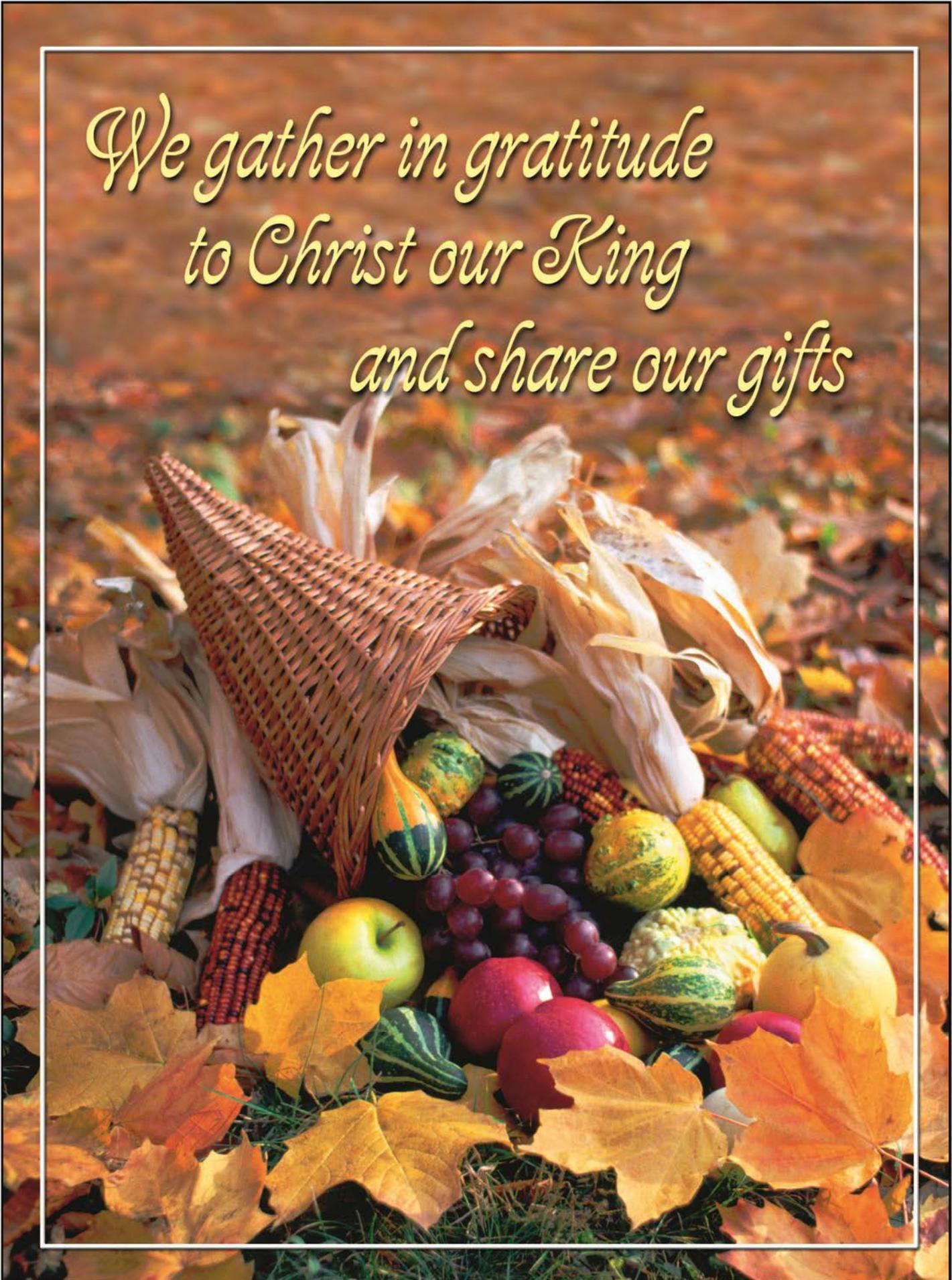


*We gather in gratitude
to Christ our King
and share our gifts*



Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

November 23, 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.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Feast of Christ the King November 23, 2014

Dear Friends,

With the Feast of Christ the King we celebrate the last Sunday of our Liturgical Year. Thanksgiving is this week, and ready or not, next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent!

At the beginning and end of each liturgical year we hear of and are reminded to prepare for the coming of the Lord, to take stock of our lives, to give an accounting, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ in a new way.

The old order has passed away, a new day is coming; we prepare for the Advent of Christ! Jesus, who has already come in history, describes how he comes now in new ways that transcend the historical limits of time and space.

