

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

The Epiphany of the Lord

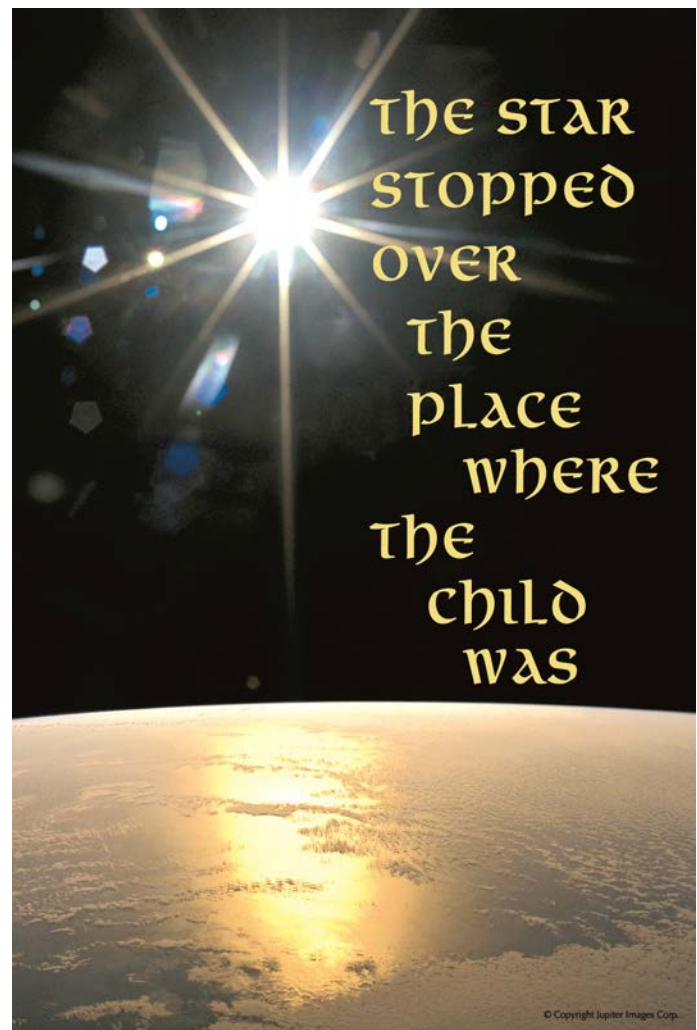
January 4, 2015

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

The Epiphany Of The Lord ~ January 4, 2015

Dear Friends,

First of all a joyous, blessed and Happy New Year to you and yours! A lot can happen in a year, certainly I never imagined I would be here with you at this time last year. But in the course of human life change occurs, sometimes in surprising new ways.

It has been an epiphany for me in coming here to be with you. An Epiphany is a revelation or manifestation. Hence we speak of the Epiphany of the Lord as a manifestation and revelation of God's love for the whole world and all peoples in Christ. Christ is described as light for the nations, the light of the world.

The epiphany for me in coming to Christ the Servant has been ever new revelations of God's grace and love in my own life in service to you, but also in the Grace and light I have found here with all of you.

This is a community of salt and light. You make a difference and reveal Christ's love in a very special way; you are a manifestation of the Presence of Christ in the world. That of course is our vocation and mission, to be Christ in the world, to bring light into a dark and weary world.

In your care and out-reach, and just by your very presence you do that. There has not been a single time at mass each day during the week and at the masses on the weekend that I have not seen and felt that from you. You bear in you the light of Christ.

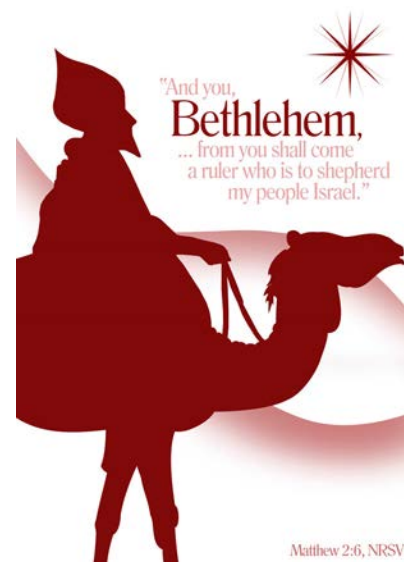
May that light continue to burn brightly in your hearts and homes in this coming new year, may it be a year and new season of grace and love for you and your families, and for all those who come here seeking Christ.

