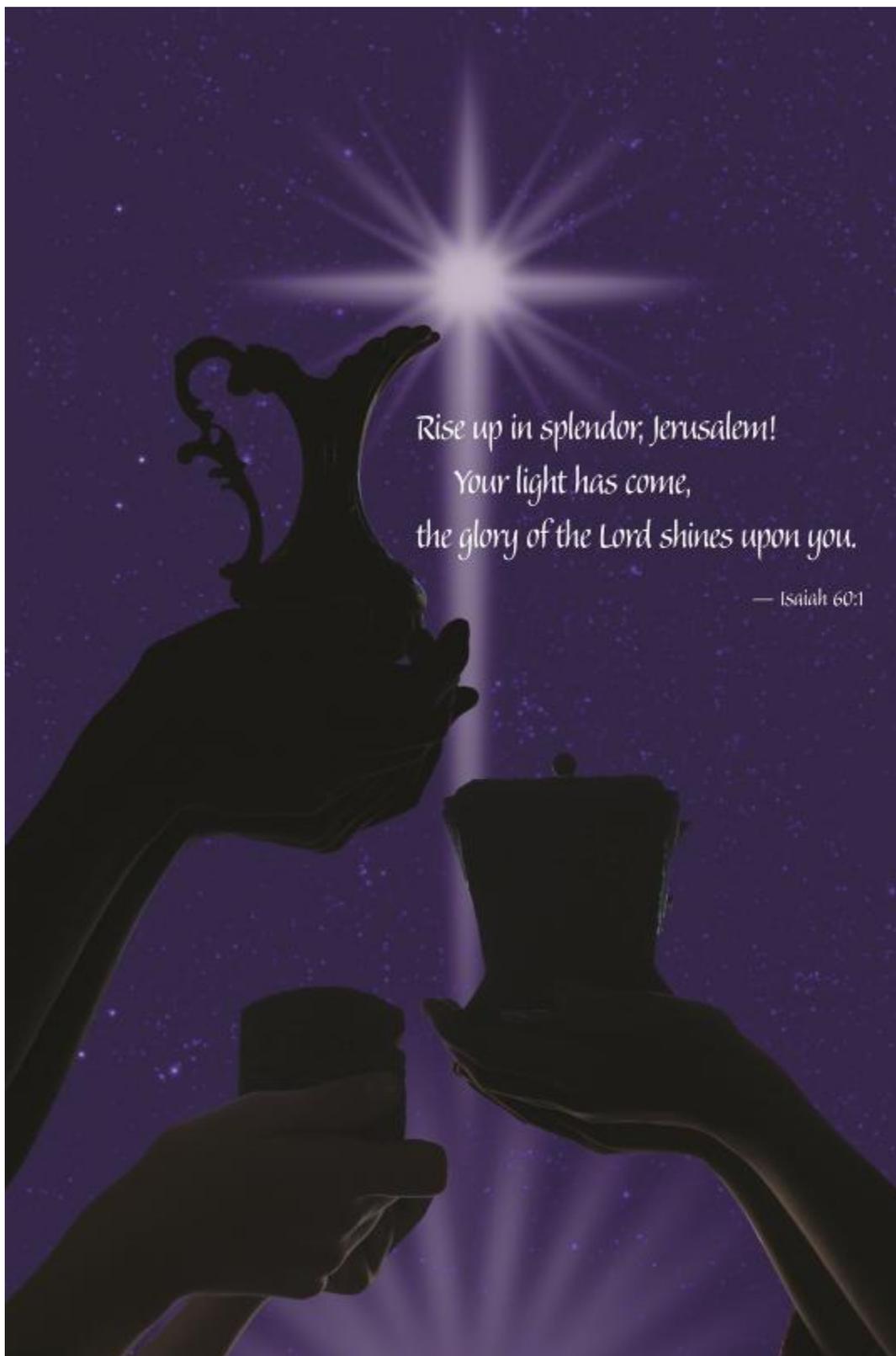


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

— Isaiah 60:1

Epiphany

January 6, 2013



The origin of "Silent Night"

On Dec. 23, 1818, the St. Nicholas' church organ wasn't working and would not be repaired before Christmas. (*Note: some versions of the story point to mice as the problem; others say rust was the culprit*). The pastor, Fr. Joseph Mohr was walking home to his church after attending a Christmas play. From a hilltop, Mohr looked down on the peaceful snow-covered village. Reveling in majestic silence of the wintry night, Mohr gazed down at the glowing Christmas-card like scene. His thoughts about the Christmas play he had just seen made him remember a poem he had written a couple of years before. That poem was about the night when angels announced the birth of the long-awaited Messiah to shepherds on a hillside.

Mohr decided those words might make a good carol for his congregation the following evening at their Christmas eve service. The one problem was that he didn't have any music to which that poem could be sung. So, the next day Mohr went to see the church organist, Franz Xavier Gruber. Gruber only had a few hours to come up with a melody which could be sung with a guitar. However, by that evening, Gruber had managed to compose a musical setting for the poem. It no longer mattered to Mohr and Gruber that their church organ was inoperable. They now had a Christmas carol that could be sung without that organ.

