

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Serving God from your Heart*

WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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## **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  
The ability to stretch forth our hand shows that we possess an innate capacity to act in ways that give meaning to life.

Please continue to check our parish website [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org), and facebook, for up to date information about what we are able to offer to help keep our community connected.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted at 9 am Sunday on the YouTube channel [christtheservant](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ChristTheServant).



—Light a Candle on the—  
**ADVENT  
WREATH**

## Advent—Light the Wreath

Covid has changed a lot of things, but we will still have an Advent Wreath, and we still offer the opportunity for you to be the one (person/family) to light the candle at the mass you attend.

There is a signup sheet on the sacristy door. There are a pen and box of alcohol wipes nearby. The alcohol wipes are to clean the pen before and after use (there is also a wastebasket nearby!) Signing up on the sheet automatically means you will be on the list to attend that mass!

Help continue this Advent Tradition at Christ the Servant.  
Sign up soon!

## Novena to End the Coronavirus Pandemic

*To be prayed for nine consecutive days*

**O** Mary, full of grace, patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of worldwide illness we ask your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. We pray for all who have lost jobs or security in this time. May your Son watch over all who are sick and their caretakers, bring to heaven all who have died, and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure to the Coronavirus.

*[Mention your own intentions.]*

- St. Damien of Molokai**, minister to lepers, pray for us
- St. Anthony the Great**, who healed infectious diseases, pray for us
- St. Edmund**, patron of victims of pandemics, pray for us
- St. Frances Cabrini**, foundress of hospitals, pray for us
- St. Agatha**, patron of nurses, pray for us
- St. Luke**, patron of doctors, pray for us
- St. Joseph**, patron of the dying, pray for us
- All you holy angels and saints**, pray for us

**H**elp us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence in the tender compassion of our God. Calm our fears and help us to trust in the Divine Physician. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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**Please Support Our SeedMoney Campaign**

This year, the Christ the Servant Sharing Garden grew and harvested over 138 pounds of vegetables that we donated to the West Suburban Food Pantry! Our garden project is participating in the #SeedMoneyChallenge, a 30-day fundraising challenge and we could really use your support this week!

In addition to keeping the funds we raise from individuals like you, we have a chance to win a challenge grant of up to \$600 from SeedMoney based on how much we raise over the course of the 30-day period running from Nov 15 to Dec 15. As an extra incentive, SeedMoney is offering 40 \$100 bonus grants to the 40 garden projects that have raised the most after the first week. Your support TODAY can put us into the running for one of those bonus grants. You can find our donation page here:

<https://donate.seedmoney.org/4804/christ-the-servant-sharing-garden>

Thanks very much for helping our campaign to get off to a running start!

*Chris B  
Christ the Servant Sharing Garden Coordinator*



## Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us, Mother Earth

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

### THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

**Water heaters** are the second highest source of energy usage in the home. Save money and significantly reduce carbon emissions two ways:

- 1) Wrap your water heater in an insulating blanket—costing only about \$25 at your local home center.
  - 2) Turn down the thermostat from 140° (standard factory setting) to 120°.
  - 3) If it's time to replace the unit, consider a tankless water heater. Tankless units heat water only when needed and can achieve greater efficiency than standard tank-type water heaters. When replacing your water heater, make sure it's Energy Star rated.
- For more info on energy efficient water heating go to [www.energy.gov/energysaver/water-heating/selecting-new-water-heater](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver/water-heating/selecting-new-water-heater)*



**Are you looking for a way to help at church?**

**Are you available during the day for about an hour a week?**

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then perhaps you could become a member of the Money Count Team. Other qualifications are a love of accuracy and the ability to maintain confidentiality. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Cathy B.

### 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

### Religious Formation Classes

**Religious Formation Class will be going remote for the rest of 2020.** We cannot risk the health of our students, staff and community, so even though Christ the Servant is diligently following all the health measures, because of the recent increase in Covid-19 cases and in particular in the local school districts, Religious Formation will proceed with fully remote classes for the rest of this calendar year. We will reassess the situation in December to determine whether we can resume in-person classes in January. Please watch for the Parent Newsletter and the Parish bulletin for updates on the situation. Everyone should be continuing with the work that is posted on Flipgrid.



### RF Livestream Holy Hour

Religious Formation Families and CTS parishioners are invited to join us on Facebook for a Livestream Adoration and Rosary hour for the intentions for our families and for the end to the pandemic.

*In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ. ~Pope John Paul II*

*Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue.*

*~St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Please consider joining us November 29 at 7pm for this time of prayer. Click the link below to find the livestream on RF's Facebook page next Sunday. <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation-100315044958106/>

### Coming Soon: CTS is Forming a Core Group of High School Students

We are of building a community of high school students who are committed to building their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic tradition, spirituality, and theology. Come hang out, at least virtual for now, with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.



