

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*The Joy of Living a Giving Life*

1st Sunday of Advent

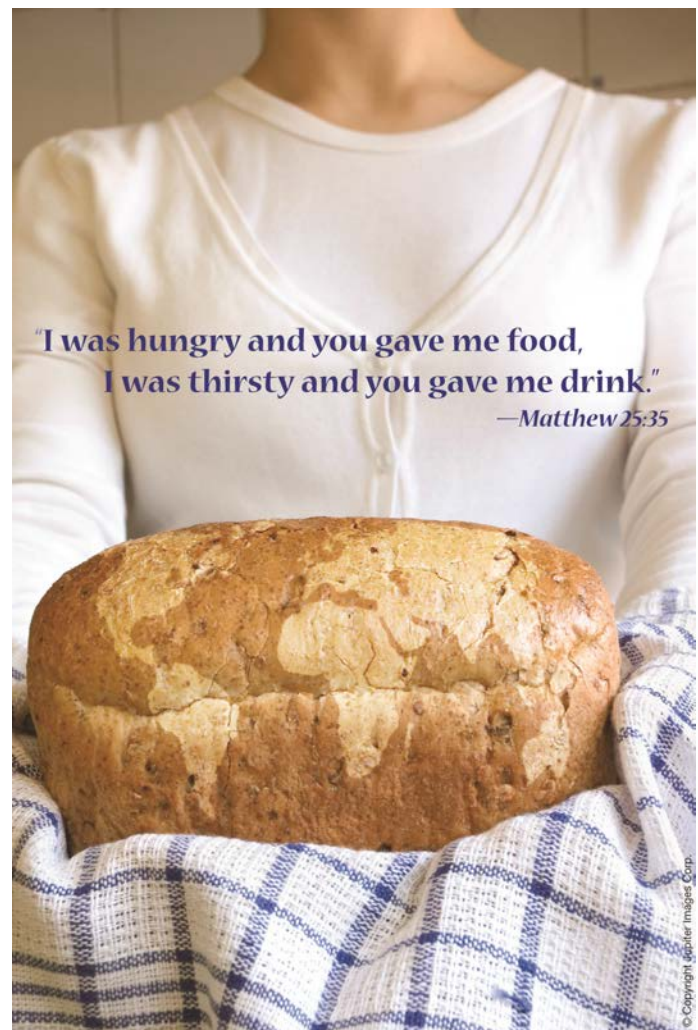
November 30, 2014

## **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.**

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*Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home*

**Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!**  
 Let us seek to live in a way that is always worthy of our Christian vocation.



Christ the Servant Parish  
 1990-2015

*Living a Giving Life*

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 30, 2014

Dear Friends,

Christ has come, Christ is coming! Today we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent with great hope, expectation, and longing. Our theme is "Lord, we wait in joyful hope!" Christ is in me, Christ is in you, we are in God. That is the hope of all Christians.

The full revelation of God's presence is yet to be revealed, that is why we still say, "Come Lord Jesus!" We pray as the people of the Old Testament did from the first reading today, for the Lord to reveal his presence.

Christ is coming and being revealed to and in us more each day. That is a wonderful, transforming thing. It happens in such ways as we say yes to love, being present to each other in real, caring, and compassionate ways. So Jesus tells us in the gospel today to be watchful, mindful, attentive, and present to one another so that we may see and respond to the face of God being revealed to and in us.

We need to learn to wait and watch. That's a hard thing to do in the breakneck pace of preparing for Christmas in our culture, so it is a good thing to teach our children with such things as an Advent calendar, or progressive lighting of an Advent wreath at home.

We each need to take time to be still and know...to focus and center our lives on a change of heart and mind this Advent. Our parish Advent communal Reconciliation Service is scheduled for this Monday, December 1st at 7:00 PM. It is an opportunity to take the time to focus on the mystery of Christ's coming in our lives.

