

*Mass Intentions***Monday, January 2****Tuesday, January 3**

9:00 AM - Barbara Craddock by Marge Fete

**Wednesday, January 4**

9:00 AM - Matt Jaroneski by Richard &amp; Doris O'Donnell

**Thursday, January 5**9:00 AM - Carmina Presutto and Agnes Mascioli by Family  
Louis Martin by Linda Miller**Friday, January 6**

9:00 AM - Lucia Denti by Carmela Morris

**Saturday, January 7**

4:30 PM - Gene Ruegg by Jim &amp; Linda Friedman

**Sunday, January 8**

9:00 AM - Vincent &amp; Frances Pellegrini by Luisa Ruth

11:00 AM - Richard Butt by George &amp; Nancy Linder

6:30 PM - Robert Houser by Marie &amp; Tim Furry

**Christ the Servant Stewardship Total**  
**Sunday, December 25: \$14,314.00**

**Christmas: Total will appear in next week's bulletin**

Monsignor's Corner*Doing the World the Way it was meant to be done.*

As we begin this New Year 2012 - the month of January named for the Roman god Janus, provides an image of looking toward the future, yet aware of the past. Janus has been called the god of new beginnings and transitions, being also the god of "middle ground."

As we enter 2012, our local, national and global scene seems to be one of polarization. The divisions are found in politics, economics and in religion – just to name a few. Many representing each area seem to move to the extreme left or the extreme right - with little room for a center or middle ground. Economically, the growing gap between the rich and the poor continues to reduce in size the middle class; politically, conservative and liberal labels allow little room for developing partnerships of conciliation for the common good; religiously, the fundamentalist and relativist disregard a center meeting point. Economic crisis after crisis, political gridlock, and religious intolerance continue to create an environment of instability, suspicion, and incredulity within our world community. For those with religious sensibilities the issues are multiple, particularly those affecting the Roman Catholic Community.

I have always prided myself in being a centrist – a little left of center – but never seeing myself as either far left or right. Even that position is rather arbitrary depending on who defines the center point. I remember many years ago an

African bishop commenting on the liturgical changes that were occurring in the western world – namely within our first world countries. The lines were being drawn concerning communion in the hand, kneeling or not kneeling, ministers of the altar, etc. His comment was that while these issues are major concerns for us – his concerns in his own country were issues of drought, famine, AIDS, lack of medicine and medical personnel, etc. It seemed to make our issues – or my issues – rather inconsequential. From my own experience it is easy to lose the focus and the center of our lives as a community of faith. What is that center and focus? Jesus Christ.

I referred a few weeks ago a statement from a theologian commenting that our job as Church is to "do the world the way it was meant to be done." From the time I first read that statement it has been playing in my mind and heart. "Doing the world the way it was meant to be done," certainly reminds me that the focus on the least and the lost of our world could enable our world to center itself. Finding our center in Jesus Christ does not negate our need for self-realization, self-fulfillment, and self-actualization; however it does require an emerging self-transcendence - being able to rise above the polarization. In that transcendence we can discover our reference to God, and even the forgotten Christ – in the voiceless poor, the nameless homeless, the hungry dying. Encountering Christ – can bring us to a center in 2012, in "doing the world that way it was meant to be done." LGaetano



## Announcements

Lectors!

If you have not picked up your lector book, please pick it up in the back room of the vestibule.

Tuition Savings

The OLOP Parish Partners SCRIP program is now on the web. Order gift cards online or purchase them in the School or Parish offices.

Communion to the Homebound

If you know of someone from our Community who is homebound and would like the Eucharist brought to them, Please call Angie at 330-966-2073. She will arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to do so as soon as possible.

## Special Events/Meetings

To schedule a meeting or special event at Christ the Servant Parish, please contact Christina Morello at 330.354.5712 or email [christtheservantparish@gmail.com](mailto:christtheservantparish@gmail.com). To use our facilities for athletics, please contact Doug Bond at [douglasbond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:douglasbond@sbcglobal.net).

### January to Easter RCIA for Candidates Inquiry

The period of inquiry is a time of welcoming by the parish team for those interested in the Catholic Church? The focus of these meetings will be the parish team sharing their own faith experiences, answering questions regarding the Catholic tradition, customs and the overall process of initiation. And the fundamental question: Is the Gospel of Jesus really Good News?