On Christmas Eve, the little Oberndorf congregation heard Gruber and Mohr sing their new composition to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar.

Weeks later, well-known organ builder Karl Mauracher arrived in Oberndorf to fix the organ in St. Nicholas church. When Mauracher finished, he stepped back to let Gruber test the instrument. When Gruber sat down, his fingers began playing the simple melody he had written for Mohr's Christmas poem. Deeply impressed, Mauracher took copies of the music and words of "Silent Night" back to his own Alpine village, Kapfing. There, two well-known families of singers — the Rainer's and the Strasser's — heard it. Captivated by "Silent Night," both groups put the new song into their Christmas season repertoire.

The Strasser sisters spread the carol across northern Europe. In 1834, they performed "Silent Night" for King Frederick William IV of Prussia, and he then ordered his cathedral choir to sing it every Christmas eve.

Twenty years after "Silent Night" was written, the Rainer's brought the song to the United States, singing it (in German) at the Alexander Hamilton Monument located outside New York City's Trinity Church.

In 1863, nearly fifty years after being first sung in German, "Silent Night" was translated into English (by either Jane Campbell or John Young). Eight years later, that English version made its way into print in Charles Hutchins' *Sunday School Hymnal*. Today the words of "Silent Night" are sung in more than 300 different languages around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Frank H. Virtus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Why are Catholics called to care for creation?

What does the Catholic Church teach about climate change and environmental issues? Environmental Science and Studies Professor and Ambassador for the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change Dr. Mark Potosnak seeks to answer these questions, here at Christ the Servant, on **Sunday, February 10, after the 10:00 am mass.**

Dr. Mark Potosnak is an assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Studies at DePaul University. Dr. Potosnak's scientific training is focused on interactions between plants and the atmosphere, and in particular the role of climate change in this interaction. Dr. Potosnak has degrees from Harvard and Columbia Universities, and he was in the Advanced Study Program at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Dr. Potosnak has been trained as a Climate Ambassador for the Catholic Climate Covenant, and in this role he brings his scientific understanding together with his faith life as a Catholic.

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.

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



Join the Committee

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 exam fee. Please bring two #2 pencils. 3860 Main Street. Lemont, IL 60439, www.mtassisi.org, 630-257-7844 ext. 39

Job Opportunity

Principal of Visitation Elementary School, Elmhurst, Illinois

Applications for a faith-filled, energetic, and dynamic educator to serve as principal of Visitation Elementary School in July, 2013, are currently being accepted. Candidates must be practicing Catholics who are committed to Catholic education, possess advanced degrees in educational leadership, and have at least five years of successful teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic school. Candidates must possess Type 75 Illinois certification. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. The deadline for receipt of applications is **February 1, 2013**. To request an application packet, please forward a resume to: Karen R. Udell, *Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel*, Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools Office, 101 W. Airport Rd., Romeoville, Illinois 60446. (kudell@dioceseofjoliet.org)

Adult Education Opportunity Focuses on Vatican II

Mark your calendars now for the next round of *Gifts of Finest Wheat*, an ongoing adult education opportunity at Ss. Peter and Paul in Naperville. This Winter, we will focus on the topic of Revelation: God Speaks to His People by studying the document of Vatican II, *Dei Verbum*. The Pope has asked us to study the documents of Vatican II in this Year of Faith; will you answer his call? We will meet for six Thursday evenings beginning Thursday, January 10th, from 7-8:30pm. No registration or fees required. Contact Mike at mbrummond@sspeterandpaul.net for more details.



Religious Formation

Grades K-7

Sessions meet this
Tuesday and
Wednesday
WELCOME BACK!!



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!)



We will be having a
**Teen Mass NEXT
Sunday, January 13th
at 10:00am.** The teens
from Christ the Servant
and St. Scholastica's
S.T.O.R.M. Youth

Ministry will participate in the Liturgical Ministries including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, a special Presentation of the Gifts, and the Teen Choir/Ensemble. Please join us.

**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**

Christian Service Peace & Social Justice



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The United Nations currently estimates human trafficking to be the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, second only to drug trafficking in terms of illicit money. Experts believe that 27 million people around the world live in slavery, and between 14-17,000 people are brought to the United States for exploitation as domestic servants, restaurant workers, janitors, agricultural workers, seamstresses, factory workers or in the commercial sex trade. Runaway children in the United States are at high risk.

Prayer to End Human Trafficking

Loving and compassionate God, we pray for the release of the millions of innocent children, teenagers, women and men who have been drawn into prostitution, sweatshops and domestic servitude by human trafficking. Increase our awareness of this terrible injustice. May the compassionate people who seek to help these victims be blessed in their efforts to free them from captivity and to provide safe shelters for them. We confidently ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Action: Learn about Human Trafficking at the US Catholic Bishops website -- <http://usccb.org/about/human-trafficking/> www.polarisproject.org
from Illinois Women Religious Against Human Trafficking



Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the Catholic Relief Services WORK OF HUMAN HANDS Fair Trade Sale on Dec. 8 and 9. We sold approximately 90% of the items ordered.

