

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Second Sunday
of Advent

December 8, 2013

Our Mission

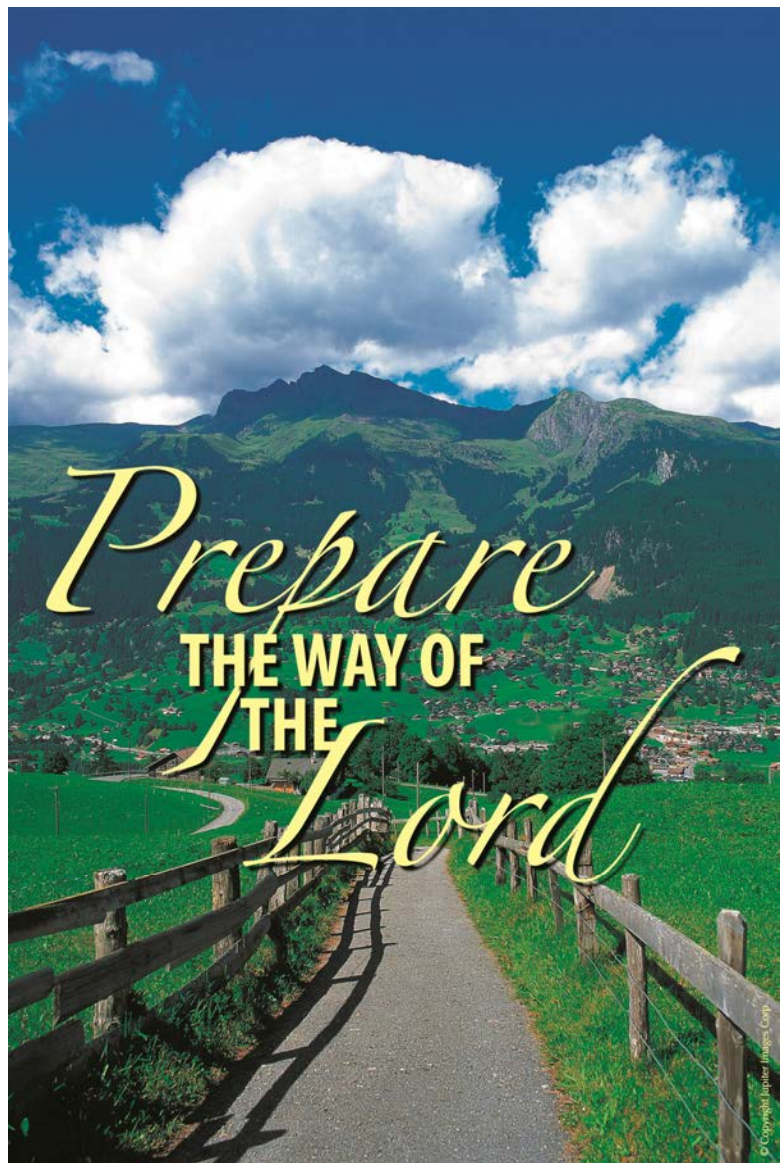
Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.

Special points of interest:

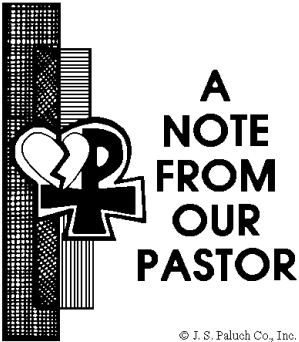
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This Weekend...

- **Signups continue** for Christmas Sharing & Wish Tree
- **Manna orders due** at 11:00 am, Sunday (last chance before Christmas!)
- **Craft Fair** before and after all masses



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



Family Survey

The Vatican is preparing for a Synod of Bishops that will be discussing the family. A survey is being circulated to collect pertinent information from families.

Questions include; the effectiveness of parish marriage preparation programs, the question of divorce and annulment proceedings, Birth control, etc. If you wish to complete this survey the link is on the Diocesan website. www.dioceseofjoliet.org. (For your convenience, you can use the Christ the Servant website to access the survey as well. It's in the middle of our home page, www.ctswoodridge.org)

Please follow the directions on the survey about completing the form and turning in the results.

Rev. Frank K. Vitus



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was transferred from Sunday, Dec. 8 to Monday, Dec. 9 this year. Mass for Immaculate Conception will be at 8:30 am, Monday, December 9.



Advent is a time of good will toward all. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can help you feel at peace with God and fellow humans.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

Extra priests will be available.

Father Frank will also be available on Wednesday, December 18 after morning mass, and, as always, on Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm.



Through this man
forgiveness of sins

Acts 13:38

10 Things You Need to Know About Advent

by Jimmy Akin Friday, November 22, 2013 2:19 PM

Advent has begun. What do the Church's official documents say about this season? Advent began on Sunday, December 1st. Most of us have an intuitive understanding of Advent, based on experience, but what do the Church's official documents actually say about Advent? Here are some of the basic questions and (official!) answers about Advent.

Some of the answers are surprising! Here we go . . .

