

*Holy
Mother
of God,
pray
for us*

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge

www.ctswoodridge.org

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

**Big
Thank
You!**

A big Thank You

I would like to thank all of our many parishioners who made this season so special. From the great music, the wonderful environment that is always so tastefully done, the generosity of time for the families who helped coordinate the wonderful Religious Formation Christmas Program, to all of the children who participated in that program, you helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit. I would also like to thank the families who volunteered to light the advent wreath, and to all of our ministers who served during this festive time. I especially wanted to thank the families who so generously gave to the Christmas tree gift giving. Because of you 50 families were able to celebrate Christmas, and I didn't even mind if I could not get down to my office on pick-up Sunday because of the accumulation of Christmas Stuff, also to the many dedicated people who organized and worked on that program in order to make it so special. In fact, everyone helped make this great season of Grace special, you truly made Christ's Presence among us felt in our parish. In the book of Isaiah the prophecy went that a Virgin will be with Child and name him Emmanuel, God is with us. Through all of your efforts God is indeed with us and may he bless all of you.

Rev. Frank K. Vitus

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation:

Dec. 31, 4:45 pm and Jan. 1, 10:00 am

(note: we still need volunteers to serve as Minister of the Altar on Dec. 31)

Holy Family

December 30, 2012



Origins of various customs

First let's start with Christmas lights. This is the easiest because we already spoke of the symbolism of lights and darkness. Candle light, before electricity, was greater in the dark so we would have lights everywhere, symbolizing the light of Christ.

The fir tree again was always symbolic of resurrection and eternal life, mostly because its leaves never fade and it stays green. When the earliest of plays were celebrated in Germany, they always began with the fall of man, so the evergreen was the tree of life and the tree was decorated with apples. This is the earliest example of Christmas trees and ornaments.

Gift giving, of course, began with the celebration of the Three Kings bearing gifts to the infant on the Feast of the Epiphany. In Mexico, the Fiesta of the Three Kings was the time for gift giving. There remains a custom not only in Mexico but also in other parts of the world that a small infant doll is blessed to be used in next year's Christmas crib.

Concerning the three Kings, who were they? Were they wise men, astrologers, or what? Matthew's Gospel has them call them Magi, and does not say how many there were. Wikipedia says that magi were Zoroastrian priests from Persia. They were involved with magical rites, the root word of magic comes from Magi. However, they symbolize that the entire world recognizes Jesus as the savior.

Also the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh symbolize the kingship of Jesus, the priesthood of Jesus, and myrrh is used as an anointment to prepare a body for burial referring to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Rev. Frank K. Vitus

Disaster Relief



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“Hope's on the Way” thanks the people of **Christ The Servant** for their support to the **Buckets of Hope** program to get cleaning supplies to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Religious Formation

Grades K-7

No Sessions (next sessions
January 8th & 9th, 2013)



Each and every one of us is made in God's image and likeness. Take time to pray with your family and be thankful for the moments that are spent with each other. Today is the feast of the Holy Family.

Confirmation

Next Session: January 13th -
Gifts of the Spirit Day -1-3pm

(Have you turned in your Saint Paper, Sacramental Info Form and Sponsor Form? If you have any make-ups due...now is the time!)

The Catholic faith is rich in traditions and teachings; all centered around continually growing closer to God. The importance that parents place upon faith is shown in daily living: eating together, praying as a family, being kind neighbors, performing Christian Service, making time to attend Mass, bringing children to Religious Formation sessions, and being active participants in the life of the world and the Church. These Christian practices are life-giving opportunities to weave our Catholic identity throughout our everyday work, study, play, prayer and actions. The parish offers additional activities to aid us in continuing our learning from childhood through adulthood. Watch the bulletin and parish web-site for events.

The East & West DuPage Clusters present an Evening for Catechists with John Donahue-Grossman **ALIVE IN FAITH**

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2013, 6:00 PM
at St. Petronille Parish, 420 Glenwood Ave., Glen Ellyn,

John will lead us on an exploration of how our Catholic faith has the potential to feed and heal our hungry and broken world. Come ignite your faith in the fire of the Holy Spirit. Be renewed with inspiring stories, lively discussion, and meaningful prayer.



**Catechists: Please RSVP to Liz Jesse
before January 7, 2013**



Welcome to our parish family:

Donald & Carol H
Graceland St, Downers Grove

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Pick up a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!

Our Worship Space needs YOU!



Are you able to spend an hour or so, occasionally, to help make the church look nice? We need a few people willing to spend a little bit of time straightening the chairs so the atmosphere is respectful and welcoming to all who come here to worship. The more people who help, the easier it will be for all.

We also need someone, or a team of people, to share the responsibilities, as a replacement for our Art & Environment Chairperson who will be retiring from that position in June, 2013. Written guidelines are available to help you through the year.



Join the Committee

Talk with JoAnn W to find out details, or simply to have any questions answered, or, better yet, to volunteer!

Benet Academy in Lisle will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturday, January 12, 2013 from 9:00am-12:00pm; 8:30 arrival. Admission priority is given to 8th grade Catholic applicants who test at Benet. The online application and more details can be found on the front page of www.benet.org.

Mount Assisi Academy Entrance Exam for Incoming Freshmen Saturday, January 12, 2013, 8:00 AM, \$25.00. Please bring two #2 pencils. 3860 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439, www.mtassisi.org, 630-257-7844 ext. 39

Coordinator of Justice and Peace Office of Human Dignity

The Diocese of Joliet's Office of Human Dignity is seeking a part-time un-benefited Coordinator of Justice and Peace. To see the full job description, please visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Interested applicants should email cover letter, resume and salary requirement to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Respect for All Life

The Importance of Family

“Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He was obedient to them.”