Jesus comes embodied now in us, and in the least of our sisters and brothers. We are accountable for how we accept and respond to this Christ in our lives. That is the criteria Jesus uses as described in the judgment scene of the gospel today.

It is not orthodoxy that saves us, it is orthopraxy; how we live what we say we believe. We are to put our faith into practice and Jesus describes how we do that as we care for each other and the least of our brothers and sisters.

It is a pretty direct and immediate way of encountering and entering into a relationship with Christ. In that way we are drawn into the very mystery and presence of God, into the energy and plan God has for the world.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading today, "When everything is subjected to Christ, the Son himself will be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all!" That is the plan; to be one with God; each other, and all creation; it is the reign of God in which Christ is King!

Christ has come and Christ is coming! It's the "yet" and the "not yet"!

One with you in the love of Christ,



Fr. Joel



Christ the Servant Parish
1990-2015

Living a Giving Life

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
Jesus' Cross shows the full force of evil, but also the full power of God's mercy.

Psalms of Thanksgiving

Christ the Servant is happy to host the Woodridge Ecumenical Service this Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 pm. Plan to come and pray together, sing together, and thank God for our blessings. Enjoy the music of the combined choirs from Christ the Servant, St. Scholastica, Woodridge United Methodist Church and Prince of Peace Church, including the St. Scholastica Handbell Choir. Please come and help the people of other churches in Woodridge experience the warm, welcoming community of Christ the Servant.



Medicare 101: Medicare Made Easy

The following seminar is FREE.

Register to guarantee seating

Presenter: Parishioner Maribeth Fencl

Community Relations, Barra & Associates

Maribeth Fencl is a licensed insurance broker certified by Medicare. She partners with multiple carriers like BCBS, Humana, AARP, Equitable, Heartland and Combined Insurance. Medicare education provides knowledge and peace of mind in choosing the right Medicare health plan.

Learn how to navigate Medicare by understanding Original Medicare A & B as well as the difference between Medicare Advantage programs versus Medicare Supplements. Explore how Medicare Part D plans work.

Attendees will benefit from this program if: 1) they will soon be eligible for Medicare; 2) they are already on Medicare, but losing their group retiree benefits; 3) they serve as a caregiver to a Medicare beneficiary; and 4) they would like to learn more about all parts of Medicare.

Call 630/418-0906 or email mfencl@ifsbrokerage.com to register.

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am

Collection will be donated to Hope's Front Door ministry. Please be as generous as you are able. If you are not able to attend mass on Thanksgiving Day, but wish to contribute, you may include a separate envelope marked "Thanksgiving" in the Sunday collection.



Our staff doesn't have the training to be able to directly help those who come to our door seeking assistance for things like health needs, gasoline, rental or utilities. We refer them to Hope's Front Door. Anything you give will be going to help our neighbors in need.

Please note that there will be no communion service on Friday, November 28.



Advent is right around the corner, and our Advent Penance Service will be held early in Advent, on December 1, at 7:00 pm. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity for prayer and individual confessions.

Confessions are usually available on Saturday's from 4:00-4:30 pm in Fr. Joel's office, and by appointment by calling Fr. Joel at 630-910-0770, ext. 15.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 No sessions this week.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Confirmation

Classes:

Session SunA - November 30th

Session WedA - December 3rd

Session SunB - December 7th

Session WedB - December 10th



This year's
RF Christmas Program
will be
Friday December 12th
at 7:00pm.

Do not miss this opportunity
to hear this ancient, ever new
story of Christmas!



Christ the Servant families are being asked to dress the F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE with donations of new hats, mittens & gloves for children. They will be donated to Hope's Front Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry.) Monetary donations are also welcome.



Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program was developed to help caring and responsible adults in keeping children safe. PGCA is mandatory for all adults who work with children in the parish. All parents are encouraged to attend this program. Visit www.virtus.org for session listings in our area (select Joliet, IL (Diocese)) and to register. For more information contact Liz Jesse @ 910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org.

