

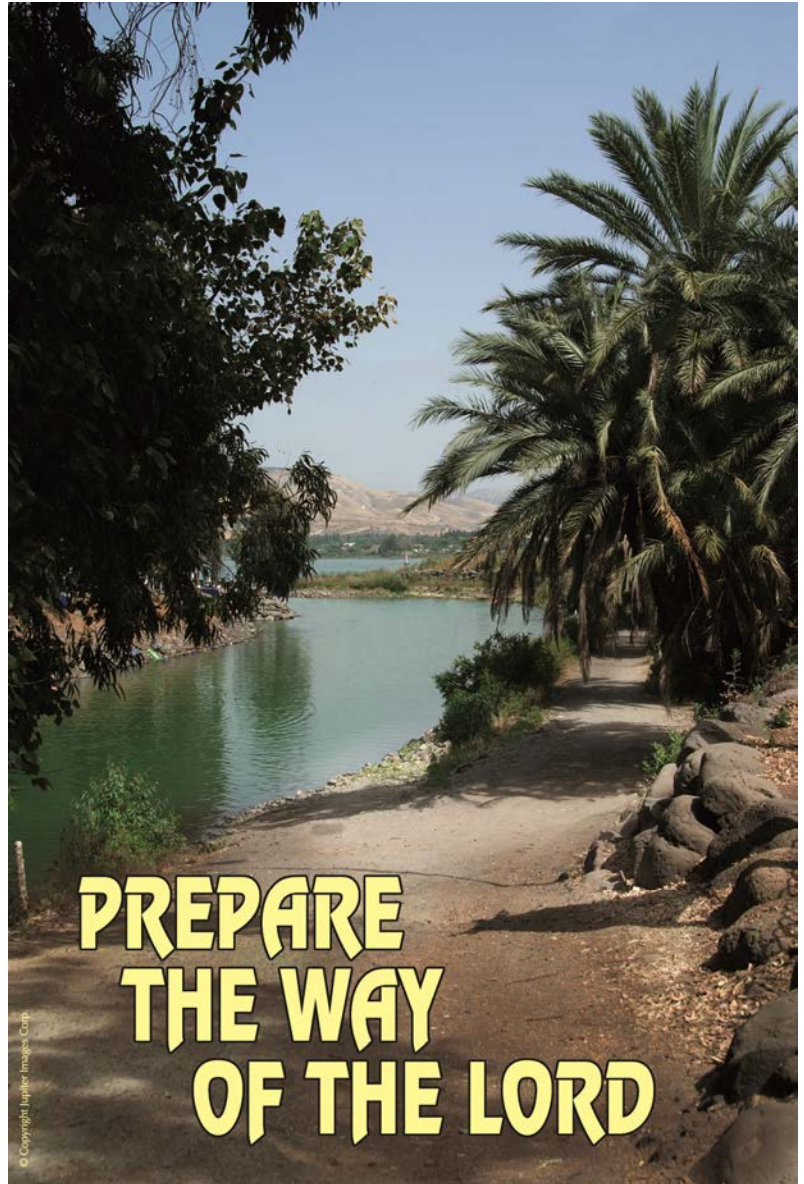
# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 6, 2015  
Second 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.  
(*except Dec. 9, 10 & 11. Fr. Bob will be away.*)
- 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



## Second Sunday of Advent

**The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** opens on Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the Feastday for the dioceses of the United States of America. We are given twelve months to be

merciful like the Father, to make this a daily habit. Mary's life gives us a pattern for our own.

- How can I magnify, sing the praise of God today?
- How can I be more like her—full of grace?

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

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Proceeds are used to help provide for the retirement of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give as generously as you are able.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. In a letter marking the inauguration of this special year, he says, "I ask the *whole Christian people* to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women." He goes on to note the spiritual influence that religious such as Saint Benedict and Saint Teresa of Avila continue to have on our Church and faith today.

As we reflect on the saints of the past, many of us may also recall women and men religious whom we would consider saints in our day. With gratitude, we remember the sister who patiently helped us learn our multiplication tables or the brother who coached our high school team, teaching us that faith must be lived out even on the basketball court.

Today, many of these sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—these saints in our midst—are elderly. While some continue in volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings to meet growing retirement and eldercare needs.

So I ask you to join with Pope Francis in acknowledging the gift of consecrated life. Please pray for God's blessing on all religious and give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

*Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet*

**Christmas Concert**

Bolingbrook Community Chorus will present its 42nd Annual Christmas Concert this Sunday, December 6, at 1:30 pm at the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane, 2 blocks south of Village Hall. Admission is **FREE**.



