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.
Jesus is the name and the face of the love of God who came to dwell among us. I hope that each of you might have the desire of seeking Him and the joy of finding Him.

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 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.

Always remember the distinction between contribution and commitment. For example, take the matter of bacon and eggs. The hen makes a contribution. The pig makes a commitment.

~Jack Carter

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

Asian Americans and the Model Minority Myth

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

Mr. Hassan Chaudhry explores how Asian Americans navigate life in a racialized world. Mr. Chaudhry grew up in the suburbs of DC and his life journey has taken him through a variety of settings with different levels of diversity. He is uniquely qualified to address this topic, being born bi-racial, with Korean and Pakistani parentage. Hassan holds a dual Master’s degree in Social Work and Public Health. He is currently the Manager of Program Evaluation at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago. We hope you will join us for this unique and fascinating program. Sponsored by the Peace and Social Justice Committee of Christ the Servant Parish.
JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God’s bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God’s grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today’s readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God’s work.

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Religious Formation News

Religious Formation Class will begin again on Tuesday, January 4 and Wednesday, January 5. Welcome Back!

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)

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass and in Religious Formation’s Christmas Program “Christmas Traditions.” Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation

Congratulation to our students who have received their first Reconciliation or will be receiving the sacrament in the upcoming weeks. Please pray for them that they may always remain close to Jesus through this most holy sacrament. Thank you to their parents and teachers for all of their efforts to preparing and encouraging them.

Confirmation Student Meeting
All students preparing for Confirmation will need to attend a brief meeting on Monday, January 17 from 10:00 to 1:00am. This meeting will cover essential information and preparation for Confirmation. If your child cannot make the Student Confirmation Meeting, please contact Mrs. Goba to reschedule.

First Communion Class
All students preparing for their first Communion are asked to attend the Sunday, January 9, 10:00 Mass. Students will have a chance to participate in various roles at Mass and to have an opportunity to see the Mass close up.

Substitute Catechists Needed for the Month of January
Two Substitute teachers are needed for the month of January. If you are available to teach on Tuesday’s from 4:30-5:45 pm for the month of January, please call Christine at 630-910-0770.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates
January 4-5 Classes resume (Jan 7 new remote classes post)
January 9 2nd Grade Children’s Liturgy 10 am mass
January 11/12 Classes (Jan. 14 new remote classes post)
January 17 Confirmation Student Meeting 10:00-11:00 am (Mandatory)
January 18/19 Classes (Jan 21 new remote classes post)
January 25/26 Classes (Jan 28 new remote classes post)
February 5 First Communion Retreat 10:00-12:00
February 8/9 Classes (Feb 18 new remote classes post)
February 15/16 Classes (Feb 18 new remote classes post)
February 22/23 Classes No In-Person Classes ALL CLASSES REMOTE
February 23 Catechist Formation Evening
February 26 Confirmation Forms Due

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!
Respect for All Life

The largest pro-life weekend in the Midwest will be January 8, 2022 on Michigan Avenue. Check out the website MarchForLifechicago.org

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

**Creation Care Corner**

“**We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation.**”

-U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

**A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION TO CARE FOR CREATION**

- The Pope’s encyclical, *Laudato Si’,* is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.

- Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.

- The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.

- Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”

- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

**What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?**

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**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

Each New Year many make New Year’s Resolutions, possibly to lose weight, refrain from gossip, or thank God for our blessings each day. Have you ever thought about marking your 2022 calendar to remind you to join in prayer every First Friday in CTS’ Eucharistic Chapel aft the 8:30 am Service?

2022 dates: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4 and December 2.

“**More things are wrought by prayer than men dream of.**”

-Alfred Lord Tennyson
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**
Jim Brabec

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 1**
4:45 PM Fr. Jim Ratigan, r. founding pastor, anniversary of death
John & Esther Michalek, r. family
People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 2**
8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, r. Ciolek family
10:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, January 3**
8:30 AM Genelle Monaghan, r. Bob & Corinne Hanson
Jim Brabec, Sp. Int, r. family

**Tuesday, January 4**
8:30 AM Carol McPherson, r. Jackie Nemec

**Wednesday, January 5**
8:30 AM Stanley A. Deron, r. Barry Deron

**Thursday, January 6**
8:30 AM Losik family, Sp. Int., r. Bernie Kestler
Jim Brabec, Sp. Int., r. family

**Friday, January 7**
8:30 AM

**Saturday, January 8**
4:45 PM Ann Polan, r. Darlene Januska
Debi & Noey Somchay, Sp. Int, r. Jean Durran

**Sunday, January 9**
8:30 AM Freda Klacza, r. Ciolek family
Joyce Feltz, r. John & Marge Stancel
10:00 AM People of the Parish
To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light, call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

**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
- Bonnie Fiebrandt
- John M. Foresman
- Dcn. Tom Fricke
- Mary Garba
- Joann Germanie
- Julie Grell
- Mary Pat Haas
- Michael Harris
- Carol Hendrich
- Rita Hogan
- Remington Howard
- Janie Jordan
- Barb Kosiek
- Bob Kraft
- Karen Kripas
- Joan Kurtz
- Brian Labuta
- Alan LeDuc
- Suzanne Lesniewski
- Robert Losik
- Christy Lucarelli
- Joyce Maples
- Jeff May
- Chuck Neal
- Anthony Nowak
- Linda Pennock
- Alie Phillips
- John Pilizota
- Lolit Ranchero
- Dick Rosenbeck
- John Rossi
- Sonja Rudny
- Jim Sanders
- Cathy Spataro
- Dan Szymanski
- Anastasia Thiem
- 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 the Deceased**

- Nellie Etrata
  (mother of Greg Feltz)
- Joyce Feltz
  (cousin of Donna Clavey)

**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.

**Bible Readings—Jan. 2-Jan. 9**

- **SUNDAY**: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
- **MONDAY**: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:2-17,23-25
- **TUESDAY**: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
- **WEDNESDAY**: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-42
- **THURSDAY**: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
- **FRIDAY**: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
- **SATURDAY**: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
- **SUNDAY**: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16,21-22 (other options available)
The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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

CONTRIBUTIONS
CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 15-Dec 22:
Sunday 12/19  $      3,886.00
Sunday other forms         4,568.00
Christmas          2,670.00
General Funds             495.00
Restricted use             610.00
Debt Reduction             448.00
Total Contributed   $    12,667.00

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        12,667.00
Catch up this period:  $      2,377.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Diocesan cemeteries $           50.00
Retired Religious             130.00
Debt to Diocese 11/30/2021    $249,359
Registered Households—781

Thank you. Happy New Year.

Leave a Legacy.
To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on “Donate”, then click on “Stock Donations or call the Development office at 815-221-6100 for information.