AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS, AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP, SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:3
Pope Francis’ Tweet for the Week

Come, Lord Jesus, make our distracted hearts watchful.
Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

Dear Recycling Enthusiast,

This is a big thank you to everyone who brought electronics, textiles and winter apparel to the ERE (Electronics Recycling Event) sponsored by the Green Team at Christ the Servant. There were 266 participants who brought items for this event. Thank you to all who helped keep these electronics and textiles out of our landfills. Thanks also to the volunteers who worked up to four hours at the event and to Mother Nature, who cooperated with the weather.

We filled a large trailer truck with electronics and textiles. We also filled a large leisure van and a pickup truck with winter apparel for St. Vincent DePaul.

We hope to repeat this next spring.

Thanks to all,
The Green Team at CTS

Altar flowers are in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. ($35 suggested donation.) Be sure to identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.

Please continue to check our parish website www.ctswoodridge.org, and facebook, for up to date information about what we are able to offer to help keep our community connected.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.
Having a Covid Christmas at Christ the Servant

Observe safety protocols: Wear your mask, Watch your distance & Wash your hands.

What to expect:
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. Registration closes when we reach the limit of 100 participants. 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. We will not be able to pass the collection baskets, but there are baskets by the doors to gratefully accept your donation.

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; hand sanitizer is available. **At this moment (Wednesday morning) the 4 pm Christmas Eve, the 6 pm Christmas Eve, and the 10 am on Christmas Day have reached capacity, and there are only 11 spaces left at the 10 pm.** It grieves us to have to limit the number of people inside the church, but safety is paramount.

4. **No one may enter the building after we have reached capacity.** NO walk-ins will be able to enter, but all may listen to the mass from the parking lot and receive communion at the entrance door.

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**Returning Christmas Sharing Gift Cards**

Return the gift cards for the Woodridge Horizons Seniors starting today until December 18.

We have a decorated box (looks like a Christmas gift!) in the Narthex. You may drop off the cards any time the building is open—Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm, and before and after masses on the weekend.

Many thanks to the many people who have participated in this and the Thanksgiving Sharing programs. In particular, the Knights of Columbus Council #5918 for their very generous donations to both holidays.

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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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
During the Sundays of Advent
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 during Advent for this time of prayer. Visit the link below to find the livestream on RF’s Facebook page next Sunday. https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation

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.

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.

Hat and Mitten Tree
Last chance to 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.

A Week Full of Family Advent Activities
SUN 13 Gaudete Sunday. Light the pink Advent candle. This candle is a symbol of joy because we are at the midpoint of Advent. Pray about things that make you joyful and the ways you bring joy to others. Today at Mass, notice whether the priest will be wearing pink vestments!

MON 14 Read Matthew 2:1–12 as a family and learn about the Magi who followed the star to find Jesus after his birth. Go outside with your family tonight and do some stargazing. Pray about the beautiful world that God has created for us.

TUE 15 Gather together for a meal and begin with a blessing. Make a plan to donate a meal to a person or family in need in your community.

WED 16 Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Advent wreath and pray a prayer of blessing.

THUR 17 Wisdom of our God Most High! Today begins the O Antiphons. These are special prayers as the birth of Jesus draws closer. Pray to God about areas of your life where you need the gift of wisdom to grow.

FRI 18 O Leader of the House of Israel! Pray for help to follow Jesus’ leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.

SAT 19 O Root of Jesse’s Stem! Jesse and King David were Jesus’ ancestors. Send Christmas cards to family and friends.
Respect for All Life

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12)
The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of the period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning, December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan’s uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop’s presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Mary’s appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accepts all people. In these days when we hear so much about God’s preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God’s love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

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.

**MARRIAGE CEREMONY** Marriage ceremonies are usually offered by appointment.

**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

Unfortunately, the following names were accidentally omitted from the All Souls memorials.

- Richard Buch
- Rick Kopp
- Connors family
- Buch family
- Czech family
- Linda Nichols
- Cormac family
- Rita Ahern
- John Ahern
- Rita Daluca
- Edward Daluca
- Florian Wasik
- Elaine Wasik
- Albert McGraw
MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**
Marie Geinopolos and Carlo Giampapa

**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 Kurtz
**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. 13-Dec. 20**

**SUNDAY:** Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28
**MONDAY:** Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Mt 21:23-27
**TUESDAY:** Zep 3:1-2,9-13 / Mt 21:28-32
**WEDNESDAY:** Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 / Lk 7:18b-23
**THURSDAY:** Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
**FRIDAY:** Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
**SATURDAY:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
**SUNDAY:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38
The return of Christ in glory is an article of our faith. It is part of the Good News that we proclaim, and a cause for rejoicing. During this Advent season, as we focus on preparing for the return of Christ, let us embrace and witness to the world an attitude of joyful expectation, proclaiming through our words and actions the coming of the Lord.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021**

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**Needed** $10,300.00

**Reported** $11,063.00

**Catch up this period:** $763.00

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

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**Debt to Diocese 11/30/2020** $384,141

**Registered Households—765**

Did you know… it is REALLY difficult to have to tell anyone they won’t be able to come inside to worship with the Christ the Servant family, but your health and safety are so important we are going to be VERY firm about not allowing anyone in the building who has not made a reservation for one of the Christmas masses. Please understand that we care about you, and are doing everything we can to make worship a safe experience.