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**

There is a spirit of real hopefulness about the scriptures of Advent. Have they inspired hope in you? How can you express confidence in others this week? How can you inspire hop in those whom you care about most?

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

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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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**Welcome to our parish family:**

Donald & Susan D

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**Results of the October 26/27 Food drive**

$181 cash

$165 checks

189 pounds goods

Thank you for your generosity!

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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. Want to help transition from Advent to Christmas? Watch the bulletin for details, or contact one of the people below...

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  babskosiek@earthlink.net

Angie M  angiemrozinski@yahoo.com

Alie P alicephillips@sbcglobal.net

Pat S  mybuddy92@hotmail.com

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Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
Our Beloved Dead

We remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

John A
Rita A
All Souls in Purgatory
Felisa A
Louis A
Mildred A
Susie A
Rita & William A
George & Lucille B
Mary B
Richard B
B family
Donna B
Catherine & Alex B
Fiore & Armida B
Hazel B
Mary C
Walter C, Jr.
Walter C, Sr.
Noel T. C
Francis C
C family
C family
C family
D family
Felix D
Helen D
Ed D
Rita D
Frank & Lucille D
D family
Catherine D
Mitchell D
Emilia D
Imrich D
Joseph D
Joseph D
Marie D
F family
Severa G (auntie)
Cecilia & Isidore G
G family
Leonardo G
Pat & Ann G
Fr. Roger H
John H
John & Josephine H
Thomas H
Joe H
George & Tillie H
Gerald J
Michael J
Andrew, Caroline, Carmella,
Charlene, Christina, Edward,
Frank, George Sr, George Jr,
Jacob, Joan, John Jr, John Sr,
John, Joseph, Louis, Marie,
Marie, Richard, Roger, Rosanna
and Wallace K
K family
K family
K family
K family
K family
Andrew K
Rick K
Art & Stell L
Edward & Rose L
Mary Jo & Vincent L
Maria, Angela & Mathew L
James M
Jim & Margaret M
Marie M
Marion M
Richard M
Lynne M-Svehla
David, Ronald & Susan M
Lee M
Sophie M
Albert M
Helen M
Charles, Clarence, Conrad, Ester,
Frances, Francis, Jacob, James,
Rose & Suzanne M
John & Esther M
Charlotte & Sam M
Lorenzo & Amilia M
Robert M
M family
Tim M
John M (father)
Susan M (wife)
M family
Paulina N
William N
Alfred & Marie O
Andres O (brother)
Ricardo O (dad)
Fely O (mom)
Louis & Shirley O
Peter & Tula O
Carol P
Florence & Richard P
P family
P family
Delores P
Helen, Mary Beth, Ralph & Robert P
Mary P
Maurice P
Ed & Lillian P
Marvin P
Marjorie & Norbert P
Anna, Betty, Catherine, Hedwig,
Martin, Michael Jr, Michael Sr,
Phillip, Theodore, Michael &
Julian P
Cecilia P
Rev. Thomas M. P
Antonio R
Alejandro & Regina R clan
Jack & Leona R
Dennis R
Denny R
Edward & Margaret R
Roberta R
R family
Andres & Leona R and de-
ceased family members
R family
Mike S
Frank S, Jr
Mindy S
Letha S
Benjamin & Rosita S
Cesario & Maria S clan
George, Marie & Mary S
Concetta S
Arthur S
James S
Julia & Micky S
Peter S
Geraldine T
Sieke & Edward T
T family
Mildred & Tim V
Raymundo & Jorgia V and de-
ceased family members
Fr. Frank V
Anna & Sebastian V
W family
Ron W
Judith Ann W
John J. W
W family
Bernard S
Anna Z
Harold Z
Jake & Stella Z
Frank Z
Jean Z
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We attempted to avoid “volunteer burnout” by cutting down on the number of EMs at each mass, but that transition didn’t happen as smoothly as hoped. So we’re going back to 5 assigned ministers at each mass. Please encourage support from other people you see at mass...

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org, for information on how to get started in a liturgical ministry. Scheduling is based on your availability. When you see a name lots of times on the lists to the right, it’s because we need more people like you helping out!

Next Weekend’s MINISTERS—Third Sunday of Advent
(Liturgical color: purple/rose)
Two more Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are requested to volunteer each mass.

