

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



November 24, 2024

Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 28th
10:00 am

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 4:30pm

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- Jn 18:37

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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

Prayer opens our hearts to the Lord, and the Holy Spirit changes our lives when He enters. We should therefore pray, so that our hearts are opened to make space for the Spirit.

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 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.



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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Liturgy Spotlight

We bring as a part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God the multitude of interests represented in the assembly.

The challenge each Sunday is to make everyone feels included without diminishing who we are - body of Christ assembled to make visible the Church - and what we are about - participating together in the paschal mystery.
(Liturgical Ministry 12 (Spring 2003))

Eucharistic Revival



Since Christ Himself has said,



"This is my Body," who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?

-Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Help Decorating the Church

The Worship Commission is looking for many hands to help decorate our worship space for Advent and for Christmas.

On **Friday Nov. 29th, 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 **Monday, Dec. 16th** we will meet at **9:15AM** to put together the Nativity scene (we promise, it will be much easier this year!!).



Then on **Monday, Dec. 23rd, 8:00 am**, we will be taking down all the Advent decorations and getting our Church ready for Christmas!

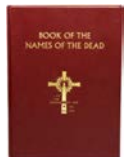


If you will be available on any or all of these days, please either call the parish office or tell one of the Worship Commission members.
Thank you for being true servants of our parish!



Book of the Dead

The **Book of the Dead** has been placed outside the Eucharistic Chapel. All parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book during the month of November.



Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. 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 1st,

Payment \$40.00 due by December 5th.

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

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Annually, Christ the Servant invites parishioners to help make Thanksgiving and Christmas a special time for our neighbors in need.

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.



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.

Please call **Donna at 630-209-1488** to reserve a
table. Tables are \$20, donation made to CTS.

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

Thanksgiving Week

November 25 through November 30

Daily Mass: Mon. Tues. & Wednesday 8:30 am

There will be no adult or
youth classes this week.

Monday—Parish office closes
at 4:00 pm.

Tuesday—Parish office closes
at 4:00 pm.

Wednesday—Parish office
closes at **noon.**

Wednesday—R.F. students meet in the Church
to practice for Mass at 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday—**Thanksgiving Mass 10:00 am.**
(no 8:30 Mass on Thanksgiving day)

Friday—Communion service 8:30 am

Sat & Sunday—1st week Advent—

Lighting of the first candle in the Advent wreath.
Also, Christmas food and gifts sign-up continues.



Church News.

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, 9:00 am

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

No Mass, Monday, December 23rd.

Church Nativity Scene set-up, please come help
us set-up, Monday, December 23, 8:00 am.

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.



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 Church, please
text or call Joe Testolin at 630-901-5952.**

Take care and keep God in your hearts!

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. For more information call Christine at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org

Thank You



A big thank you for supporting Religious Formation's Toiletory Tree Giving Tree for Downers Grove FISH. It was a bid success!

No Religious Formation Classes



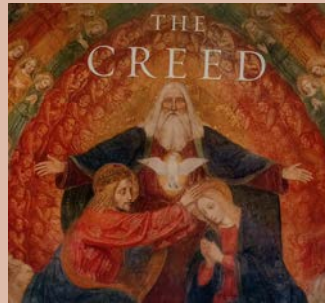
Religious Formation Classes will not meet on November 25-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes will resume the week of December 2.



"Ancient of Days"
LIVE Nativity and Family Activities
CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH

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 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 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

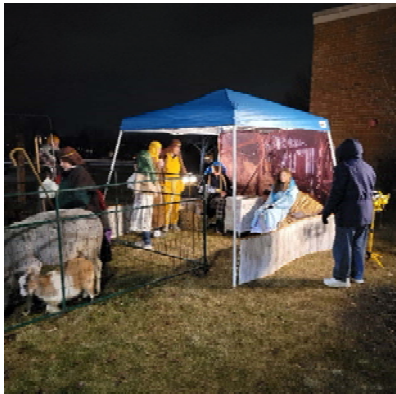
December 2/3/4 Regular classes

December 9/10/11 Regular classes

December 17 (Tuesday) RF Christmas Event: "Ancient of Days"

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

or 630-910-0770. Thank you!

