

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

December 31, 2017



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

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
Without love, both life and faith are worthless.

Go Green!

What a wonderful day for our **Electronic Recycling Event!** The sun was shining on a weather perfect day. One hundred seventy seven cars passed through our line with coats and electronics. We managed to fill the truck with electronics and Nancy's van with coats. We helped keep electronics out of our landfills, helped put coats on the backs of those in need and received donations that we hope to use for LED lights for CTS.



Thank you all **Green Team** members and all volunteers who helped with this event. You are appreciated! This would not have gone so smoothly without you.

Look for another **ERE** in the spring. We hope that we can count on your support at that time.

Remember, the **Green Team** is recycling unusable tree lights in the bin in the Narthex. The **Green Team** benefits from recycling the tree lights.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the **Green Team**.*

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.)



You won't want to miss the terrific **Rose Dinner Chicago** on Saturday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. at **Petterino's Restaurant**, 150 North Dearborn Street, Chicago. It is part of the **March for Life Chicago 2018** weekend festivities. **Dawn Fitzpatrick**, President of March for Life and head of the Respect Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Chicago will be the MC for the evening. You will also hear from **Ramona Trevino**, a former manager of a Planned Parenthood clinic, and **Greg Schleppebach**, Associate Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and also **Ralph Rivera**, Legislative Chairman of Illinois Right to Life Action. Tickets are \$75 or \$700 for a table of ten, and \$560 for a table of eight at www.speakoutillinois.com. Social Hour at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening with like minded individuals.

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:	\$42,847	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,720

DONORS THIS YEAR: 274 (14 MORE than last year!) REBATE AMOUNT: \$2,424 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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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

Using our time, talents, and spiritual gifts to make a difference

Imagine what our families, church, and community would be like if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do in serving others. The ripple effect of each person making their unique contribution would result in a revolution of Christ's love being felt in tangible, life-changing ways. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week, or only a few hours every once in a while, consider making the kind of impact that only you can make. Your life will never be the same!

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

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

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. There is no cost for the day. 815-221-6141

Ministers of Care Training

This program is designed for people preparing to become Ministers of Care of Visitors of the Sick in a parish setting. A Certificate will be given to all who attend four sessions. Permission to be a Minister of Care in any parish must be received by a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Note: 5th session covering local policies is held at the parish level.

Sessions take place at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, Carmelite Campus, 8419 Bailey Rd, Darien. Registration is required, cost is \$50 per person, and register by calling 630-969-4141. (Payment is made to "Sister of Mercy")

Upcoming training dates are January 13 and 20, 2018, from 9 am-1 pm. Attendance both days is required to receive the certificate.

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

Religious Formation



*Each and every one of us is made
in God's image and likeness.
Take time to pray with your family
and be thankful for the moments
that are spent with each other.
Today is the feast of the
Holy Family.*

**Grades K-7 No classes this week.
Classes resume January 9th & 10th.**

Confirmation 8th Grade Next Classes:

Session Sun - January 14th
Session WedA - January 10th
Session WedB - January 17th

**(Have you turned in your Saint Paper, Sacramental Info
Form and Sponsor Form? If you have any make-ups**

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.



We will be having a **Teen Mass Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am**. 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, a special Presentation of the Gifts, and the Teen Choir/Ensemble. Please join us.

The East & West DuPage DRE Deaneries
present

Catechist Evening of Reflection with Steven Ellair



**"Effective Prayer:
It's easier than you think!"**

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2018
at St. Petronille Parish, 420 Glenwood Ave.,
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Steven will help us explore how essential prayer is for children and learn fun, easy skills for creating powerful prayer experiences.

6:00pm Light Supper

7:00pm Prayer & Presentation

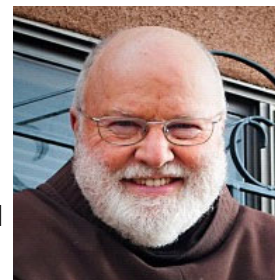
8:45pm Raffle

**Catechists: Please RSVP to Liz Jesse Wagner
before January 14, 2018**

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.

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 6 4:45 PM	Sunday January 7 8:30 AM	Sunday January 7 10:00 AM
<u>ALTAR MIN:</u>	Mon Family	MINISTERS NEEDED	K Family
<u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u>	Deb G Karen J Steve J Alie P Annie T	John C Cindy F Rose G Barb K Paula R	Kristen C Susan C Maria F Ed J Madeline J
<u>LECTORS:</u>	Vince D Gregory P	Marjorie C Therese K	Judy E Gayle H
<u>HOST TEAMS:</u>	Anti Family Barbara S	Cathy B Marijane T	Val Family



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

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.

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

Respect for All Life



The Respect for All Life Committee will meet at Andie Wolfe's home on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we make plans for Respect for Life Sunday the weekend of Jan. 20/21st and ways in 2018 our committee can honor all of humankind. Our Mission is to touch lives in a compassionate way to make this world a more loving, caring place. Bring ideas. Questions, call Andie W, David A, or Rita S

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Dan Miller and Tim Mrozinski

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*

Monday, January 1

10:00 AM Fr. Jim Ratigan

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 AM Tom Ruff, *r. Donna Mays*

Thursday, January 4

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

Friday, January 5—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, January 6

4:45 PM Lori Ann Quinn *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
James Crockett, *r. Colette & family*

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM Stanley Farbotko, *r. Lee White*
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Peggy Laughlin, *r. Ciolek family*

*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



Tom Cross

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
Bradley Mendez, grandson of Arturo Mendez
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. 31-Jan. 7

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-51

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

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

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

Office Hours & Staff

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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

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Rosada Heintz, Parish Life

Jean Durran, Parish Life Co-Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1

10:00 am—Mass
 Offices closed.

Tuesday, January 2

NO RF CLASSES

Wednesday, January 3

NO RF CLASSES

Thursday, January 4

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, January 5

9:00 am—Holy Hour

Saturday, January 6

Hospitality

Sunday, January 7

11:00 am—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

11:00 am—Adult Faith Formation

Upcoming Events

Jan 15, Martin Luther King day.

Offices closed.

Jan 15, “Stop Hate” presentation,

7:00 pm.

Jan 21, 10:00 am STORM Teen

Mass

Feb 14, Ash Wednesday. 8:30 am

mass, 4:30 pm Prayer Service, 7:00 pm mass

Feb 18-19, Parish Mission, presented by Dan Allen.

Feb. 24/25, Cash 4 Food drive

Feb 27/28, RF Family Nights

Parish Giving

Joseph and Mary loved God and did their best to be obedient to all God asked them to do. They lovingly cared for the child Jesus, brought him up to walk in the ways of the Lord, and lived in love and unity with God and one another. Their life together as a family was marked by holiness and love, signs of our call to Stewardship; and it is the example of which all Christian families are to pattern their lives.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2017-2018

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

CONTRIBUTIONS Dec 20-Dec 26:

Sunday 12/24	\$ 3,998.50
Sunday other forms	815.00
General funds	640.00
Holy Days	169.00
Christmas	23,887.00
Simbang Gabi donation	600.00
Debt Reduction	<u>1,940.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 32,049.50

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Diocesan Cemeteries	30.00
Religious Retirement	50.00
Simbang Gabi Charities	601.00

RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS:

Restricted use	\$ 160.00
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Differential this week:

Needed	\$ 11,334.00
Reported	32,049.50

Catch up this period: \$ 20,715.50

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

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