

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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.

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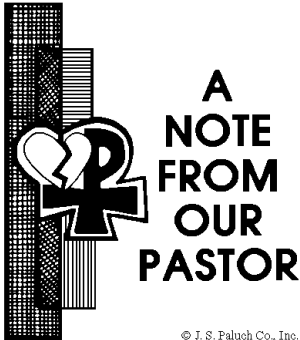
This Weekend...

- Manna order pickup
- Christmas Sharing/Wish Tree items must be here by 11 am Sunday, December 15!
- Fair Trade Fair before and after all masses

**Be patient,
brothers
and sisters,
until the coming
of the Lord.**

**See how
the farmer waits
for the precious
fruit of the earth,
being patient with it
until it receives
the early and
the late rains.**

James 5:7



Rev. Frank K. Vitus

10 Things You Need to Know About Advent

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

Advent is half over. 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.

(...continued from last week)

6. **What Happens on Weekdays in Advent?** It is especially recommended that homilies be given on the weekdays of Advent. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states: On Sundays and Holydays of Obligation there is to be a Homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. **On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent,** Lent and Easter Time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers [GIRM 66]. The General Norms also point out a special role for the weekdays of the week preceding Christmas: The weekdays from 17 December to 24 December inclusive serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth [Norms 41]. This special role is illustrated, for example, by the Scripture readings used in the liturgy on these days.
7. **How Are Churches Decorated During Advent?** The General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes: **During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord.** During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts [GIRM 305].
8. **How Is Music Performed During Advent?** The General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes: **In Advent the use of the organ and other musical instruments should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord.** In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts [GIRM 313].
9. **Is the Gloria Said or Sung During Advent?** Neither. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides: [The *Gloria* or "Glory to God in the highest"] is sung or said on Sundays **outside Advent** and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character [GIRM 53].
10. **What Private Devotions Can We Use to Grow Closer to God During Advent?** There are a variety of private devotions that the Church has recognized for use during Advent. The most famous is the Advent Wreath. You can read about these devotions in the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy (starting at no. 96).

Prepare for Christmas! **Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Father Frank will be available for confessions
 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 after the 8:30 am mass on
 Monday, December 16,
 Tuesday, December 17, and
 Wednesday, December 18,

as well as from 4:00-4:30 pm on Saturdays, in his office.



Through this man
forgiveness of sins
 is proclaimed to you...

Acts 13:38

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Sorrow for the ways we have sinned is the starting point.
 We must feel sorrow and contrition for our sins.
 Examining our lives is the first step.
 It is necessary for us to discuss with a priest how we have sinned.
 Sometimes we are wounded mortally by what we do or fail to do.
 The priest stands in the place of Christ for us.*

Accessed 12/10/13 from <http://www.growingupcatholic.com/Englishpages/TeachingsReconciliation.html>. Much more was available than we have space to print here.

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve, Dec. 24	4:00 pm	Children's Choir
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24	10:00 pm	Adult Choir
Christmas Day, Dec. 25	10:00 am	Teen Ensemble

(Note: there will be no mass on December 26 or December 27)

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Mass Schedule

December 31	4:45 pm
January 1	10:00 am



Religious Formation



Grades K-7 No classes this week. Joyfully prepare your hearts for Jesus. Classes resume January 7th & 8th.

Confirmation Mass & Service Day today 12/15 helping with Christmas Sharing/ Wish Tree Pick-up 11:15 am to 12:30 pm



Next Session: January 12th - Gifts of the Spirit Day -1-3pm (Have you turned in your Saint Paper, Sponsor & Sacrament Forms? If you have any make-ups due...now is the time!)



Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's RF Christmas program on Friday evening. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped in preparation and to Karin Davey for directing the Christmas Program.



The East & West DuPage Deaneries present

An Evening for Catechists with Fr. Tony Taschetta

WEDNESDAY, January 29, 2014 at St. Petronille Parish, 420 Glenwood Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



Fr. Tony Taschetta is a popular preacher, teacher and retreat master. He has been a priest of the Diocese of Joliet for over 40 years and has served at seven parishes and one mission church. Countless listeners have echoed the words of former parishioners: "I will go anywhere to hear him" and "He helped me to understand what life is all about." By choice he is not a national speaker, but his presentations are unsurpassed anywhere. In addition to being a pastor, teacher, and retreat leader, Father Tony's journey in life has led him to be an adoptive father of two and subsequently a grandfather of five.



6:00 Light Supper 7:00 Presentation 8:40 Prize Drawing! Catechists: Please RSVP to Liz Jesse before January 17, 2014

Do you need a Spiritual "Tune-up"?

Ever wonder how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with God?

Join us for a series of six mini-retreats.



We will watch video presentations by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, "who will give you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life - and then show you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze."

We will meet at 11:15am-12:45pm on Sundays: Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 2, Mar 9, Mar 30, Apr 6, 2014. Supplemental reading materials are available for \$15. Contact Liz Jesse for more information or to RSVP.

