

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord



**Baptism
of the Lord**

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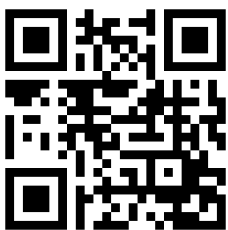
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**Lord, every nation
on earth will adore you**

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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



Christ The Servant Peace and Social Justice Committee is pleased to present "The Human Thread Campaign" with Chris Cox, Sunday, January 22, 2017, 11:15AM, with Q & A, short discussion, and light refreshments. For information call Karen J.

Background Information: In 2010, 1133 people were killed and over 2500 injured when the Rana Plaza factory complex collapsed in Bangladesh. This tragedy exposed the wide range of abuses connected to the sourcing of clothing. Amidst the destruction, the clothing and tags found in the rubble were those found in our own closets. The pay of the people who died was less than \$50 a month. Pope Francis has called this "slave labor" and stated "purchasing is always a moral and not simply an economic act."

As consumers, we are connected to the people who create the clothes we buy. Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, "The Human Thread Campaign" seeks to foster Catholics' awareness to promote solidarity between consumers of clothing and the people who produce them in order to create a more just economy and sustainable communities.

As part of Chris Cox's presentation, he has asked that we sign and send postcards to 2 major retailers requesting that they provide the option of purchasing fair trade items.

The postcards are in the narthex with an opportunity to donate postage money if you wish. The Peace & Social Justice Committee will mail the cards.

Please join us for "The Human Thread" presentation and find out how clothing manufacturing impacts people and the environment.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Over 55 Ladies Club

Ladies Lunch Out

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1:00 PM at



639 N Blackhawk Dr, Westmont

*Call Virginia D
or Gerrie S*

New members welcome!

THANK YOU!!!!

"Thank you " to all the people who supported the Fair Trade Sale on Nov. 5-6 and on Dec. 3-4 at the Craft Fair.

By purchasing Fair Trade products, you are standing in solidarity with struggling artisans and farmers, recognizing the dignity of their work, and ensuring that our brothers and sisters around the globe earn fair wages.

The Sponsoring Organization's (CTS) share of the proceeds will be returned to the Catholic Relief Services Micro-financing Department which then goes back to the communities of farmers and artisans to help them sustain and grow their businesses.

"Thank you", too, to all those who staffed the tables during the sales.

Joliet Catholic Academy

Placement Exam: Sat., Jan 14, 2017 8-11:30 am

Bring completed JCA Application for Admission form and \$30 test fee to JCA Larkin Ave entrance. To download the application visit www.jca-online.org/placement-exam or call the Admissions Office at 815-741-0500 for help.

Pre-Exam Workshop: January 11, 2017;

6:30-7:30 pm. rquigley@jca-online.org or 815.741.0500, ext. 214 with any further questions.



Tickets Now on Sale!!!
Get your tickets early!

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.

Tickets (both admission and Grand Raffle) will be available both before and after all weekend masses beginning this weekend, and through February 19. Admission tickets are available through the parish office when it is open. Besides weekends, Grand Raffle tickets may be purchased through the parish office (when open), and the evening of the event.

Optional Costume Parade: Participants who wish to come in costume are invited to join in a Grand Parade at the beginning of the evening. Prizes will be awarded. Categories to be announced.

Music will be by a DJ.

Dinner: Catering is provided by Chuck's Southern Comforts Café in Darien.

Bar: Cash bar will be serving both alcoholic and soft beverages until 10:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed! Watch for the sign-up board to volunteer for various jobs—ticket sales, setup & cleanup, bartenders, serving food (by shifts, so the volunteers can enjoy time to eat, too), and other jobs you will see on the board.

Questions: Call Donna C or Denice K

Religious Formation



Today we celebrate the feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The magi brought gifts to the newborn king. What gifts do you offer Jesus?

Grades K-7 Sessions meet this week.
Welcome back!

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!)



We will be having a Teen Mass,
Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00 am.

The teens from Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica's S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry will participate in the Liturgical Ministries including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Musicians. Please Join 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.



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

THINKING GREEN

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



"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 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>.

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

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!



