

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Our Faith in Action—Serving God. Serving Others.*  
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 630-910-0770



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MY WORDS

## WILL NOT PASS AWAY.

— MARK 13:31 —

**November 17, 2024**

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:45 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, and  
10:00 am

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday—Thursday  
8:30 am, and  
Communion Service on  
Friday 8:30 am

### Weekly Confession

Saturday 4:00 to  
4:30 pm

The **Rosary** is prayed the first  
Friday of each month 9:00  
am in the Eucharistic Chapel.



**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you to Christ the Servant! Registration forms are available in the narthex by the Sacristy. Please feel free to ask a host member where to find forms, Religious Formation information & the bulletin.

**RECONCILIATION:** Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or by appointment with Fr. Bob.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptism is celebrated twice a month, first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:00 am. Patents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class, offered the first Thursday of each month. You must register for the preparation class by calling the parish office at: 630-910-0770.

**SACRAMENT OF 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.

**FUNERAL:** Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

### 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.

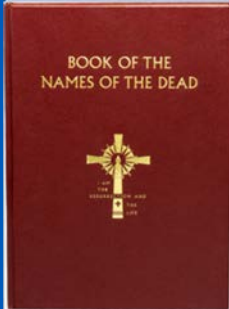
Francis' Tweet for the Week  
When we learn to serve others, every gesture of attention and care, every expression of tenderness, and every act of mercy become a reflection of God's love.

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 parish 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/UC1tHeservant).

**Book of the Dead**



**The Book of the Dead is on the podium outside the Eucharistic Chapel during the month of November.**

**All parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book.**

**Liturgy Spotlight . . .**

Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration.

Good celebrations foster and nourish faith.

Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it.



(Music in Catholic Worship, par.6)

**Eucharistic Revival**

*“Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world.”*



*-Saint Maximillian Kolbe*

**Help Decorating the Church**

The Worship Commission is looking for help in decorating our worship space for Advent and for Christmas.

On **Friday Nov 27th**, at 9AM we will be removing all the Ordinary Time decor and setting up the Advent banners and altar cloths and the Advent Wreath.



On **Dec 16th** we will meet at **9:15AM** to put together the Nativity scene ( which we promise will be much easier this year!!).



Then on **Dec 23rd**, also at **9:15**, we will be taking down all the Advent decorations and getting our Church ready for Christmas!



If you will be available on any or all of these days, please either call the parish office or tell one of the Worship Commission members. *Thank you for being true servants of our parish!*



Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).  
Type “Christ the Servant Catholic Church” into the search bar.





**Ladies 55 and Over Christmas Luncheon**

**Date:** Tuesday  
December 10, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00 pm



**Clara's Restaurant**

6550 Illinois Rt. 53

**Woodridge**

Family Style meal—Private Room

Please RSVP by December 31st,

Payment \$40.00 due by December 5th.

Please Contact Rita Sisko: 708-721-1259 or  
**Andie Wolfe: 630-926-7444**

**Calling All Crafters—Craft Show!**

Crafters needed for the annual Christ the Servant—Therese Ranalli Memorial Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 7 & Sunday, Dec. 8. Tables are \$20. Please phone **Donna at 630-209-1488** to reserve a table.



The memorial craft show is a great time for Christmas shopping or regular gift shopping. Look for us the weekend of December 7th and 8th.

**Church News.**

- Thanksgiving Sharing meal sign-up**, Nov. 16-17.
- Green Team Recycling Event, Saturday Nov. 16.**
- Knights Wine Basket raffle**, Nov. 23/24
- Thanksgiving meal drop-off at the Church:**  
Nov. 23-Non-perishable, Nov/24-Turkeys, by 12:30pm
- Thanksgiving Day**, Mass 10:00 am
- Advent/Christmas Church decorating**, please come help us set-up, Fri. Nov. 29.
- Christmas Sharing meal sign-up**, Nov. 30 & Dec 1.
- 1st Sunday of Advent**, December 1.
- Craft Show** Dec 7-8: before/after Masses
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec 8, Not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
- Ladies Christmas Luncheon**, Dec 10, Clara's 1 pm
- RF Christmas Event-Ancient Days, Live Nativity**, Tuesday evening, December 17.
- Reconciliation**, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:00 pm
- Church Nativity Scene set-up**, please come help us set-up, Monday, December 23, 9:00 am.

**THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SHARING**

Annually, Christ the Servant invites parishioners to help make Thanksgiving and Christmas a special time for our neighbors in need. The West Suburban Community Party supplies us with a list of families needing a holiday dinner. Parishioners have an opportunity to provide either a turkey or the rest of the meal (the "fixings").

**Thanksgiving Drop-off of Food NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY**

may be dropped off Saturday, Nov. 23 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

**TURKEYS & FIXINGS** may be

dropped off Sunday, Nov. 24, from

8:00 to 10:30 am. The families will be picking up their meals at Christ the Servant Church between 11 am and 12:30 pm.



*Thank you in advance for helping make our neighbors in need have a Happy Thanksgiving.*

**Christmas Sharing—Christmas Sign-ups**

Christmas sign-ups will be Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, & Dec. 7th/8th at each Mass. Sign-up to donate food, gift cards or gifts to a family in need.

**Donations will be dropped off Sunday, Dec. 15 between 8AM and Noon.** Distribution of food, gift cards & gifts will be Sunday, Dec 15th.

**Knights of Columbus Wine Basket Raffle November 23/24**



The Knights of Columbus Council #5918 has started our first ever Wine Basket raffle. **Tickets are \$5 for one or 3 tickets for \$10.** We have baskets containing all white wine or one red wine.

Even if wine is not your thing, this makes a great Christmas gift for that someone special.

Drawing is December 18th at our monthly meeting. We will be selling raffle tickets before and after all masses the weekend of November 23rd-24th at Christ the Servant Church. If you're interested and will not be at the respective masses, please text or call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952.

**Take care and keep God in your hearts!**

**Thank You**

Thanks to everyone who purchased play and raffle tickets, donated supplies, and/or attended "Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun" play and Grand Raffle. This was another fun and successful fundraiser for CTS!

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are committed to helping your child come to know and love God and to help your family grow in their faith. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org)

## Religious Formation's Grand Event



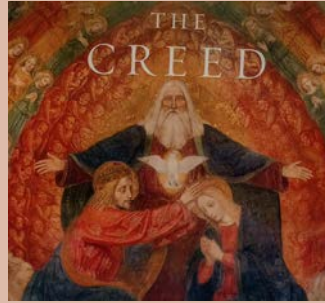
Thank you to everyone who joined us for Religious Formation's "Grand Event" celebration. We are so proud of students who spent the afternoon doing something to thank their Grandparents for that they do for them. May God bless all of our Grandparents and Grand-friends



**No Religious Formation Classes**  
**Religious Formation Classes will not meet on November 25-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Classes will resume the week of December 2.**

## Adult Study: The Creed



Christ the Servant will be providing an adult study "the Creed" on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm**. There is no cost to join the study and participants may come to as many

sessions as they are able attend.

**November 18:** God, the Father Almighty

**November 25:** Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son

**December 2:** He Suffered Death

**December 9:** Holy Spirit, Giver of Life

The Creed, a new film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.



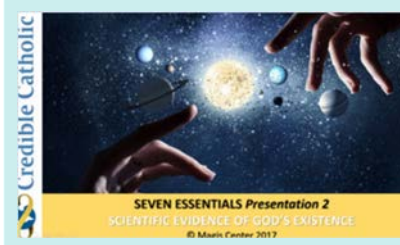
Would your child be interested in helping at the Thanksgiving Mass?

Call or message Christine Goba for more information.

## Confirmation Presentation: "Scientific Evidence of God's Existence"

All Confirmation students are asked to attend Wednesday,

December 4 at the 6:30-7:45 class for a presentation by Deacon Anthony Clishem on Scientific Evidence of God's Existence. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend also.





