

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

December 25, 2016

Christmas

Merry  
Christmas



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She wrapped him  
in swaddling clothes  
and laid him in a manger,  
*because there was no room for them  
in the inn.*

— Luke 2:7

This QR code is a link to the CTS website!



## 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.

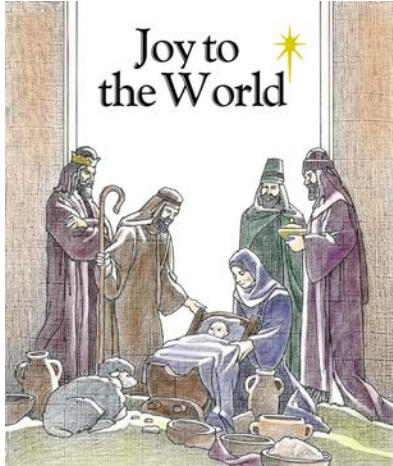
Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week  
Today I would like each one of us to reflect on his and her own past and the gifts received from the Lord.

## The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

### *Reflecting on God's Word*

It's Christmas. And once again we choose to rejoice. Like the rejected couple and the poor shepherds in the Gospel reading, like the besieged and frightened Israelites, we choose to sing Christmas carols and glorify God for the birth of the Savior, the light in our darkness. How can we rejoice in the face of all the trouble that surrounds us? And yet, how can we not rejoice when we remember all that God has done in Jesus?



Jesus showed us the depth of God's passionate zeal for us. God's powerful passion for us brought the Lord of Hosts to share our trials as the poorest of the poor and to save us from our suffering by his suffering. We choose joyful hope because we believe that what God has done once, God is doing now and will do again. God is with us to save us here and now, no matter how troubled the world may be, in Jesus Christ. Confident in God's passionate zeal for all creation, we join "heaven and nature" in rejoicing over the "wonders of his love."

~ Virginia Stillwell

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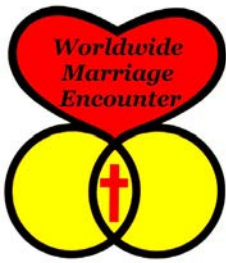


### **Diocesan Missions to the Navajo Nation – Are you being called?**

The Joliet Diocese – Partnership in Mission is planning its next Navajo Construction Mission to Chinle, Arizona. Two information meetings will be held, one on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7-9 pm the other on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7-9 pm at the Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center – 16555 Weber Rd. – Crest Hill, IL 60403. Interested persons are invited to attend. Further information can be found at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/missions](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/missions) or call 815-221-6258, email: [missions@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:missions@dioceseofjoliet.org) Applications are available at <http://bit.ly/missionappl>



**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.



“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,” Merry Christmas! Give your children the best gift of all—the growing love of their parents. Explore how to do this by attending a World-Wide 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).

**THINKING GREEN**

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



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!



*May God bless the marriage of*

**Katie F**  
(daughter of Ed & Fran Fleming)  
and  
**Scott B**  
December 17, 2016  
at Old St. Mary's, Chicago

*Holy Matrimony*

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**PADS**

**Public Action to Deliver Shelter**



**DuPage Pads**  
The Solution to End Homelessness.

On this Christmas, not everyone has a cozy home, and not everyone will have a cozy home next weekend, either. But you can help.

Christ the Servant parish will help serve some of the homeless people in our area on the Fifth Saturday of the month, which will be Saturday, December 31, 2016, at the PADS shelter at Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills.

PADS provides a staff person, Christ the Servant parishioners provide food, companionship, and other support tasks. There are different shifts, and different activities. Please contact Gregory Peck at 630-985-6554 if you are interested in learning more about helping.

Start 2017 right by helping our neighbors in need.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**



Returning during the 10:00 Mass January 15, 2017, children are blessed and dismissed to a meeting room for the Children's Liturgy.

Leaders present the same Scripture readings that are read in the Church, but at a level appropriate to children. Children return to their parents in Church during the Offertory. We invite all children 3 years old through 3rd grade to join us.

**Additional Shepherds & Presiders are welcome, high school through adult.**

If you would be interested in joining the CLOW team, please contact Liz Jesse Wagner.

## Religious Formation



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

May the miracle of Christmas bring the peace  
for which the world longs.

**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>



**(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 the Christ the Servant families who  
dressed the **F.A.C.T. Youth Group**  
(Grades 6-8) **GIVING TREE**. We  
collected new hats, earmuffs, scarves,  
mittens & gloves. They were donated  
to Hope's Front Door & St. Ethelreda.



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

**[www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org](http://www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org)  
"Like" us!**

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.

### What are you praying for?

The CTS Prayer Tree will pray for your intention. If you or a family member have a special request for prayers whether it be for healing, a job interview, travel plans, etc.; email your request **by any Monday** to [prayertree@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:prayertree@ctswoodridge.org) Monday evening your request will be forwarded to our Prayer Tree members. Only the intention is forwarded to the Prayer Tree—your name will be held in confidence. Your special intention will be prayed for a one-week period. If you would like to extend the time frame, please indicate or resubmit request after your initial week. Details of your prayer request are not necessary. All information will be confidential and will be shared with only CTS Prayer Tree members.

*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

### Will you pray for others?

Send your email address to [prayertree@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:prayertree@ctswoodridge.org) to become a prayer person on the Prayer Tree.

