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.
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.

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.

**Christmas Eve Masses**
4:00 pm and 10:00 pm
The 4:00 pm is the Religious Formation Family mass.

**Christmas Day Mass**
10:00 am

**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, or by appointment during the week.

**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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**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHL)**
**SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd 2023**

As we approach the Christmas Holidays, please note: **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2023 is January 22nd.** This will be the 50th anniversary of the Roe v Wade supreme court decision and more than 63 million abortions have taken place since 1973. Even though Roe was overturned last year, the number of abortions in Illinois continue to rise as women travel to Illinois from neighboring states where there are tighter restrictions on abortion.

We are inviting you to mark this somber occasion by supporting the Caring Network Baby Bottle Drive to raise funds for the critical mission of protecting the unborn, offering truth, hope, and material goods to women in need, and bringing hope to those who have had an abortion in their past. At this time, many churches celebrate Life by passing out baby bottles so members can fill them with coins, or checks to support our critical mission. Watch for the baby bottles in January!

Tracy Kerr
Special Events Team

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Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION
Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si’,* cautions us to avoid the “culture of consumerism.” He warns us that “A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment.” A simpler “outer” life, free of clutter and distraction, makes it easier to be more spiritual. In turn, greater spirituality leads to a less attached and simpler outer life. A virtuous circle! Material simplicity is an intentional pathway to more joy, happiness and the flourishing of God’s Creation. Filter your acquisition decisions through a lens of needs v. wants. “Less is more.”

“...we need to commit ourselves to caring for Creation, without squandering its resources ….”
— Pope Benedict XVI

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

**Huge Thanks!**
On Monday, Dec. 12th the Janes Ave. Neighborhood Outreach (J.A.N.O.), Delivered Christmas cards and the donated grocery store gift cards to residents of the Woodridge Horizons Senior Living. Residents. Also, to celebrate the special day a luncheon was served. Thanks for the generosity of the grocery store gift cards, each apartment received Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards. Wonderful sharing event.

**Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach!**
Group photo of the Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach (J.A.N.O.) committee following the delivery of Gifts Cards provided by Christ the Servant parishioners!

**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

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

Religious Formation Class will be on Christmas break from December 13 to January 2. Have a Merry Christmas!

Would your child be interested in helping at the Christmas Eve Mass? There are many ways they can help out. Hurry and call or message Christine Goba.

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

Last weekend to 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.
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 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/04/22

| AMOUNT PAID: | $46,009 | REMAINING BALANCE: | $2,310 |
| DONORS THIS YEAR: | 223 | REBATE AMOUNT: | $1,826 |

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Wally Pawlikowski

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, December 19**
8:30 AM John & Catherine Frale, req. John Frale family

**Tuesday, December 20**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 21**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 22**
10:00 AM Kathy Chandler, req. Alan Chandler family

**Friday, December 23**
8:30 AM Communion Service

**Saturday, December 24—Masses 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm**
4:00 PM James & Beth Crockett, req. Colette & family  
Michael & Anigeline Kolek, req. Family  
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, req. Ciolek family  
Dan Tegtmeyer, req. Janice Thomas

**Sunday, December 25—Mass 10:00 am**
10:00 AM Richard Iovito, req. Andie Wolfe  
Mary Garba, req. Pluta family  
Rino LaPaglia, req. Family

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**

Barbara Bayro  
Sharon Bhaskar  
Jim Brabec  
Pat Chang  
Greg Chisholm  
Donna Ciolek  
Michael Durkovic Sr  
Vic Cordes  
Marge Felix  
John M. Foresman  
Marty Foy  
Dcn. Tom Fricke  
Derek Gee  
Robert Gripp  
Karen Gormley  
Bill Haas  
Joan Haffner  
Michael Harris  
Carolyn Heinrich  
Carol Hendrick  
Fred Huth  
Rayna Januska  
Ed Jasczewsky  
Madeline Jasczewsky  
Jeanne Jordan  
Derek Kaunelis  
Ida Kenny  
Paul Knight  
Barb Kosiek  
Karen Kripas  
Patricia Lackey  
Thomas Lackey  
S. Suzanne Lesniewski  
Robert Losik  
Joyce Maples  
Jan May  
Donna Mays  
Chuck Neal  
Ali Phillips  
Janice Prosskey  
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.

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**We pray for the Deceased**

Please pray for our dear deceased family and parish members

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andrashak  
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.

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**Bible Readings Dec 18 thru Dec 25**

**SUNDAY**: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24  
**MONDAY**: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
**TUESDAY**: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
**WEDNESDAY**: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
**THURSDAY**: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
**FRIDAY**: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
**SATURDAY**: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79  
**SUNDAY**: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
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 30—Dec 6
Bulletin Due Early—No update.
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

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To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on “Donate”, then click on “Stock Donations or call the Development office at