

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Serving God from your Heart*

**THIRD SUNDAY**

OF  
**Advent**

As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



**DECEMBER 17, 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  
We all possess God-given talents. No one can claim to be so poor that they have nothing to offer others.

**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:  
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](mailto:auntmarysvolunteers@gmail.com)  
Please invite others to come with you.

**Our Beloved Dead**

Unfortunately, there were some names accidentally omitted from the "Our Beloved Dead" remembrance from the month of November.

We also remember:  
Richard Buch  
Buch, Connor & Czech families

We sincerely regret the omission.

**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.)*

  
**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House  
**Four Shepherds Retreat:**  
"Who am I? Where am I going?  
How do I get there?"  
January 5-7, 2018  
with Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ  
an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men  
420 W County Line Rd · Barrington, IL 60010 · 847-381-1261  
[www.JesuitRetreat.org](http://www.JesuitRetreat.org)

**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.



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

As this bulletin went to press, we still need volunteers for the 4:45 pm on December 23. 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 remaining schedule of the masses is:  
 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, **7:30 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.

### PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

## Sacramental Information

**RITE 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, 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**

**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](http://www.2018CSC.eventbrite.com)

# Religious Formation

Grades K-7 No classes this week.  
Joyfully prepare your hearts for Jesus.  
Classes resume **Jaquary 9th & 10th.**

**Confirmation** 8th Grade Next Classes:  
Session Sun - January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Session WedA - January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Session WedB - January 17<sup>th</sup>



Service Project -  
**Christmas Dinner & Gift Pick-up**  
Sunday December 17th, 11:00am to 1:00pm  
Sunday and Wednesday B Confirmation Classes)



*Oh Holy Night*

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 Lisa G and Donna C for directing

the Christmas Program.



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



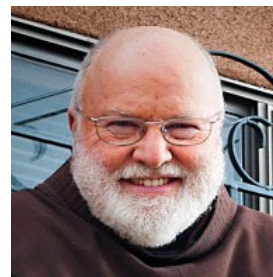
A warm thank you to the Christ the Servant families who dressed the F.A.C.T. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) GIVING TREE with donations of over 265 new hats, earmuffs, scarves, socks, mittens & gloves.

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."

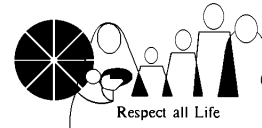
**We will meet after the 10:00 Mass on January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11.**

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.

## Respect for All Life

### Pray for the Elderly

Pope Francis selected a special intention for the month of December that he has often spoken of.



The Holy Father asked the Pope's Prayer Network—the Apostleship of Prayer—to pray for the elderly. As Christmas approaches, we pay special attention to the elderly and those who might be sick or lonely during the holidays. In the time that people are preparing for the celebration of the Nativity, we look forward to family times, and it might be a time to reconnect with grandparents or people outside the family, the extended family that may be traveling or may be isolated, and not able to come to the ancestral home.

The Holy Father is quite keen that we pray, but he is also asking us that our prayer move us towards action for those who are able. The elderly hold the treasure of wisdom and experience that can greatly benefit the younger generations. They can serve as a font of resources by sharing their knowledge and experiences with younger people who may lack those. What the young have is energy, zeal, and excitement, but they may lack the context or history to understand what's going on in peoples' lives.

~Remember to Pray for the Elderly, by Lindsey Kettner, Relevant Radio, Dec. 7, 2017

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Submitted by Dave A

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

	<b>Saturday December 23 4:45 PM</b>	<b>Sunday December 24 9:00 AM</b>	
<b><u>ALTAR MIN:</u></b>	Donna M <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	Cio Family	Note that since Dec. 24 is also Christmas Eve, there is only one mass on the morning of Dec. 24. This is for the 4th Sunday of Advent..
<b><u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u></b>	Patti C Deacon F Joanne F Jim G Rita S	John C Judy E Ken H Jason P Andrea W	
<b><u>LECTORS:</u></b>	Vince D Scott G	Joe T Antonio A	
<b><u>HOST TEAMS:</u></b>	Marlene B Pat S Patricia S	Cathy B <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	

**There are two extra communion ministers scheduled for the 4 pm Christmas Eve mass.**

Two ministers will take communion to serve people who may be in the narthex and at the back of the church.

Please also be aware that the 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve is probably the most heavily attended of the year, and parking will be tight. If you are close enough and the weather permits, please consider walking. Try to have the entire family come in one car. And come early. Please save your seat by sitting in it, rather than holding it for others.



