

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

3rd Sunday of Advent

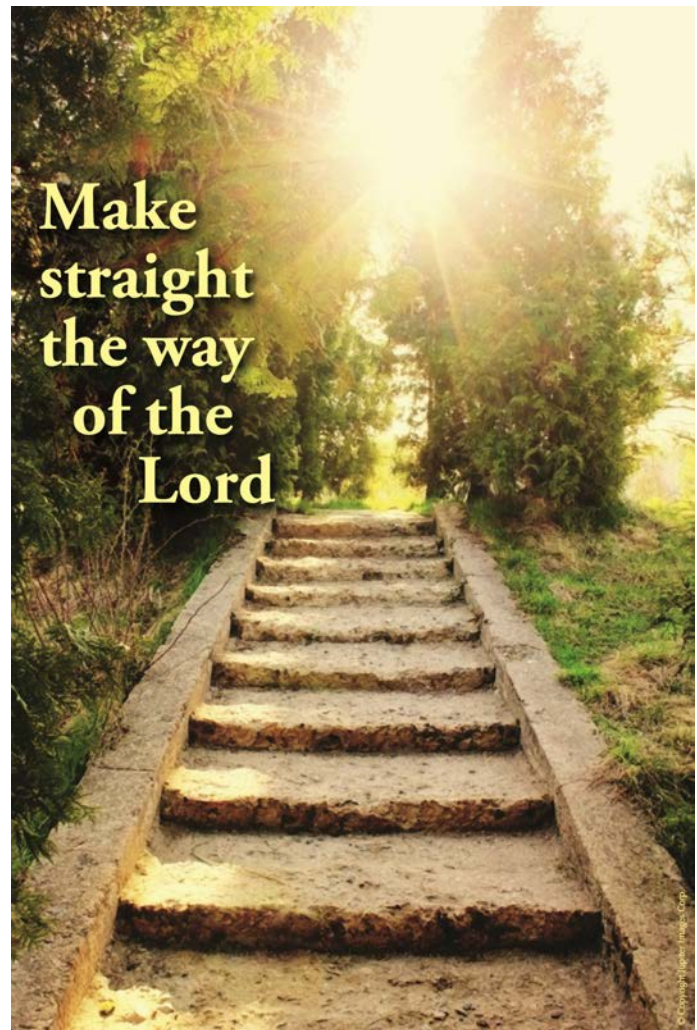
December 14, 2014

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



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 14, 2014

Dear Friends,

The Presence of God which was made manifest--incarnate--in the historical Jesus, is now made present—manifest--in us, incarnate in the world as the Risen body of Christ, the Church, you and I!

We bear the mystery in our own bodies, we bear a treasure. We have been anointed with the Spirit of Jesus, the Christ, the anointed one. That Spirit is at work in us now as it was in the time of the historical Jesus.

What does the Spirit do? “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”

That is our mission and task just as it was Jesus’. It causes us to rejoice heartily, to find joy in God our Savior. God is there with us and for us, setting us free, healing the brokenhearted, announcing amnesty to all. St. Paul tells us in the 2nd reading today, “do not quench the Spirit.”

Christ is our peace; in him all enmity is removed between us and God, and one another. In Christ we are a new creation, made whole and holy, body, soul, and Spirit. The Spirit of Lord has done this; that is what John the Baptist was pointing to, that the people didn’t recognize.

But now we recognize Christ working in and through us, continuing to come, revealing the fullness of God’s glory day by day! We can rejoice always as St. Paul says, in all circumstances giving thanks, “for that is the will and plan of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

Do not quench the Spirit! Come Lord Jesus...Come! We wait in joyful hope!

Happy Advent, with love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fr. Joel'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Joel



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SAVE THE DATE!!**

**February 13, 2015:
Dinner Dance
in celebration of our
25th Anniversary year.**

Tickets go on sale in early January. The evening will have entertainment, food, cash bar, and a Grand Raffle. Would you like to help? The Committee has already begun plans, and would appreciate your help and input. Please call Andie W.

