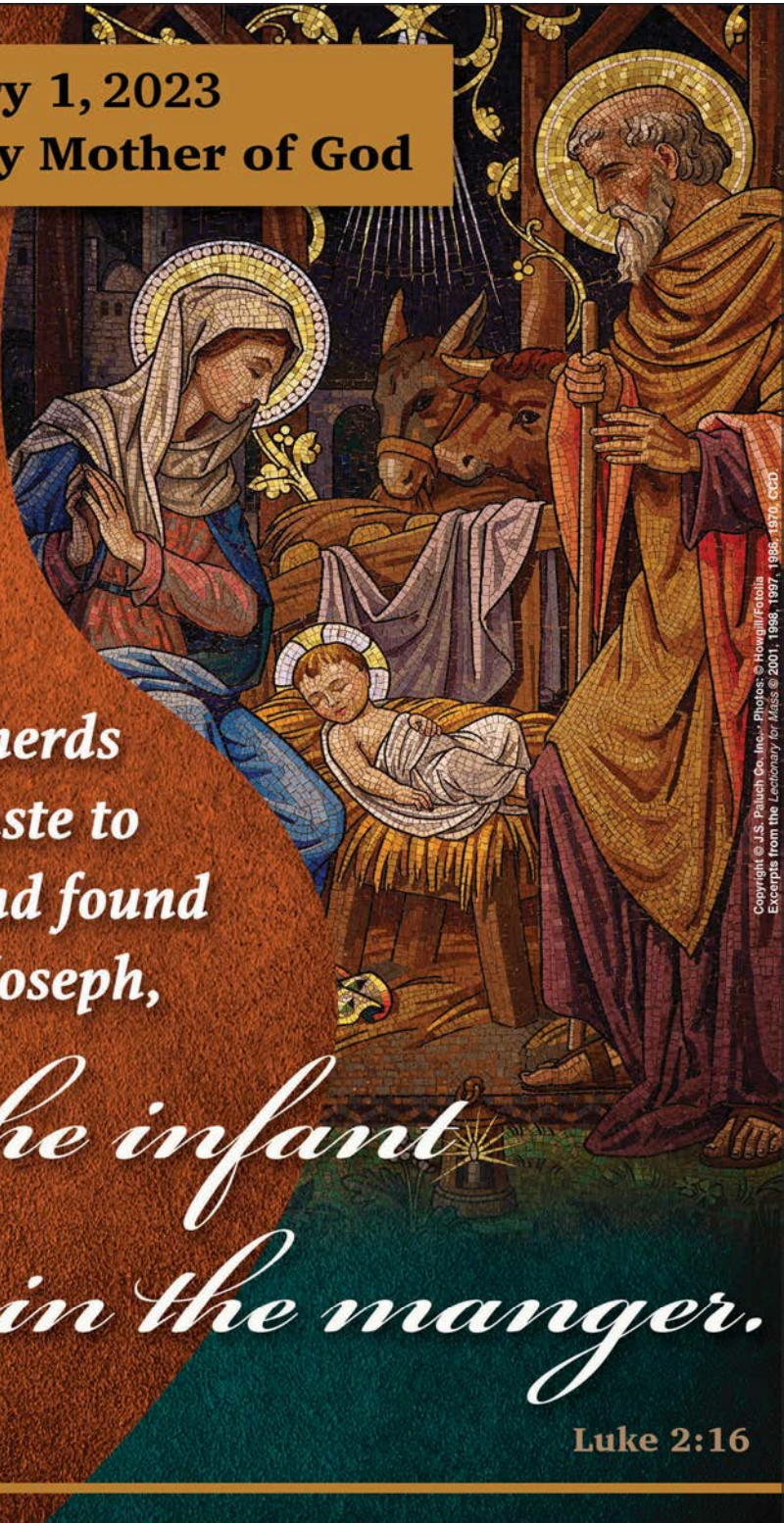


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God



*The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,
and the infant
lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

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
God is faithful to His promises and guides our steps in the way of #peace. He guides the steps of those who journey on Earth with their gaze turned toward Heaven.

