

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

SECOND SUNDAY

OF
Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



DECEMBER 10, 2017

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.

Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week
The love of Christ is like a "spiritual GPS" that guides us unerringly toward God and towards the heart of our neighbor.

Make Christmas Brighter for a Child

Companions Journeying Together will again be wrapping gifts for shoppers at the **Chicago Ridge Mall** as a fund raiser for our Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. Children who have an imprisoned parent receive a new book with a recording of the parent reading to them through this project. We could use your help. Times when volunteers are still needed are:
 Sat Dec 16: 7 pm to 10:30 pm
 Sun Dec 17: 8:45 am to 10:30 pm
 Mon/Tue Dec 18/19: 1 pm to 10:30 pm
 Wed Dec 20: 10 am to 10:30 pm
 Thu/Fri/Sat Dec 21/22/23: 8:45 am to 11:30 pm
 Sun Dec 24: 7:45 am to 7 pm
 To schedule a couple hours or more, please email Jenny at auntmarysvolunteers@gmail.com
 Please invite others to come with you.

**New Year's Eve
Semi-Formal Dinner Dance
December 31, 2017
7:30 pm to 1:00 am**

St. Scholastica Parish Center
 \$45 per person by reservation only.
 Cocktail Hour with Appetizers, wine with dinner, cash bar, sweet table, formal dinner, Dancing, Champagne Toast at midnight.
 Invite friends and family to join you in bringing in 2018!
 Must be at least 21 years old to attend.
 Reserve your table today!
To purchase tickets contact Janet Leifel at 630-969-9212 by December 12
Limited to 85 people

Special Mass Schedules

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec. 23, 4:45 pm
 Sun., Dec. 24, 9:00 am



Christmas Masses

Sun., Dec. 24, 4:00 pm
 Sun., Dec. 24, 10:00 pm
 Mon., Dec. 25, 10:00 am

Following weekend, **December 30/31, Holy Family**
 Normal schedule 4:45 pm, 8:30 am, 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mon., Jan. 1, 10:00 am
(Not a holy day of obligation this time.)



Help religious communities.

"your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report

Your participation in the CMAA is important—for many in need, for the parish, and for you.

PARISH GOAL: \$39,384 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$45,567
 AMOUNT PAID: \$42,367 REMAINING BALANCE: \$3,200

DONORS THIS YEAR: 274 (14 MORE than last year!) REBATE AMOUNT: \$2,088 so far!

There are 12 households who have made pledges, but for some reason have not yet paid anything. If you have simply forgotten whether you paid your pledge or not, you may contact Corinne in the parish office for the current status of your pledge, as reported by the diocese.



Find us (and like us!) on Facebook. www.facebook.com
 Type "Christ the Servant Catholic Church" into the search bar.



Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath
*Lord God, let your blessings come upon us
 as we light the candles of this wreath.*

This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Advent season. We need one person, group or family for each mass. It's a simple thing to do, yet adds so much to the mass. Please sign up for your chosen mass on the sacristy door.

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: Christ the King, 1501 S Main St, Lombard, 7:30 pm
 - Dec 15: Our Lady of Peace, 701 Plainfield Rd, Darien, 7:30 pm
 - Dec 16: St. Francis of Assisi, 1501 W Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, **5:00 pm**
 - Dec 17: Ascension of Our Lord, 1S314 Summit Ave, Oakbrook Terrace, **5:00 pm**
 - Dec 18: Divine Savior, 6700 Main St, Downers Grove, 7:30 pm
 - Dec 19: Holy Trinity, 111 S Cass Ave, Westmont, **7:00 pm**
 - Dec 20: Visitation, 779 S York St, Elmhurst, 7:30 pm
 - Dec 21: Christ the Servant, 8700 Havens Dr, Woodridge, 5:30 pm
 - Dec. 22: St Mary Immaculate, 15629 S Rte 59, Plainfield, 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.



Bolingbrook Community Chorus
 presents a FREE annual winter concert

Glorious Star of Winter

Sunday, Dec 10, 2017 @ 1:30 pm
 The Levy Center
 251 Canterbury Ln, Bolingbrook.
 A freewill collection will benefit Heart Haven Outreach

Respect for All Life

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12)

When we reflect on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we learn two important lessons: one of faith, and one of understanding. Missionaries who came to Mexico had little success at first. Then in 1531, miracles began to happen. Jesus' own mother appeared to humble Juan Diego. Signs of roses, of the uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness, and especially of her beautiful image on Juan's mantle convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans were baptized as Christians. The first lesson is that God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus. No matter what critics may say of the devotion of Mexicans and their descendants to Our Lady of Guadalupe, they owe their Christianity to her influence. If it were not for her, they would not know of her Son, and so they are eternally grateful. The second lesson we learn from Mary herself. Mary appeared to Juan Diego NOT as a European Madonna, but as a beautiful Aztec princess, speaking to him in his own language. If we want to help someone appreciate the gospel we bring, we should appreciate the culture and the mentality in which they live their lives. That way, we can help them to understand and to know Christ. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas, and the Protrectress of the Unborn.



