

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



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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

Please join Bishop Conlon to celebrate his 40th Priesthood Anniversary



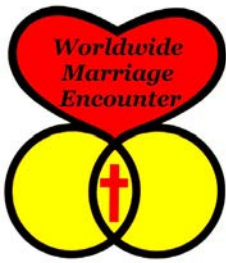
Jubilee Mass

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 N. Raynor Avenue in Joliet

Sunday—January 15, 2017

11:00am

Reception to follow in the Commons



“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 or email us at 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!

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD WEEKEND

January 20-22, 2017

Mundelein Seminary

Exploring Priesthood Weekend is a retreat designed to help men discern God's call to the diocesan priesthood.

To be called by God to serve him as a priest means to have one's soul stirred deep within. Throughout a weekend of prayer, discussion, presentations of diocesan priesthood and group interaction, men begin to better understand God's movement in their life.

Exploring Priesthood Weekends are held at Mundelein Seminary, 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois, 60060. The Seminary is located about 40 miles north of downtown Chicago and easily accessible by car or train.

What Happens on These Weekends?

There are presentations on:

- Practical steps for discerning a vocation
- Values of priesthood
- Seminary life, academics, spiritual formation and pastoral ministry
- Seminarians share their vocation stories

There are several worship opportunities including the celebration Mass. Men are encouraged to ask questions, interact with seminarians and priests, pray in chapels, walk the grounds, or use the recreational facilities (pool, gymnasium, weight room). By fully engaging in the opportunities provided on the retreat, men are more able to understand where God is leading them.

How do I Register?

1. Register with the Joliet Vocation Office online
2. Register with Mundelein Seminary by contacting Fr. Francis Bitterman at (312) 534-8298 (fbitterman@archchicago.org) or Marianne Hadden at (847) 970-4851 (mhadden@usml.edu)

For more information contact:

Fr. Burke Masters

Joliet Diocese Vocation Director
815.221.6171

vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org



**CALLED
FOR A
PURPOSE**

Religious Formation



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin Mary played in the plan of our salvation.

Grades K-7 No classes this week.

Classes resume January 10th and 11th.

Confirmation 8th Grade Classes:

Session SunA - January 8th

Session WedA - January 11th

Session SunB - January 15th

Session WedB - January 18th



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



The Catholic faith is rich in traditions and teachings; all centered around continually growing closer to God. The importance that parents place upon faith is shown in daily living: eating together, praying as a family, being kind neighbors, performing Christian Service, making time to attend Mass, bringing children to Religious Formation sessions, and being active participants in the life of the world and the Church. These Christian practices are life-giving opportunities to weave our Catholic identity throughout our everyday work, study, play, prayer and actions. The parish offers additional activities to aid us in continuing our learning from childhood through adulthood. Watch the bulletin and parish web-site for events.

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

www.facebook.com/ctswoodridgerf.org

"Like" us!

Catechist Evening of Formation with John Angotti*

*A "Music Missionary" sharing contemporary Catholic music, faith witness, hope, & truth!
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:00-9:00 PM (dinner included)

Hosted at St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn

For all catechists & catechetical leaders in the DuPage Deaneries.



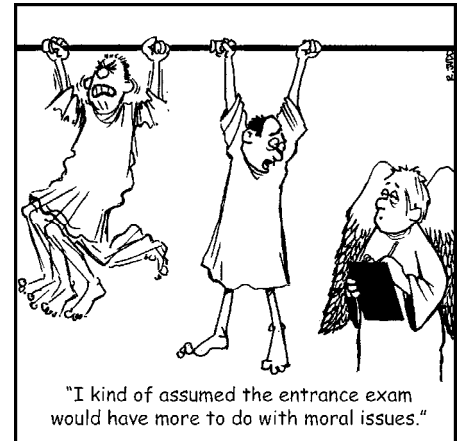
Joliet Catholic Academy

Placement Exam: Saturday,

January 14, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

To register, mail a completed JCA Application for Admission form and \$30 test fee to JCA or bring them with you on the day of the exam. The Placement Exam begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Eighth graders should be dropped off at the main entrance facing Larkin Avenue. Testers

should bring two #2 pencils. Calculators are **not** allowed. Eighth graders will exit the building at approximately 11:30 a.m. through the south doors, on Ingalls Avenue. To download the application visit www.jca-online.org/placement-exam or call the Admissions Office at 815-741-0500 for assistance.



