

# Christ the Servant Catholic Church

*Serving God from your Heart*

## FOURTH SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



**DECEMBER 24, 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  
May the Virgin Mary always be our refuge, our consolation, and the way that leads to Christ.

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

**Prayers for Special Intentions:**

Be part of the CTS Prayer Tree.

If you or a family member have a special request for prayers whether it be for illness, 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.

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. **Will you pray for others?**

Send your email address to [prayertree@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:prayertree@ctswoodridge.org)

**MASSes for the WEEK**

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**Mass Intentions—Did you know...?**

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.

Canon law specifies only that the Mass obligation be satisfied, but it does not require any publicity of this fact other than accurate bookkeeping. Here at Christ the Servant, we publish the intentions in the parish bulletin (when there is enough notice to do so), and, on the weekend masses, mention the names in the final petition for that particular mass. At the weekday masses, people may include a voiced petition during the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful), and mention the name at that time.

**Special Mass Schedules**

**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.)*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**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:	\$42,577	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,990

DONORS THIS YEAR: 274 (14 MORE than last year!) REBATE AMOUNT: \$2,235 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.



2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

As we prepare to begin the New Year, we may ask ourselves “How can we dedicate ourselves more diligently to grow in Holiness in 2018?” Can we dedicate more time to Prayer? If this is one of your goals for the next 12 months, there are three ways Christ the Servant gives you an opportunity.

- 1) Join Christ the Servant’s Prayer Tree. (See the article on the Prayer Tree on page 2)
- 2) Join in praying the Rosary before and after daily Mass.
- 3) Pray with members of the Respect for All Life Committee the First Friday of each month as we pray for your personal needs, for the people on CTS’ Prayer Tree, world needs, peace, etc. “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” (Alfred Lloyd Tennyson)

WHEN: Friday, January 5, following the 8:30 am Communion Service

WHERE: In CTS’ Eucharistic Chapel

Please, join us as we share the Gift of Prayer and ask God’s Mercy on our special requests. Question/comments: contact David A, Rita S and/or Andie W.

**What is so important about worship?**  
 To worship is to order the whole of one's life toward the living God, and, in doing so, to become interiorly and exteriorly rightly ordered. To worship is to signal to oneself what one's life is finally about.  
*Worship is not something that God needs, but it is very much something that we need.*  
*Bishop Robert Barron*  
*from Daily Gospel Reflection, November 15, 2017*

**Did you know...?**

We don’t know for sure just how the tax laws are going to affect charitable giving next year, but we do know they are fully deductible this year, up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. You may want to consider making sure your contributions to Christ the Servant (or the diocese) are deductible by making your donation in this calendar year. Identifiable donations received by, or postmarked by, December 31, 2017 will be credited to your 2017 contributions statement.

**Respect for All Life**

**Rebuilding Catholic Character**



The development of Catholic character is an art form; unfortunately, it is an art form that is not practiced much, perhaps even generally neglected in modern life. The overwhelming emphasis on how we raise our children, structure our lives, and account for meaning or value in our lives focuses on what we are capable of doing, achieving, or making. But character is NOT about what we do or make; it’s about who we are and who we become. The development of character is essential to Christian life, because that life culminates in what we are to become in Christ. Who we are matters. Though Christianity always begins—over and over—in what we receive as grace from Christ and strength through all the things we may do, the whole point is about who we are to become. Recovering the lost art of character formation is essential to Christian discipleship, the church’s mission, and the duties for both forming our young and organizing our lives. Developing character is a lifelong art that demands both diligence and support. Catholic character builds on commitments; commitments necessitate follow-through; follow-through requires sacrifice; and sacrifice needs discipline.

~by Leonard DeLorenzo, *Our Sunday Visitor*, 7/9/2017

Submitted by Dave A



**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

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[www.JesuitRetreat.org](http://www.JesuitRetreat.org)

## Religious Formation

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

Joyfully prepare your hearts for Jesus.

**Classes resume January 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)**

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 June. 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 two (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.

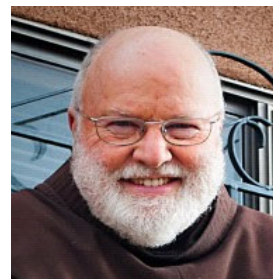
In 6th & 7th grades, our youth have the opportunity to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, which culminates in the 8th grade with a program of classes, retreats and service. These years are designed to be a time of inquiry, study, prayer and reflection. Confirmation is a sacrament which 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

## 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](mailto:liz@ctswoodridge.org).



### 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.



### ROSARY PRIOR TO 4:45 MASS

The Knights of Columbus have asked all parishes to pray the Rosary for peace prior to Mass whenever we have a Fifth Sunday. Knight David Anderson will lead the Rosary on Saturday, December 30th at 4:20 pm as we pray for World Peace. Rosaries will be available as you enter the church. "Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war." *Our Lady of Fatima*

