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

Preparing the #creche for Baby Jesus, we once again learn who our Lord is. He is the God of humble meekness, of mercy and love, who intervenes always respecting our freedom and our choices.

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

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.

**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

Recycle Christmas lights. Stings of Christmas lights can be recycled. Please bring the lights to the church. The Green Team has placed two blue recycle bins in the west corner of the narthex for the lights.

**New Year’s Masses**
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
**DECEMBER 31ST, 4:00 PM**

**January 1, 2023**
**8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM**

Welcome New Members!
Please welcome the Greg & Theresa Johnston family to CTS.

The Johnston’s recently join the parish.

**Save the Dates in 2023**
**Celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival**

With these special Diocesan Celebrations. Diocesan-Wide 40 Hours Devotion, February 8, 9, 10 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet. Prayer Service with National Eucharistic Preacher: March 23, 24 and 25th, at various locations throughout the Diocese. Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com.
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.
In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (*Laudato Si’,* 11)

Further, he reflects, “In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: ‘All things have been created though him and for him’ (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ’s creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word ‘became flesh’ (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy.” (LS, 99)

Joy to you, and to the whole world, this Christmas Season!
— Pope Benedict XVI

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**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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**Huge Thanks!**

Thanks for the generosity of the grocery store gift cards, each apartment received Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards.

Wonderful sharing event!

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**Joy to the World**

**First Friday Holy Hour, January 6, 2023**
The same everlasting Father who cared for you in 2022 will care for you tomorrow and everyday of 2023. Prayer is powerful! Let us start out the New Year praying together in CTS’ Eucharistic Chapel for our family, friends, those who have no one to pray for them, the BJH Ministry, Ramon Joston, Souls in Purgatory, end to abortion, peace and justice for all, military persons, Pope Benedict XVI, all religious, government officials, doctors, nurses and all who care for the ill, those we have forgotten to pray for, for those we promised to pray for, and all CTS’ members. “More things are wrought by prayer than men dream of”. Alfred Lord Tennyson

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**Mass for the Holy Innocents Lost Through Abortion**
Feast of Holy Innocents Mass on: Wed., Dec. 28th at 7:00 pm, St. Michael Church, Wheaton. Please wear yellow, the color of Life. Refreshments after mass. Event will have a Live Nativity, a donkey & sheep. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus & Pro-Life Community.

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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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@rdoj.org

Thank you!
Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year’s Religious Formation Christmas Program, “Jesus, God is With Us”

First Communion Reminder
Sunday, January 15th CTS Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion are asked to participate in the 10:00AM Mass. They will be joining the various Lay Ministers to get a closer look at the various part of the Mass.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.

Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Jazz Concert!

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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.
December 7-January 29 1st Reconciliation - by appointment

December 13-January 2 Christmas Break

January 3-4 Class

January 10-11 Class

January 11 Confirmation Presentation “proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity” with Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz. All Confirmation students are asked to attend the Wednesday night class session. Parents and sponsors may attend also.


January 5 Adult Bible Study “Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life”

Confirmation Presentation “Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity”

All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, Jan 11 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz on Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend.

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 |

Congratulations on achieving our goal! Remember to keep up on pledges!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!
TABERNACLE LIGHT
Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS
Saturday, December 24
4:00 PM James & Beth Crockett, req. Colette & family
Michael & Angelina Kolek, req. Family
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, req. Ciolek family
Dan Tegtmeyer, req. Janice Thomas

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

Monday, December 26
8:30 AM No Service

Tuesday, December 27
8:30 AM Joan Aletto, req. Carole Sullivan

Wednesday, December 28
8:30 AM John & Anna Bacagalupo, req. John Farle Family

Thursday, December 29
8:30 AM Adeline Casey, req. Paul Wisdom

Friday, December 30
8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 31—Mass 4:00 pm
4:00 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak

Sunday, January 1
8:30 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor
10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor

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

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 Hendrich
Fred Huth
Rayna Januska
Ed Jasewsky
Madeline Jasewsky
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
Alie Phillips
Janice Prosky
Bob Pluta
Lolit Ranchero
Robert Rodriguez
John Rossi
Sonja Rudny
Jose Sabado
Jim Sanders
Jennifer Stile
Dan Szymanski
Frank Tiesenga
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 bryn@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased

Please pray for our dear deceased family and parish members

We pray for those who Serve

Andrew McGraw, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshek
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.

Bible Readings Dec 25 thru Jan 1

MONDAY: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
TUESDAY: 1 In 1:1-4/Jn 20:1A, 2-8
WEDNESDAY: 1 In 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
THURSDAY: 1 In 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
FRIDAY: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
SATURDAY: 2 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
SUNDAY: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
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: Dec 7—Dec 14
Bulletin Due Early—No update.
Sunday                 $     4,194.00
Sunday other forms           $     5,450.00
General Funds               $        230.00
Restricted                $     2,905.00
Debt Reduction               $        450.00
Total Contributed   $   13,229.00
Differential this period:  $     2,899.00
General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Priests/Nuns retirement $        600.00
Immaculate Conception $        849.00
Christmas Mass $ 385.00
Debt to Diocese 11/30/2022    $115,405
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.