

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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December 22, 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
Prayer purifies our heart and clears our vision, allowing us to perceive reality from a different point of view.



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Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Family Mass
Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve - Late Evening Mass
Tuesday, December 24 - 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, December 24 - 10:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28 - 4:45 pm
Sunday, December 29 - 8:30 & 10:00 am

Solmenity of Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1 - 10:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 4 - 4:45 pm
Sunday, January 5 - 8:30 & 10:00 am

Baptism of the Lord
Saturday, January 11 - 4:45 pm
Sunday, January 12 - 8:30 & 10:00 am

Help Decorating the Church
The Worship Commission is looking for hands to help decorate our worship space for Christmas.

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 please call the parish office or tell one of the Worship Commission members.


Thank you for being true servants of our parish!



Liturgy Spotlight . . .
Christmas 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 suitably pointed out by that just man, Joseph. Christmas invites us to a life of virtue and grace, basking in the Light that has come to dispel darkness.

- Liturgical Ministry 16

Eucharistic Revival



Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.
-Matthew 11:28-30

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

Christmas Sharing
Thanks so much for all the donations of food, gift cards and wrapped gifts.



Reconciliation
Neighboring Churches
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Thurs. Dec. 19, 7pm

St. Elizabeth Seton
2220 Lisson Rd
Naperville
Thurs. Dec. 19, 7pm

St. Mary of Gostyn
445 Prairie Av
Downers Grove
Thurs. Dec. 19, 6:30pm
to 8:00pm



The beautiful flowers on the altar in memory
Henry Barkowski
Lovingly,
Ciolek family



Church News.
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
December 26: 8:30 am daily mass.
December 26: Offices are closed.

Grateful for Neighbors
Hope's Front Door
This holiday season, we are profoundly grateful for neighbors like you who walk alongside us in the mission to serve those in need. At Hope's Front Door, the service we provide, whether it's assistance with food, transportation, prescription medication, or access to oral and vision healthcare or education programs like financial literacy and job readiness are truly life-changing & in some cases, life saving. Because of your generosity, we've been able to make an immediate and meaningful difference for more than 6,500 adults and children across DuPage County. This year alone, we've assisted 360 additional households compared to last year.
Thank you for your generosity, donating the CTS Thanksgiving Mass collection, and the Ladies 55 and over Lunch group financial donation. Together, we can continue to provide the Gift of Hope to our neighbors in need.
With warm regards,
Janell Robinson, Executive Director
Hope's Front Door



Religious Formation News

CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

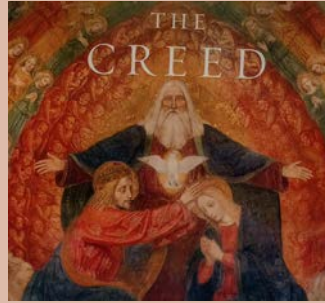


We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is

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

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 23: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic

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.

Religious Formation Classes

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Classes available on either
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or eLearning
For info call 630-910-0770

Amazing things happen here!



- *Welcoming
- *Fun
- *Flexible
- *Educational
- *Affordable



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 for more information.



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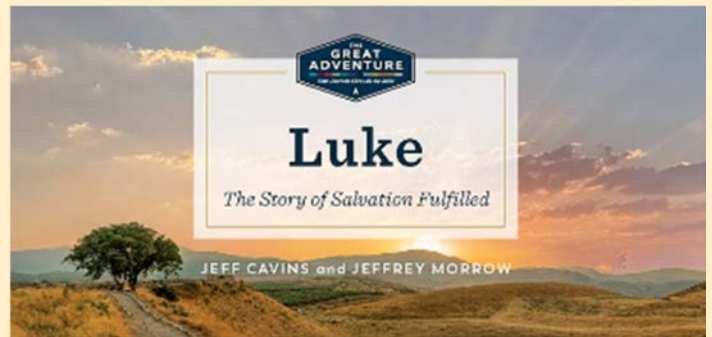
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Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

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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**

January 2 The Mission and Miracles of Jesus
January 16 Sharing in Jesus' Mission

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.

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- 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
- January 29 (Wednesday)** Confirmation Speaker presentation on "Why Be Catholic?"
- February 3/4/5** Regular classes

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at Religious Formation's Christmas Program, 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.



