

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*The Joy of Living a Giving Life*

2nd Sunday of Advent

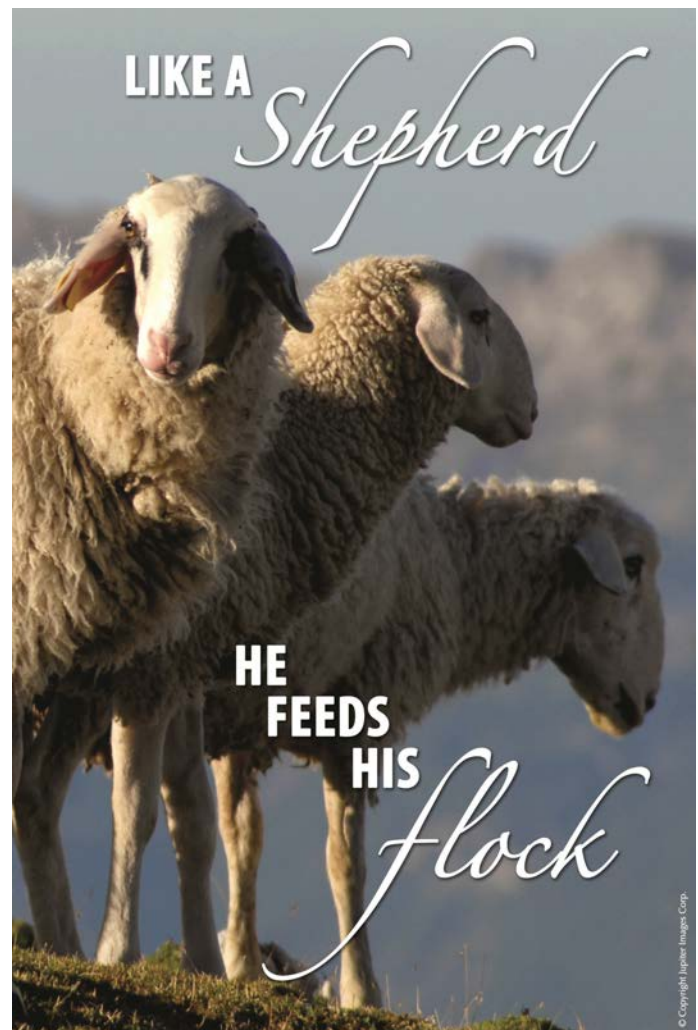
December 7, 2014

## **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!**  
 There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.



Christ the Servant Parish  
 1990-2015

*Living a Giving Life*

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Dear Friends,

We are all part of God's wonderful plan, and it is coming to fulfillment in us and in our time. It is unity and reconciliation with all people and creation in God. We wait in joyful hope as we place our trust in you O Lord!

The way we cooperate and help make that plan a reality is by turning our lives and faces toward God; the conversion of our lives. We do repent of all our sins; we seek and desire to make peace with God and one another. That's how the plan becomes reality.

That is what all authentic religious leaders are calling for in our time, an end to war and violence. It begins with us; we need to make peace in our homes and hearts. The Lord will come on that smooth highway! And there will be no delay.

Peace comes when people turn to God. That is how we can tell authentic religion from what is false. Muslims, Christians and Jews all agree on this, as well as all other world religions.

John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance in the gospel today as the way to fill in the valleys, bring down the mountains, and make the rough ways smooth. This is a season for such a transformation of our lives.

Let it be that for us, take time to be with God; to be still and know that I am with you, says the Lord. My name is Emmanuel, "God with us". John baptized with water, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Tap the Spirit that is within you, be still and know that God is with and in you.

Happy Advent! Prepare the way of the Lord...We wait in joyful hope!

Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joel".

Fr. Joel

# Our Beloved Dead

Names inadvertently omitted from last week's bulletin:

Fr. John B  
Mary K  
Fr. Frank V  
Mary Jo Y

## RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE MEETING

The Respect for All Life Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, December 9, at 9:15 at the home of Andie Wolfe. All interested persons are invited to call Andie at 630-739-4335 to confirm your participation and to get directions to her home.



