

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

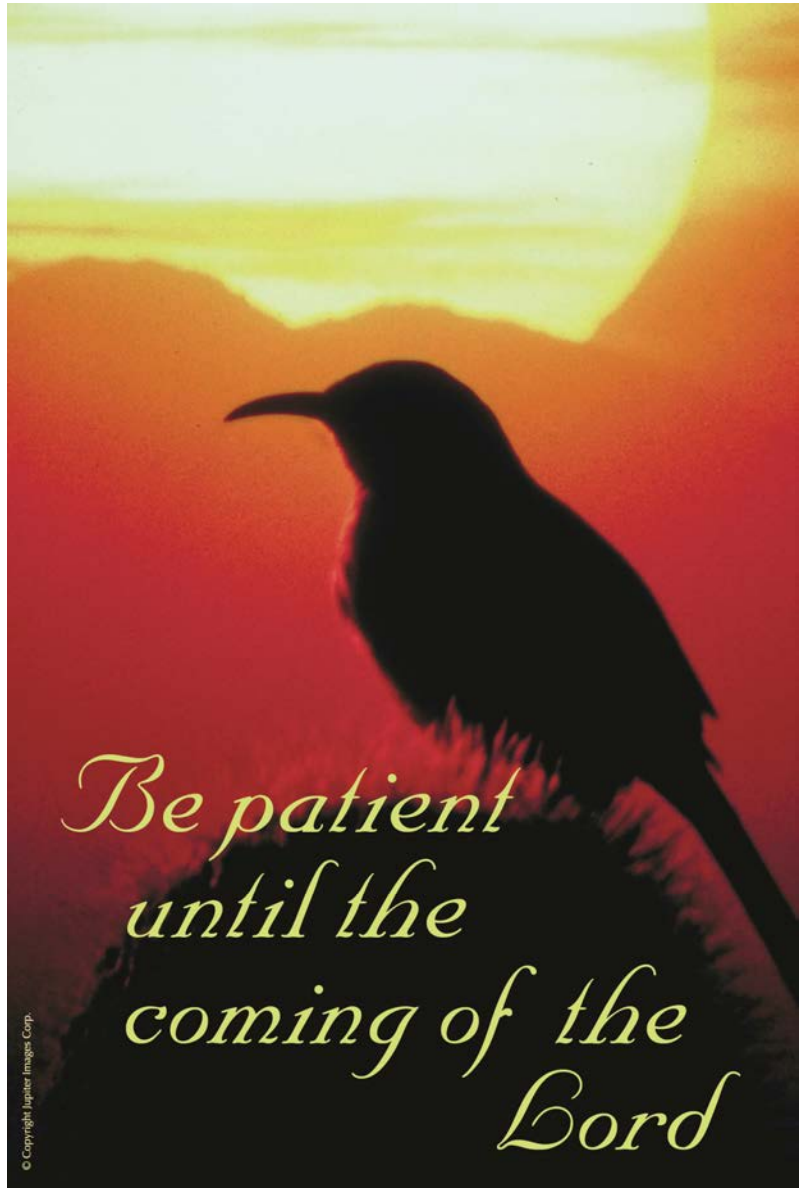
December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent