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).



The church is so beautifully decorated through Advent and Christmas.
Thanks to the generous givers who provided a donation.

Cathy Baker in memory of Mike Baker

Vince Di Vincenzo in memory of Rose Mary Di Vincenzo

Jim & Jan Dongarra in memory of Tommy Dongarra

Gloria DuSatko in memory of Dick DuSatko,

Joseph & Marie DuSatko and Frank & Jean Zych

William Folga in memory of Diane Folga

Barb Gutman & Rod Heilman in memory of Don Gutman and Becky Heilman

Casey Kellner in memory of Rich Kellner

Mary Kiser in memory of Donna Buonamici and Virginia & Bill Barnes

Charlene Kotowski in memory of Chester & Dolores Kotowski

Michael Magee in memory of all my family & friends who have died.

Robert & Pamela Mizek in memory of the Mieszczak and Marek families

Moravecek Family in memory of Madonna Wasz and April Sedall

Mary Anne O'Brien, in memory of Jim O'Brien, the O'Brien family and the Magmer family

Odonnell & Linda Olympia in memory of Ched de la Cruz

Helene Peslak in memory of Richard Peslak & Kolodziej families

Don and Carol Prohaska in memory of Staivton and Prohasika families

Bob and Barbara Rassano in memory of all deceased family members

Thresa Sokolowski in memory of Stratis Bahaveolos Sr,

Pat & Debi Savage in memory of Pauline Dennis

Sonny & Emily Stillo in memory of Louis Stillo

Sullivan family in memory of James Sullivan

Tinoco family in memory of Mary Alvarez & Lupe Alvarez

Mike & Mary Ellen Vrankin in memory of Michele Reed

Thank you, Art and Environment Committee



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

Creation Care Corner

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO CARE FOR CREATION

The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature. Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all. The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences. Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?

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**

Celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival

With these special Diocesan Celebrations. Diocesan-Wide 40 Hours Devotion, February 8, 9, and 10 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet. Prayer Service with National Eucharistic Preacher: March 23, 24 and 25th, at various locations throughout the Diocese. Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

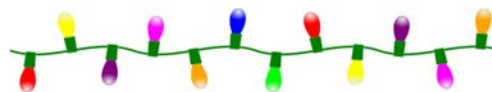


Blood Drive, Sat. Jan. 7th, from 7:30 am to noon at St. Scholastica, 7800 Janes Av. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & St. Scholastica. Photo ID required. Eat a healthy meal & drink plenty of water. To make an appointment to donate blood, please call: 800-786-4483.

Joy to the World

First Friday Holy Hour, January 6, 2023

The same everlasting Father who cared for you in 2022 will care for you tomorrow and everyday of 2023. Prayer is powerful! Let us start out the New Year praying together in CTS' Eucharistic Chapel for our family, friends, those who have no one to pray for them, the BJH Ministry, Ramon Joson, Souls in Purgatory, end to abortion, peace and justice for all, military persons, Pope Benedict XVI, all religious, government officials, doctors, nurses and all who care for the ill, those we have forgotten to pray for, for those we promised to pray for, and all CTS' members. *"More things are wrought by prayer than men dream of"*. Alfred Lord Tennyson



Recycle Christmas lights. Stings of lights can be recycled. Bring the lights to the church. The Green Team has placed two blue recycle bins in the west corner of the narthex for the holiday lights.

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

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 cgoeba@rcdoj.org



christmas break
Dec 13 thru Jan 2

Religious Formation Class will be on Christmas break from December 13 to January 2. Have a Merry Christmas!



