

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 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
Come, Lord Jesus, make our distracted hearts watchful.
Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

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.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel [christtheservant](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSHIP).



Altar flowers are in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. (\$35 suggested donation.) Be sure to identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.



Dear Recycling Enthusiast,

This is a big thank you to everyone who brought electronics, textiles and winter apparel to the ERE (Electronics Recycling Event) sponsored by the **Green Team** at Christ the Servant. There were 266 participants who brought items for this event. Thank you to all who helped keep these electronics and textiles out of our landfills. Thanks also to the volunteers who worked up to four hours at the event and to Mother Nature, who cooperated with the weather.

We filled a large trailer truck with electronics and textiles. We also filled a large leisure van and a pickup truck with winter apparel for St. Vincent DePaul.

We hope to repeat this next spring.

Thanks to all,
The **Green Team** at CTS



Having a Covid Christmas at Christ the Servant

Observe safety protocols: Wear your mask, Watch your distance & Wash your hands.

What to expect:

- 1. Reservations for the Christmas masses are REQUIRED.** To make your reservation, please use the link to Eventbrite from the parish website, send an email to chanson@rcdoj.org, or call the parish office during business hours. Registration closes when we reach the limit of 100 participants. We must maintain three empty chairs between each family unit.
- 2. YOU WILL BE SEATED BY THE USHERS.** This part is different from regular Sundays. This is necessary to get the maximum number of people in the church. So, please, have all your family members come in at the same time so you can sit together. The center aisle is one-way toward the altar, exit from the far end of each row, beginning with the back of the church. We will not be able to pass the collection baskets, but there are baskets by the doors to gratefully accept your donation.
- 3. IN THE EVENT THAT CAPACITY IS REACHED:** you are invited to listen to the mass in the parking lot on 88.3 FM, and then come up to the door to receive communion. No reservations are required for listening from the parking lot. Reception is best on the north side of the original parking lot. Masks and distancing are required when you come for communion; hand sanitizer is available. **At this moment (Wednesday morning) the 4 pm Christmas Eve, the 6 pm Christmas Eve, and the 10 am on Christmas Day have reached capacity, and there are only 11 spaces left at the 10 pm.** It grieves us to have to limit the number of people inside the church, but safety is paramount.
- 4. No one may enter the building after we have reached capacity. NO walk-ins will be able to enter, but all may listen to the mass from the parking lot and receive communion at the entrance door.**

CHRISTMAS

Returning Christmas Sharing Gift Cards

Return the gift cards for the Woodridge Horizons Seniors starting today until December 18.

We have a decorated box (looks like a Christmas gift!) in the Narthex. You may drop off the cards any time the building is open—Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm, and before and after masses on the weekend.

Many thanks to the many people who have participated in this and the Thanksgiving Sharing programs. In particular, the Knights of Columbus Council #5918 for their very generous donations to both holidays.



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 are 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 During the Sundays of Advent

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. Please consider joining us Sundays at 7pm during Advent for this time of prayer. Visit the link below to find the livestream on RF's Facebook page next Sunday.

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-Servant-Religious-Formation>

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

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 virtually for now, with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

New Kindergarten Class

Religious Formation is now offering a Kindergarten class to our Tuesday afternoons sessions. The kindergarten class will meet in person every other week for instruction and fun. For more information or to sign up your child, please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.



Hat and Mitten Tree

Last chance to donate to our Middle School Service project the "Hat and Mitten Tree" collection which benefits clients of the West Suburban Community Food Pantry and children attending St. Etheldreda's in Chicago.

A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 13 Gaudete Sunday. Light the pink Advent candle. This candle is a symbol of joy because we are at the midpoint of Advent. Pray about things that make you joyful and the ways you bring joy to others. Today at Mass, notice whether the priest will be wearing pink vestments!

MON 14 Read Matthew 2:1-12 as a family and learn about the Magi who followed the star to find Jesus after his birth. Go outside with your family tonight and do some stargazing. Pray about the beautiful world that God has created for us.



TUE 15 Gather together for a meal and begin with a blessing. Make a plan to donate a meal to a person or family in need in your community.

WED 16 Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Advent wreath and pray a prayer of blessing.

THUR 17 Wisdom of our God Most High! Today begins the O Antiphons. These are special prayers as the birth of Jesus draws closer. Pray to God about areas of your life where you need the gift of wisdom to grow.

FRI 18 O Leader of the House of Israel! Pray for help to follow Jesus' leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.