Simbang Gabi December 18, 2013 7:30 pm



Simbang Gabi is a unique Catholic cultural tradition, a nine-day novena to the Virgin Mary, celebrated from December 14–22 this year in the Diocese of Joliet. On Wednesday, December 18, Christ the Servant is the location of this Philippine tradition. While the novena is traditionally celebrated as early as 4 o'clock in the morning, the celebration at Christ the Servant will begin at 7:30 pm.

All are welcome to attend this special mass in preparation for the nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A calendar describing the locations of the Simbang Gabi masses in our diocese can be found by visiting the website www.dioceseofjoliet.org and type in "Simbang Gabi" into the google search bar. The first items that comes up is a direct link to a .pdf document with the schedule.

Diocese of Joliet Job Opportunities

Diocese of Joliet Principal Positions Available

Principal positions are available for the coming (2014-15) school year at St. Isaac Jogues (Hinsdale) and St. Paul the Apostle (Joliet) Catholic schools. Both Catholic Elementary schools offer their students world-class educational experiences that are firmly rooted in traditional Catholic doctrine.

Professional Qualifications:

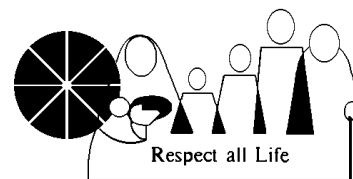
Successful candidates must be professed and practicing Catholics who uphold the teachings of the faith and who exemplify an unwavering commitment to Catholic education that is firmly rooted in Gospel values. In addition, candidates must possess advanced degrees in educational leadership; hold current Illinois *Professional Educator Licenses* with General Administrative Endorsement; and have to their credit at least five years of successful administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic school. Successful candidates will assume official duties on July 1, 2014.

The deadline for the submission of complete applications is Friday, January 17, 2014. To request an application packet, please forward a resume and a letter of interest via email to: Karen R. Udell, *Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel*, Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. Mrs. Udell may be contacted at the following email address: kudell@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Respect for All Life

Be Joyful!

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication, with divine recompense he comes to save you...Those whom the Lord has ransomed...will meet with joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning will flee.



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~Isaiah 35: 4, 10

Life is joyful, and defending life is a mission that should be carried out with joy. We seek to foster, in ourselves and others, a spirit that is always keenly aware of the despicable destruction of human life that goes on in our country and our world and, at the same time, a spirit that is always serene and rejoicing that death has been conquered by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

O Father, give us sorrow over the evils in the world, but also give us JOY as we face those evils in union with You.

Dave A

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!

Administrative Assistant

Office of Hispanic Ministry / Ethnic Ministries

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant for the Office of Hispanic Ministry / Ethnic Ministries to provide general secretarial and office services. Minimum of a high school diploma, an associate degree preferred. Minimum of two years previous administrative secretarial experience required. Must possess good telephone and communication skills. **Must be bi-lingual in Spanish and have excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Spanish, and be able to translate English to Spanish and vice versa in verbal and written form.** Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. To view a full job description, please visit our website at: www.dioceseofjoliet.org under "Employment".

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, December 16

8:30 AM Frank Pergler, *r. Pergler & Georjean families*

Laura Rundle, *r. Dan & Janet Szymanski*

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

8:30 AM Lilly Mary

Saturday, December 21

4:45 PM Rose Cimaglia, *r. family*

Rich Buch, *r. Esther Rizzo*

Donna Buonamici, *r. Donna Mays*

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Eleanor Fleming, *r. Dick & Gloria DuSatto*

10:00 AM Louie Santelli, *r. The Hair Loft*

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, Jan. 9, 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 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.

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

Bible Readings—Dec. 15-Dec. 22

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

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

THURSDAY: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

FRIDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

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

Pick up Manna/Fair Trade Fair

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am—Confirmation B

11:00 am—Have Christmas Gifts & Dinners here for client pickup at 11:45.

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

NO RF CLASSES

Wednesday, December 18

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7:30 pm—Simbang Gabi mass

Thursday, December 19

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

after 10:00 am mass, Christmas décor

Upcoming Events

Dec 18: Simbang Gabi mass 7:30 pm

Dec 24: Christmas Eve mass, 4:00 pm

Dec 24: Christmas Eve mass, 10:00 pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day mass, 10:00 am

Dec 26: no mass

Dec 27: no mass

Dec 31: Mary, Mother of God, 4:45 pm

Jan 1: Mary, Mother of God, 10:00 am

Parish Giving

Do we wonder if Jesus is the *One*? Like John, our faith may have desert moments. How can we burst forth in bloom like the desert? We can trust in God, give thanks for his great gift of salvation no matter what the circumstances and adopt lives of service that uphold our Catholic tradition of care for the poor and vulnerable (CCC 2443, 2444).

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 7/8:

Sunday	\$ 5,711.00
Immaculate Conception	1,327.00
Debt Reduction	<u>305.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,343.00
This week's deficit	\$ (2,827.00)

DONATIONS TO CHARITY :

Retired Religious	\$ 1,141.00
Campaign/Human Dev.	20.00

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

Registered Households—736

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... in order for you to be able to claim the charitable donations on your tax return, donations need to be either in the office or postmarked by December 31. Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity.

Leave a Legacy. Preserve our Catholic heritage. Call the Development Office at 815-838-8515.

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