**GO GREEN!**

Thank you to all who came out to the rainy **Electronic Recycling Event** on October 31. Rain did not stop us!



We thank everyone for their generous donations. The recycling company charged us \$896.50. We were fortunate enough to collect \$972, so we were able to cover the recycling bill.

We will continue this community service by planning another event in the spring.

Thank you once again for your enthusiasm and your help.

The **Green Team**

**Over 55 Ladies Christmas Luncheon**

Come join us on  
**Tuesday, December 8, at 1:30 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!!!*

**Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses**

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition. The translation of "Simbang Gabi" means "evening or night mass" As a devotional practice, it refers to the Philippine Catholic tradition of a series of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season, from December 15-23. As the Simbang Gabi novena begins, the somber waiting at the beginning of Advent turns into an eager and joyful longing for the coming of the Savior during the final nine days of Advent.

Christ the Servant is pleased to host the opening mass on Dec 14 at 7:30 for the Eastern Cluster. Bishop Siegel is scheduled to preside.

The rest of the masses in the novena will be:

- Dec 15: Visitation, 779 S York St, Elmhurst, 7:30 pm
- Dec 16: Christ the King, 1501 S Main St, Lombard, 7:30 pm
- Dec 17: Ascension of Our Lord, 1S314 Summit Ave, Oakbrook Terrace, 7:30 pm
- Dec 18: Holy Trinity, 111 S Cass Ave, Westmont, 7:30 pm
- Dec 19: St. Francis of Assisi, 1501 W Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, 5:00 pm
- Dec 20: Divine Savior, 6700 Main St, Downers Grove, 5:00 pm
- Dec 21: St Mary Immaculate, 15629 S Rte 59, Plainfield, 7:30 pm
- Dec 22: Our Lady of Peace, 701 Plainfield Rd, Darien, 7:30 pm

These are festive celebrations with Christmas carols sung before mass, faith sharing, and, of course, lots of food afterward—a sample of Filipino food and refreshments is usually served at a reception following mass. This is one of many cultural activities everyone can participate in and enjoy as a preparation for Christmas.



Thanks to those who helped set up the Advent banners, Nativity scene, and Christmas tree in the narthex: Bill K, Richard & Gloria D, Jerry C, S

family, Marylou R, Helene P, Maryrose G, and Rosada H. Thanks also to Donna M, outgoing Art & Environment Chairperson. We are still seeking a person willing to commit to organizing the liturgical décor of our worship space. Many people will help; the need is for one who will be able to organize for the different liturgical seasons and assure that décor is updated in a timely manner. Many resources are available to make the transition easier. Call Donna M to learn more about this meaningful ministry.

Christmas Décor donation forms are available in the narthex, near the entrance doors on the ledge, just over the box where you can deposit your forms.

## Religious Formation



Second Sunday  
of Advent

**No classes this week -  
Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception,  
Tuesday December 8th**

**Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Next Classes:**  
Sunday Sessions - December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Sessions - December 16<sup>th</sup>



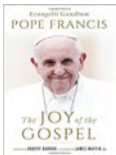
**Service Project -  
Christmas Dinner/Gift Pick-up  
Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00am - 1:00pm**



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

**You are invited to come enjoy the  
program, sing Christmas carols, and  
remember that**

**Jesus is the Reason for the Season.**



Join us as we read and discuss ***The Joy of  
the Gospel*** by Pope Francis.

We will meet on Sunday Dec 6 and Dec 13  
from 11:15am to 12:30 pm.



Thank you to everyone who  
dressed the **F.A.C.T. Youth  
Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING  
TREE** with donations of new  
hats, mittens & gloves for chil-  
dren. They will be donated to

Hope's Front Door (formerly  
NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry) and St. Ethelreda.

**Christ the Servant Religious  
Formation has a Facebook page!**  
**[www.facebook.com/  
ctswoodridgerf.org](http://www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org)**  
**"Like" us!**

## Christmas Wish Tree & Sharing

Signups to provide a happy Christmas for those in need are taking place this weekend and next week-end. 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! Call Denice K with any questions.

**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.



### Mark your calendar

so you don't miss this fun event being planned for Friday, February 5, 2016 beginning at 6:30 pm.

It will be an evening of Mardi Gras festivities. Cash bar, catered buffet, music, and a prize for the best costume (costume *not* required, but welcome!) This is largely a social event, but we are also planning to have our annual Grand Raffle drawing (grand prize \$1000) at this event.

