

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.
December 16 and 17, 2023*

Third Sunday of **ADVENT**



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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.



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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, January 4, 2024
7:00 PM, pre-registration is required.

All the craft vendors would like to thank everyone who browsed, shopped or donated. We thank you for your compliments & support. We had a great time meeting and conversing with each of you. We wish you a most blessed and joyous Christmas.



CAN YOU HELP?

Our parish worship space will need to be decorated to pray and celebrate Christmas masses. The Worship Commission would really appreciate help on the following the following day: **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!!

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



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.

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

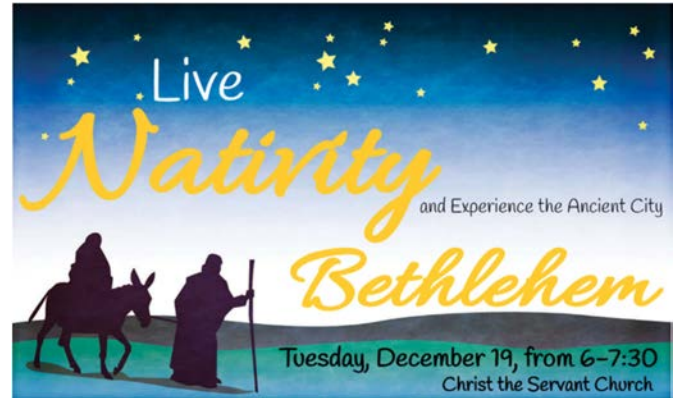
(Additional sessions may be added or canceled as needed)

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
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

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



that will be held on

Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00pm.

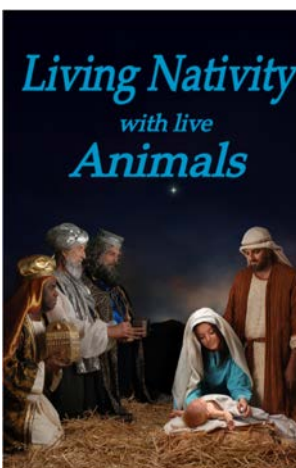
All are invited to the Religious Formation Christmas Celebration "Bethlehem" on

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!



Curtsy of Zoos Are Us, Inc.. Animals include four sheep, four goats, a donkey, and a small cow! Animals will be outside of the Church for visiting. Be sure to dress for the cold weather! Come and join the fun!

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 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)

December 20-January 3



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.



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)




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

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: \$46,064 as of DEC 10, 2023
 AMOUNT PAID: \$43,287
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,777
 DONORS THIS YEAR: 226
 2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0
Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!



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.)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 16
 4:45 PM Bill Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Diana Arke
 Almaia Custodio, Louisse Imo, Matteo Domino,
 & Forrest Cruz, req. Zenaida Cruz
 Dan Prohaska, req. Mary Nowak

Sunday, December 17
 8:30 AM Kathy Chandler & Jessica Marshall, req. Chandler
 Family
 Lucia Pellicer, req. family
 10:00 AM James J. Frale, James G. Frale, Catherine & John Frale,
 req. Frale family

Monday, December 18
 8:30 AM Bruce A. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron
 Mike Lopez, req. Andie Wolfe family
 Walter Ganiec, req. Ganiec family
 7:00 PM Intentions of the Simbang Gabi Eastern Cluster

Tuesday, December 19
 8:30 AM Lorenza Murillo, req. Lourdes Rodriguez

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

Thursday, December 21
 8:30 PM People of the Parsh

Friday, December 22
 8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 23
 4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak
 Lorraine Riedl, req. Sylvia & Thom Kittel
 Frank Tiesenga, req. Maria & Waclaw Borcz
 Dan Prohaska, req. Kedziora family

Sunday, December 24
 9:30 AM Dan Tegtmeier, req.
 Janice Thomas
 Henry Borkowski, req.
 Ciolek family
 4:00 PM People of the Parish
 10:00 PM People of the Parish



Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
 Lk 1:39-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
 Lk 1:57-66
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Prayers for the Sick

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



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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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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Nova Baranski, Bookkeeper *Ext. 102*

Mary Goba, Admin Assistant *Ext. 102*

Commission Chairpersons

Tom Swik, Pastoral Council Chair
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 17—Advent

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, December 18

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 am—daily mass

Wed, December 20

8:30 am—daily mass

Thursday, December 21

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

Friday, December 22

8:30 am—Mass

7:00 pm—Mass

Saturday, December 23

4:45 pm—4th Sunday of Advent mass

Sunday, December 24 Advent

9:30 am—4th Sunday of Advent mass

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm—Children's Christmas mass

10:00 pm—Christmas mass

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am—Christmas mass

Upcoming Events

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

Dec 19: RF "Bethlehem" 6:00 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, & 10:00 pm

Dec 25: Christmas mass 10:00 am

Dec 26-29: Communion Service
Pastor's Christmas break.

Dec 25-26: Parish offices are closed.

Dec 30/31: Feast of the Holy Family

Normal mass schedule, Sat. 4:45 pm,

Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:00 am.

Jan 1, 2024: Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God. 10:00 am mass.

Not a holy day of obligation.

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 13 - Dec 18

Sunday	\$ 4,303.00
Sunday other forms	\$ 3,058.00
General Funds	\$ 40.00
Restricted	\$ 430.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 320.00
Total Contributed	\$ 8,151.00

Differential this period:

Needed	\$ 7,700.00
Reported	\$ 8,151.00
Differential this period:	\$ 451.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

BlueJeans Homeless	\$ 145.00
Cash for Food	\$ 100.00
Christmas Decor	\$ 300.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 946.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 442.00

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.**

Giving an experience.



Our gift-giving traditions often entail the exchange of unwanted stuff from well-meaning people. Much of it will quickly come to rest in a landfill, along with the packaging it came in. Recent studies suggest that participants get more satisfaction and longer lasting pleasant memories from money spent on experiences, compared to material objects. That might be because "stuff," which can contribute to household clutter and waste, can be emotionally distressing. Consider instead giving a nice restaurant meal or museum experience. What about a health club, spa, dance, or educational experience? How about tickets to a concert, movie theater, theatrical or sporting event? Consider a gift of family fun at a local trampoline park, bowling alley, rock climbing gym or laser tag center. If nature is more their speed, consider a National Parks Annual Pass. It will be even better if you can join them for the experience.

Creation Care Corner