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 spiritual state we call desolation can be an opportunity of growth. It provokes a "shaking of the soul", fosters vigilance and humility, and protects us from the winds of fancy.

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary
Ann and Jim Kolar

The flower arrangement on the alter is in celebration of Ann & Jim Kolar’s 40th wedding anniversary

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Volunteers are needed to light the advent candles at each mass during advent.

If you or family would like to light the candles in the Advent wreath please sign-up on the sheet outside of the Sacristy

In advance, thank you for helping with lighting of each special advent candle.

CTS Christmas Sharing 2022

Thank you for your generosity for supporting the CTS Thanksgiving & Christmas sharing program benefitting Woodridge Horizons, Senior Living. All 93 apartment residents living in the apartment complex will receive grocery store gift cards for both holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas thanks to your support.

All cards are due back to the church by Sunday, Nov. 20th. If you have a questions, please call or text Denice Kraft at 630/985-8875

Again, thanks for your big-heartedness.

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

New Movie Features Pope Francis
A new movie, *The Letter: A message for our earth* was released on the Feast of St. Francis & features Pope Francis. In the film, an indigenous leader from the Amazon rainforest, a young climate activist from India, a climate refugee from Senegal, and a pair of biologists from the USA are invited to the Vatican. Each has received a letter for a private audience with the Pope. “This beautiful film — a heartbreaking yet hopeful story — is a clarion cry to people everywhere: wake up, get serious, meet, act together, act now,” remarked Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The movie is available to view at no cost on YouTube at this link: [https://tinyurl.com/mp9rvf52](https://tinyurl.com/mp9rvf52)

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 Fricke at 630-985-5266.

**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, December 1, 7:00 PM

**Retirement Fund for Religious Order Priests**
Pope Francis often highlights the value of older adults and the role they play in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In his message this year for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, he noted, “A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance.” As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection on the weekend of December 10-11 — an appeal that benefits some 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States — I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Knights of Columbus Presenting a Gift to the Church

At the November 12th and 13th masses, the Knights of Columbus presented Father Bob with a $1,000 check for church expenses.

**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Religious Formation News

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and in the Narthex. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 27 Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and some evergreens. Place all on a tray or large plate. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.

MON 28 People hoped and waited for so long for Jesus to come and bring light to the world! Share stories about the way’s parents prepared and how they felt as they waited for their children to be born. Older siblings can share stories of waiting for younger siblings. Look through the first photographs taken of your children. Pray about your hopes for your family.

TUE 29 When we have an important guest come to our homes we take some time to clean up and prepare for their visit. Today take some time to prepare your heart for Jesus by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. RF students are invited to go to Reconciliation today during their class time.

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THUR 1 Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family

FRI 2 Make a nativity scene with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoebox to make the barn and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.

SAT 3 On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.

Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward

No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their children. To help our parents pay for Religious Education we are starting a Religious Education Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward: Christ the Servant Religious Education’s Sponsorship Program. By sponsoring the faith formation of a child — by passing your faith forward — you help to lay the foundation and shape the future of both our children and the whole of our Catholic community.

There are several ways to financially assist in passing your faith forward:

A $175.00 donation will pay for one year of religious education tuition

$100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament

$25.00 will purchase a child’s textbook for the year.

Other sponsorships such as retreat expenses, high school programs, speaker engagements, classroom audio/video equipment are also available.

Would your child be interested in helping at the Christmas Eve Mass? There are many ways they can help out. Call or message Christine Goba for more information.
Your participation in the CMAA is important. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs, and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Our goal is $43,400. 70% of gifts received over goal will be returned to our parish for our use. A mailing has been sent to parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the 2022 CMAA. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our diocese through our ministries and help others in need. Thank you for your support!

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### Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

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### Book Study Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study with a new book by Mathew Kelly called Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. The book study will be on Thursdays at 7:00 PM, beginning January 5, 2023 and will run through February 16, 2023. To get a copy of this new book or for more information about the book study please stop by the Religious Formation office or call Christine at 630-910-0770.

Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it your life will finally makes sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential.

### Christmas Concert - December 11

All are Invited to a Jazz Christmas Concert At Christ the Servant Church Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00-5:30pm With Musical Guest Jazz Spectrum. Admission is free but a freewill donation for the benefit of Religious Formation programs is appreciated.

### Jesus, God is With Us

Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation’s Christmas Program “Jesus, God is with Us” that will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm.

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**PLEDS NEEDED TO GOAL:** We made it!

Congratulations on achieving our goal!

Remember to keep up on pledges!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT
Joe Miklosz

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26
4:45 PM  Deceased members of the Over 55 Ladies Club
         Alice Mulkerin, req. Marj Wilkey
Sunday, November 27
8:30 AM  Lorraine Happel, req. Christine Goba
10:00 AM People of the Parish
Monday, November 28
8:30 AM  People of the Parish
Tuesday, November 29
8:30 AM  Andrew Iovito, Jr., req. Andie Wolfe
Wednesday, November 30
8:30 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, December 1
10:00 AM  Religious Formation Students
          and Families, req. RF Office
Friday, December 2
8:30 AM  People of the Parish
Saturday, December 3
4:45 PM  John & Esther Michalek and
         Gerald Johnson, req. family
         Thomas Wolfe, req. Andie Wolfe
Sunday, December 4
8:30 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory that
          are near to Heaven
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Bible Readings Nov 27 thru Dec 4

MONDAY: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUNDAY: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

We pray for the Sick

Erin Babington  Madeline Jascewsky  Sonja Rudny
Sharon Bhaskar  Jeanne Jordan  Jim Sanders
Jim Brabec    Derek Kaunelis  Jennifer Stile
Donna Ciolek  Ida Kenny   Victoria Swartz
Michael Durkovic Sr  Barb Kosiek  Dan Szymanski
Vic Cordes   Karen Kripas  Frank Tiesenga
Marge Felix  Patricia Lackey  Mary Vanderplow
John M. Foresman   Suzanne Lesniewski  Bill Wagner
Marty Foy     Robert Losik
JoAnn Frale  Joyce Maples
Dcn. Tom Fricke
Robert Gripp
Karen Gormley
Joan Haffner
Linda Pennock
Barbara Hile
Ali Phillips
Michael Harris
Janice Proskey
Carolyn Heinrich  Bob Pluta
Carol Hendrich
Fred Huth
Robert Rodriguez
Ed Jascewsky   John Rossi
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
bryn@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased

Please pray for the deceased
members of our parish

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak
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 Jalore, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalore

Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
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.
How many of us live day-to-day not being aware of what we do or perhaps even who we are? Living a conscious, purposeful life takes a lot of energy and commitment. Jesus came into our world to teach us how to live such a life as His Stewards. He reached out to everyone, even those who were considered outside of the acceptable community life.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 9-Nov 15, 22
Bulletin was due 11/18, prior to collection and counts.
Sunday 11/14 $ 4,711.00
Sunday other forms $ 8,467.00
General Funds $ 450.00
Restricted $ 95.00
Debt Reduction $ 1,943.00
Total Contributed $ 15,666.00
Differential this period:
Needed $ 10,300.00
Reported 15,666.00
Differential this period: $ 5,366.00

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
World Missions $ 30.00
All Saints $ 10.00
All Souls $ 80.00
Seminarian Support $ 145.00
Campaign Human Dev $ 85.00
Solemnity of Mary $ 10.00
Priest/Nuns retirement $ 30.00
Christmas Mass $ 30.00

Debt to Diocese 10/31/2022 $126,670
Registered Households—781

God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!
Did you know...To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on “Donate”, then click on “Stock Donations” or call the Development office at...