

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
November 25 and 26, 2023*



“COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE
FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” — MT 25:34

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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.

Francis' Tweet for the Week


Poverty is a scandal. When the Lord returns, he will settle accounts with us. Let us pray that each of us, according to the gift we received and the mission entrusted to us, may strive "to make charity bear fruit" and draw near to some poor person.

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.




Eucharistic Revival



In the Eucharist Jesus does not give us a 'thing,' but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood. He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love.
-Pope Benedict XVI

Book of the Dead



The Book of the Dead will be on a podium just outside the Adoration Chapel during the month of November. All parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book

November Baptisms

Kenzie Grace Glennon
Daughter of Daniel & Alison Glennon




Coralyn Grace Keane
Daughter of Robert and Mtzina Keane

Lily Grace Powers
Daughter Michael and Heather Powers


Advent Confessions - December 20th

Confessions may be said on Wednesday, **Dec. 20th at 7:00 pm.** Fr. Bob and a second priest will be available to hear confessions in the Church and Eucharist Chapel just before Christmas.



Rosary First Friday, December 1st

"May you soul sing with the Christmas message that "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to be one of us! Share some time with Jesus in the Eucharistic Chapel after the 8:30 Communion Service on Dec. 1.



CAN YOU HELP?



Before we know it, the Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas will be starting, and our parish worship space will need to be decorated and made ready for all of us to pray and celebrate these special days. The Worship Commission would really appreciate help on the following days:

Monday, Nov. 27th 9:30AM- We need to remove the Ordinary Time decor and set up all our "purple" for Advent.

Friday, Dec. 15 9:00 AM- The Nativity Scene will be set up in the Narthex, and a Christmas tree will be made ready near the Baptismal Font.


Sunday, Dec. 24- after the last morning Mass- Our Worship space needs to be made ready by 3PM for the 4PM Liturgy. That means, all Advent decor must be removed, and all Christmas decor, including flowers, must be set up and arranged. If you are able to help out on any or all of these days, please call the Parish office (630-910-0770) to let us know.

Your presence will be very much appreciated!!

Blessings and Congratulations

Julian Montes De Oca

Cotillion Blessing
Saturday, December 2
at the 4:45 pm mass



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

Craft Fair—December 2 and 3.

Mark your calendars for the annual Craft Show at Christ the Servant on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 2 and 3. Crafters will have handmade items on sale for your gift-giving pleasure. Items for sale before and after masses.



Come support their efforts. A few table spaces are available at \$15 each table. If interested, call **Donna** at **630-209-1488**. See you there!



Manna Sale is here!

Order forms are available in the Narthex & online. Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10 am mass on December 3rd will be ready for pickup the weekend of Dec. 9/10.

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 11:00 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, please call Alie Phillips at 630-649-3466.

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, November 2, 7:00 PM, pre-registration is required.

October FISH Donations

Thanks for the donation of 646 pounds of food to the Downers Grove Area Food Pantry & Community Service. (FISH) during the month of October.

**Knights of Columbus Council #5918
Four Roses Bourbon Basket Raffle**

The Knights are selling raffle tickets to win a Four Roses Bourbon basket! Tickets are \$5 for (1) or \$10 for (3) tickets. Even if bourbon is not your thing, this will be a great Christmas or New Years gift. Drawing is Dec 20th. To purchase raffle tickets, look for the Knights table in the narthex the weekends of, Dec 9/10 & Dec 16/17, before/after masses. Questions call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952



Christmas Sharing Sign-up, December 2nd and 3rd

Next opportunity to sign-up to share Christmas will a family will be the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd. Tables to sign-up to donate Christmas foods and gifts will take place in the narthex on before and after masses the first weekend of December.



All dinner baskets need to be at the Church on Sunday, December 17th between 8:00 am to 10:30 am. Early dinner basket drop off is on Saturday, December 16th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Please do not bring any perishables on Saturday as there is no storage for such food items. Also, please remember to label all your container with the assigned family number.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity!



Ladies Christmas Luncheon

At this time, no additional attendees can be added. Those of you who have been counted, we will carpool from CTS parking lot at 10:45 am. Reminder, the ladies Christmas luncheon will be held on: Thursday, December 14th, arrival 11:15 am at White Fence Farm, 1376 Joliet Road Romeoville 60446.

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



We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended to extend your resources in order to help you foster spiritual growth within your family life. The Religious Formation

program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith with a formalized, systematic program based on your child's developmental level for Kindergarten through 8th grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.