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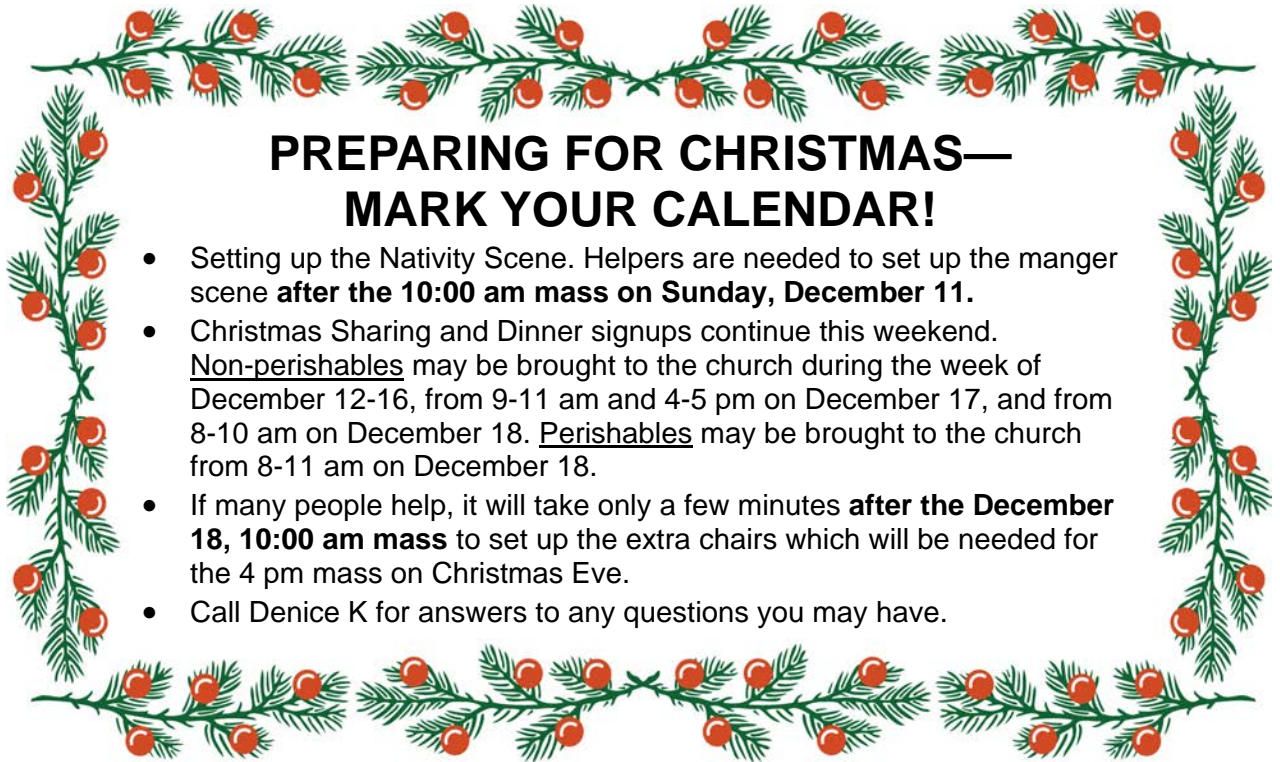
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Our Mission

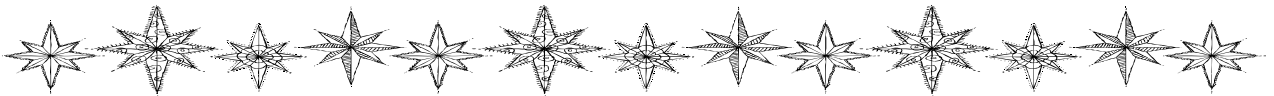
Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS— MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

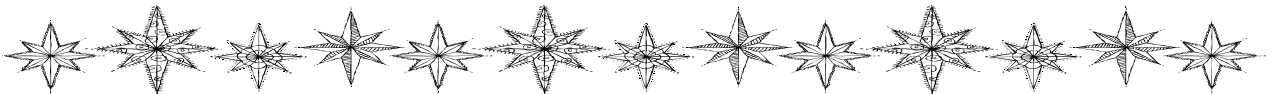
- Setting up the Nativity Scene. Helpers are needed to set up the manger scene **after the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, December 11.**
- Christmas Sharing and Dinner signups continue this weekend. Non-perishables may be brought to the church during the week of December 12-16, from 9-11 am and 4-5 pm on December 17, and from 8-10 am on December 18. Perishables may be brought to the church from 8-11 am on December 18.
- If many people help, it will take only a few minutes **after the December 18, 10:00 am mass** to set up the extra chairs which will be needed for the 4 pm mass on Christmas Eve.
- Call Denice K for answers to any questions you may have.



**This year's RF Christmas Program
will be**

Friday December 16th at 7:00pm.

