

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.



*Then they
opened their
treasures and
offered him*

**GIFTS OF GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.**

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

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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
Let us ask the newborn Jesus for the newness of a heart capable of forgiveness: the strength to pray for those who have hurt us and to take steps of openness and reconciliation.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1tththeservant).



Vocation Prayer - January 2023

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Prayer for Vocations
by Pope Francis*

The 2023 Catholic Annual Appeal is now underway

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$44,000, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

Thank You Letters and Cards

Hope's Front Door sent a letter thanking CTS for the generous contribution on Dec. 15, 2022 for \$943. The donation will help provided desperately needed items such as, food, transportation, medication, eye and dental care. Also, the gift will be used to help clients with job lists and referrals and financial literacy.



A lovely thank you card was sent to CTS from the Polk family, #125. The Polk family sends their thanks and blessing to the Fellers family and the Church members for the Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts cards. The recipient found this to be a wonderful gift.



The next Manna Sale is here!

Order forms are available in the Narthex for Manna gift cards. An Excel version of the form can be emailed to you. (Questions? Call Bill C. at 630-724-9498 or the office at 630-910-0770). Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10:00 am mass on January 29th, 2023 will be ready for pickup the weekend of February 4th and 5th. .

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

Creation Care Corner 

Protect Species Diversity—Scientists report that nearly one million species are at risk of extinction by the end of this century. Biodiversity is necessary for a healthy world. We can take individual action to protect biodiversity by:

- Reducing our fossil fuel usage which contributes to warming that is contributing to growing extinction rates;
- Eating foods that require lower land use;
- Advocating for Congressional legislation that will conserve nature and promote clean energy;
- Supporting local conservation efforts or organizations that are making a difference;
- Planting native flora to support the wildlife around you, and minimizing your use of pesticides and herbicides.

Consider spending time to better understand how the way we live our lives impacts the world around us. There are opportunities for all of us to make modifications to help ensure future generations can enjoy a world as beautiful, diverse and ecologically healthy as the one we inherited.



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**

Celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival
Special Diocesan Celebrations.

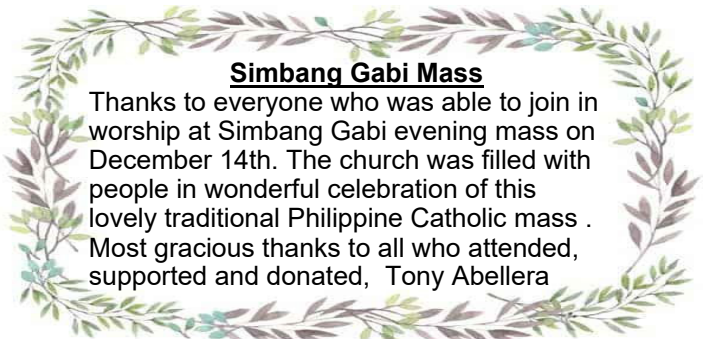
Diocesan-Wide 40 Hours Devotion,
February 8, 9, and 10 at the
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet.



Also, upcoming:
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.

Simbang Gabi Mass

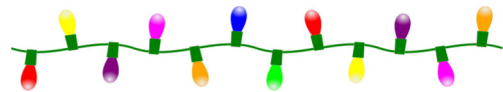
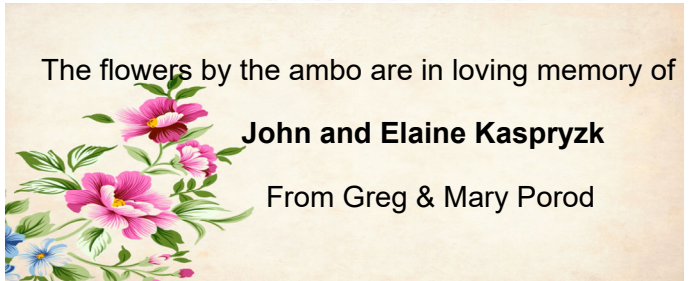
Thanks to everyone who was able to join in worship at Simbang Gabi evening mass on December 14th. The church was filled with people in wonderful celebration of this lovely traditional Philippine Catholic mass . Most gracious thanks to all who attended, supported and donated, Tony Abellera



The flowers by the ambo are in loving memory of

John and Elaine Kasprzyk

From Greg & Mary Porod



Recycle Christmas lights. Stings of lights can be recycled. Being the lights to the church. The Green Team has place two blue recycle bins in the west corner of the narthex for the holiday lights.

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 Grades K-4 & 8

Tuesday 6:30-7:45 Grade 5-7

Wednesday 4:45-6:00 Grade 1-6

Wednesday 6:30-7:45 Grades 6-8

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

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 cgoaba@rcdoj.org

Religious Formation Class back in session January 3-4



Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the RF family Christmas Mass.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to all who donated to CTS's Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward program. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness to CTS's children and their families. It was so touching to see the concern and desire to share the Catholic faith with future generation. May God bless you for helping to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ. Religious Education Sponsorship – Faith Forward program is a fund to assist students who cannot afford some or all of the expenses of Religious Education and the reception of Sacraments



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.

“Teach them his decrees and instructions and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.” (Exodus 18:20)



First Communion

First Communion Reminders



Learning Mass

Sunday, January 15th CTS Children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion are asked to participate in the 10:00 Mass. They will be joining the

various Lay ministers to get a closer look at the various part of the Mass.



First Communion Retreat

All students preparing to make their 1st Communion will need to attend the Retreat on Saturday, February 5 from 10:00-12:00. A parent will also need to attend with their child.

Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.



Confirmation Reminders and News

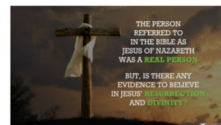
Confirmation Date

Christ the Servant's Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Kane on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm here at Christ the Servant Church. Confirmation practice is May 16 at 7:00 a parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

Confirmation Student Meeting

Students who are preparing to receive Confirmation this year are required to attend a meeting on Monday, (Presidents Day) February 20, from 10-11.

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 attend also.

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this most important Sacrament.

Religious Formation Up Coming Dates

January 15 (Sunday) 2nd Grade Children's Liturgy 10:00-11:00 a.m.

January 17-18 Class

January 24-25 Class

January 31- February 1 Class

February 1 Confirmation Presentation "Why be Catholic" with Deacon Tom Fricke.

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

February 5 (Saturday) First Communion Retreat 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
(Child and Parent event for preparation for 1st Communion)

February 7-8 Class

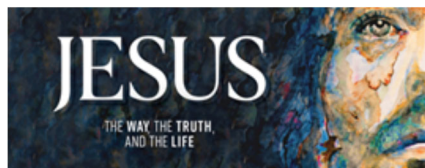
February 9-10 No Classes (Catechist Formation Evening and DRE Retreat)

February 20 (Monday, Presidents Day) Confirmation Student meeting 10:00-11:00 a.m.

February 21-22 No Class Please attend Ash Wednesday Services

**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 **Jan. 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. We hope you can join us!

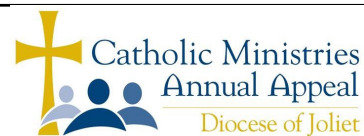


National Eucharistic Revival

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival the Diocese of Joliet will be having hosting a Forty Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Times and schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion are February 8, 9, 10. Each day begins with 8 am Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration throughout the day until after the 8 pm Closing Prayer Service. During the days there will be silent prayer throughout the day with short Prayer Services at 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm and the closing at 8 pm.

2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal as of 12/25/22

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.

2022 GOAL	\$43,400	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$48,569	PLEDGES NEEDED TO GOAL: We made it!
AMOUNT PAID:	\$48,139	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$1,430	Congratulations on achieving our goal!
DONORS THIS YEAR:	225	REBATE AMOUNT:	\$3,317	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, January 7

4:45 PM Wally Silunas, req. Darlene Januska
John & Esther Michalek and
Gerald Johnson, req. Family
JoAnn Frale, req. Family

Sunday, January 8—Epiphany

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, req. Cioleck family
10:00 AM Carmela Florio, req. Family

Monday, January 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 AM Thomas James Wallich, req. Carol Sullivan
Walter Bugay, req., Accardi family

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 12

8:30 AM Fr. Francis S. Rog, C.R., req. Barry J. Deron

Friday, January 13

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, January 14

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM William Moracewski, req. Barry J. Deron
10:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to heaven,
souls that are most forsaken, req. Zenaida Cruz

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

We pray for the Sick

Barbara Bayro	Jessica James	Robert Rodriguez
Sharon Bhaskar	Rayna Januska	John Rossi
Jim Brabec	Ed Jascewsky	Sonja Rudny
Dennis Burke	Madeline Jascewsky	Jose Sabado
Pat Chang	Jeanne Jordan	Jim Sanders
Greg Chisholm	Derek Kaunelis	Jennifer Stile
Donna Ciolek	Ida Kenny	Dan Szymanski
Michael Durkovic Sr	Paul Knight	Frank Tiesenga
Rudy Durkovic	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	
Robert Gripp	Joyce Maples	
Karen Gormley	Jan May	
Bill Haas	Donna Mays	
Joan Haffner	Chuck Neal	
Michael Harris	Alie Phillips	
Carolyn Heinrich	Janice Proskey	
Carol Hendrich	Bob Pluta	
Fred Huth	Lolit Ranchero	



*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
Lorraine Riedl
Mother of Christine (Robert)
Schukies, Joseph Jr. (Marylou),
Alan and Cynthia O'Gara

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 Jan 8 thru Jan 15

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

MONDAY: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

TUESDAY: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5
12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY: Heb 4:1-5.11/Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY: Is 49:3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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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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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, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 am—daily mass
Religious Formation classes

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 am—daily mass
Religious Formation classes

Thursday, January 12

8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga
2:00 pm—adult book study, Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life
7:00 pm—adult book study, Holy Moments
High School Religious Formation

Friday, January 13

8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, January 14

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, January 15

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
2nd grade mass participation

Monday, January 16

8:30 am—daily mass

Upcoming Events

Jan 8: Epiphany
Jan 9: Baptism of the Lord
Jan 12: Adult Book Study 2:00 pm, Jesus: The Way, the Truth, & the Life
Jan 12: Adult Book Study 7:00 pm, Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life
Jan 28/29: New commission opportunity information at masses

March 25/26 PLC Easter Candy Sale— all masses

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: 2022-2023

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 21—Dec 31

Sunday	\$ 3,087.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 6,080.00
General Funds	\$ 15.00
Restricted	\$ 200.00
Debt Reduction	<u>\$ 1,225.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 10,607.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 10,300.00
Reported	\$ 10,607.00
Differential this period:	\$ 307.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Immaculate Conception	\$ 85.00
All Saints	\$ 50.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 125.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
 Christmas Mass	 \$ 12,757.00

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
815-221-6100 for information.

saint snippets

January 13

No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost.

St. Hilary of Poitiers
4th-century bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church who defended the Church against the Arian heresy, which denied Christ's divinity.

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