Christ the Servant Catholic Church
Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

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.
Let us bring an outlook of hope to our world. Let us bring it with tenderness to the poor, without judging them. For there, with them, is Jesus; because there, in them, is Jesus, who awaits us.

At this time, we continue to record the mass for people who are not able to make it to church, posting it by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.

Welcome to our parish family:
Roy & Donna C
Springside Ave, Downers Grove
If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available on our parish website (www.ctswoodridge.org) as the first question in the FAQs section, and each weekend in the narthex. Ask for a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

Over 55 Ladies Club
To participate, be sure to call one of the two people listed below by Friday, December 3.
Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, December 7, 1:30 PM at
195 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook
You must call
Andie E
Or Rita D
New members welcome!
In lieu of a Christmas Gift Exchange, we will be accepting donations for a charitable organization.

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

The altar flowers this week are in memory of Myra Woznicka, from Jean D.
Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. ($35 suggested donation.) Make sure you 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.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
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.

BAPTISMS 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, Dec. 2, 7:00 PM

Remembering our Dearly Departed

During the month of November, we will remember our departed family members and friends. Using either the All Souls envelope included in your regular envelope mailing, or one of the envelopes provided in the Narthex, you may write the names of the people you especially wish to have remembered. These names will be included on a “Our Beloved Dead” poster during the month of November (updated weekly), and then in the parish bulletin.

Mark your Calendar!

December 4/5

After masses

Includes Knights of Columbus baby blanket fundraiser

Creation Care Corner

Gratitude, Generosity and Stewardship

In the Encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis encourages us to imitate God’s generosity, calling for an attitude of “...gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God’s loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works.”

Pope Francis further explains, “One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.” (LS 222, 227).

We show our respect and gratitude to the Creator by our stewardship and recognition of his bountiful creation as a precious gift requiring our care.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Religious Formation News**

**Class times:**
Tuesday 4:30-5:45 Grades 1-5 & 8
Tuesday 6:00-7:15 Grade 6
Wednesday 6:00-7:15 Grades 1,5-8
Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)

**Religious Formation Break**
Religious Formation class will not meet on November 23 or November 24 but an optional Thanksgiving lesson will be posted on Flipgrid for each class. May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving break.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**
Religious Formation students are invited to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Children Liturgy at 10:00 Thanksgiving day. Student Volunteers are still need to help out at this Mass. Contact Christine Goba to volunteer to help. cgoba@rcdoj.org or 630-910-0770.

**Religious Formation’s Grand Event**
Thank you to everyone who joined us for Religious Formation's "Grand Event" celebration. We are so proud of students who spent the afternoon doing something to thank their Grandparents for that they do for them. May God bless all of our Grandparents and Grand-friends.

**Religious Formation Students Honor Grand Parents**
As part of RF’s Grand Event, we are asking parents to help their children to participate, in a Covid-19 safe way, by doing some kind of act of kindness to their grandparents and other seniors in the area during November. We hope to help our students to grow in love and appreciation for those who have labored before us to build our families, churches, and nation.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!
Christ the Servant - Religious Formation
https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation
"Like" us

**Book Pick Up**
Please call or stop by the parish office to pick up your children’s remote learning books and supplies if you have not already done so.

**Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation’s Christmas Program**
“Christmas Traditions” that will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00pm.
Parents are invited to join their children for the RF Christmas Celebration “CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS” on Tuesday, December 14 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 tradition. There will be hospitality and lots of fun.

**Ideas to make the most of this Advent**
Brother Francis Advent Series for Kids on FORMED
Brother Francis daily videos lead children on a daily journey during this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Videos feature meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep your family focused on Christ this Christmas.

The True Meaning of Christmas with Dr. Michael Barber on FORMED
A new video series by Dr. Michael Barber based on his book The True Meaning of Christmas. Viewers will be delighted to learn more about the biblical accounts of Jesus’ birth and the meaning behind our favorite Christmas traditions.

**Religious Formation Up Coming Dates**
November 23-24 NO CLASS
November 25 (Thursday, 10:00 am) Thanksgiving Children’s Day Liturgy (Hosted by 2nd, 6th and 8th grade)
November 30-December 1 Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 during class time
December 7-8 Classes (December 10 New Remote Classes Post)
December 14 All Classes Christmas Traditions Family Event 7:00-8:30
December 15-29 Christmas Break
Thank you to the many people who participated in the Thanksgiving Sharing project to help the residents of Horizon Senior Living Center! Carloads of bags of food and gift cards were delivered to Horizon on Monday the 15th.

Our Thanksgiving Mass will begin at 10 am on November 25th. Each year, we donate the entire Thanksgiving collection to help people in need at Hope’s Front Door. If you wish to give electronically, please use “other” and add “Thanksgiving” in the memo section of your one time payment from our website.

