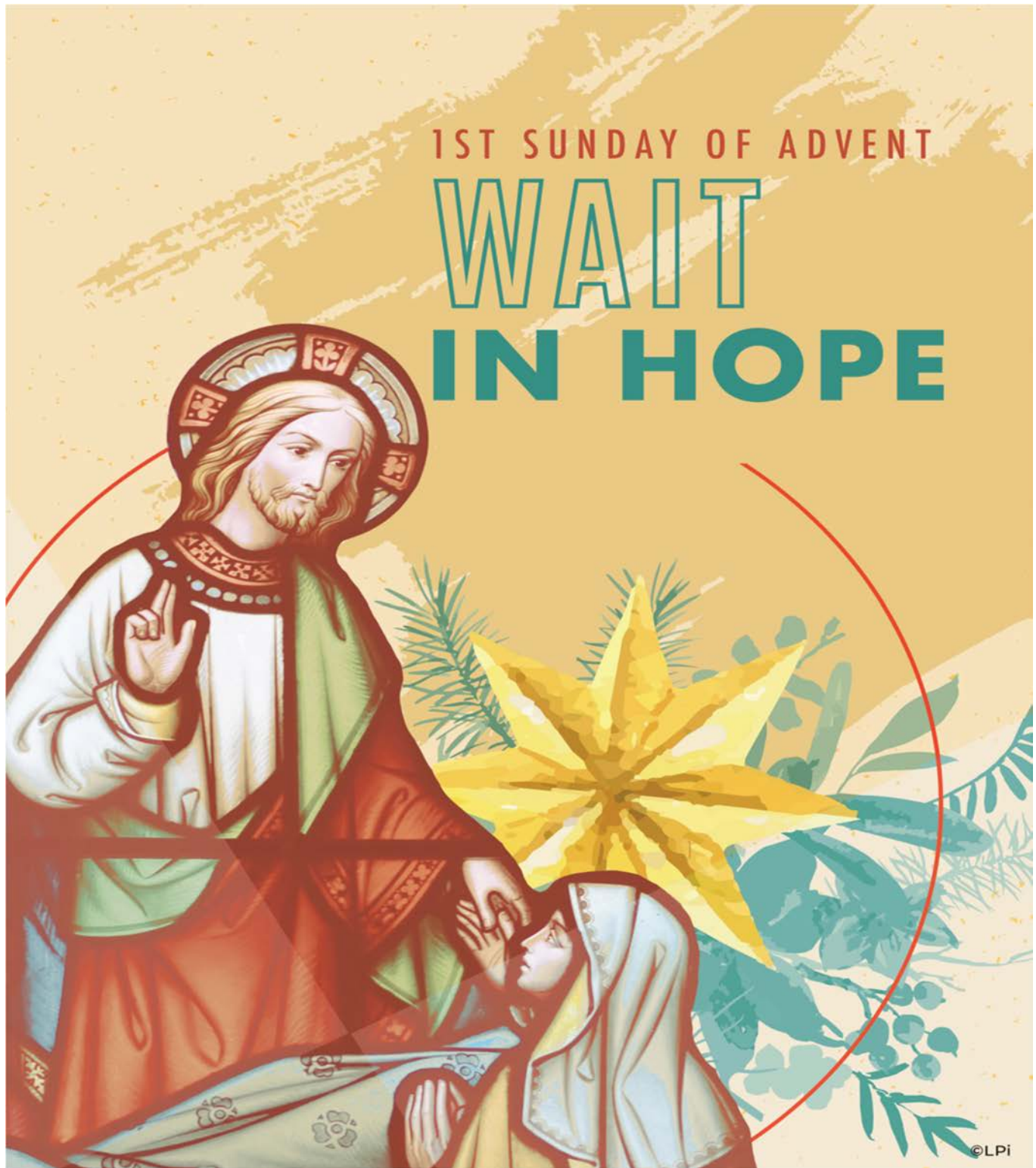


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
December 2, and 3, 2023*



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.