### Hat and Mitten Tree

Junior high students are invited to participate in getting ready for the "Hat and Mitten Tree" collection which benefits clients of the West Suburban Community Food Pantry and children attending St. Etheldreda's in Chicago.

We need volunteers to help assemble the tree at Church, or to make posters and decoration for the tree at home and drop them off at CTS. Questions, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or [Christine@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:Christine@ctswoodridge.org) Don't miss this fun opportunity to help others and get service hours at the same time!

### Electronic Recycling Collection

Middle school volunteers are needed to help at the Electronic Recycling/Textile Collection on December 5. Helpers will be needed from 8:15-12:00. Helping at this event is an excellent way to get Confirmation Service Hours. For more information please call Nancy at 708-826-4596.

### Book Pick Up

Please call or stop by the parish office to pick up your children's books and supplies if you have not already done so. Every student whether they are participating in remote learning or in-person learning need to use the textbooks provided. There are still a few that need to be picked up.

### A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

**SUN 29** Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and some evergreens. Place all on a tray or large plate. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.

**MON 30** Make a nativity scene with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoebox to make the barn and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.

**TUE 1** People hoped and waited for so long for Jesus to come and bring light to the world! Share stories about the ways parents prepared and how they felt as they waited for their children to be born. Older siblings can share stories of waiting for younger siblings. Look through the first photographs taken of your children. Pray about your hopes for your family.

**WED 2** The Christmas story begins with one small family set to change the world. On yellow strips of paper, write ways that your family can help bring light and hope to your community during Advent. Keep the papers in a jar. As you complete these actions, place them in the nativity scene you made.

**THUR 3** Mary and Joseph were immigrants traveling far from their home when Jesus was born. Try sleeping in a different place in your house tonight. Swap beds with a sibling or sleep in a sleeping bag on the floor. Thank God for the comforts of your home.

**FRI 4** Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family.

**SAT 5** On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.



# Christ the Servant—December, 2020

December 3	7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Class
December 4	~9:00 am	First Friday Holy Hour
December 5	8:30-11:30 am	Electronic & Textile Recycling Event (+winter apparel)
December 5/6	after masses	Sign up to provide gift cards for seniors at Woodridge Horizon Senior Living
December 5	11:00 am	Manna orders due
December 8	8:30 am	Immaculate Conception mass (obligation)
December 8	7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception mass (obligation)
December 24	4 pm	Christmas Eve mass, registration required
December 24	6 pm	Christmas Eve mass, registration required
December 24	10 pm	Christmas Eve mass, registration required
December 25	10 am	Christmas Day mass, registration required
December 31	4:45 pm	Solemnity of Mary (obligation)
January 1	10:00 am	Solemnity of Mary (obligation)

Reconciliation each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after the 8:30 am mass, and Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm

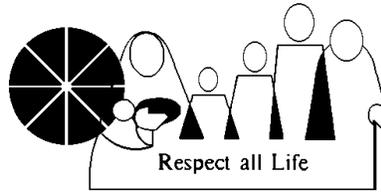


## Respect for All Life

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

December is the month of the celebration of Our Savior's Birth and of Giving to loved ones. Also, December 1st is our pastor Fr. Bob Duda's birthday. What greater gift to give than the Gift of Prayer! You can offer your First Friday Holy Hour for Fr. Bob, family members and friends.

Join the Respect for All Life Committee as we pray for all these intentions and for a blessed Christmas season.



### December Holy Hour

Friday, December 4

begins by the CTS Eucharistic Chapel  
Immediately following the 8:30 am Communion Service/Mass

Questions/comments: contact Rita S and/or Andie W.

### FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS,

Patron saint of Children

The feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated Sunday, December 6. Tradition has been to place by the door children's shoes before bedtime in hopes that good children will find small treats in their shoes in the morning. St. Nicholas has been known to give generously to the poor, especially children. St. Nicholas is the Patron of children and the name Santa Claus originated from his name. So when you see "Santa Claus" think "St. Nicholas".

## 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](mailto: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 F.

**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, December 3, 7:00 PM**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Joe Miklosz

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, November 28

4:45 PM Fr. Frank Vitus, *r. Peslak family*  
Henry Louis Marcum, *r. John & Pat Neary*  
Richard Peslak, *r. friends & family*  
Special Intention, *r. family*

#### Sunday, November 29

8:30 AM Andrew Iovito, *r. Andie Wolfe*  
10:00 AM People of the Parish

#### Monday, November 30

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

#### Tuesday, December 1

8:30 AM Inna Reddy

#### Wednesday, December 2

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory, *r. Alvarez Cordon family*

#### Thursday, December 3

8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe, *r. Andie Wolfe*

#### Friday, December 4

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, December 5

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*  
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*  
Richard Peslak, *r. friends & family*

#### Sunday, December 6

8:30 AM Carol McIlvain, *r. family*  
People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Lilly Mary