The deadline to order on the current Manna sale is 10:30 am Sunday, Dec. 5. Orders placed (and paid for) will be ready for pickup Dec. 11/12.

Finish up your Christmas shopping early by ordering Manna!

Information about Manna can be obtained by emailing manna@ctswoodridge.org.

Update Membership Information
Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? Do we have your email address?
If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The parish Office number is 630-910-0770. The parish Office email address is ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org.

Franciscan Village Senior Community is hiring Full & Part-time Wait Staff!
Location: 1270 Village Drive, Lemont, IL 60439
Schedule: Flexible!
Requirements: Positive Attitude
Perks: Free uniform, monthly incentives, and NO LATE NIGHTS!
To apply, go to www.compassgroupcareers.com and search “Lemont, IL”.
Full & Part-time Waiter/Waitress

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 11/14/21

Christ the Servant people, you are marvelously awesome! For every dollar paid in completed pledges from now on, we get 70% back! The year is coming to an end, so please get your pledges paid before the next Appeal begins. Thank you again.
If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949. Thank you!!!!

2021 GOAL $40,700 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $45,425
AMOUNT PAID: $44,795 REMAINING BALANCE: $630
DONORS THIS YEAR: 209 REBATE EARNED: $2,867

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Virginia Kozlowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, November 20
4:45 PM John & Anna Bacigalupo, r. Frale family
David Rocco, r. Jim & Melinda Nowak & family
Jimmy Kazwell, r. Jim & Melinda Nowak & family

Sunday, November 21
8:30 AM Jean Rendak, r. Gierut/Rendak family
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Paul Hogan, r. Ciolek family
Caterina Perricone, r. Onofria Perricone

Monday, November 22
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 23
8:30 AM Bernice C. Deron, r. Barry Deron
Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven, r. Zenaida Cruz

Wednesday, November 24
8:30 AM Phyllis Summers, r. Corinne Hanson

Thursday, November 25—Thanksgiving Day
10:00 AM George Harting, r. Harting family

Friday, November 26
8:30 AM

Saturday, November 27
4:45 PM Dick DuSatko, r. Donna Mays
Phil Florek, r. Jim & Alie Phillips
Sherri (mom) & Madison (daughter), r. Jean Durran

Sunday, November 28
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Colleen Curtiss-Hauppa, r. Christ the Servant Choir
To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

We pray for the Sick
Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Clem Campbell
Pat Chang
Roy Clavey
Vic Cordes
Bryan Dillon
Bruce Fitche
John M. Foresman
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Linda Gaunce
Joann Germanie
Julie Grell
Don Gruszek
Michael Harris
Carol Hendrich
Rita Hogan
Rayna Januska
Philip Knurr
Jeanne Jordan
Barb Kosiek
Karen Kripas
Joan Kurtz
S.Suzanne Lesniewski
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Jeff May
Carmella Morris
Chuck Neal
Patricia Newby
Anthony Nowak
Linda Pennock
Alie Phillips
John Pilzota
Lolit Ranchero
Dick Rosenbeck
John Rossi
Sonja Rudny
Jim Sanders
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Shirley Tomaeno
Trunzo family
Mary Vanderplow
Bill Wagner
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
Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Chase Halik, son of Tim & Peggy Halik
Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Cole Jirgl, nephew of Corby & Sheri Schmitz
Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Patrick Pendergast, son of Dave & Toni Pendergast
Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Raleigh Redinger, nephew of Mike Magee
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.

Do you have a little time this Sunday afternoon? We’d love to have you help decorate the church for Advent! You may email joannwelton@aol.com to volunteer, or just show up at noon this Sunday the 21st! We’ll find a job for you to do!
Today’s second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment $ 2,600.00
Total Needed $ 10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov 10-Nov 16:

Sunday 11/7 $ 4,080.00
Sunday other forms $ 7,372.00
General Funds $ 295.00
Restricted use $ 580.00
Debt Reduction $ 1,078.00
Total Contributed $ 13,405.00

Capital Ctrb Challenge: Congratulations, Christ the Servant! Your generous donations have achieved the goal of $220,000 for capital projects!!! THANK YOU!!!!

Donations will continue to be accepted, and will be put into savings for future capital needs.

Differential this period:

Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported $ 13,405.00
Catch up this period: $ 3,105.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Thanksgiving $ 25.00
Campaign/Human Dev $ 25.00
Diocesan Cemeteries $ 20.00
Debt to Diocese 10/31/2021 $ 260,660
Registered Households—781

God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

Did you know…This is the last weekend before Advent. Please pick up a copy of the Little Blue Book with brief meditations for each day of Advent and the Christmas season. They are available in the narthex.

You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. Consult with your financial advisor for information about how to accomplish this.

To learn more about how you can leave a legacy to benefit our parish or the diocese, please call 815-221-6100 and ask for the Development Office.