

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

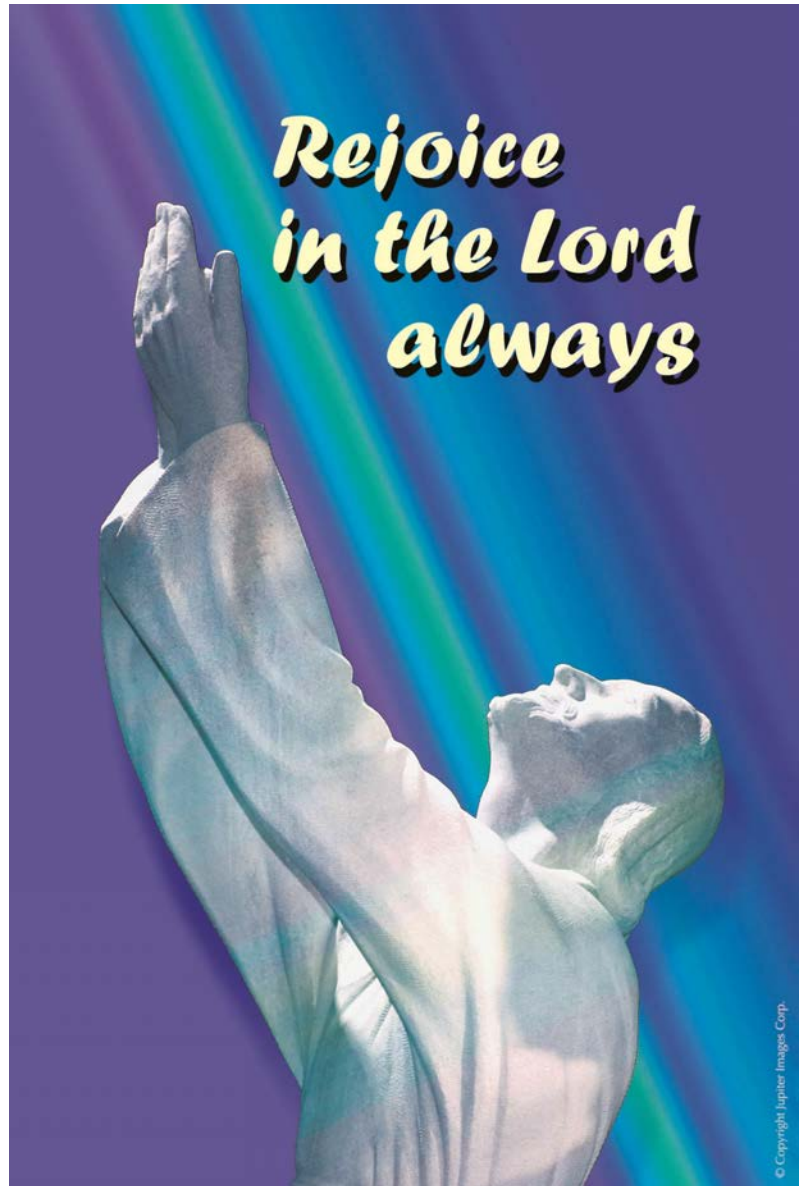
The Joy of Living a Giving Life

December 13, 2015

Third 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, through December 23.
- 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 opportunities listed above.)



Third Sunday of Advent

The Gospel today is very clear! Everyone is asking John the Baptist: "What should we do?" [See Luke 3:10-18.] That is the perfect question as we wait for

Jesus Christ to come the second time. Let us be found doing the **Corporal Works of Mercy**: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the prisoners, burying the dead, and giving alms to the poor.

- Who needs my second coat or blanket or boots?
- Who needs a tithe of my food budget, of my time, of my conversation?
- Who needs to hear good news? How can I proclaim it by word and by deed?

Retirement Fund for Religious

Proceeds from the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection 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.

You may include a donation in next week's collection, clearly marked for the RFR.



Welcome to our parish family:

Stephen & Kelly K
Wharf Dr, Woodridge

If you have not yet registered, we welcome you too! Registration forms are available each weekend on the table in the narthex. Pick up a Welcome Folder to help introduce you to your new parish home!



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 Durran at jeandurran@hotmail.com, or call the parish office, for more information and/or to volunteer.

Want to feel good about what you do?

Have you ever felt that something is missing spiritually and that you would like to do more and become more involved? Have you thought about become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, but didn't know how to go about it? Well, we have all the answers for you! Here are the diocesan guidelines:

- Those aspiring to be an Extraordinary Minister must be confirmed Catholics who are at least of high school age. **High School age students under the age of 16 may minister for one year. For those 16 years and older**, the term for ministering is three years with a possible renewal for an additional three years.
- Since the Extraordinary Minister fulfills an instituted ministry, those wishing to become an Extraordinary Minister must be given some spiritual enrichment, Eucharistic doctrine updating, and ritual training. We at Christ the Servant do this training.

