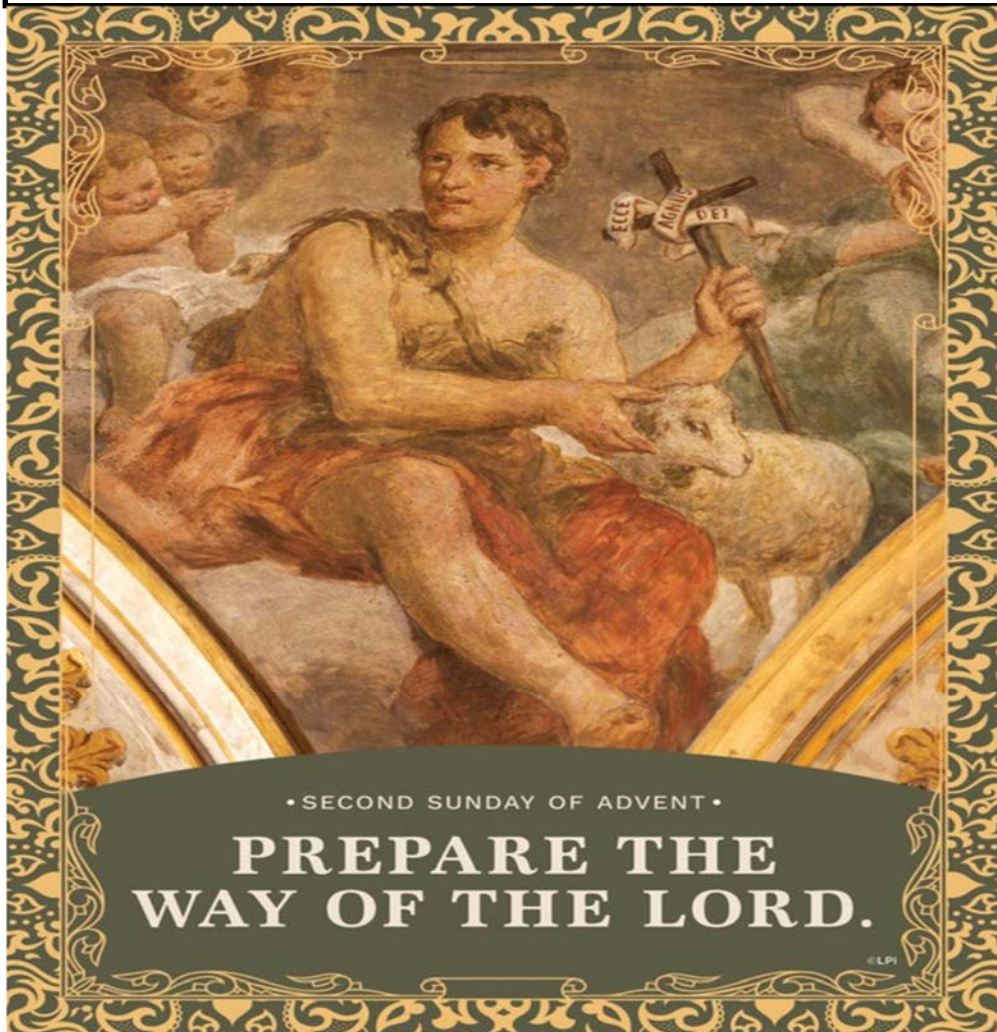


# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



**December 8, 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 4:30pm

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  
Let us Pray Together that this Jubilee 2025 may strengthen our faith, help us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our daily lives, and transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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/UC1tH8tH8tH8tH8tH8tH8tH8).

**Help Decorating the Church**

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

**\*Revised Date\***



On **Thursday, Dec. 19th** we will meet at **9:15AM** to put together the Nativity scene.



Then on **Monday, Dec. 23rd, 8:00 am**, we will be taking down the Advent decorations & decorating our Church 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*

**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!*

*St. Anthony Mary Claret*

**Thanksgiving Sharing**

CTS Church members,  
Thank you so much for donating Thanksgiving Turkeys and food baskets!  
The CTS Parish made many Woodridge families very happy !



A big Thank you to our youngest Turkey donators Jackson and Lucy!



A big shout out to Joan, Bob, Anne, Jim, Chuck, Heather, AJ, Monica, Joann, Rick, Mary and Bryn Thank you!  
I could not do this without you!  
Sincere gratefulness.....Denice

**Liturgy Spotlight . . . .**

The Advent Scriptures call attention to a people that prepares for the birth of their Savior in the hurried acquisition of gifts-a manner very different from a silent, peaceful waiting in darkness for the piercing of light.



