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

We’re all called to contribute courageously and decisively to respect everyone’s basic rights, especially of those who are ‘invisible’:

the hungry and thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers or prisoners, those living on the margins or are discarded from society.

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.

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

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4:00 pm (Children)
10:00 pm

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10:00 am mass
(no 4:45 pm mass on 12/25)

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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.

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The altar flowers last weekend were in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, requested by the Rodriguez family.

Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. ($30 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.

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

The altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Jim O’Brien, requested by Mary Anne O.

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The Knights of Columbus Robert P. Connolly Council #5918 recently presented a check in the amount of $500 to Fr. Bob as a contribution to participate in the Christmas Sharing program. Presenting the check on behalf of the Knights of Columbus was Mike M.
Religious Formation News

Religious Formation Class will be on Christmas break from December 15 to January 3. Have a Merry Christmas!

Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year’s for Religious Formation’s Christmas Program “Christmas Traditions” RF Christmas program on Friday evening.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.

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

The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn’t https://watch.formed.org/advent-3/videos/the-christmas-pageant-that-almost-wasn-


A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 19 O Key of David! Jesus opens doors that seem difficult to open. Pray about ways to overcome things that may be difficult for you. Light the fourth Advent candle. Consider ways you can bring peace and love to others.

MON 20 O Radiant Dawn! Jesus is our light! Shut off the house lights and all electronics after dinner and enjoy the light of the Christmas tree together as a family.

TUE 21 O King of All Nations! Jesus is the king who unites us all. Read about how other countries and cultures celebrate the traditions of Christmas. Consider adopting one of these new traditions in your family.

WED 22 O Emmanuel! We believe that Jesus is with us always. Call or visit someone who could use your company today.

THUR 23 Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Read the nativity story in the Bible together as a family.

FRI 24 Christmas Eve Christ is Born! Let us rejoice! Thank God for the greatest gift, the gift of his only Son! Put the figurine of the baby Jesus you made for the nativity scene in the manger.

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 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)
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.

We have been raising funds for this cause for over 21 years because we’ve all been touched by cancer in some way. We will keep fighting. May Our Lord continue to bless, strengthen and guide you.

Prayers and blessings,
Donna C and Vicki T

The Knights of Columbus also appreciate your support.

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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.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**
Wally Pawlikowski

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, December 20**
8:30 AM Lilly Mary

**Tuesday, December 21**
8:30 AM Inna Reddy

**Wednesday, December 22**
8:30 AM Kaspa Reddy

**Thursday, December 23**
8:30 AM Losik family, Sp. Int, r. Bernie Kestler

**Friday, December 24**
4:00 PM Dad Peslak, r. Helene Peslak
   Bob Jahn, deceased members of Derlitz & Jascewsky families
   James Crockett & Beth Crockett, Michael & Angeline Kolek, r. Colette Crocket & family
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, r. Ciolek family

**Saturday, December 25**
10:00 AM Richard Iovito, r. Andie Wolfe
   Rino LaPaglia, r. Mom & Dad & Sister

**Sunday, December 26**
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

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**Bible Readings—Dec. 19-Dec. 26**

**SUNDAY:** Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
**MONDAY:** Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
**TUESDAY:** Kg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
**THURSDAY:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
**FRIDAY:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79
**SATURDAY:** Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 (night; other options available)
**SUNDAY:** 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 / 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

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**We pray for the Sick**

Bruce Barnhard
Barbara Bayro
Nancy Becker
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Fran Browne
Clem Campbell
Pat Chang
Scott Christensen
Roy Clavey
Vic Cordes
Bryan Dillon
Bruce Fitche
John M. Foresman
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Mary Pat Haas
Michael Harris
Carol Hendrich
Rita Hogan
Remington Hogan
Rayna Januska
Philip Knurr
Jeanne Jordan
Barb Kosiek
Bob Kraft
Karen Kripas
Joan Kurtz
Brian Labuta
Alan LeDuc
S. Suzanne Lesniewski
Robert Losik
Christy Lucarelli
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.

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**We pray for the Deceased**

Lorraine Shoerger
*(mother of Jill Walsh)*

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**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. Please also let us know when they return home.*
Most people do not see the call to holiness as their first priority in life. If anything, the tendency of many is to run in the opposite direction. For those who love and trust God, however, living holy lives, while providing great challenges can bring some of life's greatest rewards. Jesus shows us through stewardship, the way to these rewards.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022**

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**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Due to an early bulletin deadline, contributions will be reported next week.

- Debt to Diocese 11/30/2021 $249,359
- Registered Households—781

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

Did you know…we are offering one mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This will be at 4:45 pm on Friday, December 31.

### 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.

If you are able, please consider these ideas provided by the Diocese of Joliet in addition to your much needed monetary donations:

1. Save taxes on appreciated stock by donating it.
2. Avoid the hassles and costs associated with selling real estate by donating it.
3. Put an insurance policy to good use. Name Christ the Servant Parish or the Diocese of Joliet as the policy owner.
4. Tax-free donations of Required Minimum Distribution for an IRA. By having your RMD sent to Christ the Servant, you don’t have to pay taxes on that money.
5. Charitable Gifts from your Will or Trust. Include a bequest to the parish or the Diocese in your will.