

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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

December 11, 2022

## THIRD SUNDAY

of

# Advent

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Jesus said,  
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5

### **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.

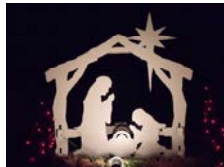
Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week  
Before the day's end, let us learn how to read what has happened during that day in the book of our hearts -- not in newspapers, but in my heart.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ChristTheServant).



**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**4:00 pm and 10:00 pm**  
**The 4:00 pm is the Religious Formation Family mass.**



**Christmas Day Mass**  
**10:00 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions can be heard each Saturday during Advent before the 4:45 pm mass. Father Bob will be at the church at 4:00 pm to hear confessions, or by appointment during the week.

**Act of Contrition**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with our help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name my God, have mercy. Amen



**Come Join us in Worship**  
**Simbang Gabi Evening Mass**  
**Wednesday, Dec 14th, 7:00 pm**

Simbang Gabi mass on **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm**. This is a devotional practice, refers to the Philippine Catholic tradition of the 'novena', a series of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season, one mass at Christ the Servant.

Adult & child volunteers needed as candle bearers and petition readers. Please call Tony Abellera at: 312-519-6488 or email [tonyabellera@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyabellera@hotmail.com) if you can assist with the mass.



The mass with offer music by the Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Choir, Diocese of Joliet.

**Don't throw your old Christmas/Holiday lights in the trash!**  
Bring the lights to the narthex to be recycled & support the efforts to be an environmentally friendly parish. Green Team has two bins in the narthex for the lights.



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

### Wintertime Tips to Save Energy, Money and Reduce Harmful Carbon Pollution

- 1) Use a programmable thermostat to reduce heat when you are away from home or asleep.
- 2) **Seal and weatherstrip:** you could improve the heating system efficiency by as much as 20%.
- 3) **Keep your furnace air filters clean.** At minimum, change the filter every three months.
- 4) **Have HVAC equipment tuned-up annually.**
- 5) **Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans** within 20 minutes after use.
- 6) **Close your fireplace damper** when not in use.
- 7) **Draperies and shades:** Keep south-facing window shades open during the day and closed at night.
- 8) **Select energy-efficient products** when you buy new heating equipment. Look for Energy Star certification.
- 9) **Make sure vents/registers aren't blocked or covered.**



## 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.

**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, January 5, 7:00 PM**

### Retired Religious Second Collection

Aging religious have offered a lifetime of service. Most do not have adequate retirement funding. You can help. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass.

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.



### Ladies 55 & Over December Luncheon

New members welcome to join us on:

**Tuesday, December 13 at  
1:30 pm, at  
Cracker Barrel  
1295 Lakeview Drive,  
Romeoville, 60446**



In lieu of gifts a donation for a charitable organization will be taken up. Thanks!  
**Please R.S.V.P by 5 pm, Sunday, Dec. 11th, to,  
Andie Wolfe at 630-926-7444  
Rita Sisko at 630-985-4457**

### Harvest Cheer Fundraiser Report

**Thanks to the support of our community, the Harvest Cheer Event raised almost \$12,000 to go toward parish debt reduction.**



**Thanks to everyone who worked to make this event successful, all who purchased raffle tickets, everyone who came out to have fun - enjoyable evening!**

#### 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 11 Gaudete Sunday** Light the pink Advent candle. This candle is a symbol of joy because we are at the midpoint of Advent. Today at Mass, notice that the priest will be wearing pink vestments! **Come share in the Joy and festivities of the RF family Christmas event at 3:00 and in the Christmas Concert at 4:00-5:30. All are welcomed!**

**Mon 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** Mary made flowers appear as proof of her apparition. Send real flowers or a drawn bouquet to someone you know.

**Tue 13** 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 14** Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Advent wreath and pray a prayer of blessing.

**Thu 15** 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 16** O Leader of the House of Israel! Pray for help to follow Jesus' leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.

**Sat 17** O Root of Jesse's Stem! Jesse and King David were Jesus' ancestors. Send Christmas cards to family and friends.



**Hat and Mitten Tree** —Please donate to our Middle school Service Project, the "Hat and Mitten Tree" collection which benefits clients of Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Donations will be collected on the tree located in the hallway off of the Narthex.

**Religious Formation Up Coming Dates**

**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

**December 13-January 2** Christmas Break

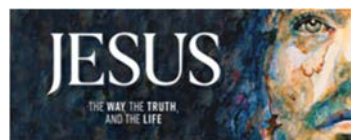
**Book Study Holy Moments:  
A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life**

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.

