

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

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.

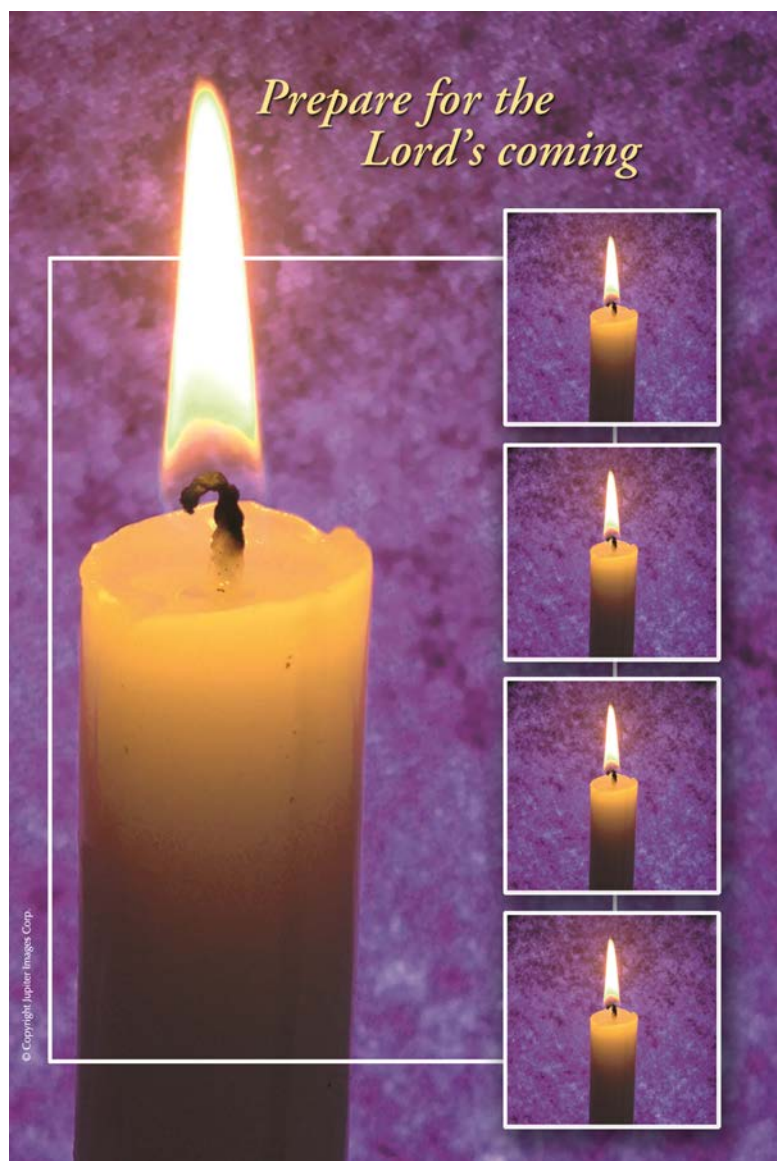
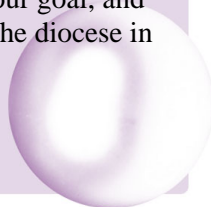
Special points of interest:

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- Craft Fair next weekend

Thank you for your Support!

Your support of the St. Nick's Festival featuring the Twelve Tastings of Christmas fundraiser not only helps us meet our monthly mortgage payment of \$14,500, but also provides an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with friends and neighbors. Don't miss it!

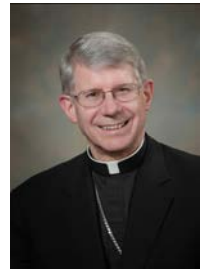
Your support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has also contributed to the financial stability of our parish. While there are still some outstanding pledges, we have contributed more than our goal, and received a check from the diocese in the amount of \$1,065 which is 50% of the amount over goal that has been paid.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



FROM BISHOP CONLON



2013 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). I urge you to join with me in offering this appeal your prayerful and vocal support. Your efforts are vital to its success.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the RFR in 1988 to address the profound lack of retirement funding among religious communities. Despite ongoing generosity to the annual collection, numerous communities continue to struggle to provide adequate care for their senior members. Financial distributions from the RFR offer supplemental support for bolstering retirement savings and for meeting such day-to-day needs as prescription medications and nursing care.

