**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

The future will be prosperous only if it is reconciled with those who are the weakest. When we reject the poor, we reject peace. History teaches us that narrow self-interest and nationalism lead to disastrous consequences.

A Good New Year’s Resolution: 
Save Lives
The Knights of Columbus are Sponsoring a

\[\text{Blood Drive}\]

Saturday, January 8th
From 7:30 AM to Noon
In the Activity Center
At St. Scholastica Church in
Woodridge

Walk-ins are welcome. If you wish to make an appointment, contact Versiti Blood Centers at 1-800-7TO-GIVE or www.Versiti.org/IL. OR email wcshiffer@comcast.net and state the time you will arrive.

We donate to save lives. Each donation can save up to three lives. You will need an I.D. and please wear a mask.

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

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.

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

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the bulletin previously:

John Ahern
Rita Ahern
Ed Daluga
Rita Daluga
Albert McGarr
Donald McGarr
Lou Rotta

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

Join the diocesan mission trip to the Navajo Nation in June

The Diocese of Joliet will resume its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona.

The June 4-17 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc.

“It’s not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture,” said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson.

The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during the past two years because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Informational meetings on the trip will be held on Jan. 4 and 12 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email bcarslon@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.

**Save the Date!**

Mr. Hassan Chaudhry will be presenting on Asian Americans and the Model Minority Myth

Monday, January 10th at 7 PM at Christ the Servant Church.

More details in the upcoming weeks.

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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)

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.

**Ideas to make the most of this Advent for Kids and Families on FORMED**

**A Week Full of Family Advent Activities**

**Christmas with Bernadette**

Bernadette and her family are back! With Christmas approaching, Bernadette wants to give everyone gifts. But it’s so hard with only the pocket change of a seven-year-old. And Mama’s about to have a new baby, which is exciting, but seems to wear her out. Will everything at home at school smooth out to give Bernadette and her family a beautiful and blessed Christmas? https://watch.formed.org/christmas-with-bernadette-by-emily-ortega

**O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About**

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God’s Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior. “The Christmas Story”—an animated presentation of the many wonderful events that led up to the birth of Jesus. https://watch.formed.org/videos/o-holy-night-the-king-is-born-what-christmas-is-about

**SUN 12** 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! **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.

**MON 13** 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 14** Bring your whole family to a night of fun and learning at CTS church for RF Christmas Traditions.

**WED 15** Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Advent wreath and pray a prayer of blessing.

**THUR 16** 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 17** O Leader of the House of Israel! Pray for help to follow Jesus’ leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.

**SAT 18** O Root of Jesse’s Stem! Jesse and King David were Jesus’ ancestors. Send Christmas cards to family and friends.

Like to see more pictures of what Religious Formation is up to? Check out the Christ the Servant Religious Formation Facebook page! https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation "Like" us!
Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

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 (Hosted by All Grades)

January 4-5 Classes (Jan 7 new remote classes post)

Job Opportunities

St. Scholastica Parish Business Manager
St. Scholastica Parish is looking for a person to do the administrative functions of the parish; and has responsibility for parish accounting and finances, property management, personnel; supervises maintenance and church support staff; communicates and collaborates with the pastor, staff, and volunteers. Must have experience handling financial and business transactions. Experience in budget development, control, analysis, and reporting required. Accounting experience preferred. To view a full job description, visit: https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the Business Manager, Lianda Valentine at lvalentine@stscholasticaparish.org.

Full-time Parish Accountant – Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Naperville, IL
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville is seeking to hire a full-time Parish Accountant. The parish accountant provides day to day accounting services which supports both the parish and school. The candidate must have excellent knowledge of accounting principles and internal controls and must have effective communication skills and the ability to work and partner with others. Must have a bachelor’s degree with an accounting major and at least 8 years of progressive accounting experience, non-profit experience a plus. Please send a resume and cover letter to: financemanager@sspeterandpaul.net.