1. **What Is the Purpose of Advent?** Advent is a season on the Church's liturgical calendar--specifically, it is as season on the calendar of the Latin Church, which is the largest Church in communion with the pope. Other Catholic Churches--as well as many non-Catholic churches--have their own celebration of Advent. According to the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar: Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39]. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that brings to mind the Two Comings of Christ.
2. **What Liturgical Colors Are Used in Advent?** Particular days and certain types of celebrations can have their own colors (e.g., red for martyrs, black or white at funerals), but the normal color for Advent is violet. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides: **The color violet or purple is used in Advent and Lent.** It may also be worn in Offices and Masses for the Dead [346d]. In many places, there is a notable exception for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday: **The color rose may be used, where it is the practice, on *Gaudete* Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and on *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) [GIRM 346f].**
3. **Is Advent a Penitential Season?** We often think of Advent as a penitential season because the liturgical color for Advent is violet, like the color of Lent, which *is* a penitential season. However, in reality, Advent is *not* a penitential season. Surprise! According to the Code of Canon Law: Can. 1250 The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Although local authorities can establish additional penitential days, this is a complete listing of the penitential days and times of the Latin Church as a whole, and Advent is not one of them.
4. **When Does Advent Begin and End?** According to the General Norms: Advent begins with evening prayer I of the Sunday falling on or closest to 30 November and ends before evening prayer I of Christmas [Norms 40]. The Sunday on or closest to November 30 can range between November 27 and December 3, depending on the year. In the case of a Sunday, Evening Prayer I is said on the evening of the preceding day (Saturday). According to the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours: 96. Evening prayer, celebrated immediately before Mass, is joined to it in the same way as morning prayer. **Evening prayer I of solemnities, Sundays, or feasts of the Lord falling on Sundays may not be celebrated until after Mass of the preceding day or Saturday.** This means that Advent begins on the evening of a Saturday falling between November 26 and December 2 (inclusive), and it ends on the evening of December 24th, which holds Evening Prayer I of Christmas (December 25th).
5. **What Is the Role of Sundays in Advent?** There are four Sundays of Advent. The General Norms state: The Sundays of this season are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent [Norms 41]. We have already mentioned that the Third Sunday of Advent has a special name—*Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "Rejoice," which is the first word of the introit of the Mass for this day. The Church ascribes particular importance to these Sundays, and they take precedence over other liturgical celebrations. Thus the General Norms state: Because of its special importance, the Sunday celebration gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord. **The Sundays of the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter, however, take precedence over all solemnities and feasts of the Lord. Solemnities occurring on these Sundays are observed on the Saturdays preceding** [Norms 5]. You also cannot celebrate Funeral Masses on the Sundays of Advent: Among the Masses for the Dead, the Funeral Mass holds first place. **It may be celebrated on any day except** for Solemnities that are Holydays of Obligation, Thursday of Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and **the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, with due regard also for all the other requirements of the norm of the law [GIRM 380].** *(to be continued)*

Religious Formation

*Christian Service
Peace and Social Justice*



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday!

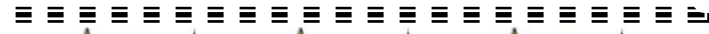
Confirmation

Next classes:

Session A - Sunday December 8th

Session B - Sunday December 15th

Saint Papers, Sponsor & Sacrament Forms are due at class time.



This year's RF Christmas Program will be Friday December 13th at 7:00pm.

Please make sure that you have returned your RF Christmas Program participation form.



CATECHIST NEEDED!

Stand-In is heading South!

3rd Grade on Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00pm
7 children are waiting for an adult willing to spend time sharing the stories of Jesus, teaching them about the Trinity, the Church and Sacraments, and how we should share God's love for us with each other.

Contact Liz Jesse, Director of Religious Formation, liz@ctswoodridge.org , 630-910-0770 ext 12



The F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) **GIVING TREE** was dressed with donations of 68 hats, 111 mittens/gloves.

They will be donated to Hope's Front Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry) and to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Peoria to help warm the hands and heads of children in Washington, IL who lost their homes in the tornado. THANK YOU!

Christmas Sharing and Wish Tree

Last chance to help make Christmas happier for 50 of our nearby families in need. Sign up to provide a Christmas meal, or perhaps purchase gifts for children and seniors who might not otherwise get a gift at all.

While grocery store gift cards are accepted in the food baskets, the Community Pantry asks that you please purchase a gift rather than giving a gift card for the gifts.

FAIR TRADE SALE

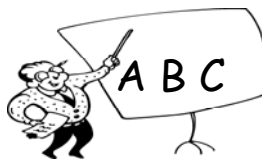
Weekend of Dec 14-15



Please join the Peace and Social Justice Committee in supporting our brothers and sisters around the globe by purchasing Fair Trade Items in the Narthex before and after Masses next weekend.

How does Fair Trade help people? Fair Trade attempts to keep families together by allowing farmers and artisans work opportunities close to home. By creating cooperatives, Fair Trade increases farmers' power in making business decisions. Fair Trade also minimizes exploitative child labor and empowers women socially and financially.

For further information, visit the CRS website crsfairtrade.org or email CRS Fair Trade Ambassador Tom Ruggaber at t.ruggaber@sbcglobal.net.