Such is the way Christ is made manifest in our world. Happy Epiphany good people of God!

In Christ's love,



Fr. Joel



FROM BISHOP CONLON

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



On Thursday, January 22, we will once again mark the anniversary of the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decisions which made abortion on demand available throughout the United States. Since these decisions, there have been millions of children (approximately 4400 every day) aborted and millions of mothers and entire families traumatized.

Every year since, on or near January 22, people of almost every religious denomination have gathered in their churches, synagogues, mosques and meeting places to pray that the dignity of every human life be defended and cherished from the very moment of conception. Hundreds of thousands peaceful and prayerful individuals of every age, race, language and walk of life march side by side up Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC to petition our judicial system and legislature to ensure that the laws of our great country protect the most defenseless and innocent human beings. I am not aware of any other public demonstration involving so many people from different backgrounds peacefully praying for the same intention.

I am grateful that Bishop Joseph Siegel will be celebrating our annual Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus on January 4, 2015. Both he and I will join over 200 young people from our Diocese for the march in Washington. Please pray that our witness may be effective in helping our country recognize once again the dignity of each human person, regardless of age, and the need to defend the most fundamental human right – the right to life.

Let us also pray for all those who have been exploited by abortion and the culture of death and those who work to bring them healing; for those who give hope and the option for life to young women who would otherwise believe they have no choice but abortion; for those who work to help the poor, the sick and the elderly; and, for those who preach the Gospel of Life in their actions and in their words.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Bishop of Joliet



In Pursuit of Catholic Education
Everest Academy in Lemont has notified us that the following parishioners of Christ the Servant achieved Honor Roll for the first trimester:

Jack & Claire K

Congratulations on your accomplishment and keep up the good work!



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, taghutton@yahoo.com with questions.

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.

Religious Formation



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



(Have you turned in your Saint Paper, Sacramental Info Form and Sponsor Form? If you have any make-ups due...now is the time!)

We will be having a **Teen Mass NEXT Sunday, January 11th at 10:00am.** The teens from Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica's S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry will participate in the Liturgical Ministries including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, a special Presentation of the Gifts, and the Teen Choir/Ensemble. Please Join us.

DuPage Catechists' Institute 2015
"Go Make a Difference!"



Save the date:

Feb. 25, 2015

For all catechists in the DuPage deaneries
Hosted at St. Petronille's, Glen Ellyn
6:00-9:00 p.m. (dinner included)
Contact Liz Jesse for more information.

Respect for All Life

Supporting High School/College Students

In 1972, I began my career as a guidance counselor at Lisle Senior High School. Each year, I worked with 300 students grades 9 through 12 in academic, personal, and career counseling. I retired from Lisle after 32 years. At CTS in 2011, Rita Sisko received permission to begin the "Respect for All Life" committee. The group addresses the needs and concerns of people at all stages of life. Each year, I devote time to working with area Catholic high schools and colleges in matters that concern secondary-age students and their Catholic faith. We speak with campus ministers at Benet, Montini, St. Francis, Joliet Catholic, Nazareth and Providence, as well as Benedictine U. U. of St. Francis, Lewis U. and also North Central College. This fall, I visited each school to share materials that included "Students for Life of Illinois", "Woman's Choice Services", the booklet "A Baby's First Months", "Who Will Fill These Shoes" (the priesthood), and the USCCB 2014-15 theme flyer "Each of Us Is A Masterpiece of God's Creation." Many of these schools have very involved pro-life groups.

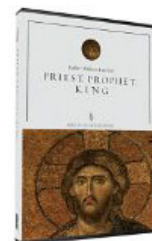


submitted by Dave A

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.

Please be sure to submit your availability for the scheduling period from January 17-March 15 by January 5!

Additional dates on the upcoming schedule include Ash Wednesday and the Parish Mission March 8-10.

Your availability information can be emailed to ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org

Would you like to be a lector? Lector training is scheduled for 3:00 pm, Saturday, January 10. Call 630-910-0770 to register!