This ministry is soul fulfilling and very rewarding. Please take some time to consider this, and if the Spirit has led you to become an ECM, please call the office at 630-910-0770 and speak with Corinne.

The Green Team Collects...

Greeting cards are collected for various organizations. Blank cards are given to Prison Ministry, cards with words in them are donated to Villa St. Benedictine Gift shop and a Resale shop in Lemont. Used cards that are no bigger than 5x7 in size, and are not Hallmark, American Greetings or Disney and have no writing on the inside cover are cut and sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Kids in Nevada. There they make new cards out of them and sell them.



If anyone has anymore ideas on what we could recycle, please let Nancy R know.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported the annual Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Sale on the weekend of Nov 14-15 and again at the Christmas Bazaar on the weekend of Dec 4-5.

By purchasing Fair Trade products you are standing in solidarity with struggling artisans and farmers, recognizing the dignity of their work and ensuring that our brothers and sisters around the globe earn fair wages. The sponsoring organization's share of the proceeds was returned to the Catholic Relief Services Micro Financing Department which then goes back to the communities of farmers and artisans to help them sustain and grow their businesses

A BIG thank you to all the people who helped set up, staff the tables, and then clean up at the end of the weekend. It was wonderful to have our younger staff join us this year.

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.

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

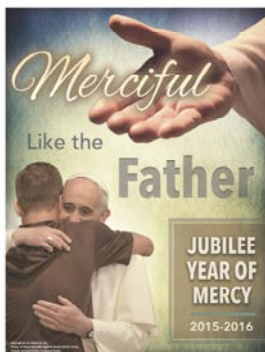
Spotlight, a movie about the 2002 Boston Globe articles on child sexual abuse in the Church, was released last month. The drama features several notable actors and actresses: Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber, Mark Ruffalo, Stanley Tucci and John Slattery.

While this movie highlights a very dark part of our history, this is an opportunity to raise the awareness of all that has been done to prevent child sexual abuse in the Church. There is much good news to share. We are grateful to the victim/survivors and journalists who took action and brought this issue forward. We as a society must remain vigilant in our efforts to protect the vulnerable among us. We can do this by implementing the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. In the Diocese of Joliet, we will continue to promote healing for those who have been harmed. We will work with civil authorities when allegations are brought to our attention. We will continue to educate youth and adults to create a safe environment. Offenders will be removed from ministry.

Experienced Catholic Elementary School Principal Sought

Applications are being accepted through January 15, 2016, for a faith-filled, passionate, and dedicated educator to serve as Principal of All Saints Catholic Academy beginning in July, 2016. The successful candidate must be a devout and practicing Catholic who upholds the teachings of the faith and who exemplifies an unwavering commitment to academically excellent education that is rooted in Gospel values and Catholic traditions. The candidate must possess an advanced degree in educational leadership; hold a current Illinois Professional Educator License with a General Administrative Endorsement; and must have to his or her credit at least five years of successful administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic school.

To apply, please complete an administrative application as an external applicant on the Diocese of Joliet AppliTrack website at: <http://www.applitrack.com/dioceseofjoliet/onlineapp/> In addition, e-mail a resume and letter of interest to Karen Udell, Catholic Schools Office Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel, at: kudell@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Advent is here and the Year of Mercy has begun! Do you want to make it more meaningful in the coming year and be able to extend the mercy and compassion of Christ to others? If so, please consider volunteering for The Upper Room Hotline services. Classes to prepare you will begin on January 21st and end on March 10th. Classes are held at the University of St. Francis from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. People willing to imitate the compassion of Christ are needed for the people of all faiths who are lost or wanting to find their way back to God. If you are willing to "be" Christ to someone this year, please call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley at 815-341-9124, or turch@sbcglobal.net. You can check us out at catholic hotline.org. Thank you and God bless.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7

Sessions meet Tuesday and
Wednesday

Confirmation 8th Grade Next Classes:

Sunday Sessions - December 13th

Wednesday Sessions - December 16th



Service Project -

Christmas Dinner/Gift Pick-up

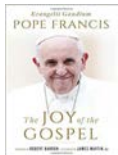
Sunday December 20th - 11:00am - 1:00pm



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 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
children. They were 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. We have committed to helping 53 families for Christmas, and, when the bulletin was sent in, we still need people to provide meals for some of these families. Please be generous, and thank you for signing up! 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 no later than 10:00 am.

Respect for All Life

Learn More About the Priesthood

On Friday, Nov. 27, the
Joliet Diocese hosted the
program "Who Will Fill
These Shoes" for 20
young men as well as
their parents, pastors,
current seminarians, and others.