You are invited to come enjoy the program, sing Christmas carols, and remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.



2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL is coming to a close.

**Thank you very much to EVERYONE who contributed to the
2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.**

If you have not yet fulfilled your 2016 pledge, please send your contribution in by December 15. Then it can be included in the calculations for our parish rebate, which is currently \$1,330. For any amounts sent in now, 65% of that amount will be returned to the parish, but only if you send it in before Dec. 15!

There are 24 pledges remaining with an unpaid balance. If you are uncertain whether your pledge has been paid in full yet or not, please call Corinne in the Parish Office at 630-910-0770.

Communion Services December 12-16, 2016

Communion Services will be offered at 8:30 am from Monday, December 12 through Friday, December 16, while Fr. Bob is away.

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition, open to all. 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 14-22. 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 one of these masses for the Eastern Cluster.

The schedule of the masses in the novena is:

- Dec 14: St Mary Immaculate, 15629 S Rte 59, Plainfield, 7:30 pm
 Dec 15: Christ the King, 1501 S Main St, Lombard, 7:30 pm
 Dec 16: Holy Trinity, 111 S Cass Ave, Westmont, 7:30 pm
 Dec 17: Ascension of Our Lord, 1S314 Summit Ave, Oakbrook Terrace, 6:00 pm
 Dec 18: Christ the Servant, 8700 Havens Dr, Woodridge, 5:30 pm
 Dec 19: St. Francis of Assisi, 1501 W Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, 7:30 pm
 Dec 20: Our Lady of Peace, 701 Plainfield Rd, Darien, 7:30 pm
 Dec 21: Visitation, 779 S York St, Elmhurst, 7:30 pm
 Dec. 22: Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, 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.

THINKING GREEN

Remember that the Green Team keeps a box available for you to recycle old Christmas lights, near the recycling rack.



Thanks for Giving!

Many thanks to all who helped make Thanksgiving better for 41 households of our neighbors in need. The generosity of all the people who provided the food, and the ones who helped at the signup tables, and on distribution day, especially the 8th grade confirmation students!



Open House

All are invited to a Holiday Open House Wednesday, December 14th beginning at 7:00 pm, at the home of Patti & Jerry Crimer, 779 Feather Sound on the Gateway Wetlands in Bolingbrook. RSVP by Tuesday, December 13th to Patti C

You may bring an appetizer to share, and it is BYOB, if you wish.

Save the Date!

Mardi Gras Party

Friday, February 24, 2017
6:30 pm-10:30 pm



Set aside some time for fun with family, friends, and fellow parishioners, celebrating here at Christ the Servant the Friday before Lent begins.

Besides the catered buffet dinner, music, and an optional costume parade with prizes, we are also featuring our annual fund-raising Grand Raffle! Grand prize will be \$1,000, 2nd prize \$500, and 3rd prize of \$250. Also, there will be intermediate prizes of \$50 to celebrate each milestone of 100 tickets sold.

More information will be available at the beginning of the new year—but set aside the evening on your calendar now!

Religious Formation



Grades K-7

Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Confirmation 8th Grade Classes:

Session SunB - December 11th

Session WedB - December 14th

Session SunA - January 8th

Session WedA - January 11th

Service Project—

Christmas Dinner & Gift Pick-up

Sunday December 18th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Wednesday Confirmation Classes)



Thank you to the Christ the Servant families who dressed the **F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE** with donations of new hats, earmuffs, scarves, mittens & gloves. They

are being donated to Hope's Front Door (formerly NW DuPage Walk-In Ministry) & St. Ethelreda.

Protecting God's Children for Adults

This program was developed to help caring and responsible adults in keeping children safe. PGCA is mandatory for all adults who work with children in the parish. All parents are encouraged to attend this program.

Visit www.virtus.org for session listings in our area (select Joliet, IL (Diocese)) and to register. For more information contact Liz Jesse Wagner @ 910-0770 x12 or liz@ctswoodridge.org.