It is time to wake up, watch, and prepare to meet Christ as he comes in our lives in ever new and present ways. It begins for us another great season and year of grace. Come Lord Jesus, come, we wait in joyful Hope!

With you in the love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Joel".

Fr. Joel



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.

**UPENDO VILLAGE PRAYER SERVICE**

**WHO:** The Wheaton Franciscans: Canticle Ministries, Canticle Place and Upendo Village

**WHAT: Working Together: World AIDS Day Community Prayer Service.** The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters' Justice, Peace and Integrity for Creation Office, Canticle Ministries, Canticle Place and Upendo Village, NFP are partnering to host a prayer service to commemorate the 33<sup>rd</sup> World AIDS Day in the United States and the 25<sup>th</sup> service held by the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters.

**WHEN: Monday, December 1, 2014**  
Service at 7:00 P.M.  
Refreshments to follow

**WHERE:** The Our Lady of the Angels Motherhouse – Chapel, 26W171 Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187

**WHY: This service is open to the public.** While the service is being hosted by ministries of the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters and will take place in their chapel, it is ecumenical and is designed to hold symbolic reverence that pays homage to all those affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and to remember all those who have lost their battle with AIDS. This service is an outlet for those who have been affected by or are living with HIV/AIDS to find a community of support and gain a positive outlook on the future of an AIDS-free generation. In addition to the remembrance and reflective service, the Wheaton Franciscans' three HIV/AIDS ministries, Canticle Ministries, Canticle Place and Upendo Village, will share their mission and how they are contributing to a future with an AIDS-free generation.

**NOTE:** This is the first service in the past 26 years that includes all three of these ministries. It was planned this way as an answer to the President's emphasis on utilizing partnerships to make a greater impact and achieve an AIDS-free generation.



**In Pursuit of Catholic Education**  
Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park has notified us that the following parishioner of Christ the Servant achieved A Honor Roll for the first quarter:

Harshita R  
Congratulations on your R and keep up the good work!

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH**

For information about open adoption, call 1-800-923-6784 or [www.lifetimeadoption.com](http://www.lifetimeadoption.com). Request a free book for all women facing unplanned pregnancy at [www.freeadoptionbook.com](http://www.freeadoptionbook.com).

For those who are unable to have biological children of their own, there is always a special place in their heart for the woman who is the birth mother, and chose to not have an abortion and let her child be adopted. Adoption can be a positive solution for the birth mother, baby and adoptive parents. Celebrate National Adoption Month with family and friends who have been adopted.

**WATCH YOUR MAIL!**

Our annual Advent mailing is on it's way, if you have not yet received it. It contains a schedule for activities that are taking place at CTS during Advent & Christmas seasons, and the annual opportunity to remember loved ones with poinsettia (& other Art & Environment needs) donations.

Many thanks go out to Dolores V, Laverne T, Colette C, Donna M, Rita S, Sharon M, Bill K, Shirley W, Ceil C and Pat S. All of these worked a couple of days last week working on worship booklets and the mailing.



*Religious Formation*



**Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Confirmation**

Classes:

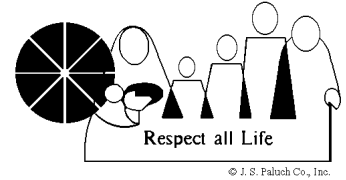
- Session SunA - November 30th
- Session WedA - December 3rd
- Session SunB - December 7th
- Session WedB - December 10th



*Respect for All Life*

**End-of-life Decisions (Pt. 2)**

A document developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care



Services" (2009) provides guidance to those who are facing decisions about care during serious illness or at the end of life. Our Catholic tradition forbids euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. In end of life decisions, especially when one is deciding for another, one must respect the dignity of the person and the preciousness of life. The bishops emphasize, however, while we have a duty to preserve our lives, no one is obliged to use life-prolonging procedures if they are insufficiently beneficial or are excessively burdensome. The task of medicine is always to care for the patient even when it can no longer cure. However, there comes a time in a progressive terminal illness when continued attempts at a cure may no longer be caring. True care for the patient changes from treatments aimed at cure to keeping the patient as comfortable as possible, helping the patient prepare for death, and simply being present.