-Liturgical Ministry 16

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

**Thank You From the West Suburban Pantry**

A thank you letter from the West Suburban Community Pantry was received in the Parish Office. Maeven Sipes, Chief Executive Officer wished to thank the Christ the Servant Parishioners for your in-kind donation of 322 pounds of non-perishable food and produced, received in October.



The West Suburban Community Pantry connects & feeds over 6,000. In February and March the pantry will be in very high need of various soups.



**Christmas Sharing Donations Drop-Off Dates**

Please drop-off the gift card you signed-up to donate to either Denice, Joan or Ann at the Holiday Sharing Table in the narthex or to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 11th.

**Food donations need to be dropped off Sat. Dec. 14, at 4:00 pm & Sunday, December 15 between 8AM and Noon.** Distribution of food, gift cards & gifts will be that same day, Sunday, December 15th, during the afternoon.

Thank you!



**What Are Advent Candles?**

Advent candles are the four candles that you see in the Advent wreath. There are 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle on the wreath, and each candle has its own significance and meaning.

**Purple Advent Candles**

The color purple has been significant in the Catholic Church for years, and it remains to be the color of the priest's vestments during the advent and Lenten season. This color may also symbolize the waiting and longing for the coming of Christ.

**Pink Advent Candle**

In the advent wreath, the color pink represents joy. This particular candle is lit with significant timing that signals that something great is coming soon.

When are the Advent Candles Lit? The advent candles are not lit all at the same time. There are four Sundays in Advent before Christmas, and every Sunday you light one candle from the wreath.



**Advent Candles Order of Lighting:**

- Week 1: Purple
- Week 2: Purple
- Week 3: Pink
- Week 4: Purple

**Church News**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec 9, Not a Holy Day of Obligation, daily Mass 8:30 am only.**

**Ladies Christmas Luncheon, Dec 10, Clara's 1 pm**

**Live Nativity—RF Christmas Event-Ancient Days, Tuesday evening, Dec.17, 6 - 8 pm. Everyone Come!**

**Reconciliation, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:00 pm.** Two priests will hear confessions this evening.

**Nativity set-up, Help appreciated, Dec.19, 9:15 am**  
**Simbang Gabi Mass, Thursday, Dec.19, 7:00 pm**

**No Mass, Monday, December 23rd.**

**Church Christmas Decor set-up, please come help with set-up, Monday, December 23, starting 8:00 am.**

**Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 pm, Children's Mass**

**Christmas Eve Mass: 10:00 pm**

**Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 am**

**Ladies 55 and Over Christmas Luncheon**

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



**Clara's Restaurant**  
 6550 Illinois Rt. 53  
**Woodridge**

**Please RSVP: Andie Wolfe: 630-926-7444**

# Religious Formation News

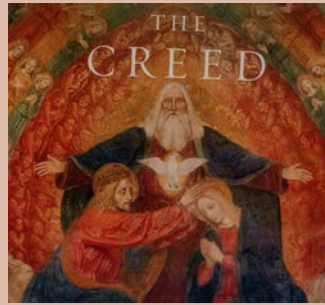
## CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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)

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped at Thanksgiving Mass! Special thank you to CTS' Youth Choir for leading us in song!



## 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.

### **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.



SCAN QR CODE

## GRADUATING SENIORS CONNECT HERE

Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

[signupnc.newmanministry.com](http://signupnc.newmanministry.com)



**Live Nativity**  
and Experience life during the time of **Jesus**

Tuesday, December 17, from 6:00-8:00pm  
at Christ the Servant Church



Would your child be interested in helping at the 4:00 PM Christmas Mass?

Call or message Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at [cgoba@rcdoj.org](mailto:cgoba@rcdoj.org) for more information.

## Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

**December 9/10/11** Regular classes

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

**December 18-January 5** Winter Break, no classes

**January 6/7/8** Regular classes

**January 13/14/15** Regular classes

**January 20/21/22** Regular classes

**January 24 (Friday)** Youth Group Activity

**January 27/28/29** Regular classes

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!