### Thanks to our Angels!

Thank you to the angels who set up the tree and Nativity scene in the narthex for us to enjoy as we anticipate the Advent of Christ in our midst. Our angels are Rosada H, Dick & Gloria D, Corby, Sheri & Imogen S, Bill K, Pat S, Marylou R, Jerry C, Lee W, Al & Dorothy D, and Donna M.

### FROM BISHOP CONLON RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Brothers and Sisters:

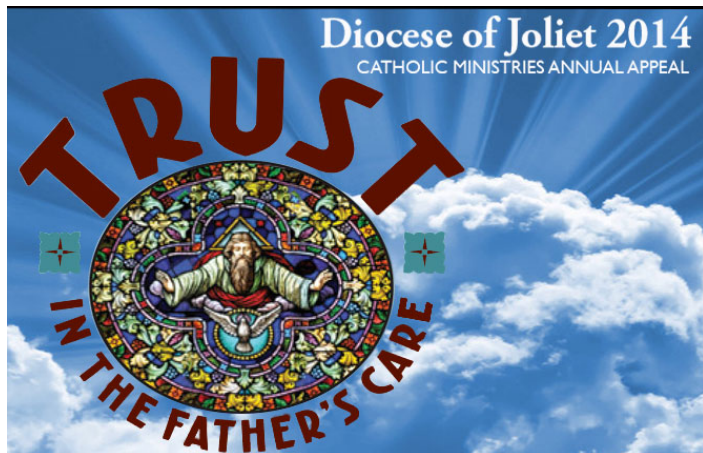
It is time, once again, for the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). Please join me in heartfelt support of the 2014 appeal scheduled to take place on December 13-14, 2014.

Your efforts are vital to its success.

Many of us may recall a sister, brother, or religious order priest whose life and ministry had a profound impact on us. I understand that many worthwhile causes vie for our limited resources; I ask you simply to give what you can. Above all, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet



## 2014 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report

PARISH GOAL: \$30,921  
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$37,193  
 AMOUNT PAID: \$34,211  
 REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,982  
 POTENTIAL REBATE AMOUNT: \$1,438.76 so far,  
 with potentially \$1,789.20 more (60% of remaining  
 balance)—total potential rebate \$3,227.96

It is very important that these pledges be paid before the end of 2014. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, 60% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815-838-8515.

***Want to pay off your pledge balance with a gift of appreciated assets?*** Donating appreciated stock or other assets from your investment portfolio instead of cash is a smart way to complete your CMAA gift or other charitable donations to your parish, school or other non-profit. The tax benefits may include deducting the amount of the charitable donation AND escaping the unrealized gains on the donated assets. The deduction for a donation of property to charity is equal to the property's current fair market value. When the donated property is an investment, you may not have to recognize the capital gain. As always, please check with your financial advisor for further information about your specific tax situation. Should you need assistance in making a gift of appreciated assets to our parish or diocese, please contact Tony Brandolino at 815-221-6190 before December 15, 2014. Paperwork to complete is found on [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org), then click on the green "donate" button, and choose the appropriate category of giving.

Please note that all donations must be completed before the end of the year for a 2014 tax deduction.

*Religious Formation*



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

**Confirmation**

Classes:

- Session SunB - December 7th
- Session WedB - December 10th
- Session SunA - January 11th
- Session WedA - January 14th



**Our RF Christmas Program will be this Friday December 12th at 7:00pm.**

**You are invited to come enjoy the program, sing Christmas carols, and remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.**



Thank you to the Christ the Servant families who dressed the

**F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8)**

**GIVING TREE** with donations of new hats, mittens & gloves.

They are being donated to Hope's Front Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry.)



