

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

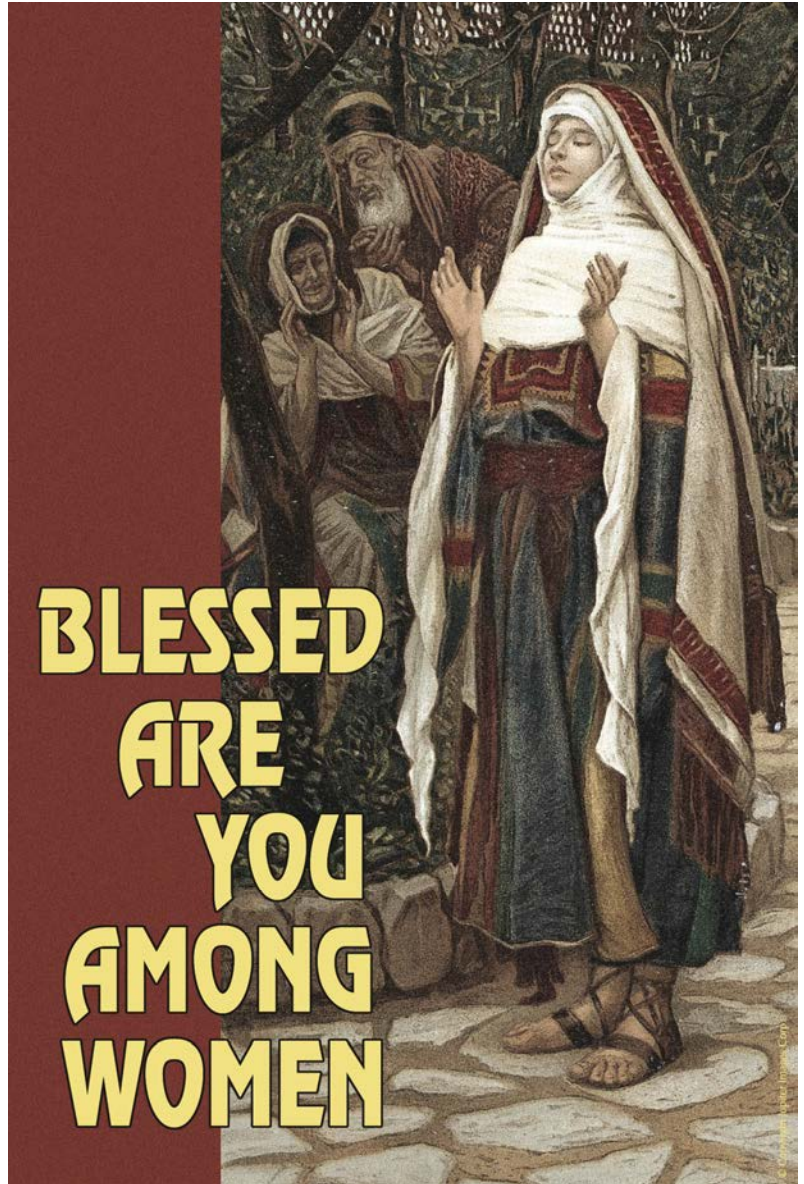
The Joy of Living a Giving Life

December 20, 2015

Fourth 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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

God's mercy is full of grace. God's mercy is grace. This is God's very life. Let us, then, turn to face God all this week. We do it when we turn to those

who are near, to those in our home, to those at work or school, to those in the street—and behave like Gabriel (announce God's favor), behave like Mary (ask "How?" then say "Yes!").

- How will I find ways this week to say "yes" to God's good mercy?
- Who needs the mercy I can give?

Courtesy Eliot Kapitan, Diocese of Springfield (IL)



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, though we do know there will be door prizes and desserts provided by those who wish to bring one. 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 and/or to offer to bring a dessert.



Building Community by Embracing Diversity

**2016 World Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Service
Sunday, January 3rd, 2:00—3:30 pm**

**Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Avenue
North Central College, Naperville
(Free parking available at
city parking garage just west of concert hall.)**

This interfaith prayer service will serve as a much needed antidote to the growing fear, ignorance and hatred being spread by those seeking personal gain and power. On this day we affirm the power of love over fear, the power of learning over ignorance and the power of solidarity over hatred.

The Green Team Collects...

Crayons (broken or whole) go to SCARCE and they melt down the broken ones into shapes to give to children with disabilities so they can use them. Whole crayons are put into Altoid tins, which we also collect to be given out to children in need. If you have more ideas on what we could recycle, please let Nancy R know.



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 catholicohline.org. Thank you and God bless.

Diocesan Missions to the Navajo Nation – Are you being called?

The Joliet Diocese – Partnership in Missions announces the formation of a construction team to serve in Chinle, Arizona. The mission will leave on June 4th and return on June 17th, 2016. This will be a construction mission. No special construction skills are necessary, just willing hands and a warm heart.

Two information meetings will be held, the first, January 12th, 2016 from 7-9 pm and the second, January 20th, 2016 from 7-9 pm, at the Blanchette Catholic Center – 16555 Weber Rd. – Crest Hill, IL 60403. You are welcome to come to either meeting.

Applications are available at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/missions, or call the Office for Human Dignity – Missions at 815-221-6258. Applications must be received by February 26th, 2016.

The Partnership in Mission is celebrating 22 years of medical, construction, and university missions. For further information, please call 815-221-6258 or email: missions@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Respect for All Life

Admonishing the Sinner...With Love

“Love builds a bridge over which truth can pass.”