First Communion

First Communion Reminder

Sunday, January 15th CTS Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion are asked to participate in the 10:00AM Mass. They will be joining the various Lay ministers to get a closer look at the various part of the Mass.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to all who donated to CTS's Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward program. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness to CTS's children and their families. It was so touching to see the concern and desire to share the Catholic faith with future generation. May God bless you for helping to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ. Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward program is a fund to assist students who cannot afford some or all of the expenses of Religious Education and the reception of Sacraments



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.

“Teach them his decrees and instructions and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.” (Exodus 18:20)

Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's



Religious Formation Christmas Program, "Jesus, God is With Us"



Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.



Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Jazz Concert!



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Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

December 7-January 29 1st Reconciliation - by appointment

December 13-January 2 Christmas Break

January 3-4 Class

January 10-11 Class

January 11 Confirmation Presentation “proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity” with Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz. All Confirmation students are asked to attend the **Wednesday night class** session. Parents and sponsors may attend also.

January 5 Adult Book Study “Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life”

January 5 Adult Bible Study “Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life”

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

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study this Christmas season 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. 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.



Confirmation Presentation “Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity”



All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, Jan 11 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz on Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.



National Eucharistic Revival

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival the Diocese of Joliet will be having hosting a Forty Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Times and schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion are February 8, 9, 10. Each day begins with 8 am Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration throughout the day until after the 8 pm Closing Prayer Service. During the days there will be silent prayer throughout the day with short Prayer Services at 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm and the closing at 8 pm.

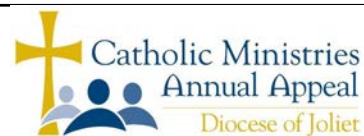


Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus’ life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Christ the Servant Parish will begin the *Jesus* study on **Jan. 5 at 2:00**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D’Ambrosio, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org. We hope you can join us!

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/18/22

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:	\$48,569	PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:	\$48,039	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$1,530	Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:	225	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$3,247	Remember to keep up on pledges!

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, December 31
 4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak

Sunday, January 1, 2023
 8:30 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor
 10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor

Monday, January 2
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 3
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 4
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 5
 8:30 AM Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron

Friday, January 6
 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, January 7
 4:45 PM Wally Silunas, req. Darlene Januska
 John & Esther Michalek and
 Gerald Johnson, req. Family
 JoAnn Frale, req. Family
 Wally Silunas, req. Darlene Janusha

Sunday, January 8
 8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, req. Cioleck family
 10:00 AM Carmela Florio, req. Family

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

Bible Readings Jan 1 thru Jan 8

SUNDAY: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
MONDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:34-42
THURSDAY: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

We pray for the Sick

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



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 our dear deceased family and parish members

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.

Office Hours & Staff

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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

- Fr. Bob Duda**, Pastor *Ext. 101*
FrBob@ctswoodridge.org
- Tom Fricke**, Permanent Deacon
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- Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper *Ext. 102*
- 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 25

Christmas Day

10:00 am—mass

Monday, December 26

8:30 am—NO daily mass

Office is closed.

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 am—daily mass

Wednesday, December 28

8:30 am—daily mass

No religious formation classes

Thursday, December 29

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

No religious formation classes

Friday, December 30

8:30 am—prayer service

Saturday, December 31

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

Monday, January 2

8:30 am—daily mass

Upcoming Events

- Dec 31:** Mass: 4:00 pm
Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary
Masses 8:30 & 10:00 am
Jan 5: Adult Book Study 2:00
Jan 8: Epiphany
Jan 9: Baptism of the Lord

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: Dec 15—Dec 20

Sunday	\$ 3,842.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 2,320.00
General Funds	\$ 0.00
Restricted	\$ 840.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>130.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,132.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	7,132.00

Differential this period: \$ 3,168.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Priests/Nuns retirement	\$ 175.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 45.00
All Saints	\$ 150.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 25.00
Simbang Gabi	\$ 1,766.46

Christmas Mass \$ 795.00

Debt to Diocese 11/30/2022 \$115,405
Registered Households—781

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



Did you know... To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on "Donate", then click on "Stock Donations" or call the Development office at 815-221-6100 for information.

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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