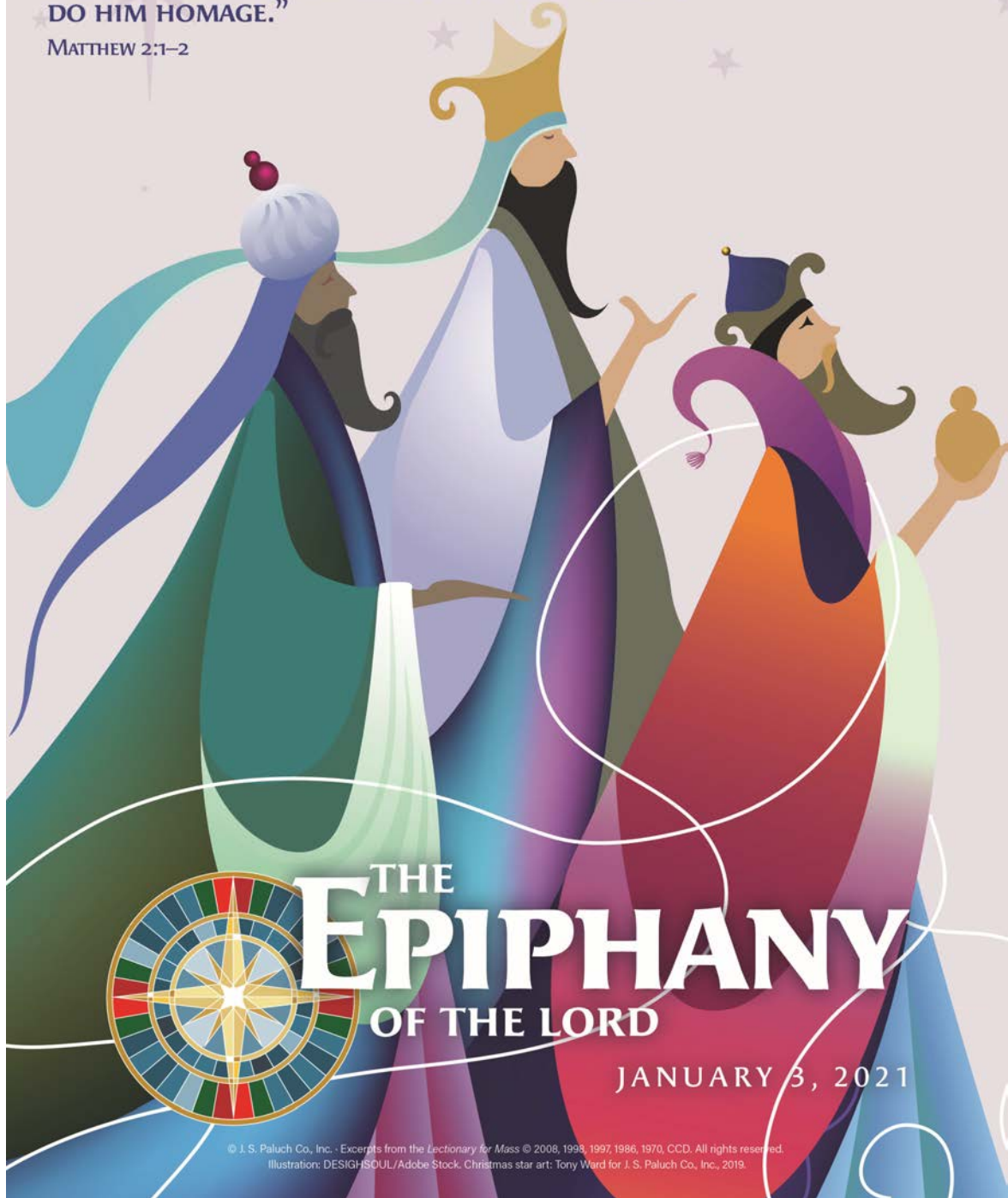


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Serving God from your Heart

MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,
“WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO
DO HIM HOMAGE.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



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
Jesus does not wait until we are good to love us, but gives Himself freely to us.

Please continue to check our parish website www.ctswoodridge.org, and facebook, for up to date information about what we are able to offer to help keep our community connected.

As long as the number allowed at mass is restricted, Fr. Bob will be recording a mass, and it will be posted by 4:30 pm Saturdays on the YouTube channel [chrstheservant](https://www.youtube.com/channel/chrstheservant).



