

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

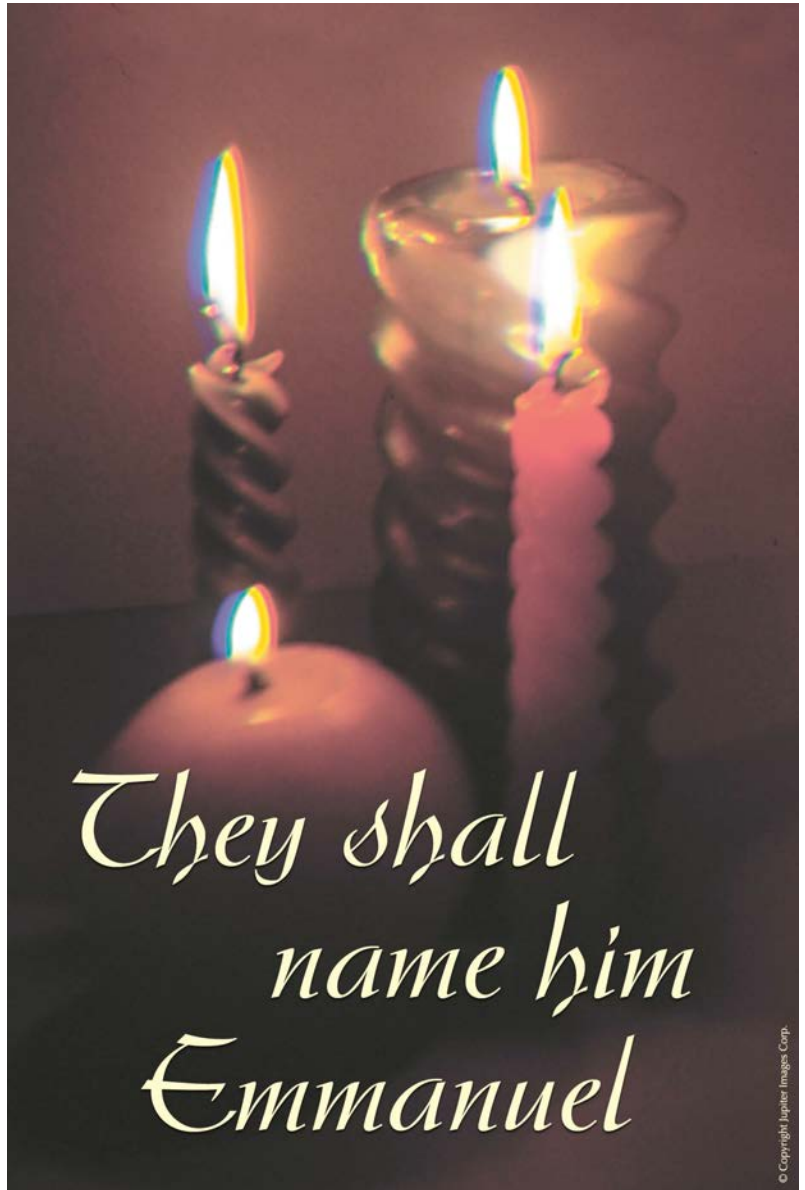
December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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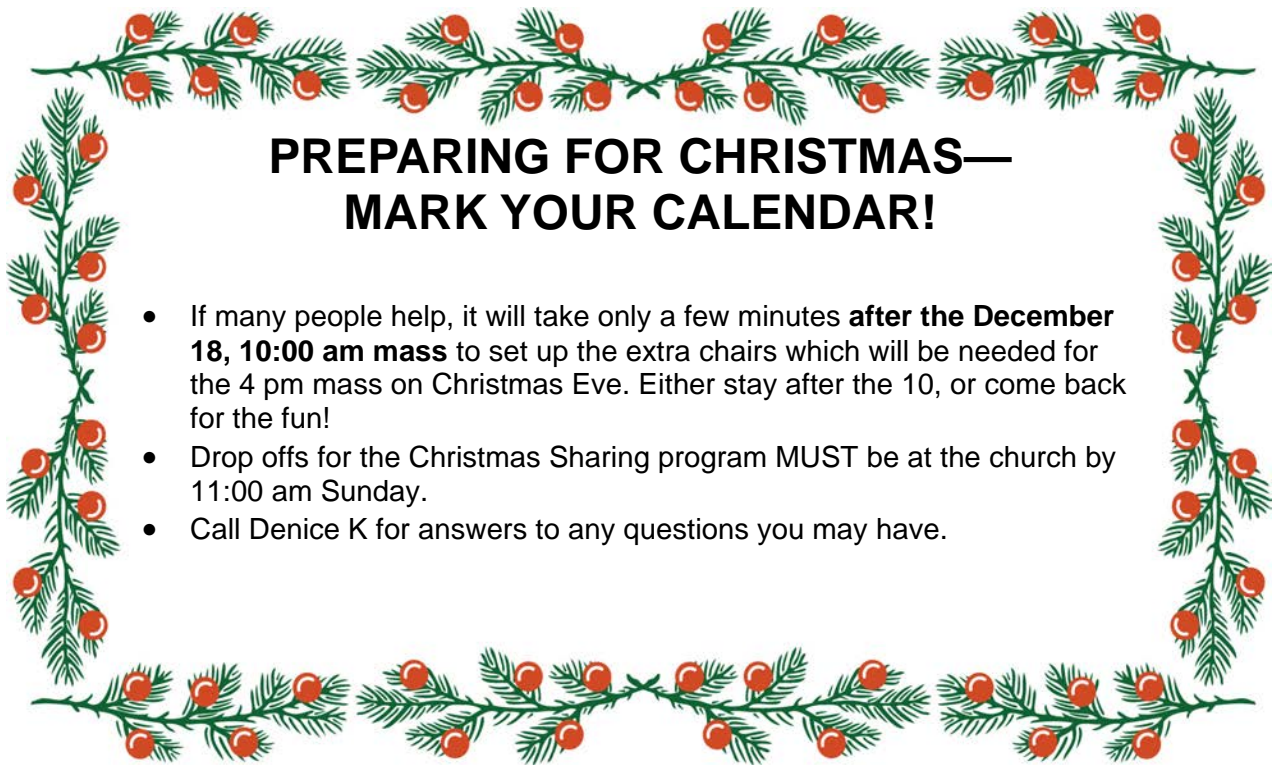


