

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*The Joy of Living a Giving Life*

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

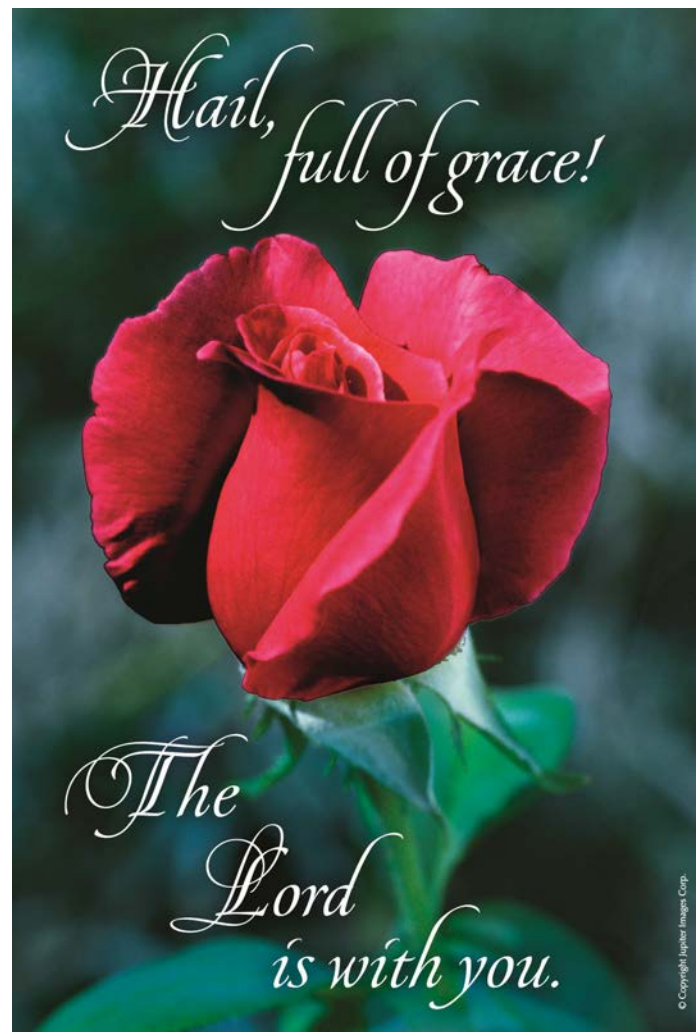
## ***Our Mission***

***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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ADVENT



*Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home*

4th Sunday of Advent ~ December 21, 2014  
Christmas, 2014

Dear Friends,

The joy of Christmas is the joy of love! I don't think it's possible to understand the joy of the Incarnation unless you understand something of the joy of incarnate love. Love always seeks incarnation...to be expressed and manifest in the flesh.

Jesus Christ is for us the incarnate love of God...The Word made flesh! The Word of God is a love word. It has all the power to create, recreate, make new, heal, restore, and to save. Jesus Christ is for us is not an abstract idea or theory, but a person who speaks God's Word to us, and we are called to speak that Word to one another and to all people!

The risen Christ has brought all creation into harmony and union with Divine love. Christ has gone beyond the limits of historical time and is now personally available and accessible to us directly through the Spirit we have been given.

Jesus gives us his own life and Spirit to share. The incarnation continues in us. Love following upon love continues to be made manifest. The love we speak to each other takes flesh in us!

Merry Christmas to all! Love,

Fr. Joel



Christ the Servant Parish  
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*Living a Giving Life*

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

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses**

Wednesday, December 24	4:00 pm	Joyful Noise Choir
Wednesday, December 24	10:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday, December 25	10:00 am	Teen Ensemble

**Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation Masses**

Wednesday, December 31	4:45 pm	Vigil mass
Thursday, January 1	10:00 am	Mass



We would like to thank Fr. Kevin Spiess, who has been helping out with masses on weekends since September. Fr. Spiess will be going away for the rest of the winter right after Christmas.

*Thank you, Fr. Spiess! May God bless you with a nice, warm winter!*



**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 Wolfe at 630-739-4335.

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.

Thank you to all the CTS families who graciously donated Turkeys and Thanksgiving baskets. The West Suburban Community pantry families loved them.

I would also like to thank the following people: Tina & Don F and Robyn & Brooke K for doing the sign up sheets, Donna & Joe C, Fran F, Jenny & Emily Z and Bob K for helping with turkey and basket distribution, as well as the eighth grade

confirmation students for carrying out the baskets and turkeys to the cars.

~ Denice K



**ONLINE GIVING SITE UPGRADED**

Our electronic giving provider has upgraded our donations site to be even more secure than before. To set up charges to your debit or credit card, visit our website [www.ctswoodridge.org](http://www.ctswoodridge.org), and click on the yellow and black "Donation" button to the right of the photo of Fr. Joel.



