

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.

January 7, 2024



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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.

Francis' Tweet for the Week
We need to keep watch over our heart. Much of the favorable outcome of every spiritual battle is determined at its outset — by consistently watching over our heart.

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/UC1tH8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t).





Eucharistic Revival
Humility, obedience, meekness, and love are the virtues that shine through the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
O my Jesus, help me imitate you!

-Saint Anthony Mary Clare

God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, still uses you and me to help our brothers & sisters. Pope Francis Mar 5, 2018.
Thank you for feeding and giving gifts to 40 local families this Christmas season. The families were overwhelmed by your gifts of food and Christmas presents for their children.
Thank you!
Christian Services Commission


Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
HOLIDAY




EVERYBODY can be great.
Because ANYBODY can SERVE.
You only need a HEART full of grace.
A SOUL generated by LOVE.

REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!

Prayer for the New Year
Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, where ever we traverse. What You supply is a gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.



Flowers on the altar are in loving memory
Henry and Josephine Borkowski
From Donna and Bill Ciolek




January Manna Gift Card Sale!
Order forms are available in the narthex and on the Christ the Servant website. Any questions, please call Bill at 630-724-9498.
Orders placed (and paid for) by the end of the 10 am mass on January 28, and gift cards will be ready for pickup the weekend of February 3rd and 4th.

Flowers by the Blessed Mother statue are in loving memory
John and Elaine Kasprzyk
From Mary and Greg Porod



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

Thanks from the Worship Commission

A HUGE Thank You from the Worship Commission to all of you who came out to help make ready our Parish Worship space for Advent and Christmas. We couldn't have done it without you, that is for sure! There are so many things to accomplish - ironing, climbing ladders, hanging banners, arranging flowers, changing cloths on the altar, the gift table, and the credence table, setting up the Nativity scene and the Christmas tree, making and putting up the outside decorations, and cleaning everything up afterwards—that everyone's help was really needed and appreciated so very much. Our sanctuary became beautiful and fitting as we awaited and celebrated the birth of the Lord Jesus because of all the unselfish work you did. And guess what? It all needs to come down and be replaced with Ordinary Time colors!! We will be doing that on **January 8th after the morning Mass, so if you are able to help out, come around 9:15 AM.**

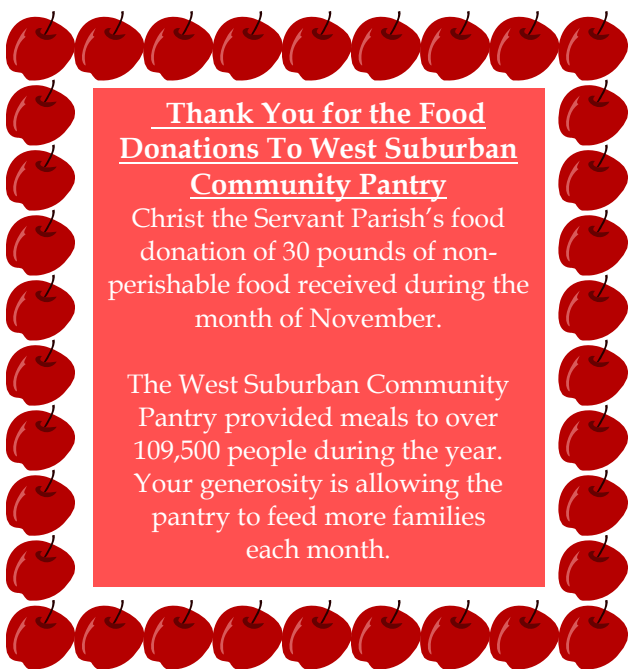
Again, thank you, and may the Lord bless you for the gift of time that you gave to our parish.
Sincerely,
Worship Commission

Simbang Gabi Mass Thank You

Our special thanks to Fr. Bob, Fr. Neil and Deacon Rod for celebrating, concelebrating and serving respectively in the Simbang Gabi (evening mass) at Christ the Servant Church on December 18, 2023, Monday, 7:00 pm.

