



# The SPOTLIGHT

The Weekly Bulletin for Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church • 3077 Gloucester, Troy, Michigan 48064  
in the Family that includes: Guardian Angels, Saint Anastasia, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Lucy Croatian



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasure and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Mt 2:9-12





Frank Von Koss  
December 20, 2021

Please keep the Von Koss Family and Friends in your prayers.

## **CHRIST, OUR LIGHT!** **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

(Grades 9 - 12)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 2, 2022 NO GATHERING:**

**Christmas Break**

**January 9, 2022 5:30-7:30 PM: OFF-SITE**

Movie night at MJR on Maple Road in Troy.  
Details to follow.

**January 15, 2022 5:30-7:30 PM: OFF-SITE!**

Martin Luther King Service Day! Join us offsite to work on a service project. Details to follow soon.

**SAVE THE DATE! February 2nd RISE Conference. (Details to follow soon.)**

**Please call or email to R.S.V.P. and if you have any questions: [elaine.cervera@coltroy.org](mailto:elaine.cervera@coltroy.org) or call 248-649-5510 ext. 105**

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**

**January 3 - January 9**

Monday	Mah Jongg Religious Education: Grades 1-4: Grades 5-8:	Noon  5-6:15 PM 6:30-8 PM
Tuesday	<b>Mass</b> , followed by Rosary	<b>9 AM</b>
Wednesday	<b>Mass</b> , followed by Rosary Bible and Bagels RCIA Choir	<b>9 AM</b> 10 AM 7 PM 7 PM
Thursday	<b>Mass</b> , followed by Rosary	<b>9 AM</b>
Friday	<b>Mass</b> , followed by Rosary	<b>12:05 PM</b>
Saturday	Men's Fellowship/in-person and via conference call Special Needs Reconciliation <b>Mass</b>	7:45 AM 10 AM 3 PM <b>4 PM</b>
Sunday	<b><i>The Baptism of The Lord</i></b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Mass/livestreamed</b> <b>Mass</b> Pre-School, Kindergarten, LWC : High School Youth Ministry: Off-site/Movie Night	<b>8 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11 AM</b> 9:20 AM 5:30 PM



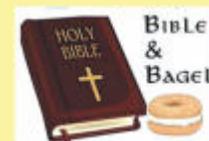
**WE NEED YOU**  
for the  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
on Monday, January 10



The Our Shepherd/Christ, Our Light! Blood Drive is **Monday, January 10, 2022**, from 1 - 6:45 PM. It will again be at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 2225 East Fourteen Mile Road in Birmingham.

Thirty-six donors (and helper volunteers) are still needed! Contact The American Red Cross at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to sign up for an available time. If you prefer, call **Pat Dobosenski** at **248.422.4729**, and she will sign you up. Thank you ~

## **BIBLE & BAGELS**



Please join us **Wednesdays, from 10 AM - Noon**, for Bible & Bagels. No registration necessary. All are welcome! Class resumes this Wednesday, January 5.

## MEN'S RETREAT

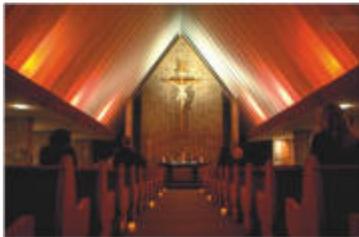
**Friday, January 7 - Sunday, January 9**

Saint Paul of the Cross is having a men's retreat the weekend of January 7 - 9.

Space is limited. To register, please visit:  
[stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend-14/](http://stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend-14/)  
 or call:  
**313.535.9563**

Their address is:  
 23333 Schoolcraft Road  
 Detroit, MI 48223-2405

Please note that there is a scholarship fund for our Fellowship members if you are in a financial situation that doesn't allow for payment for the retreat. Contact Brian Butler ([bbutler8242@comcast.net](mailto:bbutler8242@comcast.net)) for assistance.



## DID YOU KNOW...

...that our new vestibule at the Gloucester entrance is completed and fully functional?

