

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.*

November 27, 2022

## FIRST SUNDAY

of

# Advent

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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

### **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 spiritual state we call desolation can be an opportunity of growth. It provokes a "shaking of the soul", fosters vigilance and humility, and protects us from the winds of fancy.

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.

At this time, we continue to record the mass for people who are not able to make it to church, posting it by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel christtheservant.



**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Volunteers are needed to light the advent candles at each mass during advent.

If you or family would like to light the candles in the Advent wreath please sign-up on the sheet outside of the Sacristy

In advance, thank you for helping with lighting of each special advent candle.



**CTS Christmas Sharing 2022**

Thank you for your generosity for supporting the CTS Thanksgiving & Christmas sharing program benefitting Woodridge Horizons, Senior Living. All 93 apartment residents living in the apartment complex will receive grocery store gift cards for both holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas thanks to your support.



All cards are due back to the church by Sunday, Nov. 20th. If you have a questions, please call or text

**Denice Kraft at 630/985-8875**

Again, thanks for your big-heartedness.

**Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary  
Ann and Jim Kolar**

**The flower arrangement on the alter is in celebration of Ann & Jim Kolar's 40th wedding anniversary**

**Craft Fair and Christmas Shopping**

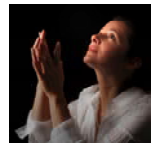
Save some of your Christmas shopping for the Craft Fair in the narthex before and after masses the weekend of December 3rd and 4th.



All homemade crafts supporting area crafters will be available for purchase. Come and browse and buy items that will delight friends and family. Hope to see you there on December 3rd & 4th!

**First Friday December 1st,  
May Your Soul Sing**

"May your soul sing with the Christmas message that 'God so loved the world that He sent His only Son' to be one of us! Share some time with Jesus in CTS' Eucharistic Chapel after the 8:30 am Communion Service on December 1st. There are prayer cards in the Chapel that you can send to someone special that you remembered in prayer. What grater Christmas gift can you give a family member for a dear friend this Holy Season? "My strength and my refuge is the Lord, and he has become my savior. This is my God, I praise him, the God of My Father, I extol Him".



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

## Creation Care Corner

### New Movie Features Pope Francis

A new movie, *The Letter: A message for our earth* was released on the Feast of St. Francis & features Pope Francis. In the film, an indigenous leader from the Amazon rainforest, a young climate activist from India, a climate refugee from Senegal, and a pair of biologists from the USA are invited to the Vatican. Each has received a letter for a private audience with the Pope. "This beautiful film — a heartbreaking yet hopeful story — is a clarion cry to people everywhere: wake up, get serious, meet, act together, act now," remarked Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The movie is available to view at no cost on YouTube at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mp9rvf52>

### Retirement Fund for Religious Order Priests

Pope Francis often highlights the value of older adults and the role they play in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In his message this year for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, he noted, "A long life — so the Bible teaches — is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance." As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection on the weekend of December 10-11 — an appeal that benefits some 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States — I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Paz y bien,  
**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
 Bishop of Joliet



## 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 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, December 1, 7:00 PM**



### Knights of Columbus Presenting a Gift to the Church

At the November 12th and 13th masses, the Knights of Columbus presented Father Bob with a \$1,000 check for church expenses.



### 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 News

### CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

#### Class times

**Tuesday 4:45-6:00 pm Grades K-4 & 8**

**Tuesday 6:30-7:45 pm Grades 5-7**

**Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm Grades 1-6**

**Wednesday 6:30-7:45 pm Grades 5-8**

**Remote non-Zoom option (any day of the week)**

**RF registration information can be found at [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org) and in the Narthex. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org)**



Religious Formation  
Family Mass

Would your child be interested in helping at the Christmas Eve Mass? There are many ways they can help out. Call or message Christine Goba for more information.

### Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward

No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their children. To help our parents pay for Religious Education we are starting a Religious Education Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward: Christ the Servant Religious Education's Sponsorship Program. By sponsoring the faith formation of a child – by passing your faith forward – you help to lay the foundation and shape the future of both our children and the whole of our Catholic community.