Our big thank you to the coordinators, liturgical ministers, ushers, lantern and candle bearers. Also, the Eastern Cluster Simbang Gabi Choir, CTS staff especially Bryn and Mary, CTS parishioners and visitors from their attendance, generosity and support.

**Sincerely,
Antonio and Milagros Abellera
Overall Coordinators**



Thank You for the Food Donations To West Suburban Community Pantry

Christ the Servant Parish's food donation of 30 pounds of non-perishable food received during the month of November.

The West Suburban Community Pantry provided meals to over 109,500 people during the year. Your generosity is allowing the pantry to feed more families each month.

Liturgy Spotlight.....

Christ changed his life for us by becoming incarnate; and so we must change our lives for him. As humility is the virtue especially exemplified in the infancy of our Savior, so chastity appears in the Blessed Virgin, and justice is suitable pointed out by that just man, Joseph. Christmas invites us to a live of virtue and grace, basking in the Light that has come to dispel darkness.

-Liturgical Ministry 16

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.



Register for Classes **We Miss Your Child!**

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

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



Classes Resume January 8, 9 or 10

Thank you!

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



First Communion Reminder



First Communion

Sunday, January 14th 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.



Confirmation Reminders and News

Confirmation Date

Christ the Servant's Confirmation Class will be Confirmed by Bishop Conlon, May 14 at 7:00 pm here at Christ the Servant Church. Confirmation practice is May 13 at 7:00 pm. A parent or sponsor should attend with the student.

Confirmation Paperwork

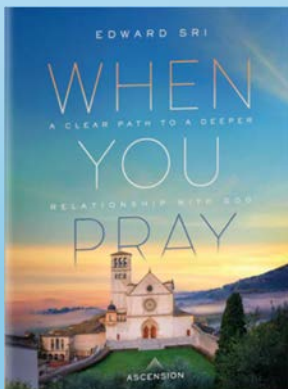
Students who are preparing to receive Confirmation this year are should turning in their required paperwork for the upcoming deadlines.

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

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- January 8/9/10 Regular Classes
- January 14 (Sunday) 2nd Grade Children’s Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Mass
- January 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Monday students work online or join Tue or Wed classes
- January 16/17 Regular Classes
- January 17 (Wednesday) Confirmation Presentation “True Happiness”
- January 22/23/24 Regular Classes
- January 29/30/31 Regular Classes
- February 5/6/7 Regular Classes

STARTING THIS JANUARY



Parish Enrichment Series:
Thursdays 2:00-3:15
When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Participants our invited to meet every week for a 7-week video study program, starting **Thursday, January 18**, to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and

fellowship. There is a \$25 fee for the workbook for participants who wish to purchase a book to follow along.

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it’s hard to find time, or you’re unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God’s grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that’s what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God at Christ the Servant.



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.



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)

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, January 6

4:45 PM JoAnn Frale, req. John and family
Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM The John Frale family, req. family
Carmella Filorio, req. Florio family
Josephine Barkowski, req. Ciolek family
Walter Bugay, req. Rod & Chestine Accardi
10:00 AM Andy Ivkovic, req. Paul & Mary Wisdom family
Walter Bugay, req. Rod & Chestine Accardi

Monday, January 8

8:30 AM Special Intentions, req. Goba family

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 AM Christ the Servant Parish, req. Diocese of Joliet

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 11

8:30 PM Special Intentions, req. Goba family

Friday, January 12

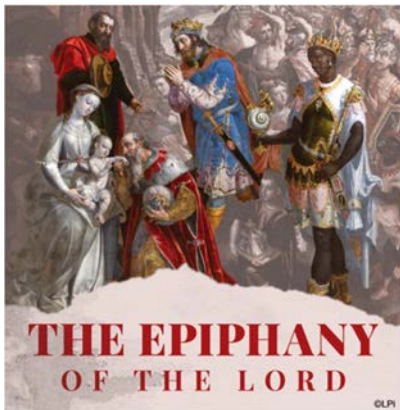
8:30 AM Holy Ghost Parish, Wood Dale, req.
Diocese of Joliet

