

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

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Behold, the star that they had
seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

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
May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May He soften our often stony and self-centered hearts, and make them channels of His love. May He bring His tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world.

Living God's Word

We pray that the light of God's love, shown to us in Jesus Christ and placed within us with the gift of faith, may lead others to this same faith. We also pray that we may continue our own journey into the mystery of God and find Christ waiting for us at journey's end.

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Reflecting on God's Word

They were men in love with the lights of night—astrologers, star-gazers, meaning-makers tuned in to the signs in the heavens, as Matthew tells it. A strange star moving across the sky led them into Israel. Arriving in Jerusalem, they asked where the newborn king of the Jews was, so they could offer homage.

Herod was less than delighted, indeed “greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him,” at hearing of a new king on the block (Matthew 2:3). But he assembled the chief priests and the scribes, who remembered that the prophet Micah had proclaimed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

So they set out again, with Herod's duplicitous request whispered into their ears. The star reappeared and led them to the house where the child and his mother were. Falling down in worship, they offered gifts, and went back home. End of story—as we like to remember it.

Of course, that is not the end. Receiving no word, Herod is enraged and orders the death of all children under the age of two. Joseph, Mary, and the child flee to Egypt. Power does not welcome competition, even in the form of a child.

But God wills all people to know salvation. Jesus came to draw all into the reign of God and to empower them to live the God-life that is the Father's gift. The darkness of evil continues to threaten but it will not overcome as long as there are those who seek the light, follow it, and allow it to lead them to the child.

~James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Can you be a part of the solution?

Do you feel an urge to do something to help the parish, but just don't have time to add one more thing? As long as you are at mass anyway, this is for you!!! Our parish desperately needs people to come forward to serve at mass. The jobs are not hard, and training is provided. You will have the ability to state how often you are available and for which masses.

Right now, we have only three households able to serve as host team at the 10:00 am mass, and if one family can't make the assignment, and doesn't find a sub (because there aren't any available), then one team gets asked to serve simply because they are there. This is not justice.

The 10:00 has even more difficulty with Ministers of the Altar—we have only three *people* able to be scheduled to serve. Again, training is provided

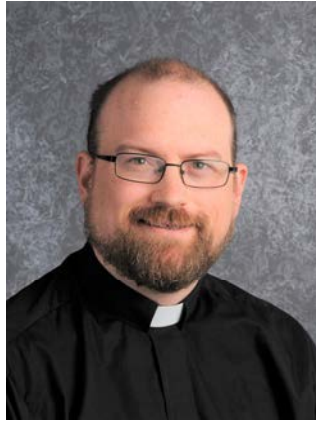
These ministries are ideal for families with elementary age children who would love to have something to **do** while at mass, teens can serve; all are welcome. All the ministries at each mass need more help, and as long as you are here anyway, why not? Call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770.

St Francis of Assisi, Bolingbrook,
presents the first of 3 talks on:

Why Prayer Matters

January 9, 2020
- 7:30 p.m.

Fr. Mark Cote
"Prayer as
Relationship"



Have you ever been asked if you have a relationship with Jesus? Did you have an answer for that? How have you viewed the role of prayer in your life? Let us explore these questions together as we contemplate on "Why Prayer Matters." Let us explore the possibility that a shift in how we see the role of prayer in our lives can forever enrich the closeness we experience with the author of life. Fr. Mark is Parochial Vicar at St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge and Associate Director of Diaconate for the Diocese of Joliet.

Additional talks are by Fr. Steve Borello on February 6 and Fr. Sunny Castillo on March 12.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish 1501 W. Boughton
Road, Bolingbrook 630-759-7588 for information

The task ahead of us
is never as great as
the Power behind us.



*Through the Waters of Baptism,
the faith community of
Christ the Servant Parish
welcomes*

Alyson Aguirre,
daughter of
Jason & Berenize P
November 9, 2019

Stella Joy,
daughter of
Jacob and Lisa W
November 17, 2019

Munachimso Fortune N,
son of
Aghalachi F and Chidimma E
December 22, 2019

Creation Care Corner



*"All of us can cooperate
as instruments of God
for the care of Creation."
— Pope Francis*

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: FOR 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 revered 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.
- Through active stewardship and reducing excessive consumption/waste we demonstrate our care for Creation and gratitude for this great gift.

Religious Formation

RF is on Christmas break. Class will resume again on January 5th and 8th. Have a blessed Christmas season!

Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery

WE ARE A PILGRIM PEOPLE

January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 2020
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Sister Karen Nykiel, O.S.B.

