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

Spiritual consolation is an experience of interior joy that allows us to see God’s presence in everything. It strengthens faith, hope, and the ability of doing good; it helps us never give up in the face of difficulties because it gives us a peace that is stronger than any trial.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook.  www.facebook.com.

Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.

Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses:
Thursday, December 8th at
8:30 am and 7:00 pm

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." - Luke 1:28

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions can be heard each Saturday during Advent before the 4:45 pm mass.
Father Bob will be at the church at 4:00 pm to hear confessions.

CTS Christmas Sharing 2022
Thoughtful reminder, Christmas gift cards are due back to the church by Sunday, December 11th. If you have any questions, please call or text: Denice Kraft at 630/985-8875

Again, thank you!

Come Join us in Worship
Simbang Gabi Evening Mass
Simbang Gabi mass on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. This is a devotional practice, refers to the Philippine Catholic tradition of the “novena”, a series of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season, one mass at CTS. Adult & child volunteers needed as candle bearers and petition readers. Please call Tony Abellera at: 312-519-6488 or email tonyabellera@hotmail.com

Wine, Beer, and Harvest Cheer—THANK YOU
Thanks to everyone who supported the “Wine, Beer, & Harvest Cheer” FUNDraiser. This was our first post-Covid event and it was wonderful that so many people showed up to support it.

First and foremost, the committee would like to thank the parishioners of Christ the Servant. Without your support and attendance, there would be no event! Your energy and enthusiasm made our work well worth it! We would like to thank all of our awesome volunteers, those who signed up beforehand and those who jumped in on the day of the event. You are amazing and your energy was contagious!

Thanks also to Bryn and Corinne, who did so much behind the scenes work! We would also like to thank all of the commissions, committees, and individuals who donated a basket for our Pick-a-Raffle event. Thanks to everyone who supported both the Pick-a-Raffle and the Grand Raffle! Recognition needs to go to the members of the Parish Life Commission who have done this for a number of years, and who have the vision for what a successful fundraiser looks like. It is a passion project for these members who give so much of their time and talent to this parish, and have for many, many years.

Finally, we recognize the following benefactors and ask that you support their businesses in return for their generosity to our parish event: The Baked Apple Restaurant, Blueberry Hill Restaurant, Country House of Clarendon Hills, Tortorice’s Pizza, Mane Exchange Hair Salon, Steven’s Restaurant, 3 Corners Grill and Tap, Jameson’s Char House, Paramount Theater, and Ziegfield Troy Gold Course. We have also recognized a few individuals on our benefactor board for significant contributions: Jeanie Durran, Tim and Mary Mollvain, and Dorothy Slechta. We would also like to thank our “free-jay” Scott Wanner, who donated his DJ services to the parish for the event. Scott claims he’s not a real DJ but he did a great job of keeping the music playing! Finally, we’d like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of $300 toward the purchase of beverages for the wine and beer tasting.

There are many more individuals that could be thanked here, but we would run out of room! We hope you all enjoyed the Wine, Beer, and Harvest Cheer Fundraiser, and the Parish Life Commission was honored to be able to host this awesome event!

Thank You!
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, January 5, 7:00 PM

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**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

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**Ladies 55 & Over December Luncheon**
New members welcome to join us on:
Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 pm, at
Cracker Barrel
1295 Lakeview Drive,
Romeoville, 60446

In lieu of gifts a donation for a charitable organization will be taken up. Thanks!
Please R.S.V.P by Thursday, Dec. 8th, to, Andie Wolfe at 630-926-7444
Rita Sisko at 630-985-4457

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**Craft Fair and Christmas Shopping**
Craft Fair in the narthex before and after masses this weekend, Dec. 3rd and 4th. Hope you can enjoy some Christmas shopping.

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

- Family Shelter Service Domestic Abuse 630-469-5650
- National Domestic Abuse Hotline 800-799-SAFE
- Illinois Adult Protective Services 866-800-1409
- Will County Crisis Line 815-722-3344
- Mayslake Ministries 630-852-9000
- Diocese of Joliet Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator 815-263-6467
- Waterleaf Women’s Center 630-701-6270

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**Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.**
Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si’*, highlights both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming “mindful,” or intentional, aware & informed, can lead to more careful purchases.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them.