The altar flowers for Christmas were in memory of Henry Borkowski.

Donations for altar flowers will be accepted in the parish office. (\$35 suggested donation.) Make sure you identify yourself (so the donation can be included on your tax records), and the person(s)/event you are honoring, and whether there is a specific date you want the flowers on the altar. First come, first served for choice of date. Please make the donation at least a month in advance so we can plan appropriately to purchase, place, and include in the bulletin.



*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 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

Creation Care Corner



"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation."

— Pope Francis

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: FOR CARE FOR CREATION!

- The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.
- Through active stewardship and reducing excessive consumption/waste we demonstrate our care for Creation and gratitude for this great gift from God.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD REQUEST

Bread for the World is asking for advocacy urging the U.S. Senate to pass the HEROES Act, to increase SNAP benefits by 15% and to invest \$12 billion to support international efforts to address the pandemic. (The request for SNAP and international aid is less than .01 % of the U.S. budget.)

- 1 out of 3 American families have trouble putting food on the table.
- 40% of Person of Color communities are food insecure.
- The prediction is that 270 million people world-wide will have no food.

Please call Senator Dick Durbin's local office at 312-353-4952 and Senator Tammy Duckworth at 312-886-3506. You may leave a message or talk to the person who answers.

To email Senator Durbin, go to:

www.durbin.senate.gov. Select "Comment" then "contact" and follow the prompts. To email Senator Duckworth, go to: www.duckworth.senate.gov. Select "Comment" and then "email Tammy".

The script for the "ask" is in the first paragraph above. Thank you for caring about those who are hungry. *The Peace and Social Justice Committee*

Understanding Sacrificial Giving

"I know that it is impossible to relieve the world's suffering unless God's people are willing to surrender to God, to make sacrifices, and to suffer along with the poor. From the beginning of time, the human heart has felt the need to offer God a sacrifice."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Our skills and talents, our income and possessions are all gifts from God. As we recognize that these are gifts from God, we also realize that our security lies in God, who will take care of our future.

Each of us must assess our current level of giving, and prayerfully consider if this level adequately reflects our gratitude for who we are and what we have. While there is no "right answer", our sacrificial giving pledge is our return to God. It is our proportionate gift which we choose to share with the parish.

Sacrificial Giving consists of the following five dimensions:

1. Plan your giving. The planning process can be a time for spiritual consideration of values and priorities.
2. Make it proportionate. Base the amount on your means and consider what has been given to you.
3. If you can give your gift and not notice the impact on you and your life, then it is not sacrificial.
4. Give thanks. Your commitment is both personal and communal. Celebrate the gifts you have received at offertory and through personal and communal prayer.
5. No conditions. Sacrificial giving does not buy anything. Give freely without expectation of getting something back.

Place God at the center of your life, and reflect on how you can express your gratitude.

ADULT CONVERSATION ON TEENS IN CRISIS Webinar – Saturday, January 23, 2021

1 – 2:30 PM via Zoom

REAL-LIFE RISK FACTORS, WARNING SIGNS, AND THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO AVOID THE UNTHINKABLE

Linda Pacha, attorney, public speaker, and founder of "Nick's Network of Hope" tells her son's heartbreaking story which includes on-going bullying, not fitting in, and ultimately suffering from mental health issues that ended in suicide.

Gain access to real-life examples of warning signs missed in Nick's last behaviors and communications as well as risk factors and the complexities of mental health. Learn parenting considerations and practical suggestions to reduce the pressure we put on our youth and for creating a more compassionate world.

Benefit from Linda's insight from hindsight to help yourself, your family, or your friends. Parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone working with teens is encouraged to attend.

Due to the nature of the content of this presentation, it is recommended for adults only.

Registration via Google Link:

<https://forms.gle/pyRwhTeyBFwwCAQCA>

or email Mary Porod directly at

maryporod@gmail.com .

You will receive a link to the webinar a few days in advance.

If you would like to read the book by the Pacha's, please contact Mary Porod through the above email address.

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (☎815-263-6467). Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

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

Religious Formation

This Week for Religious Formation Classes
 All grade will resume classes on Flipgrid for Tuesday, January 5 and Wednesday, January 6. We are currently reassessing having in-person classes for the upcoming weeks and will notify parents through Flocknote emails as soon as there is a decision to continue with in-person classes.