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
January 10
4:45 PM

T Family

Deacon A
Jim G
Donna M
Pat S
Rita S

Sylvia C
Jerry F

V Family

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
January 11
8:30 AM

A Family

Donna C
Michael L
Dan S
Heather S
Lee W

Jim N
Barb K

Maryrose G
Mathew M

Sunday
January 11
10:00 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Deacon F
Joanne F
Ramon J
Maureen N
Jesse T

Rita W
Toni M

A Family



Thank you for recycling so many electronics at **CTS Electronic Recycling Event** on November 8. Our goal is to keep these electronics out of landfills and hopefully reuse most of the basic components of these items. Since government

funding for electronic recycling has ended, the consumer must foot the bill. The **Green Team** at CTS must pay \$100 for each truck (we had two trucks) and we must also pay for televisions and CRT's by the pound. We asked participants of the event to pay for televisions and CRT's that they brought. We also asked for donations in general to help offset the cost of this event. Thank you for the generous donations by participants at the event of \$770.40. The recycling company charged us \$625 for the items collected. At least we are in the black for this event. As a community service, the **Green Team** plans to offer another **Electronic Recycling Event** in May.

The **Green Team** is collecting **Christmas Tree Lights**. The strings of lights that we collect will financially help the **Green Team**, which will help CTS **Go Green**.

The Green Team

**NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK
January 4-11, 2015**

Visit www.usccb.org and click on "National Migration Week" in the middle of the photo banner.

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

Richard Mraz

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, January 5

8:30 AM Veronica Pankratz, Sp. Int., *r. Cecilia Cooper*

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*

Wednesday, January 7

8:30 AM Anna Mae Husson, *r. Ciolek family*

Thursday, January 8

10:00 AM Rose Mascia, *r. daughter*

Friday, January 9—Communion Service

Saturday, January 10

4:45 PM Agapita Chiarella, *r. Donna Mays*

James Crockett, *r. family*

John & Esther Michalek and Gerald Johnson,
r. family

Sunday, January 11

8:30 AM Robert Gamble, *r. Dick & Paula Rosenbeck*

Sophie Czajka, *r. Ciolek family*

10:00 AM Francine Martinek, *r. Al & Darlene Januska*

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

Bible Readings—Jan. 4-Jan. 11

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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Is 55:1-11 / Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

We pray for the Sick

Judy Bernard	Karen Fialek	Alie Phillips
Al Becker	Hannah Jahn	Pauline Popek
Louise Boden	Mike Joyce	Marcia Robinson
Prudy Boen	Peggy Laughlin	Ron Rydzewski
Salvatore Campagna	James McIlvain, Jr	Jewel Sippel
Helen Ciolek	Pat Mclej	Elaine Thomas
Julie Clifford	Hertasene Murray	Maribeth Wall
Jeff Coole	Thomas O'Donnell	Joe Zapalac
Holly Derrico	Greg Peck	
Betty Fencil	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.** Both Beth Cartner and Barbara Smith are much improved. Praise the Lord!*

We pray for the Deceased



Bob Haas
(brother of Elena Haas)

THE HOLY STAR



O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Eric Graslje, 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.

Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
Phone: (630) 910-0770
Fax: (630) 910-6060
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

Friday 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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 4

Monday, January 5

Tuesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 7

Thursday, January 8

5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:30 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 9

Welcome Fr. Francis Bitterman,

nephew of our founding pastor Fr.

Jim Ratigan, as part of our ongoing

celebration of our 25th anniversary

Hospitality

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11

8:30 am—Confirmation Class A

10:00 am—S.T.O.R.M. Teen Ministry

Mass

Upcoming Events

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

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

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. 16-22:

Sunday	\$ 8,573.39
General Funds	120.00
Christmas	1,128.68
Restricted gifts	205.00
Debt Reduction	<u>35.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 10,062.07
This week's catch up	\$ 107.93

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

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Retired Religious	\$ 40.00
Debt to Diocese as of 11/30	\$593,810

Registered Households—737

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...we thank all those who are responding so generously to the *Living a Giving Life* program. Your gratitude to God is obvious, and the parish's gratitude to you is immense.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!

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