

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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:

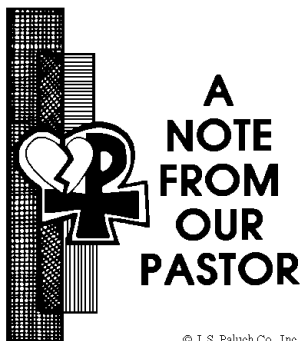
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Tables Available

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 one of the remaining 8 foot wooden folding tables, please call Corinne at the parish office (630-910-0770). Condition is "as is", and while we can help you get it out to your vehicle, you are responsible for transportation.



Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



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Happy New Year

Well, generally at the new year there are many new laws that have taken effect. In Illinois, you can now legally carry a concealed weapon. I guess now when our lector says “please mute your cell phones” we will also have to announce “Please check your guns at the door before you enter Christ the Servant Church”. You can also go 70 miles an hour on the interstates, but there are exceptions. Also all of the rules that apply to “Obamacare” have now taken effect.

At times we forget that there is another set of laws that the Republicans and Democrats can't argue about. It's called Natural Law. Natural law was discussed by the likes of Plato and Socrates, and Aristotle. Natural law is a right way of behavior that comes not by the mind of man but by God. The words of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle were picked up by our founding fathers when the Declaration of Independence was written. Thomas Jefferson wrote that, “All men are created equal endowed with certain inalienable rights including Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Those inalienable rights that we all have can be also called Natural Law. In the next few weeks I would like to offer you an article that I read that I thought explained things very well.

Rev. Frank K. Vitus

From CNS website commentary by Terence P. Jeffrey

As of today—Jan. 1, 2014—a Democratic administration led by President Barack Obama will use a regulation permitted and funded by a Republican-majority House of Representatives to prohibit Americans from freely exercising not just Christianity, but virtue itself in the United States of America. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines virtue as “conformity to a standard of right”—and, in truth, there is only one such standard. Individuals are born and die, nations rise and fall—yet it remains. Nor can it be escaped—no matter how devoutly men such as Obama seek to annul it, or how abjectly his opponents in the political establishment shrink from defending it.

What is it? The Roman senator Cicero explained it with force and clarity five decades before Christ. “There is a true law, a right reason, conformable to nature, universal, unchangeable, eternal, whose commands urge us to duty, and whose prohibitions restrain us from evil,” wrote Cicero. “Neither the senate nor the people can give us any dispensation for not obeying this universal law of justice,” he said. “It is not one thing at Rome and another at Athens; one thing today and another tomorrow; but in all times and nations this universal law must forever reign, eternal and imperishable” “God himself is its author, its promulgator, its enforcer,” said this Roman senator. “He who obeys it not, flies from himself, and does violence to the very nature of man.” “When a man is inspired by virtue such as this, what bribes can you offer him, what treasures, what thrones, what empires?” wrote Cicero. “He considers these but mortal goods and esteems his own divine.” “And,” concluded this pre-Christian statesman, “if the ingratitude of the people, and the envy of his competitors, or the violence of powerful enemies despoil his virtue of its earthly recompense, he still enjoys a thousand consolations in the approbation of conscience, and sustains himself by contemplating the beauty of moral rectitude.”

(to be continued next week)

Respect for All Life

The Gospel of Life

It is more important than ever that we have the will to honestly face the truth and say exactly what it is.

~Gospel of Life, #58



Jesus Christ is Life. To stand with Him is to stand with life, and to stand against whatever destroys life. Respecting life in our convictions, words and actions is not merely a personal belief or a political ideology, not merely a hobby or extracurricular activity.

Respecting All Life is a spirituality, a way of relating to God, an integral dimension of the Christian gospel. There is, in the end, only one Gospel—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Gospel of Life. Respecting All Life is Biblical, Prophetic, Liturgical, Eucharistic, Ecumenical, and Marian. It is marked by a spirit of joy, a serene confidence, a deep compassion, a radical solidarity with the vulnerable, a strong courage, a constant readiness for public witness, and a passion for justice.

Dave A

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 Rita S know if you can come to the February 8th taping, or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

Respect for All Life Meeting: Tuesday, January 14

The Respect for All Life Committee will meet in Christ the Servant's Library (down the hall, last door on the left), after the morning mass.

St. Joseph Parish (Downers Grove) Vigil for Life

4801 Main St, Downers Grove

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. The vigil begins in the Chapel (to the left as you enter the church) on Tuesday, January 21st, at 6:00pm, and continues overnight and all-day Wednesday, January 22nd, ending with a rosary at 4:30pm. A Holy Hour for Life will be held on Tuesday evening from 8-9pm. If you know what time you will come, please email SJC.ProLife@gmail.com.