## Our Mission

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

Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week  
 Jesus gives meaning to my life here on earth and hope for the life to come.



## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS— MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 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. Either stay after the 10, or come back for the fun!
- Drop offs for the Christmas Sharing program **MUST** be at the church by 11:00 am Sunday.
- Call Denice K for answers to any questions you may have.

**New Year's Eve  
 Semi-Formal Dinner Dance**

7:30 pm to 1:00 am  
 St. Scholastica Parish  
 7800 Janes Avenue

**\$45 per person by reservation only**

Cocktail Hour with Appetizers  
 Cash Bar:  
 Wine and Beer  
 Mixed Drinks  
 Soda Pop

Dinner includes:  
 Tossed Salad with rolls and butter  
 Herbed Panko Chicken  
 Jack Daniels Pork Tenderloin Medallions  
 Roasted Potatoes and Green Beans in Herbed Butter  
 Gluten Free Eggplant Parmesan by request

Dancing to T.J. Trax, DJ  
 Sweets Table and coffee/tea  
 Champagne Toast at Midnight

Invite friends and family  
 Must be at least 21 years old to attend  
 Reserve your table today!  
 Contact Janet Leifel at 630.969.9212  
 by December 21

### 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 remaining mass schedule for the novena is:

**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.

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 put it on your calendar now!



Welcome to our parish family:

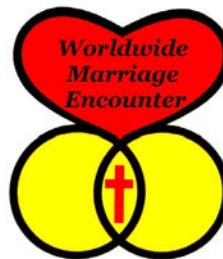
**Michael & Katie F**

71st Street, Downers Grove

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!