**Christ the Servant
Religious Formation has a
Facebook page!**

**www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org
"Like" us!**

Imagine Your Future. Test at Nazareth! Nazareth Academy 2017 Entrance Exam

1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park

Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 8 a.m.

Students should bring two No. 2 pencils and a \$25 Exam Fee (exact cash or check). No calculators are allowed. No pre-registration is required. Exam concludes at 11:30 a.m.

Parents are welcome to attend an optional Q & A Session with members of the Administration, from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Please note that preference for admission, scholarships and financial aid will be granted to students who test at Nazareth on January 14.

For further information please visit www.nazarethacademy.com or call Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505.

For Widowed Men & Women

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope and joy again.

There will be a retreat/workshop on **January 21 & 22, 2017** at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on the campus of Alvernia Manor). Includes overnight stay and meals. For more information or to register, call the **Joyful Again Widowed Ministry at 1-708-354-7211**. You can also go to our website: www.joyfulagain.org or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com.



MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES NOW AVAILABLE: Counseling for Domestic Abuse

- Are you afraid of your partner?
- Do you feel isolated from your family and friends?
- Is your partner excessively jealous?
- Do you experience slapping, pushing or bouts of rage at the hand of your partner?
- Does your partner withhold your access to your financial accounts?

Mayslake Ministries is here to help you. We are now pleased to offer Christian Counseling to women and men suffering from the hidden burden of domestic abuse. Let us help you break the cycle of pain and abuse.

In 1992, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops wrote a pastoral letter entitled, "When I Call for Help" in which they wrote, "Violence in any form, physical, sexual, psychological or verbal, is sinful; often it is a crime. We emphasize that no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage."

Mayslake Ministries is committed to helping you find light in the darkness. Call us today to schedule an appointment with our counselor. All calls are held in the strictest of confidence. Phone: 630.852.9000, please ask for Dr. Mary Amore.

If you/your family would like to bring up the gifts at Mass (Bread, Wine and collection basket), just let one of the "hosts" know when you come into church. (the ones handing out the music booklets) They're always looking for volunteers!

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!



Next Weekend's **MINISTERS**—4th Sunday of Advent
(Liturgical color: Violet/Purple)

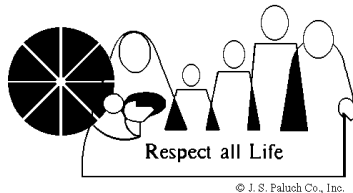
	Saturday December 17 4:45 PM	Sunday December 18 8:30 AM	Sunday December 18 10:00 AM
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EXT. MINISTERS:	Deacon F Deb G Ken H Donna M Marylou R	Marjorie C Cindy F Rose G Jose S Melania S	Antonio A Maria F Tim G Heather J Jesse T
LECTORS:	Gregory P Debi S	Therese K Barb K	Kathy V Scott G
HOST TEAMS:	D Family	Cathy B Marijane T	T/S Family

Respect for All Life

Our Lady of Guadalupe

O Mary, brilliant dawn of the world renewed, Mother of all the living we commend to you the entire cause of life.

~ The Gospel of Life, 105



When Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego (whose feast is this Monday, December 12), the Aztecs were practicing human sacrifice. Mary's image brought the message that God was with them—so much, in fact, that He became a child, carried in Mary's womb. This gave them hope, and they stopped their human sacrifice and became Christian.



St. Juan Diego, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Submitted by Dave A

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn

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 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, or emergency meals, 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 5, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

4:45 PM Wilfred Merriman, *r. family*
Joseph Riedl, Sr. *r. Riedl family*
Apolinario Bernal, *r. Rosauero & Nenita Luyun*
Obdulio Castro, *r. Rosauero & Nenita Luyun*

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Edwin & Helen Ciolek, *r. Ciolek family*
Carol McIlvain
Tim Mrozinski, *r. Ciolek family*
People of the Parish

10:00 AM Diana Kasper, Sp. Int., *r. Kestler family*

Note: Mass intentions originally scheduled for this week will be transferred to a later date.