Federal Budget Priorities

RESOURCES & ACTIONS

Stay informed by visiting the USCCB Federal Budget Page at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/federal-budget/

Learn more about Catholic Social Teaching on Poverty, an Option for the Poor, and the Common Good at www.usccb.org/about/domestic-social-development/resources/upload/poverty-common-good-CST.pdf

Support the Circle of Protection campaign. Join with those who are committed to protecting vital programs for people in or near poverty in the United States and around the world by resisting budget cuts that undermine the lives, dignity, and rights of poor and vulnerable people. Find out more at circleofprotection.us/

Stand with other Catholics to shape policies that protect the poor and vulnerable overseas through the Catholics Confront Global Poverty, an initiative of the USCCB and Catholic Relief Services. Become a part of this effort at www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/

Urge the President, our Senators, and your member of Congress to demonstrate wise bipartisan leadership and moral clarity in crafting plans to ensure the government continues to operate and meet its responsibility to protect human life and dignity, care for poor and vulnerable people at home and abroad, and advance the universal common good. **Don't wait – write or call them this week!**

“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.

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 .



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 questions.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

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!)

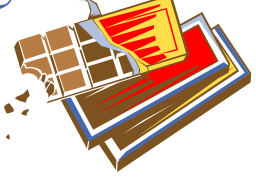


F.A.C.T. Group Up-Coming Events Families with Active Catholic Teens 6th-12th graders



Sign-ups are available in the narthex for these fun-filled activities!

candy sale



1. Sunday, January 26th after 10:00am Mass TEEN WORK DAY - Get ready for our annual chocolate sale! Come make posters and apply our labels to CHOCOLATE BARS..... Stay to socialize!

2. Weekend of Feb 8/9 - after all Masses Sign up to help sell the chocolate on Valentine's Day Weekend!



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.



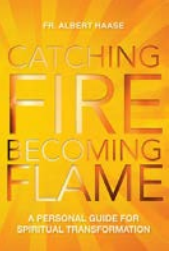
6:00 Light Supper
7:00 Presentation
8:40 Prize Drawing!

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.



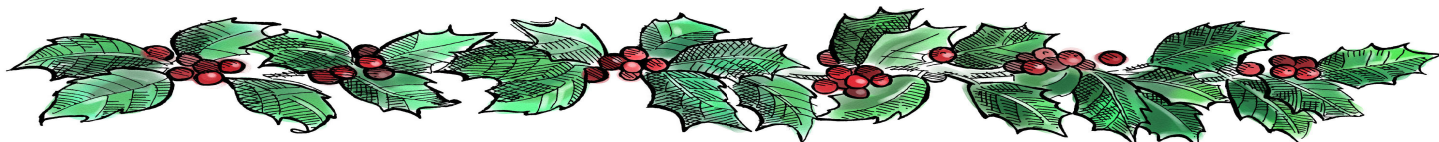
We will watch video presentations by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, "who will give you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life - and then show you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze."

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.

As we close the Church's season of Christmas, we honor and remember members of our families. Many thanks to those who donated to the Christmas Décor fund. We have tried to give a complete listing. Please forgive any accidental omissions. Thank you.