The decorations committee is looking for donations of round, silver ornaments. They can be plain or sparkly, large or small. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.



Welcome to our parish family:

- Hertasene M**
Kildeer Dr, Bolingbrook
- Kevin & Christine M & family**
Homestead Dr, Bolingbrook
- Jose & Angelita A**
Chatham Ct, Woodridge
- Timothy & Stacey G & family**
Havens Ct, Downers Grove
- Paul & Elizabeth C & family**
Main St, Downers Grove
- Carlos & Maria C & family**
Middlebury Ave, Woodridge
- Ricardo & Christine M & family**
80th Street, Downers Grove
- Paul & Paula Z**
Center Ave, Lisle

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Pick up a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!



In Pursuit of Catholic Education
Montini Academy has notified us that the following parishioners of Christ the Servant achieved 3.0-3.49 Honor Roll for the first quarter:

- Madison S
- Tara M

Congratulations on your accomplishment and keep up the good work!

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who supported charities through purchases at last weekend's Christmas Bazaar!

By purchasing Fair Trade products (like at the Fair Trade Fair Nov. 15/16 and last weekend) you are standing in solidarity with struggling artisans and farmers, recognizing the dignity of their work and ensuring that our brothers and sisters around the globe earn fair wages. Our share of the proceeds was returned to the Catholic Relief Services Micro-financing Department, which then goes back to the communities of farmers and artisans to help them sustain and grow their businesses.

The proceeds from Teresa R's crocheting crafts were donated to Hope's Front Door ministry. The knit scarves and jewelry by Donna C supported the American Cancer Society. The chocolate sales supported Christ the Servant, and the little bundles of chocolate were for our teen ministry, FACT.

Thank you for caring to help others in need.



Open Recruitment for the Knights of Columbus

Why join the Knights of Columbus? Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family.

These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. We are the Knights of Columbus serving St. Scholastica & Christ the Servant Churches!

For more information or to join call Grand Knight Jim L or Deputy Grand Knight Joe T or visit our web site at www.kofc5918.org



Religious Formation

Grades K-7 No classes this week

Joyfully prepare your hearts for Jesus.
Classes resume January 13th & 14th.



Confirmation

Classes:

Session SunA - January 11th
Session WedA - January 14th
Session SunB - January 18th
Session WedB - January 21st



Thank you to all who
attended and participated in
this year's RF Christmas
program on Friday evening.

Special thanks to all the
volunteers who helped in preparation and to
Karin Davey for directing the Christmas
Program.



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 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

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12)

When we reflect on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we learn two important lessons: one of faith, and one of understanding. Missionaries who came to Mexico had little success at first. Then in 1531, miracles began to happen. Jesus' own mother appeared to humble Juan Diego. Signs of roses, of the uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness, and especially of her beautiful image on Juan's mantle convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans were baptized as Christians. The first lesson is that God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus. No matter what critics may say of the devotion of Mexicans and their descendants to Our Lady of Guadalupe, they owe their Christianity to her influence. If it were not for her, they would not know her Son, and so they are eternally grateful. The second lesson we learn from Mary herself. Mary appeared to Juan Diego not as a European Madonna, but as a beautiful Aztec princess, speaking to him in his own language. If we want to help someone appreciate the gospel we bring, we should appreciate the culture and the mentality in which they live their lives. That way, we can help them to understand and to know Christ. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas, and the Protectress of the Unborn.



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submitted by Dave A

SIMBANG GABI Masses 2014

Simbang 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)

Would you like to participate as a minister, but afraid that you would be assigned times that don't work for you?