English Language Tutors Needed

Greenleaf Apartments in Bolingbrook (2 miles west of Church) will be a new site for Tutors on Wheels — a program to teach English as a second language to adults. More tutors are needed to match the number of Greenleaf residents who have enrolled.

Empowering another adult to speak and read English is an enriching experience and promises to be the *high point* of your week. **Please consider sharing your time and talent.** No experience is needed. You do not have to know your student's language. Training sessions will be held on Saturday January 11 and 25 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Contact Sr. Rosemary W.

YOU ARE INVITED

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

Christ the Servant parishioners are invited to participate and be in the audience at two (1/2 hour each) Masses that will be taped on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at Mercy Home, 1140 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago. Fr. Carl Morello will be the celebrant. The taped Masses will air on WGN TV at 9:30 am on Sept. 28th and Oct. 12th.

We will carpool, leaving CTS' parking lot at 9:00 am Saturday morning. Coffee and rolls are available upon arrival. Lunch will be served after the tapings. Please let Rosada H or Rita S know if you can come to the February 8th taping. Thank you!



- **Art & Environment needs volunteers!**
- **First, many, many thanks to the people who helped set up the tree and the Advent Décor.**

Help set up the Nativity
Sunday, Dec. 8 at noon

- Decorating the church for Christmas will be
Sunday, Dec. 22 after the 10:00 am mass

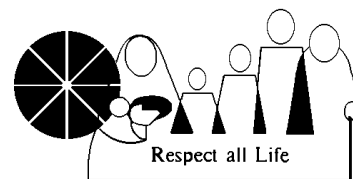
Please call Donna M.



Respect for All Life

Our Lady of Guadalupe

O Mary, brilliant dawn of the world renewed, Mother of all the living we commend to you the entire cause of life.



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~ *The Gospel of Life*, 105

When Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego (whose feast is this Thursday, December 12), the Aztecs were practicing human sacrifice. Mary's image brought the message that God was with them—so much, in fact, that He became a child, carried in Mary's womb. This gave them hope, and they stopped their human sacrifice and became Christian.



St. Juan Diego, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Dave A

Respect for All Life Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, after the 8:30 Mass.

The Respect for All Life Committee will meet in Christ the Servant's Library (down the hall, last door on the left). This will be the last meeting of 2013 at which time plans will be made for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Mass for the Unborn which will be the 41st anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade, and CTS parishioners participating in taped Mass at Mercy Home on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014.



Thanks to all who helped make

St. Nick's Festival

an evening of fun, as well financially successful!

Raffle winners who were not present need to make arrangements to pick up your prize no later than
Friday, December 20.

Call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770.



Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Shawna Daro

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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
Caterina Perricone, *r. family*



Monday, December 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

8:30 AM Dennis Boyle & Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

Thursday, December 12

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Friday, December 13

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Saturday, December 14

4:45 PM People of the Parish
James Gaspardo, *r. Rita Sisko*
William Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*
Rich Buch, *r. Esther Rizzo*
Walter Szymanski, *r. family & friends*

Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Gomolinski family*
Lilly Mary
10:00 AM Sam Maltese, *r. family*

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, Dec. 12, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

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

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



Chester Kozlowski
(father of Kathy Vana)

Frank O'Brien

Fr. Pat Brennan

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

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.

Welcome home to **Luke Fricke**, nephew of Deacon Tom & Joanne Fricke. God is good!

Bible Readings—Dec. 8-Dec. 15

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

MONDAY: Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY: Zec 2:4-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab /
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13

SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a,10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

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*

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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

Taizé Prayer for Advent

Wednesday, Dec 11

7:30 pm

St. Joseph Church

4801 Main St, Downers Grove

Calendar of Events

Craft Fair after all masses

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation A

10:00 am—CLOW

11:00 am—Manna orders due

Monday, December 9

4:45 pm—RF Christmas Pgm Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 am—Respect for All Life meeting

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, December 11

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, December 12

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 13

7:00 pm—RF Christmas Program

Pick up Manna/Fair Trade Fair

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am—Confirmation B

11:00 am—Have Christmas Gifts &

Dinners here for client pickup at 11:45.

Upcoming Events

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

Whatever our spiritual state, we can be assured that Jesus came to save all humanity, including us. God's grace and mercy enable us to cry out in our modern deserts, making straight our paths by loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger and serving the poor. This good fruit is the evidence of our repentance and spiritual growth (CCC 678).

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:

Sunday	\$ 5,791.36
All Saints	5.00
All Souls	15.00
Debt Reduction	<u>130.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 5,941.36
This week's deficit	\$ (4,228.64)

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 30/Dec. 1:

Sunday	\$ 7,540.32
Debt Reduction	<u>1,417.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 8,957.32
This week's deficit	\$ (1,212.68)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Funds (11/6-12/2)	\$ 5,265.00
Debt Reduction (11/6-12/2)	375.00
Restricted (11/6-12/2)	226.00

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Tornado Relief	\$ 239.00
Thanksgiving (Hope's Front Door)	634.00
Campaign/Human Dev.	585.00

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

Registered Households—736

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