Submitted by Dave A

Religious Formation

Grades K-7 Sessions meet Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation 8th Grade Classes:

Session WedB - December 13th

Session Sun - January 14th

Session WedA - January 10th



Service Project -

Christmas Dinner & Gift Pick-up

Sunday December 17th, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday and Wednesday B Confirmation Classes)



A long time ago in a Galilee far,
far, away.....

**Jesus is the Reason
for the Season**

**Friday December 15th at
7:00pm**

Oh Holy Night

**Christ the Servant Family Christmas Carol
Sing-a-Long**

and re-telling of the Nativity Story
featuring RF students and the Joyful Noise
children's choir.

All members of the parish are welcome.
Please join us. Remember: Singing is praying
twice!



F.A.C.T. (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE

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



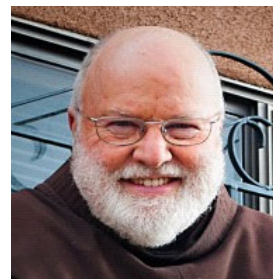
Walk-In Ministry) and St. Ethelreda.

The Art of Letting Go

by Richard Rohr

Start the new year off right
and get ready to celebrate
Lent. (Ash Wednesday is
February 14th in 2018.)

In *The Art of Letting Go*
"Richard Rohr brings firsthand
knowledge of the world's great



spiritual practices to guide us gently into the unfolding
stages of liberation discovered by St. Francis of
Assisi in his own life. You will discover the surprising
richness encountered through *simplifying* your life and
gain liberation from self limiting biases and
certitudes."

**We will meet after the 10:00 Mass on January 7,
14, 21, 28, February 4, 11.**

Our sessions will be facilitated by Carol Pankuch, a
graduate of the Diocese of Joliet Biblical Institute
Each session will contain a lecture CD with group
discussion. The only homework will be an opportunity
to simplify and enhance your relationship with God and
others. Reflection questions will be distributed before
each lecture. Please RSVP to Liz Wagner at
630-910-0770 x103 or liz@ctswoodridge.org.

Tenth Hour Initiative and the Diocesan Office
of Young Adult Ministry
present

**1st ENCOUNTER
NIGHT**

**ENCOUNTER:
Jesus, through the
heart of Mary**



FREE ADMISSION

Saturday Night,
December 16, 2017

7-10 PM
Meiley-Swallow Theatre
@ North Central College

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—Third Sunday of Advent**
(Liturgical color: purple)

	Saturday December 16 4:45 PM	Sunday December 17 8:30 AM	Sunday December 17 10:00 AM
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EXT. MINISTERS:	Ken H Terri M Linda O Jason P Annie T	Susan C Rose G MINISTER NEEDED Paula R Andrea W	Deacon A Judy E Maria F Tim G Dan R
LECTORS:	Heather J Gregory P	Donna C Marjorie C	Jerry F Virginia A
HOST TEAMS:	Marlene B Pat S Patricia S	Cathy B Maryrose G	Ant Family

Advent Reconciliation Service



MINISTERS
Reconciliation Svc.
December 11
7:00 PM

LECTOR: Jerry F

HOST TEAM: Maryrose G
Val Family

Second Sunday of Advent

Until Christ returns. Who shall we be and what shall we do while awaiting this Second Coming? Surely not standing around being idle. No—at work! The Bible readings early in Advent urge us to be at these works: giving comfort, straightening out pathways (both figurative and real), repenting, living without spot or blemish.

- Saint Paul asks, What sort of person ought I be?
- How does my life point to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?
- What one act of mercy will I do this week?

