

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
December 30 and 31, 2023*



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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.

Thanks from the Knights of Columbus Council #5918

The Robert P. Connelly Council of the Knights of Columbus wish to extend our thanks to all parishioners, and friends at both Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica parishes. This past year your support of our fundraisers and raffles exceeded expectations. We realize this success would not have been possible without the support at both parishes, our sincere gratitude!

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Bob Duda (Christ the Servant), and both Fr. Norbert Raszeja and Fr. Ed Howe (St. Scholastica) for supporting the different fundraisers. Our achievements would not have occurred without their full backing, which they gave us. May God bless them and each of you! Our thanks, and we wish you a happy New Year.

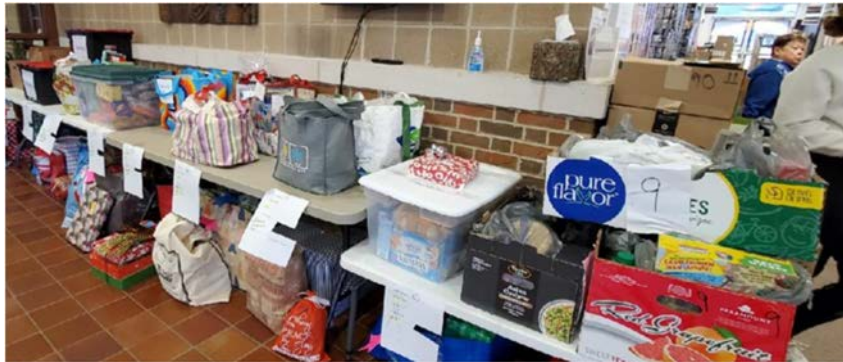
Congratulations to Greg Jablonowski, (Christ the Servant) the Four Roses bourbon raffle basket winner!



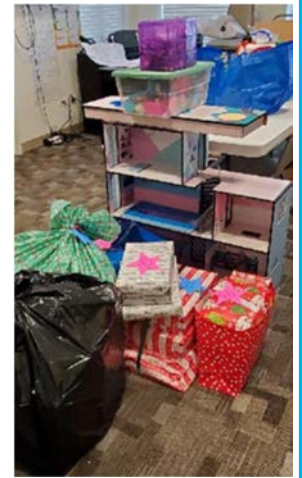
Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives)
Eric Wood
Grand Knight—Council 5918

Thanks from the CTS Worship Commission

God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, still uses you and me to help our brothers & sisters. Pope Francis Mar 5, 2018. Thank you for feeding and giving gifts to 40 local families this Christmas season. Families were overwhelmed by your gifts of food and presents for their children n.



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.



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Register for Classes We Miss Your Child!

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

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
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

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

Christmas Program

"Bethlehem"



Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

December 20-January 3 NO CLASSES
Christmas Break

January 8/9/10 Regular Classes

January 14 (Sunday) 2nd Grade Children's Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Mass

January 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Monday students work online or join Tue or Wed classes

January 16/17 Regular Classes

January 17 (Wednesday) Confirmation Presentation "True Happiness"

January 22/23/24 Regular Classes

January 29/30/31 Regular Classes

February 5/6/7 Regular Classes



First Communion Reminder

Sunday, January 14th CTS Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion are asked to participate in the 10:00 Mass. They will be joining the various Lay ministers to get a closer look at the various part of the Mass.



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)

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

2023 GOAL \$43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$46,314 as of DEC 17, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: \$43,549
REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,765
DONORS THIS YEAR: 227
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$34



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.



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.

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.)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 30

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittel
Dan Prohaska, req. Kedziora family

Sunday, December 31

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

Monday, January 1

10:00 AM All People of the Diocese and Priests

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 AM People of the Diocese

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 AM All Priests of the Diocese

Thursday, January 4

8:30 PM St. Patrick Parish, Yorkville

Friday, January 5

8:30 AM St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge

Saturday, January 6

4:45 PM JoAnn Frale, req. John and family

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM The John Frale family, req. family
Carmella Filorio, req Florio family
Josephine Barkowski, req. Ciolek family
Walter Bugay, req. Rod & Chestine Accardi
10:00 AM Andy Ivkovic, req. Paul & Mary Wisdom family
Walter Bugay, req. Rod & Chestine Accardi



Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

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
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Prayers for the Sick

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.



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

Pastoral Staff

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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 31
Fest of the Holy Family
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Monday, January 1, 2024-World Peace Day
Solemnity of Mary
10:00 am—mass
Tuesday, January 2
8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm— mahjong
Wed, January 3
8:30 am—daily mass
Thursday, January 4
8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
Friday, January 5
8:30 am—communion service
Saturday, January 6
4:45 pm—mass
Sunday, January 7
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism

Upcoming Events

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 when
the Solemnity of Mary falls on a
Saturday or a Monday.
Jan 4—Baptism prep class 7 pm
Jan 7—Baptism 11 am
Jan 8—RF commission 7pm
Jan 13—funeral wake & mass 9 am
Jan 13—Worship commission 9 am
Jan 14—1st Communion group mass
10:00 am
Jan 15—Admin/Finance 7 pm
Jan 15—P&SJ meeting 7 pm
Jan 15 —PPC meeting 7 pm

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 16 - Dec 22
Bulletin Due Early for New Year's
Sunday 12/17/23 \$ 4,127.00
Sunday other forms \$ 2,630.00
General Funds \$ 50.00
Restricted \$ 560.00
Debt Reduction \$ 158.00
Total Contributed \$ 7,525.00

Differential this period:
Needed \$ 7,700.00
Reported \$ 7,525.00
Differential this period: \$ 175.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Christmas offering \$ 890.00
Hope's Front Door \$ 541.00
Project Love/Right to Life \$ 541.00
R.F. Christmas Program \$ 200.00
Woodridge Horizons meal: \$ 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.

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