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

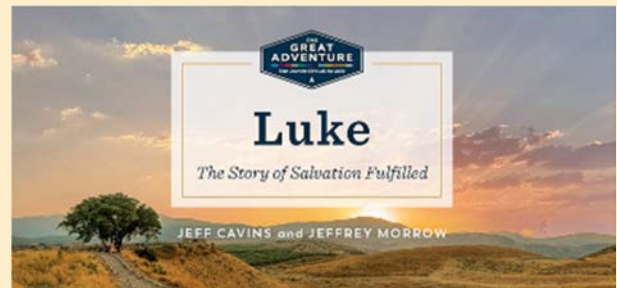
\$100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament

\$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.

Adult Study: Every Other Thursday

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**

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Joe Florio, req. Florio family

Monday, November 25

8:30 AM St. Joseph Parish, Bradley

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 AM St. Gregory Parish, Bourbonnais

Wednesday, November 27

8:30 AM Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish,
Bourbonnais

Thursday, November 28

8:30 AM For the future Christ the Servant Parish

Friday, November 29

8:30 AM Andrew Iovito Sr., req. Andie Wolfe

Saturday, November 30

4:45 PM Fr. Francis S. Rog, C.R., req. Barry J. Deron
Dr. Rev. Levi Oracion, req. family & friends
Henry Markham & Louise Downes, req. Dawson
family

Sunday, December 1

8:30 AM The John Frale family, req. family
10:00 AM The Slavik family, req. Donna & Bill Ciolek



Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Prayers for the Sick

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



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

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Phone: (630) 910-0770
Fax: (630) 910-6060
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

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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 24—Christ the King

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Thanksgiving food drop-off.

Monday, November 25

8:30 am—daily mass
4:00 pm—parish office closes early
7:00 pm—Adult study “Creed” cancelled

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 am—daily mass
4:00 pm—parish offices closes

Wed, November 27

8:30 am—daily mass
Noon—parish offices close at noon.

Thurs., November 28

10:00 am—Thanksgiving Mass

Parish offices are closed

Friday, November 29

8:30 am—communion service
Parish offices are closed

Saturday, November 30

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, December 1—Lent Begins

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass



Upcoming Events Calendar

Nov 24: Thanksgiving turkey drop-off to 12:30 pm
Nov 25: Adult study “Creed” 7:00 pm
Nov 25-26 Parish office closing at 4:00 pm
Nov 27: Parish Office closes at noon.
Nov 28: Thanksgiving Mass 10:00 am
Nov 28: yoga cancelled
Nov 29: Offices are closed
Nov 30: Christmas Sharing—food donation sign-up
Dec 1: Lent Begins
Dec 1: Christmas Sharing—food donation sign-up
Dec 3: Mahjong 12:30 pm

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2024–2025

Parish Expenses \$ 8,700.00
Total Needed \$ 8,700.00

CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 13—Nov 19

Sunday \$ 4,402.00
Other Donations \$ 2,190.00
General Funds \$ 15.00
Restricted \$ 417.00
Capital Projects \$ 135.00
Total: \$ 7,159.00

Differential this period:

Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 7,159.00
Difference this period (-) \$ **1,541.00**

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

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Cash for Food \$ 15.00
Green Team E-recycling \$ 1,095.00
Thanksgiving/Hopes Front Door: \$ 50.00

Active Members 1309

God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!



Creation Care Corner

Gratitude, Generosity and Stewardship

In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to imitate God's generosity, calling for an attitude of "...gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works."

Pope Francis further explains, "One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom.

That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." (LS 222, 227).

We show our respect and gratitude to the Creator by our stewardship and recognition of his bountiful creation as a precious gift requiring our care.

Happy Thanksgiving Week!

2024
GOAL
\$42,900



PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
42,900 as of November 17, 2024.

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$44,219
AMOUNT PAID: \$42,909
BALANCE DUE: \$1,310
DONORS THIS YEAR: 226
2024 REBATE AMOUNT: \$0

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