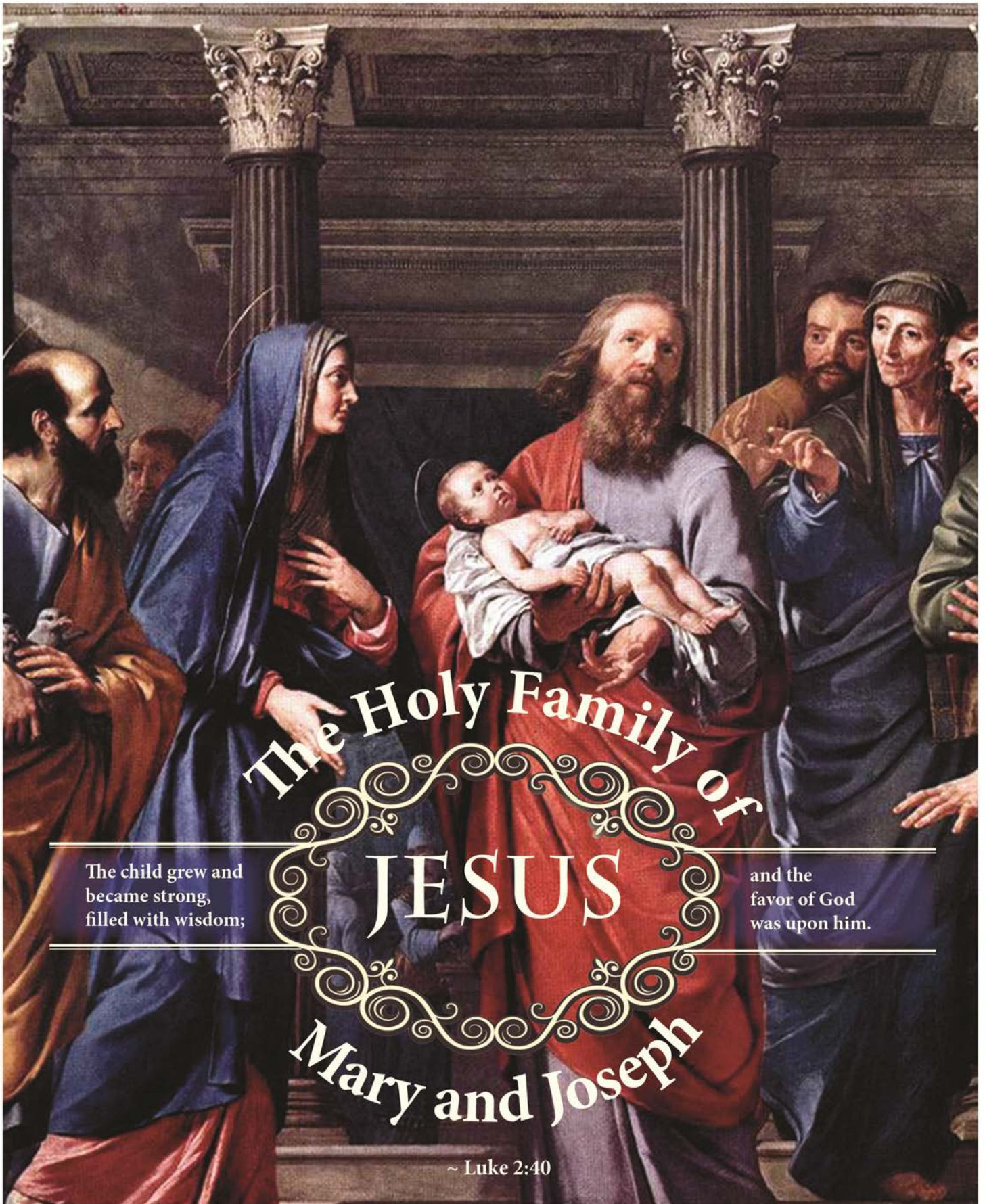


DECEMBER 28, 2014



The Holy Family of

JESUS

Mary and Joseph

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;

and the favor of God was upon him.

~ Luke 2:40

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 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 the Holy Family ~ December 28, 2014

Dear Friends,

The first thing we do right after Christmas is to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Why? Because Jesus was born into a family. That's the context into which he came and grew in age, and wisdom, and grace as the gospel tells us.

