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.
Advent—Light the Wreath

Covid has changed a lot of things, but we will still have an Advent Wreath, and we still offer the opportunity for you to be the one (person/family) to light the candle at the mass you attend.

There is a signup sheet on the sacristy door. There are a pen and box of alcohol wipes nearby. The alcohol wipes are to clean the pen before and after use (there is also a wastebasket nearby!) Signing up on the sheet automatically means you will be on the list to attend that mass!

Help continue this Advent Tradition at Christ the Servant.
Sign up soon!

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Advent is the Season in which we remember God’s nearness, that He came down toward us.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted at 9 am Sunday on the YouTube channel christtheservant.
Having a Covid Christmas at Christ the Servant

What to expect:  **Observe safety protocols: Wear your mask, Watch your distance & Wash your hands.**

1. **Reservations for the Christmas masses are REQUIRED.** To make your reservation, please use the link to Eventbrite from the parish website, send an email to chanson@rcdoj.org, or call the parish office during business hours. It will be possible to register when you are checking in for weekend mass, but please don’t let a line build up behind you—we need your name, contact phone number if we don’t already have it, and number of people in your party. We have a limit of 100-120 participants. The number varies by the number of family units, as we must maintain three empty chairs between each family unit.

2. **YOU WILL BE SEATED BY THE USHERS.** This part is different from regular Sundays. This is necessary to get the maximum number of people in the church. So, please, have all your family members come in at the same time so you can sit together. The center aisle is one-way toward the altar, exit from the far end of each row, beginning with the back of the church.

3. **IN THE EVENT THAT CAPACITY IS REACHED:** you are invited to listen to the mass in the parking lot on 88.3 FM, and then come up to the door to receive communion. No reservations are required for listening from the parking lot. Reception is best on the north side of the original parking lot. Masks and distancing are required when you come for communion.

4. **IF** there are spaces remaining by the time mass begins and all registered participants have arrived, walk-ins will be allowed.

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**BREAD FOR THE WORLD REQUEST**

Bread for the World is asking for advocacy urging the U.S. Senate to pass the HEROES Act, to increase SNAP benefits by 15% and to invest $12 billion to support international efforts to address the pandemic. (The request for SNAP and international aid is less than .01% of the U.S. budget.)

- 1 out of 3 American families have trouble putting food on the table.
- 40% of Person of Color communities are food insecure.
- The prediction is that 270 million people worldwide will have no food.

Please call Senator Dick Durbin’s local office at 312-353-4952 and Senator Tammy Duckworth at 312-886-3506. You may leave a message or talk to the person who answers.

To email Senator Durbin, go to: www.durbin.senate.gov. Select “Comment” then “contact” and follow the prompts. To email Senator Duckworth, go to: www.duckworth.senate.gov. Select “Comment” and then “email Tammy”.

The script for the “ask” is in the first paragraph above. Thank you for caring about those who are hungry.

The Peace and Social Justice Committee

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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This year, the Christ the Servant Sharing Garden grew and harvested over 138 pounds of vegetables that we donated to the West Suburban Food Pantry! Our garden project is participating in the #SeedMoneyChallenge, a 30-day fundraising challenge and we could really use your support this week!

In addition to keeping the funds we raise from individuals like you, we have a chance to win a challenge grant of up to $600 from SeedMoney based on how much we raise over the course of the 30-day period running from Nov 15 to Dec 15. As an extra incentive, SeedMoney is offering 40 $100 bonus grants to the 40 garden projects that have raised the most after the first week. Your support TODAY can put us into the running for one of those bonus grants. You can find our donation page here: https://donate.seedmoney.org/4804/christ-the-servant-sharing-garden

Thanks very much for helping our campaign to get off to a running start!

*Chris B, CTS Sharing Garden Coordinator*
Religious Formation

Religious Formation Classes
Religious Formation Class are going remote for the rest of 2020. We cannot risk the health of our students, staff and community, so even though Christ the Servant is diligently following all the health measures, because of the recent increase in Covid-19 cases and in particular in the local school districts, Religious Formation will proceed with fully remote classes for the rest of this calendar year. We will reassess the situation in December to determine whether we can resume in-person classes in January. Please watch for the Parent Newsletter and the Parish bulletin for updates on the situation. Everyone should be continuing with the work that is posted on Flipgrid.

RF Livestream Holy Hour
Religious Formation Families and CTS parishioners are invited to join us on Facebook for a Livestream Adoration and Rosary hour for the intentions for our families and for the end to the pandemic. Please consider joining us Sundays at 7pm for this time of prayer. Click the link below to find the livestream on RF’s Facebook page next Sunday. https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation-100315044958106/

In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.
~Pope John Paul II

Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue.
~St. Peter Julian Eymard

Coming Soon: CTS is Forming a Core Group of High School Students
We are of building a community of high school students who are committed to building their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic tradition, spirituality, and theology. Come hang out, at least virtually for now, with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

Religious Formation’s "Grand Event"
Thank you to all of our students and parents who participated in Religious Formation’s Grand Event. It was a big success!