**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.

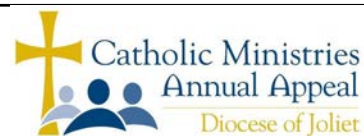


**Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life**

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Christ the Servant Parish will begin the *Jesus* study on January 5 at 2:00. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org). We hope you can join us!

**2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/04/22**

**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:	\$48,319	PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:	\$46,009	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,310	Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:	223	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$1,826	Remember to keep up on pledges!

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

*Wally Pawlikowski*

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 10

4:45 PM Bill Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak  
Leoncio Bacani, r. Debi & Pat Savage

#### Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry Deron  
10:00 AM JoAnn Frale, req. John Frale family

#### Monday, December 12

8:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Tuesday, December 13

8:30 AM John Porn, req. Jim & Melinda Nowak

#### Wednesday, December 14

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Thursday, December 15

10:00 AM Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int. Zenaida Cruz

#### Friday, December 16

8:30 AM Communion Service, Pray for Almaia Custodio

#### Saturday, December 17

4:45 PM Rich Kellner, r. Kathleen Gabehart and Eileen Edlund  
Leoncio Bacani, req. Pat and Debi Savage

#### Sunday, December 18

8:30 AM Bruce A. Deron, req. Barry Deron  
Bob Haas, req. Elena Haas  
10:00 AM James Frale, req. John Frale family

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



## We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro	Ed Jascewsky	Sonja Rudny
Sharon Bhaskar	Madeline Jascewsky	Jim Sanders
Jim Brabec	Jeanne Jordan	Jennifer Stile
Pat Chang	Derek Kaunelis	Dan Szymanski
Greg Chisholm	Ida Kenny	Frank Tiesenga
Donna Ciolek	Paul Knight	Mary Vanderplow
Patti Crimer	Barb Kosiek	Bill Wagner
Michael Durkovic Sr	Karen Kripas	
Vic Cordes	Patricia Lackey	
Marge Felix	Thomas Lackey	
John M. Foresman	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	
Marty Foy	Robert Losik	
Dcn. Tom Fricke	Joyce Maples	
Robert Gripp	Jan May	
Karen Gormley	Donna Mays	
Bill Haas	Chuck Neal	
Joan Haffner	Alie Phillips	
Michael Harris	Janice Proskey	
Carolyn Heinrich	Bob Pluta	
Carol Hendrich	Lolit Ranchero	
Fred Huth	Robert Rodriguez	
Rayna Januska	John Rossi	



*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 our dear deceased  
**Linda Pennock, and**

**Frank Accardi**  
**Deacon Rod Accardi's Dad**

## 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.*

## Bible Readings Dec 11 thru Dec 18

**SUNDAY:** Is 35:1-6a,10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**MONDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv:11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**TUESDAY:** ZEP 3:1-2,9-13/MT 21:28-32/MT 21:28-32

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

**THURSDAY:** Is 54:1-10/Lk 7: 24-30

**FRIDAY:** Is 56:1-3a,6-8/Jn 5:33-36

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

**SUNDAY:** Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## 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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**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, December 11

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
4:00 pm—Christmas concert—live band

### Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

### Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am—daily mass  
10:00 am—funeral mass  
7:00 pm—Simbang Gabi mass

### Wednesday, December 14

8:30 am—daily mass  
No religious formation classes

### Thursday, December 15

8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga  
No religious formation classes

### Friday, December 16

8:30 am—communion service

### Saturday, December 17

8:00 am—Village of Woodridge neighbors helping neighbors event  
9:00 am—Worship commission  
4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, December 18

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
11:00 am—volunteers decorate church

### Upcoming Events

**Dec 11:** 4:00pm Jazz Concert  
**Dec 14:** 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi  
**Dec 18:** 11:00 am Decorate church for Christmas masses  
**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve masses at 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm  
**Dec 25:** Christmas Day mass 10:00am only  
**Dec 26:** No daily mass & office is closed  
**Dec 31:** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph holy day mass

## 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 30—Dec 6

Sunday	\$ 5,106.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 3,370.00
General Funds	\$ 811.00
Restricted	\$ 2,630.00
Debt Reduction	\$ <u>720.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 12,637.00</b>

### Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	12,637.00
<b>Differential this period:</b>	<b>\$ 2337.00</b>

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

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

World Missions	\$ 50.00
Soul of Mary	\$ 25.00
All Souls	\$ 55.00
Seminarian Support	\$ 5.00
Campaign Human Dev	\$ 40.00
Priests/Nuns retirement	\$ 125.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
 Christmas Mass	 \$ 180.00

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 815-221-6100 for information.

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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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