There are several ways to financially assist in passing your faith forward:

A \$175.00 donation will pay for one year of religious education tuition

\$100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament

\$25.00 will purchase a child's textbook for the year.

Other sponsorships such as retreat expenses, high school programs, speaker engagements, classroom audio/video equipment are also available.



## A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

**SUN 27** 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 28** People hoped and waited for so long for Jesus to come and bring light to the world! Share stories about the way's 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.

**TUE 29** When we have an important guest come to our homes we take some time to clean up and prepare for their visit. Today take some time to prepare your heart for Jesus by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. RF students are invited to go to Reconciliation today during their class time.

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**THUR 1** Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family

**FRI 2** 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.

**SAT 3** 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.

**Religious Formation Up Coming Dates**

**November 29-30** Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 during class time

**December 6-7** Classes

**December 7-January 29** 1st Reconciliation - by appointment

**December 11** 3:00pm Religious Formation Family Christmas Event – Jesus, God is with us.

**December 11** 4:00pm Christmas Concert with Jazz Spectrum

**Christmas Concert - December 11**

All are Invited to a Jazz Christmas Concert At Christ the Servant Church Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00-5:30pm With Musical Guest Jazz Spectrum.



Admission is free but a freewill donation for the benefit of Religious Formation programs is appreciated.

**Book Study Holy Moments:  
A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life**

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study with a new book by Mathew Kelly called Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. The book study will be on Thursdays at 7:00 PM, beginning January 5, 2023 and will run through February 16, 2023. To get a copy of this new book or for more information about the book study please stop by the Religious Formation office or call Christine at 630-910-0770.



Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it your life will finally make sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential.

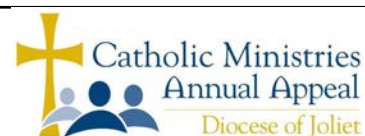


*Jesus*  
Emmanuel  
*God is with us*

**Jesus, God is With Us**  
Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Jesus, God is with Us" that will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm.**

**2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 11/13/22**

**Your participation in the CMAA is important.** The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs, and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.



Our goal is \$43,400. 70% of gifts received over goal will be returned to our parish for our use. A mailing has been sent to parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the 2022 CMAA. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA.

A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our diocese through our ministries and help others in need. Thank you for your support!  
**If you would like to make your pledge/payment online, visit [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.**

2022 GOAL	\$43,400	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$47,804	PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:	\$45,049	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,755	Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:	220	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$1,154	Remember to keep up on pledges!

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**  
*Joe Miklosz*

**MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 26**  
 4:45 PM Deceased members of the Over 55 Ladies Club  
 Alice Mulkerrin, req. Marj Wilkey

**Sunday, November 27**  
 8:30 AM Lorraine Happel, req. Christine Goba  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, November 28**  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, November 29**  
 8:30 AM Andrew Iovito, Jr., req. Andie Wolfe

**Wednesday, November 30**  
 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

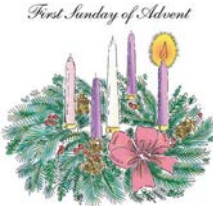
**Thursday, December 1**  
 10:00 AM Religious Formation Students  
 and Families, req. RF Office

**Friday, December 2**  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, December 3**  
 4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek and  
 Gerald Johnson, req. family  
 Thomas Wolfe, req. Andie Wolfe

**Sunday, December 4**  
 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory that  
 are near to Heaven  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish

*First Sunday of Advent*



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

## Bible Readings Nov 27 thru Dec 4

**SUNDAY:** Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
**MONDAY:** Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11  
**TUESDAY:** Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
**WEDNESDAY:** Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
**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 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12


