

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
December 9 and 10, 2023*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

*“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.*

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.”

—LUKE 3:4-5

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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.

**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 December 20th. To purchase raffle tickets, look for the Knights table in the narthex this weekend and December 16/17, before/after masses. Questions call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952



Manna Gift Card Order

Your gift card order is ready to be picked up this weekend, December 9th and 10th after each of the masses. Thank you.

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.

Simbang Gabi Evening Mass

Come join us in worship. Simbang Gabi evening mass Monday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm at Christ the Servant Catholic Church

This is devotional practice refers to the Philippine Roman Catholic tradition of the "novena," a series of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season, with one mass at Christ the Servant.

Adult & child volunteers needed as candle bearers and petition readers. Please call Tony Abellera at: 312-519-6488 or email tonyabellera@hotmail.com if you can assist with the mass.

The mass will offer music by the Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Choir, Diocese of Joliet.

Suggestion Box in the Narthex

So that we might better serve your needs, a suggestion box has been placed in the narthex outside of the Sacristy. Paper and pens are placed with the box so we can read your thoughts or suggestions. May God continue to bless you. —Parish Pastoral Commission

Thank You from the West Suburban Community Food Pantry

Thanks to CTS for donating 305 pounds of non-perishable food and produce during the month of October. Your generosity is allowing the WSCP to feed many more families each month.



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.



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 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
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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

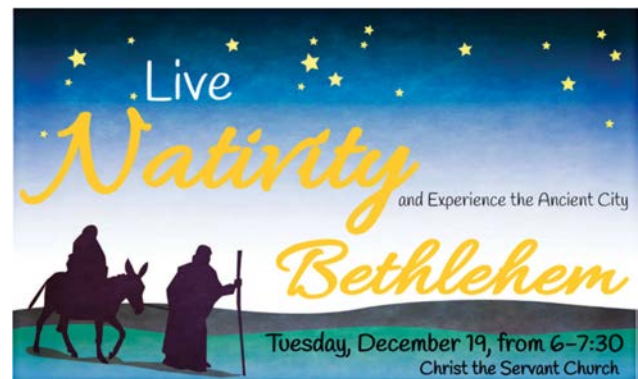
Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the December 6th Confirmation presentation: "Philosophical Proof of God's Existence."

Credible Catholic

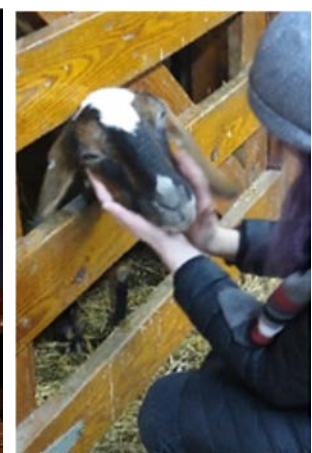
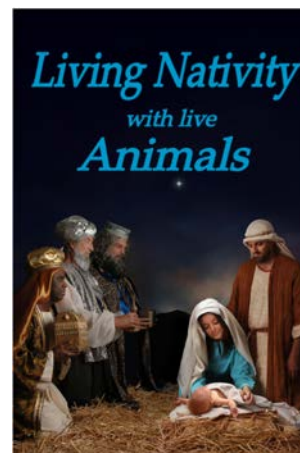


Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Bethlehem"



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

December 11/12/13 Christmas lesson and work on Christmas program
December 19 (Tuesday) Christmas Program "Bethlehem" Family Event 6:00 pm
December 20-January 3 NO CLASSES
 Christmas Break
December 24 MASS Children's Christmas Liturgy (Hosted by RF children)



Would your child be interested in helping at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass?

Call or message Christine Goba for more information.



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.



2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL \$43,500
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$46,044 as of Dec. 3, 2023
 AMOUNT PAID: \$43,142
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,902
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 225
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!



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.)




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Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Prayers for the Sick

Saturday, December 9

4:45 PM Rev. Dr. Levi V. Oracion, req. Alikpala family
 James (Jim) Sullivan, req. Carole Sullivan
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Sandy & Fernando Alonzo
 Dan Prohaska, req. Lois & Jim Ryan

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM George Koca, req. Janet & Jack Schultz
 Rev. Dr. Levi V. Oracion, req. Alikpala family
 10:00 AM Chuong Ho, Nam Pham, & Hanh Truong, req.
 Luke & Hang Ho
 Rev. Dr. Levi V. Oracion, req. Alikpala family

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe, req.
 Lourdes Rodriguez



Wednesday, December 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 14

8:30 PM Dan & Pauline Ryan, req.
 Paul & Linda Ryan

Friday, December 15

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 16

4:45 PM Bill Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Diana Arke
 Almaia Custodio, Lousse Imo, Matteo Domino,
 & Forrest Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz
 Dan Prohaska, req. Mary Nowak

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM Kathy Chandler & Jessica Marshall, req. Chandler family
 10:00 AM James J. Frale, James G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale,
 req. Frale family



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



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.



Deepest sympathy to the Alikpala family on the loss of
Rev. Dr. Levi V. Oracion

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



Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

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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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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Commission Chairpersons

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, December 10

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, December 11

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am—daily mass

Wed, December 13

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, December 14

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

11:15 am—ladies Christmas luncheon

Friday, December 15

8:30 am—Mass

Saturday, December 16

4:45 pm—mass

Christmas Sharing donations due

Sunday, December 17

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

Christmas Sharing donations due

Upcoming Events

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 14: Ladies Christmas Lunch

Dec 16/17: Christmas non-perishable food drop-off & distribution

Dec 18: Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Mass 7:00 pm

Dec 19: Live Nativity Program 6 pm

Dec 20: Confessions 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, & 10:00 pm

Dec 25: Christmas mass 10:00 am

Dec 26-29: Communion Service

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 29-Dec 5

Sunday	\$ 4,604.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 4,760.00
General Funds	\$ 85.00
Restricted	\$ 1,292.50
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 11,791.50

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 7,700.00
Reported	\$ 11,791.50
Differential this period:	\$ 4,091.50

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christmas	\$ 325.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 65.00
Cash for Food	\$ 100.00

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.

Additional 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. Thank you.

Keep it Simple



Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, cautions us to avoid the "culture of consumerism." He warns us that "A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment." A simpler "outer" life, free of clutter and distraction, makes it easier to be more spiritual. In turn, greater spirituality leads to a less attached and simpler outer life. A virtuous circle! Material simplicity is an intentional pathway to more joy, happiness and the flourishing of God's Creation. Filter your acquisition decisions through a lens of needs v. wants.

"Less is more."

Creation Care Corner