**Saturday December 14**
- **ALTAR MIN:** Robert T, Rosemary T
- **EXT. MINISTERS:** Ken H, Donna M, Maureen V
- **LECTORS:** Scott G, Barb K
- **HOST TEAMS:** Anastacio M, Terri M+

**Sunday December 15**
- **ALTAR MIN:** Bill C, Donna C+
- **EXT. MINISTERS:** Rose G, Jose S, Melania S
- **LECTORS:** Therese K, Michael M
- **HOST TEAMS:** Cathy B, Maryrose G

**Sunday December 15**
- **ALTAR MIN:** Tim G, Gayle H
- **EXT. MINISTERS:** Deacon A, Sr. Jane N, Sr. Lois P
- **LECTORS:** Tony L, Judy E
- **HOST TEAMS:** Anthony A, Jeanine A+

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**Respect for All Life**

Good News from China to the USA

Despite relentless persecution, the Christian community in China is thriving. Totaling about 100 million believers, and with hundreds of thousands baptized annually, many experts predict that China will become the world’s most Christian nation by 2030. China’s Amity Printing Company has announced it recently produced its 200 millionth Bible, 85 million distributed to churches in China.

Here are the amazing results of the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever for this fall.
--- 783 lives SAVED from abortion
--- 3 more workers QUIT their jobs after becoming pro-life
--- 40 Days for Life vigils in new cities and countries, including the 1st one in India.

*Submitted by Dave A*

**RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE COMMITTEE**

The Respect for All Life from Conception to Natural Death Committee will meet December 12 immediately after the 8:30 am Mass in the Kitchen/Meeting Room at Christ the Servant. New members welcome. Questions, comments, call David, Rita S or Andie S.

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**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
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
Irine Kurtz & Tommy Dongarra

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 9
8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, r. Respect for Life Committee

Tuesday, December 10
8:30 AM Tommy Dongarra, r. Donna Mays

Wednesday, December 11
8:30 AM Bernice C. Deron, r. Barry J. Deron

Thursday, December 12
8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, r. Pat & Debi Savage

Friday, December 13—Communion Service
8:30 AM

Saturday, December 14
4:45 PM Al Januska, r. Darlene, family & friends
William (Dad) Kolodziej, r. Peslak family

Sunday, December 15
8:30 AM Helen & Ed Ciolek, r. Ciolek family
Stanley Farbotko, r. Lee White
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Sam Maltese, r. Rosanne Maltese

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
Isabella Giurato
Guy Grimmelbein
Bill Haas
Jim Henry
Fr. Jim Hoffman
Rayna Januska
Steve Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
LaVerne Kozerski
Sally Krueger
John Kuehn
Gregory Lesniewski
Suzanne Lesniewski
Joyce Maples
Lucy Mathai
Mathew Mathai
Michael McCauley
Robert & Joanne McCauley
Josephina Mendez
Lucille Miller
Suzanne Miller
Chuck Neal
Erica Neidlinger
Linda Nichols
Larry Nicoli
Anthony Nowak
Jim O’Brien
Toni Pendergast
Linda Pennock
S.Suzanne Lesniewski
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 Wldoer
Rita Wyman
Ron Wyma
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 the Deceased

Beth Crockett
(wife of Jason, daughter-in-law of Colette)

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. 8-Dec. 15

**SUNDAY**: Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
**MONDAY**: Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
**TUESDAY**: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
**WEDNESDAY**: Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
**THURSDAY**: Zec 2:1-17 or Rev 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
**FRIDAY**: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
**SATURDAY**: Is 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13
**SUNDAY**: Is 35:1-6a,10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
It is not enough to celebrate that Christ came into the world. We are also to continually make our hearts places where His love grows within us as we interact with one another. Doing this helps prepare us to stand before the Lord, so we might be judged worthy of eternal life.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020**

| Parish Expenses | $ 7,700.00 |
| Debt Payment    | $ 2,900.00 |
| **Total Needed** | **$ 10,600.00** |

**CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 20-Dec 2:**

| Sunday 11/24   | $ 5,921.00 |
| Sunday 12/1    | $ 6,920.17 |
| Sunday other forms | $ 2,682.00 |
| General funds  | $ 1,155.00 |
| Restricted Use | $ 1,073.00 |
| Debt Reduction | $ 2,468.00 |
| **Total Contributed** | **$ 20,219.17** |

**Differential this 2 week period:**

| Needed        | $ 21,200.00 |
| Reported      | $ 20,219.17 |
| **Deficit this period:** | **($980.83)** |

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

| Diocesan Cemeteries | $ 30.00 |
| Campaign for Human Dev. | $ 1,810.00 |
| Thanksgiving | $ 767.00 |
| Religious Retirement | $ 35.00 |
| Blue Jeans/Homeless | $ 5.00 |
| World Missions | $ 30.00 |

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

| Debt to Diocese 10/31/19 | $ 631,126 |
| Registered Households—758 | $ 758 |

**Thank you for your generous support!**

*Did you know…volunteers keep our parish thriving. Do you have a gift to share? Check with the parish office.*