### THINKING GREEN

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



"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 17-19, 2017, April 7-9, 2017 or June 9-11, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

### 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](http://www.joyfulagain.org) or email us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com).



Gluten free

**Gluten-Free Hosts:** Gluten free hosts are available for persons who are gluten intolerant. Place a gluten free host in the pyx on the offertory table (on your left as you enter the church) and then make sure you are in Father's line for communion. The first time or two, you may need to indicate that you need the gluten free host.

## Religious Formation



### Grades K-7 No classes this week.

Joyfully prepare your hearts for Jesus.  
Classes resume January 10th and 11th.

### Confirmation 8th Grade Classes:

Session SunA - January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Session WedA - January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Session SunB - January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Session WedB - January 18<sup>th</sup>



### **Service Project—**

### **Christmas Dinner & Gift Pick-up**

**Sunday December 18th**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Wednesday Confirmation Classes)

**(Have you turned in your Saint Paper,  
Sacramental Info Form and Sponsor Form? If  
you have any make-ups due...now is the time!)**



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 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 & 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.

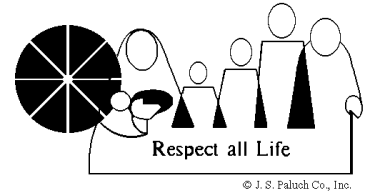
Visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for session listings in our area (select Joliet, IL (Diocese)) and to register. For more information contact Liz Jesse Wagner @ 910-0770 x12 or [liz@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:liz@ctswoodridge.org).

**Christ the Servant  
Religious Formation has a  
Facebook page!  
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## Respect for All Life

### **Solidarity With The Incarcerated**

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asked the Church to have a special remembrance of our brothers and sisters who are imprisoned. We share a common humanity. They are deserving of respect and humane treatment; they have dignity and worth. We all share with the incarcerated wounds that need healing of God's mercy. We must all be aware of our sins, be truly sorry, and ask for God's forgiveness. We share with the imprisoned a need to be rehabilitated. What can inmates do for the world while they are so constricted? They can be spiritually strong. They can make prayer their work, and community their challenge. They can pray for family and loved ones, for all those incarcerated, for correctional officers, staff, counselors, and chaplains. Inmates have the opportunity to build communities of respect and support, offering simple courtesies, kindnesses, and words of compassion in situations where all carry burdens. There is as much holiness and goodness behind bars as there is in any other part of our communities. Especially this year we have been reminded that a just God enacts justice by being merciful.



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~by Fr. John Welch, O. Carm. "Solidarity With The  
Incarcerated", *Christ Is Our Hope*, December 2016  
Submitted by Dave A



## Next Weekend's MINISTERS—Christmas

*(Liturgical color: White)*

	<b>Saturday December 24 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Saturday December 24 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday December 25 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday December 25 10:00 AM</b>
<b><u>ALTAR MIN:</u></b>	Ant Family	T Family	Ada Family	Maria F Gayle H
<b><u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u></b>	Patti C Deacon F Ed J Madeline J Mary K Marylou R Darlene S	Cheryl F Deacon F Joanne F Jose S Melania S	John C <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b> Dan S Heather S Andrea W	Antonio A Deacon A Judy E Tony L Rita S
<b><u>LECTORS:</u></b>	Natalia M Bob C	Joe C Donna C	Paula R Virginia A	Antonio A Judy E
<b><u>HOST TEAMS:</u></b>	M Family W Family	Greg F Maryrose G	Cathy B Mathew M	D Family

**"Celebrating Mercy in our Everyday Lives"****Women's Morning of Reflection****Wednesday, JANUARY 11th 10:00-1:30**

- The Monthly Women's Morning of Reflection includes prayer, meditation, and time for sharing.
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.
- \$20 Donation requested.
- The event is hosted by Our Lady of the Angels Ministries and takes place on the Mount Assisi Campus (13820 Main St. Lemont). Depending on the number of attendees, the Morning of Reflection will be held in the Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer or the Mount Assisi building.