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

submitted by Dave A



**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](http://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](mailto:liz@ctswoodridge.org).

**Ladies Lunch Out ~ Over 55 Ladies Club**



Come join us on **Tuesday, December 9,** at 1:00 PM at

**1001 W 75th Street, Woodridge**

Call Michele S or Rosada H

**Special Event: \$10 Christmas Grab Bag**



**New Members Welcome!!!**

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 December 6 4:45 PM	Sunday December 7 8:30 AM	Sunday December 7 10:00 AM
T Family	N Family	W Family
Marlene B Karen J Steve J Terri M Annie T	Cheryl F Cindy F Paula R Jose S Melania S	Deacon A Ed J Madeline J Maureen N Dan R
Ramon J Vince D	Joe C Therese K	Joe T Judy E
Jim P Ron P	Greg F Steve W	V 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, and return it to the church with payment by 11:00 am, this 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

Frank O'Brien

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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*

#### Monday, December 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, December 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Wednesday, December 3

8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe *r. Andie Wolfe*

#### Thursday, December 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Friday, December 5—Communion Service

#### Saturday, December 6

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*  
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*  
Agapita Chiarella *r. Donna Mays*

#### Sunday, December 7

8:30 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Brian & Deb Kocsis*  
Emily Gierut, *r. Gierut family*  
Marie Geinopolos, *r. Lainie Geinopolos*  
10:00 AM Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Kevin Wilson family*  
Jeffrey Dehlin, *r. family*

*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](mailto: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 Mcleij	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](mailto:corinne@ctswoodridge.org). Thank you.*

## We pray for those who Serve

**Christopher Durkovic**, grandson of Joan Kurtz  
**Eric Graslie**, 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.*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reminder: The location for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offered from 4:00-4:30 PM Saturdays, is in Fr. Joel's office at the far end of the hall. We also have the opportunity for Reconciliation at the Reconciliation Service on Monday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 pm.

## Bible Readings—Nov. 30-Dec. 7

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

**MONDAY:** Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11

**TUESDAY:** Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

**THURSDAY:** Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27

**FRIDAY:** Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

**SATURDAY:** Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

**SUNDAY:** Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

*Office Hours & Staff*

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[www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org)**

**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**

**Fr. Joel Fortier**, Administrator Ext. 15  
jfortier@ctswoodridge.org

**Fr. Kevin Spiess**, Weekend Assistant

**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**

**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](http://www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org)

"Like" us!

*Calendar of Events*

**Sunday, November 30**

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

11:00 am—Set up Nativity

**Monday, December 1**

7:00 pm—Advent Penance Service

**Tuesday, December 2**

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

**Wednesday, December 3**

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes 1-5

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 3,5-7

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation Class A

**Thursday, December 4**

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 5**

9:00 am—Holy Hour

**Pick Up Manna**

**Sign up for Christmas Sharing**

**Saturday, December 6**

after masses—Christmas Bazaar

**Sunday, December 7**

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

*Upcoming Events*

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

**Dec. 5/6:** after masses; Christmas Bazaar

**Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation; masses 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Dec. 12:** 7:00 pm—RF Christmas Program

*Parish Giving*

Today's first reading and Gospel present the Advent themes of hope, vigilance, and repentance. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus cautions us to be watchful and ready for we do not know when He will return. As we begin this Advent season, may we, as faithful stewards, put our hope in the Lord and repent of our sins.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015**

Parish Expenses \$ 6,420.00

Mortgage Payment 3,350.00

Total Needed **\$ 10,170.00**

**NOTE: Due to an early bulletin deadline, the contribution numbers for last week will be reported in next week's bulletin.**

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.

To donate stocks, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org) and click on "Donate", then click on Stock Donations for details on the process.

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