That's the context into which we are born and grow in age, wisdom, and grace just as Christ did. It is the cutting edge of our interaction in relationship with others, primarily our family, that we become functional human beings, i.e., where we learn to live in relationship, to be people who know how to love.

That's what it means to be functional. That is the function of life; to love, to be in relationship with one another and all people in varying degrees of love, understanding, and forgiveness. Our family is the context in which we learn this and grow.

If we have embraced relational living, and deal with it in all the nitty gritty ways that St. Paul talks about in the second reading, we have a reasonable chance of living a healthy happy life. Paul is pretty realistic when he says, "...bearing with one another and forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you..."

The Family is the school of perfection, the crucible of life, where through the agony and ecstasy of it all we are forged and formed into the people we are. Heredity and environment come together to form a beautiful thing. Our relationships, any and all of them, of family and beyond are sacramental.

They are the cutting edge of where we encounter God, the risen glorious Christ in the flesh; where we die and rise with Christ, where we enter into the Paschal Mystery. Yes all this begins to happen with our family, so do not disparage of any aspect of your family and its members. They are sacred to us.

May you enjoy the beauty and grace of the Holy Family, and may you, and each of us, continue to grow in age, wisdom, and grace. May we grow old gracefully together.

Continued Christmas greetings and love,



Fr. Joel

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God?



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
"One Family Under God"

**Knights of Columbus Robert P Connelly Council 5918
Free Throw Contest**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 10th, 2015 at the St. Scholastica Gym, Woodridge, Ill.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 boys and girls participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. Competition for this "free" event begins at 9:30 A.M.

Please contact Free Throw Co-Chairman, Tim H, tghutton@yahoo.com with questions.

**Information Meeting for Navajo Mission
to Chinle, Arizona**

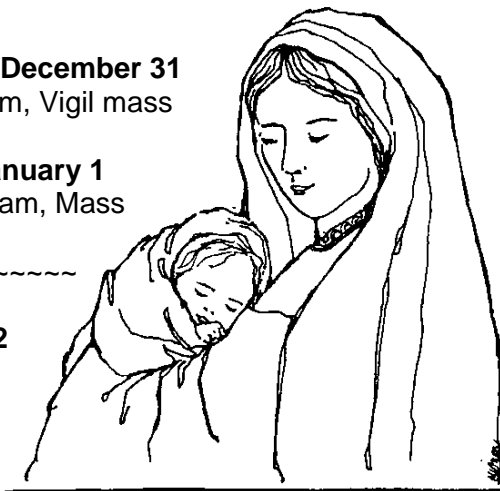
The Joliet Diocese – Partnership in Mission is planning its next Navajo Construction Mission to Chinle, Arizona. Two information meetings will be held: one on January 13, 2015, from 7-9 pm; the other on January 21, 2015, from 7-9 pm at the Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403. Interested persons are invited to attend. Further information can be found at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/missions or call 815-221-6256, email: bcarlson@dioceseofjoliet.org

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

Wednesday, December 31
4:45 pm, Vigil mass

Thursday, January 1
10:00 am, Mass

Friday, Jan. 2
9:00 am
Holy Hour
with focus on
Family



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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**



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Religious Formation

Each and every one of us is made in God's image and likeness. Take time to pray with your family and be thankful for the moments that are spent with each other. Today is the feast of the Holy Family.



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



The Catholic faith is rich in traditions and teachings; all centered around continually growing closer to God. The importance that parents place upon faith is shown in daily living: eating together, praying as a family, being kind neighbors, performing Christian Service, making time to attend Mass, bringing children to Religious Formation sessions, and being active participants in the life of the world and the Church. These Christian practices are life-giving opportunities to weave our Catholic identity throughout our everyday work, study, play, prayer and actions. The parish offers additional activities to aid us in continuing our learning from childhood through adulthood. Watch the bulletin and parish web-site for events.

Respect for All Life

Family Prayer

There is something very powerful about praying together as a family. Jesus reminded us that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20). He also revealed that when we pray with our children, their guardian angels always look upon the face of the Father (Matthew 18:10). Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of our families. Even when children, grandchildren, siblings, parents and grandparents are faraway, they can still pray for each other. When a family prays together, an ocean of grace comes into the world.



Using Scripture as the center and focus of family prayer time can be fruitful and instructive of God's Word:

1. Place a Bible in your family prayer corner.
2. Gather as a family and begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance and understanding of God's Word.
3. Read the Sunday Gospel or daily readings aloud (references are in the Sunday bulletin)
4. Allow some time to reflect on the passage, and then share a few words about it.
5. End with a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of God's living word.