RSVP by JANUARY 9th to Carrie Peters  
carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net or 630-257-7844 ext 223.

### Alvernia Manor Senior Living HOUSEKEEPING Position

Alvernia Manor Senior Living in Lemont is seeking an experienced part-time housekeeper for afternoons/evenings.

**If interested, please call 630-257-7721.**

13950 Main St. Lemont  
www.alverniamanor.org

## 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 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

Cardinal George and Bishop Joseph Imesch

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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

#### Monday, December 19

8:30 AM Chuck Kasper, *r. Kestler family*

#### Tuesday, December 20

8:30 AM Dan & Pauline Ryan,  
*r. Richard & Theresa Furnari*  
 Kathy Leninger, *r. Katie Schildgen*

#### Wednesday, December 21

8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, December 22

8:30 AM Marie Munoz Hrabak, *r. Marijane Tomaeno*

#### Friday, December 23—Communion Service

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Joseph Riedl, Sr. *r. Riedl family*  
 James Crockett, *r. Crockett family*  
 Bob Jahn, *r. Ed & Madeline Jascewsky*  
 People of the Parish  
 10:00 PM all deceased members of Gierut & Rendak  
 families  
 Henry Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*  
 Mildred Weems, Sp. Int., *r. Jackie Nemece*

#### Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

8:30 AM Cindy Giannini, *r. Lee White*  
 Leonard G. Joseph, *r. Greg & Cheryl Feltz*  
 10:00 AM Rino LaPaglia, *r. mom and dad and sister*  
 Skaluba Family, Sp. Int., *r. Jackie Nemece*

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

## We pray for the Sick

Mary Ann Andress	Nancy Komis	Paula Sedlacek
Marilyn Beres	Betty Kozlowski	Barbara Smith
Donna Ciolek	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	Jim Wright
Marge Hodson	Kim Peterson	Ron Wyman
Dorothy Hunter	Dana Pharo	Joe Zapalac
Hannah Jahn	Pauline Popek	Harold Ziegler
Madeline Jascewsky	John Rossi	
Joanne Keefe	Diane Rutkowski	
Dave Kestler	Ron Rydzewski	
Peg Klug	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.** Jack Crosby is back at college and doing well. Thank you for the prayers!*

## 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. 18-Dec. 25

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

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

**TUESDAY:** Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

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

**THURSDAY:** 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

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

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

**SUNDAY:** (midnight) Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

## We pray for the Deceased



**Robert Vitalo**

## 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-Wagner**,  
 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

**(open position)**, Religious Formation

**Sister Suzanne Lesniewski**, Worship

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 18

8:00-11:00 am—Christmas Sharing dropoff

11:00 am-1:00 pm—Christmas Sharing Distribution

5:30 pm—Simbang Gabi

### Monday, December 19

### Tuesday, December 20

NO RF Classes

### Wednesday, December 21

NO RF Classes

### Thursday, December 22

5:00 pm—Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 23

### Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm—Mass

10:00 pm—Mass

### Sunday, December 25

8:30 am—Mass

10:00 am—Mass

### No mass December 26.

Offices closed.

Limited office hours during the week, please call before coming by. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

## Upcoming Events

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

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

**Dec 31/Jan 1:** Normal weekend mass schedule

## 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: 2016-2017

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,417.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>\$ 10,767.00</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 5-Dec. 12:

Sunday 12/11	\$ 7,977.26
Sunday other forms	3,322.50
General funds	2,635.50
Debt Reduction	2,450.00
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 16,385.26</b>

### Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 10,767.00
Reported	16,385.26

**Catch up this week: \$ 5,618.26**

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Retired Religious	\$ 1,268.50
T-giving/Hope's Front Door	100.00
Restricted contributions	572.50

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

Debt to Diocese as of 11/30	\$281,283
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](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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