**Religious Formation Upcoming Dates**

- November 18** 7:00-8:15 PM Adult Study on the Creed
- November 18/19/20** Regular classes
- November 21** 7:00-8:15 PM Adult Study on Luke
- November 25** 7:00-8:15 PM Adult Study on the Creed
- November 25/26/27** No RF classes—Thanksgiving break
- November 28 (Thursday)** 10 AM RF Family Mass
- December 2/3/4** Regular classes
- December 9/10/11** Regular classes
- December 17 (Tuesday)** RF Christmas Event: “Ancient of Days”

**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.

Starting this Thursday, November 21, 2024

**Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**



Please join us for this 8-part study and video series on the Gospel of Luke. We will meet **every other Thursday at 7:00-8:15**

- November 21** Introduction to Luke
- December 5** The Early Life of Jesus
- December 12** Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

Mark Your Calendar for Religious Formation’s

**Christmas Program  
 “Ancient of Days”**



that will be held on **Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm.**

Families are invited to the Religious Formation Christmas Celebration “Ancient of Days” on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm. 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](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org) or 630-910-0770. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, November 17**

8:30 AM Jean Rendak, req. Gierut & Rendak families  
 10:00 AM Antonio Teves Sr. & Dante Teves, req. family

**Monday, November 18**

8:30 AM St. Luke Parish, Carol Stream

**Tuesday, November 19**

8:30 AM Corpus Christi Parish, Carol Stream

**Wednesday, November 20**

8:30 AM For the future of Christ the Servant Parish

**Thursday, November 21**

8:30 AM Immaculate Conception Parish, Braidwood

**Friday, November 22**

8:30 AM For the future Christ the Servant Parish

**Saturday, November 23**

4:45 PM Bernice C. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron  
 Deceased members of the Dennis family, req. Pat & Debi Savage  
 Holy Souls that are near to Heaven & Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Zenaida Cruz  
 Tommy Dongarra, req. family

**Sunday, November 24**

8:30 AM Tommy Dongarra, req. family  
 Michele Oriente, req. family  
 10:00 AM Thomas Peck, req. Gregory & Beverly Peck  
 Tommy Dongarra, req. family



Readings for the week of November 17, 2024

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/Lk 18:35-43

**Tues:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

**Wed:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Prayers for the Sick

Bill Amplo	Jessica James	Parker Ramirez
Mary Bastuga	Rayna Januska	Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Barbara Bayro	Ed Jascewsky	Lolit Rancho
Frank Bayro	Madeline Jascewsky	Genevieve Ragnanese
Pam Baxter	Rich Johnson	John Rossi
Sharon Bhaskar	Roy Kastner III	Sonja Rudny
Jim Brabec	Paul Knight	Steve Ryba
Renee Brennan	Ann Kopp	Karen Salvio
Douglas Bruno	Barb Kosiek	Jim Sanders
Pat Chang	Mike Leach	Rita Sisko
Vic Cordes	Robert Losik	Marlene Snedeker
Michael Durkovic Sr	Marta Lucarelli	Bill Snellenburger
Rudy Durkovic	Cathy Magee	Jennifer Stile
Ray DiGrazia	Joyce Maples	Dan Szymanski
Fr. Bob Duda	Jan May	Dennis Szulc
Marge Felix	Donna Mays	Michelle Toro
Cheryl Feltz	Arturo Mendez	Mary Vanderplow
John M. Foresman	Robert Mizek	Jim Verdi
Marty Foy	Anna Moneghini	Bill Wagner
Mary Chap-Grigar	Laura Murphy	Judy Ward
Bill Hartig	Chuck Neal	Nancy Warnecke
Michael Harris	Carmen Pegnatiello	Patricia Wheeler
Carolyn Heinrich	Nam Pham	
Carol Hendrich	Alie Phillips	
Fred Huth	Jim Phillips	
Brian Jackson	Janice Proskoy	
Cathy Jackson	Bob Pluta	



