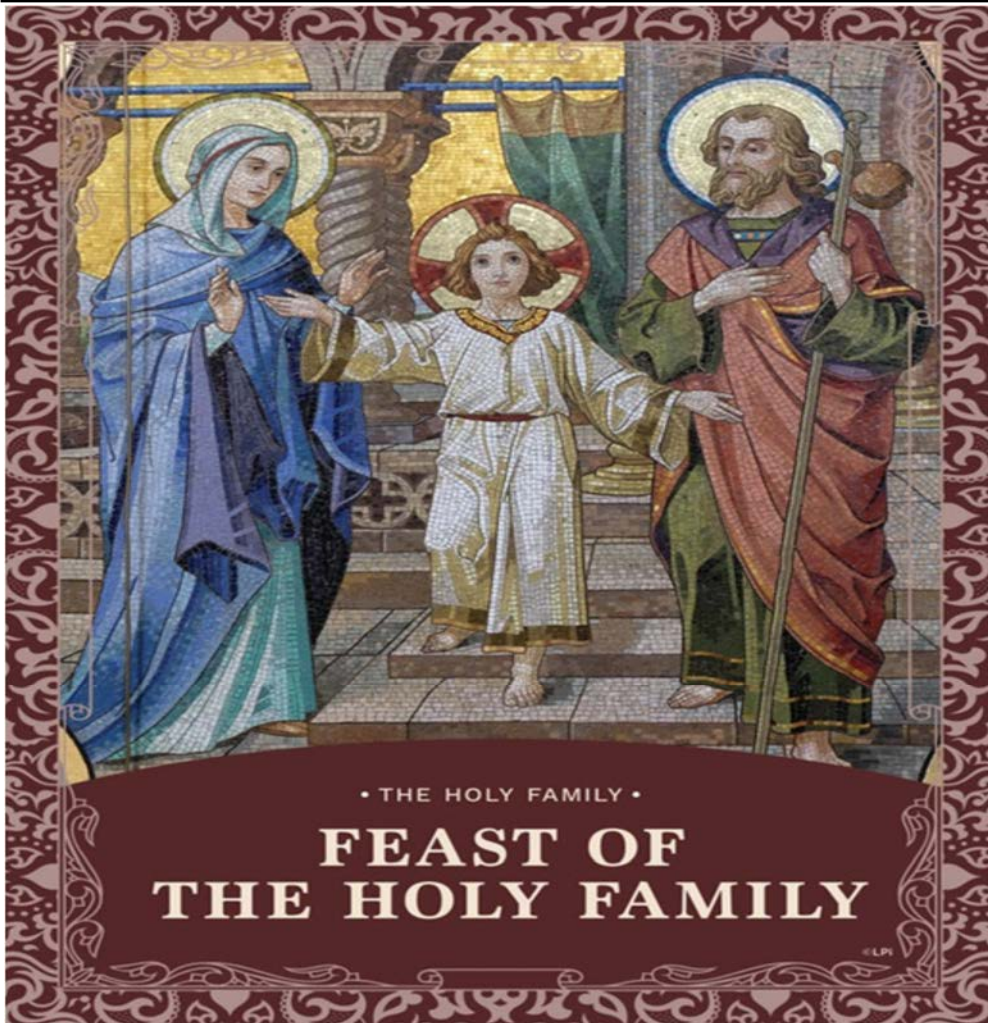


# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



**December 29, 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 invoke the Holy Spirit to strengthen us as we await the coming of Jesus and ask Him to inspire us to make our world more fraternal.



**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

**Liturgy Spotlight . . . .**

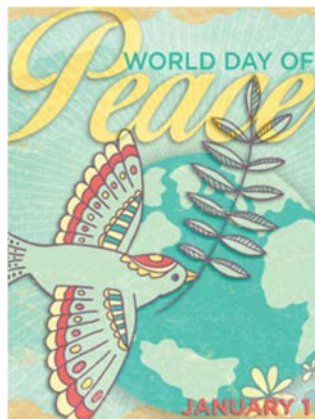
Immediately after Christmas we celebrate the martyrdom of Saint Stephen and of the Holy Innocents. Even amidst our Christmas joy we are reminded that salvation always has its price. We are reminded that our joy calls us to surrender ourselves to God's way, to spend ourselves for the good of others.

