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.
Pope Francis’ Tweet for the Week

Service makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives.

Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this life.

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.

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.

Over 55 Ladies Club
To participate, be sure to call one of the two people listed below by Friday, December 3. (If you missed the deadline, call and ask if there is still room.)

Ladies Lunch Out
Tuesday, December 7, 1:30 PM at

GOAT & VINE
Restaurant + Winery
195 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook

You must call
Andie W
Or Rita S

New members welcome!
In lieu of a Christmas Gift Exchange, we will be accepting donations for a charitable organization.

Thank you for helping our homeless brothers and sisters!

BLUE JEANS FOR THE HOMELESS

Danilo & Elaine T have volunteered to be a drop-off site for Blue Jeans for the Homeless if the church is closed. They live at the corner of Havens and Rutgers, about three blocks from the church, at 20W351 Rutgers Drive, Downers Grove. Donors can donate jeans and non-perishable foods here. From September to December they will also accept jackets, blankets, and other winter clothing. There is a yellow container on the side of the garage to place your donation.

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THANK YOU to ALL that helped prepare our Liturgical Decor for Advent. Everyone did an amazing job.

Don't forget everyone that Christmas decorating will be Sunday, December 19th AFTER the 10:00 am Mass.

Sincere appreciation,
JoAnn joannwelton@aol.com

FREE Admission
Bolingbrook Community Chorus
Annual holiday concert
“A Classic Holiday”

Sunday, December 5, 2021
2:00 pm
Bolingbrook Community Center A
201 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook

A collection will benefit 4 K.I.D.S. SAKE in Bolingbrook.
Www.BolingbrookChorus.org
Follow us on Facebook!

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

Unless it falls on a Sunday like it does this year, December 12 is the feast day we honor OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE. In 1531 our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego, whose feast day is Dec. 9. The third time Mary appeared she told Juan Diego to pick roses, wrap them in his tilma (cloak), and drop them at the feet of the bishop. A beautiful image of the Virgin Mary appeared in his tilma which is still intact today.

The tilma is on display at the Basilica in Mexico City. There are many miraculous things regarding this image:
1. After 490 years the tilma is still in perfect condition
2. There are no signs of paint on the tilma. The colors do not belong to any known chemical element. The colors hover above the tilma
3. The eyes are the same as looking at a human eye of a living person. When exposed to light the retina contracts.
4. A rhythmic beat of 115 pulses is heard. Tilma temperature is a constant 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit
5. Stars of the cloak reflect the position of the stars at the winter solstice Dec. 12, 1531

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us!

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, Jan 6, 7:00 PM

Retirement Fund
for Religious

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.” Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be as generous as you are able.

Use the envelope in your mailed packet, or any envelope marked “Retired Religious”.

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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)

Thanks to everyone who helped set up our Mitten Tree and who donated to our mitten and hat collection this year! (There is still a week left to add your donation to the tree!)

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 traditions. There will be hospitality and lots of fun.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates
December 7-8 Classes (December 10 New Remote Classes Post)
December 14 All Classes Christmas Traditions Family Event 7:00-8:30
(Families are asked to share displays or food from their own personal Christmas traditions. It is a night of sharing with the whole parish. There will be a few surprises and even a couple of heavenly and biblical characters popping up throughout the festivities.)

December 15-29 Christmas Break
December 24 Christmas Eve Children’s Liturgy
January 4-5 Classes (Jan 7 new remote classes post)

Ideas to make the most of this Advent for Kids and Families on FORMED
Kristoph & the First Christmas Tree: A Legend of St. Boniface
Based on an ancient legend, Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree is a video production drawn from the family-friendly story written by children’s author Claudia Cangilla McAdam and illustrated by Dave Hill.

The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas
The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus’ origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus’s miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. https://watch.formed.org/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas

A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 5 Light the second purple Advent candle. Sing Christmas hymns together. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult. To help celebrate Advent try making this delicious “Advent Hot Chocolate” - A Liturgical Recipe For Catholic Kids https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-hot-chocolate/

MON 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. https://watch.formed.org/videos/nicholas-the-boy-who-became-santa

TUE 7 During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. So, have a Birthday Party for Jesus or a Baby Shower and donate the gifts to a family in need or to a local charity.

WED 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus’ mother. Make card for or give a call to your mother or a mother figure in your life today.