**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).

*Respect for All Life*

**End-of-life Decisions (Pt. 3)**

Just as we prepare for careers, marriage, and retirement, we also should prepare for dying. For many, this means trying to understand the nature of



our illness and Church tradition. We should also prepare an advance directive and name a family member or other trusted person as our *surrogate* to speak on our behalf if and when we can no longer speak for ourselves. A surrogate's task is to tell the physician what the patient would want done. Decisions by a surrogate should be faithful to Catholic moral principles and to the patient's intention and values (Church Directive 25). Also, a patient should be provided spiritual support as well as the opportunity to receive the sacraments in order to prepare well for death. (Directive 55). We also need to discuss our faith-informed decisions with our physician, involving one or more discussions among the patient, a health-care professional, the surrogate, and other family members. Advance-care planning is good medicine and good morality. Our Catholic moral tradition can help us make these important decisions. We can be a true witness to our faith as death approaches and be of help to our loved ones as they face these decisions with us and for us.

~"End-of-life Decisions: What is our Moral Responsibility," by Fr. Thomas Narin, OFM, PhD, *Liguorian*, October, 2014  
 ~ USCCB "Ethical & Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services" (2009)

submitted by Dave A

**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 Gift for Charity**

**New Members Welcome!!!**

Note that we are in need of an **Lector** to serve at the 4:45 next week. Active or Substitute ministers may offer to serve.

New people are invited to join this ministry. A lector needs to have a love of the Word of God and clear diction. A resource workbook is provided for preparation. Call Corinne at 630-910-0770 or email [ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org) for information.



**ALTAR MIN:**

**EXT. MINISTERS:**

**LECTORS:**

**HOST TEAMS:**

Next Weekend's MINISTERS		
Saturday December 13 4:45 PM	Sunday December 14 8:30 AM	Sunday December 14 10:00 AM
M Family	C Family	Maria F Gayle H
Patti C Deb G Jim G Mary K Marylou R	John C Donna C Cheryl F Lee W Andrea W	Judy E Deacon F Joanne F Ramon J Michael L
Kathy V <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	Barb K Peg K	Paul M Kristen M
A Family	Greg F Mathew M	T/S Family



**Christmas Giving to our Neighbors in Need**

In cooperation with the West Suburban Community Food Pantry, we continue our parish tradition of helping to provide a happy Christmas for some of our neighbors in need.

Christ the Servant is being asked to provide food for 50 families to be able to celebrate with a holiday meal. Family sizes vary, so you can choose a family of one or a family of six or more if you wish. Bring non-perishable items to the church by 11:00 am on December 14 (so that the families will be able to receive their items from the Pantry on the Saturday before Christmas). Any gift cards donated will be used by the pantry to purchase perishables.

The Pantry has not been able to supply us with specific gift needs, so instead of specific gifts, we are being asked to bring unwrapped toys to the boxes in the narthex. They will be distributed to children by the Food Pantry staff.

The needs of our neighbors are great. Thank you for continuing the Christ the Servant tradition of generosity.

**CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING:** Benedictine University Center for Lifelong Learning announces the winter 205 class schedule is available online at [www.ben.edu/CLL](http://www.ben.edu/CLL). Class booklets are also available for mailing. Contact the Center at 630-8529-1384 or email [CLL@ben.edu](mailto:CLL@ben.edu). All classes are held at Benedictine University's National Moser Center for Adult Learning in Naperville. **No Tests, No Grades...Just Learning for Fun.**

*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](mailto: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**

Fr. Pat Brennan

### **MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS**

#### **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*

#### **Monday, December 8—Immaculate Conception**

8:30 AM Richard Buch  
7:00 PM Donna Buonamici, *r. Mary Kiser*

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

8:30 AM Rosamma Elapunkal, *r. Clara Elapunkal*

#### **Wednesday, December 10**

8:30 AM Catherine Vitus

#### **Thursday, December 11**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### **Friday, December 12—Communion Service**

#### **Saturday, December 13**

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna Mays*  
Eileen Mark, *r. Gregory & Beverly Peck*  
Marie Peterek *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

