

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

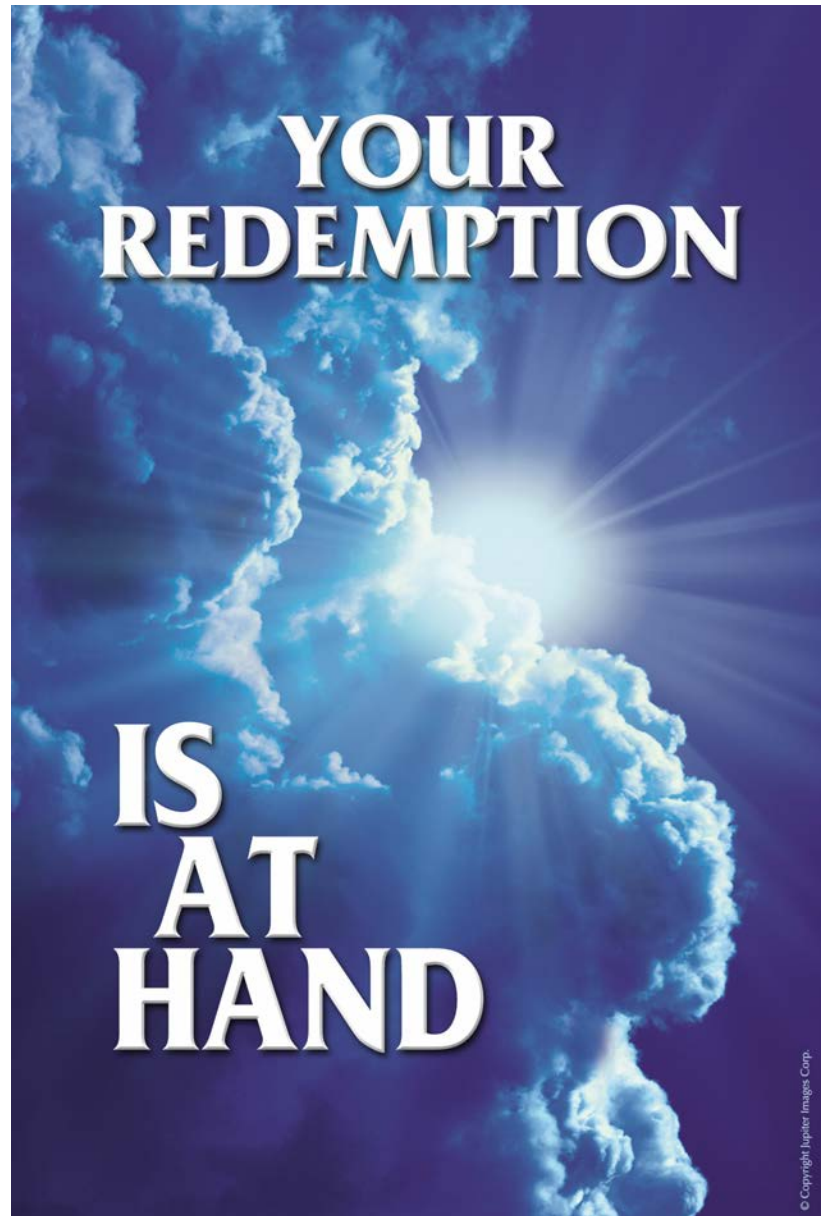
The Joy of Living a Giving Life

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

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## 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

## Advent Reconciliation Schedule

- After daily mass, Monday through Thursday, November 30 through December 23.
- After both masses on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.
- Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (in Father's office)
- By appointment—call 630-910-0770 ext 15

*(note: there will not be a special Advent Reconciliation Service this year. Please take advantage of one of the many opportunities listed above.)*

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8

Pope Francis has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning December 8. All are invited to share God's mercy, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Masses (*Sacrament of Reconciliation offered after each mass*)  
8:30 am and 7:00 pm



## First Sunday of Advent

How can we be merciful like the Father in this First Week of Advent? The Collect (opening prayer at Mass) asks God to give us the resolve to run forth to meet Christ. So, we begin this new Church year running once more to be with Christ who is coming to us. At this meeting, let us be found doing works of mercy. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for living and the dead.

- Who needs mercy this week?
- What righteous deed of mercy will I do?