It is still in the planning stage. Want to help make it a fun evening for everyone? Contact Jean D at [jeandurran@hotmail.com](mailto:jeandurran@hotmail.com), or call the parish office, for more information and/or to volunteer.

The **Respect for All Life** from Conception to Natural Death Committee will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30 pm at Andie W's home. For more information call Andie W.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
DECEMBER 8**

**8:30 am**

**Altar:** Donna M + **minister needed**

**EM:** Rita S, Annie T, Andrea W

**Lectors:** Vince D & Dan R

**Host Team:** D Family

**7:00 pm**

**Altar:** Donna C & Maria F

**EM:** Patti C, Karen J, Steve J, Maureen N + **minister needed**

**Lectors:** Gregory P & Debi S

**Host Team:** Maryrose G & Steve W



**ALTAR MIN:**

**EXT. MINISTERS:**

**LECTORS:**

**HOST TEAMS:**

Saturday  
December 12  
4:45 PM

T Family

Karen J  
Steve J  
Marylou R  
Rita S  
Jean T

Gayle H  
Gregory P

V Family

**Next Weekend's MINISTERS**

Sunday  
December 13  
8:30 AM

P Family

Cindy F  
Dan S  
Heather S  
Lee W  
Andrea W

Virginia A  
Donna C

C Family

Sunday  
December 13  
10:00 AM

K Family

Judy E  
Maria F  
Deacon F  
Ramon J  
Dan R

Kathy V  
Steve W

A Family

**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 of 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.



*submitted by 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.

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Alma Zimmerman

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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*

#### Monday, December 7

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, December 8

8:30 AM Richard Buch, *r. Marge Buch*  
Larry Carroo, *r. Barb Carroo*  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

**Fr. Bob will be away Dec. 9, 10 & 11**

**Communion Services will be held at 8:30 each day**

#### Saturday, December 12

4:45 PM William (Dad) Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*  
Virginia Crimer, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*  
Guadalupe Alcedo (*birthday*), *r. Alcedo-Marquez family*

#### Sunday, December 13

8:30 AM William Giles, *r. Ingrid Giles*  
Pauline Brom, *r. Marge Buch*  
10:00 AM Sam Maltese, *r. Alice Maltese*  
People of the Parish

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



### FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.

—Henry Ward Beecher

## Bible Readings—Dec. 6-Dec. 13

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

**MONDAY:** Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

**TUESDAY:** Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY:** Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

**FRIDAY:** Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

**SATURDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**SUNDAY:** Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

## We pray for the Sick

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

*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

**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](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)

Web: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

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

## 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*

**Tom Fricke**, Permanent Deacon  
*dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org*

**Rod Accardi**, Permanent Deacon  
*dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org*

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

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

**Janet Alikapala**, 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

### Christmas Bazaar Christmas Sharing Signups Pick up Manna orders

#### Sunday, December 6

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—*Joy of the Gospel*

#### Monday, December 7

5:00 pm—RF Christmas Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, December 8

8:30 am—Immaculate Conception mass (confessions follow)

6:30 pm—Respect Life Committee (offsite)

7:00 pm—Immaculate Conception mass (confessions follow)

#### Wednesday, December 9

8:30 am—Communion Service

7:00 pm—Peace & Social Justice (offsite)

#### Thursday, December 10

8:30 am—Communion Service

5:00 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

5:45 pm—Voices Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, Dec. 11-Communion Service

8:30 am—Communion Service

#### Saturday, December 12

#### Sunday, December 13

8:30 am—Confirmation Class

10:00 am—CLOW

11:15 am—*Joy of the Gospel*

11:30 am—Baptism

### Upcoming Events

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

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

## Parish Giving

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

### NEEDED WEEKLY: 2015-2016

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,820.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>\$ 10,170.00</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 17-Nov. 30:

Sunday 11/22	5,744.50
Sunday 11/29	6,791.80
Sunday other forms	1,522.00
General Funds	334.00
Restricted Contributions	225.00
Debt Reduction	<u>264.12</u>
<b>Total Contributed 2 weeks</b>	<b>\$ 14,881.42</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

CCHD	\$ 1,649.00
T-giving/Hope's Front Door	902.55

### Differential report for week:

Needed	\$ 20,340.00
Reported this week	14,881.42
Deficit this period	\$ (5,458.58)

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

Debt to Diocese as of 10/31	\$453,905
Registered Households	—737

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Did you know...***if you need incentive for your family to make it to mass on time, try volunteering for a liturgical ministry. Host Teams arrive 20 minutes early to welcome people as they arrive with a smile and a worship booklet. Call the parish office for details.*

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