## We pray for the Sick

Erin Babington Sharon Bhaskar Jim Brabec Pat Chang Donna Ciolek Michael Durkovic Sr Vic Cordes Marge Felix John M. Foresman Marty Foy JoAnn Frale Dcn. Tom Fricke Robert Gripp Karen Gormley Joan Haffner Barbara Hile Michael Harris Carolyn Heinrich Carol Hendrich Fred Huth Rayna Januska Ed Jascewsky	Madeline Jascewsky Jeanne Jordan Derek Kaunelis Ida Kenny Barb Kosiek Karen Kripas Patricia Lackey Thomas Lackey S.Suzanne Lesniewski Robert Losik Joyce Maples Jan May Donna Mays Chuck Neal Anthony Nowak Linda Pennock Alie Phillips Janice Proskoy Bob Pluta Lolit Ranchoero Robert Rodriguez John Rossi	Sonja Rudny Jim Sanders Jennifer Stile Victoria Swartz Dan Szymanski Frank Tiesenga Mary Vanderplow Bill Wagner
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*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 bryn@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.***

## We pray for the Deceased



Please pray for the deceased members of our parish

## We pray for those who Serve

**Andrew McGraw**, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak  
**Nolan Bowers**, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers  
**Christopher Durkovic**, grandson of Joan Kurtz  
**Chase Halik**, son of Tim & Peggy Halik  
**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  
**Joshua Plucinski**, grandson of Joan Kurtz  
**Raleigh Redinger**, nephew of Mike Magee  
**Dan Ward**, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward

*If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. Please also let us know when they return home.*

## Office Hours & Staff

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Woodridge, Illinois  
60517  
Phone: (630) 910-0770  
Fax: (630) 910-6060  
[www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org)



### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday.....8:30 AM—4:30 PM  
Friday.....8:30 AM—1:30 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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**Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper Ext. 102

### Commission Chairpersons

**Tom Swik**, Pastoral Council Chair  
**Ed Koch**, Administration/Finance  
**Position Open**, Christian Service  
**Donna Ciolek**, interim Parish Life Chair  
**Bill Ciolek**, Religious Formation  
**Chris Bojanowski**, Worship

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, November 27-1st Advent

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
11:00 am—baptism

### Monday, November 28

8:30 am—daily mass  
7:00 pm—PPC meeting

### Tuesday, November 29

8:30 am—daily mass  
Religious Formation classes and Confession

### Wednesday, November 30

8:30 am—daily mass  
Religious Formation classes and Confession

### Thursday, December 1

8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga  
7:00 pm—baptism prep class

### Friday, December 2

8:30 am—daily mass

### Saturday, December 3

4:45 pm—mass  
CTS craft show

### Sunday, December 4-2nd Advent

8:30 am—mass  
CTS craft show  
10:00 am—mass  
CTS craft show  
11:00 am—baptism

## Upcoming Events

**Dec 3/4:** Craft sale/homemade items in the Narthex

**Dec 6:** Manna orders due

**Dec 8:** Immaculate Conception Holy Day masses at 8:30 and 7:00 pm

## Parish Giving

How many of us live day-to-day not being aware of what we do or perhaps even who we are? Living a conscious, purposeful life takes a lot of energy and commitment. Jesus came into our world to teach us how to live such a life as His Stewards. He reached out to everyone, even those who were considered outside of the acceptable community life.

### NEEDED WEEKLY: 2021-2022

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

### CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 9-Nov 15, 22

**Bulletin was due 11/18, prior to collection and counts.**

Sunday 11/14	\$ 4,711.00
Sunday other forms	8,467.00
General Funds	450.00
Restricted	95.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,943.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 15,666.00</b>

### Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	15,666.00
<b>Differential this period:</b>	<b>\$ 5,366.00</b>

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

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Missions	\$ 30.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 80.00
Seminarian Support	\$ 145.00
Campaign Human Dev	\$ 85.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Priest/Nuns retirement	\$ 30.00
 Christmas Mass	 \$ 30.00

Debt to Diocese 10/31/2022 \$126,670  
Registered Households—781



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

**Did you know...** To donate stocks, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org) and click on "Donate", then click on "Stock Donations" or call the Development office at

saint snippets

**St. Catherine Labouré**  
19th-century French religious sister who cared for the sick and relayed Mary's request that the Miraculous Medal be commissioned

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