- Liturgical Ministry 16



**“World Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Service”**

Ring in the New Year with a celebration of unity. All are welcome to come and pray, Jan. 5, 2025, held at Wentz Hall, North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Av., Naperville.



**Eucharistic Revival**

*How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!*



*Saint Pope Paul VI*

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





## Bishop Hicks' Column January 2025

A year ago, we launched the 75th Jubilee for the Diocese of Joliet. Gallantly, we announced we did not want this milestone to be a "one and done" event. Instead, we committed ourselves to a yearlong commemoration to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to the future with hope.

Not only did we accomplish our goal, but we also did it exceptionally well. Throughout 2024, we spent the year catechizing, evangelizing, and putting our faith into action with podcasts, blogs, calendars, banners, interviews, special prayers, intentions, psalms, a curriculum for our schools and religious education programs, service projects, a speaker series, regional Masses, and participation in the Eucharistic Revival. We kicked off our Jubilee celebration in December 2023 with an all-Diocese mass and the unveiling and blessing of a new statue of our patron saint, Saint Francis Xavier, at the front entrance of our pastoral center. We concluded our Jubilee celebration this past December with an all-Diocese mass and a beautiful commemorative book. By all accounts, our year-long Jubilee celebration was beautiful, well-organized, creative, faith-filled, uplifting, and robust.

With great faith and trust in the Lord, we now take our next steps into year 76 and beyond, following in the footsteps of Christ as Missionary Disciples. I have been asked, "Bishop, do we need to wait 25 years to celebrate another Jubilee?" Here's the good news: while our local diocesan Jubilee has concluded, a new universal Jubilee has just begun

Pope Francis has gifted our worldwide Church by declaring a Jubilee year titled *Spes Non Confundit*, which in English means "Hope Does Not Disappoint." It began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026.

The theme of this universal Church Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope, promoting peacebuilding in a world threatened by war, terrorism, poverty, and climate change. Our world needs true hope more than ever, and the Holy Father wisely recognizes that. He said, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring." While the Pope is excited about visitors to Rome during this special year, he also understands that, realistically, most people are not able to travel to the city of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Therefore, he encourages us all to celebrate in our local churches and communities.

In solidarity with the universal Jubilee year, we will be offering the following Masses here in the Diocese of Joliet:

Jubilee Mass for Deacons: February 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral

Jubilee Mass for Persons with Disabilities: June 1, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Cathedral

Jubilee Mass for Priests: September 16, 2025 (for priests only during Convocation)

Jubilee Mass for Grandparents: October 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral

Jubilee Mass for Consecrated Life: October 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Blanchette Catholic Center (Invitation Only)

Jubilee Mass for Catechists: October 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral

Pope Francis has asked that the Jubilee of 2025 be a "great symphony of prayer" throughout the world. Just as we prayed our beautiful 75th anniversary prayer for the Diocese of Joliet throughout 2024, let us now join the Holy Father in praying the Jubilee year of Hope prayer:

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have gifted us in  
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity  
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us, the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent  
cultivators of the evangelical seeds  
that make humanity and the cosmos rise  
unto the confident expectation  
of the new heavens and the new earth,  
when with the powers of Evil overcome,  
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
the yearning for heavenly treasures  
and pour over all the earth  
the joy and peace  
of our Redeemer.  
To you God blessed in eternity,  
be praise and glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

# Religious Formation News

## CHRIST THE SERVANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION

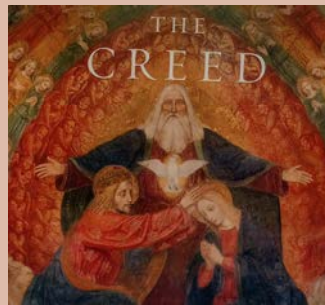


We are excited to assist and accompany your family on their journey of faith here in our parish. The Religious Formation Office is concerned with equipping your child with the skills to develop a personal and grace filled relationship with Jesus. The instruction that we provide for your child is