Additionally, other upcoming opportunities this winter
and spring include:

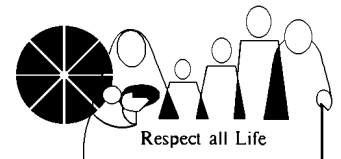
Exploring Priesthood Weekend: Jan 22-24 and April
8-10 at Mundelein Seminary.

Operation Andrew Dinners; Thursday, Jan 14,
Thursday April 28th and Tuesday, June 7th at
various parishes.

Jeremiah Day: April 23rd at Mundelein Seminary—
this is for boys 7th through 10th grade.

Monthly Discernment Groups: meetings offered one
Sunday each month.

For more information, contact Fr. Burke Masters at
the diocesan Vocations office 815-221-6171 or email
vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.



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submitted by Dave A

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, 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 19
4:45 PM

A Family

Marlene B
Patti C
Donna M
Annie T
MINISTER NEEDED

Ramon J
Bob C

Cathy B
Pat S

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
December 20
8:30 AM

C Family

John C
Michael L
Paula R
Jose S
Melania S

Peg K
Marjorie C

Mathew M
Steve W

Sunday
December 20
10:00 AM

Maria F
Gayle H

Joanne F
Tim G
Ed J
Madeline J
Maureen N

Joe T
Toni M

R Family

Christmas MINISTERS**Thursday, December 24, 4:00 PM****ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 3 PM**

ALTAR: A Family

EMC: Deacon F, Ed J, Madeline J, Mary K, Maureen N, Marylou R, Annie T

LECTORS: 1) Dan R, 2) Bob C

HOST TEAM: M Family

Thursday, December 24, 10:00 PM

Altar: C Family

EMC: Cheryl F, Deacon F, Joanne F, Jim N, Pat S

LECTORS: 1) Paula R, 2) Steve W

HOST TEAM: Greg F, Maryrose G

Friday, December 25, 10:00 AM

ALTAR: A Family

EMC: Deacon A, Patti C, Donna M, J or M S, Rita S

LECTORS: 1) Virginia A, 2) Ramon J

HOST TEAM: Cathy B, Marijane T

Many thanks to those who came forward to serve in the "ministers needed" positions!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVES FAMILIES IN NEED

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, hopes to make Christmas a little brighter for low income and homeless families in DuPage County. Your donation to purchase food and gift cards for these families and their children may be mailed to Catholic Charities' Holiday Outreach Program, 26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148. If you prefer, you may donate small denomination (\$10, \$25 and \$50) gift cards for area grocery stores and department stores (example: Target, Wal-Mart, Kmart, and Kohl's). Thank you and God bless you for all that you do!

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

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 14

8:30 AM Annamma Moolayil, *r. family*

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 17

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, December 18

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 19

4:45 PM Helen (Mom) Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
RoseMary DiVincenzo, *r. Vince DiVincenzo*

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Don Hendrich, *r. Donna Mays*

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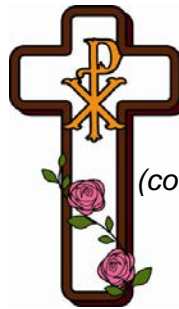


We pray for the Sick

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

*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 the Deceased



Dorothy Sedlacek

(cousin & godmother of Marijane Tomaeno, mother-in-law of Paula Sedlacek, grandmother of Kelsey Sedlacek)

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.

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

—Anonymous

Bible Readings—Dec. 13-Dec. 20

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

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2,9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY: Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

THURSDAY: Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

FRIDAY: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

SATURDAY: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

SUNDAY: Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

Office Hours & Staff

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

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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 Sharing
Sunday, December 13
8:30 am—Confirmation Class
10:00 am—CLOW
11:15 am—*Joy of the Gospel*
11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, December 14
5:00 pm—RF Christmas Rehearsal
7:30 pm—Simbang Gabi mass

Tuesday, December 15
4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes
6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, December 16
4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes
6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes
6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, December 17
5:00 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:45 pm—Voices Rehearsal
6:30 pm—Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 18-Communion Service
8:30 am—Communion Service
7:00 pm—RF Christmas Program

Saturday, December 19
1:00 pm—Wedding

Sunday, December 20
11:00 pm—Client Christmas distribution/Teen Service Project

Upcoming Events
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

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2015-2016

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 1-Dec. 7:

Sunday 12/6	8,051.55
Sunday other forms	2,160.00
General Funds	265.00
Restricted Contributions	100.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,604.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 12,180.55

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

CCHD	\$ 10.00
Hope's Front Door	58.00
Retired Religious	10.00

Differential report for week:

Needed	\$ 10,170.00
Reported this week	12,180.55
Catch up this period	\$ 1,989.45

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...*all are invited to attend the Simbang Gabi mass at 7:30 pm, Monday, Dec. 14. Bishop Siegel will preside.*

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

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