Religious Formation Registration

RF registration information forms are in the back of church.

October 25 – February	Tuition \$200
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2023-2024 Religious Formation Elementary Class Days and Times

Remote eLearning is independent study and does not have a set time to meet each week

(Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)

You may pick one of the following class sessions to attend. Confirmation & Communion remote students are required to be in person for some activities for the Sacrament preparation.

	Monday Afternoon	Tuesday Afternoon	Tuesday Evening	Wednesday Afternoon	Wednesday Evening	Remote
K		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM				
1st	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	FULL				Remote any day
2nd		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
3rd		Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM				Remote any day
4th			Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
5th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
6th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		FULL	Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM		Remote any day
7th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM		FULL		Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM	Remote any day
8th	Monday 4:45-6:00 PM	Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM			FULL	Remote any day



There is still time to Register for Religious Formation Classes...But Hurry!!!!

RF registration information can be found in the Narthex. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

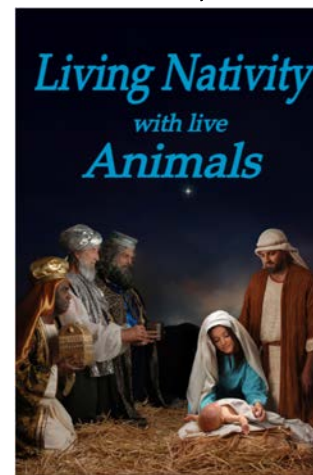
Religious Formation's Grand Event

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Religious Formation's "Grand Event" celebration. We are so proud of students who spent the afternoon doing something to thank their Grandparents for that they do for them. May God bless all of our Grandparents and Grand-friends.



Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Bethlehem"

that will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00pm.



All are invited to the Religious Formation Christmas Celebration "Bethlehem" on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 pm. Guests will be able to experience what life was like in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus by participating in activities and projects that reflect the time. There will be hospitality, crafts, games and lots of fun. We are also excited to welcome **live animals for our living nativity!**

Donations and Volunteers are needed to make this event a great success if you can help please call or email Christine Goba cgoba@rcdoj.org or 630-910-0770. Thank you!

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

November 27/28/29 Reconciliation for Grades 3-8
December 4/5/6 Regular Classes
December 11/12/13 Christmas lesson and work on Christmas program
December 19 (Tuesday) Christmas Program "Bethlehem" Family Event 6:30 pm
December 20-January 3 NO CLASSES
 Christmas Break
December 24 MASS Children's Christmas Liturgy (Hosted by RF children)



SACRAMENTS Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are

genuinely happy to be able to work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments are God's great gift to mankind and so there is great joy in being able to share this wonderful gift and work of God with your family. The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: "they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life." (St Thomas Aquinas)



Adult Sacrament Classes

Adults interested in completing their Sacraments or in becoming Catholic are invited to join us this fall as we begin sessions that will be both online and in-person. Call Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 for more information.

Religious Formation Sponsorship - Faith Forward



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their child or children to religious classes. To help our parents pay for Religious Formation classes, we have started a Religious Formation Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward, Christ the Servant Religious Formation'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 formation 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.

Sacrament Reminder

Don't forget, if your child is planning on making a Sacrament **the Diocese of Joliet requires children complete a minimum of two consecutive years of Religious Formation before receiving Sacraments.** Typically, in 2nd grade, our children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. (Children must have participated in RF in first and second grade or two other consecutive years of preparation). Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be conferred at the end of 8th grade according to the Bishop's schedule begins in 6th and 7th grade. (Full participation in RF in 7th and 8th grade is the minimum enrollment required.)



2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL \$43,500
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$45,195 as of Nov 19, 2023
 AMOUNT PAID: \$42,152
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,122
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 220
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0



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



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Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

signupnc.newmanministry.com



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 25

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Dorrothy and Phil Jenskovec
Dan Prohaska, req. Tina Fassero

Sunday, November 26

8:30 AM Joe Florio, req. Florio family
10:00 AM Frale Family, req. John J. Frale
Joseph Ho, Chuong Ho, Nam Pham, & Hanh Truong,
req. Luke & Hang Ho

Monday, November 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 28

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 29

8:30 AM Andrew Iovito Jr., req. Andie Wolfe
Fr. Francis S. Rog, C. R., req. Barry J.
Deron

Thursday, November 30

8:30 PM Maria Victoria Corrales,
req. Felix Corrales family

Friday, December 1

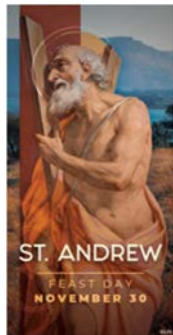
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 2