“We Are a Pilgrim People” will explore Sacred Scripture to discover the direction God gave His people, not just to leave Ur but also the many movements of these people as they search for the land promised them in Gen.12. The journey does not end with the establishment of the Kingdom of Israel. This land is gained and lost many times. The journey takes on a new path with Christianity and we discover that there is no end: many roads are traveled, many cities welcome the travelers and many do not. Come and see how we journey in search of the promised land...eternal life.

In preparation for discussion the following are suggested:

Genesis and Exodus

Walter Brueggemann, The Land Fortress Press, ISBN 0-8006-1526-3. 1982

Weakland, Rembert Archbishop ret. A Pilgrim in a Pilgrim Church, Erdmans Publ. 2009 ISBN-13 978-08022863829

Programs take place in the Monastery Chapter Room on the 2nd floor.

Sacred Heart Monastery, 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle, IL 60532

You are welcome to attend any or all of the presentations. A free will donation is appreciated to support our programs. Updates will be posted on our website www.shmlisle.org and on our Facebook page.

For further information, please contact: Sister Karen Nykiel, O.S.B.



RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE MEETING

The Respect for All Life from Conception to Natural Death Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 14, immediately after the 8:30 am Mass in the Meeting Room (aka kitchen). Projects include the unborn, mothers, fathers, children, students, marriage, homebound, illness, end of life issues, human trafficking, incarcerated, homeless and needs of all Humankind. New members welcome. Call David A, Rita S, or Andie W.



2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

Saturday, January 18, 2020

At 10:00 AM

At Christ the Servant Church

8700 Havens Drive

Woodridge, IL 60517

Do you know what the census information is used for? Do you know how you will get the Census form and fill it out? (It's different this year!) Is the Citizenship question on the Census? Do you know who has access to the census information? Did you know that Woodridge was under-represented in the 2010 Census and why and what that meant for our community?

For the answer to these questions and many more, please join us on January 18, 2020. Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project will give a presentation on the 2020 Census.

Refreshments will follow.

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

We attempted to avoid "volunteer burnout" by cutting down on the number of EMs at each mass, but that transition didn't happen as smoothly as hoped. So we're going back to 5 assigned ministers at each mass. Please encourage support from other people you see at mass...

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org, for information on how to get started in a liturgical ministry. Scheduling is based on your availability. When you see a name lots of times on the lists to the right, it's because we need more people like you helping out!



Next Weekend's **MINISTERS—Baptism of the Lord**
(Liturgical color: white)

	Saturday January 11 4:45 PM	Sunday January 12 8:30 AM	Sunday January 12 10:00 AM
<u>ALTAR MIN:</u>	Anthony A Jeanine A+	Betty P Ernie P	Maria F Gayle H
<u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u>	Deacon A Pat S Rita S	Cindy F Dan S Heather S	Susan C Sr. Jane N Sr. Lois P
<u>LECTORS:</u>	Vince D Heather J	Donna C Paula R	Dan R Virginia A
<u>HOST TEAMS:</u>	Yolanda D Einora L Imelda (Amy) P (Innis training)	Maryrose G Jim M	Gordon S Katie S+

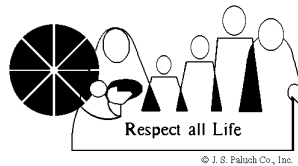
Respect for All Life

Respect Life Creed
I believe in life, and every human being:

- is made in the image and likeness of God
 - is endowed with the right to life from conception until natural death
 - should be treated with dignity and sanctity
- I pledge to defend life wherever I see it being disgraced.
Therefore, I will respect:
- the unborn, whose tiny lie within the mother's womb reflects the miracle of creation
 - the child, who stands innocently at the threshold of life waiting to be molded by my word and example
 - the physically handicapped, whose physical condition only emphasizes the true richness of the soul within
 - the young, whose life harbors the dreams of tomorrow
 - the mentally handicapped, whose perception of this world may be different, but is no less real than mine
 - the old, who have traveled down many roads that I have yet to see
 - the dying, who should leave this world from loving, caring arms.
 - all others, which all their failings, for their lives are an extension of mine—their sins/mine, their glory/mine.

I will do all I can to foster respect for life everywhere.
Amen.

