

Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

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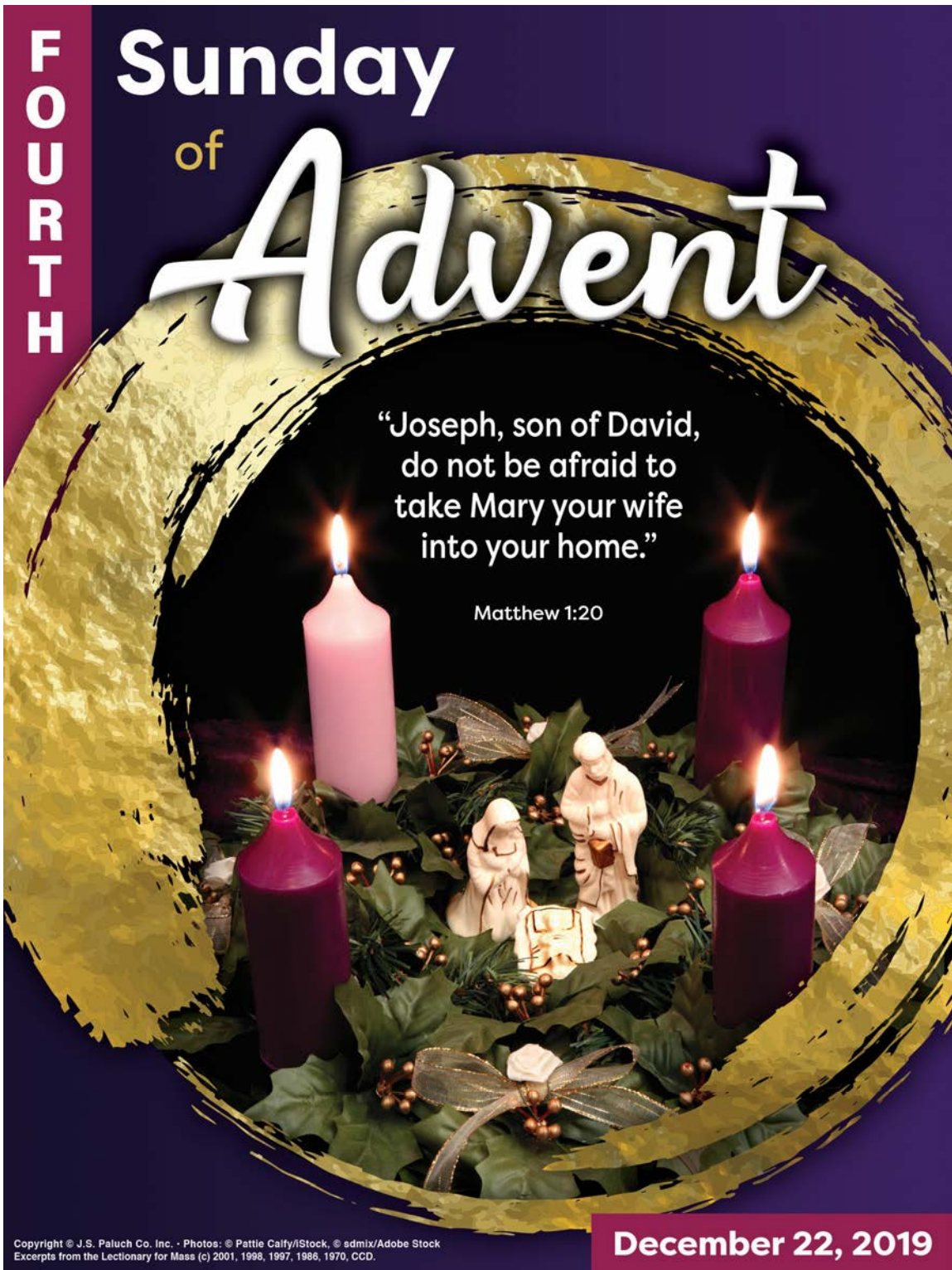
Sunday

of

Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to
take Mary your wife
into your home.”

Matthew 1:20



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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.

Living God's Word

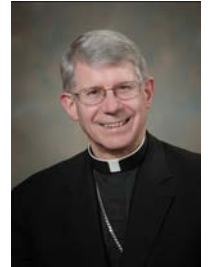
The letter to the Colossians urges us to “put on love.” Does that motivate you to change the way you treat someone in your parish community, or to mend a rift with a member of your family?

