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 said,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”
Matthew 11:4-5
Before the day’s end, let us learn how to read what has happened during that day in the book of our hearts — not in newspapers, but in my heart.

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.

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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**Pope Francis’ Tweet for the Week**

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Adult & child volunteers needed as candle bearers and petition readers. Please call Tony Abellera at: 312-519-6488 or email tonyabellera@hotmail.com if you can assist with the mass.

**The mass with offer music by the Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Choir, Diocese of Joliet.**

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**Act of Contrition**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with our help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name my God, have mercy. Amen

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Creation Care Corner

Wintertime Tips to Save Energy, Money and Reduce Harmful Carbon Pollution
1) Use a programmable thermostat to reduce heat when you are away from home or asleep.
2) Seal and weatherstrip: you could improve the heating system efficiency by as much as 20%.
3) Keep your furnace air filters clean. At minimum, change the filter every three months.
4) Have HVAC equipment tuned-up annually.
5) Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after use.
6) Close your fireplace damper when not in use.
7) Draperies and shades: Keep south-facing window shades open during the day and closed at night.
8) Select energy-efficient products when you buy new heating equipment. Look for Energy Star certification.
9) Make sure vents/registers aren’t blocked or covered.

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

Retired Religious Second Collection
Aging religious have offered a lifetime of service. Most do not have adequate retirement funding. You can help. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass.

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.

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 5 pm, Sunday, Dec. 11th, to,
Andie Wolfe at 630-926-7444
Rita Sisko at 630-985-4457

Harvest Cheer Fundraiser Report
Thanks to the support of our community, the Harvest Cheer Event raised almost $12,000 to go toward parish debt reduction.

Thanks to everyone who worked to make this event successful, all who purchased raffle tickets, everyone who came out to have fun - enjoyable evening!

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
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 11 Gaudete Sunday Light the pink Advent candle. This candle is a symbol of joy because we are at the midpoint of Advent. Today at Mass, notice that the priest will be wearing pink vestments! Come share in the Joy and festivities of the RF family Christmas event at 3:00 and in the Christmas Concert at 4:00-5:30. All are welcomed!

Mon 12 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.

Tue 13 Gather together for a meal and begin with a blessing. Make a plan to donate a meal to a person or family in need in your community.

Wed 14 Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Advent wreath and pray a prayer of blessing.

Thu 15 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 16 O Leader of the House of Israel! Pray for help to follow Jesus’ leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.

Sat 17 O Root of Jesse’s Stem! Jesse and King David were Jesus’ ancestors. Send Christmas cards to family and friends.

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.

Hat and Mitten Tree — Please donate to our Middle school Service Project, the “Hat and Mitten Tree” collection which benefits clients of Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Donations will be collected on the tree located in the hallway off of the Narthex.
3rd Sunday of Advent

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/04/22

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: $46,009
DONORS THIS YEAR: 223

AMOUNT PLEDGED: $48,319
REMAINING BALANCE: $2,310
REBATE AMOUNT: $1,826

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!!!

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

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


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 make sense. It’s time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus’ life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Christ the Servant Parish will begin the Jesus study on January 5 at 2:00. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org. We hope you can join us!

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.
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Wally Pawlikowski

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

Sunday, December 11
8:30 AM  Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry Deron
10:00 AM  JoAnn Frale, req. John Frale family

Monday, December 12
8:30 AM  Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 13
8:30 AM  John Porn, req. Jim & Melinda Nowak

Wednesday, December 14
8:30 AM  People of the Parish

Thursday, December 15
10:00 AM  Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int. Zenaida Cruz

Friday, December 16
8:30 AM  Communion Service, Pray for Almaia Custodio

Saturday, December 17
4:45 PM  Rich Kellner, r. Kathleen Gabehart and Eileen Edlund
Leoncio Bacani, req. Pat and Debi Savage

Sunday, December 18
8:30 AM  Bruce A. Deron, req. Barry Deron
Bob Haas, req. Elena Haas
10:00 AM  James Frale, req. John Frale family

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

Bible Readings Dec 11 thru Dec 18

**SUNDAY:** Is 35:1-6a,10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
**MONDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv:11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
**TUESDAY:** Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32/Mt 21:28-32
**WEDNESDAY:** Is 45:6C-8,18,21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
**THURSDAY:** Is 54:1-10/Lk 7: 24-30
**FRIDAY:** Is 56:1-3a,6-8/Jn 5:33-36
**SATURDAY:** Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
**SUNDAY:** Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro
Sharon Bhaskar
Jim Brabec
Pat Chang
Greg Chisholm
Donna Ciolek
Patti Crimer
Michael Durkovic Sr
Vic Cordes
Marge Felix
John M. Foresman
Marty Foy
Robert Gripp
Karen Gripp
Michael Harris
Carolyn Heinrich
Carol Hendrich
Fred Huth
Rayna Januska
Ed Jascewsky
Madeline Jascewsky
Jeanne Jordan
Derek Kaunelis
Ida Kenny
Paul Knight
Karen Kripas
Patricia Lackey
Thomas Lackey
Suzanne Lesniewski
Robert Losik
Joyce Maples
Jan May
Donna Mays
Chuck Neal
Alie Phillips
Janice Proskey
Bob Pluta
Lolit Ranchero
Robert Rodriguez
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 our dear deceased
Linda Pennock, and
Frank Accardi
Deacon Rod Accardi’s Dad

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreishak
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
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.
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**

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**CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 30—Dec 6**

- Sunday                 $     5,106.00
- Sunday other forms           $     3,370.00
- General Funds               $        811.00
- Restricted                $     2,630.00
- Debt Reduction               $        720.00
- **Total Contributed**   $  12,637.00

**Differential this period:**

- **Needed**    $   10,300.00
- **Reported**  12,637.00
- **Differential this period:**  $      2337.00

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- World Missions  $          50.00
- Soul of Mary   $          25.00
- All Souls      $          55.00
- Seminarian Support  $          5.00
- Campaign Human Dev  $        40.00
- Priests/Nuns retirement $       125.00
- Thanksgiving   $          50.00
- Immaculate Conception $       10.00
- Christmas Mass  $          180.00

**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.