Reaching out to someone who is lost—whether parent, sibling, child, co-worker, or neighbor—can



be overwhelming, especially if that person doesn't realize it. Admonishing the sinner means loving that person enough to help them understand they are off the path to God, and sharing the way back through mercy, love, and truth. Helping someone we love requires us not only to be conscious of what we say, but also how we say it. How can we be merciful in our communication of truth?

- Be intentional and meticulous in sharing meaningful, appealing words.
- Let your love of God and God's love for the other radiate.
- Rely on God to work through us, and be patient with God's timing.
- Listen and respond attentively to what the other person says.
- Humbly recognize your own weaknesses and tendencies to sin.
- Give witness to the incredible things God has done and is doing for you.
- Be courteous, respectful, gentle, and open to discussion.
- Pray for the other person, entrusting them to God.

“Admonishing the Sinner” (The Best Lent Ever), DynamicCatholic.com, December 2015

submitted by Dave A

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

Religious Formation



No classes this week.

Joyfully prepare your hearts for Jesus.
Classes resume January 5th & 6th.

Confirmation 8th Grade Next Classes:

Sunday Sessions - January 10th

Wednesday Sessions - January 13th



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



Thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's RF Christmas program on Friday evening. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped in preparation and to Karin Davey for directing the Christmas Program.



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.

A total of 99 hats, 15 mittens & gloves, 20 scarves, and 11 handmade afghans were donated to help keep people warm. Thank you!

Religious Formation is a life-long process and the family is **PRIMARY!** Church writings call the family, "the domestic church." The Religious Formation program partners with families in the passing on of the Catholic faith. A formalized, systematic program of children's religious formation is available from Kindergarten through 8th grade. **Registration for Religious Formation begins in the month of May. Classes begin in September.** It is important that children continue their formation each year so that they come to understand and experience their faith along each of their developmental levels. Our ability to learn, understand and practice our faith changes along our life journey.

Regarding the reception of sacraments, the Diocese of Joliet requires that children complete (2) consecutive years of religious formation. In 2nd grade, our children normatively receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. Children must have participated in RF in first and second grade.

In 6th & 7th grades, our youth have the opportunity to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, which culminates in the 8th grade with a program of classes, retreats and service. These years are designed to be a time of inquiry, study, prayer and reflection. Confirmation is a sacrament which requires the student to make a personal choice to be Catholic. All parish requirements must be completed and the students enrolled in Religious Formation on a regular basis in previous years to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

Open Recruitment for the Knights of Columbus

Why join the Knights of Columbus? Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family.

These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. We are the Knights of Columbus serving St. Scholastica & Christ the Servant Churches!

For more information or to join call parishioner Joe T or visit our web site at www.kofc5918.org



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 26
4:45 PM

N Family

Deacon F
Joanne F
Mary K
Pat S
Rita S

Gregory P
Kathy V

MINISTERS NEEDED

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
December 27
8:30 AM

Ad Family

Paula R
Dan S
Heather S
Lee W
Andrea W

Barb K
Donna C

Mathew M
Marijane T

Sunday
December 27
10:00 AM

Kenyeri Family
K

Maria F
Tim G
Michael L
Maureen N
MINISTER NEEDED

Dan R
Gayle H

D 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

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? Here are some of the diocesan guidelines:

- An Extraordinary Minister must be confirmed Catholics at least of high school age.
- Those wishing to become an Extraordinary Minister must be given some spiritual enrichment, Eucharistic doctrine updating, and ritual training.

This ministry is soul fulfilling and very rewarding. If interested, call Corinne in the parish office at 630-910-0770.

Sacramental Information

RITE 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

Kim Serevino

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*



Monday, December 21

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 AM Guadalupe Alcedo, *r. Alcedo-Marquez family*

Wednesday, December 23

8:30 AM Eugenia Victoria Licudine, *r. family*

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Bob Jahn, *r. Ed & Madeline Jascewsky*
deceased members of Jascewsky & Derlitz families
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*
deceased members of Gerut & Rendak families

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 AM Henry Borkowski, *r. Labinski family*

Saturday, December 26

4:45 PM Andrew (Dad) Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
Dioni Cease, *r. Rosaurio & Nenita Luyun*

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Jean DiGuilio, *r. Lori Dick*
Perla Segovia, *r. Eva Cajigas*

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

We pray for the Sick

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

*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



David Stankiewicz
(son of Elizabeth Stankiewicz)

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.

LIGHT

All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle.

—Anonymous

Bible Readings—Dec. 20-Dec. 27

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

MONDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

WEDNESDAY: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

THURSDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79

FRIDAY: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

SATURDAY: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 /

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

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

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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, December 20

11:00 pm—Client Christmas distribution/Teen Service Project

Monday, December 21

4:00 pm—Joyful Noise/Voices Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 22

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass
 10:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass
 (offices closed)

Friday, December 25

10:00 am—Christmas Day mass
 (offices closed)

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

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

Offices will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Normal office hours will resume Monday, January 4, 2016.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org
 "Like" us!

Parish Giving

Today's readings remind us that God has been faithful to the covenant promises he made to this Chosen People, Israel. Christ is the long awaited *Emmanuel—God with us!*

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2015-2016

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,820.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 8-Dec. 14:

Sunday 12/13	6,605.73
Sunday other forms	906.00
Immaculate Conception	1,090.00
General Funds	780.00
Debt Reduction	230.00
Total Contributed	\$ 9,611.73

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Retired Religious	\$ 931.00
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Differential report for week:

Needed	\$ 10,170.00
Reported this week	9,611.73
Deficit this period	\$ (558.27)

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

Debt to Diocese as of 11/30	\$440,450
Registered Households—	737

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...parking and seating on Christmas Eve will be tight. If you can walk to mass, please do. If you can bring you household in one car, or better yet, give a neighbor a ride, that will be very helpful. Thanks!

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