~ "Building the Domestic Church,"
 Columbia (Knights of Columbus), December 2014

submitted by Dave A

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*.

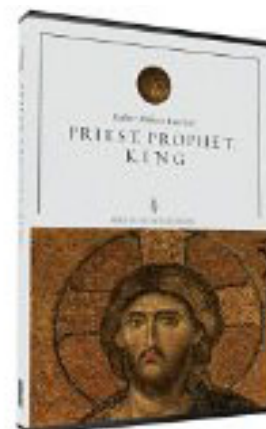
Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet and king and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of each one. Throughout this experience, you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission.


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.



	January 1 Holy Day MINISTERS	
	Wednesday December 31 4:45 PM	Thursday January 1 10:00 AM
	ALTAR MIN.: W Family	K Family
	EXT. MINISTERS: Cindy F Deacon F Marylou R Jose S Melania S	Karen J Steve J Michael L Pat S Rita S
	LECTORS: Jerry F Barb K	Donna C Joe C
HOST TEAM: D Family	Donna M Shirley W	



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

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

Tickets go on sale January 10/11. 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. Many thanks!

<p>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.</p>		Next Weekend's MINISTERS		
		Saturday January 3 4:45 PM	Sunday January 4 8:30 AM	Sunday January 4 10:00 AM
		ALTAR MIN.: A Family	C Family	W Family
		EXT. MINISTERS: Patti C Karen J Steve J Mary K Annie T	Cheryl F Cindy F Barb K Jose S Melania S	Antonio A Judy E Maria F Deacon F Joanne F
		LECTORS: Ramon J Kathy V	Marjorie C Steve W	Peg K Dan R
HOST TEAMS: M Family	Greg F Mathew M	T/S Family		



GREEN TEAM

This is the season for family gatherings and for parties with friends and neighbors. The **Green Team** hopes that you recycle all clean paper items, plastics and glass bottles. Bring all worn out or useless **Christmas Tree Lights** to the CTS Narthex for recycling. Travel safely and care for God's gift of our planet.

Have a blessed New Year!

The **Green Team**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Martin Ciolkosc

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, December 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 30

8:30 AM Steven Wall, *r. family*

Wednesday, December 31—Mary, Mother of God

4:45 PM Marie Magee, *r. Donna & Bob Kovarik*

Thursday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

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

Friday, January 2—Communion Service

Saturday, January 3

4:45 PM Fr. Frank K. Vitus, *r. Gregory & Beverly Peck*

Sunday, January 4

8:30 AM Freda Klacza, *r. Ciolek family*
10:00 AM Alphonse J. Dyokas, *r. Darlene Niemczura*
To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office at 630-910-0770.

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. 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.

Job Opportunity

Manager of Development and Stewardship

Reporting to and working directly with the Chief Development Officer, the Manager of Development and Stewardship directs the day to day efforts of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal which secures revenue to support the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. This position also manages donor records, data collection and processing and provides guidance and support to parishes in their efforts to implement offertory enhancement and stewardship programs.

To view a full job description and requirements, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/. Individuals meeting the necessary qualifications email a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to the Office of Human Resources: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Bible Readings—Dec. 28-Jan. 4

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: 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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

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

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 28

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

4:45 PM—Holy Day Mass

Offices closed

Thursday, January 1

10:00 am—Holy Day Mass

Offices closed

Friday, January 2

Offices closed

8:30 am—Communion Service

9:00 am—Holy Hour

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

Upcoming Events

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
Prayer focus for the Holy Hour
will be "Family"

Jan. 10/11: Ticket sales for Dinner
Dance begin

Feb. 6: 9:00 am First Friday Holy Hour

Feb. 13: 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance.
Doors open 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm.
Live entertainment, cash bar, grand raffle

Parish Giving

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit."

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2014-2015

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

NOTE: Electronic contributions are now included with other totals CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 9-15:

Sunday	\$ 8,291.45
General Funds	275.00
Christmas	1,290.00
Restricted gifts	84.00
Debt Reduction	<u>565.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 10,505.45
This week's catch up	\$ 335.45

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

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Retired Religious	\$ 1,322.00
Hope's Front Door	30.00
Fair Trade/Microbusiness	175.00
Debt to Diocese as of 11/30	\$593,810

Registered Households—737

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