

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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January 5, 2025

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

Christmas reminds us that God loves us and wants to be with us. Jesus was born because He loves us. This is a marvelous gift, and with it comes another one: we too can love each other as brothers and sisters. How much we need this today!



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

Epiphany is a festival calling us to immerse ourselves in imagery: the journey of the Magi, the star which led them, the gifts they brought. We are a pilgrim people, searching for God's ways, a people who come to fulfillment because of graciousness and self-giving of a loving God.

- Liturgical Ministry 16



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$44,400, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Thank you!

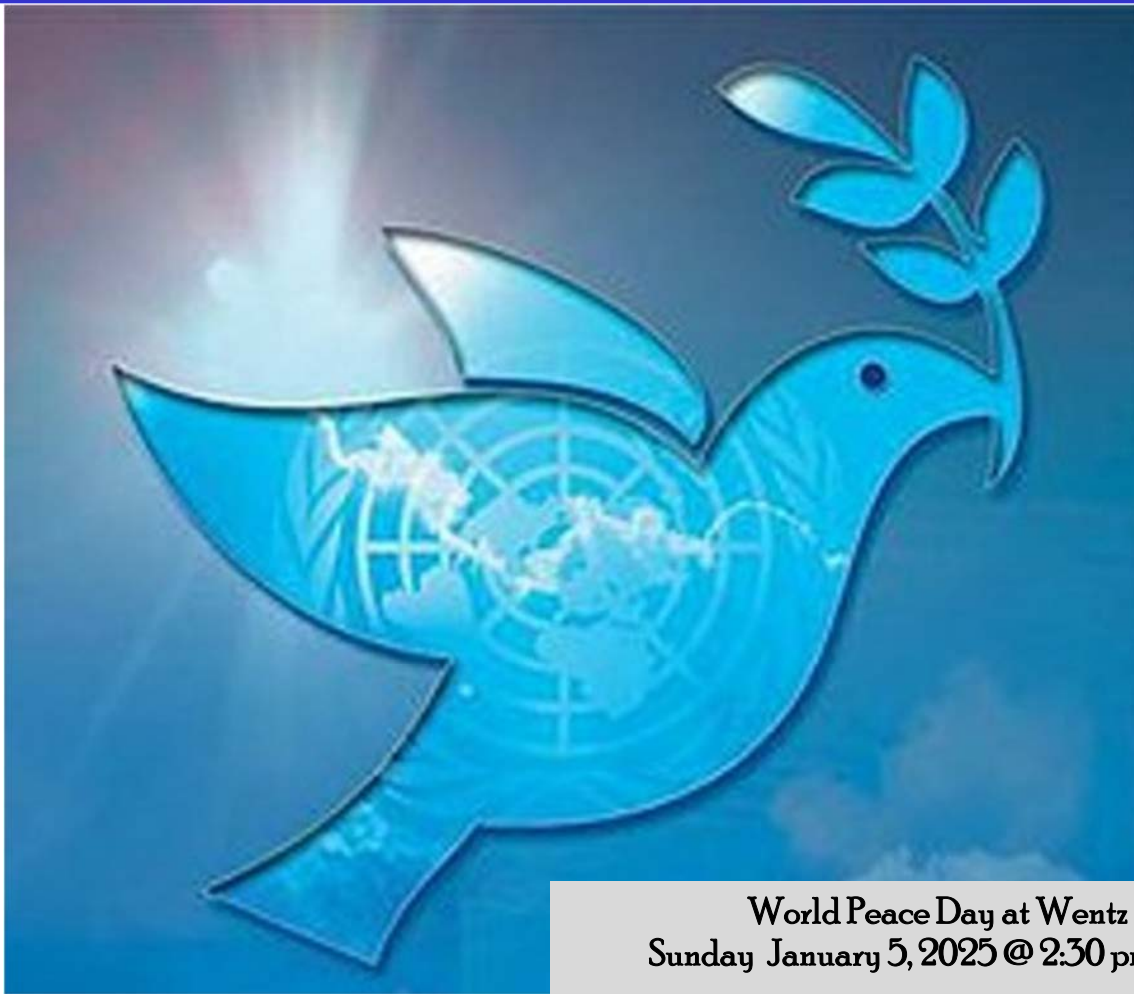
Eucharistic Revival

....so that the Bread of Angels may come as divine dew to strengthen you, and to give you all that is wanting to you.

- Saint Therese of Lisieux



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



World Peace Day at Wentz Hall
Sunday January 5, 2025 @ 2:30 pm ~ 4:00 pm

These interfaith prayer services are held to pray for world peace and celebrate our rich diversity. At Wentz Hall on the North Central College Campus.

The World Day of Peace is a feast celebrated by the Vatican Church to dedicate itself to global peace. The first World Day of Peace was celebrated in 1967.

The theme for the 58th World Day of Peace,
"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace"

The theme focuses on forgiveness, hope, and bringing people together. It's inspired by Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti.

Message

Pope Francis' message calls for change to build lasting peace. He says that peace is granted by God to hearts that are disarmed, and that we should seek to replace anxiety about the future with hope.

Relevance

The theme aligns with the 2025 Jubilee Year, which is a special year of universal remission of sins and debts.

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

Religious Formation Classes

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

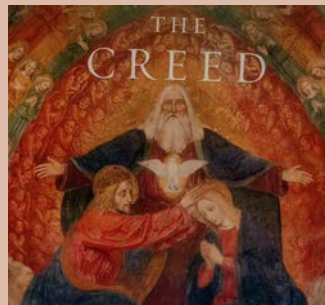
Classes available on either
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or eLearning
For info call 630-910-0770

Amazing things happen here!



