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.
**Living God’s Word**

What will it mean for you to “walk in the light of the Lord” this Advent? Will it mean changing an aspect of your life that is darkened by sin, or noticing and alleviating some of the suffering in our world?

*(Sacramentary, Opening Prayer for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)*

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**FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS**

**PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN**

The Feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated Friday, December 6th. Tradition has been to place by the door children’s shoes before bedtime in hopes that good children will find small treats in their shoes in the morning. St. Nicholas has been known to give generously to the poor, especially children. St. Nicholas is the Patron of Children and the phrase “Santa Claus” originated from his name. So when you see Santa Claus, think Nicholas.

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**Christmas Centerpiece Party Event**

**Sunday**

**Dec. 15, 2019**

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Make a centerpiece for your holiday table, and enjoy a holiday table of goodies with tea. $35/person. Purchase tickets after mass or stop by the Parish office.

*(Children are welcome to accompany a paying adult.)*

*(If you have pruning shears, please bring a pair!)*

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**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR—**

**December 6, immediately following the Communion Service.**

We remember all the special days in December: 6th-St. Nicholas Day, 7th-Pearl Harbor Day, 9th-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America), 12th-our Lady of Guadalupe, and the 25th-Nativity of Our Lord-Christmas. Let us together pray in thanksgiving for all our blessings as we meet in the Eucharistic Chapel after the 8:30 Communion Service for the December 6th First Friday Holy Hour.

“Behold the Lamb of God; Behold the One who brings peace in the storms of life.”

*Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical on the Eucharist.*

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**Christmas Décor Help Needed!**

If you recently signed up to help with Art & Environment, you will be contacted by a member of the Worship Commission, if you haven’t already been contacted. All interested are invited to come to the church at 9:00 am, Saturday, November 30, to help with the décor for Advent.

If you would like to help (or better yet, become the new Art & Environment Chairperson!), please contact one of the following members of the Worship Commission:

Bill C  flogiston@sbcglobal.net
Donna C  inkums@sbcglobal.net
Barb K  babyskosiek@earthlink.net
Angie M  angiemrozinski@yahoo.com
Alie P  aliceophillips@sbcglobal.net
Pat S  mybuddy92@hotmail.com

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Find us (and like us!) on Facebook.  www.facebook.com
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Go Green!
Winter is upon us…early! Many people do not agree with global warming; but we all have to agree that there are climate changes that are affecting our lives and our planet. We suggest turning down your thermostat and layering up. Keep warm by moving. You can exercise, walk and start cleaning out closets. It is a good time to locate electronics and winter apparel that you no longer use. Old appliances that still work can be brought to resale shops. Broken electronics or electronics that are no longer desirable can be brought to our Electronics Recycling Event and coat, hat and scarf collection. Bring these items to the Green Team’s event on December 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

The Green Team

Over 55 Ladies Club
Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 1:00 PM at
Home Run Inn
7521 Lemont Rd, Darien
To assure your reservation, you MUST call the coordinator no later than December 6.
This month’s coordinator to call is Andie W or Rita S
If you don’t call, you won’t have a seat.
$14.00 (Tax & Tip included) BUFFET (Beverages Not included—Cash bar)
Please, be prepared to pay CASH as you enter.
In lieu of a Christmas Gift, a Free Will Donation will be taken up to benefit PROJECT LOVE.
New members welcome!

Creation Care Corner
Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us, Mother Earth
“All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation.”
— Pope Francis

THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
Tips to Save Energy and Money this Winter
1) Use a programmable thermostat: program to lower the heat by 8 degrees Fahrenheit or more when you are away from home or asleep, and you can save about $180 per year.
2) Seal and weatherstrip: can improve the heating system efficiency by as much as 20%.
3) Keep your furnace air filters clean: At minimum, change the filter every three months. This lowers energy bills and improves air quality.
4) Tune up your HVAC equipment yearly.
5) Close your fireplace damper when not in use.
(Visit the EPA’s website for more energy saving tips.)
Religious Formation

**Hat and Mitten Tree**

Junior high students have prepared the “Hat and Mitten Tree” collection which benefits clients of the West Suburban Community Food Pantry and children attending St. Etheldreda’s in Chicago. Bring hats, mitten, gloves, and/or scarves for young people to decorate the tree by December 15. Questions, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or Christine@ctswoodridge.org.

Parents are invited to join their children for the RF Christmas Celebration “CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS” on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. Each class will display a project that they have made explaining a different Christmas tradition in the church that they have learned about in class. Families are also invited to make a display or poster show one of their own special Christmas traditions. There will be hospitality and lots of fun.

FREE Admission
Bolingbrook Community Chorus annual winter concert “Ringing in the Holidays”

Sunday, December 1, 2019
1:30 pm
Bolingbrook Community Center
201-A Canterbury Ln, Bolingbrook

Dr. Paul Melidona, Director
Kevin A. Brown, Accompanist

A free-will collection will benefit Operation Christmas, right here in Bolingbrook.

www.BolingbrookChorus.org
P.O. Box 632, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Hotline Numbers for Help

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To avoid “volunteer burnout”, and because many of the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion get assigned two weeks out of every three, the Worship Commission has made the decision to cut the number of assigned EMs at each normal weekend mass from 5 to 3. This means the people sitting on the sides will need to approach the center aisle to receive communion. We can go back to 5 as soon as we have enough ministers to assign. Volunteer today!

