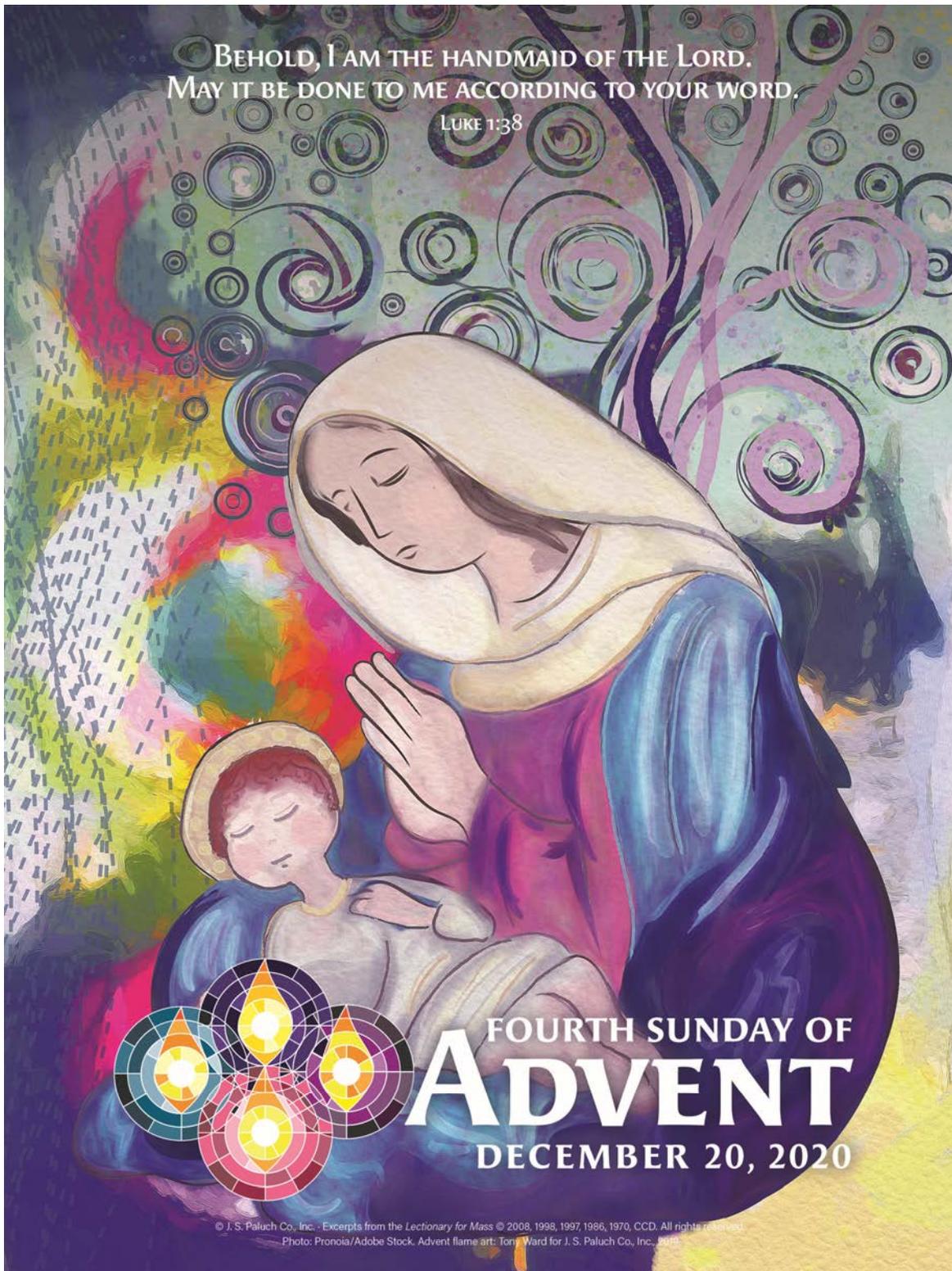


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart



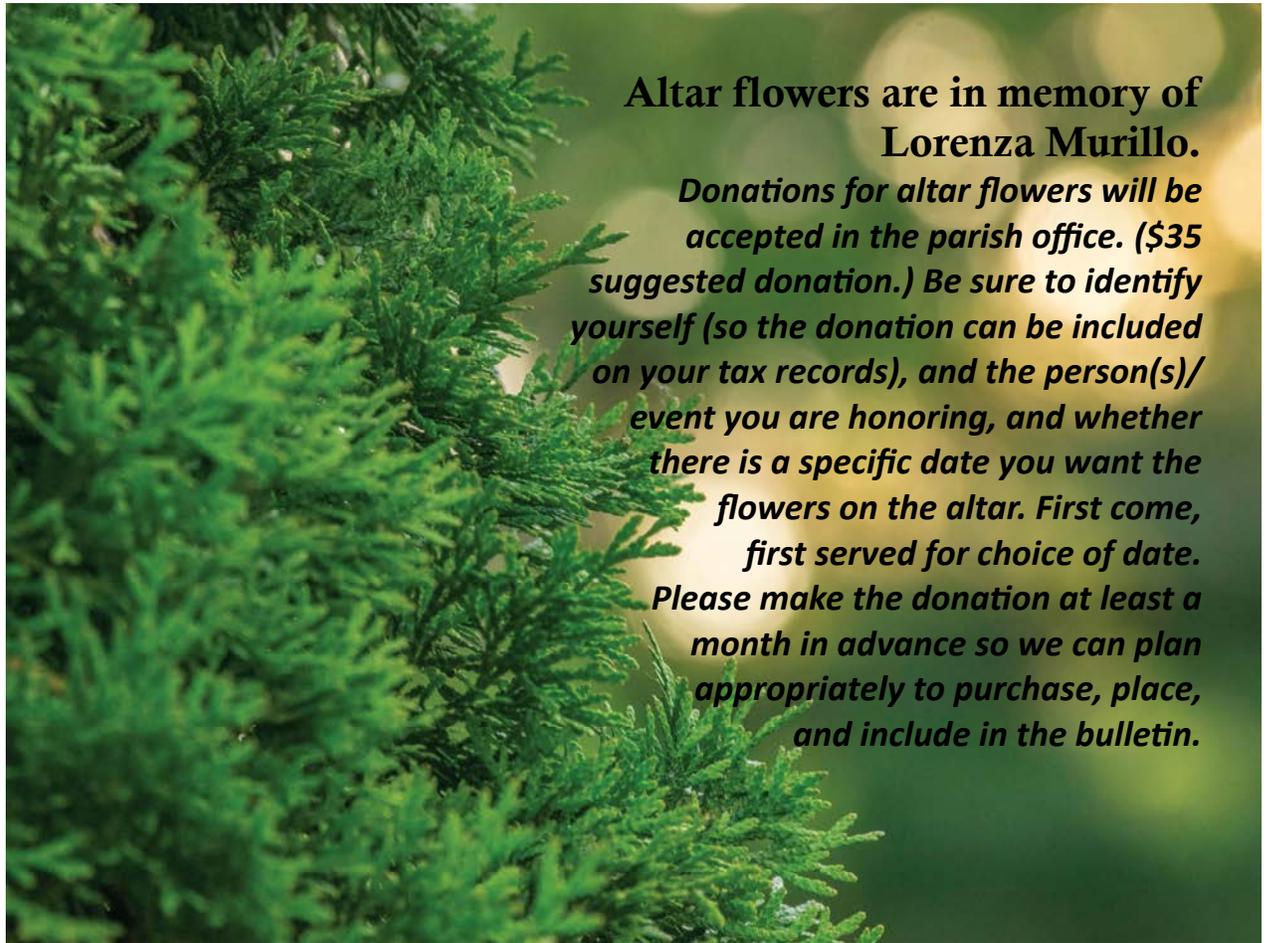
Our Mission

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
 Everyone is called to contribute with courage and determination to the respect for the fundamental rights of every person, especially the "invisible": of the many who are hungry and thirsty, who are naked, sick, outcast or imprisoned.

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/UC1tHeservant).

Altar flowers are in memory of Lorenza Murillo.
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.

2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/6/20

Thank you for your generous support of the *Be Kind and Merciful* 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please consider completing your pledge if you have not already, and our parish is receiving 70% of current donations received back to help.

Watch for the 2021 Appeal to begin in February.

2020 GOAL	\$40,300	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$50,594
AMOUNT PAID:	\$47,357	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$3,637
DONORS THIS YEAR:	247	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$4,940 so far!

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



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.** Unfortunately, masses will not be able to accept walk-in attendees.
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 contribution.
3. **RESERVATION CAPACITY HAS BEEN 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. 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.**
5. As an alternative, we will be live-streaming the 4 pm mass on Facebook, and the recording will be posted on YouTube as well as soon as possible after the conclusion of the 4 pm mass.



CHRISTMAS

ADULT CONVERSATION ON TEENS IN CRISIS Webinar – Saturday, January 23, 2021

1 – 2:30 PM via Zoom

REAL-LIFE RISK FACTORS, WARNING SIGNS, AND THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO AVOID THE UNTHINKABLE

Linda Pacha, attorney, public speaker, and founder of “Nick’s Network of Hope” tells her son’s heartbreaking story which includes on-going bullying, not fitting in, and ultimately suffering from mental health issues that ended in suicide.

Gain access to real-life examples of warning signs missed in Nick’s last behaviors and communications as well as risk factors and the complexities of mental health. Learn parenting considerations and practical suggestions to reduce the pressure we put on our youth and for creating a more compassionate world.