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

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

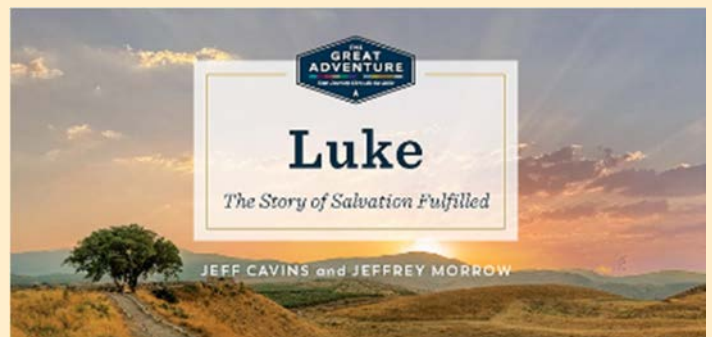
sessions as they are able attend.

January 6: 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.

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 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 Class Resume January 6th, 7th, & 8th

Religious Formation Upcoming Dates

- January 6/7/8 Regular classes
- January 13/14/15 Regular classes
- January 19 (Sunday) First Communion classes attend 10:00 Mass
- 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
- February 10/11/12 Regular classes
- February 17 (Monday) PRESIDENTS DAY Monday students work online or join Tue or Wed classes
- February 18/19 Regular classes
- February 19 (Wednesday) Confirmation Speaker
- February 24/25/26 Regular classes
- February 28 (Friday) Youth Group

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)

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation

Congratulation to our students who have received their first Reconciliation or will be receiving the sacrament in the upcoming weeks. Please pray for them that they may always remain close to Jesus through this most holy sacrament. Thank you to their parents and teachers for all of their efforts to preparing and encouraging them.



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.)



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 5

8:30 AM Madeleine Maguire, req. Cindy & Ted Fish

10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Monday, January 6

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 AM Joseph Reidl Sr. req. MaryLou & Joe Reidl

Wednesday, January 8

10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Thursday, January 9

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Friday, January 10

8:30 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Saturday, January 11

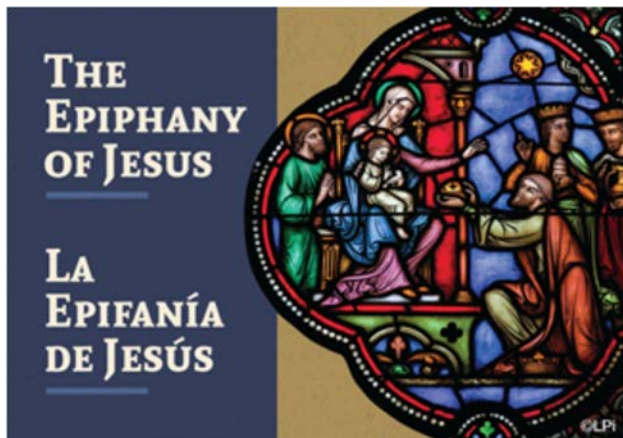
4:45 PM The future of Christ the Servant Parish

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM John & Elaine Kasprzyk, req.

Mary & Greg Porod

10:00 AM The future of Christ the Servant Parish



Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 21-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 27bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Prayers for the Sick

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| 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”

Dennis Szalkus

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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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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- 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, January 5, 2025 - Epiphany
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass
Monday, January 6
8:30 am -daily mass
Tuesday, Jan. 7
8:30 am—daily mass
Wed, January 8
8:30 am - daily mass
Thurs., January 9
8:30 am—daily mass

ST. RAYMOND
of PENYAFORT,
PRIEST

Friday, January 10
8:30 am— communion service
Saturday, January 11
The Epiphany of the Lord
4:45 pm—mass
Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord
8:30 am—mass
10:00 am—mass

Upcoming Events Calendar

Jan 4/5: The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 6: Religious Formation classes resume
Jan 7: Mahjong 12:30 pm
Jan 9: Yoga 9:30 am
Jan 9: Adult sacrament prep class 7 pm
Jan 9: Youth choir practice
Jan 9: Adult choir practice
Jan 12: Baptism of the Lord
Jan 13: RF commission meeting 7 pm
Jan 16: Yoga 9:30 am
Jan 19: 2nd Grade Children attend 10am Mass.
Jan 19: Baptism 11:00 am
Jan 20: Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Parish Giving

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 18 thru 24.

Sunday	\$ 4,673.00
Other Donations	\$ 3,766.00
General Funds	\$ 292.00
Restricted	\$ 968.00
Capital Projects	\$ 115.00
Total:	\$ 9,814.00

Differential this period:
Needed: \$ 8,700.00
Reported Income \$ 9,814.00
Difference this period (+) \$ **1,114.00**

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Christmas \$ **1,070.00**
Faith Forward \$ 300.00

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec 25.
Christmas \$12,344.00



2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

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

New Years Resolution Ideas: Efficiency

Studies indicate that a large chunk of a household's carbon footprint is linked to their home energy usage, and represents a significant portion of overall carbon pollution. Improving home energy efficiency helps care for Creation and contributes to climate stability. Consider creating a plan to upgrade your appliances to Energy Star when they reach the end of their service life. This could include water heaters, stoves, furnaces, air conditioners, clothes dryers, washing machines, microwaves, and dishwashers. Switching away from fossil fuels is an added plus but may require some advance planning (i.e.- like where to place 240-volt outlets). Weatherstripping and adding insulation to the home will further contribute to energy efficiency. Check out tax credits and utility rebate rebates. For more details <https://www.energystar.gov/>

"With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste"... "Truly much can be done." -Pope Francis