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STATEMENT FROM BISHOP R. DANIEL CONLON REGARDING NEW PARISH ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

The Diocese of Joliet is blessed with excellent schools, thanks to the dedication of many people. Parishes with schools provide \$14 million for those schools each year. The Schools Task Force concluded, however, that for a few struggling elementary schools outside financial support is essential. They recommended, and I agree after further consultation, to introduce a new parish assessment.



Some people ask if the “diocese” can help these schools. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and the existing 5% parish assessment, plus some investment income, fund the diocesan central services and other obligations. There really is no significant money left over.

Why are parishes without schools expected to provide financial support for struggling schools? The essential answer is that solid Catholic education is a resource that should be available to every family wherever possible. If some parishes do not operate schools, they should still help support schools to assure that their own families continue to have access to Catholic schools. The fewer schools that operate in the Diocese of Joliet, the fewer options families have for Catholic education.

There was a time when having a school was as common a part of parish life. Today parishes are finding increasingly the benefit of collaborating with their neighbors to operate various programs rather than duplicating everything. Why not look at schools that way?

The new assessment on regular collections will take effect on July 1, 2020 and will generate around \$560,000 annually. It will be graduated, depending on the financial strength of each parish, with 3% being the average rate and 5% being the highest rate. Even with the new assessment, our diocese will still be below the average assessment rate for parishes in the nearly 200 dioceses in the United States. (The parishes in Ford County and Iroquois County will not be subject to the new assessment, because no Catholic schools operate among the very small rural parishes there.)

Some parishes already contribute regularly to the support of underfunded schools. The continuation of that support is essential. Any parish that contributes to a designated school or schools, at an amount equivalent to or above its assessment rate, will not need to pay the school assessment.

The amount collected each fiscal year as a result of this new assessment will go into a separate diocesan fund. I have appointed a five-member Grant Commission to receive grant applications from schools truly in need of additional funding. In addition, the commission is charged with working with school officials and others to find ways to strengthen these schools in order to reduce their need for grants.

There should be less need for “out of parish” tuition rates, at least for families that contribute regularly to their own parish in the Diocese of Joliet, since all parishes will be supporting Catholic schools. Likewise, I am hopeful that the assessment will spur increased enrollment in Catholic schools from among families whose parishes do not operate one.

As your bishop, I am committed to providing quality Catholic school education in the Diocese of Joliet, just as I am committed to providing quality religious formation programs for our families whose children attend public schools. Life has changed. Not every parish chooses or can operate an elementary school. Yet we all still need to have them available for the future health of the Church and society.

Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week
When we learn to live in forgiveness,
we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace.

ROSARY PRIOR TO 4:45 PM MASS

The Knights of Columbus have asked all parishes to pray the Rosary for Peace prior to Mass in all months throughout the year that have a fifth Sunday in the month. December 29th is the Fifth Sunday this month. Therefore, Knight David Anderson will lead the Rosary on Saturday, December 28 at 4:15 as we pray for World Peace.

Rosaries are available as you enter the church. *“Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of war.” Our Lady of Fatima*

Join in PRAYING THE ROSARY: Either before and/or after weekday Masses. Also, every Saturday prior to the 4:45 Mass the Rosary is said in the Eucharistic Chapel.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27, NIV.

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. Steven Borello vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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 2, 7:00 PM**

AS WE CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

As a Christmas/New Year gift to Christ the Servant parishioners, family and friends, the RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE Committee has requested that prayers be offered at each Christmas mass.



“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace.” ~ Numbers 6:24-26 NLT.

Mass for the Homebound

As we look forward to Christmas, a holy time of the year for all of us, some elderly or ill family members or friends may be unable to attend Christmas Mass. Fortunately, for the homebound there will be a televised **CHRISTMAS MASS from MERCY HOME** from 8 am to 9 am on Wednesday, December 25th on WGN, Channel 9. Encourage homebound family and friends to join in prayer and song for this most holy feast. May everyone enjoy the love and all the blessings of this holy season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us — Mother Earth



“The justified concern about threats to the environment... commits us to working responsibly for the protection of creation.” —Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items so someone else can reuse them.

REMEMBER THE 5 R'S OF SUSTAINABILITY:

Refuse ■ Reduce ■ Repair ■ Reuse ■ Recycle

Religious Formation

Thank you to all of our Religious Formation students, families and parishioners for making our RF Christmas Traditions event a memorable one! We loved seeing all the effort put into the prayers, displays, food and activities!

We still need 10 middle school volunteers to help distribute Christmas Baskets to families in need on Sunday, December 22. Gather with Mrs. Goba after the 10 am mass.

RF is on Christmas break. Class will resume again on January 5th and 8th. Have a blessed Christmas season!