*Courtesy Eliot Kapitan, Diocese of Springfield (IL)*

## GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

## Christmas Wish Tree & Sharing

Thank you to the great response for helping neighbors in need with Thanksgiving dinners. If you missed this opportunity, another one is coming up very soon! Signups to provide a happy Christmas for those in need will begin on December 5/6. There are many ways to participate—\$25 gift card for a main course, the rest of the dinner, or gifts as indicated on the stars on the tree. We have committed to helping 53 families for Christmas. Please be generous, and thank you for signing up early!

We encourage you to drop off gifts and non-perishable items early. You may drop them off at the parish office during office hours the week of Dec. 13-18. The church will be open to receive your donation from 9-11 am on Saturday, December 19, or you may bring your items when you come to mass. We do not have enough room to refrigerate, so please bring any perishable items on



Sunday morning, December 20. Clients will begin arriving at 11:00 am Sunday, so please have your items here by 10:00 am.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** Friday, December 4th, Holy Hour will follow the Communion Service in Christ the Servant's Eucharistic Chapel. The December intentions are for the homeless, jobless, imprisoned, lonely and those who suffer from disease and disaster. Join in praying the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Litany, Chaplet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and "The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory". During this holy season of Advent we pray for hope, health and happiness for all in need. Amen!

**OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR TO BEGIN THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**



MERCIFUL  
~ LIKE THE ~  
FATHER

© J. S. Plank Co., Inc. All are invited to attend the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 12 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. (604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet) This liturgy will be our diocesan initiation of the Holy Year of Mercy.

Prior to the beginning of Mass Bishop Conlon will open the Cathedral's Holy Door, our local way of joining with Pope Francis as he opens the Holy Doors in

Rome. Let us enter into this Holy Year in joyful celebration of God's extravagant love and mercy. May our own carrying out of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy make present God's tender mercy.

**GO GREEN!**

Do you have towels that are too worn to give away and you don't know what to do with them?

The **Green Team** is collecting them. There is a container in the Narthex for old, worn towels. Shelters use them for bathing pets to get them ready for adoption. Wash, dry, fold them and bring into our collection area.



The shelter pets will love you for them!

The **Green Team**

**Last Chance to get your ticket!**

**Quick Start to the Holidays!**

**December 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm** (will last 1-1.5 hours)

**At Christ the Servant Church**

Heritage House Florists will instruct participants & provide all supplies to make a Christmas centerpiece, to include mixed Christmas greens, pine cones and Christmas bows.

Cost per person: \$35.00. Tickets on sale now! Minimum 25 persons; maximum 50 persons. Any questions, call Lainie G. Light hospitality afterwards. Come—and invite a friend!



**Over 55 Ladies Christmas Luncheon**

Come join us on  
**Tuesday, December 8,** at 5:00 PM at

**Keystone Bar and Grill**

**7231 Lemont Rd, Downers Grove**

Call Tina F or  
Darlene J

*Please bring an unwrapped toy for any age between 1 and 17 years old. We will donate them to the Open Door ministry.*

***New Members Always Welcome!!!***

**Christ the Servant will have a Christmas Bazaar**

in the narthex the weekend of Dec. 5/6. Limited space is available; we request a donation which will be given to Hope's Front Door ministry in Downers Grove. Questions? Call the office at 630-910-0770.



**Christmas Bazaar**

## Religious Formation



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

**Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Next  
Classes:**

Sunday Sessions - December 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Sessions - December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Service Project - Christmas Dinner/Gift Pickup**

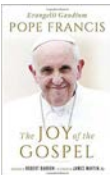
**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**



**This year's RF Christmas Program will  
be Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Please make sure that you have  
returned your RF Christmas Program  
participation form.



Join us as we read and discuss  
**The Joy of the Gospel** by Pope Francis.  
We will meet at 11:15am on Sunday  
Dec 6 and Dec 13.

The cost of the book is \$12.  
For more information contact Liz Jesse.



Christ the Servant families are  
being asked to dress the **F.A.C.T.  
Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING  
TREE** with donations of new hats,  
mittens & gloves for children. They  
will be donated to Hope's Front

Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry)  
and St. Ethelreda. Monetary donations are also  
welcome.

**Please bring donations by December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christ the Servant Religious For-  
mation has a Facebook page!**

**[www.facebook.com/  
ctswoodridgerf.org](http://www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org)  
"Like" us!**

Join Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, OSB for an **Advent Reflection on the Genealogy of Jesus**. The program will be held on Saturday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 15 from 9:00 – 11:00am. Please choose the day that is most convenient for you. Eucharist is celebrated in our chapel at 11:30am and you are most welcome to join the Sisters. Sacred Heart Monastery is at 1910 Maple Ave Lisle. Contact Jane at 630.725.6016 or [jdoyle@shmlisle.org](mailto:jdoyle@shmlisle.org) with any questions.