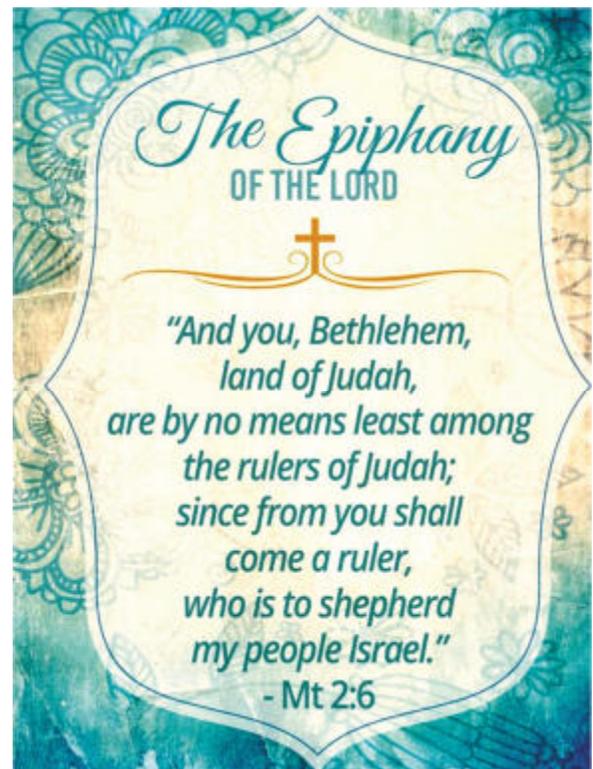


## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST, OUR LIGHT!

Here are some thought starters from this Sunday's Readings (1/2/21). The Gospel (Mt 2: 1-12) describes the Wise Men following the star to find Jesus. In your search for Jesus, what (or who) has acted as a "star," leading you to the place where He was? Have you ever caught yourself looking for Jesus in an "important place or event" instead of something (or someone) insignificant?

Here are some thought starters using next week's Readings (1/9/22). The First Reading (Is 42: 1-7) says, "I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." Jesus will read a portion of this Scripture early in His ministry. In what ways has Jesus done any of these things for you? How have you acted as Jesus in these areas?

As always, you are invited to come and share in the discussion at our meeting on Saturday mornings from 7:45 – 9:00 at Christ, Our Light!. Please contact the parish office at 248.649.5510 to get information on the Men's Fellowship.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Wishing each and every parish family a Happy and Healthy New Year! Wishing you all God’s Blessings in 2022. Monday Religious Formation Classes resume tomorrow on **Monday, January 3rd**. We look forward to resuming our studies and spiritual growth..

### YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Formation Year began on September 27, 2021. After completing a year of virtual education, the single, most significant factor this fall was our “coming together again”. Our children returned to religious education in joyful spirit because they were truly happy to return to in-person instruction, where they could reunite with their friends and catechists. Though signs of the COVID restrictions have not disappeared, we were able to meet in masks and share our views, prayers, and in-person communication. Our celebrations returned with the All Saints Revue, Confirmation Retreat, The Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Nativity Pageant. Below are a few pictures to share.

### ALL SAINTS REVUE



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## CONFIRMATION



## NATIVITY PAGEANT



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“AFTER SUNDAY” Young adults ages 18-25 are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and faith sharing at a monthly event held here at Christ, Our Light! We occasionally will have off-site events on our own or with other young adults in the metro Detroit area.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**After Sunday** Gathering in person here at Christ, Our Light! Rooms 1 and 2  
**Friday, January 21, 2022: 7 pm - 9 pm**

**Come, Encounter Christ** at Saint Anne (Ortonville)

**Friday, February 11, 2022: 6:30-9 pm**

**If you would like to carpool, plan on meeting at COL by 5:45 pm!**

**Please contact Elaine Cervera @ 248-739-0916 to RSVP**

**Friday, February 18, 2022– NO GATHERING**



### Detroit Catholic Young Adults

**Ages: 18-35**

#### **YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT**

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**

**St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Activities Center**

**29015 Jamison St.**

**Livonia, MI 48154**



#### **YOUNG ADULT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Shrine of Jesus The Divine Mercy**

**33826 Beaconsfield**

**Clinton Twp., MI 48035**

**Repeats monthly on the 2nd Tuesday**

If you would like more information on Young Adult events in the Detroit Area, contact Elaine Cervera at **248-649-5510 ext. 105** or email at **elaine.cervera@coltroy.org**

If you'd be interested in a Young Adult group here at Christ, Our Light!, please contact the office.