Francis' Tweet for the Week
The Church is not a place for the perfect and the privileged. It is a community of disciples that bears witness to Jesus whom by grace they have come to know. We intercede for all, praying, loving and sacrificing ourselves for the world.

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 [christservant](https://www.youtube.com/channel/christservant).




Eucharistic Revival

 The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman.
 -Pope Benedict XVI

Liturgy Spotlight.....
 Advent draws our attention to the future glory while flashing also before our eyes the moment in history wherein hope's fulfillment took its place in a box of straw. Advent hope finds a source in the coming of Christ in the flesh and a fulfillment in the same One's coming in glory.

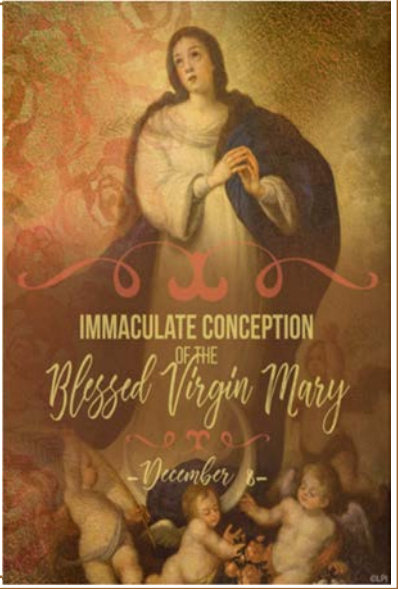
Advent Confessions
December 20th
 Confessions may be said on Wednesday,
Dec. 20th at 7:00 pm.
 Fr. Bob and Fr. Ed Howell will be available to hear confessions in the Church and Eucharist Chapel just before Christmas.



Blessings and Congratulations
Julian Montes De Oca
 Cotillion Blessing
 Saturday, December 2
 at the 4:45 pm mass



Masses for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm, on Friday, Dec. 8th. A holy day of obligation.




CAN YOU HELP?
 Our parish worship space will need to be decorated to pray and celebrate Advent and Christmas. The Worship Commission would really appreciate help on the following days:
Friday, Dec. 15 9:00 AM- The Nativity Scene will be set up in the Narthex, and a Christmas tree will be made ready near the Baptismal Font.
Sunday, Dec. 24- after the last morning Mass- Our Worship space needs to be made ready by 3PM for the 4PM Liturgy. That means, all Advent decor must be removed, and all Christmas decor, including flowers, must be set up and arranged. If you are able to help out on any or all of these days, please call the Parish office (630-910-0770) to let us know.
Your presence will be very much appreciated!!



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

**Knights of Columbus Council #5918
Four Roses Bourbon Basket Raffle**



The Knights are selling raffle tickets to win a Four Roses Bourbon basket! Tickets are \$5 for (1) or \$10 for (3) tickets. Even if bourbon is not your thing, this will be a great Christmas or New Years gift. Drawing is Dec 20th. To purchase raffle tickets, look for the Knights table in the narthex the week-ends of Dec 9/10 & Dec 16/17, before/after masses. Questions call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952



Manna Sale is here!

Order forms are available in the Narthex & online. Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10 am mass on December 3rd will be ready for pickup the weekend of December 9th and 10th.

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 11:00 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, please call Alie Phillips at 630-649-3466.

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, November 2, 7:00 PM, pre-registration is required.

Jesus and the Eucharist Adult Series at CTS

Here is what parishioners are saying about the group series:

"Educational. Enlightening, and informative."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the series."

"Great sharing of holy moments with each member of the group."

"Overall, I feel closer to Jesus."

"Oh, it was so worth the time on so many levels, a chance to grow in love of the Lord Jesus, sharing with such good-hearted people, opportunity to grow spiritually."

Next adult study series for the Eucharistic Revival is planned for Spring 2024.