Benefit from Linda’s insight from hindsight to help yourself, your family, or your friends. Parents,

grandparents, teachers and anyone working with teens is encouraged to attend.

Due to the nature of the content of this presentation, it is recommended for adults only.

Registration via Google Link:

<https://forms.gle/pyRwhTeyBFwwCAQCA>

or email Mary P directly at maryporod@gmail.com.

You will receive a link to the webinar a few days in advance.

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.



A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 20 O Key of David! Jesus opens doors that seem difficult to open. Pray about ways to overcome things that may be difficult for you. Light the fourth Advent candle. Consider ways you can bring peace and love to others.

MON 21 O Radiant Dawn! Jesus is our light! Shut off the house lights and all electronics after dinner and enjoy the light of the Christmas tree together as a family

TUE 22 O King of All Nations! Jesus is the king who unites us all. Read about how other countries and cultures celebrate the traditions of Christmas. Consider adopting one of these new traditions in your family

WED 23 O Emmanuel! We believe that Jesus is with us always. Call or visit someone who could use your company today.

THUR 24 Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Read the nativity story in the Bible together as a family.

FRI 25 Christmas Christ is Born! Let us rejoice! Thank God for the greatest gift, the gift of his only Son! Put the figurine of the baby Jesus you made for the nativity scene in the manger.

Respect for All Life

Christmas Mass

As we look forward to CHRISTMAS, a holy time of the year for all of us, some elderly or ill family members or friends may be unable to attend Christmas Mass, or have access to computers for live-streaming or YouTube recordings. Fortunately, there will be a televised CHRISTMAS MASS from MERCY HOME from 8 am to 9 am on Friday, December 25 on WGN, Channel 9. (See your channel listing for cable/satellite listings.) Encourage family and friends who are not able to get to church to join in prayer (and you can sing at home!) for this most holy feast. May everyone enjoy the love and all the blessings of this holy season. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Word of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

Creation Care Corner

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



*"The justified concern about threats to the environment... commits us to working responsibly for the protection of Creation."
— Pope Benedict XVI*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them.

REMEMBER THE 5 R'S OF SUSTAINABILITY:

Refuse ■ Reduce ■ Repair ■ Reuse ■ Recycle

The Meaning of the Christmas Tree

By: Holly Gerth

Each part of the Christmas tree celebrates Christ's birth and tells the story of how God sent His Son to earth. The wood reminds us of the manger where He lay and of the rugged cross where He gave His life one day. The evergreen shows the eternal life Christ gives—anyone who believes in Him forever lives!



The decorations represent blessings from above and inspire us to thank the Lord for His tender love. The shining lights show us how we're to do the same, as we share His grace and seek to glorify His name. So may each beautiful tree bring honor to our King, and may we celebrate Christ's love in everything!

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@dioceseofjoli.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

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, December 21

8:30 AM Cathy Ciolkosz, *r. Corinne Hanson*

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 AM Inna Reddy
James Sullivan, *r. Carole Sullivan*

Wednesday, December 23

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Bob Jahn & deceased members of Derlitz &
Jascewsky families
Dan Tegtmeyer, *r. Janice Thomas*
James & Beth Crockett, *r. Crockett family*
6:00 PM JoAnn Accardi, *r. Donna Mays*
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*
Guy Grimmelbein, *Sp. Int, r. Jackie Nemece*

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 AM Richard Iovito, *r. Andie Wolfe*
Rino LaPaglia, *r. Mom & Dad & Sister*

Saturday, December 26

4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
Richard Peslak, *r. friends and family*

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM Philip Becker, *r. Gannon family*
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Lilly Mary

Bible Readings—Dec. 20-Dec. 27

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

MONDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

WEDNESDAY: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

THURSDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79 (am)

FRIDAY: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 (other options)

SATURDAY: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

SUNDAY: Gn 15:1-6,21:1-3 / Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 /
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

We pray for the Sick

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



Frona Fournier
(cousin of Elena Haas)

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.

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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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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, December 20

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.

10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

Monday, December 21

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 am—daily mass

NO RF THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 23

8:30 am—daily mass

NO RF THIS WEEK

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

NO MORNING MASS

4:00 pm—Mass (live-streamed on Facebook)

6:00 pm—Mass

10:00 pm—Mass

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am—Mass

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm—mass on facebook, YouTube posted

4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.

10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

Remember that Christmas masses are by reservation **ONLY.**

But you can listen in the parking lot on 88.3 FM.

Upcoming Events

Dec 31/Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary. Mass

4:45 pm 12/31, Mass 10 am 1/1

Parish Giving

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" – that the promise finds fulfillment.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	2,600.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,300.00

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

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

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

Did you know... Donations received or postmarked by December 31 will be credited toward 2020. Items post-marked after December 31 will count toward 2021.

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.