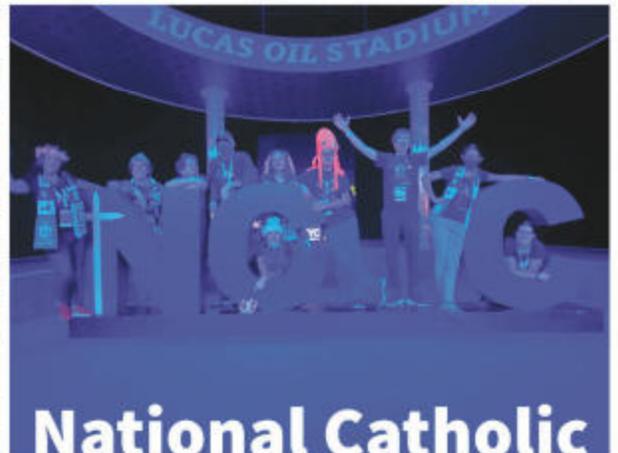


## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY 2021 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year has been a bit more fun than 2020! Many THANKS to the parents and parishioners for the support we've received this year. We'd like to thank Father Demmer; the staff here at Christ, Our Light!; A SPECIAL THANKS to our Young Adult helpers Jack Alfes, Isabella Fischer, Jay Moyer; our Adult helpers Marco DeCapite, Bill Griffin; and Malisa Burt, our meal helper, for their support to the program!

We were BLESSED to gather for faith building, fun field trips, bonfires, service projects and conferences to help the teens grow in friendship and in their faith.

If you would like to learn more about Youth Ministry here at Christ, Our Light!, email Elaine Cervera at [elaine.cervera@coltroy.org](mailto:elaine.cervera@coltroy.org) or 248-649-5510 ext. 105.



## SPECIAL NEEDS ALL BELONG FAITH ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

2021 was a year of prayer, virtual meetings and Parking Lot Celebrations. We celebrated Easter in the parking lot with the Bunny hopping around the entrance and an array of volunteers at tables handing out treats, holy cards and flowers. Of course, Mr. Jim was hopping down the bunny trail leading us in song! Our May Crowning was the same, with a statue of Mary stationed at the entrance surrounded by flowers and students coming by in vehicles with flowers for the Blessed Virgin. Jim led us in song in celebration of Mary. Our class is very devoted to her. Our End of the Year Celebration was the same. We had stations with certificates, treats and decorations around the parking lot. We wanted to be safe and distant, and we were! We, along with Mr. Jim, had fun. I call it “Together, Apart” and all was well.

During the summer we met in person with masks and had an art lesson. The results were amazing. We have a lot of talent in our group!

The parish picnic was a highlight and we staffed the Pizza Booth as usual. Smiling, laughing and enjoying the company of our parish community was the perfect beginning of the new school year.

We started meeting in person when the autumn session began and enjoyed praying together and doing our lessons and crafts in person. We were joined by new volunteers and welcomed two seven year old young men who will be preparing for their First Eucharist.

Members of our group took part in a video that was filmed at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral that is focusing on making sure that all parishes have access to resources and mentors to ensure that All Belong. It is a push from the Archdiocese for inclusion.

The Birth of Baby Jesus was celebrated on December 11th with our Pageant, and Santa made an appearance with gifts for all. We enjoyed delicious food and wish to thank all of those who assisted us. It was a special day and one close to my heart because we had volunteers of all ages, and many people from the parish signed up and joined us for the first time. Our group operates on the premise that All Belong, and that means everyone in the parish, too. It was marvelous to work with new people and celebrate with them. We appreciate them, and they brought depth to the phrase “The Reason for the Season.” Prayer, cooperation and work enriched us all.

The solemnity of the birth of Our Savior and the joy of Santa Claus bring warmth, renewal and depth to our lives. 2021 was a time of reflection and prayer, not despair. We All Belong and support one another. Blessings of the Season to you!

*Pam*

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Special Needs Program  
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### Christ, Our Light! Christian Service, 2021

#### *Many THANKS to All Who Gave ~ "The little Parish with a BIG HEART"*

With the lots of help from the GENEROUS parishioners of Christ, Our Light!, the Christian Service Commission and committee members were able to help bring Joy to others.

