

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 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 Virgin Mary silently awaited God's Word of salvation; she welcomed it; she listened to it; she conceived it. In her, God became close. This is why the Church calls Mary a "Cause of our joy".

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).



CHRISTMAS

Sincere thanks to the many people who cooperated in the Covid-style Christmas masses. It's hard to have to limit the number of people in the church, and even harder to enforce the need to seat people so we can keep everyone safely grouped with their families.

So thank you, every one. And may you all have a wonderful, safe and healthy New Year!

Fr. Bob
 and the Christ the Servant Volunteers and Staff



Start the New Year off right by attending the Holy Day of Obligation mass for Mary, Mother of God. There will be a **vigil mass at 4:45 pm** on December 31, and **New Year's Day mass at 10:00 am**. On New Year's Day, we remember our founding pastor, Fr. Jim Ratigan, who died on January 1, 1998.

2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/13/20

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 will receive 70% of current donations back to help our needs.



Watch for the 2021 Appeal to begin in February.

2020 GOAL	\$40,300	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$51,094
AMOUNT PAID:	\$47,939	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$3,155
DONORS THIS YEAR:	247	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$5,347 so far!

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

Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
 Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.



Welcome to our parish family:

Ed & Mary Lynne K
Briargate Dr,
Downers Grove

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available on our parish website (www.ctswoodridge.org) as the first question in the FAQs section, and each weekend on the table in the narthex. Ask the check-in team for a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

The **Green Team** is alive and well. Besides the **Electronic Recycling Event** on December 5, the **GT** collects various recyclables in the Narthex.

Here are the items we collect. For the --

Green Team: Christmas Tree Lights

Lions Club: Eyeglasses/Sunglasses

Ronald McDonald House: Aluminum Pull Tabs

SCARCE: Old Crayons, Markers, Pens & Pencils, Old keys, Bread Tags, Ink Jet Cartridges, LP Records, Cell Phones

Prison Ministry: Pads of Paper & Stick Pens, New Greeting Cards & Calendars

St. Jude Ranch: Greeting Cards (No Hallmark, American Greetings or Disney. No writing or design on back of card)

**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.

If you would like to read the book by the Pacha’s, please contact Mary Porod through the above email address.



Thank you so much for your help with the Christmas card project for the Prison Ministry.

“Companion’s Journey Together” mailed 2,100 signed cards and 5,240 unsigned cards to people interested in juvenile and adults jails and prisons throughout Illinois.

Mail is important, especially during the Christmas season, and with the lock down because of the coronavirus.

“Your Word is a lamp for my feet, as light on my path.” Psalm 119:10-5

Submitted by Jana Minor
Companions Journeying Together, Inc.



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 is on Christmas Break
 All Religious Formation Classes are on Christmas Break until January 5th and 6th. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas season.

What Religious Formation Class Are Studying
 As part of Christ the Servant's Religious Formation some of our students have been learning that Jesus Christ is God incarnate. They learned that the Latin *caro/carnis*, means "flesh" and so the Incarnation refers to God coming in the flesh. They learned that when the second Person of the Trinity, the Son, took on a human nature when he was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and that Jesus truly became man, yet remained truly God. That Jesus is 100 percent God and 100 percent human, not "part God and part human." The students also learned that the Jesus is the "Word" of God, that "In the beginning was the Word..." and God who is the sheer act of being itself, the Creator of the universe, spoke Himself in one great Word that contained the whole of His being. That Jesus the "Logos" of God entered into the world that had its beginning through him. The students covered the Church fathers' teachings the God became human so that humans might become God, by participating in the very nature of God, through the sacraments. The Incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, changed the history of the world.

"The covenant of love and fidelity lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the vicissitudes of life and history. On this basis, every family, despite its weaknesses, can become a light in the darkness of the world. 'Nazareth teaches us the meaning of family life, its loving communion, its simple and austere beauty, its sacred and inviolable character. May it teach how sweet and irreplaceable is its training, how fundamental and incomparable its role in the social order' (Paul VI, Address in Nazareth, 5 January 1964)".(Relatio Finalis 2015, 41)

Religious Formation 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 with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping out 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.

Helpers are need for online learning and in person.
 Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children. Come join us as we work to make a difference. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org for more information.

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.

Simeon said to the mother of baby Jesus,
 "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise ...