Many of us may recall a sister, brother, or religious order priest whose life and witness had a profound impact on our life. In thanksgiving for this person—and for the many contributions senior women and men religious have made to our Church and world—I ask for your assistance.

As St. Paul reminds us, “So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith” (Gal 6:10).

God bless you,

*Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet*





December 6, 2013
6:30-10:30 pm

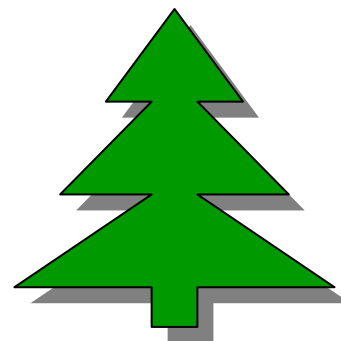
Christ the Servant Church hosts

St. Nick's Festival

Featuring ... the Twelve Tastings of Christmas

If you don't have your tickets yet, contact the Parish Office now! It will be fun!

- **Appetizers and Pastries Galore!**
- **Holiday Wines** (*such as Lynfred Cranberry Wine!*)
- **Seasonal Vodkas**
- **Dove Chocolates**



The event also features...



- **Live Music by Company B**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Pick-a-Raffle Extravaganza** (We have fantastic raffle prizes--a pie a month for a year from Baker's Square x2; 4 great White Sox tickets; gift cards galore; hand-knitted sweaters; hand made Christmas quilt, etc. etc.)
- **Hot Chocolate and Egg Nog Bar**

Tickets: \$20 – includes all tastings
\$15 – includes non-alcoholic tastings

Not to be missed! See you there!



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Respect for All Life

**Craft Fair
Before and After Masses
December 7/8
in the narthex**

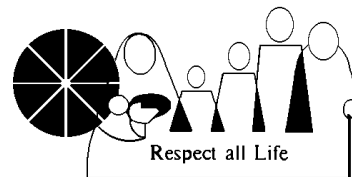
Service through Music Ministry

Is music your gift? Don't hide it under a bushel basket - - let your light shine, and become a cantor or join the choir! What a beautiful way to serve the Lord, and your parish - - through music at liturgies. Please contact Donna Kovarik at 630-369-2602 or donna@ctswoodridge.org.



Be Prepared!

You also must be prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.



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~ Matthew 24:44

The word "Advent" means "coming" and the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time, and then on His first coming at Christmas. The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for His coming. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that does not respect the gift of life is not prepared for the coming of Christ.

Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome You by welcoming all human life.

Dave A



Last Manna Sale before Christmas!!!

*Order forms available
Due Dec. 8 @ 11 am*

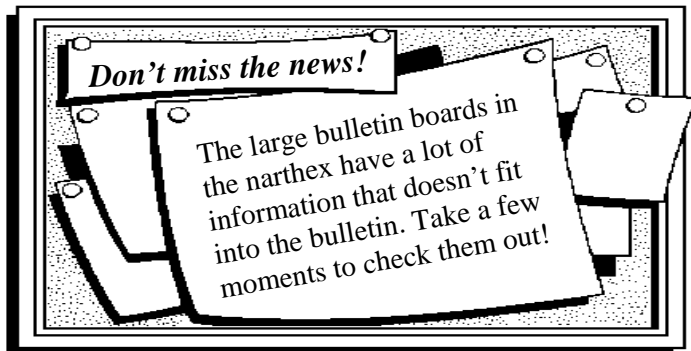
Pick up date: Dec. 14/15

You may still take advantage of this Manna sale for the Christmas sharing program, but you will have to plan to pick up your order on the evening of Dec. 14, go shopping, and bring the items back to the church before 11:00 am Sunday. Including a gift card to a grocery store is allowed.

Art & Environment needs volunteers to help with Advent décor, Christmas tree setup, Nativity setup, and Christmas décor.

Especially needed is help with the Nativity at noon, Sunday, December 8.

Please call Donna M.