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)

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

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Kathy Chandler & Jessica Marshall,
req. Chandler family
Bob Haas, req. Elena Haas
Edward Johnson, req. MaryRose George
10:00 AM Thomas Peck req. Greg & Beverly Peck
Edward Johnson, req. MaryRose George

Monday, December 23

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM The future of Christ the Servant Parish
10:00 PM Henry Barkowski, req. Ciolek family

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 AM Richard Iovito, req. Andie Wolfe
Dan Tegmeyer, req. Janice Thomas

Thursday, December 26

8:30 AM Gerald Swiatek, req. family

Friday, November 27

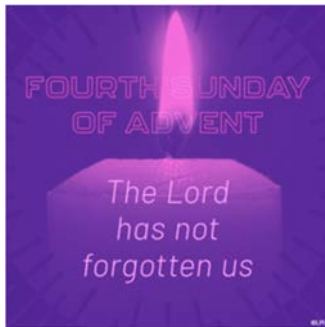
8:30 AM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak

Saturday, December 28

4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, req. Helene Peslak
Holy souls that are near to Heaven and poor souls
In Purgatory, req. Zenaida Cruz

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish
10:00 AM Carmella Florio, req. Florio family



Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wed: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Prayers for the Sick

Bill Amplo	Jessica James	Parker Ramirez
Paul Anandappa	Rayna Januska	Wm. (Bill) Rausch
Mary Bastuga	Ed Jascewsky	Lolit Rancho
Barbara Bayro	Madeline Jascewsky	John Rossi
Frank Bayro	Rich Johnson	Sonja Rudny
Pam Baxter	Roy Kastner III	Steve Ryba
Sharon Bhaskar	Paul Knight	Karen Salvio
Jim Brabec	Ann Kopp	Jim Sanders
Renee Brennan	Barb Kosiek	Rita Sisko
Douglas Bruno	Mike Leach	Marlene Snedeker
Pat Chang	Robert Losik	Bill Snellenburger
Vic Cordes	Marta Lucarelli	Jennifer Stile
Michael Durkovic Sr	Cathy Magee	Dan Szymanski
Rudy Durkovic	Joyce Maples	Dennis Szulc
Ray DiGrazia	Jan May	Michelle Toro
Marge Felix	Donna Mays	Mary Vanderlow
Cheryl Feltz	Arturo Mendez	Jim Verdi
John M. Foresman	Robert Mizek	Bill Wagner
Marty Foy	Anna Moneghini	Judy Ward
Craig Frommelt	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 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”

Hope Kathleen Santay
Josefina Cualing

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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Woodridge, IL 60517
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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

Fr. Bob Duda, Pastor Ext. 101
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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, December 22

8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Monday, December 23

8:30 am—NO daily mass
8:00 am—Christmas décor set-up
Noon—funeral mass

Tues., December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm—Christmas family mass
10:00 pm— Christmas eve mass

Wed, December 25

10:00 am—Christmas mass

Thurs., December 26

8:30 am—daily mass

Friday, December 27

8:30 am— communion service

Saturday, December 28

4:45 pm—mass

Sunday, December 29

Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 am—mass

10:00 am—mass

Wed., January 1, 2025

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 am—Holy Day Mass

Upcoming Events Calendar

Dec 23: Help with Décor set-up 8:00 am
Dec 23: Funeral Mass—noon
Dec 24: Family Mass 4:00 pm
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm
Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am
Dec 26: Daily Mass 8:30 am, Fr. Jim
Dec 27: Communion Service 8:30 am
Dec 28/29: Feast of the Holy Family
Dec 31: New Year's Eve, no evening mass.
Jan 1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, holy day of obligation mass. 10:00 am
Jan 2: Daily Mass 8:30 am
Jan 4/5: The Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Giving

NEEDED WEEKLY:2024–2025

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 11 thru 17.

Sunday \$ 4,950.00
Other Donations \$ 4,590.00
General Funds \$ 191.00
Restricted \$ 245.00
Capital Projects \$ 135.00
Total: \$ 10,111.00

Differential this period:

Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 10,111.00
Difference this period (+) \$ 1,411.00

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christmas \$ 170.00
Christmas Flowers \$ 185.00
Special Donation Hopes Front Door: \$375.00
Special Donation IL Right to Life: \$ 375.00

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

Active Members 1309



2024 GOAL \$42,900



PARISH AMOUNT GOAL:
42,900 as of December 8, 2024.

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$45,969
AMOUNT PAID: \$44,149
BALANCE DUE: \$820
DONORS THIS YEAR: 230
2024 REBATE: \$1,574

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

Creation Care Corner

Laudato Si' on the Incarnation

In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (*Laudato Si'*, 11) Further, he reflects, "In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ's creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word 'became flesh' (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy." (LS, 99)

Joy to you, and to the whole world, this Christmas Season!