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:

Saturday
December 20
4:45 PM

W Family

EXT. MINISTERS:

Donna M
Alie P
Pat S
Rita S
Darlene S

LECTORS:

Steve W
Bob C

HOST TEAMS:

Jim P
Ron P

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
December 21
8:30 AM

A Family

Sunday
December 21
10:00 AM

N Family

Mathew M
Jose S
Melania S
Dan S
Heather S

Ed J
Madeline J
Maureen N
Dan R
Jesse T

Paula R
Donna C

Toni M
Antonio A

Maryrose G
Marijane T

D Family



Rejoice always.
Pray without
ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Job Opportunity

Bishops' Office – Administrative Assistant

Serves as personal secretary to the Vicar for Priests and Executive Assistant to the Bishop. College or Business School education preferred. Ability to maintain confidentiality is required. Five years current administrative experience working on an executive level and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, including Word (especially Mail Merge), Outlook, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, etc. Advanced knowledge of proper telephone skills and etiquette. Self-starter, with the ability to work independently and as a team player. Ability to multi-task, be flexible and capable of handling a variety of on-going projects at the same time. Professional, detail-oriented, discreet and have understanding of the high level of confidentiality of the position. Fluency in both English and Spanish language is a plus. To view a full job description go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org under "Employment". Candidates meeting the necessary qualifications may email a cover letter, resume and wage requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

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, January 8, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Henry Borkowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, December 15

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 AM William Crook, Jr., *r. Dan & Janet Szymanski*

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 AM Tom Ruff, *r. Donna Mays*

Thursday, December 18

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, December 19—Communion Service

Saturday, December 20

4:45 PM Helen Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo*

Sunday, December 21

8:30 AM Marie Peterek, *r. Kim Wilson*
10:00 AM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Tony & Mila Abellera*
Ruth Rodriguez, *r. Pickering family*

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

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.

We pray for the Newly Baptized

Joseph James (son of James & Susanne B)

November 16, 2014

Liam Martin (son of Sean B & April B)

Payton Raymond (son of Kevin & Christine M)

December 7, 2014

We pray for the Sick

Judy Bernard	Karen Fialek	Pauline Popek
Louise Boden	Bob Haas	Tammy Riesland
Prudy Boen	Hannah Jahn	Marcia Robinson
Salvatore Campagna	Mike Joyce	Ron Rydzewski
Beth Cartner	Peggy Laughlin	Jewel Sippel
Helen Ciolek	Pat Mclej	Barbara Smith
Jeff Coole	Thomas O'Donnell	Elaine Thomas
Holly Derrico	Greg Peck	Maribeth Wall
Bob Epstein	Richard Peslak	Joe Zapalac
Betty FencI	Alie Phillips	

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

Sophie Czajka
(mother of Rita Wyman)

Francine Martinek
(sister of Ann Gagnard)

Robert Gamble
(husband of Rose)

Bible Readings—Dec. 14-Dec. 21

For easy internet access to the daily readings, visit www.usccb.org, and click on the calendar on the right side of the page. You can even subscribe to have the readings sent to you via email each day. Just scroll to the bottom of the readings page if you wish to subscribe.

SUNDAY: Is 61:1-2a,10-1 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2,9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY: Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

THURSDAY: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

FRIDAY: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

SATURDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

SUNDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Rom 16:25-27 /
Lk 1:26-38

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

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!

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 14

11:00 am—Christmas sharing due

Monday, December 15

3:15 pm—Liturgical Dance Practice

Tuesday, December 16

3:15 pm—Liturgical Dance Practice

Wednesday, December 17

3:15 pm—Liturgical Dance Practice

Thursday, December 18

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

11:00 am—Decorate for Christmas



Upcoming Events

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

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

Dec. 24-January 2: Very limited office hours, please call first!

Dec. 25: 10:00 am, Mass

Dec. 26: No services

Dec. 31: 4:45 pm, Holy Day Mass

Jan. 1: 10:00 am, Holy Day Mass

Jan. 2: 8:30 am Communion Service,
9:00 am First Friday Holy Hour

Parish Giving

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

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 Dec. 1-8:

Sunday	\$ 13,100.50
General Funds	1,144.10
Christmas	35.00
Debt Reduction	1,946.00
Total Contributed	\$ 16,225.60
This week's catch up	\$ 6,055.60

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

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Retired Religious	\$ 80.00
Debt to Diocese as of 11/30	\$593,810

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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