

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”*

MATTHEW 1:23

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Our Mission

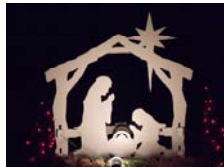
Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.

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.

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.



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



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHL)
SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd 2023



As we approach the Christmas Holidays, please note: **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2023 is January 22nd**. This will be the **50th anniversary** of the Roe v Wade supreme court decision and more than 63 million abortions have taken place since 1973. Even though Roe was overturned last year, the number of abortions in Illinois continue to rise as women travel to Illinois from neighboring states where there are tighter restrictions on abortion.

We are inviting you to mark this somber occasion by supporting the Caring Network Baby Bottle Drive to raise funds for the critical mission of protecting the unborn, offering truth, hope, and material goods to women in need, and bringing hope to those who have had an abortion in their past. At this time, many churches celebrate Life by passing out baby bottles so members can fill them with coins, or checks to support our critical mission. Watch for the baby bottles in January!

Tracy Kerr
Special Events Team



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Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.

Creation Care Corner 

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION
 Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, cautions us to avoid the "culture of consumerism." He warns us that "A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment." A simpler "outer" life, free of clutter and distraction, makes it easier to be more spiritual. In turn, greater spirituality leads to a less attached and simpler outer life. A virtuous circle! Material simplicity is an intentional pathway to more joy, happiness and the flourishing of God's Creation. Filter your acquisition decisions through a lens of needs v. wants. "Less is more."



"...we need to commit ourselves to caring for Creation, without squandering its resources"
 — Pope Benedict XVI



Huge Thanks!

On Monday, Dec. 12th the Janes Ave. Neighborhood Outreach (J.A.N.O.), Delivered Christmas cards and the donated grocery store gift cards to residents of the Woodridge Horizons Senior Living. Residents. Also, to celebrate the special day a luncheon was served.

Thanks for the generosity of the grocery store gift cards, each apartment received Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards. Wonderful sharing event.



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**



Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach!

Group photo of the Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach (J.A.N.O.) committee following the delivery of Gifts Cards provided by Christ the Servant parishioners !

Hotline Numbers for Help

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| 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

RF registration information can be found at www.ctswoodridge.org and in the Narthex. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org



Religious Formation Class will be on Christmas break from December 13 to January 2. Have a Merry Christmas!

christmas break
Dec 13 thru Jan 2



Religious Formation Family Mass

Would your child be interested in helping at the Christmas Eve Mass? There are many ways they can help out. Hurry and call or message Christine Goba.

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.




Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's Religious Formation Christmas Program, "Jesus, God is With us" last Sunday. Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.




Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Jazz Concert last Sunday! Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.





Hat and Mitten Tree

Last weekend to 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 13-January 2 Christmas Break



A Week Full of Family Advent Activities

SUN 18 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 19 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 20 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 21 O Emmanuel! We believe that Jesus is with us always. Call or visit someone who could use your company today.

THUR 22 Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Read the nativity story in the Bible together as a family.

FRI 23 Gather as a family around the Christmas tree or the Manger and pray a prayer of blessing.

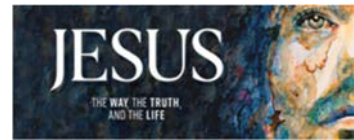
SAT 24 Christmas Eve Christ is Born! Let us rejoice! Thank God for the greatest gift, the gift of his only Son! Put the figurine of the baby Jesus you made for the nativity scene in the manger.

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

Christ the Servant will begin a new book study this Christmas season 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.



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.

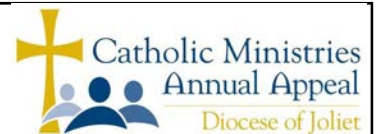


Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

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. 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 or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.**

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| 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 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

Monday, December 19
 8:30 AM John & Catherine Frale, req. John Frale family

Tuesday, December 20
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 21
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 22
 10:00 AM Kathy Chandler, req. Alan Chandler family

Friday, December 23
 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 24—Masses 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm
 4:00 PM James & Beth Crockett, req. Colette & family
 Michael & Angeline Kolek, req. Family
 10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, req. Ciolek family
 Dan Tegtmeier, req. Janice Thomas

Sunday, December 25—Mass 10:00 am
 10:00 AM Richard Iovito, req. Andie Wolfe
 Mary Garba, req. Pluta family
 Rino LaPaglia, req. Family

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

Bible Readings Dec 18 thru Dec 25

SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
MONDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
TUESDAY: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
WEDNESDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
THURSDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
FRIDAY: Mal 3:1-4. 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
SATURDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
SUNDAY: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

We pray for the Sick

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| Barbara Bayro | Ed Jascewsky | Sonja Rudny |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Madeline Jascewsky | Jose Sabado |
| Jim Brabec | Jeanne Jordan | Jim Sanders |
| Pat Chang | Derek Kaunelis | Jennifer Stile |
| Greg Chisholm | Ida Kenny | Dan Szymanski |
| Donna Ciolek | Paul Knight | Frank Tiesenga |
| Michael Durkovic Sr | Barb Kosiek | Mary Vanderplow |
| Vic Cordes | Karen Kripas | Bill Wagner |
| Marge Felix | Patricia Lackey | |
| John M. Foresman | Thomas Lackey | |
| Marty Foy | S.Suzanne Lesniewski | |
| Dcn. Tom Fricke | Robert Losik | |
| Derek Gee | 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 family and parish members

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.

Office Hours & Staff

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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

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- 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, December 18

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—decorate church for Christams

Monday, December 19

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 20

8:30 am—daily mass

12:30 pm—Mahjong

Wednesday, December 21

8:30 am—daily mass

No religious formation classes

Thursday, December 22

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

No religious formation classes

Friday, December 23

8:30 am—prayer service

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:45 pm—RF family mass

10:00 pm—mass

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:30 am—NO mass

10:00 am—Christmas day mass

Monday, December 26

No daily mass

Business office is closed

Upcoming Events

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 30—Dec 6

Bulletin Due Early—No update.

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| Sunday | \$ 5,106.00 |
| Sunday other forms | \$ 3,370.00 |
| General Funds | \$ 811.00 |
| Restricted | \$ 2,630.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 720.00 |
| Total Contributed | \$ 12,637.00 |

Differential this period:

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| Needed | \$ 10,300.00 |
| Reported | 12,637.00 |

Differential this period: \$ 2337.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

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| 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 11/30/2022 \$115,405
Registered Households—781

God bless you, and thank you for



your generous support!

Did you know... To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on "Donate", then click on "Stock Donations" or call the Development office at

saint snippets

December 21

St. Peter Canisius

Dutch Jesuit priest who reformed universities and attracted many back to the Catholic faith; known as the Second Apostle of Germany

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If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.