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org, for information on how to get started in a liturgical ministry.

Next Weekend’s MINISTERS—Second Sunday of Advent
(Liturgical color: purple)

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**ALTAR MIN:** Anthony A, Jeanine A+  
**EXT. MINISTERS:** Deacon F, Sue H, Pat S  
**LECTORS:** Vince D, Bob C  
**HOST TEAMS:** Yolanda D, Elnora L, Imelda P  
**ALTAR MIN:** Gayle H, Denice K  
**EXT. MINISTERS:** Donna C, Susan C, Greg P  
**LECTORS:** Virginia A, Paula R  

**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 F.

**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, December 5, 7:00 PM

**Respect for All Life**

Youth Ministry: Where Catechesis and Missionary Discipleship Meet Teens  
"Learning the teachings of our Catholic faith is very important for our young people today, but so too is building a personal and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. At St. Paul the Apostle Church, the youth ministry program "Follow" combines these 2 important elements. Our vision and goal is to build relationships with teens where they feel that they belong and are comfortable to share our beliefs in a loving and compassionate setting. In a world that desperately needs Christ more than ever, we strive to form them to live, cherish, and defend the teachings of our Church in a loving manner. At "Follow" youth ministry in Joliet, our weekly Alpha Nights, retreats, mission trips, March for Life trips, and service projects show not only our teens, but our community, that Christ is alive and well in our young Church."

**excerpts from Jeremy Hylka, director of youth ministry at St Paul the Apostle Church, Joliet; from Christ Is Our Hope, Nov. 2019.**

Jeremy has also taught theology for 20 years at St Laurence High School, Joliet.

Submitted by Dave A
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Eugene Connors & Dennis Richardson

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, November 30
4:45 PM Tommy Dongarra, r. Ron & Carol Calabrese
Fr. Frank Vitus, r. Donna Mays
Ron Welton, r. Jerry & Patti Crimer

Sunday, December 1
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Barbara Salstrand, r. Nancy Wiley

Monday, December 2
8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski

Tuesday, December 3
8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe, Sr., r. Andie Wolfe

Wednesday, December 4
8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, r. Goba family

Thursday, December 5
8:30 AM James Engel, r. Melinda Nowak & family

Friday, December 6—Communion Service
8:30 AM

Saturday, December 7
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family
Gerald Johnson, r. family
Donna Buonamici, r. Mary Kiser
People of the Parish

Sunday, December 8
8:30 AM Rich Buch, r. family
Carol S. McIlvain, r. family
10:00 AM James Sullivan, r. Carole Sullivan

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

Bishop Conlon has issued a decree which states that only twice per week we may combine intentions of more than one person at a single mass. The stipend is $10. If you wish to donate more, you may direct the offering to another purpose. Excess donations not specifically directed will be forwarded to the Diocesan Finance Office to be used for the purpose of maintaining underfunded diocesan cemeteries.

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar
Richard Cleary
Allan Dreyer
Faith Ann Fialek
John M. Foresman
Fran Fruh
Isabelle Giurato
Guy Grimmelbein
Bill Haas
Jim Henry
Fr. Jim Hoffman
Rayna Januska
Steve Jasewsky
Jeanne Jordan
LaVergne Kozerski
Sally Krueger
John Kuehn
Gregory Lesniewski
S. Suzanne Lesniewski
Joyce Maples
Lucy Mathai
Mathew Mathai
Michael McCauley
Robert & Joanne McCauley
Josefina Mendez
Lucille Miller
Suzanne Miller
Chuck Neal
Erica Neidlinger
Linda Nichols
Larry Nicioli
Anthony Nowak
Toni Pendergast
Linda Pennock
Alie Phillips
Robert Roche
Dick Rosenbeck
John Rossi
Ken Ruh
Jim Sanders
Jerry Schultz
Paula Sedlacek
Justin Simpson
Barbara Smith
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
Judy Wethington
Svienna Wilder
Rita Wyman
Ron Wyman
Ray Young
Joe Zapalac

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 corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for those who Serve

Emily Dome, granddaughter of Paul & Brenda Czarapata
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
David Jackson, son of Cathleen & Richard Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Wagner
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God’s blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Bible Readings—Dec. 1-Dec. 8

MONDAY: Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27
FRIDAY: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
SUNDAY: Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020**

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**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Due to an early publication deadline, contributions will be reported in next week's bulletin.

- **General Funds** includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.
- Debt to Diocese 9/30/19: $644,371
- Registered Households—758

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Did you know...** Christ the Servant is happy to host one of the Simbang Gabi novena of masses, organized by our local Filipino community. Come share this joyful mass here at Christ the Servant on Sunday, December 15, beginning at 5:00 pm.

**Leave a Legacy.**

Where there’s a will...there’s a way to Leave a Legacy for our parish. Please remember our parish in your will. You lawyer can add a simple, inexpensive amendment (codicil) to your existing will. Learn more by calling the Development office at 815-221-6100.

To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on “Donate”, then click on “Stock Donations”