SAT 19 O Root of Jesse's Stem! Jesse and King David were Jesus' ancestors. Send Christmas cards to family and friends.

Respect for All Life

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12)

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of the period tell us the story.



A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning, December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accepts all people. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”



Our Beloved Dead

Unfortunately, the following names were accidentally omitted from the All Souls memorials.

Richard Buch
Rick Kopp
Connors family
Buch family
Czech family
Linda Nichols
Cormac family

Rita Ahern
John Ahern
Rita Daluca
Edward Daluca
Florian Wasik
Elaine Wasik
Albert McGraw

Sacramental Information

RITE 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 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, January 7, 7:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Marie Geinopolos and Carlo Giampapa

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12

4:45 PM William Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*
 Stanley A Deron, *r. Barry Deron*
 Richard Peslak, *r. friends & family*

Sunday, December 13

8:30 AM Carol Nelia DeJesus Curtis, *r. Jesus R. Masaquel*
 10:00 AM Sam Maltese, *r. Rosanne Maltese*
 People of the Parish

Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 AM Inna Reddy

Thursday, December 17

8:30 AM Leonila Harting, *r. family*

Friday, December 18—Communion service or mass

8:30 AM Pray for Leonila Harting

Saturday, December 19

4:45 PM Helen Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
 Bruce A Deron, *r. Barry Deron*
 Joseph Riedl Sr, *r. Lorraine & family*
 People of the Parish

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM Philip Becker, *r. Donna Mays*
 Michelle Berard, Sp. Int, *r. Pat Sweatt*
 10:00 AM Louise Cafasso, *r. Veselak family*
 Holy Souls in Purgatory, *r. Alvarez Cordon family*
 Dan Ryan, *r. Paul Ryan & family*

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

We pray for the Sick

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

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 those who Serve

Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers
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—Dec. 13-Dec. 20

SUNDAY: Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2,9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY: Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

THURSDAY: Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

FRIDAY: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

SATURDAY: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

SUNDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

John the Baptist said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight ..."

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L	H	T	O
T	E	E	Y
	H	W	A

T _____ " _____"

Answer: *the way of the Lord*

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Office Hours & Staff

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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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Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Calendar of Events

- Return Christmas Sharing cards**
Sunday, December 13
 8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
 10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot
- Monday, December 14**
 8:30 am—daily mass
- Tuesday, December 15**
 8:30 am—daily mass
 RF ONLINE THIS WEEK
- Wednesday, December 16**
 8:30 am—daily mass
 RF ONLINE THIS WEEK
- Thursday, December 17**
 8:30 am—daily mass
- Friday, December 18**
 8:30 am—Communion Service or mass
- Saturday, December 19**
 4:30 pm—mass on facebook, YouTube ready
 4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.
- Sunday, December 13**
 8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
 10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

Upcoming Events

- Dec 24:** Christmas Eve, masses at 4 pm, 6 pm and 10 pm
- Dec 25:** Christmas Day, mass at 10 am
- Dec 31/Jan 1:** Solemnity of Mary. Mass 4:45 pm 12/31, Mass 10 am 1/1

Parish Giving

The return of Christ in glory is an article of our faith. It is part of the Good News that we proclaim, and a cause for rejoicing. During this Advent season, as we focus on preparing for the return of Christ, let us embrace and witness to the world an attitude of joyful expectation, proclaiming through our words and actions the coming of the Lord.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov Dec 3-Dec 8

Sunday 11/29	\$ 2,060.00
Sunday other forms	4,748.00
Christmas	2,490.00
General Funds	190.00
Restricted Use	545.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,030.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 13,617.99

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	11,063.00
Catch up this period:	\$ 763.00

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Campaign/Human Dev	30.00
Diocesan Cemeteries	20.00
Tgiving/Christmas Sharing	1,090.00
Religious Retirement	250.00
Blue Jeans/Homeless	200.00

Debt to Diocese 11/30/2020 \$384,141
 Registered Households—765

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

Did you know...it is REALLY difficult to have to tell anyone they won't be able to come inside to worship with the Christ the Servant family, but your health and safety are so important we are going to be VERY firm about not allowing anyone in the building who has not made a reservation for one of the Christmas masses. Please understand that we care about you, and are doing everything we can to make worship a safe experience.

saint snippets



Do not be distressed.
Am I not here who am your mother?

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531.
Her image miraculously appeared on his tilma.

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