Choose your answers to the first two questions by using the drop down menu (click on the arrow to show your choices). Enter in the rest of the information as requested, answer the security question at the bottom of the page, and you're good to go!

Any questions about online giving, please contact Corinne in the parish office. 630-910-0770

*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: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**

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (815) 263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

**LOOKING FOR ALUMNI**

Leo High School, class of 1965, is having their 50th Reunion on April 24, 2015, at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Please contact Bob Werner at [46james@hotmail.com](mailto:46james@hotmail.com) or by phone at (708) 636-9183 for more information.

## Religious Formation

May God's love for us teach us  
how to love each other.

**Grades K-7** No classes this week  
Classes resume January 13th & 14th.

### Confirmation

Classes:

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



Religious Formation is a life-long process and the family is **PRIMARY!** Church writings call the family, "the domestic church." The Religious Formation program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith. A formalized, systematic program of children's religious formation is available from Kindergarten through 8th grade. **Registration for Religious Formation begins in the month of May. Classes begin in September.** It is important that children continue their formation each year so that they come to understand and experience their faith along each of their developmental levels. Our ability to learn, understand and practice our faith changes along our life journey.

Regarding the reception of sacraments, the Diocese of Joliet requires that children complete (2) consecutive years of religious formation. In 2nd grade, our children normatively receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. Children must have participated in RF in first and second grade.

In 6th & 7th grades, our youth have the opportunity to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, which culminates in the 8th grade with a program of classes, retreats and service. These years are designed to be a time of inquiry, study, prayer and reflection. Confirmation is a sacrament which requires the student to make a personal choice to be Catholic. All parish requirements must be completed and the students enrolled in Religious Formation on a regular basis in previous years to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

## Respect for All Life

### Program is a Success

On Friday, Nov. 28, the program "Who Will Fill These Shoes" was held at the Joliet Diocese Blanchette Center. Fr. Burke Masters, director of vocations, is pleased to report that 120 people attended, including 50 men ages 16-24, many parents, 20 parish priests, and many current seminarians. Let's continue to encourage and to pray for the young men as they consider the priesthood.



### Be Joyful

*Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with divine recompense to save you... Those whom the Lord has ransomed will meet with joy and gladness.*

~Isaiah 35:4, 10

Life is joyful, and defending life is a mission that should be carried out with joy. We seek to foster, in ourselves and others, a spirit that is always serene and rejoicing that death has been conquered by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

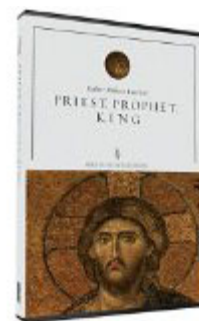
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### BOOK STUDY GROUP

#### How well do you know JESUS?

Jesus is the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*.

Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet and king and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of each one. Throughout this experience, you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission.



Join us for a series of six video presentations by Fr. Robert Barron.

We will meet at 11:15am-12:45pm  
on these Sundays:

Jan 18, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, Mar 1, 2015.

Contact Liz Jesse for more information or to RSVP.



*Night of the Nativity*

Note that the 4:00 pm and 10:00 am masses have two extra Extraordinary Ministers of Communion assigned. The two extra communion stations will be at the back of the church; check with your mass coordinator.



**ALTAR MIN:**

Wednesday  
December 24  
**4:00 PM**

N Family

**EXT. MINISTERS:**

Deacon F  
Ed J  
Madeline J  
Mary K  
Alie P  
Marylou R  
Darlene S

**LECTORS:**

Kristen M  
Paul M

**HOST TEAMS:**

Jim P  
Steve W

**CHRISTMAS MINISTERS**

Wednesday  
December 24  
**10:00 PM**

C Family

Cheryl F  
Deacon F  
Joanne F  
Jose S  
Melania S

Marjorie C  
Kathy V

Greg F  
Maryrose G

Thursday  
December 25  
**10:00 AM**

A Family

Deacon A  
John C  
Patti C  
Judy E  
Donna M  
Rita S  
Jesse T

Sylvia C  
Antonio A

Ron P  
Marijane T

Note that we are in need of a **host team** to serve at the 10:00 AM next week. Active or Substitute teams may offer to serve.

New people are invited to join this ministry. It's great for a family with children eager to "do something" at mass. Duties involve coming early enough to greet people as they arrive, offering them a worship booklet, helping take up the collection, helping volunteer gift-bearers go up, guiding the communion procession, handing out bulletins as people leave, and straightening up booklets after mass. Call Corinne at 630-910-0770 or email [ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org) for information.



