

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2014

### *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:

- Mass focusing on Teen Ministry, page 4
- Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest, page 5

### EXPERIENCE

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

—Anonymous



The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house they saw the child  
with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2:10-11

***Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home***

***“Behold, I am making something new”*** (Revelation 21:5).

These words are coming alive at Sacred Heart Monastery [www.shmlisle.org](http://www.shmlisle.org)

Sacred Heart Monastery in Lisle will be offering a monthly discernment program for single women who are practicing Catholics, in an effort to discover God’s call for them in this life. Our first program will be January 23, 2014.

We believe that there is richness in religious life that needs further exposure, perhaps more comfortably in a group setting than discerning alone. We invite you to pray about this possibility and come and discover and discern with us the privileges and responsibilities of this type of vocation. Come, even if you just want to learn about this way of life. It would also suit those who are making decisions about their career, or about spending time as a missionary or volunteer.

Like a cocoon making a decision to become what it is meant to be - becoming a butterfly and being life-giving to others, so also we need to spend time discerning life-giving decisions.

We will meet on the third Thursday of each month for five months from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Each meeting would include a prayer form called *Lectio Divina*, presentations on the topic of discernment, speakers representing different ways of life, discussion with others, light snacks and a closing prayer.

The program is on-going, so if you are not available in January, you may begin in February.

Please contact Sister Christine Kouba, by phone 630 977-9225 or email [ckouba@shmlisle.org](mailto:ckouba@shmlisle.org) for further information or to register.



## Federal Budget Priorities

### FORMING YOUR CONSCIENCE

In the face of unsustainable deficits, the nation faces unavoidable choices about how to balance needs and resources and allocate burdens and sacrifices. These choices have economic, political, and moral dimensions. They have real consequences on people’s lives.

USCCB has consistently advanced a set of timeless moral criteria for Congress and the President to use in making important budget decisions:

1. Every budget decision should be assessed by whether it protects or threatens human life and dignity.
2. A central moral measure of any budget proposal is how it affects the lives and dignity of “the least of these” (Mt: 25). The needs of those who are hungry and homeless, without work or in poverty should come first.
3. Government and other institutions have a shared responsibility to promote the common good of all, especially ordinary workers and families who struggle to live in dignity in difficult economic times.

Prayerfully consider how these criteria apply to the two types of spending included in the federal budget: discretionary and mandatory (or entitlement). Reflect on how different strategies for controlling spending and raising adequate revenues impacts the poor and vulnerable among us.

“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](mailto:peace@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.*



~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, or sign up on the signup sheet in the narthex. 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.

**FAIR TRADE SALE**

Thank you to all the parishioners who made purchases at the Fair Trade Sale on the weekend of Dec. 14-15.

Christ the Servant Parish donated the sponsoring organization's share of the sale to the Catholic Relief Services Micro Financing Program. This assures that the money will continue to help the artisans and growers improve the economic situation of their communities.

Thank you, too, to all the volunteers who staffed the Fair Trade Sale.



**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 Sessions meet this**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday**  
**WELCOME BACK!!!**  
**Confirmation**  
**Next Session:**  
 January 12<sup>th</sup> - 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!)



We will be having a **Teen Mass**  
**NEXT Sunday, January 12th 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 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.

**St. Joseph Parish (Downers Grove)**

**Vigil for Life**

Please join St. Joseph Parish Catholics for Life in an overnight Vigil for Life before the Blessed Sacrament in recognition of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision of 1973 that made abortion legal in the United States, and in memory of the tens of millions of babies killed in the womb since then.

The vigil begins in the Chapel (to the left as you enter the church) with a rosary on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00pm (after 5:00 Mass), and continues overnight and all-day Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, ending with a rosary starting at 4:30pm.

A Holy Hour for Life will be held on Tuesday evening from 8:00 – 9:00pm.

Please send an email indicating when you will attend to [SJC.ProLife@gmail.com](mailto:SJC.ProLife@gmail.com), or join us at anytime during the vigil hours.

St. Joseph Church is located at 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL.

**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](mailto:TAGhutton@yahoo.com) with any questions.

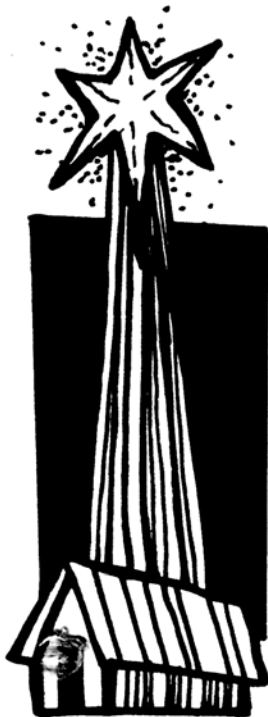
**Montini Catholic High School Placement Exam: January 11, 2014 at 8:00am**

**Placement Exam Pre-Test & Registration Night: Thursday - January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Students testing at Montini Catholic on January 11<sup>th</sup> may earn up to \$10,000 in Montini Catholic Scholarships.**

For more information please contact Kim Richmond at [krichmond@montini.org](mailto:krichmond@montini.org) or 630-627-6930 x 182

**Montini Catholic High School, 19W070 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Lombard**



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Application Deadline: March 1 • Testing By Appointment

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Irene Bork

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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

#### Monday, January 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, January 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Wednesday, January 8

8:30 AM Rose Cimaglia, *r. family*  
Rose Mascia, *r. daughter*

#### Thursday, January 9

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Friday, January 10

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Debbie & Bill Koclawis*  
Lottie Bugay, *r. Rod & Chestine Accardi*

#### Saturday, January 11

4:45 PM Richard Buch, *r. Vito & Dorothy Urbanowicz*  
James Crockett, *r. Crockett family*  
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*  
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*  
Dennis Boyle & Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

#### Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Debbie & Bill Koclawis*  
10:00 AM Sister Mary Charles Rydzewski, *r. Corinne Hanson*

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

## We pray for the Sick

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

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 Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2014



They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

## Bible Readings—Jan. 5-Jan. 12

**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 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

## Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive**  
**Woodridge, Illinois 60517**  
**Phone: (630) 910-0770**  
**Fax: (630) 910-6060**  
**[www.ctswoodridge.org](http://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](mailto: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, January 5

11:30 am—Baptisms

### Monday, January 6

### Tuesday, January 7

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

### Wednesday, January 8

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 9

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 10

### Saturday, January 11

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 am—RCIA

10:00 am—CLOW

10:00 am—S.T.O.R.M. Teen Ministry

1:00 pm—Confirmation Gifts of the

Spirit Retreat

## Upcoming Events

**Jan 18/19:** Admin/Finance Ministry Fair

**Mar 5:** Ash Wednesday

**Mar 16-18:** Lenten Mission with John Donahue-Grossman

## Parish Giving

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.

### NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

### CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 21/22:

Sunday	\$ 6,595.75
Christmas	691.00
Immac. Conception	20.00
Debt Reduction	<u>125.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 7,431.75</b>
This week's deficit	\$ (2,738.25)

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Funds	\$ 5,551.00
Debt Reduction	135.00
Restricted gift	500.00
Christmas décor	345.00
Elec. Gen. Funds (12/16-21)	\$ 120.00

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY:

Religious Retirement	\$ 128.00
Hope's Front Door	240.00
Simbang Gabi Charity	1,505.00

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

Registered Households—736

*Thank you for your generous support!*

*Did you know...you are appreciated.*

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
 are by no means least  
 among the princes of Judah, since from you  
 shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.*



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