Catholic Sports Camp for children Ages 6-16
December 20, 2017 ~ 6:00-8:30 pm
Bulls/Sox Training Academy, Lisle
Cost: \$10/child.
Register at www.2018CSC.eventbrite.com

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, 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 4, 7:00-8:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Joe Miklosz and Wally Pawlikowski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

4:45 PM Joseph Reidl, Sr, *r. Lorraine & family*
William Kolodziej, *r. Peslak family*
John Gorman, *r. Donna Mays*

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM Carol McIlvain
Helen & Edwin Ciolek, *r. Ciolek family*
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 AM Jesus Catral, *r. Jesus Masaquel*

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 AM William Giles, *r. Ingrid Giles*

Thursday, December 14

8:30 AM Michael Merriman, *r. Eden Merriman*

Friday, December 15—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, December 16

4:45 PM Almaia Custodio, Sp. Int, *r. Zenaida Cruz*

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM Cindy Giannini, *r. Lee White & John Gantz*
Dan Tegtmeyer, *r. Janice Thomas*
Kathy Bugner, *r. Joe & Martha Haenke*
10:00 AM Sam Maltese, *r. Alice Maltese*
Peg Laughlin, *r. Christ the Servant Adult Choir*
Ann Peterson-Gagnard, *r. Rosada Heintz*
People of the Parish

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

Bishop Conlon has issued a decree which states that only twice per week we may combine intentions of more than one person at a single mass. (We may fulfill the multiple intentions already scheduled.) The stipend is \$10. If you wish to donate more, you may direct the offering to another purpose. Excess donations not specifically directed will be forwarded to the Diocesan Finance Office to be used for the purpose of maintaining underfunded diocesan cemeteries.

Bible Readings—Dec. 10-Dec. 17

SUNDAY: Is 40:1-5,9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

MONDAY: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab /
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-45

WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13

SUNDAY: Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

We pray for the Sick

Frank Bayro	Donna Howat	Errol Peterson
Marjorie Chrencik	Dorothy Hunter	Dana Pharo
Steve Derek	Brian Jackson	Pauline Popek
Bernice Deron	Al Januska	Paula Rosenbeck
Nathaniel Eagleson	Rayna Januska	Paula Sedlacek
Cheryl Feltz	Steve Jascewsky	Bob Sippel
Jack Finan	Jayden Joson	Jewel Sippel
John Foresman	Christian Kapraun	Roger Terry
Edward Full	Knox Kenny	Frank Tiesenga
John Gardner	Barb Kosiek	Joey Ventimiglia
Greg Glassner	Betty Kozlowski	Rick Vendl
Jim Gross	Dottie Mariano	Dorothy Wagner
Guy Grimmelbein	Suzanne Miller	Lena Washington
Kristen Hagen	Don Nietzel	Dan Widner
Tina Hansen	Maria Novak	Ron Wyman
Peggy Howard	Jim O'Malley	Joe Zapalac

*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



William Long
(grandfather of Volcoue Walters)

Maria Melf

We pray for those who Serve

Emily Dome, granddaughter of Paul & Brenda Czarapata
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
Michael Geinopolos, nephew of Lainie Sentementes
Jack Gray, nephew of Kristen & Tim Cibulka
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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Debi Savage, Pastoral Council

Jean Durran, Pastoral Council Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Denice Kraft, Christian Service

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life

Jean Durran, Parish Life Co-Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Manna pickup

Christmas Giving Signups

Retired Religious collection

Sunday, December 10

10am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

11am—Joyful Noise rehearsal

11am—set up Nativity

Monday, December 11

7:00 pm—Advent Reconciliation Svc

7:00 pm—Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, December 12

4:45 pm—RF Classes

6:30 pm—RF Classes

Wednesday, December 13

4:45 pm—RF Classes

6:30 pm—RF Classes

6:30 pm—Confirmation Class WedB

Thursday, December 14

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15

7:00 pm—RF/Joyful Noise Christmas Program

Saturday, December 16

Drop off Christmas giving item by

10:00 am Sunday

Sunday, December 17

11am—Christmas Sharing distribution & Confirmation Service Project

Upcoming Events

December 21: 7:30 pm; Simbang Gabi Mass

See article on page 2 for 4th Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule

No mass or communion service on December 26.

Parish Giving

Each Advent we can choose to let the social pressures this time of year overwhelm us or to take a step back and include Christ in all our planning for Christmas. Today, as we hear of John the Baptist preaching in the desert, we need to remember our own need for repentance and our mission to make straight the way of the Lord. Saint Mark's Gospel begins today with people going out to hear and be baptized by John the Baptist. He tells them of one mightier than he who is coming.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2017-2018

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,984.00
Mortgage Payment	3,350.00
Total Needed	\$ 11,334.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Nov 28-Dec 5:

Sunday 12/3	7,280.00
Sunday other forms	1,933.00
General funds	65.00
Restricted use	230.00
Debt Reduction	1,174.00
Total Contributed	\$ 10,682.00

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Diocesan Cemeteries	40.00
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Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 11,334.00
Reported	10,682.00
Deficit this period:	\$ (652.00)

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

Debt to Diocese as of 10/31 \$109,427 (not counting new project)

Registered Households—762

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know... 4th Advent and Christmas Eve are on the same day, but they are totally different masses.

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