A	M	F	O
R	N	I	I
A	S	Y	N
	E	L	

O _____"

Answer: *of many in Israel*

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Christ the Servant—January, 2021

January 1	10:00 am	Solemnity of Mary (obligation)
January 1	after mass	First Friday Holy Hour
January 7	7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Class
January 10	11:00 am	Private baptism/visiting Deacon
January 11	7:00 pm	Religious Formation Commission meeting
January 11	7:00 pm	Admin/Finance Commission meeting
January 16	9:00 am	Worship Commission meeting
January 17	11:00 am	Baptism
January 18		Martin Luther King Day—offices closed
January 19		Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 25	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Religious Formation Classes: check your emailed newsletter for schedule.



Respect for All Life

First Friday Holy Hour

Friday, January 1, come spend one hour with Jesus in the Eucharistic Chapel

immediately after New Year's Day Mass. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the PEACE of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7.

May one of our New Year's Resolutions be to come closer to Jesus and spend time thanking God for all your blessings, to pray for peace in our hearts, homes and our world. *"I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always."* Pope Benedict XVI. A Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year to All.

Respect for All Life Committee

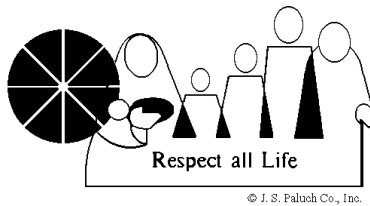
REJOICE ALWAYS

Words of inspiration and rejoicing were written by Bernie Kestler, Maria Filippioni and Andie Wolfe. These cards that CTS parishioners and friends donated are being given by Ramon Joson to:

1. The Homeless who live under the bridges and viaducts in Chicago
2. Pacific Gardens
3. Morning Star Mission
4. PADS
5. Hased House in Aurora

"Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4



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

Raymond M Rostis

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 28

8:30 AM Inna Reddy

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 AM Sr. Rosemary Ward, *r. Barb Smith*

Wednesday, December 30

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

Thursday, December 31—Vigil for Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM Dan Tegtmeyer, *r. Janice Thomas*

4:45 PM Steven Wall, *r. Gary Wall*

Friday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan

Saturday, January 2

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

Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM Sr. Rosemary Ward, *r. Steve & Angie Mrozinski*
10:00 AM JoAnn Accardi, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*
People of the Parish

*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
Dick DuSatko	Therese Magee	Nancy Sinclair
John M. Foresman	Joyce Maples	Dan Szymanski
Guy Grimmelbein	Chuck Neal	Frank Tiesenga
Arnulfo Harting	Anthony Nowak	Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Carol Hendrich	Don Paul	Judith Tomaeno
Ken Horvath	Linda Pennock	Shirley Tomaeno
Darlene Januska	Kim Peterson	Dolores Vendl
Rayna Januska	Alie Phillips	Judy Wethington
Steve Jascewsky	Lolit Rancho	
Jeanne Jordan	Allison Riley	

*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



Diomedes Ragasa
(mother of Amelia & Ramon Joson)

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. 27-Jan. 3

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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

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

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

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

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

Pastoral Staff

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Commission Chairpersons

Elena Haas, Pastoral Council Chair
Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance
Position Open, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
 10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

Monday, December 28

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 am—daily mass
 NO RF THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 am—daily mass
 NO RF THIS WEEK

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

Thursday, December 31

4:45 pm—Mass (live-streamed on Facebook)

Friday, January 1

10:00 am—Mass

Saturday, January 2

4:30 pm—mass on facebook, YouTube posted
 4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.
 10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

Parish offices will be open
 for very limited hours
 December 28-January 1.
 Please call first.
 Back to normal on Jan 4.

Upcoming Events

Dec 31/Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary. Mass
 4:45 pm 12/31, Mass 10 am 1/1

Parish Giving

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit.”

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 9-Dec 17:

Sunday 12/6	\$ 5,728.00
Sunday 12/13	2,607.00
Sunday other forms	8,910.00
Immaculate Conception	539.00
Christmas	1,575.00
General Funds	377.50
Restricted Use	777.50
Debt Reduction	<u>866.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 21,380.00

Differential this two week period:

Needed	\$ 20,600.00
Reported	21,380.00
Catch up this 2 wk period: \$	780.00

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Campaign/Human Dev	20.00
Diocesan Cemeteries	10.00
Tgiving/Christmas Sharing	251.00
Religious Retirement	450.00

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

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


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

Leave a Legacy.

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.



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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

—Luke 1:46-47

Mary, Mother of God

A young virgin chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, true God and true man. On the cross, Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother as well.

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January 1

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