January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

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.
God is faithful to His promises and guides our steps in the way of peace. He guides the steps of those who journey on Earth with their gaze turned toward Heaven.

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.

The church is so beautifully decorated through Advent and Christmas.
Thanks to the generous givers who provided a donation.
Cathy Baker in memory of Mike Baker
Vince Di Vincenzo in memory of Rose Mary Di Vincenzo
Jim & Jan Dongarra in memory of Tommy Dongarra
Gloria DuSatko in memory of Dick DuSatko,
Joseph & Marie DuSatko and Frank & Jean Zych
William Folga in memory of Diane Folga
Barb Gutman & Rod Heilman in memory of Don Gutman and Becky Heilman
Casey Kellner in memory of Rich Kellner
Mary Kiser in memory of Donna Buonamici and Virginia & Bill Barnes
Charlene Kotowski in memory of Chester & Dolores Kotowski
Michael Magee in memory of all my family & friends who have died.
Robert & Pamela Mizek in memory of the Mieszczak and Marek families
Moravecek Family in memory of Madonna Wasz and April Sedall
Mary Anne O’Brien, in memory of Jim O’Brien, the O’Brien family and the Magmer family
Odonnell & Linda Olympia in memory of Ched de la Cruz
Helene Peslak in memory of Richard Peslak & Kolodziej families
Don and Carol Prohaska in memory of Staivton and Prohasika families
Bob and Barbara Rassano in memory of all deceased family members
Thresa Sokolowski in memory of Stratis Bahaveolos Sr,
Pat & Debi Savage in memory of Pauline Dennis
Sonny & Emily Stillo in memory of Louis Stillo
Sullivan family in memory of James Sullivan
Tinoco family in memory of Mary Alvarez & Lupe Alvarez
Mike & Mary Ellen Vrankin in memory of Michele Reed
Thank you, Art and Environment Committee

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

**A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION TO CARE FOR CREATION**

The Pope’s encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature. Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be reverenced by all. The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences. Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home...to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.” The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

**What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?**

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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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**Celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival**

With these special Diocesan Celebrations.

**Diocesan-Wide 40 Hours Devotion**, February 8, 9, and 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.

**Blood Drive, Sat. Jan. 7th, from 7:30 am to noon at St. Scholastica, 7800 Janes Av.** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & St. Scholastica. Photo ID required. Eat a healthy meal & drink plenty of water.

To make an appointment to donate blood, please call: 800-786-4483.

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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 Joson, 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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**Recycle Christmas lights.** Stings of lights can be recycled. Bring the lights to the church. The Green Team has place two blue recycle bins in the west corner of the narthex for the holiday lights.

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**Hotline Numbers for Help**

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Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you to all who donated to CTS’s Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward program. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness to CTS’s children and their families. It was so touching to see the concern and desire to share the Catholic faith with future generation. May God bless you for helping to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ. Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward program is a fund to assist students who cannot afford some or all of the expenses of Religious Education and the reception of Sacraments.

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.

“Teach them his decrees and instructions and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.” (Exodus 18:20)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/18/22

**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 PLEDGED: | $48,569 | PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it! |
| AMOUNT PAID: | $48,039 | REMAINING BALANCE: | $1,530 | Congratulations on achieving our goal! |
| DONORS THIS YEAR: | 225 | REBATE AMOUNT: | $3,247 | Remember to keep up on pledges! |

**Thank you so much for your generosity!!!! God bless you!!!**

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**Religious Formation Up Coming 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 this Christmas season 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. 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.

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**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 also.

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**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 **Jan. 5** at 2:00. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D’Ambrosio, 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!

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

*Wally Pawlikowski*

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 31**
4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**
8:30 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor
10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor

**Monday, January 2**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 3**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, January 4**
8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, January 5**
8:30 AM Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron

**Friday, January 6**
8:30 AM Communion Service

**Saturday, January 7**
4:45 PM Wally Silunas, req. Darlene Januska
John & Esther Michalek and
Gerald Johnson, req. Family
JoAnn Frale, req. Family
Wally Silunas, req. Darlene Janusha

**Sunday, January 8**
8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, req. Cioleck family
10:00 AM Carmela Florio, req. Family

*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 Sick**

Barbara Bayro | Madeline Jascewsky | Jose Sabado
Sharon Bhaskar | Jeanne Jordan | Jim Sanders
Jim Brabec | Derek Kaunelis | Jennifer Stile
Pat Chang | Ida Kenny | Dan Szymanski
Greg Chisholm | Paul Knight | Frank Tiesenga
Donna Ciolek | Barb Kosiek | Mary Vanderplow
Michael Durkovic Sr | Karen Kripas | Bill Wagner
Vic Cordes | Patricia Lackey | Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
Marge Felix | Thomas Lackey | Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
John M. Foresman | Suzanne Lesniewski | Chase Halik, son of Tim & Peggy Halik
Marty Foy | Robert Losik | Jeanne Jackson
Dcn. Tom Fricke | Joyce Maples | Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
Robert Gripp | Jan May | Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Karen Gormley | Donna Mays | Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Bill Haas | Chuck Neal | Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran
Joan Haffner | Alie Phillips | Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Michael Harris | Janice Proskey | Raleigh Redinger, nephew of Mike Magee
Carolyn Heinrich | Bob Pluta | Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary
Carol Hendrich | Lolit Ranchero | Ward
Fred Huth | Robert Rodriguez |
Rayna Januska | John Rossi |
Ed Jascewsky | Sonja Rudny |

**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 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
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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 Jan 1 thru Jan 8**

**SUNDAY:** Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**MONDAY:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**TUESDAY:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:34-42

**THURSDAY:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

**FRIDAY:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11

**SATURDAY:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

**SUNDAY:** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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: Dec 15—Dec 20
Sunday                 $     3,842.00
Sunday other forms           $     2,320.00
General Funds               $            0.00
Restricted                $        840.00
Debt Reduction               $        130.00
Total Contributed   $     7,132.00

Differential this period:
Needed    $   10,300.00
Reported         7,132.00
Differential this period:  $     3,168.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Priests/Nuns retirement $        175.00
Immaculate Conception $        45.00
All Saints               $        150.00
Sol of Mary              $        25.00
Simbang Gabi             $      1,766.46
Christmas Mass           $        795.00
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.