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### **ADVENT MORNING: Mary said Yes, and Then...**

**Date:** Monday, December 14

**Time:** 9:30-Noon **Fee:** \$20

Advent finds us preparing for Christmas, but Mary began preparing for Jesus the moment she said "yes" to Gabriel. As the "yes" carried her to the first Christmas and beyond, Mary learned in very human and practical terms what her consent meant. What, then, does her story teach us about faith and trust, patience and hope, pain and perseverance? What parts of her story stir our souls---and why?

**Facilitator:** **Joy Clough, RSM** is a storyteller and author whose imaginative emphasis on the humanity of Gospel characters like Mary invites listeners to enter more deeply into familiar New Testament scenes.

**Portiuncula Center for Prayer**  
9263 W St. Francis Road  
Frankfort, IL 60423

**Register by calling 815.464.3880,  
emailing [info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org),  
or on our website at [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)**

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### **Simply Medicare**

**FREE seminar**, offered as a public service to the parishioners of Christ the Servant **December 3, 2015, 7:00 pm, here at church**  
Register to guarantee seating (630-418-0906)

Presenter: Maribeth FencI

Community Relations, Barra & Associates  
Are you intimidated by Medicare? Would you like to understand the basics, to make it easier to understand your choices? Parishioner Maribeth FencI is a licensed insurance broker certified by Medicare. She partners with multiple carriers like BCBS, Humana, AARP, Equitable, Heartland and Combined Insurance. Medicare education provides knowledge and peace of mind in choosing the right Medicare health plan.

Learn how to navigate Medicare by understanding Original Medicare A & B as well as the difference between Medicare Advantage programs versus Medicare Supplements. Explore how Medicare Part D plans work.

Tired of seeing the same names over and over? One of the names you see could be yours—and then you wouldn't see the other names as often! It doesn't take any longer to serve at mass than it does to come, and the role you fulfill is needed and satisfying. Find out how!

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email [ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org), for information on how to get started in a liturgical ministry. Scheduling is based on your availability. When you see a name lots of times on the lists to the right, it's because we need more people like you helping out!



**ALTAR MIN:**

**EXT. MINISTERS:**

**LECTORS:**

**HOST TEAMS:**

Saturday  
December 5  
4:45 PM

M Family

Deacon A  
Patti C  
Jim G  
Mary K  
Annie T

Kathy V  
Debi S

V Family

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday  
December 6  
8:30 AM

A Family

Rose G  
Mathew M  
Paula R  
Jose S  
Melania S

Therese K  
Jim N

G Family

Sunday  
December 6  
10:00 AM

Maria F  
Gayle H

Antonio A  
Tim G  
Ed J  
Madeline J  
Maureen N

Toni M  
Judy E

D Family

## Respect for All Life

### Prepare for His Second Coming

*"Therefore, stay awake... You must be prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."*

*~Matthew 24:42,44*



The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for Jesus' coming. He will return to earth, separate good from evil entirely, and publicly judge every person who ever lived. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that routinely permits violations of all life is not prepared for the coming of Christ.

*Come, Lord Jesus. May the light of Your coming strengthen our witness for all life.*

*submitted by Dave A*

### Christmas Concert

The Bolingbrook Community Chorus will present its 42nd Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6th, at 1:30 pm at the Levy Senior Center, located at 251 Canterbury Lane, 2 blocks south of Village Hall. Admission is FREE, and refreshments will be served after. CTS parishioners

Ginny and Dave A have been BCC members since 1973. Questions or more information? Call Ginny and Dave A.



## 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. Bob 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 after daily mass each M—Th during Advent, or by appointment with Fr. Bob.