#### **Sunday, December 14**

8:30 AM James Gaspardo, *r. Rita Sisko*  
William Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*  
Jean & Mitchell Rendak, *r. Gierut family*  
10:00 AM Mary Hamilton, *r. Deb Steller*  
Sam Maltese, *r. Alice Maltese*

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

### **SIMBANG GABI Masses 2014**

**Simbáng Gabi** (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics and Aglipayans in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The masses are held daily from December 16 to December 24, and occur at different times. On the last day of the Simbang Gabi, which is Christmas Eve, the service is instead called Misa de Gallo (Spanish for "Rooster's Mass"). (from Wikipedia, 12/2/14) The 17th Annual Western Cluster schedule follows:

12/14, 5:00 pm: St. Joseph, Downers Grove  
12/15, 7:30 pm: St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville  
12/16, 7:30 pm: St. Raphael, Naperville  
12/17, 7:30 pm: St. Margaret Mary, Naperville  
12/18, 7:30 pm: St. Scholastica, Woodridge  
12/19, 7:30 pm: St. Mary, West Chicago  
12/20, 4:30 pm: St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville  
12/21, 6:00 pm: St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove  
12/20, 7:30 pm: Holy Spirit, Naperville (with Eastern cluster)

## We pray for the Sick

Nicholas Allen	Betty FencI	Richard Peslak
Judy Bernard	Karen Fialek	Alie Phillips
Louise Boden	Robert Gamble	Pauline Popek
Prudy Boen	Jerry Hassman	Tammy Riesland
Salvatore Campagna	Paul Hassman	Marcia Robinson
Beth Cartner	Hannah Jahn	Ron Rydzewski
Helen Ciolek	Mike Joyce	Jewel Sippel
Jeff Coole	Peggy Laughlin	Elaine Thomas
Carol Cottone	Pat Mclaj	Maribeth Wall
Holly Derrico	Dee Moy	Fr. Edward Whelan
Jim Dongarra	Thomas O'Donnell	Joe Zapalac
Bob Epstein	Greg Peck	

*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



**Dorothy Paperiello**

## 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.*

## Bible Readings—Dec. 7-Dec. 14

**SUNDAY:** Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8  
**MONDAY:** Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38  
**TUESDAY:** Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14  
**WEDNESDAY:** Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30  
**THURSDAY:** Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15  
**FRIDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**SATURDAY:** Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13  
**SUNDAY:** Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

*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**

**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

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**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*

**Pick Up Manna**

**Sign up for Christmas Sharing  
Sunday, December 7**

8:30 am—Confirmation Class B

10:00 am—CLOW

**Monday, December 8—Holy Day**

8:30 am—Mass

5:00 pm—RF program practice

7:00 pm—Mass

**Tuesday, December 9**

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes K-4

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes 4-7

**Wednesday, December 10**

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 B

**Thursday, December 11**

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 12**

7:00 pm—RF Christmas Program

**Return Christmas Sharing**

**Saturday, December 13**

**Sunday, December 14**

11:00 am—Christmas sharing due

*Upcoming Events*

**Dec. 21:** after 10 am mass; decorate for Christmas

**Dec. 24:** 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm, Mass

**Dec. 25:** 10:00 am, Mass

**Dec. 31:** 4:45 pm, Mass

**Jan. 1:** 10:00 am, Mass

*Parish Giving*

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US Bishops pastoral letter on Stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015**

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

**NOTE: Electronic contributions are now included with other totals CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 17-23:**

Sunday	\$ 7,164.25
General Funds	84.00
Debt Reduction	90.00
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 7,338.25</b>
This week's deficit	(\$ 2,831.75)

**CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 24-30:**

Sunday	\$ 7,189.40
General Funds	20.00
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 7,209.40</b>
This week's deficit	(\$ 2,960.60)

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:**

World Missions	\$ 35.00
Campaign Human Dev.	1,138.00
T-giving/Hope's Front Door	1,097.00
Debt to Diocese as of 10/31	\$606,648

Registered Households—737

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Did you know...**for your contribution to be tax deductible in 2014, your payment must be received or post-marked by Dec. 31, 2014.

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