Bavarian Blast

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the attendees, supporters, benefactors and volunteers that made CTS' Bavarian Blast a phenomenal success! Those who attended can attest to the fun, delicious food and drink, great music by DJ Chuck Luna and great raffles that took place. And the arms of our stein hoisting contestants will never be the same!

Along with all the merriment, the Parish Life Commission (PLC) was able to raise \$17,000 for our parish repairs and maintenance budget.

Thank you for your help & extreme generosity.

Christ the Servant Church is a loving, and giving family. Looking forward to our next FUNdraising adventure. Stay tuned.....



Simbang Gabi Evening Mass

Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Come join us in worship! This is devotional practice refers to the Philippine Catholic tradition of the "novena," a series of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season, with 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 if you can assist with the mass.

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

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



We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is intended to extend your resources in order to help you foster spiritual growth within your family life. The

Religious Formation program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith with a formalized, systematic program based on your child's developmental level for Kindergarten through 8th grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith.



There is still time to Register for Religious Formation Classes...But Hurry!!!!

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

Religious Formation Registration

RF registration information forms are in the back of church.

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| October 25 – February | Tuition \$200 |
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2023-2024 Religious Formation Elementary Class Days and Times

Remote eLearning is independent study and does not have a set time to meet each week

(Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)

You may pick one of the following class sessions to attend.

Confirmation & Communion remote students are required to be in person for some activities for the Sacrament preparation.

| | Monday Afternoon | Tuesday Afternoon | Tuesday Evening | Wednesday Afternoon | Wednesday Evening | Remote |
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| K | | Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | | | |
| 1st | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | FULL | | | | Remote any day |
| 2nd | | Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | Remote any day |
| 3rd | | Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | | | Remote any day |
| 4th | | | Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | Remote any day |
| 5th | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | | Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | Remote any day |
| 6th | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | | FULL | Wednesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | Remote any day |
| 7th | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | | FULL | | Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM | Remote any day |
| 8th | Monday 4:45-6:00 PM | Tuesday 4:45-6:00 PM | | | FULL | Remote any day |

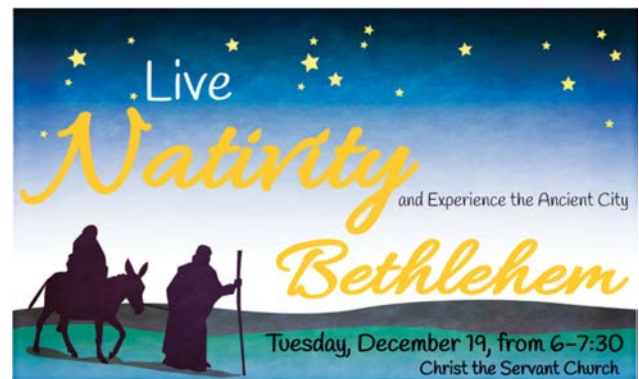
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Confirmation Classes

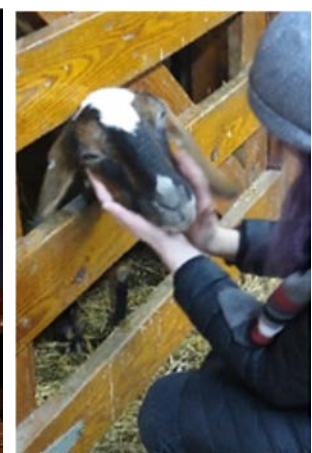
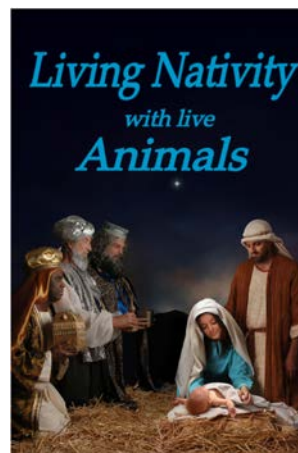
All Confirmation students are to attend the Rescheduled Confirmation presentation on Wednesday, December 6 class at 6:30-7:45 for a special class given by guest speaker Mary Goba on "Philosophical Proof of God's Existence." Parents and/or sponsors are invited to attend.

Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation's Christmas Program "Bethlehem"



that will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00pm.

All are invited to the Religious Formation Christmas Celebration "Bethlehem" on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 pm. Guests will be able to experience what life was like in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus by participating in activities and projects that reflect the time. There will be hospitality, crafts, games and lots of fun. We are also excited to welcome **live animals for our living nativity!**



Donations and Volunteers are needed to make this event a great success if you can help please call or email Christine Goba cgoba@rcdoj.org or 630-910-0770. Thank you!

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates


December 4/5/6 Regular Classes

December 11/12/13 Christmas lesson and work on Christmas program


December 19 (Tuesday) Christmas Program "Bethlehem" Family Event 6:00 pm

December 20-January 3 NO CLASSES
Christmas Break

December 24 MASS Children's Christmas Liturgy (Hosted by RF children)



Would your child be interested in helping at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass?
Call or message Christine Goba for more information.




SACRAMENTS Christ the Servant Church and Religious Faith Formation are genuinely happy to be able to work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments. The Sacraments are God's great gift to mankind and so there is great joy in being able to share this wonderful gift and work of God with your family. The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: "they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life." (St Thomas Aquinas)

Adult Sacrament Classes
Adults interested in completing their Sacraments or in becoming Catholic are invited to join us this fall as we begin sessions that will be both online and in-person. Call Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 for more information.



2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet
2023 GOAL \$43,500
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$45,874 as of Nov 26, 2023
AMOUNT PAID: \$42,852
REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,022
DONORS THIS YEAR: 222
2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!



Religious Formation Sponsorship - Faith Forward



No child should be denied being taught about God just because their parents cannot afford to send their child or children to religious classes. To help our parents pay for Religious Formation classes, we have started a Religious Formation Sponsorship program. We invite you to become part of the Faith Forward, Christ the Servant Religious Formation'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 formation 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.

Sacrament Reminder

Don't forget, if your child is planning on making a Sacrament **the Diocese of Joliet requires children complete a minimum of two consecutive years of Religious Formation before receiving Sacraments.** Typically, in 2nd grade, our children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. (Children must have participated in RF in first and second grade or two other consecutive years of preparation). Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be conferred at the end of 8th grade according to the Bishop's schedule begins in 6th and 7th grade. (Full participation in RF in 7th and 8th grade is the minimum enrollment required.)




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Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.
signupnc.newmanministry.com




Mass Intentions for the Week

Prayers for the Sick

Saturday, December 2

4:45 PM Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittle
 Dan Prohaska, req. Fran Fruh
 John & Esther Michalek and Gerald Johnson,
 req. family
 JoAnn Frale, req. family

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe, req. Andie Wolfe
 10:00 AM Robert Glos, req. John & Marge Stancel
 Chuong Ho, Nam Pham, & Hanh Truong,
 req. Luke & Hang Ho

Monday, December 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 AM Families & Catechists of Christ the Servants' Religious
 Formation, req. Mary Goba

Thursday, December 7

8:30 PM Donna Buonamici, req. Mary Kiser

Friday, December 8—Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM Richard Buch, req. Margaret Buch family
 Donna Buonamici, req. Mary Kiser
 7:00 PM Living and Deceased Students, Faculty, and Alumni
 of Christendom College, req. Mary Goba

Saturday, December 9

4:45 PM James (Jim) Sullivan req, Carole Sullivan
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Sandy & Fernando
 Alonzo
 Dan Prohaska, req. Lois & Jim Ryan

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM George Koca, req. Janet & Jack Schultz
 10:00 AM Chuong Ho, Nam Pham, &
 Hanh Truong, req. Luke & Hang Ho



Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
 1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21,
 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
 Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—
 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