Forgiveness Day Workshop

All students preparing to make their 1st Reconciliation this year should attend the parents and child 1st Reconciliation workshop “Forgiveness Day.” This in-person event is scheduled for 10:00-12:00, Saturday January 9 and is an important part of the preparation for 1st Reconciliation. For more information, please check the Parent Newsletter or call Christine Goba at 630-910-0770. Thank you for your involvement in the preparation of your child for this special event.



Confirmation Parent Meeting

Parents of all students preparing for Confirmation need to attend a meeting on either Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm or Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm. In an effort to reduce the number of people in the building and to help maintain social distancing we are limiting the number of people attending each meeting, parents will need to register for the meeting of their choice. Parents should sign up for the meeting they wish to attend by emailing or calling Christine Goba. 630-910-0770 or cgoba@rcdoj.org Thank you for your involvement in the preparation of your child for this special event.

Religious Formation is forming a Core Group of high school students.

We are of building a community of high school students who are committed to building their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic tradition, spirituality, and theology, come hang out with us as we build something great. Anyone interested in attending or helping out please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

What Religious Formation Class are Studying

As part of Christ the Servant’s Religious Formation classes, some of our students have been learning

that the word for sin comes from a Greek archery term that means “missing the mark.” They have been studying that sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to God’s plan and that we are often overcome by selfishness, emotion, or laziness, and so we hurt ourselves and others because we “fall short of the target.” They learned that sin is an offense against God and a failure in genuine love because it makes us less than we have been created to be. Also, that sin is addictive and self-destructive; it weakens the sinner and makes it more difficult to find true happiness, which comes from pleasing God and that the antidote to sin is Reconciliation. Some of the Students are getting ready to make their 1st Reconciliation and will be studying even more about this beautiful sacrament in the upcoming month.

New Kindergarten Class

Religious Formation is now offering a Kindergarten class to our Tuesday afternoons sessions. The kindergarten class will meet in person every other week for instruction and fun. For more information or to sign up your child, please email RF Director Christine Goba for more information.

Helpers are needed for online learning and in person.

Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? There are many different ways to help like there are many different types of children. Come join us as we work to make a difference. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 630-910-0770 or email at cgoba@rcdoj.org for more information.

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn ...

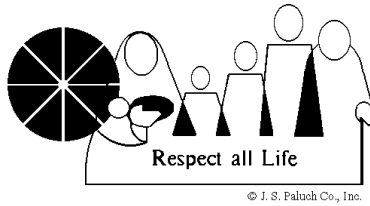
K _ _ _ _ _ ?”

Answer: *king of the Jews*

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Respect for All Life

Prayer for Protection Against the Coronavirus And Other Evils



O Immaculate Mary, Conceived without Sin, I implore you on this very day to be the spiritual mother of our home. In the most Holy Name of Jesus Christ, your Divine Son, preserve us from all evil, especially from Coronavirus and all other contagious diseases or sicknesses, including illnesses of mind or spirit.

Thank you for protecting each member of our family, all our friends, coworkers, and all health care providers. May our loving Father preserve us from sin, and from sudden death without obtaining Divine Mercy, through the unceasing intercession of Saint Joseph, Saint Anthony, Saint Therese, Saint Jude, and Saint Michael the Archangel. Amen.

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Eucharistic Procession for Life *Together Strong: Christ Unites*

Saturday, January 16, 2021
1-4 pm

Benet Academy & St. Peter and Paul

1:00 PM: Welcome, Speakers & Prayer at Benet Academy

2:00 PM: Eucharistic Procession through Lisle & Naperville with Rosary

3:30 PM: Closing Benediction at St. Peter and Paul Church

Guests include: **Bishop Ronald Hicks, Dr. Linda Couri and Melissa Villalobos.**

Transportation: Parking is available at both St. Peter and Paul Parish or at Benet Academy. Shuttle buses available for those in need of transportation returning to Benet following the program. Reserve shuttle spots at: <https://forms.gle/ad9kosbaiUgZsspi7>



Living God's Word

The Church is the new Israel, called to attract all people to the Lord. We must be "the place where the child" is found today (Matthew 2:9). God's glory shines through the Church and, despite our many flaws, we are called to become the "place" where everyone can find the Lord and "[do] him homage." (2:11)



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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 vocations@dioceseofjoli.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 7, 7:00 PM**

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Bob Redding

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2

4:45 PM Richard Peslak, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*
John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*

Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM Sr. Rosemary Ward, *r. Steve & Angie Mrozinski*
10:00 AM JoAnn Accardi, *r. Pat & Debi Savage*
People of the Parish