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)

## 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

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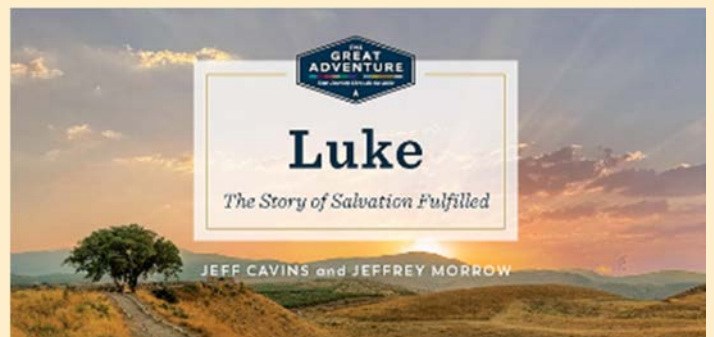
- \*Welcoming
- \*Fun
- \*Flexible
- \*Educational
- \*Affordable



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

Amazing things happen here!

## 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.

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Religious Formation's

Christmas family Mass so beautiful! Special thank you to the Youth Choir for leading us in song!



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## GRADUATING SENIORS **CONNECT HERE**

Join your Catholic faith community on campus today.

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





### 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.

 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 29**

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish  
 10:00 AM Carmella Florio, req. Florio family  
 Josefina Cualing, req. Kristian Cualing  
 Manual Vigilia, req. Terry Cualing

**Monday, December 30**

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

**Tuesday, December 31**

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

**Wednesday, January 1**

10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

**Thursday, January 2**

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

**Friday, January 3**

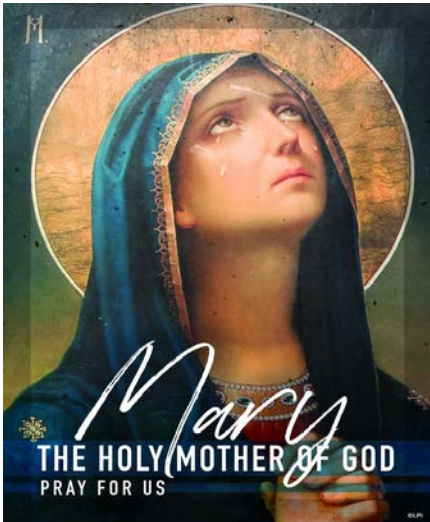
8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

**Saturday, January 4**

4:45 PM Dan Prohaska, req. family

**Sunday, January 5**

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish  
 10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish



Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/  
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/  
 Lk 2:16-21  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Next 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

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”

**Sr. Rita McIvor**  
**Tara Kuspis**

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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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  
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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 29

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass

### Monday, December 30

8:30 am—daily mass

### Tuesday, December 31

8:30 am—daily mass

### Wed, January 1—World Day of Peace

8:30 am—No daily mass

**10:00 am—Mary, The Holy Mother of God Holy Day Mass**



### Thurs., January 2

8:30 am—daily mass

### Friday, January 3

8:30 am— communion service

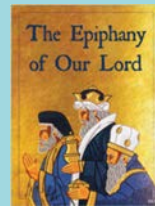
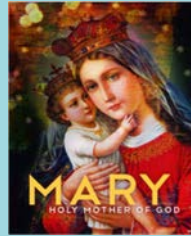
### Saturday, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

4:45 pm—mass

### Sunday, January 5

8:30 am—mass  
10:00 am—mass



## Upcoming Events Calendar

**Dec 30:** Youth choir practice 2-4 pm  
**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  
Parish offices are closed.  
**Jan 2:** Daily Mass 8:30 am  
**Jan 2:** Yoga 9:30 am  
**Jan 2:** Adult choir 6:30 pm  
**Jan 4/5:** The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Jan 6:** Baptism of the Lord  
**Jan 6:** Religious Formation classes resume weekly schedule.  
**Jan 7:** Mahjong 12:30 pm



## 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

### A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature. Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.

The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.

Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."

The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

**What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?**