

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
December 23 and 24, 2023*

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



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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
May the Virgin Mary always be our refuge, our consolation, and the way that leads to Christ.

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/UC1t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t).

Eucharistic Revival
[It is the] personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another.
Pope Benedict XVI

Pray the Rosary The Five First Saturdays of 2024

The First Five Saturdays devotion stimulates the spirit of reparation; it instills a tender love for the Holy Sacraments of Confession and the Blessed Eucharist. It nurtures a holy affection for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Rosary. Above all, it is an excellent means to maintain one in the state of grace while immersed in the daily spiritual battles and prosaic existence in the world that we live in. The first Saturday the rosary will be prayed at 4:00 pm in the Chapel on **January 6, 2024**, and followed by, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6 and May 4, prayers, and confessions.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.
- Jn 1:3-4

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Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24th—4:00 pm Children’s Mass, and 10:00 pm
Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th—10:00 am

Tuesday thru Friday, Dec 26th—29th,
Pastor’s Christmas break, Communion Service daily at 8:30 am.

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

Christmas Décor
 Thanks for your donation for the Christmas Décor
 in honor or memory of a dear loved one and your families.

Memory of Mary Alvarez
 Memory of the deceased members of the Bojanowski & Piasecki families
 Honor & memory of the Jim Brabec family
 Honor & memory of Rich Buch, Rick & Rich Kopp, Connors, Buch & Czech families
 Honor & memory of Donna Buonamici, Bill & Virginia Barnes
 Memory Rosemary DiVincenzo
 Memory of Tommy Dongarra
 Honor & memory of Richard (Dick) DuSatko, Joseph & Marie DuSatko, Frank & Jean Zych
 Honor & Memory of Harry, Eleanor & James Fleming. Frank, Julia & Mary Therese Imber
 Memory of Diane Folga
 Memory of John & Frances Fitzpatrick
 Honor & memory of Helen & Walter Ganiec
 Memory of Phyllis Held
 Honor & memory of Ann & LaVerne Jackson, Olga & Joseph Uchanski
 Honor & memory of Wayne Kocinski
 Memory of Kolodziej and Peslak families
 Memory of the Magee, LaRocque, Faber, & Guglielmo families
 Honor & memory of Marek and Mieszczak families
 Memory of Jim O'Brien
 Memory of Phillips and Ziegler families
 Honor & memory of Prohaska and Stanton families
 Memory of the Bob and Barbara Rassano deceased family members
 Honor & memory of the Ruff family



Woodridge Senior Horizon's Christmas Dinner
 Thanks for your donations toward the Christmas meal.



CAN YOU HELP?

Our parish worship space will need to be decorated to celebrate Christmas masses. The Worship Commission would really appreciate help on the following the following day: **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. Thank you.

Liturgy Spotlight.....

The Advent Scriptures call attention to a people that prepares for the birth of their Savior in the hurried acquisition of gifts-a manner very different from a silent, peaceful waiting in darkness for the piercing of light.

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



December 20-January 3




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

Thank you to all who helped or participated in the for Religious Formation's

Christmas Program

"Bethlehem"



Tuesday, December 19, from 6-7:30
Christ the Servant Church

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

December 20-January 3 NO CLASSES
Christmas Break

December 24 MASS Children's Christmas Liturgy (Hosted by RF children) 4:00 PM



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)

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.)



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.

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.

"For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved. If only half Adam fell, then that which Christ assumes and saves may be half also; but if the whole of his nature fell, it must be united to the whole nature of Him that was begotten, and so be saved as a whole."

— St. Gregory of Nazianzen
To Cledonius the Priest Against Apollinarius. (Ep. CI.)

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL \$43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$46,064 as of DEC 10, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: \$43,287
REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,777
DONORS THIS YEAR: 226
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0



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



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Prayers for the Sick

Saturday, December 23

4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittel
 Frank Tiesenga, req. Maria & Waclaw Borcz
 Dan Prohaska, req. Kedziora family

Sunday, December 24

9:30 AM Dan Tegtmeyer, req. Janice Thomas
 Henry Borkowski, req. Ciolek family

4:00 PM People of the Parish
 10:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Richard Tovito, req. Andie Wolfe

Tuesday, December 26

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 28

8:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven, souls that are most forsaken, req. Zenaida Cruz

Friday, December 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 30

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Fran & Ed Flemming
 Dan Prohaska, req. Mrs Kathy Skvarla

Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM Lorraine Riedl, req. Riedl family
 10:00 AM People of the Parish



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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.



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



Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:
 16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2,
 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps
 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
 1:1-5, 9-14
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
 and 17/Mt 10:17-22
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2,
 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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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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 24—Advent
9:30 am—4th Sunday of Advent mass

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:00 pm—Children’s Christmas mass
10:00 pm—Christmas mass

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
10:00 am—Christmas mass

Tuesday, December 26
8:30 am—communion service

Wed, December 27
8:30 am—communion service

Thursday, December 28
8:30 am—communion service
9:30 am—yoga

Friday, December 29
8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, December 30-Holy Family
4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, December 31– Holy Family
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

**Monday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God 10:00 am—mass**

Upcoming Events

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 8:30
Pastor’s Christmas break.

Dec 25-26: Parish offices are closed.

Dec 30/31: Feast of the Holy Family
Normal mass schedule, Sat. 4:45 pm,
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:00 am.

Jan 1, 2024: Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God. 10:00 am mass.
Not a holy day of obligation.

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: Dec 12 - Dec 15
Bulletin Due Early for Christmas**
Sunday \$ 0.00
Sunday other forms \$ 3,522.00
General Funds \$ 20.00
Restricted \$ 128.75
Debt Reduction \$ 238.00
Total Contributed \$ 3,905.75

Differential this period:
Needed \$ 7,700.00
Reported \$ 3,905.75
Differential this period: \$ 3,794.25

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Christmas Decor \$ 50.00
Woodridge Horizons Christmas meal:
\$ 200.00

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](http://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.

God With Us



In In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis reminds us how deeply present God is in our world always, reminding us of His love and commitment. Worrying about the world's many, serious problems can take away the joy that our Lord intends for us, even during this season. On this, the Pope teaches that we can all cooperate with our Creator for a better world, and that even "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" can help heal our hearts and our planet. The Holy Father encourages us to "come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast...Let us sing as we go," for "...the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present...he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward." (*Laudato Si'*; para. 230, 244 & 245).

Peace on Earth, and Good Will to all this Christmas Season!

Creation Care Corner