WITH HEARTFELT  
**SYMPATHY**

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”

We pray for those who Serve Our Country

**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

**Patrick Judge**, nephew of Mary & Bob Glaz

**Brock Ketcham**, cousin of Jean Durran

**Kade Ketcham**, cousin of Jean Durran

**Jim Kikilas**, godson of Pat & Debi Savage

**Andrew McGraw**, nephew of Ann & Mike Andreshak

**Joshua Plucinski**, grandson of Joan Kurtz

**Dan Ward**, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward

Please call the parish office to add a name: 630-910-0770.



## Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive,  
Woodridge, IL 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*
- Rod Accardi**, Permanent Deacon  
*dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org*
- Bryn Wildman**, Bus. Mgr (part-time) Ext. 102  
*bryn@ctswoodridge.org*
- Christine Goba**, Religious Formation Director  
*cgoba@rcdoj.org* Ext. 103
- Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
*janet@ctswoodridge.org* Ext. 104
- Nova Baranski**, Bookkeeper Ext. 102
- Mary Goba**, Admin Assistant Ext. 102

**Commission Chairpersons**

- Robert Ramirez**, Pastoral Council Co-Chair
- Bill Yunker**, Pastoral Council Co-Chair
- Ed Koch**, Administration/Finance
- Bill Yunker**, Christian Service
- Donna Ciolek**, Parish Life Chair
- Bill Ciolek**, Religious Formation
- Chris Bojanowski**, Worship

## Calendar of Events

**Sun, November 17**  
8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
**Monday, November 18**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
7:00 pm—Adult study “Creed”  
7:00 pm—P&SJ meeting  
**Tuesday, November 19**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
12:30 pm—mahjong  
**Wed, November 20**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
**Thurs., November 21**  
8:30 am—daily mass  
9:30 am—yoga  
4:45 & 6:30 choir practice  
**Friday, November 22**  
8:30 am— communion service  
**Saturday, November 23**  
4:45 pm—mass  
**Sunday, November 24**  
8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
  
Knights Wine Raffle sales Sat. & Sunday

### Upcoming Events Calendar

**Nov 18:** Adult Study “Creed” 7:00 pm  
**Nov 18:** P&SJ meeting 7:00 pm  
**Nov 19:** Mahjong  
**Nov 21:** yoga 9:30 am  
**Nov 21:** Youth & adult choir practice  
**Nov 23:** Thanksgiving food non-perishable drop-off to 12:30 pm  
**Nov 23:** Knights Wine Raffle  
**Nov 24:** Christ the King  
**Nov 24:** Thanksgiving turkey drop-off to 12:30 pm  
**Nov 25:** Adult study “Creed” 7:00 pm  
**Nov 28:** Mass 10:00 am  
**Nov 29:** Offices are closed

## Parish Giving

**NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025**  
Parish Expenses \$ 8,700.00  
Total Needed \$ **8,700.00**

**CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 5—Nov 12**

Sunday	\$ 4,591.00
Other Donations	\$ 4,545.00
General Funds	\$ 495.00
Restricted	\$ 686.78
Capital Projects	\$ 105.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,422.78</b>

**Differential this period:**  
Needed: \$ 8,700.00  
Reported Income \$ 10,422.78  
Difference this period (+) \$ **1,722.78**

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

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Faith Forward	\$ 30.00
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Active Members 1309

**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. A free, online will-writing tool is available through the Diocese of Joliet. Visit [FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet](http://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.

**Creation Care Corner**

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

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 will 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!

*“The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.”*  
- Pope Francis

**2024 GOAL**  
**\$42,900**

**PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:**  
42,900 as of November 10, 2024.

**AMOUNT PLEDGED:** \$44,169  
**AMOUNT PAID:** \$42,784  
**BALANCE DUE:** \$1,385  
**DONORS THIS YEAR:** 226  
**2024 REBATE AMOUNT:** \$0

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