**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—Holy Family  
(Liturgical color: white)

	<b>Saturday December 30 4:45 PM</b>	<b>Sunday December 31 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday December 31 10:00 AM</b>
<b><u>ALTAR MIN:</u></b>	O Family	P Family	Maria F Gayle H
<b><u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u></b>	Marlene N Mary K Donna M Marylou R Annie T	Jose S Melania S Dan S Heather S Andrea W	Susan C Deacon F Joanne F Tim G Dan R
<b><u>LECTORS:</u></b>	Scott G Bob C	Paula R Donna C	Natalia M Antonio A
<b><u>HOST TEAMS:</u></b>	Du Family	Chr Family	Barbara G <b>MINISTERS NEEDED</b>



MINISTERS—  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
(Liturgical color: white)

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

**Altar Ministers:** Cio Family  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Patti C, Cheryl F, Rose G, Alie P, Rita S  
**Lectors:** Ramon J (1), Barb K (2)  
**Ministers of Hospitality:** Greg F, Maryrose G

**REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE**

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

**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**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### TABERNACLE LIGHT

Edward Robins

### MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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*  
 People of the Parish

#### 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

#### Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Rino LaPaglia, *r. Mom & Dad & Sister*

#### Tuesday, December 26

no service today

#### Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM Debbie Larkin, *r. Andie Wolfe*

#### Thursday, December 28

8:30 AM Rino LaPaglia, *r. Mom & Dad & Sister*

#### Friday, December 29—Communion Service

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, December 30

4:45 PM Steven Wall, *r. Gary Wall*  
 Andrew Peslak, *r. Peslak family*  
 John Zurawski, *r. Al & Darlene Januska*  
 People of the Parish

#### Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM Angelina Tomaeno, *r. Marijane Tomaeno*  
 Nicolas & Victoria Licudine, *r. daughters*  
 10:00 AM Angel Filipponi, *r. Maria Filipponi*

*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	George Van Hecke
Greg Glassner	Dottie Mariano	Joey Ventimiglia
Jim Gross	Suzanne Miller	Rick Vendl
Guy Grimmelbein	Maria Novak	Dorothy Wagner
Kristen Hagen	Jim O'Malley	Lena Washington
Tina Hansen	Errol Peterson	Dan Widner
Peggy Howard	Dana Pharo	Ron Wyman
Donna Howat	Bob Pluta	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



**Ron Hardin**

## 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 & Richard 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. 24-Dec. 31

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

**MONDAY:** Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAY:** 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

**SUNDAY:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3 / Col 3:19-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

## 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. 101*

*FrBob@ctswoodridge.org*

**Tom Fricke**, Permanent Deacon

*dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org*

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*dcnaccardi@ctswoodridge.org*

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**Liz Jesse-Wagner**,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 103*

**Janet Alikpala**, Music Director

*janet@ctswoodridge.org Ext. 104*

**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

### Sunday, December 24

9:00 am—4th Advent mass

4:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass

10:00 pm—Christmas Eve mass

### Offices closed all week

### Monday, December 25

10:00 am—Christmas Day mass

### Tuesday, December 26

NO RF CLASSES

### Wednesday, December 27

NO RF CLASSES

### Thursday, December 28

### Friday, December 29

### Saturday, December 30

4:20 pm—Rosary before Mass

### Sunday, December 31

### Monday, January 1

10:00 am—Mass

Offices will reopen at 9:00 am,  
 Tuesday, January 2.

## Upcoming Events

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

**Jan 5**, Holy Hour after 8:30 am communion service.

**Jan 7**, Adult Faith Formation series begins after 10:00 am mass. See page 4 for details.

**Jan 15**, Martin Luther King day. Offices closed.

**Jan 15**, "Stop Hate" presentation, 7:00 pm.

## Parish Giving

God has a plan for the salvation of the world, which works out in various generations over the centuries. Throughout today's readings, we see Nathan, Paul, Elizabeth, and Mary responding to God's call to them. We, too, as Stewards, are called to participate in his plan. Let us be open to God in our lives and give him thanksgiving and praise as Mary, in the Gospel, says yes to God's plan for her and the world.

### 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 12-Dec 19:

Sunday 12/17	\$ 7,175.50
Sunday other forms	6,857.00
General funds	230.00
Christmas	1,415.00
Debt Reduction	<u>312.00</u>
<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$ 15,989.50</b>

### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Diocesan Cemeteries	30.00
Religious Retirement	70.00

### RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

Christmas Décor	\$ 442.00
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### Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 11,334.00
Reported	15,989.50
<b>Catch up this period:</b>	<b>\$ 4,655.50</b>

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

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

Registered Households—757

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Did you know...**donations post-marked by 12/31/17 count as 2017.

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