The several organizations that we partnered with this year were OVERWHELMED by the generosity of our parishioners. If you would like more information on the work the Christian Service team does, please contact Elaine Cervera at [elaine.cervera@coltroy.org](mailto:elaine.cervera@coltroy.org) or 248-649-5510 ext. 105

*Wee Care Baby Shower ~ Easter Giving Program ~ Veterans Day Events ~ Thanksgiving Program ~ Christmas Program ~ Homebound Ministry: Eucharist and Cards*



# CHRISTMAS OF 2021



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****9:00 AM Tuesday, January 4*****Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious***

Dec. Pat Schnoblen (First Anniversary)  
Req. by Mercy Med Techs  
Dec. Frank Von Koss  
Req. by Karla Sutton  
Dec. Catherine Malerich

**9:00 AM Wednesday, January 5*****Saint John Neumann, bishop***

Dec. Edna Zawacki  
Req. by The Bown Family  
Dec. Raymond Thiedig  
Req. by Marlene Przybycien

**9:00 AM Thursday, January 6*****Saint Andre Bessette, Religious***

Dec. Kelly Collins  
Req. by Christ, Our Light! Parish

**12:05 PM Friday, January 7*****Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest***

Int. of Jozlyn Abrams  
Req. by Linda J.  
Dec. Constance Kozlowski  
Req. by Mary Jo and Dick Beaubien  
Dec. Stanley W. Bronski  
Req. by Tim and Diane Schrifft

**4:00 PM Saturday, January 8**

Dec. Margaret and Jack Demmer  
Req. by The Demmer Family  
Dec. Bill Minoletti  
Req. by Mary and Laura  
Dec. Richard Ferguson  
Req. by Bill and Carolyn Brownfield  
Dec. Peggy Kennedy  
Req. by Claudia McPartlin-Weihler

**8:00 AM Sunday, January 9*****Baptism of the Lord***

Dec. Dolores Balok  
Req. by The Hromi Family  
Dec. Michelle Rousseau  
Req. by Anne and Michael Taglione  
Dec. Dick Ferguson  
Req. by Collen and Andy Gillen

**9:30 AM Sunday**

Dec. Hedwig Mukomel  
Req. by Family  
Dec. Kathi Hackstock  
Req. by Family  
Dec. Barbara Czarnecki  
Req. by Family  
Int. of Christine Kempka Family  
Req. by Jerome and Rita Zdeb