Monday, December 12—Communion Service

8:30 AM Pray for People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 13—Communion Service

8:30 AM Pray for Losik & Kestler families

Wednesday, December 14—Communion Service

8:30 AM Pray for William (Dad) Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*

Thursday, December 15—Communion Service

8:30 AM Pray for Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int.

Friday, December 16—Communion Service

8:30 AM Pray for Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int.

Saturday, December 17

4:45 PM Joseph Riedl, Sr. *r. Riedl family*
Andrew (Dad) Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
Apolinario Bernal, *r. Rosauero & Nenita Luyun*
Obdulio Castro, *r. Rosauero & Nenita Luyun*

Sunday, December 18

8:30 AM Casimir Kopytko, *r. Ciolek family*
Leonard G. Joseph, *r. John & Marge Stancel*
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.

We pray for the Sick

Mary Ann Andress	Betty Kozlowski	Barbara Smith
Marilyn Beres	Peggy Laughlin	Roger Terry
Jim Dennis	Mary Mack	Virginia Todro
Bernice Deron	Tony Martusciello	Frank Tiesenga
Holly Derrico	Christy Moran	Mary Vanderplow
Nathaniel Eagleson	Wanda Mulsoff	Joey Ventimiglia
Ron Ginocchio	Yecenia Palacios	Rick Vendl
Bill Hitzke	Richard Peslak	Robert Vitalo
Marge Hodson	Kim Peterson	Jim Wright
Dorothy Hunter	Dana Pharo	Ron Wyman
Hannah Jahn	Pauline Popek	Joe Zapalac
Madeline Jascewsky	John Rossi	Harold Ziegler
Joanne Keefe	Diane Rutkowski	
Dave Kestler	Ron Rydzewski	
Peg Klug	Jim Sanders	
Nancy Komis	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.
Jack Crosby is back at college and doing well. Thank you for the prayers!

We pray for the Deceased



Robert Kellner

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Dan Fialek, nephew of Jerry Fialek
Eric Graslie, cousin of Pauline Ryan
Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson
David Jackson, son of Cathleen Jackson
Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove
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.

Bible Readings—Dec. 11-Dec. 18

SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a,10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

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

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

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

THURSDAY: Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

FRIDAY: Is 56:1-3a,6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

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

SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-78 / Mt 1:18-24

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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dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org

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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

(open position), Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Pick up Manna
Christmas Giving signups

Sunday, December 11

8:30 am—Confirmation Class SB
 10:00 am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 11:00 am—Set up Nativity

Monday, December 12

5:00 pm—RF Christmas rehearsal

Tuesday, December 13

9:30 am—Respect for Life (*offsite*)
 4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes
 6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes

Wednesday, December 14

4:45-6:00 pm—RF Classes
 6:30-7:45 pm—RF Classes
 6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation WB

Thursday, December 15

5:00 pm—Children’s Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16

7:00 pm—RF Christmas Program

Saturday, December 17

9:00-11 am—Christmas gift dropoff
 4-5:30 pm—Christmas gift dropoff

Sunday, December 18

8:00-11:00 am—Christmas Sharing dropoff
 5:30 pm—Simbang Gabi

Upcoming Events

Dec 12-16: non-perishable Christmas Sharing items may be dropped off at parish office 9 am-4:30 pm.

Dec 24: 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm masses

Dec 25: 8:30 am & 10:00 am masses

Parish Giving

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2016-2017

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,417.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,767.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov. 29-Dec 5:

Sunday 12/4	\$ 8,204.59
Sunday other forms	590.00
General funds	373.00
Debt Reduction	1,819.00
Total Contributed	\$ 10,986.59

Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 10,767.00
Reported	10,986.59
Catch up this week:	\$ 219.59

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 95.00
T-giving/Hope’s Front Door	101.00
Restricted contributions	572.00

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

Debt to Diocese as of 10/31 \$294,977
 Registered Households—752
Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... Are you caught up on the amount you intended to give the parish? Catch up before the end of December, and you can include that amount on your tax deductions for 2016.

Leave a Legacy. To donate stocks, visit 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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