**Inquiry Session will be held on  
Thursday Evening, January 12 at 7:00 PM  
in the Resource Center of Our Lady of Peace School.**

### Faith Sharing Sessions

The time of participation in the Candidacy Period for this period will extend till Easter. Following the guidelines for the RCIA (“...no greater burden than necessary... required for the establishment of communion and unity” RCIA 473)

For those who have been baptized there will be 3 Candidacy Periods of Instruction. Generally candidates must complete the minimum of one period) \*however more time may be needed depending on individual circumstances (i.e. marriage situations and/or personal readiness).

*Meeting with Parish Mentors:* this will be a bi-monthly meeting during these three months with a team member or sponsor at convenience of the mentor/candidate.

*Group Meetings* will be held two times a month in the evening (according to convenience of the parish/team). Sessions will focus on doctrinal topics so as to help give the candidate a basic understanding of the Catholic expression of Christianity.

**Sessions will begin on  
Thursday evening, January 19, at 7:00 PM  
in the Resource Center of Our Lady of Peace School.**

### SAVE THE DATE: Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration

Christ the Servant Parish is collaborating with many other local churches for a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life. The event will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, January 15, at Christ the Servant Parish. Details coming soon!



### Men's Club

The Men's Club meets the second Tuesday of every month. Consider this your invitation to join a great group of men focused on driving the athletic program at Our Lady of Peace School!

### SAVE THE DATE: Men's Club Stag Fish Fry

The Men's Club Stag Fish Fry will be held on **Friday, January 20**. Look for ticket sales to begin soon!

### Announcing the Second Annual Golf Outing



The Second Annual Christ the Servant Parish Benefit Golf Outing is set for **May 19th, 2012 at Sanctuary Golf Course**. More details to follow. If you would like more information or would like to serve on the committee please contact Joanne Lally Eberhart at [jolally@aol.com](mailto:jolally@aol.com).

## Service Projects

### **Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday, January 8th!**

**10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Alumni Hall**

**Tickets sold at the door**



*Funds raised will benefit the Catholic Charities “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign and will provide direct assistance to families in need, specifically assisting the “working poor” families who do not qualify for government assistance, as well as those families who have no resources after government subsidized programs like HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) have lapsed.*

## School News

School will resume on Tuesday, January 3.



# Christ the Servant Parish

**Our Lady of Peace  
School (K-8)**

**Center for  
Early Learning**

**Enrichment Arts  
Academy**

**Parish School  
of Religion**

January 1, 2012

Dear parishioners,

Please consider a donation to the 2012 Irish Raffle to benefit Christ the Servant Parish and its schools. Christ the Servant Parish offers four schools, the Our Lady of Peace Center for Early Learning, which serves children ages 2 1/2 -5, Our Lady of Peace School, which serves children Kindergarten through 8th Grade, the Enrichment Arts Academy, which offers stimulating after-school activities right on the school campus, and the Parish School of Religion. The Enrichment Arts Academy and the Parish School of Religion are open to all children regardless of where they are enrolled in school.



Our schools also serve a population of children that are diverse in race, socio-economic backgrounds and religion. At Christ the Servant Parish, our annual fundraising events help provide the schools with 25 percent of their operating budget.

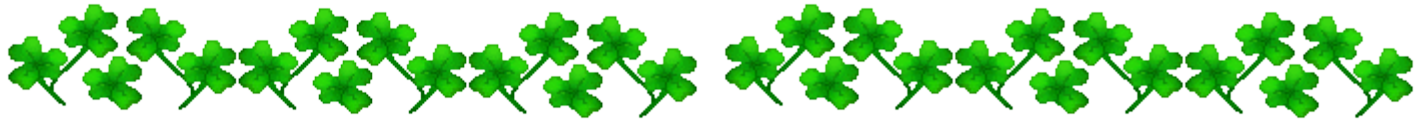
Thank you for considering a contribution/donation to the 2012 Irish Raffle. The event donation form and instructions are attached. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Kristen Kraft  
Irish Raffle Co-Chairmen

Chip and Keri Gerstenslager  
Irish Raffle Co-Chairmen





### Irish Raffle: March 10, 2012

Donor's Name/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donated Item (Please describe item or service):  
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Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (For tax Purposes)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call Christ the Servant Parish Marketing at 330-354-5712 to arrange pick-up. Or mail this form to: Christ the Servant Parish Marketing

ATTN: Irish Raffle  
833 39<sup>th</sup> St. N.W.  
Canton, Ohio 44709

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*Please save this portion for your tax records:*

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**Thank you for supporting Christ the Servant Parish and its schools.**

*This donation becomes the property of Christ the Servant Parish and its schools and is offered for donation at our raffle; the proceeds of which will go to our school and parish. Gift certificates are good for one year from the date of the raffle unless otherwise noted in the description.*