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| Ascencion Alvarez by
Tinoco family | Thomas & Carmella
Dongarra & Mike &
Phyllis Laperuto by
James & Janet
Dongarra | John Malone & Florence
Malone by Mr & Mrs
Eric Frantz | |
| Tony & Jennie Angelo &
Harold Gamble by
Robert & Rose Gamble | Drzastwa & Pister families
Sandra Farbotko by Lee &
Stan Farbotko | Jerry Matejovsky by Edward
& Susan Dedowicz | |
| Marie Antoinette Averion by
Edwin & Jocelyn David
& family | Josephine Favia &
Concetta Fosco by
Moravecek family | 2 nd Lt Albert McGarr, USMC
by Adrienne & Gregory
Ahern | Felisa Aranillo Tan by Tan
family |
| Godofreda & Emilio
Bandelaria by Pedrito &
Norma Valencia | William Fitzmaurice &
Muchow family by Ann
Mysliwicz | John & Esther Michalek
Walter & Eleanor Mikrut;
Billy & Amy Smith by
Dan & Heather Smith | Antonio Teves, Sr by
Renacia family |
| Fr. Pat Brennan & Evelyn
Rose Cermak by Vic &
Sylvia Cordes | Eleanor Fleming and
Rosemary Stewart by
Ed & Fran Fleming | Fred Myczek by Eleanor
Myczek | Edmond Trembacz &
Obradovic family by
Laverne Trembacz |
| deceased members of the
Breyne & Henrickson
families by Peg & Ron
Breyne | Joe Florio by Carmela
Florio | Raymond A Navarro, Sr by
Maureen Navarro | Trzos & Distefano
families by Ron &
Jean Trzos |
| Daniel & Betty Broderick;
Baby Alexander Robert
Hudec; Frank & Lucille
Kaczmarek by Daniel &
Elizabeth Kaczmarek | Ralph & Drusilla Fricke by
Deacon Tom & Joanne
Fricke | Ricardo Olaco and Fely
Olaco by Annie Timkang | Rudy Valenta by Barbara
Sorice |
| Richard Buch; Buch,
Connors & Czech
families by Marge Buch | Frank & Janina Gajc;
Wladyslaw & Leon &
Robert & Anneta
Ziminski by Joe & Irene
Gajc | Paul R. Pennock by Linda
M. Pennock | Carmen Valliere by
Suzanne Valliere &
Arthur Valliere |
| Donna Buonamici; Virginia
& Bill Barnes by Mary
Kiser | Ginny & Bill Haas by Elena
Haas | the Peslak's & Kolodziej's by
Richard & Helene
Peslak | Genevieve Wachowicz by
Ted Wachowicz |
| Benita Carcueva by Teresita
Monsanto | Arnold Iaconi, Sr and Alba
Louise Templin by John
& Lori Iaconi | Prohaska & Stanton
families by Dan & Carol
Prohaska | deceased members of the
Weber and
Szymanski families by
Janet Szymanski |
| Rose Cimaglia & Yolanda
Stillo by Sonny & Emily
Stillo | Gerald Johnson
Michael & Angeline Kolek &
James Crockett by
Colette Crockett &
family | Terry Ann Prohl by Ron &
Dale Prohl | Szymanski families by
Janet Szymanski |
| George Clark & Virginia
Barnas by Mrs Lorraine
Clark | Kozerski & Reimer families
by Ted & LaVergne
Kozerski | Rassano & Frontera fami-
lies by Robert & Barbara
Rassano | Donald R. Wilson by
Sharon Ottaviani |
| Allen Cooper by
Jan & Tom Darovic by
Goletz family | Sara Kunkler by Ramon
Joson | Donald & Inez Regnier by
Bill & Carol Hanen | Regina Zdenovec &
Joseph & Evelyn
Zdenovec by Charles
Zdenovec |
| Margarita & Jesús DeJesus
by Maria Filipponi | Marian Laughlin by Peggy
Laughlin | the Ruff family by Donna M.
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& Mary Phillips by Alie
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Lesniewski family by
Sister Suzanne | Carl Sarno by Paul Sarno
family | |
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Debi Savage | Lesniewski, osf | Benjamin S. Serrano &
Antonio T. Ramos by
Rosita R. Serrano & Tan
family | Donations also received
from: Anonymous
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| RoseMary DiVincenzo by
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my brother Gerald
Sonsikoski by Karen
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Hamilton by Deb Steller | |
| | | Thomas A. Stuba, Sr by
Mary Lou Stuba | |



Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Eleanor Weber

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*
 Lilly Mary

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Hal & Loretta Cescato*

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 AM Pearl Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 16

8:30 AM Rose & Achille Cimaglia, *r. family*

Friday, January 17

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 18

4:45 PM Thomas Wolfe, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*
 Dennis Boyle & Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM For the Unborn, *r. Respect for All Life Committee*
 Richard Buch, *r. 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, Feb. 13, 7:00-8:00PM

We pray for the Sick

Mickie Anderson	Jack Finan	Marie Magee
Fr. John Barrett	Elizabeth Freer	Gene Mroz
Louise Boden	Cindy Giannini	Julie Nelson
Mari Cleary	Kay Goetz	Pauline Ryan
Jeff Coole	George Grabert	Ron Rydzewski
Holly Derrico	Don Heinrich	Harry Spatero
Autumn Eipers	Hannah Jahn	Chris Templin
Bob Epstien	Linda Lagman	Kim Tranon
Jamie Filippini	Jaime Lucia	

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



Henry Borkowski
(father of Donna Ciolek)

Roger Kapraun
(cousin of Rita Sisko)

We pray for those who Serve

Greg Basta, son of Ted Basta
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.

Bible Readings—Jan. 12-Jan. 19

SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

MONDAY: 1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a / Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY: Is 49:3,5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

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*
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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 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

Monday, January 13

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm.

7:00 pm—Christian Service Commission

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 am—Respect for All Life Committee

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, January 15

4:45 pm-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30 pm-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, January 16

10:00 am—Diocese Justice Coalition Mtg

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17

Admin/Finance Ministry Fair

Saturday, January 18

8:30 am—Worship Commission

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am—RCIA

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

Upcoming Events

Mar 5: Ash Wednesday

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

Parish Giving

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

"Stewardship: A Disciple's Response"
- US Catholic Bishops 1992

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2013-2014

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 24-Jan 5:

Sunday 12/28-29	\$ 7,188.34
Sunday 1/4-5	4,832.00
Sunday (on other days)	536.00
Christmas	17,949.31
Mary, Mother of God	2,245.55
Debt Reduction	<u>1,147.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 33,898.20
Catchup (2 weeks)	\$ 13,558.20

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

General Funds	\$ 4,442.00
Christmas décor	125.00
Elec. Gen. Funds (12/28-1/5)	\$ 1,005.00
Elec. Debt Reduction	215.00
Elec. Christmas	50.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY:

Manger (for PADS) \$ 33.75

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

Registered Households—731

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