**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](mailto: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**—Solemnity of Mary  
(Liturgical color: White)

	<b>Saturday December 31 4:45 PM</b>	<b>Sunday January 1 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday January 1 10:00 AM</b>
<b>ALTAR MIN:</b>	M Family	Cio Family	K Family
<b>EXT. MINISTERS:</b>	Patti C Deacon F Joanne F Marylou R Annie T	John C Cheryl F Cindy F Jose S Melania S	Tim G Heather J Ed J Madeline J Dan R
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Vince D Ramon J	Virginia A Barb K	Kristen M Paul M
<b>HOST TEAMS:</b>	Maryrose G Donna M	Chr Family	Mathew M Steve W

## Respect for All Life

### Sharing the Gift of Family Prayer

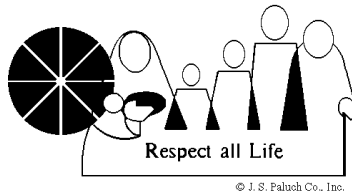
There is something very powerful about praying together as a family.

Jesus reminded us that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:20). He also revealed that when we pray with our children, their guardian angels always look upon the face of the Father (Matthew 18:10). Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of our families. Even when children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents are far away, they can still pray for each other. When a family prays together, an ocean of grace comes into the world. Using Scripture as the center and focus of family prayer time can be fruitful and instructive of God's Word:

1. Place a Bible in your family prayer area.
2. Gather as a family and begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance and understanding of God's Word.
3. Read the Sunday Gospel or daily readings aloud—references are printed in our Sunday bulletin each week.
4. Allow some time to reflect on the passage, and then share a few words about it.
5. End with a prayer of thanks for the gift of God's living Word.

*"Building the Domestic Church", Columbia (Knights of Columbus magazine), Dec. 2014*

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](mailto: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

Gerry Rosario

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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 Nemeč*

#### 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 Nemeč*

#### Monday, December 26

NO SERVICE TODAY

#### Tuesday, December 27

**8:30 AM** Andrew (Dad) Peslak, *r. Peslak family*

#### Wednesday, December 28

**8:30 AM** Losik & Kestler families  
Holy Souls in Purgatory that are near to heaven

#### Thursday, December 29

**8:30 AM** Steven Wall, *r. Gary Wall*

#### Friday, December 30—Communion Service

**8:30 AM** Pray for Steven Wall

#### Saturday, December 31

**4:45 PM** Joseph Riedl, Sr. *r. Riedl family*

#### Sunday, January 1

**8:30 AM** Greg Groszek, *r. Kestler family*  
People of the Parish

**10:00 AM** Fr. Jim Ratigan

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

## We pray for the Sick

Marilyn Beres	Dave Kestler	Ron Rydzewski
Donna Ciolek	Peg Klug	Jim Sanders
Jim Dennis	Nancy Komis	Paula Sedlacek
Bernice Deron	Betty Kozlowski	Barbara Smith
Holly Derrico	Peggy Laughlin	Roger Terry
Nathaniel Eagleson	Mary Mack	Virginia Todro
Ron Ginocchio	Tony Martusciello	Frank Tiesenga
Phyllis Held	Christy Moran	Joey Ventimiglia
Bill Hitzke	Wanda Mulsoff	Rick Vendl
Marge Hodson	Richard Peslak	Jim Wright
Dorothy Hunter	Kim Peterson	Ron Wyman
Hannah Jahn	Pauline Popek	Joe Zapalac
Madeline Jascewsky	John Rossi	Harold Ziegler
Joanne Keefe	Diane Rutkowski	

*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



**Cesar Javier**  
(godfather of Ron Herce)

## We pray for those who Serve

**Christopher Durkovic**, grandson of Joan Kurtz  
**Dan Fialek**, nephew of Jerry Fialek  
**Eric Graslje**, 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. 25-Jan. 1

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

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

**TUESDAY:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

**THURSDAY:** 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

**FRIDAY:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 /  
Mt 2:13-15,19-23

**SATURDAY:** 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

**SUNDAY:** Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

## 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 25

8:30 am—Mass

10:00 am—Mass

### Monday, December 26

No mass.

Offices closed.

**Very limited office hours  
during this week. Please call  
before trying to come by.**

### Tuesday, December 27

NO RF Classes

### Wednesday, December 28

NO RF Classes

### Thursday, December 29

### Friday, December 30

### Saturday, December 31

4:20 pm—Knights of Columbus

Rosary

### Sunday, January 1

Offices closed January 2.



## Upcoming Events

**Jan 6:** ~9:00 am, First Friday Holy Hour

**Jan 7/8:** after masses, Mardi Gras ticket sales begin.

**Jan 22:** 11:15 am, "The Human Threat" presentation.

## Parish Giving

Today we celebrate anew the birth of Jesus. He is the Son of God, the Word of God, through Whom all things were created. He is the true Light of the world, becoming one of us to dispel the darkness of sin and evil, and to win our salvation. Let us rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

### 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. 13-Dec. 19:

Sunday 12/18	\$ 7,033.84
Sunday other forms	3,705.00
General funds	75.00
Christmas	550.00
Debt Reduction	295.00
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 11,658.84</b>

### Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 10,767.00
Reported	11,658.84
<b>Catch up this week:</b>	<b>\$ 891.84</b>

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Retired Religious	\$ 200.00
Restricted contributions	25.00

**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...** progress is being made on plans for the improved parking facilities and the on-site rectory.

**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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