**ALTAR MIN:**

Saturday  
December 27  
**4:45 PM**

T Family

**EXT. MINISTERS:**

Deb G  
Jim G  
Mary K  
Terri M  
Pat S

**LECTORS:**

Vince D  
Gayle H

**HOST TEAMS:**

Donna M  
Shirley W

**Next Weekend's MINISTERS**

Sunday  
December 28  
**8:30 AM**

Bill C  
Mathew M

John C  
Donna C  
Michael L  
Paula R  
Lee W

Rita W  
Virginia A

S Family  
Marijane T

Sunday  
December 28  
**10:00 AM**

K Family

Maria F  
Joanne F  
Ed J  
Madeline J  
Jim N

Judy E  
Steve W

**MINISTERS NEEDED**

**Diocese of Joliet Principal Position Available**

A principal position is available for the 2015-16 school year at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, a National *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* located in Lisle, Illinois. This premier Diocese of Joliet Catholic elementary school offers world-class educational experiences that are firmly rooted in traditional Catholic doctrine to students in pre-school through grade eight.

Successful candidates must be strong and practicing Catholics who uphold the teachings of the faith and who exemplify an unwavering commitment to Catholic education that is firmly rooted in Gospel values. Candidates must possess advanced degrees in educational leadership; hold current Illinois *Professional Educator Licenses* with General Administrative Endorsement; and have to their credit at least five years of successful teaching and/or administrative experience in a Catholic school.

The deadline for the submission of complete applications is **Friday, January 23, 2015**. Apply online through the Diocese of Joliet AppliTrack application system at the following URL:

<http://www.applitrack.com/diocesefojoliet/onlineapp/>

Preliminary interviews will be scheduled as complete applications are submitted.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Roger Kapraun

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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*

#### Monday, December 22

8:30 AM Richard Zimmerman, *r. Cecilia Cooper*

#### Tuesday, December 23

8:30 AM Sophie Czajka, *r. Cecilia Cooper*

#### Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Charlotte Zgobis, *r. Bob & Gloria Pluta*  
10:00 PM Marge Steller, *r. Deb Steller*  
Henry Borkowski, *r. family*  
Mitchell, Jean & Jeanine Rendak & Emily Gierut,  
*r. Gierut family*

#### Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 AM Joseph & Virginia Zajac, *r. loving family*

#### Friday, December 26—No Service

#### Saturday, December 27

4:45 PM Andrew (Dad) Peslak, *r. Peslak family*  
Debbie Larkin, *r. Andie Wolfe*  
Diane Elliott, *r. Dave & Ginny Anderson*  
Perla Segovia, *r. Eva Cajigas*

#### Sunday, December 28

8:30 AM Henry Borkowski, *r. Labinski family*  
10:00 AM Lang Family, *r. Robert Lang*  
Marcia Pustelnik, *r. Rafael & Pacita Ongtengco*  
& family

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

### Your choice. Your future. Test with Nazareth! Nazareth Academy 2014 Entrance Exam

Saturday: January 10, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Please bring two No. 2 pencils;  
\$25 Exam Fee; No calculators  
No pre-registration required  
Exam concludes at 11:30 a.m.

Optional Parent Gathering, 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Q & A Session with refreshments

Nazareth Academy, a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school serving families from 55 communities and over 115 grade schools in Chicago and the western suburbs, established in 1900 and sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph, values scholarship, service, spirit, and unity. Nazareth is located at 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park. For further information please visit [www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com) or call Kristen Stojetz at (708) 387-8505.

## We pray for the Sick

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

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.*

## Bible Readings—Dec. 21-Dec. 28

For easy internet access to the daily readings, visit [www.usccb.org](http://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:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

**MONDAY:** 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

**TUESDAY:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

**WEDNESDAY:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79

**THURSDAY:** Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

**FRIDAY:** Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

**SATURDAY:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**SUNDAY:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6,21:1-3 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hb 11:8,11-12,17-19 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

### Office Hours & Staff

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Woodridge, Illinois 60517  
Phone: (630) 910-0770  
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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, December 21**

11:00 am—Decorate for Christmas

**Monday, December 22**

**Tuesday, December 23**

**Wednesday, December 24**

4:00 pm—Mass (arrive early for parking!)

10:00 pm—Mass

Offices closed

**Thursday, December 25**

10:00 am—Mass

Offices closed

**Friday, December 26**

No services.

Offices closed

**Saturday, December 27**

**Sunday, December 28**

### 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

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" – that the promise finds fulfillment.

**NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015**

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

**Note: Due to an early publication deadline, contributions for Dec. 13/14 will be reported next week.**

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 postmarked by Dec. 31, 2014.

**Leave a Legacy.** Did you know your estate can make unlimited gifts to charitable institutions like our parish or diocese and those gifts are deducted before estate taxes are computed? 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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