There are a lot of things going on at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To help our RF kids get more out of the Mass some of the students have been learning about the sacred items used, the reasons behind the rituals and the meaning of the words you will find at Church. This is one of the things that they have learned:

Alleluia!

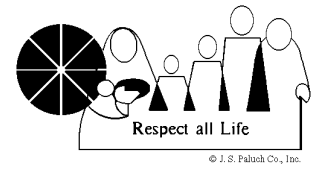
The word Alleluia literally means. "praise the Lord" or "God be praised." When we sing "alleluia," we are praising the Lord. The Alleluia is usually sung at Mass before the Gospel reading, except during Lent in order to emphasize the penitential nature of the season. The Bible speaks of the angels praising God with their "alleluias" so at Mass when we proclaim "alleluia" we are joining together in the angelic chorus.



We are all so proud of Mrs. M's 3rd grade class. They raised enough money to feed 630 children through Feed My Starving Children by recycling their Halloween candy containers and filled them up with quarters. Great job 3rd grade!

Respect for All Life

25 Ways To Spend An Hour With Jesus



Prayer is an encounter between you and God. Here are some of the ways to encounter God.

Last week, we considered 13 ways to encounter Jesus.

This week, let's consider 12 more.

- 14) Lean on Jesus. Tell Him you love Him.
- 15) Thank Jesus for the Sacraments.
- 16) Tell Jesus your failures. Ask for help. Then listen.
- 17) Slowly recite the Beatitudes.
- 18) Say one Our Father slowly.
- 19) Say one Hail Mary slowly.
- 20) Say the Creed slowly.
- 21) Pray for vocations.
- 22) Ask Jesus to show you the next step.
- 23) Look at yourself. Count your gifts. Then thank Jesus.
- 24) Pray for the world.
- 25) Enjoy just being in Jesus' presence.

---from Children of the Eucharist, Young Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Submitted by Dave A

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.

Hotline Numbers for Help	
Family Shelter Service Domestic Abuse	630-469-5650
National Domestic Abuse Hotline	800-799-SAFE
Illinois Adult Protective Services	866-800-1409
Will County Crisis Line	815-722-3344
Mayslake Ministries	630-852-9000
Diocese of Joliet Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator	815-263-6467
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270

We attempted to avoid "volunteer burnout" by cutting down on the number of EMs at each mass, but that transition didn't happen as smoothly as hoped. So we're going back to 5 assigned ministers at each mass. Please encourage support from other people you see at mass...

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—**Christmas Eve/Day**
(Liturgical color: white)

	Tuesday December 24 4:00 PM	Tuesday December 24 10:00 PM	Wednesday December 25 10:00 AM
<u>ALTAR MIN:</u>	Betty P Ernie P	Bill C Donna C+	Tom A Cindy A+
<u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u>	Kristen C Susan C Ken H Ed J Madeline J Marylou R Gary W	Deacon F Jose S Melania S Rita S Jesse T	Deacon A John C Linda O Dan R Andrea W
<u>LECTORS:</u>	Ryan C Reaghan S	Paula R Barb K	Antonio A Jerry F
<u>HOST TEAMS:</u>	Anthony A Jeanine A+ Al D	Maryrose G Pat S	Cathy B Barbara G



Next Weekend's MINISTERS—**Feast of the Holy Family**
(Liturgical color: white)

Two more Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are requested to volunteer each mass.

*"The root of Jesse will come ...
in him will the Gentiles*

Hope
Romans 15:12, LXXV



	Saturday December 28 4:45 PM	Sunday December 29 8:30 AM	Sunday December 29 10:00 AM
<u>ALTAR MIN:</u>	Anastacio M Terri M+	Betty P Ernie P	Maria F Gayle H
<u>EXT. MINISTERS:</u>	Jim G Kathleen G Ken S	John C Ken H Greg P	Susan C Tim G Maureen V
<u>LECTORS:</u>	Heather J Debi S	Paula R Virginia A	Paul M Kristen M
<u>HOST TEAMS:</u>	Cathy B Pat S	Maryrose G Jim M	Al D Dorothy D+

Looking for an outlet for your creative writing?