~ (from the Joliet Diocese Respect Life Ministry)
submitted by Dave Anderson



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, February 6, 7:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Pat Cruz & Rosemarie Kenna

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

4:45 PM Tom Ruff, *r. Donna Mays*
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*

Sunday, January 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Jessie Alexander, *r. Sr. Lois Prebil*

Monday, January 6

8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, *r. Steve & Angie Mrozinski*

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 AM Patricia Knotts, *r. Admin/Finance Comm*

Thursday, January 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, January 10—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, January 11

4:45 PM Al Januska, *r. Darlene, family & friends*
Ron Welton, *r. Ciolek family*

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Carol Brown, *r. Marge Buch*
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Bishop Conlon has issued a decree which states that only twice per week we may combine intentions of more than one person at a single mass. The stipend is \$10. If you wish to donate more, you may direct the offering to another purpose. Excess donations not specifically directed will be forwarded to the Diocesan Finance Office to be used for the purpose of maintaining underfunded diocesan cemeteries.

Bible Readings—Jan. 5– Jan. 12

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar	Lucy Mathai	Jim Sanders
Richard Cleary	Mathew Mathai	Jerry Schultz
Allan Dreyer	Michael McCauley	Paula Sedlacek
Faith Ann Fialek	Robert & Joanne	Justin Simpson
John M. Foresman	McCauley	Barbara Smith
Fran Fruh	Josefina Mendez	Marjorie Stuedemann
Isabelle Giurato	Lucille Miller	Dan Szymanski
Guy Grimmelbein	Chuck Neal	Frank Tiesenga
Jim Henry	Erica Neidlinger	Judy Wethington
Rayna Januska	Anthony Nowak	Svienna Wildoer
Steve Jascewsky	Jim O'Brien	Rita Wyman
Jeanne Jordan	Toni Pendergast	Ron Wyman
LaVergne Kozerski	Linda Pennock	Ray Young
Sally Krueger	Alie Phillips	Joe Zapalac
John Kuehn	Robert Roche	
S.Suzanne Lesniewski	Dick Rosenbeck	
Joyce Maples	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 corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.***

We pray for the Deceased



Tom Vacek

Leonila Harting
(wife of Arnillio)

Ron Ibe
(cousin of Janet Alikpala,
nephew of Gerry and Juliet Ibe)

Jessie Alexander
(aunt of Sister Lois Prebil)

We pray for those who Serve

Emily Dome, granddaughter of Paul & Brenda Czarapata

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson

David Jackson, son of Cathleen & Richard Jackson

Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Wagner

Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Office Hours & Staff

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www.ctswoodridge.org**

Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM

Friday Communion Service.....8:30 AM

The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.

Saturday.....4:45 PM

Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days.....consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

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Elena Haas, Pastoral Council Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Position Open, Christian Service

Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Barb Kosiek, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am—Confirmation Class

10:00 am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7

Wednesday, January 8

4:45 pm—RF Grades 1-5

6:30 pm—RF Grades 6-7

6:30 pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 9

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

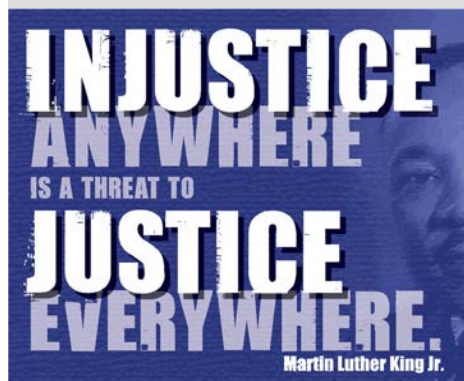
10:00 am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 am—Youth Ministry (STORM)

Upcoming Events

Jan 18: 2020 Census Explanation Presentation (it's different this time!), 10 am.

Jan 20: Martin Luther King Day, offices closed.



Parish Giving

The Epiphany is a solemnity of joy, for it commemorates Jesus being revealed as the Light for all, Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus is the promised One who would bring God's plan of salvation to fulfillment and reopen the gates of heaven. As good stewards, let us offer the gifts of our lives, like the gifts of the Magi, in humility and awe.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	<u>2,900.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,600.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 17-Dec 25:

Sunday 12/22	\$ 6,140.46
Sunday other forms	1,645.00
Christmas	19,846.00
General funds	280.00
Restricted Use	125.00
Debt Reduction	<u>182.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 28,218.46

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,600.00
Reported	28,218.46
Catch up this period:	\$ 17,618.46

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Religious Retirement	\$ 115.00
Diocesan cemeteries	30.00
Manger \$ for PADS	24.60
Blue Jeans for the Homeless	50.00

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

Debt to Diocese 11/30/19 \$631,126
Registered Households—758

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