**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 3, 7:00-8:00 PM**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Joe Miklosz

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, November 28

4:45 PM Fr. Frank Vitus, *r. Donna Mays*  
RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo*  
Larry Carroo, *r. Barb Carroo*

#### Sunday, November 29

8:30 AM Joe Florio, *r. Carmella Florio*  
Andrew Iovito, Jr., *r. Andie Wolfe*  
Fr. Frank Vitus, *40th anniversary of ordination*  
10:00 AM Pearl & Harry Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*  
Sylvia Cordes, *r. Tom & Chris Bojanowski*  
People of the Parish

#### Monday, November 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, December 1

8:30 AM Joan Ostrand, *r. Donna Porsche*

#### Wednesday, December 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Thursday, December 3

8:30 AM Thomas Wolfe, *r. Andie Wolfe*

#### Friday, December 4—Communion Service

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, December 5

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*  
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*

#### Sunday, December 6

8:30 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Pauline Ryan, *r. Peggy Laughlin*

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



## We pray for the Sick

Theo Buck	Virginia Konczalski	Paula Sedlacek
Donna Ciolek	Ben Lacson	Jeff Siegmund
Helen Ciolek	Dorothy Nagl	Mary Skrzypczynski
Jeff Coole	Peggy Laughlin	Roger Terry
Holly Derrico	Thomas O'Donnell	Elaine Thomas
Jay Dunn	Tim Palmer	Mary Vanderplow
Danny Gordon	Alie Phillips	Rick Vendl
Bill Hanen	Pauline Popek	Jane Wiviott
Bp. Joseph Imesch	Steve Potter	Joe Zapalac
Brian Jackson	Dan Ryan	
Jeff Joyce	Ron Rydzewski	
Mary Ann Kelly	Jim Sanders	

*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

**Dan Fialek**, nephew of Jerry Fialek

**Eric Graslje**, cousin of Pauline Ryan

**David Jackson**, son of Cathleen Jackson

**Ben Jalove**, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

**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.*

### Joyful Again!

For Widowed Men & Women

There will be a retreat/workshop on

Jan. 16 & 17, 2016 and on

March 5 & 6, 2016

at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer  
(in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus)



The Holidays are especially hard for those who are widowed. Missing your spouse is a special loss. This program is designed to help the widowed find hope & joy again.

Space limited – register early. To register or for more information:

Phone: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 1-708-354-7211

Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Web: www.joyfulagain.org

Registration includes overnight and meals. Overnight required. No commuters.

## Bible Readings—Nov. 29-Dec. 6

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:** Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28,34-36

**MONDAY:** Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

**TUESDAY:** Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 25:6i-10a / Mt 15:29-37

**THURSDAY:** Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27

**FRIDAY:** Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

**SATURDAY:** Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

**SUNDAY:** Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

## Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive**  
**Woodridge, Illinois 60517**  
**Phone: (630) 910-0770**  
**Fax: (630) 910-6060**  
**[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. Bob Duda**, Pastor *Ext. 15*  
*FrBob@ctswoodridge.org*

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*dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org*

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**Corinne Hanson**, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*

**Liz Jesse**,  
 Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director  
*janet@ctswoodridge.org*

### 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, November 29

11:00 am—Manna orders due

### Monday, November 30

5:00 pm—RF Christmas Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

### Tuesday, December 1

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes

### Wednesday, December 2

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes

### Thursday, December 3

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

7:00 pm—Medicare 101

### Friday, Dec. 4-Communion Service

8:30 am—Communion Service

6:30 pm—Holiday Centerpieces

### Christmas Bazaar

### Christmas Sharing Signups

### Pick up Manna orders

### Saturday, December 5

### Sunday, December 6

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—Joy of the Gospel

## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 8:** 8:30 am & 7:00 pm.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

**Dec. 14:** 7:30 pm, Simbang Gabi

**Dec. 18:** 7:00 pm, RF Christmas program

**Dec. 24:** no morning mass, Christmas masses 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm.

**Dec. 25:** Christmas mass 10:00 am

**Dec. 31:** 4:45 pm—Holy Day mass

**Jan. 1:** 10:00 am—Holy Day mass

## Parish Giving

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

### NEEDED WEEKLY: 2015-2016

Parish Expenses \$ 6,820.00

Mortgage Payment 3,350.00

Total Needed **\$ 10,170.00**

**CONTRIBUTIONS will be reported next week due to an early bulletin deadline.**

Debt to Diocese as of 10/31 \$453,905

Registered Households—736

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Did you know...** weather permitting, repairs on our masonry will begin soon. Recurring leakage problems have made this necessary. The cost will be just under \$40,000 for these repairs. If you would like to help offset some of this cost, please mark your contribution "masonry repair".

**Leave a Legacy.** Many forms of planned giving offer significant income tax benefits. Learn more by calling 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. Or call the Development office at 815-221-6100.

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