## 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

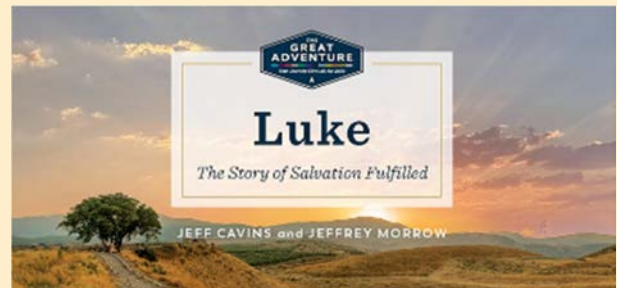
\$100.00 will pay for the Sacrament fee of a child who cannot afford the fees for receiving a Sacrament

\$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 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, December 8**

8:30 AM Rich Buch, req. Marge Buch family  
 10:00 AM James Sullivan, req. Carole Sullivan

**Monday, December 9**

8:30 AM For the future Christ the Servant Parish

**Tuesday, December 10**

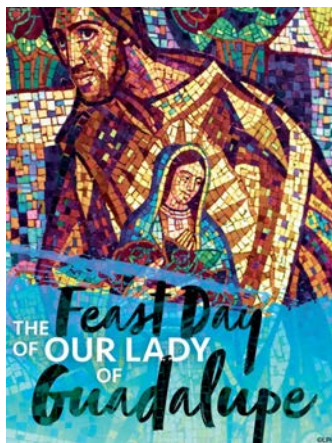
8:30 AM St. Alexis Parish, Bensenville

**Wednesday, December 11**

8:30 AM Stanley A. Deron, req. Barry J. Deron

**Thursday, December 12**

8:30 AM For the future Christ the Servant Parish  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe



**Friday, November 13**

8:30 AM St. Mary Parish, Beaverville

**Saturday, December 14**

4:45 PM Bill Kolodziej, req. Helene Peslak

**Sunday, December 15**

8:30 AM For the future Christ the Servant Parish  
 10:00 AM Carol Hendrich, req. JoAnn Santoro

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sun: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sun: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Prayers for the Sick

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|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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](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](mailto:FRBob@ctswoodridge.org)

**Rod Accardi**, Permanent Deacon  
[dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org)

**Bryn Wildman**, Bus. Mgr (part-time) *Ext. 102*  
[bryn@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:bryn@ctswoodridge.org)

**Christine Goba**, Religious Formation Director  
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**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
[janet@ctswoodridge.org](mailto: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, December 8 - Craft Show

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass  
Christmas gift card drop-off.

### Monday, December 9

8:30 am—daily mass-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
7:00 pm—Adult study “Creed”

### Tuesday, December 10

8:30 am—daily mass

### Wed, December 11

8:30 am—daily mass

### Thurs., December 12

8:30 am—daily mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe  
9:30 am—yoga  
4:45 pm & 6:30 pm—choir practice

### Friday, December 13

8:30 am—communion service

### Saturday, December 14

4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, December 15

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

**Christmas Food Drop-Off Sat. & Sun.**

### Upcoming Events Calendar

**Dec 9:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Not a holy day of obligation this year. 8:30 Mass only.

**Dec 12:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Dec 12:** yoga 9:30 am

**Dec 12:** youth choir 4:45 pm

**Dec 12:** adult choir 6:30

**Dec 12** adult sacrament preparation 7 pm

**Dec 14/15:** Christmas food drop-off

Saturday: 4:00 pm, Sunday 8-12:30 pm

**Dec 17:** RF Live Nativity—Ancient of Days

**Dec 18:** Parish Confessions—2 priests 7pm

**Dec 19:** Help with Décor set-up 9:15 am

**Dec 19:** Simbang Gabi Mass 7:00 pm

## Parish Giving

### NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025

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

### CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 20 to Nov 26

Sunday \$ 3,989.00  
Other Donations \$ 2,285.00  
General Funds \$ 95.00  
Restricted \$ 1,428.64  
Capital Projects \$ 25.00  
**Total: \$ 7,822.64**

### Differential this period:

Needed: \$ 8,700.00  
Reported Income \$ 7,822.64  
Difference this period (-) \$ **877.36**

### CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov 26 to Dec 3

Sunday \$ 6,022.00  
**Other Donations \$ 2,775.00**  
General Funds \$ 20.00  
Restricted \$ 395.00  
Capital Projects \$ 360.00  
**Total: \$ 9,572.00**

### Differential this period:

Needed: \$ 8,700.00  
Reported Income \$ 9,572.00  
Difference this period (+) \$ **872.00**

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Cash for Food \$ 40.00  
Christmas \$ 200.00  
Holiday Sharing—Knights \$ 500.00  
R.F. Christmas Program \$ 500.00

### Knights of Columbus

Thanksgiving/Hopes Front Door:  
\$ 887.00

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

**Active Members 1309**

## Creation Care Corner

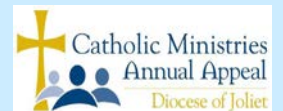
Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.....

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

2024  
**GOAL**  
\$42,900



**PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:**  
42,900 as of December 1, 2024.

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$45,569  
AMOUNT PAID: \$44,584  
BALANCE DUE: \$985  
DONORS THIS YEAR: 228  
2024 REBATE: \$1,179

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