After paying SERRV (distribution partner with CRS) for the items sold, Christ the Servant Church was able to contribute \$94.00 to the CRS Microfinance Program which goes back to the communities where the artisans live.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the sale.

Respect for All Life

A Resolution for the New Year

What can we do this year to grow closer to God, and to be better persons in our daily living among others? The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. We receive these gifts when we are in the state of sanctifying grace—the life of God within us—through the reception of the sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist. These gifts help us to be Christlike in our lives. Wisdom, the perfection of faith, prepares us to judge all things according to divine truth. Understanding, which reveals the Lord and his love for us, gives us insight into truths not understood in the past, or to deepen our understanding. Counsel, the perfection of prudence, allows us to act in troubling times. Knowledge allows us to learn with certainty God's purposes in our lives, so that we can recognize truth and goodness when we see it. Fortitude as a gift allows us to rise above the basic requirements of our faith to bring Christ to others. Fortitude as a cardinal virtue gives us strength to overcome fear and to remain steady in the face of obstacles and in the defense of our faith.



Lord, this year we long to grow closer to You through frequent reception of the Eucharist, and we pray to receive your gifts to become virtuous, holy defenders of our Catholic faith.

Dave A

Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program was developed to help caring and responsible adults in keeping children safe. PGCA is mandatory for all adults who work with children in the parish. All parents are encouraged to attend this program. Many parishes in the Diocese of Joliet are offering this program in the next few weeks. To view a list of available opportunities, visit www.virtus.org. Select Registration > View list of sessions > Joliet IL (Diocese)

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.



Go Green!

Have you made your New Year's resolution? The **Green Team** is making their resolution to help CTS **Go Green**.



This last year the **Green Team** sponsored two Electronic Recycling Events, had a guest speaker on native plants and sponsored a rain barrel sale. We recycled old gym shoes, Christmas lights, flip flops, used crayons, markers, eye glasses, winter coats and Altoids containers. We were awarded the Earth flag and helped in the purchase of a rain barrel for CTS and one of the automated faucets for the bathrooms. We participated in the Silent Auction Event. We hope to do more for CTS. If you would like to help, contact Nancy R.

Thank you for your support as we continue to **Go Green!**

Marge for the Green Team



**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 Henderson, at (630) 910-0742, Henderson3215@Comcast.net or Tim Hutton (630) 841-9341 with any questions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

James McKeough



MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, January 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 AM Rose Mascia, *r. daughter*
Larry Carroo
Lottie Bugay, *r. Rod & Chestine Accardi*

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 10

8:30 AM Margaret Mary Brabeck & family,
r. Dan & Janet Szymanski
Walter Bugay, *r. Rod & Chestine Accardi*

Friday, January 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 12

4:45 PM RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Donna Mays*
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*

Sunday, January 13

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish

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 frburke23@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	Bob Haas
Sue Bellazzo	John Iaconi
Ketti Boden	Tom Jacquot
Louise Boden	Peggy Laughlin
Stephen Boden	Mary Agnes Lenehan
Donna Buonamici	Pino & Caterina Perricone
Genevieve Trzos Consolino	Sister Mary Charles Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	Ron Rydzewski
Gene DeLuca	Chris Templin
Steve Derek	Kim Transon
Barry Deron	Helen Vills
Darlan Finan	

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



Anita Egan
(mother of Tom Egan)

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

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.

Miguel Angel Villalobos, nephew of Petra Villanueva, has returned safely home after his tour of duty. Praise God!

Bible Readings—Jan. 6-Jan. 13

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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Is 40:1-5,9-11 /

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16,21-22

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

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Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*

Liz Jesse,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

Donna Kovarik, Music Director

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 Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2013**

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— *Isaiah 60:1*

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 6

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, January 7

Tuesday, January 8

9:00 am—Respect for All Life group

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, January 9

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

7:00 pm—Peace & Social Justice (*offsite*)

Thursday, January 10

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 11

Saturday, January 12

Sunday, January 13

11:15 am—Bible Study

1:00 pm—Confirmation Gifts of the

Spirit Retreat

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

Feb 22: Early Lenten Reconciliation, 6-7 pm, before Stations of the Cross

Parish Giving

The story of the Magi is so familiar and yet can still fill us with wonder. As did the ancient Magi, we, too, want to bring our gifts to the manger. These gifts are our commitments to live according to how Jesus taught. Thus, we make the meaning of the Epiphany alive for us today. The light and love of God shines through our Stewardship, manifested in our world.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2012-2013

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS for Dec 22-25

Sunday	\$10,637.92
Christmas	16,369.11
13th Month env	370.00
Immaculate Conception	32.00
Debt Reduction	321.00
Total Contributed	\$27,730.03
Budget catchup	\$17,544.03

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

General Funds	\$ 887.00
Christmas Décor	280.00
13th Month	150.00
Christmas	960.00
Electronic Gen. Funds	100.00
Electronic Debt Red.	25.00

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Retired Religious.	5.00
Debt to Diocese as of 12/10	\$865,631
Registered Households—733	

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