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

The letter to the Colossians urges us to “put on love.” Does that motivate you to change the way you treat someone in your parish community, or to mend a rift with a member of your family?

As we begin the New Year 2020, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

Start the New Year by spending time in the Eucharistic Chapel. Join the Respect for All Life Committee on January 3rd for the First Friday Holy Hour immediately following the 8:30 am Communion Service.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the PEACE of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

From some of the recipients of the Hat & Mitten Tree:
Dear People of Christ the Servant,

Thank you for bringing cheer to all of us today. We truly appreciate your generosity and unselfish spirit. It means a lot to us to know that you care so much about St. Ethelreda School.

Love Always,
The Students and Faculty
December 17, 2019

Happy New Year!

Holy Day Masses for Mary, Mother of God

- Tuesday, December 31  4:45 pm
- Wednesday, January 1  10:00 am

Please note: for contributions to be reported on your 2018 Contributions Statement, your gifts must be either received at the parish or postmarked by December 31. Statements will be mailed before January 30, 2020.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Parish Photo Directory
During the 2020 calendar year, Christ the Servant will celebrate our 30th anniversary as a parish. This is an excellent time to create a photo directory—which is what Fr. Bob wanted for his birthday and Christmas gifts! Please help Fr. Bob, and be sure to sign up for your photography session. The first one is February 3. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo, and opportunity to purchase more to share with family and friends. Sessions will be 2/3, 2/4, 2/6 and 2/7 from 2:00-8:40 pm, and Saturday 2/8 from 9 am-3 pm. Watch for more information, coming soon!

St. Francis of Assisi, Bolingbrook, presents the first of 3 talks on:

Why Prayer Matters
January 9, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
Fr. Mark Cote
"Prayer as Relationship"

Have you ever been asked if you have a relationship with Jesus? Did you have an answer for that? How have you viewed the role of prayer in your life? Let us explore these questions together as we contemplate on “Why Prayer Matters.” Let us explore the possibility that a shift in how we see the role of prayer in our lives can forever enrich the closeness we experience with the author of life. Fr. Mark is Parochial Vicar at St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge and Associate Director of Diaconate for the Diocese of Joliet.

Additional talks are by Fr. Steve Borello on February 6 and Fr. Sunny Castillo on March 12.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish 1501 W. Boughton Road, Bolingbrook 630-759-7588 for information

2020 World Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Service
Wentz Concert Hall
North Central College, Naperville
Sunday, January 5
2:30-4:00 pm

Help ring in the new year with a celebration of community in the 15th annual interfaith prayer service. You will experience the Naperville area’s rich diversity with people of various faith backgrounds from all over the world. Keynote speaker: Ms. Regina Brent, Founder and President of Unity Partnership, an organization that partners citizens with police to rebuild trust and relationships.

This event is cosponsored by interfaith religious communities, Naperville Interfaith Leadership Association and Pax Christi Illinois.

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us, Mother Earth

... the world as God's creation... is not something indifferent, raw material to be utilized simply as we see fit.
— Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

WASH CLOTHES IN COLD WATER AND SAVE
A whopping 75-90% of the energy used to wash your clothes goes to heat the water. With today’s detergents most clothes will get just as clean, while washing in cold water can be advantageous to prevent stains.

You’ll save money while reducing climate warming emissions. An exception to consider is that if someone in your family is sick—washing their clothing and bedding in hot water can help stop the spread of germs.
ReligiousFormation

**RF is on Christmas break.** Class will resume again on January 5th and 8th. Have a blessed Christmas season!

There are a lot of things going on at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To help our RF kids get more out of the Mass some of the students have been learning about the sacred items used, the reasons behind the rituals and the meaning of the words you will find at Church. This is one of the things that they have learned:

There are several books that are used at Mass. One of the books is called the **Roman Missal**, sometimes called the Sacramentary; it is the book that contains all the prayers and blessings of the Mass. This is the book with the colored ribbons from which the priest reads all of the different prayers for various feasts, solemnities and special Masses. Although the Roman Missal did not exist until the twelfth century, the faithful collected booklets (for particular regions and for specific situations) that contained prayers and wording for use in the Liturgies. Under Pope Leo I, this collection of prayers became larger and then organized into the first “missals.” The first book with the name **Missale Romanum** emerged in 1474 and then in 1570 Pope Pius V stated it was mandatory for those celebrating Mass to use the **Missale Romanum**. The Roman Missal has developed over the years with new editions and minor revisions into what the priest uses to celebrate Mass today. The Roman Missal allowed for uniformity in the Liturgy, so while we participate in the Mass, we are connected with the universal Church.

Using our time, talents, and spiritual gifts to make a difference

Imagine what our families, church, and community would be like if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do in serving others. The ripple effect of each person making their unique contribution would result in a revolution of Christ’s love being felt in tangible, life-changing ways. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week, or only a few hours every once in a while, consider making the kind of impact that only you can make. Your life will never be the same!

Respect for All Life

**The March for Life Chicago 2020**

Saturday, Jan. 11th, 1 to 3pm
@Daley Plaza
50 West Washington, in Chicago

Schedule: Rally begins at 1pm, followed by March.

Last year’s event totaled in excess of 8,000 marchers, the majority being college and high school students.

2020 Theme: As proud partners of the National March for Life, we unite in the same theme: "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman". 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The original women suffragists understood that abortion ends life and harms women.

This year’s speakers include:
- Dawn Fitzpatrick, President of March for Life Chicago
- Eric Scheidler, Director of Pro-Life Action League
- Dr. Karen Deighan, Loyola Medical OB/GYN
- Ales Lehan, WeDignify (formerly Students for Life Illinois)
- Cardinal Cupich, Archdiocese of Chicago
- Patricia McCaskey, Chicago Bears Executive

Submitted by Dave A

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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 Corrine 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!

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### Liturgical Ministers

**Next Weekend’s MINISTERS—Epiphany**

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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, January 2, 7:00 PM
We pray for the Sick


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. 29-Jan. 5

SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Mt 2:13-15,19-23
MONDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40
TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
WEDNESDAY: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
THURSDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
Joseph’s obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel’s warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God’s will assures the best use of my talents, too!

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020
Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment 2,900.00
Total Needed $ 10,600.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 11-Dec 16:
Sunday 12/15 $ 6,296.00
Sunday other forms 800.35
General funds 295.00
Christmas 150.00
Restricted Use 653.00
Debt Reduction 540.00
Total Contributed $ 8,734.35

Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,600.00
Reported 8,734.35
Deficit this period: $(1,865.65)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Religious Retirement $ 200.00
General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.
Debt to Diocese 11/30/19 $631,126
Registered Households—758

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