

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude  
of the heavenly host with the angel,  
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to*

*God*  
*in the highest.”*

**Luke 2:13-14**

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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**

Preparing the #creche for Baby Jesus, we once again learn who our Lord is. He is the God of humble meekness, of mercy and love, who intervenes always respecting our freedom and our choices.

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/UC1t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t3t).



**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE**  
**HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**DECEMBER 31 ST, 4:00 PM**



**JANUARY 1, 2023**  
**8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM**

**Welcome New Members!**

Please welcome the Greg & Theresa Johnston family to CTS.



The Johnston's recently join the parish.

**Save the Dates in 2023**  
**Celebrate the National**  
**Eucharistic Revival**

With these special Diocesan Celebrations. Diocesan-Wide 40 Hours Devotion, February 8, 9, 10 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet. Prayer Service with National Eucharistic Preacher: March 23, 24 and 25th, at various locations throughout the Diocese. Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

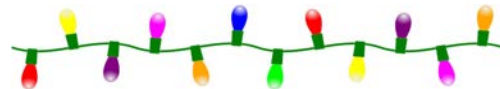
**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHL)**  
**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**



As we approach the Christmas Holidays, please note: **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2023** is **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This will be the **50<sup>th</sup> 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



**Recycle Christmas lights.** Stings of Christmas lights can be recycled. Please bring the lights to the church. The Green Team has placed two blue recycle bins in the west corner of 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

In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (*Laudato Si'*, 11)

Further, he reflects, "In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ's creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word 'became flesh' (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy." (LS, 99)



Joy to you, and to the whole world, this Christmas Season!  
— 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.

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

Wonderful sharing event!



## Sacramental Information

**RITE 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**

### Joy to the World First Friday Holy Hour, January 6, 2023

The same everlasting Father who cared for you in 2022 will care for you tomorrow and everyday of 2023. Prayer is powerful! Let us start out the New Year praying together in CTS' Eucharistic Chapel for our family, friends, those who have no one to pray for them, the BJH Ministry, Ramon Joson, Souls in Purgatory, end to abortion, peace and justice for all, military persons, Pope Benedict XVI, all religious, government officials, doctors, nurses and all who care for the ill, those we have forgotten to pray for, for those we promised to pray for, and all CTS' members. *"More things are wrought by prayer than men dream of".* Alfred Lord Tennyson



### Mass for the Holy Innocents Lost Through Abortion

Feast of Holy Innocents Mass on: Wed., Dec. 28th at 7:00 pm, St. Michael Church, Wheaton. Please wear yellow, the color of Life. Refreshments after mass. Event will have a Live Nativity, a donkey & sheep. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus & Pro-Life Community.



#### 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

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)



christmas break  
Dec 13 thru Jan 2

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



First Communion

### First Communion Reminder

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> CTS Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion are asked to participate in the 10:00AM Mass. They will be joining the various Lay ministers to get a closer look at the various part of the Mass.

## 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"




Special thanks to all the volunteers and students who helped.



Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Jazz Concert!



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**Religious Formation Up Coming Dates**

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

**December 13-January 2** Christmas Break

**January 3-4** Class

**January 10-11** Class

**January 11** Confirmation Presentation “proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity” with Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz.

All Confirmation students are asked to attend the **Wednesday night class** session. Parents and sponsors may attend also.

**January 5** Adult Book Study “Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life”

**January 5** Adult Bible Study “Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life”



**Confirmation Presentation**

**“Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity”**

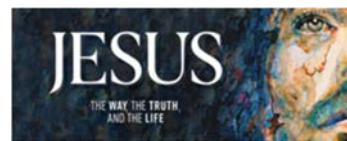
All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday, Jan 11 at 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Imogen, Sharon and Corby Schmitz on Proof of Jesus’ Resurrection and Divinity. Parents and sponsors are invited to

**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.



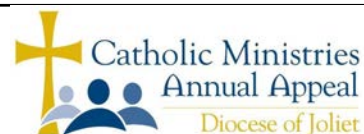
**Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life**

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 Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D’Ambrosio, 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 24

4:00 PM James & Beth Crockett, req. Colette & family  
Michael & Angeline Kolek, req. Family  
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, req. Ciolek family  
Dan Tegtmeyer, req. Janice Thomas

#### Sunday, December 25

10:00 AM Richard Iovito, req. Andie Wolfe  
Mary Garba, req. Pluta family  
Rino LaPaglia, req. Family

#### Monday, December 26

8:30 AM No Service

#### Tuesday, December 27

8:30 AM Joan Aletto, req. Carole Sullivan

#### Wednesday, December 28

8:30 AM John & Anna Bacagalupo, req. John Farle Family

#### Thursday, December 29

8:30 AM Adeline Casey, req. Paul Wisdom

#### Friday, December 30

8:30 AM Communion Service

#### Saturday, December 31—Mass 4:00 pm

4:00 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak

#### Sunday, January 1

8:30 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor  
10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan, founding pastor

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

## Bible Readings Dec 25 thru Jan 1

**SUNDAY:** Is 52:7-10/HEB 1:1-6/JN 1:1-18 OR 1:1-5, 9-14

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

**TUESDAY:** 1 JN 1:1-4/JN 20:1A, 2-8

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**THURSDAY:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**FRIDAY:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**SATURDAY:** 2 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

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

## We pray for the Sick

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 Rancho	
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

8700 Havens Drive  
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*  
[FrBob@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:FrBob@ctswoodridge.org)

**Tom Fricke**, Permanent Deacon  
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**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
[janet@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:janet@ctswoodridge.org) *Ext. 104*

**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, December 25

#### Christmas Day

10:00 am—mass

### Monday, December 26

8:30 am—NO daily mass

Office is closed.

### Tuesday, December 27

8:30 am—daily mass

### Wednesday, December 28

8:30 am—daily mass

No religious formation classes

### Thursday, December 29

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

No religious formation classes

### Friday, December 30

8:30 am—prayer service

### Saturday, December 31

4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, January 1

#### Solemnity of Mary

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

### Monday, January 2

8:30 am—daily mass

## Upcoming Events

**Dec 25:** Christmas Day mass

10:00am only

**Dec 26:** No daily mass & office is closed

**Dec 31:** Mass: 4:00 pm

**Jan 1:** Solemnity of Mary

Masses 8:30 & 10:00 am

**Jan 5:** Adult Book Study 2:00

**Jan 8:** Epiphany

**Jan 9:** Baptism of the Lord

## 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: Dec 7—Dec 14

#### Bulletin Due Early—No update.

Sunday	\$ 4,194.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 5,450.00
General Funds	\$ 230.00
Restricted	\$ 2,905.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 450.00
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 13,229.00</b>

#### Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	13,229.00

**Differential this period: \$ 2,899.00**

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

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Priests/Nuns retirement	\$ 600.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 849.00

Christmas Mass \$ 385.00

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](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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I want to follow you wherever you take me, freely, willingly, joyfully. Break my will! Let your will reign in me!

Bl. Sára Salkaházi

Hungarian journalist and religious sister who saved approximately 100 Jews during World War II. In 1944, she was executed by the pro-Nazi party.

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