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

## We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar	Barb Kosiek	Dick Rosenbeck
Fred Cimaglio	Sally Krueger	John Rossi
Kim Cimaglio	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	Jim Sanders
Jean Durran	Therese Magee	Sandy Schlosser
Dick DuSatko	Silverio Manoang	Nancy Sinclair
Coleen Dwyer	Joyce Maples	Dan Szymanski
John M. Foresman	Cathy Molinaro	Frank Tiesenga
George Giese	Chuck Neal	Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Guy Grimmelbein	Anthony Nowak	Judith Tomaeno
Carol Hendrich	Don Paul	Shirley Tomaeno
Texanna Hernbeck	Toni Pendergast	Hazel Tomin
Shirley Hill	Linda Pennock	Dolores Vendl
Ken Horvath	Alie Phillips	Judy Wethington
Rayna Januska	Lolit Rancho	
Steve Jascewsky	Allison Riley	
Jeanne Jordan	Robert Roche	

*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



**Victor Waszkiewicz**

## We pray for those who Serve

**Christopher Durkovic**, grandson of Joan Kurtz

**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

**Jim Kikilas**, godson of Pat & Debi Savage

**Joshua Plucinski**, grandson of Joan Kurtz

**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.*

## Bible Readings—Nov. 29-Dec. 6

**SUNDAY:** Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

**MONDAY:** Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

**TUESDAY:** Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

**THURSDAY:** Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27

**FRIDAY:** Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

**SATURDAY:** Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

**SUNDAY:** Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2PT 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

# Office Hours & Staff

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**Phone: (630) 910-0770**  
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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

### Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Bob Duda**, Pastor *Ext. 101*  
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**Pat Savage**, Administrative Assistant

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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, November 29

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.

9:00 am—mass on facebook, YouTube

10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

### Monday, November 30

8:30 am—daily mass

### Tuesday, December 1

8:30 am—daily mass

RF CLASSES ONLINE THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, December 2

8:30 am—daily mass

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### Thursday, December 3

8:30 am—daily mass

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

### Friday, December 4

8:30 am—Communion Service or mass

~9:00 am—First Friday Holy Hour

### Saturday, December 5

8:30-11:30 am—Electronics/Textiles Recycling Event (parking lot)

4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.

### Sunday, December 6

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.

9:00 am—mass on facebook, YouTube

10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

## Upcoming Events

**Dec 5/6:** Sign ups for Christmas Sharing/ gift cards

**Dec 6:** Manna orders due, 11:00 am

**Dec 8:** Holy Day of Obligation, masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

# Parish Giving

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

### NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	<u>2,600.00</u>
Total Needed	<b>\$ 10,300.00</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS will be reported next week, due to an early publication deadline.**

*God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!*

*Did you know...this First Sunday of Advent marks the first day of the new liturgical year. Our Sunday readings are from Cycle B, focusing on the Gospel of Mark (with a bunch of discourses from John this summer). As we start this new liturgical year, let us focus with hope on our true leader and shepherd, Jesus Christ.*

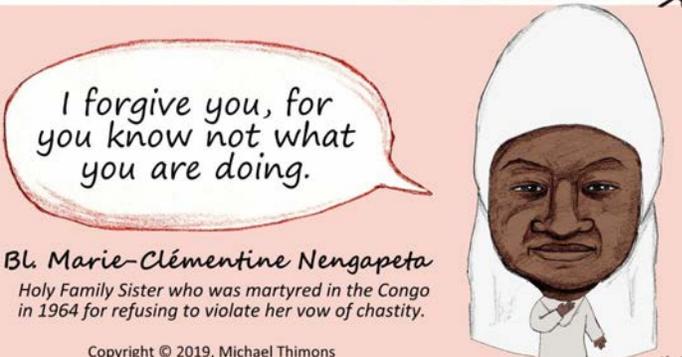
### Year End Giving.

*Thank you to all who have helped support our parish this past year. It’s been a rough year for many, and it’s still going to take a while to recover. Your many generous gifts to our parish is an example of your faith and commitment to our parish community and the Lord.*

*If you are able, please consider these ideas provided by the Diocese of Joliet in addition to your much needed monetary donations:*

- 1. Save taxes on appreciated stock by donating it.*
- 2. Avoid the hassles and costs associated with selling real estate by donating it.*
- 3. Put an insurance policy to good use. Name Christ the Servant Parish or the Diocese of Joliet as the policy owner.*
- 4. Tax-free donations of Required Minimum Distribution for an IRA. By having your RMD sent to Christ the Servant, you don’t have to pay taxes on that money.*
- 5. Charitable Gifts from your Will or Trust. Include a bequest to the parish or the Diocese in your will.*

saint snippets



**Bl. Marie-Clémentine Nengapeta**  
*Holy Family Sister who was martyred in the Congo in 1964 for refusing to violate her vow of chastity.*

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December 1