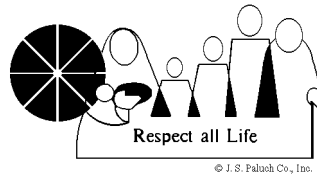
Next Weekend's **MINISTERS**—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Liturgical color: Green)

	Saturday January 14 4:45 PM	Sunday January 15 8:30 AM	Sunday January 15 10:00 AM
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EXT. MINISTERS:	Patti C Deb G Marylou R Rita S Annie T	Cheryl F Cindy F Dan S Heather S Lee W	Judy E Maureen N Chineze N Dan R Jesse T
LECTORS:	Steve W Heather J	Barb K Therese K	Gayle H Natalia M
HOST TEAMS:	Cathy B Pat S	Chr Family	Da Family

Respect for All Life

March for Life, Chicago, 2017

Join thousands at the March for Life Chicago 2017 as we come together from across Chicago, the Midwest, and the whole nation to celebrate life: Sunday, January 15, 2-4 pm, meeting at Federal Plaza, 50 W Adams St, in Chicago. This is a **FREE** event. Marching in peace through the streets of Chicago, we are an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social, and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting **ALL** human life. Our goal is to serve as a visual and vocal reminder that Chicago and the Midwest stand for Life. We come together to change perceptions in a society that things abortion is the answer. We call on religious, civic, and community leaders to renew every effort to build a nation and a culture dedicated to protecting life at every stage, and eliminating the violence of abortion. "The fight for the right to life is NOT the cause of a special few, but of every woman, man, and child who cares about the whole family of mankind."



~Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Pro-Life activist

This year's event organizers include: Students for life of Illinois, Aid for Women, Archdiocese of Chicago, Couples for Christ, Illinois Right to Life, Pro-Life Action League, Relevant Radio, and Thomas More Society.

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, February 2, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Olive Magnuson and Dennis Peck

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

4:45 PM Joseph Riedl, Sr., *r. Lorraine & 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

Monday, January 9

8:30 AM Losik & Kestler families

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 AM Greg Groszek, Sp. Int., *r. Kestler family*
Walter Bugay, *r. Rod & Chestine Accardi*

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 12

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, January 13—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, January 14

4:45 PM Joanne Klene, *r. Mary Ann Oubre*
Dan Miller, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*
Joseph Riedl, Sr., *r. Lorraine & family*
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Cindy Giannini, *r. Marge Buch*
Helen Ciolek, *r. Ciolek family*
10:00 AM Pearl Lesniewski, *r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski*

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



Bible Readings—Jan. 8-Jan. 15

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

MONDAY: Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

TUESDAY: Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY: Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY: Heb 4:1-5,11 / Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY: Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY: Is 49:3,5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

We pray for the Sick

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

*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



Joe Fowler
(father of Belinda D'Arco)

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.

Office Hours & Staff

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Woodridge, Illinois 60517
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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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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

Hospitality after mass

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am—Confirmation SB

Monday, January 9

7:00 pm—Religious Formation Comm.

7:00 pm—Parish Life Comm.

Tuesday, January 10

4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, January 11

4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

6:30-8:00 pm—Confirmation WA

7:00 pm—Peace & Social Justice (*offsite*)

Thursday, January 12

5:00 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

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

In many parishes today, a familiar hymn will echo the words telling of the star of wonder leading to the perfect light (*We Three Kings* by John H. Hopkins Jr.). We follow that light to the place of Jesus' birth to bring the gift of ourselves by our willingness to follow him and his teachings. We continue to show the gift of Jesus' humanity to the world.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2016-2017

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec. 20-Jan. 2:

Sunday 12/25	\$ 4,551.00
Sunday 1/1	4,862.50
Sunday other forms	3,395.00
General funds	470.00
Christmas	22,963.00
Holy Days	2,328.00
Debt Reduction	2,253.00
Total Contributed	\$ 40,822.50

Differential these two weeks:

Needed	\$ 21,534.00
Reported	40,822.50
Catch up this week:	\$ 19,288.50

THANK YOU!

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Retired Religious	\$ 27.00
Manger \$ for PADS	76.00
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... contribution statements will be mailed before January 31, 2017.

Please remember to thank our advertisers for their support.