Saturday, January 13

4:45 PM Dan Prohaska, req. Hartmueller family
Fr. Francis S. Rog, C. R., req. Barry J. Deron

Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM George R. Koca, req. Karen L. Welch
10:00 AM George R. Koca, req. Lenore L. Koca



Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a,
9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Prayers for the Sick

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| 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 | Jennifer Stile |
| Ray DiGrazia | Mike Leach | Dan Szymanski |
| Marge Felix | Robert Losik | Dennis Szulc |
| John M. Foresman | Cathy Magee | Michelle Toro |
| Marty Foy | Joyce Maples | Mary Vanderplow |
| Joanne Fricke | Jan May | Jim Verdi |
| Robert Gripp | Donna Mays | Bill Wagner |
| Joan Haffner | Arturo Mendez | Judy Ward |
| Bill Hartig | Anna Moneghini | Nancy Warnecke |
| Michael Harris | Chuck Neal | Patricia Wheeler |
| Carolyn Heinrich | Nam Pham | |
| 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.



In memory of
Kenneth Sloup
Husband of Louanna Sloup
And Father of
Ami (Sloup) DeAngelis

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

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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, January 7—Epiphany

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
11:00 am—baptism

Monday, January 8—Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 am—mass
7:00 pm—RF commission meeting

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am—daily mass

Wed, January 10

8:30 am—daily mass

Thurs., January 11

8:30 am—daily mass

9:30 am—yoga

Friday, January 12

8:30 am—communion service

Saturday, January 13

9:00 am—wake and funeral mass

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass



Upcoming Events

Jan 7—Baptism 11 am
Jan 8—RF commission meeting 7 pm
Jan 13—Funeral wake & mass 9 am
Jan 14—1st Communion group mass 10:00 am
Jan 15—Dr. Martin Luther King day
Jan 15—Admin/Finance 7 pm
Jan 15—P&SJ meeting 7 pm
Jan 15—PPC meeting 7 pm
Jan 20—Worship commission 9 am
Jan 21—Baptism 11 am
Jan 22—PPC meeting 7 pm
Feb 1—Baptism preparation class (pre-registration is required)
Feb 4—Baptism 11 am
Feb 5—RF commission meeting 7 pm
Feb 17—Wedding 2 pm

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2023- 2024

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 23 - Dec 30

Sunday 12/24/23 \$ 3,670.00
Sunday other forms \$ 2,335.00
General Funds \$ 130.00
Restricted \$ 2,195.00
Capital Projects \$ 2,278.00
Total Contributed \$ 10,608.00

Differential this period:

Needed \$ 7,700.00
Reported \$ 10,608.00
Differential this period: \$ 2,908.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 31—Jan 2,

Sunday 12/31/23 \$ 4,016.00
Sunday other forms \$ 2,460.00
General Funds \$ 780.00
Restricted \$ 870.00
Capital Projects \$ 118.00
Total Contributed \$ 8,244.00

Differential this period:

Needed \$ 7,700.00
Reported \$ 8,244.00
Differential this period: \$ 544.00

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christmas Offering 12/26 \$ 15,315.00
Christmas Offering 1/2/2024 \$ 1,925.00

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.

2023 GOAL \$43,500



AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$46,314 as of DEC 31, 2023.

AMOUNT PAID: \$44,099

REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,515

DONORS THIS YEAR: 228

2023 REBATE AMOUNT: \$419

Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you!



Creation Care Corner

Join groups to accelerate creation care progress.

To protect the poor and future generations, Pope Francis urges the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to take serious action to address the ecological crisis. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* is a compelling call to care for our common home, the Earth, God's great gift to us. This builds on a long history of Catholic social teaching. Joining groups that are taking action on creation care can dramatically accelerate progress. Consider getting involved in your parish Creation Care Team or Green team, local civic organizations, or state or national advocacy groups. You'll get innovative ideas on how to make a difference. You could also consider investigating and joining groups like the Catholic Climate Covenant, Creation Justice Ministries, or the *Laudato Si'* Movement. There's power in numbers! You can make a difference!