FRI 10 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 11 Long before an angel appeared to a young girl named Mary, the need for the angel's message was firmly established in history. At the start of Creation, mankind had rebelled, choosing to trust something other than its Creator, bringing sin and death into the world. So how does that event connect to a young virgin and a startling visit from a celestial being? Watch “Trust in God” with Brigid DeMoor on FORMED. https://watch.formed.org/ydisciple/season:18/videos/trust-in-god-with-brigid-demoor
The following names were inadvertently omitted from the bulletin last week:

- Ella Amabile
- Emilia Amabile
- James Amabile
- Ralph Amabile
- D'Amico family
- Alberto Daniele
- Amelia Daniele
- Antonietta Daniele
- Carmine Daniele
- Christina Daniele
- Ernest Daniele
- Francesco Daniele
- Francisco Daniele
- Michlina Daniele
- James Sullivan
- Wachowski family
- Harry Wiebler
- Wintzczak family

"... the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."

— Pope Francis

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION**

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from burning fossil fuels traps heat, is warming the planet, and contributing to climate instability. Transportation, including our daily driving, contributes to 29% of total US GHG emissions. When purchasing, consider buying the highest mileage vehicle in the class you need. For example, a 40-mpg vehicle can save you 4500 gallons of fuel over the life of the vehicle and dramatically reduce emissions, compared to a 20-mpg alternative. Hybrid and electric vehicles can often deliver even greater reductions. Check for available incentives on those. Often the move to a more efficient vehicle can result in reduced operating expense and an overall cost savings to you, while reducing waste and pollution!

**Special Worship Schedule**

**Wednesday, December 8:**
Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

**December 11/12:** normal schedule

**December 18/19:** normal schedule

**Friday, December 24:** Christmas Eve: no morning service. Masses:
- 4:00 pm (Children)
- 10:00 pm

**Saturday, December 25:** Christmas Day:
- 10:00 am mass
  (no 4:45 pm mass on 12/25)

**Sunday, December 26:** Holy Family
- 8:30 am and 10:00 am mass

**Friday, December 31:** Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation
- 4:45 pm only

**Saturday, January 1:** NO Holy Day morning mass
- 4:45 pm: Epiphany

**Sunday, January 2:** Epiphany
- 8:30 am and 10:00 am mass

Like to see more pictures of what Religious Formation is up to? Check out the Christ the Servant Religious Formation Facebook page!

Christ the Servant - Religious Formation
https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation

"Like" us!
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Rev. Tom Tivy & Jerry Scotti

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4
4:45 PM  John & Assunta Bigicalupo, r. Frale family
         Dick DuSatko, r. JoAnn Welton
         Betty Lou Wargren, r. Jean Durran

Sunday, December 5
8:30 AM Robert Glos, r. John & Marge Stancel
         Harriet Jendrack, r. Marge Buch
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 6
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 7
8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 8
8:30 AM Richard Buch, r. Marge Buch & family
         Donna Buonamici, r. Mary Kiser
7:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to Heaven

Thursday, December 9
8:30 AM David Kestler, r. Bernie Kestler

Friday, December 10
8:30 AM

Saturday, December 11
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family
         Gerald Johnson, Mt 18:12-14
         Stanley A Deron, r. Barry Deron
         People of the Parish

Sunday, December 12
8:30 AM Linda Marczewski, r. Paul & Lisa Daly
10:00 AM Ann Polan, r. Water Tower Book Club

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 Foresman
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
Alan LeDuc
Suzanne Lesniewski
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Jeff May
Chuck Neal
Patricia Newby
Anthony Nowak
Linda Pennock
Alie Phillips
John Pilizota
Lolit Ranchero
Dick Rosenbeck
John Rossi
Sonja Rudny
Jim Sanders
Cathy Spataro
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Shirley Tomaeno
Trunzo family
Michael Toro
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 the Deceased

Kaspa Reddy
(brother of Kiree Reddy)

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.

Bible Readings—Dec. 5-Dec. 12

SUNDAY: Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6
MONDAY: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13
SUNDAY: Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18
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: 2021-2022
Parish Expenses $ 7,700.00
Debt Payment 2,600.00
Total Needed $ 10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov 17-Nov 30:
Sunday 11/14  $ 3,435.00
Sunday 11/21 3,308.00
Sunday other forms 3,439.00
General Funds 155.00
Restricted use 335.00
Debt Reduction 246.00
Total Contributed $ 10,918.00

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 two week period:
Needed $ 20,600.00
Reported 10,918.00
Deficit this period: $ 9,682.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Thanksgiving 125.00
Campaign/Human Dev 654.00
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...while the Religious Formation year is well under way, it’s not too late to sign up your child for classes! Contact Christine Goba for information.

Year End Giving.
Thank you to all who have helped support our parish this past year. It’s been a rough year for many, and it’s still going to take a while to recover. Your many generous gifts to our parish are an example of your faith and commitment to our parish community and the Lord.