~ Luke 2:51

Though He was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family. The family is the sanctuary of life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why the Church sees abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these acts are committed by one family member upon another.

O Holy Family, bless our families and lead us to a culture of Life.

Dave A

Presents have been opened and it's time to sort through all the wrapping, boxes, ribbons, bows and cards. Try to reuse anything that can be used a second time. Cardboard shirt boxes can be flattened and placed in a closet for the next time you need a box for wrapping, storage or cardboard for a school project. I have some Marshall Fields and Carson's boxes that I use to store special ornaments. It doesn't take much effort to sort through what is thrown out, reused or recycled.

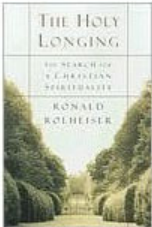


It is also time to make your New Year's resolution. Think about making yourself a better person and think about preserving God's gift to us, our planet Earth.

We are currently collecting **Christmas Lights** and the front page of **Greeting Cards**.

Happy New Year!

Marge for the **Green Team**




Book Study

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality, by Ronald Rolheiser

The group will meet after the 10:00 Mass on Jan 20.

Bible Study

Fr. Frank is leading a Bible Study group, discussing Luke's Gospel. The group is scheduled to meet Jan 13, Jan 27 after the 10:00 Mass. Contact Fr. Frank or Liz Jesse for more information.





*Through the Waters of Baptism,
the faith community of
Christ the Servant Parish
welcomes*

Alonzo Miguel,

son of
Veronica O & Miguel A
November 18, 2012

Adolfo Miguel,

son of
Veronica O & Miguel A
November 18, 2012

Lily Ann,

daughter of
Joel & Tracy S
December 16, 2012



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
"One Family Under God"

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 19th, 2013 at the St. Scholastica Gym, 7800 Janes Ave, Woodridge.



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 boys and girls participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. Competition for this "free" event begins at 10:00 A.M.

Please contact Council #5918 Free Throw Co-Chairmen, Mark H Henderson3215@Comcast.net or Tim H with any questions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Wally Pawlikowski



MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 29

4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, *r. Peslak family*

Sunday, December 30

8:30 AM Steven Wall, *r. family*

10:00 AM Tom Ruff, *r. family*
People of the Parish

Monday, December 31

8:30 AM People of the Parish

4:45 PM People of the Parish **Mary, Mother of God Holy Day**

Tuesday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan

Wednesday, January 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 3

8:30 AM Freda Klacza, *r. Ciolek family*

Friday, January 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 5

4:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*

10:00 AM Myra Wozniczka, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

Sacramental Information

rites of Christian Initiation Adults seeking sacraments are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Call the Parish Office to register.

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.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of being a priest? Email Fr. Burke Masters at fbrurke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm or by appointment with Fr. Frank.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please contact the parish office for a visit from a priest when sickness occurs or death is imminent for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. To arrange for Communion to be brought to the sick/homebound members of the parish community, call Deacon Tom F.

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact Fr. Frank for pre-planning of funerals.

Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, January 10, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Tina Anderson
Sue Bellazzo
Ketti Boden
Louise Boden
Stephen Boden
Donna Buonamici
Jeff Coole
Gene DeLuca
Steve Derek
Holly Derrico
Barry Deron
Darlan Finan
Bob Haas

John Iaconi
Tom Jacquot
Carl Kman
Peggy Laughlin
Mary Agnes Lenehan
Pino & Caterina Perricone
Sister Mary Charles Rydzewski
Ron Rydzewski
Chris Templin
Kim Transon
Genevieve Consolina Trzos
Helen Vills

Names remain on this list approximately three months.

To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased



Ruth Gaglione

We pray for those who Serve

Luke Fricke, nephew of Deacon Tom & Joanne Fricke

Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Jesse

Miguel Angel Villalobos, nephew of Petra Villanueva

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Bible Readings—Dec. 30-Jan. 6

SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

MONDAY: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

TUESDAY: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday...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 PM or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Frank K. Vitus, Pastor *Ext. 15*
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Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon

Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*

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Commission Chairpersons

Debi Savage, Pastoral Council

Barb Kosiek, PPC Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Mary McIlvain & Rosada Heintz,

Parish Life

Paula Sedlacek, Religious Formation

Ron Welton, Worship

**The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2012**

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 30

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN HAD AN ERROR IN IT. THE VIGIL MASS FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD IS MONDAY AT 4:45 PM

Monday, December 31

Offices Closed

No morning mass

4:45 pm—Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1

Offices Closed

10:00 am—Mary, Mother of God Mass

Wednesday, January 2

Thursday, January 3

Friday, January 4

Saturday, January 5

Sunday, January 6

11:30 am—Baptism



Upcoming Events

Early Bulletin Deadlines:

For 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, deadline is 1/21 (due to vacation)

Jan 13: Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes, 10:00 am

Jan 13: Teens from Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica will minister at the 10:00 am mass

Parish Giving

We begin to understand Christian Stewardship in our families. We are called to live out the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. The family is God's holy ground in which we strengthen each individual born in his image and likeness. May all in families, always strive to live lives of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness as children of God.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2012-2013

Parish Expenses	\$6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS for Dec 15/16

Sunday	\$ 6,543.55
13th Month env	195.00
Immaculate Conception	31.00
Christmas	100.00
Debt Reduction	<u>170.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,039.55
This week's deficit	\$ (3,130.45)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

General Funds	\$ 1,340.00
Christmas Décor	801.00
Debt Reduction	225.00
Electronic Gen. Funds	25.00
Electronic Debt Red.	20.00
Electronic Xmas Décor	10.00

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Hurricane Relief	\$ 50.00
Retired Religious.	47.00
Debt to Diocese as of 12/10	\$865,631

Registered Households—733

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