**MINISTERS—Christmas**  
(Liturgical color: white)

	<b>Sunday December 24 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday December 24 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Monday December 25 10:00 AM</b>
<b><u>ALTAR MIN:</u></b>	P Family	Cio Family	Ada Family
<b><u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u></b>	Marlene B Ken H Ed J Madeline J Ramon J Barb K Jason P	Susan C Cheryl F Deacon F Heather J Andrea W	Deacon A John C Patti C Judy E Rita S
<b><u>LECTORS:</u></b>	Ramon J Barb K	Steve W Debi S	Virginia A Judy E
<b><u>HOST TEAMS:</u></b>	Dan Family <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	Cathy B <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	Cathy B Donna M

**Who will Fill these shoes?**

It really is a simple question, "Who Will Fill These Shoes?" More importantly, it's a shocking image, the image of empty shoes, a priest's shoes, laying there by the altar. It is a sharp reminder to all of us that without priests, there will be no Eucharist!

**Men ages 7th Grade and older are invited to a day about priesthood!**

**Thursday, January 4, 2018 ~ 9:00 am-3:00 pm ~ 11:30 am Mass**

**Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403**

This is a day for men to hear more about the priesthood, meet our seminarians, and to find out if the Lord is asking them to "fill the shoes" of the priests who have gone before us. The day will include Mass, talks from priests and seminarians from our diocese, lunch and time for questions and answers about the priesthood. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons. Parents of our current seminarians will be available to speak about what it is like to have a son answer God's call.

**For more information or to register go to: [www.whowillfilltheseshoes.com](http://www.whowillfilltheseshoes.com). There is no cost for the day. 815-221-6141**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Carmine Daniele and Mary Taillon

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 16

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

#### Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM Cindy Giannini, r. *Lee White & John Gantz*

Dan Tegtmeyer, r. *Janice Thomas*

Kathy Bugner, r. *Joe & Martha Haenke*

Nicolas & Victoria Licudine

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

#### Monday, December 18

8:30 AM Joseph Panakattu, r. *Clara Elapunkal*

#### Tuesday, December 19

8:30 AM David Kestler, r. *family*

#### Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM Kathy Leninger, r. *Schildgen family*

#### Thursday, December 21

8:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Friday, December 22—Communion Service

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, December 23

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

Helen Peslak, r. *Peslak family*

Bernard Chudzik, r. *Andrea & Danny Hickman*

Nicolas & Victoria Licudine, r. *daughters*

#### Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM Bob Haas, r. *Elena Haas*

Nicolas & Victoria Licudine, r. *daughters*

4:00 PM Bob Jahn, r. *Jascewsky family*

James Crockett, r. *Crockett family*

10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, r. *Ciolek family*

John Kurtz, r. *Charles & Linda Kurtz*

People of the Parish

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

## We pray for the Sick

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

*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](mailto:corinne@ctswoodridge.org). Thank you.*

## Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017



Rejoice always.  
Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

## 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  
**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.*  
**Jack Gray**, nephew of Kristen & Tim Cibulka, has returned home! Praise God for all blessings.

## Bible Readings—Dec. 17-Dec. 24

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

**MONDAY:** Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

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

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAY:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

Christmas readings: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

## Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive**  
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**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

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**Liz Jesse-Wagner**,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 103*

**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director

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**Pat Savage**, Administrative Assistant

### Commission Chairpersons

**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

### Drop off Christmas giving item by 10:00 am Sunday

#### Sunday, December 17

11am—Christmas Sharing distribution & Confirmation Service Project

#### Monday, December 18

#### Tuesday, December 19

NO RF CLASSES

#### Wednesday, December 20

NO RF CLASSES

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, December 21

7:30 pm—Simbang Gabi mass

#### Friday, December 22

#### Saturday, December 23

4:45 pm—4th Advent mass

#### Sunday, December 24

9:00 am—4th Advent mass

4:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass

10:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass

#### Monday, December 25

10:00 am—Christmas Day mass

Offices will be closed all of Christmas week.

## Upcoming Events

No mass or communion service on December 26.

**Dec. 30**, 4:20 pm, Knights of Columbus Rosary

**Jan 1**, 10:00 am, Mary, Mother of God mass. Offices closed.

## Parish Giving

We come to Mass to encounter the living God and then are dismissed to live out our daily lives in a way that brings Christ to others. How should we rejoice, pray and give thanks? How should we answer the question: Who am I and what does God desire of me? Let us remember, he who calls us is faithful and will not abandon us. In Saint John's Gospel, John the Baptist clearly saw his mission as making straight the way of the Lord with his baptism of repentance.

### NEEDED WEEKLY: 2017-2018

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,984.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>\$ 11,334.00</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 6-Dec 11:

Sunday 12/10	\$ 7,511.00
Sunday other forms	2,960.00
General funds	270.00
Immaculate Conception	1,361.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,005.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 13,107.00</b>

### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Diocesan Cemeteries	\$ 70.00
Religious Retirement	1,302.00

### RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christmas Décor	\$ 573.00
Green Team	658.00
Christian Service needs	250.00

### Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 11,334.00
Reported	13,107.00

**Catch up this period: \$ 1,773.00**

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

Debt to Diocese as of 11/30 \$95,191  
 (not counting new project)

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