Respect for All Life

End-of-life Decisions: Our Moral Responsibility (Pt. 1)

Christians are called to face the reality of death with the hope and confidence that our faith brings: "Life is changed, not ended." Yet, our



natural feeling towards death often remains as one of loss, separation, and fear. Three factors account for the current complexity of end-of-life decisions: (1) Today, 80% of deaths result from progressive chronic diseases, which now develop and cause death more slowly; (2) patients and families are asked to make decisions regarding the use of medical technology to prolong life, including what kinds to use, and whether or when to discontinue; (3) legal emphasis on patient autonomy—from freedom and personal choice—has limited the ability of others, including family members, to be involved in a patient's decisions without the expressed permission of the patient. Yet, as patients face these decisions, they are probably more dependent upon others than ever before. Our Catholic faith challenges us: (1) to know more about our Catholic moral traditions regarding these decisions; (2) to prepare ourselves and loved ones to make appropriate decisions; and (3) to discuss anticipated medical care both with our loved ones and with medical professionals.

~"End-of-life Decisions: What is our Moral Responsibility," by Fr. Thomas Narin, OFM, PhD, *Liguorian*, October, 2014 (more next week)

Learn About a Priestly Vocation

The Joliet diocese is inviting young men ages 16-40, and their parish priests, to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Friday, November 28, from 11 am to 3 pm. The day will include Mass, talks from priests and seminarians, lunch, and time to ask any questions about the priesthood. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons on Nov. 28. Parents of our current seminarians will be available to speak about what it is like to have a son answer God's call. This year in our diocese we have 37 seminarians studying for the priesthood. More information:

www.whowillfilltheseshoes.com

~Fr. Burke Masters, Joliet Diocese, Director of Vocations

submitted by Dave A

Would you like to participate as a minister, but don't know how, or are afraid that you would be assigned times that don't work for you? Training is provided! Each minister/family has the opportunity to block out certain dates and times by completing an "Availability Sheet". This sheet lists the upcoming schedule, and gives you to opportunity to block out certain dates and times. You can also request to be scheduled only once per month, or once per schedule. Every minister helps! 630-910-0770.



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Saturday November 29 4:45 PM	Sunday November 30 8:30 AM	Sunday November 30 10:00 AM
O Family	A Family	K Family
Patti C Mary K Marylou R Rita S Darlene S	Jim N Dan S Heather S Lee W Andrea W	Antonio A Judy E Maria F Michael L Dan R
Bob C Gayle H	Virginia A Marjorie C	Steve W Sylvia C
M Family	S Family Marijane T	G Family

Christmas Wish Tree and Dinners



Love God. Love each other. According to Jesus, these are the greatest commandments. We can do both by participating in the Christmas Wish Tree and Dinner program, providing Christmas dinners for 50 households in need, along with Christmas gifts for children and seniors.

Signups begin next weekend, and items will be due back at the church by 11:00 am Sunday, December 14.

There is still time to purchase the items you will give through the use of Manna gift cards. Manna cards are purchased at face value, and the parish gets to buy them at a discount, thus raising money to help the mission of our parish. Manna cards are prepaid, so they can be used with no worries about identity theft. You can give the cards as a gift, or you can use them for your own household needs—Christmas shopping, shopping for food, movies, dinner out, gasoline, the list goes on and on. Pick up a Manna order form today, and return it to the church with payment by 11:00 am, next Sunday, November 30.



If you wish to pay be credit card, contact Corinne in the parish office. It is possible to pay by credit or debit card through the parish website (use the "Fundraising Event" button at the bottom after clicking on DONATION); but be sure to send an email to ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org to make sure we know it is to be applied to Manna! Be aware that using your credit card slightly reduces the amount of profit the parish makes, because we have to pay to process credit cards.

Sacramental Information

rites of Christian Initiation Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, the celebration of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:30 AM. A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended if you are planning your first child's baptism or if three years have passed since your last child was baptized. Call the Parish Office to register and to check whether adjustments have been made to the schedule.

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 becoming a priest or religious? Talk with Fr. Joel or email Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or at parish reconciliation services during Advent and Lent, or by appointment with Fr. Joel.

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, help driving to appointments, emergency meals, or anyone needing 2 hour respite care for a homebound family member call Deacon Tom F.

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

**Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, December 11, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Chester Kozlowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22

4:45 PM Celeste Grosvenor, *r. Barb Boyle*
 Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*
 Mary Jo Lally, *r. Marylou & Joe Riedl & family*
 Gene & Mitchell Rendak, *r. Gierut family*

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM Joe Florio, *r. Carmella Florio*
 10:00 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Tony & Mila Abellera*
 People of the Parish

Monday, November 24

8:30 AM Sebastian & Anna Vogel, *r. Rita Sisko*

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 AM Virginia Kozlowski

Wednesday, November 26

8:30 AM Miriam Huske *r. Cecilia Cooper*

Thursday, November 27

8:30 AM Joseph & Virginia Zajac, *r. loving family*

Friday, November 28

No services today.