Part-time Custodial/Maintenance - St. Pius X Parish, Lombard, IL
St. Pius X Parish in Lombard is seeking a part-time custodial/maintenance person. This is a non-benefited position of approximately 30 hours per week (must be flexible for the hours). Must have a skill set knowledge of electrical and plumbing for small repairs. Able to lift at least 40 lbs. Position requires a team-player attitude, attention to detail, and confidentiality. Call Sallie at 630-627-4526 X219 for further information.

Three Recent Recipients of our CCHD Collection

We Grow Dreams is a nonprofit greenhouse and landscaping service in West Chicago. They offer training and jobs to people with physical and mental disabilities, beginning while they are still in high school. The training and employment set these individuals on a path to a more independent and fulfilling life. www.wegrowdreams.org

Jordan River Farm is a service retreat center and farm of the Diocese of Joliet’s Laudato Si’ Ministries. They seek to serve the poor through a community garden with free food for people in the Hopkins Park, IL area. https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/humanandignity/subsectioncontent.php?secid=7&subsecid=11

The National Hook-Up of Black Women in Joliet operates many services to help community members in low-income situations. They especially advocate for women and families and help them develop skills that allow them to flourish. https://www.nhbwjoliet.com/

Retirement Fund for Religious

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021
With joy you will draw water at the fountains of salvation.
— Isaiah 12:3
Mass Intentions for the Week

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**
Bob Szykowny (from Jan Szykowny)

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 11**
4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, r. family
Gerald Johnson, r. family
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

**Monday, December 13**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, December 14**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 15**
8:30 AM Lilly Mary & Inna Reddy

**Thursday, December 16**
8:30 AM Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int, r. Zenaida Cruz

**Friday, December 17**
8:30 AM

**Saturday, December 18**
4:45 PM Bruce A. Deron, r. Barry Deron
Dad Kolodziej, r. Helene Peslak
Arnulfo (Noli) & Leonila (Nila) Harting, r. Milrose Harting

**Sunday, December 19**
8:30 AM Bob Haas, r. Elena Haas
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Ann Polan, r. Water Tower Book Club
Jim O’Brien, r. Mary Anne O’Brien
Lorenza Murillo, r. Roman & Lourdes Rodriguez

To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

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We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro
Nancy Becker
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Fran Browne
Clem Campbell
Pat Chang
Scott Christensen
Roy Claye
Vic Cordes
Bryan Dillon
Bruce Fitche
John M. Foresman
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Mary Garba
Linda Gaunce
Joann Germanie
Julie Grell
Don Gruszek
Mary Pat Haas
Michael Harris
Carol Hendrich
Rita Hogan
Remington Howard
Rayna Januska
Philip Knurr
Jeanne Jordan
Barb Kosiek
Bob Kraft
Karen Kripas
Joan Kurtz
Brian Labuta
Alan LeDuc
S. Suzanne Lesniekiew
Robert Losik
Christy Lucarelli
Joyce Maples
Jeff May
Chuck Neal
Patricia Newby
Anthony Nowak
Linda Pennock
Alie Phillips
John Pilzota
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 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.

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.
Titus 3:4-5, NIV
From the perspective of eternity, time means very little. God always fulfills his promises, but we, whose perspective tends to be much more limited, usually need patience and faith to see them manifested. So it was when the world was waiting for its Savior, and so it is now, as we await His return.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022
Parish Expenses $  7,700.00
Debt Payment      2,600.00
Total Needed $   10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 1-Dec 7:
Sunday 11/28  $      2,588.00
Sunday other forms         9,787.00
General Funds          1,190.00
Restricted use          2,310.00
Debt Reduction             763.00
Total Contributed   $    16,638.00

Congratulations, Christ the Servant!
Your generous donations have achieved the goal of $220,000 for capital projects!!! Donations will continue to be accepted, and will be put into savings for future capital needs. THANK YOU!!!!!

Differential this period:
Needed    $    10,300.00
Reported        16,638.00
Catch up this period:  $      6,338.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Thanksgiving  $         752.00
Campaign/Human Dev              10.00
Diocesan Cemeteries            110.00
Retired Religious             100.00
Debt to Diocese 11/30/2021    $249,359
Registered Households—781

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.