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| Barbara Bayro | Brian Jackson | John Rossi |
| Frank Bayro | Jessica James | Sonja Rudny |
| Sharon Bhaskar | Rayna Januska | Jim Sanders |
| Jim Brabec | Ed Jascewsky | Rita Sisko |
| Renee Brennan | Madeline Jascewsky | David Sivak |
| Pat Chang | Ramon Joson | Ken Sloup |
| Donna Ciolek | Jeanne Jordan | Jennifer Stile |
| Vic Cordes | Paul Knight | Dan Szymanski |
| Michael Durkovic Sr | Barb Kosiek | Dennis Szulc |
| Rudy Durkovic | Barbara Kuehn | Michelle Toro |
| Ray DiGrazia | Robert Losik | Mary Vanderplow |
| Marge Felix | Joyce Maples | Jim Verdi |
| John M. Foresman | Jan May | Bill Wagner |
| Marty Foy | Donna Mays | Judy Ward |
| Joanne Fricke | Arturo Mendez | Patricia Wheeler |
| Robert Gripp | Anna Moneghini | |
| Joan Haffner | Chuck Neal | |
| Bill Hartig | Nam Pham | |
| Michael Harris | Carmen Pegnatiello | |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Janice Proskoy | |
| Carol Hendrich | Bob Pluta | |
| Barbara Hile | Wm. (Bill) Rausch | |
| Fred Huth | Lolit Rancho | |
| Tony Iovito | Genevieve Ragnanese | |
| John Ito | | |



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



*Ginny & Jim
 McIlvain who
 recently lost their
 sister-in-law
 Nancy Becker*

The tabernacle light burns this week in loving memory of the People of the 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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60517
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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

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Ed Koch, Administration/Finance
Bill Yunker, Christian Service
Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair
Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation
Chris Bojanowski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 3—Advent

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, December 4

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am—daily mass
12:30 pm—mahjong

Wed, December 6

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am—daily mass
9:30 am—yoga

Friday, December 8—Immaculate Conception Obligation Holy Day

8:30 am—Mass
7:00 pm—Mass

Saturday, December 9

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, December 10—Advent

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events

Dec 2/3: Advent Begins

Dec 2/3: Christmas Sharing—narthex

Dec 2/3: Craft fair holiday sale

Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation, masses 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 16/17: Christmas non-perishable food drop-off & distribution

Dec 17: Baptism

Dec 18: Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Mass 7:00 pm

Dec 20: Penance Service 7:00 pm

Dec 23: Advent mass 4:45 pm

Dec 24: Advent Sunday mass 9:30 am

Dec 24: Christmas Eve masses 4:00 pm children's mass and 10:00 pm

Dec 25: Christmas mass 10:00 am



Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste

Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, highlights

both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming more "mindful," or intentional, aware and informed, can lead to more careful assessments in what to purchase.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them.

Refuse Reduce Repair Reuse Recycle

Creation Care Corner

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: 2023- 2024

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| Parish Expenses | \$ 7,700.00 |
| Total Needed | \$ 7,700.00 |

CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 21 thru 28

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| Sunday | \$ 3,882.00 |
| Sunday other forms | \$ 1,745.00 |
| General Funds | \$ 10.00 |
| Restricted | \$ 315.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 3.00 |
| Total Contributed | \$ 5,955.00 |

Differential this period:

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| Needed | \$ 7,700.00 |
| Reported | \$ 5,955.00 |
| Differential this period: | \$ - 1,745.00 |

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

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| All Saints | \$ 10.00 |
| Green Team | \$ 953.00 |
| Thanksgiving Donation | \$ 599.00 |

(Donated to, Hopes Front Door)

Registered Households—784

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. A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet. You can avoid paying taxes on your IRA disbursements by having the check mailed directly to the church. Consult with your financial advisor for information. As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, Christ the Servant is sharing a **free, online will-writing tool**. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations and strengthen Christ the Servant. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.

Leave a Legacy. Any extra donations you wish to make toward the church will be used for maintenance of the building or grounds. Thank you to all who have helped support our parish this past year. Your many generous gifts to our parish are an example of your faith.