**Pre-Exam Workshop:
Wednesday, January 11, 2017;
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

JCA's Pre-Exam Workshop takes place in the large chapel and includes frequently asked questions about the exam, test taking strategies, and sample questions. Parents also are encouraged to attend, as subsequent steps in the JCA Admissions process will be discussed. Please contact the JCA Admissions office at rquigley@jca-online.org or 815.741.0500, ext. 214 with any further questions.

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—Epiphany (Liturgical color: White)

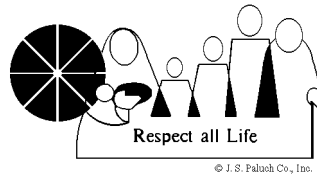
	Saturday January 7 4:45 PM	Sunday January 8 8:30 AM	Sunday January 8 10:00 AM
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EXT. MINISTERS:	Jim G Ken H Karen J Steve J Darlene S	Cheryl F Rose G Barb K MINISTER NEEDED Lee W	Deacon F Joanne F Tim G Tony L Mathew M
LECTORS:	Jim N Debi S	Marjorie C Paula R	Joe T Jerry F
HOST TEAMS:	Donna M Shirley W	Greg F Marijane T	Val Family

Respect for All Life

A Resolution for the New Year

What can we do this year to grow closer to God, and to be better persons in our daily living among others?

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. We receive these gifts when we are in the state of sanctifying grace—the life of God within us—through the reception of the sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist. These gifts help us to be Christlike in our lives. Wisdom, the perfection of faith, prepares us to judge all things according to divine truth. Understanding, which reveals the Lord and his love for us, gives us insight into truths not understood in the past, or to deepen our understanding. Counsel, the perfection of prudence, allows us to act in troubling times. Knowledge allows us to learn with certainty God's purposes in our lives, so that we can recognize truth and goodness when we see it. Fortitude as a gift allows us to rise above the basic requirements of our faith to bring Christ to others. Fortitude as a cardinal virtue gives us strength to overcome fear and to remain steady in the face of obstacles and in the defense of our faith. Lord, this year we long to grow closer to You through frequent reception of the Eucharist, and we pray to received your gifts to become virtuous, holy defenders of our Catholic faith.



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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.

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

Veronica Lewis and Duane Rice

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 2

8:30 AM Freda Klacza, *r. Ciolek family*

Tuesday, January 3

8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 4

8:30 AM Diana Kasper, Sp. Int, *r. Kestler family*

Thursday, January 5

8:30 AM Dan & Pauline Ryan, *r. Paul & Linda Ryan*

Friday, January 6—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, January 7

4:45 PM Joseph Riedl, Sr., *r. family*
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
James Crockett, *r. Crockett family*

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM Josephine Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*
10:00 AM Robert Kellner, *r. Rich & Casey Kellner*
People of the Parish

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

We pray for the Sick

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

*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



Mary Wolf

Bible Readings—Jan. 1-Jan. 8

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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6i / Jn 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-18 / Mk 1:7-11 or

Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23,31-34,36,38

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

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.

Office Hours & Staff

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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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dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org

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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, January 1

Monday, January 2

Offices closed.

Tuesday, January 3

NO RF Classes

Wednesday, January 4

NO RF Classes

Thursday, January 5

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, January 6

9:00 am—First Friday Holy Hour

Mardi Gras & Grand Raffle ticket sales begin

Saturday, January 7

Hospitality after mass

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am—Confirmation SB

10:00—Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:30 am—Baptism



Upcoming Events

Jan 22: 11:15 am, "The Human Threat" presentation about human trafficking. Made possible by Peace & Social Justice Committee.

Jan 29: 11:15 am, FACT candy sale preparation

Mar 1: Ash Wednesday. Masses at 8:30 am & 7:00 pm, Prayer service with distribution of ashes at 4:30 pm.

Parish Giving

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2016-2017

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

**Due to an early
 publication deadline
 CONTRIBUTIONS
 will be reported
 in next week's bulletin.**

Debt to Diocese as of 11/30 \$281,283
 Registered Households—752
Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... If you would like to receive your contribution statement via email, please send an email to ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org BEFORE January 10 requesting electronic delivery. Otherwise, we will send a paper statement to you, postmarked before January 31. Ordinarily, we mail statements to all who donated \$100 or more to the parish during the calendar year in identifiable contributions. We will be glad to send a statement by request.

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