Refuse Reduce Repair Reuse Recycle

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A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

Sun 4 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. Light the second purple Advent candle. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult.

Mon 5 Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family. Don’t forget to put your shoes out for St. Nicholas.

Tue 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.

Wed 7 Sing Christmas hymns together.

Thu 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus’ mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today.

Fri 9 Feast of Saint Juan Diego Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego’s devotion to Mary.

Sat 10 During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Donate baby supplies 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.
2nd Sunday of Advent

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 11/27/22

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!

If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

2022 GOAL $43,400
AMOUNT PAID: $45,464
DONORS THIS YEAR: 221

AMOUNT PLEDGED: $47,899
REMAINING BALANCE: $2,435
REBATE AMOUNT: $1,445

PLEDGES 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!!!

December 6-7 Classes
December 7-January 29 1st Reconciliation - by appointment
December 11 3:00pm Religious Formation Family Christmas Event – Jesus, God is with us.
December 11 4:00pm Christmas Concert with Jazz Spectrum
December 13-January 2 Christmas Break

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

RF Christmas Program
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.

Before the Christmas Concert with Jazz Spectrum.
**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Joe Miklosz

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 3**
4:45 PM  John & Esther Michalek and Gerald Johnson, req. family
Thomas Wolf, req. Andie Wolfe

**Sunday, December 4**
8:30 AM  People of the Parish
10:00 AM  People of the Parish

**Monday, December 5**
8:30 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to heaven

**Tuesday, December 6**
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 7**
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 8**
10:00 AM  Richard Buch, req. Marge Buch
7:00 PM  Donna Buonamici, req. Mary Kiser
James Sullivan, req. Sullivan family

**Friday, December 9**
8:30 AM  Communion Service

**Saturday, December 10**
4:45 PM  Bill Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak
Leoncio Bacani, req. Debi & Pat Savage

**Sunday, December 11**
8:30 AM  Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry Deron
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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**We pray for the Sick**

Erin Babington  Fred Huth
Barbara Bayro  Rayna Januska
Sharon Bhaskar  Ed Jascensky
Jim Brabec  Madeline Jascensky
Pat Chang  Jeanne Jordan
Greg Chisholm  Derek Kaunelis
Donna Ciolek  Ida Kenny
Patti Crimer  Paul Knight
Michael Durkovic Sr  Barb Kosiek
Vic Cordes  Karen Kripas
Marge Felix  Patricia Lackey
John M. Foresman  Thomas Lackey
Marty Foy  S. Suzanne Lesniewski
JoAnn Frale  Robert Losik
Dcn. Tom Fricke  Joyce Maples
Robert Gripp  Jan May
Karen Gormley  Donna Mays
Joan Haffner  Chuck Neal
Barbara Hile  Linda Pennock
Michael Harris  Alle Phillips
Carolyn Heinrich  Janice Proskey
Carol Hendrich  Bob Pluta

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.**

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**We pray for the Deceased**

Please pray for the deceased
Adrienne Ahern and JoAnn Frale

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**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 Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

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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.

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**Bible Readings Dec 4 thru Dec 11**

**SUNDAY:** Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
**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
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 21-Nov 29
Sunday 11/21 & 27 $ 7,000.00
Sunday other forms 5,250.00
General Funds 355.00
Restricted 0.00
Debt Reduction 430.00
Total Contributed $ 13,035.00
Differential this period:
Needed $ 20,600.00
Reported 13,035.00
Differential this period: $ 7,565.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
World Missions $ 0.00
All Saints $ 50.00
All Souls $ 80.00
Seminar Support $ 10.00
Campaign Human Dev $ 66.00
Priests/Nuns retirement $ 25.00
Thanksgiving $ 818.00
Immaculate Conception $ 10.00

Christmas Mass $ 0.00
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 815-221-6100 for information.