Monday, January 4

8:30 AM Anthony Davini & family, Sp. Int

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory, *r. Alvarez Cordon family*
Stanley A. Deron, *r. Barry Deron*

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 AM Victor Waszkiewicz, *r. Ken & Louanne Sloup*

Thursday, January 7

8:30 AM JoAnn "Jinx" Accardi, *r. CTS Staff*

Friday, January 8

8:30 AM

Saturday, January 9

4:45 PM Richard Peslak, *r. Darlene Januska*
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Philip Becker, *r. Donna Mays*
10:00 AM Tim Gontarz, *r. Knights of Columbus #5918*

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

We pray for the Sick

Sharon Bhaskar	S.Suzanne Lesniewski	Jim Sanders
Fred Cimaglio	Therese Magee	Nancy Sinclair
Kim Cimaglio	Joyce Maples	Dan Szymanski
Dick DuSatko	Chuck Neal	Frank Tiesenga
John M. Foresman	Anthony Nowak	Joseph Tomaeno, Jr
Guy Grimmelbein	Carol Paul	Judith Tomaeno
Carol Hendrich	Linda Pennock	Shirley Tomaeno
Darlene Januska	Kim Peterson	Dolores Vendl
Rayna Januska	Alie Phillips	Judy Wethington
Steve Jascewsky	Lolit Rancho	
Jeanne Jordan	Allison Riley	
Barb Kosiek	Dick Rosenbeck	
Sally Krueger	John Rossi	

*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



Ken Horvath
(brother-in-law of Bill & Donna Ciolek)

Jim O'Brien
(husband of Mary Anne)

Arnulfo Harting
(father of Milrose Harting)

Bible Readings—Jan. 3-Jan. 10

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

MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22-4:i6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 55:1-11 / 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

We pray for those who Serve

Nolan Bowers, grandson of Daniel & Karen Bowers

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Avery Jackson, grandson of Steve & Karen Jackson

Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

Brock Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran

Kade Ketcham, cousin of Jean Durran

Jim Kikilas, godson of Pat & Debi Savage

Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz

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.

Office Hours & Staff

**8700 Havens Drive
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
Phone: (630) 910-0770
Fax: (630) 910-6060
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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dcnfricke@ctswoodridge.org

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Elena Haas, Pastoral Council Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Position Open, Christian Service

Donna Ciolek, interim Parish Life Chair

Bill Ciolek, Religious Formation

Barb Kosiek, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.

10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

Monday, January 4

8:30 am—daily mass

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 am—daily mass

RF CLASSES ONLINE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 am—daily mass

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7:00 pm—Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 7

8:30 am—daily mass

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, January 8

8:30 am—Communion service or mass

Saturday, January 9

10:00 am—1st Reconciliation Forgiveness Day

4:30 pm—mass on facebook, YouTube posted

4:45 pm—live mass. Reserve your spot.

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am—live mass. Reserve your spot.

10:00 am—live mass. Reserve your spot

11:00 am—Private Baptism

Upcoming Events

Feb 17: Ash Wednesday. Mass at 8:30 am, Prayer Service with Ashes at 4:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm.

Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Parish Giving

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2020-2021

Parish Expenses	\$ 7,700.00
Debt Payment	2,600.00
Total Needed	\$ 10,300.00

CONTRIBUTIONS will be reported next week due to an early publication deadline.

Debt to Diocese 11/30/2020 \$384,141
Registered Households—765

God bless you, and thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...many, many people helped prepare for the Christmas season. We thank the Covid-Teams—check-in, seating and cleaning for each mass. We thank the Art & Environment volunteers for the hours of work spent planning, preparing, decorating (and undecorating, as well). We thank the many people who donated to the Christmas Memorials; the listing should be in the bulletin before the end of the month. We thank the people who made reservations and came to mass; we thank the ones who listened to the mass from the parking lot, or watched the mass on Facebook or YouTube. You are all an important part of Christ the Servant Parish, and we wouldn't be here without your constant prayers, love and support.

Thank yous would not be complete without thanking the ones who work to help mass happen all year long—the mass coordinators, lectors, Ministers of Communion—and of course, the Covid-Teams.

Thanks, too, to Janet Alikpala for her dedication to getting the recorded masses produced and posted, and to Christine Goba for her dedication to the children of the parish, making sure that the RF program continues to provide meaningful learning opportunities.

Praise be to our God who makes all this possible!