Tau Center (www.taucenter.org) is offering a Winter Session and a Spring Session of "Wisdom Writing Circle". Writing opens windows into our inner-life. Writing can keep us centered, help us discover new aspects of ourselves, and new perspectives on our lives. When we come together as a community of those who write, we share these discoveries in a safe circle. Karen Hurley Kuchar will lead activities that include writing exercises, a time to share writing and an opportunity for the group to respond to the writings. Each session meets on a Thursday (four classes each session—cost to register for either the Winter Session or Spring Session is \$60). The Winter Session will meet Jan. 23, 30 and February 6, 13. The Spring Session meets March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, from 12:30-2:30 pm. Details about location and registration can be found online at www.taucenter.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Carol Engel and Catherine Riggot

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21

4:45 PM Ruff Family, *r. Donna Mays*
Kathy Leninger, *r. Schildgen family*
Ron Welton, *r. Robert & Rosemary Thomas*
People of the Parish

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Cindy Giannini, *r. Lee White & John Gantz*
Bob Haas, *r. Elena Haas*
10:00 AM Patricia Knotts, *r. People of the Parish*
James Sullivan, *r. family*

Monday, December 23

8:30 AM Dan Tegtmeyer, *r. Janice Thomas*
Frank Ross

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Joseph Riedl, Sr., *r. Lorraine & family*
Bob Jahn & deceased members of Derlitz &
Jascewsky families
James Crockett & Beth Crockett, *r. Colette*
Crockett & family
CTS Catechists
10:00 PM Henry Borkowski, *r. Ciolek family*
Guy Grimmelein, Sp. Int, *r. Jackie Nemec*
CTS Catechists

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 AM Rino LaPaglia, *r. Mom & Dad & Sister*
Richard Iovito, *r. Andie Wolfe*
CTS Catechists

Thursday, December 26

NO SERVICE TODAY

Friday, December 27—Communion Service

8:30 AM pray for Andrew Peslak

Saturday, December 28

4:45 PM Andrew Peslak, *r. Peslak family*
Ron Welton, *r. Steve & Karen Jackson*

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM Greg Augustyn, *r. Marge Buch*
People of the Parish
10:00 AM Ronald Kurczak, *r. family*

*To request a mass, or the Tabernacle Light,
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. 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.

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	Robert Roche
Richard Cleary	Joyce Maples	Dick Rosenbeck
Allan Dreyer	Lucy Mathai	John Rossi
Faith Ann Fialek	Mathew Mathai	Ken Ruh
John M. Foresman	Michael McCauley	Jim Sanders
Fran Fruh	Robert & Joanne	Jerry Schultz
Isabelle Giurato	McCauley	Paula Sedlacek
Guy Grimmelbein	Josefina Mendez	Justin Simpson
Bill Haas	Lucille Miller	Barbara Smith
Jim Henry	Chuck Neal	Marjorie Stuedemann
Fr. Jim Hoffman	Erica Neidlinger	Dan Szymanski
Rayna Januska	Linda Nichols	Frank Tiesenga
Steve Jascewsky	Larry Nicioli	Judy Wethington
Jeanne Jordan	Anthony Nowak	Svienna Wildoer
LaVergne Kozerski	Jim O'Brien	Rita Wyman
Sally Krueger	Toni Pendergast	Ron Wyman
John Kuehn	Linda Pennock	Ray Young
Gregory Lesniewski	Alie Phillips	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 those who Serve

Emily Dome, granddaughter of Paul & Brenda Czarapata
Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz
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 Wagner
Dan Ward, nephew of Sister Rosemary Ward
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. 22-Dec. 29

SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24
MONDAY: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66
TUESDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79
WEDNESDAY: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 (alternates available)
THURSDAY: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17:22
FRIDAY: 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:11a,2-8
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Mt 2:13-15,19-23

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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Elena Haas, Pastoral Council Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Position Open, Christian Service

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life Co-Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Barb Kosiek, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 22

11:00 am-1 pm—Christmas Sharing
 Distribution

11:00 am—Decorate for Christmas

11:30 am—Baptism

Monday, December 23

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas

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Offices closed.

4:00 pm—Mass

10:00 pm—Mass

Wednesday, December 25—

Christmas Day

Offices closed.

10:00 am—Mass

Thursday, December 26

NO SERVICES

Offices closed.

Friday, December 27

Offices closed.

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

Offices will reopen Thurs., January 2.

Upcoming Events

Dec 31/Jan 1: Mary, Mother of God
 masses 4:45 pm Dec 31 & 10 am Jan 1

Jan 12: celebrating Youth with the
 STORM youth ministry group in con-
 junction with St. Scholastica, 10 am

Jan 20: Martin Luther King Day.
 Offices closed.

Parish Giving

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2019-2020

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	<u>2,900.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,600.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to an early publication deadline, contributions will be reported next week.

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

Debt to Diocese 11/30/19 \$631,126
 Registered Households—758

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