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittle
Dan Prohaska, req. Fran Fruh
John & Esther Michalek and Gerald Johnson,
req. family
JoAnn Frale, req. family

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe, req. Andie Wolfe
10:00 AM Robert Glos, req. John & Marge Stancel
Chuong Ho, Nam Pham, & Hanh Truong,
req. Luke & Hang Ho



Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-3

Prayers for the Sick

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| Barbara Bayro | John Ito | Genevieve Ragnanese |
| Frank Bayro | Brian Jackson | John Rossi |
| Nancy Becker | Jessica James | Sonja Rudny |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Rayna Januska | Jim Sanders |
| Jim Brabec | Ed Jascewsky | Rita Sisko |
| Renee Brennan | Madeline Jascewsky | David Sivak |
| Pat Chang | Ramon Joson | Ken Sloup |
| Donna Ciolek | Jeanne Jordan | Jennifer Stile |
| Vic Cordes | Paul Knight | Dan Szymanski |
| Michael Durkovic Sr | Barb Kosiek | Dennis Szulc |
| Rudy Durkovic | Barbara Kuehn | Michelle Toro |
| Ray DiGrazia | Robert Losik | Mary Vanderplow |
| Marge Felix | Joyce Maples | Jim Verdi |
| John M. Foresman | Jan May | Bill Wagner |
| Marty Foy | Donna Mays | Judy Ward |
| Joanne Fricke | Arturo Mendez | Patricia Wheeler |
| Robert Gripp | Anna Moneghini | |
| Joan Haffner | Chuck Neal | |
| Bill Hartig | Nam Pham | |
| Michael Harris | Carmen Pegnatiello | |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Janice Proskoy | |
| Carol Hendrich | Bob Pluta | |
| Barbara Hile | Wm. (Bill) Rausch | |
| Fred Huth | Lolit Rancho | |
| Tony Iovito | | |



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

We pray for the Deceased



The tabernacle light burns this week in loving memory of the People of the Parish.



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.

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

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Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Bill Yunker, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 26
Christ the King
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Monday, November 27
8:30 am—daily mass
7:00 pm—PPC meeting
Tuesday, November 28
8:30 am—daily mass
Wed, November 29
8:30 am—daily mass
Thursday, November 30
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
Friday, December 1
8:30 am—communion service
Saturday, December 2
4:45 pm—mass
Cotillion for Julianna Monts De Oca
Sunday, December 3
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism

Upcoming Events

Dec 2/3: Advent Begins
Dec 2/3: Christmas Sharing –narthex
Dec 2/3: Craft fair holiday sale
Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 16/17: Christmas non-perishable food drop-off & distribution
Dec 17: Baptism
Dec 18: Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Mass 7:00 pm
Dec 20: Penance Service 7:00 pm
Dec 23: Advent mass 4:45 pm
Dec 24: Advent Sunday mass 9:30 am

Dec 24: Christmas Eve masses
4:00 pm children's mass and 10:00 pm
Dec 25: Christmas mass 10:00 am

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: 2023- 2024
Parish Expenses \$ 7,700.00
Total Needed \$ 7,700.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 14—20
Sunday \$ 3,872.00
Sunday other forms \$ 5,855.00
General Funds \$ 110.00
Restricted \$ 50.00
Debt Reduction \$ 168.00
Total Contributed \$ 10,025.00

Differential this period:
Needed \$ 7,700.00
Reported \$ 10,025.00
Differential this period: \$ 2,325.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

All Souls \$ 75.00
Human Development \$ 448.00
Shepherds Campaign \$ 32.00
Thanksgiving Donation \$ 50.00
Cash for Food \$ 20.00

Registered Households—784

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. A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet. You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. Consult with your financial advisor for information. As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, Christ the Servant is sharing a **free, online will-writing tool**. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations and strengthen Christ the Servant. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.

Leave a Legacy. Any extra donations you wish to make toward the church will be used for maintenance of the building or grounds. Thank you to all who have helped support our parish this past year. Your many generous gifts to our parish are an example of your faith.



Gratitude, Generosity and Stewardship

In his Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to imitate God's generosity, calling for an attitude of "...gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works."

Pope Francis further explains, "One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." (LS 222, 227). We show our respect and gratitude to the Creator by our stewardship and recognition of his bountiful creation as a precious gift requiring our care.

Creation Care Corner