In Pursuit of Catholic Education

Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park has notified us that the following parishioner of Christ the Servant achieved A Honor Roll for the first quarter:

Harshita R

Congratulations on your accomplishment and keep up the good work!

**NAZARETH ACADEMY HOSTS
FINAL FALL OPEN HOUSE**

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Experience Nazareth at the final Open House before the January test date. Open House will be held Thursday, December 5, 2013, between 6:30 and 8 p.m., with a 7 p.m. presentation.

Questions about Open House can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at (708) 387-8505 or kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com.

Nazareth Academy, a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school serving families from 55 communities and over 100 grade schools in Chicago and the western suburbs, established in 1900 and sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph, values scholarship, service, spirit, and unity.

Nazareth Academy

**1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park
708-354-0061 www.nazarethacademy.com**

Create Your Legacy!

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Joe Miklosz

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30

4:45 PM Donna Buonamici, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*
John & Margaret Gorman, *r. family*

Sunday, December 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish
Richard Buch, *r. Bernadine & Jack Madey*
Thomas Wolfe, *r. Pat Savage*
10:00 AM Jeanne Hotchkin, *r. Bill & Kathy Willett*

Monday, December 2

8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe, *r. Cecilia Cooper*

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 AM Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 5

8:30 AM Walter Szymanski, *r. friends*

Friday, December 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 7

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Donna Buonamici, *r. Shelby & Martha*

Sunday, December 8

8:30 AM Rich Buch, *r. M/M G. Gustafson*
Peter Gallego, *r. Gallego family*
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, Dec. 12, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Mickie Anderson	Jack Finan	Marie Magee
Fr. John Barrett	Elizabeth Freer	Gene Mroz
Jim Bloomfield	Cindy Giannini	Pauline Ryan
Louise Boden	Kay Goetz	Ron Rydzewski
Mari Cleary	George Grabert	Kathryn Stimetz
Jeff Coole	Don Heinrich	Susan Tiesenga
Vic Cordes	Chester Kozlowski	Chris Templin
Holly Derrico	Jaime Lucia	Kim Transon
Autumn Eipers	Dan Miller	Cynthia Young

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 those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Luke Fricke, nephew of Deacon Tom & Joanne Fricke

Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

Sam Persin, nephew of Joe & Mary Testolin

Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz

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.



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TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson,
Archbishop of Canterbury

Bible Readings—Dec. 1-Dec. 8

SUNDAY: Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

MONDAY: Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27

FRIDAY: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

SUNDAY: Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

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*
 email: frfrankv@ctswoodridge.org

Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon

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, Parish Life

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship



Calendar of Events

Christmas Sharing Signups begin

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am—RCIA

10:00 am—CLOW

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, December 2

4:45 pm—RF Christmas Pgm Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Fundraiser Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, December 4

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, December 5

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6

6:30 pm—St. Nick's Festival

Craft Fair after all masses

Saturday, December 7

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation A

10:00 am—CLOW

11:00 am—Manna orders due

Upcoming Events

Dec 8: Manna orders due 11:00 am

Dec 9: Advent Reconciliation 7:00 pm

Dec 13: RF Christmas program 7:00 pm

Dec 18: Simbang Gabi mass 7:30 pm

Parish Giving

The eternal life of heaven is utterly different from our life here and now. Nonetheless, Christ plants in our hearts a great longing for this eternal life with him. Advent is a season for us to grow in our desire for Christ to come and lead us to this eternal life.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 23/24:

Due to an early publication deadline, amounts for Nov 23/24 will be reported next week.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS :

General Funds	\$ 1,545.00
Debt Reduction	185.00
Electronic Oct. 27-Nov. 18	
Electronic Gen. Funds	1,175.00
Electronic Debt Red.	295.00
Electronic All Souls	30.00

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Typhoon Relief	\$ 1,244.00
Campaign/Human Dev.	5.00
Electronic C/HD	20.00
Electronic Typhoon Relief	40.00

Debt to Diocese as of 10/31 \$761,800

Registered Households—736

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...we appreciate that the pledge cards are coming in already. Please return yours soon, if you have not already done so. Returning your card promptly will mean that you will not receive a second request.

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