



December 29, 2013

THE HOLY FAMILY OF *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

The angel said to Joseph,
"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you."

~ Matthew 2:13



Christ the Servant Catholic Church

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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.***

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Mass Schedule

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



Federal Budget Priorities

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

"Just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
— Matthew 25

In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, Scripture gives us the story of the Last Judgment (Mt: 25) and instructs us to put the needs of poor and vulnerable people first. Pope Benedict XVI, in *Deus Caritas Est*, reminds us that:

Politics is more than a mere mechanism for defining the rules of public life: its origin and its goal are found in justice, which by its very nature has to do with ethics. The State must inevitably face the question of how justice can be achieved here and now. (#28)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly states it is the proper role of government to ensure basic human rights are met:

...the common good requires the social well-being and development of the group itself. Development is the epitome of all social duties. Certainly, it is the proper function of authority to arbitrate, in the name of the common good, between various particular interests; but it should make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on. (no. 1908)

"Create a Ripple" is an activity of the Joliet Diocese Social Justice Coalition (JDSJC), a ministry of the Office for Human Dignity, made up of parishes and religious institutions in the diocese. Standing firmly on the ground of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, led by the Spirit, afire for social justice, we are centered in prayer and united in right relationships as we raise awareness, educate, and take action to create a just world locally, nationally, and internationally. Please join us. Email: peace@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Respect for All Life

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!

Respect for All Life Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 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).

At this first meeting of 2014 we will make plans 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.

The Family is Holy

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

Many thanks to Jim & Val N, who have organized the Manna gift card program for the last three years.



The new coordinator for the Manna gift card program is Bill C, along with other volunteers who will be helping as needed, especially with distribution of orders at masses.

Our November sale brought in a profit of \$378.02, and our December sale raised \$435.00.

Thank you for your support of our Manna gift card sales!



Wanted: Lover of Plants

The need is to help keep plants watered in the church.

The requirements are that the plant waterer be available during the day and able to carry one or two gallons of water at a time. Duties include keeping track of your schedule (schedules are distributed twice a year), trading with another watering person if you aren't able to serve on the day you are scheduled, and watering the plants (on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday) between the hours of 9:00 and 4:30.

Would you like to take part in this vital ministry to our plants? Or would you like more detailed information? Either way, please give Barb C a call.



Tables Available

We are in the process of updating our heavy, wooden 8 foot tables to plastic 8 foot tables. If you would be interested in having an 8 foot wooden folding table, please call Corinne at the parish office (630-910-0770) and she will call you as they become available. Condition is "as is", and while we can help you get it out to your vehicle, you are responsible for transportation.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 No classes this week.
Classes resume January 7th & 8th.



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 12th - Gifts of the Spirit Day -1-3pm

Next Classes:
Session A—Sunday, January 19th
Session B—Sunday, January 26th



(Have you turned in your Saint Paper, Sponsor & Sacrament Forms?)
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 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.

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.

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".

Free Personal Change Class Offered

Catholic Charities is offering a program of personal change called Out of Poverty. This program is not just about the lack of money; it's also about poverty of the spirit. Classes will be held at Catholic Charities 26 W. St. Charles Rd., Lombard on Mondays from 9:30 am-12:30 pm from Jan 6-Feb 24, 2014. Call 630-495-8008.

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Construction Corps Mission to the Navajo Reservation

Ever wanted to go on a mission?

Then, please join us at an information session for the eleventh annual mission to the Navajo Reservation. The trip is planned for June 7-20, 2014. We repair homes for the poor of the Navajo Reservation around Chinle, Arizona as well as other meaningful work that is identified by the people on the reservation.

Although it is helpful to have carpentry, plumbing, painting, electrical and/or general construction skills or experience it is not necessary. Anyone who is willing to learn and assist in a variety of construction tasks should apply. There will be opportunities to meet the people and to learn the local culture during this mission.

Information Meetings 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 1/15/14

St. Holy Family
600 Brook Forest Ave.
Shorewood, IL 60404
Lower level Rectory

Thursday, 1/23/14

St. Pius X
1025 E. Madison St.
Lombard, IL 60148
Park in Madison Parking
Lot; Martha Room

For more information contact Deacon Bruce Carlson, Missions Coordinator at 815-834-4072 or Deacon Larry Lissak, Navajo Coordinator at 630-629-9234.

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 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **Sunday, January 19th, 2013** at the St. Scholastica Gym in Woodridge, IL.



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 3:00 P.M. Competition for this "free" event begins at 3:30 P.M.

Please contact Free Throw Co-Chairman, Tim H, TAGhutton@yahoo.com with any questions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Gerri Pushkar

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28

4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
Achille Cimaglia, *r. family*
Larry Carroo, *r. Barb Carroo*
Lilly Mary

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Richard & Leona Gordon*
Lilly Mary
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 30

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

Tuesday, December 31

8:30 AM People of the Parish
4:45 PM People of the Parish (Holy Day vigil Mass)

Wednesday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan
Virginia & Joseph Zajac, *r. family*
People of the Parish

Thursday, January 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, January 3

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 4

4:45 PM John & Margaret Gorman, *r. family*

Sunday, January 5

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



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, Jan. 9, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Mickie Anderson	Jamie Filipponi	Jaime Lucia
Fr. John Barrett	Jack Finan	Marie Magee
Louise Boden	Elizabeth Freer	Gene Mroz
Henry Borkowski	Cindy Giannini	Pauline Ryan
Mari Cleary	Kay Goetz	Ron Rydzewski
Jeff Coole	George Grabert	Chris Templin
Holly Derrico	Don Heinrich	Kim Transon
Autumn Eipers	Hannah Jahn	

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.



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Bible Readings—Dec. 29-Jan. 5

SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Mt 2:13-15,19-23

MONDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

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

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

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

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

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

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

Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
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Fax: (630) 910-6060
www.ctswoodridge.org**

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

Sunday, December 29

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

NO RF CLASSES-offices closed

4:40 pm—Mass (Holy Day Vigil)

Wednesday, Jan. 1, Mary, Mother of God

NO RF CLASSES-offices closed

10:00 am—Mass

Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

11:30 am—Baptisms

Upcoming Events

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

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

Jan 2: offices re-open, 9:00 am

Jan 18/19: Admin/Finance Ministry Fair

Remember, for your donation to be included with your 2013 contributions statement, it must be in the parish office or postmarked by December 31. Statements will automatically be mailed by the end of January to all who gave \$100 or more, and are available for lesser amounts by request.

Parish Giving

Societal threats against the family can only be overcome by lives which are centered on the words of Christ and by a genuine desire to respect, protect, and love one another. As Paul tells the Colossians, we, too, must act with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, love and gratitude, and always be guided by the word of Christ.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 14/15:

Sunday	\$ 9,403.23
Christmas	115.00
Immac. Conception	35.00
Debt Reduction	<u>270.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 9,823.23
This week's deficit	\$ (346.77)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Funds	\$ 1,220.00
Debt Reduction	110.00
Christmas décor	970.00
Christmas	550.00
Elec. Gen. Funds (11/20-12/15)	1,395.00
Electronic Debt Red.	280.00
Electronic Christmas	100.00
Electronic Christmas décor	10.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY:

Campaign/Human Dev. \$ 5.00

Debt to Diocese as of 11/30 \$741,388

Registered Households—736

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