Hat and Mitten Tree
Please Donate to our Middle School Service project the “Hat and Mitten Tree” collection which benefits clients of the West Suburban Community Food Pantry and children attending St. Etheldreda’s in Chicago.

New Kindergarten Class
Religious Formation is now offering a Kindergarten class to our Tuesday afternoons sessions. The kindergarten class will meet in person every other week for instruction and fun. For more information or to sign up your child, please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

A Week Full of Family Advent Activities
SUN 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas Listen to a story about the legendary gift giver. Make or buy a small, thoughtful gift for someone you know. Light the second purple Advent candle. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult.

MON 7 Sing Christmas hymns together.

TUE 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus’ mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today. (Masses at 8:30 and 7:00 pm)

WED 9 Feast of Saint Juan Diego Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego’s devotion to Mary.

THUR 10 During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Donate baby supplies to a local charity.

FRI 11 Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member’s name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.

SAT 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary made flowers appear as proof of her apparition. Send real flowers or a drawn bouquet to someone you know.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12)
When we reflect on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we learn two important lessons: one of faith, and one of understanding. Missionaries who came to Mexico had little success at first. Then in 1531, miracles began to happen. Jesus’ own mother appeared to humble Juan Diego. Signs of roses, of the uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness, and especially of her beautiful image on Juan’s mantle convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans were baptized as Christians. The first lesson is that God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus.

You may know that the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines normally offers annual festivities and pilgrimages to the Shrine on December 11 and 12. This year, Covid-19 has forced the cancellation of these events. There will be livestreamed masses and rosaries during the 24-hour celebration, however. Please visit www.solg.org for more information.

How did Saint Nicholas become Santa Claus?
Influenced by the poem of the New York pastor Clement Moore, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas,” and the drawings of the new York editorial cartoonist, Thomas Nast, the image of Saint Nicholas changed over time into the familiar Santa Claus of children’s dreams. His gift-giving was transferred to Christmas Eve, while his hidden generosity has evolved into our custom of giving special gifts to those we love.

Since the center of our celebration of Christmas is to commemorate the great gift of God in the birth of His Son Jesus, the connection between Christmas and the life of Saint Nicholas still seems a very natural one.

The Christian generosity of Saint Nicholas was not restricted to one day or one season, just as the generosity of God in Jesus was life-long and led to His death and resurrection for our sake.

Our own generosity to children, those who mourn, the sick, the imprisoned or the homeless springs from the same source as that of Saint Nicholas. So when you see Santa Claus, think Nicholas. And when you think Saint Nicholas, remember Jesus.

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 7, 7:00 PM
We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar  Barb Kosiek  Dick Rosenbeck
Fred Cimaglio  Sally Krueger  John Rossi
Kim Cimaglio  Susan Lesniewski  Jim Sanders
Jean Durran  Therese Magee  Sandy Schlosser
Dick DuSatko  Joyce Maples  Nancy Sinclair
John M. Foresman  Cathy Molinaro  Dan Szymanski
Guy Grimmelbein  Chuck Neal  Frank Tiesenga
Carol Hendrich  Anthony Nowak  Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Texanna Hernbeck  Don Paul  Judith Tomaeno
Shirley Hill  Linda Pennock  Shirley Tomaeno
Ken Horvath  Alie Phillips  Hazel Tomin
Rayna Januska  Lolit Ranchero  Dolores Vendl
Steve Jascewsky  Allison Riley  Judy Wethington
Jeanne Jordan  Robert Roche

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

Steve Joyce

We pray for those who Serve

Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
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
Jim Kikilas, godson of Pat & Debi Savage
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Durran
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.
Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021
Parish Expenses  $  7,700.00
Debt Payment      2,600.00
Total Needed $    10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov 18-Dec 1
Sunday 11/14  $      2,043.00
Sunday 11/21  $      2,284.00
Sunday other forms         8,149.00
Christmas                70.00
General Funds              300.00
Restricted Use                 73.99
Debt Reduction              698.00
Total Contributed    $     13,617.99

Did you know...it is now the afternoon of December 1, and we already have 54 of the limit of 100 people allowed for mass registered for the 4 pm on Christmas Eve. Please consider attending the 6 pm mass, which has been added in this year to help compensate for the smaller numbers of people allowed in the building due to the Covid situation.

Leave a Legacy.
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.