Saturday, November 29

4:45 PM Andrew Iovito, Jr, *r. Andie Wolfe*
 Tom Ruff, *r. Donna Mays*
 Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Donna Mays*

Sunday, November 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Pearl & Harry Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*
 Fr. Pat Brennan, *r. Vic & Sylvia Cordes*

To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

Advent Activities

“Who do YOU say I Am?”

presented by Sister Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Ph.D., Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm, at Divine Savior Church, 6700 Main St, Downers Grove

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus asks the key question of his apostles and to us—Who do you say I am? Be reminded of Jesus’ commitment to us and our new life in Him.

“The O Antiphons” presented by Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, OSB, Tuesday, December 9 at 9:00-11:00 am, at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle. RSVP to jdoyle@shmlisle.org or 630-725-6016.

Learn what messages and inspiration we can learn from the O Antiphons.



We pray for the Sick

Nicholas Allen	Karen Fialek	Dorothy Paperiello
Louise Boden	Robert Gamble	Alie Phillips
Prudy & Steve Boen	Jerry Hassman	Pauline Popek
Salvatore Campagna	Paul Hassman	Tammy Riesland
Helen Ciolek	Hannah Jahn	Marcia Robinson
Jeff Coole	Mike Joyce	Ron Rydzewski
Carol Cottone	Peggy Laughlin	Jewel Sippel
Holly Derrico	Pat Mclaj	Elaine Thomas
Jim Dongarra	Dee Moy	Maribeth Wall
Bob Epstein	Gene Mroz	Fr. Edward Whelan
Betty Fencil	Thomas O'Donnell	Joe Zapalac

Names remain on this list approximately three months, unless specifically requested otherwise. To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.

We pray for the Deceased



Anna Mae Husson

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Eric Graslje, cousin of Pauline Ryan
David Jackson, son of Cathleen Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
Mike Kohne, grandnephew of Dan & Mary Anne Troy
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—Nov. 23-Nov. 30

SUNDAY: Ez 34:11-12,15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 / Mt 25:31-46

MONDAY: Rv 14:1-3,4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY: Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY: Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY: Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY: Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2 / Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY: Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

SUNDAY: Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM

Friday Communion Service.....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 or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

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Tom Fricke, Permanent Deacon

Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

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Liz Jesse,

Religious Formation Director Ext. 12

Donna Kovarik, Music Director

Commission Chairpersons

Barb Kosiek, Pastoral Council

Debi Savage, Pastoral Council Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life

Jean Durran, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has
a Facebook page!

www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org

"Like" us!

Calendar of Events

Bring Thanksgiving Dinners

Sunday, November 23

11:00 am—All Thanksgiving dinner materials must be here.

6:00 pm—Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Monday, November 24

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, November 25

NO RF Classes

7:30 pm—Medicare 101 seminar

Wednesday, November 26

NO RF Classes

Thursday, November 27

9:00 am—Thanksgiving Day Mass
Offices Closed

Friday, November 28

Offices Closed

Saturday, November 29

10:00 am—Decorate for Advent
PADS—*offsite*

Sunday, November 30

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

11:00 am—Set up Nativity

Upcoming Events

Nov. 29: Serve at PADS; flyers in the narthex

Nov. 30: 11:00 am; Manna orders due

Dec. 1: 7:00 pm; Advent Reconciliation Service

Dec. 5: 9:00-10:00 am; Holy Hour

Dec. 5/6: after masses; Christmas Bazaar

Parish Giving

On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King, we focus on God's Kingdom as one of compassion and love. When we do works of mercy and justice we honor Christ as King and give witness to the reality that He is the Ruler of our hearts and our lives.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,420.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

NOTE: Electronic contributions are now included with other totals

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 10-16:

Sunday	\$ 7,977.94
General Funds	345.00
Restricted use	30.00
Debt Reduction	130.00
Total Contributed	\$ 8,482.94
This week's deficit	(\$ 1,687.06)

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.

Debt to Diocese as of 10/31 \$606,648

Registered Households—737

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...Our Thanksgiving collection is donated in its entirety to Hope's Front Door ministry to the poor. If you are not able to donate on Thanksgiving Day, you may place a contribution in a separate envelope marked "Thanksgiving" in the Sunday collection. Thank you!

Leave a Legacy. A charitable lead trust lets you lend your assets for a while before they return to you or your beneficiary. Call the Development Office at 815-221-6100.

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