**11:00 AM Sunday**

Dec. David Drawbaugh  
Req. by Christ, Our Light! Parish

**Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound**

Jasmen Acton	Alice Fournier	Marlene Larson	Richard Pierce
Frances Agnello	Kay/Scott Friebe	Shirley Leja	Marie Pietila
Baby Aleman	Jim Gerasi	Bill Linstruth	Maud Plumer
Steve Balasia	Carol Gibson	Vita Longo	Jacki Price
Cathie Baldwin	Gordon Gillet	Brandon Lyon	Bob R.
Corey Bauman	Mona Giust	Linda Majeske	Karin Rauch
Jackie Bellinger	Sue Gobel	Walter Majeske	Dennis Ramsden
Pam Biske	Cesar Gonzalez	Rita Makhijani	Georgia Reid
Liz Blaha	Justine Gonzalez	Rita Mann	Laura Reynolds
Martha Blaszkiewicz	Gail Graor	Patti Manning	Janet Rhoades
Tom Bolme	Jim Gregorczyk	Phyllis Marek	Rene Ricks
Andrew Boyle	Brad/Inger Griffin	Joseph Mares	David Rich
Joan Brand	Helen Gruss	Gary Mark	Lauren Roberts
Sara Brenz	Debra Guilmet	Kathleen Masalskis	Pat/Bill Rodgers
Si Brieff	Richard Guilmet	Mark McAuliffe	Rita Rose
Jill Buccafurri	Tim Haley	Preston McCartney	Barbara Rozak
Melanie Burkhardt	Carolyn Hall	Brian McCullough	Donald Robinson
F. Burns	Mary Hannon	Dallas McKim	Carol Ryan
Daniel Burton	Dorothy Hannum	Christian McLeod	Victor Saccaro
Mary Coblentz	Maya Harris	Kirk Meadows	Mary Safarian
Ron Caffee	Jex J. Harrison	Eric Meek	Jim Sarconi
Joan/Dr. Ron Cain	Gabrielle Haverland	Ryan Mele	Rose Maria Santos
Dennis Casanovas	Michelle Haverland	Marcia Michaels	Seley Family
Lil Christein	Mary Head	Janet Miller	Sally Senese
Mitch Cochran	Hanna Hefner	Mary Miller	Tom Shantry
Ellen Cokewell	Yvonne Hesse	Jamie Mitchell	Donna Spaniola
Tilly Cron	Ned Hoffman	Paul Mittlestaedt	Kari Stark
Catherine Cushing	Charlotte Hosking	Riley Mooradian	Elizabeth Stasilowicz
Bonnie Dawson	Mary Helen Hrit	Pat Moran	Roger StJean
Natalie Danaher	Peter Hrit	Giovanna Morelli	Jacob Stone
Marjorie DeCapite	Isabella	Judy/Dennis Murphy	Maddy Stoner
Cindy DeLorenzo	Marie Janicke	Paul Nagrant	Jake Stys
Anne Marie Dettmer	Carol/Ron Johansson	Ray Nassri	Dominic Swoish
Steve DeWitt	Dan Johnson	Natalie	Sidney Tasker
Katie Doherty	Dick Johnson	Joanna Nobe	Ann Marie Teli
Lawrence Dolot	Carolyn Johnston	Jack Norton	Kitty Thayer
Larry Donabedian	Megan Jones	Tom O'Connor	Joshua Thomas
Mark/Helen Double	Kaci	Patti Oldani	Jerry Tishler
James Douglas	Loretta Kaltz	Rachael Oldani	Patricia Trungale
Monte Douglas	Sam Kell	Stephen O'Neill	Margaret Trzebinski
Brian Dreer	Margo Kerr	Marcia Ouellette	Scott Turner
Rosemary Dundas	Kaven Killu	Kathryn Palmer	Selma Velilla
Cheech Eames	Kim	Dee Patroske	Christine Vertrees
JoAnn Eaton	Michael Kincaid	Melissa Peglowski	Cathy Walsh
Carol Erickson	Sandi Kirk	Ed Perry	Bella White
Mary Everly	Jeanine Krause	Jim Pfister	Kenneth Wysocki
Don Farrell	Marlene Kropidowski	Marilyn Phillip	Irene Zitkus
MaryAnn Farrell	Baby LaFave	Jacquelyn Pierce	Ray Zukowski
Rev. Don Finley			
Sally Fisher			

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MILITARY**

Sgt. Edward Alsep	Troy Glendye, F. Cmdr., USCG	John Michael Phillips, USMC
L.Cpl. Sarah Fitzpatrick Alsep	Ty Griffin, US Army	Cpl. John Paul Pineiro, USMC
Keith Armstrong, US Army	SFC Eric Hesse, US Army	Capt. A. J. Przybyla
Lt. Cmdr. Kristian Barton	Dereck Jersak	FT1 Matthew Schwab, USN
L. Cpl. Wayne Chuang	Kyle Kosal, Specialist E4	MMNC (surface)
Pvt. Nathan Cobleigh	Sgt. Brendan Lamb, US Army	Paul Schwab Jr., USN
Cpl. Johnny Do, USMC	Tech. Sgt. Timothy McCarty	S.N. Schwab, MP
John Dunn, MDMAJMC	Sgt. Brian McKnight	L. Cpl. Aaron Sewell
CDR Patrick Dunn	L. Cpl. Ethan Messene	Will Sherwood, FC2, USN
PFC Michael Gallagher	Ryan Mitchell, Cmdr, US Navy	EN3 Christopher Shires, USN
Ronald Green USCG	Lt. Andrew Nicoletti, USAF	Elizabeth Zemba, Air Force
Captain Ben Heckert		

**CHRIST, OUR LIGHT! MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Day/Time	Celebrant	Musician	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
January 8 8:00 AM	Visiting Priest Deacon Johnny	David Minnick	Eve Veller		Nancy Artinian Annalisa Bluhm Joe Baier
January 9 8:00 AM	Visiting Priest	David Minnick	Joe Sheffieck		Marie Cavanaugh Christina Griffith Jeanine Doyle
January 9 9:30 AM	Visiting Priest Deacon Johnny	David Minnick	Keller McGaffey	Asahi Suenaga	Mary Jo Beaubien Susan Burke Paul Burke
January 9 11:00 AM	Visiting Priest	David Minnick	Rocky Raczowski	Adam Mitchell Andria Pradeep	Nancy Arens Erin Cavanaugh James Arun Gerry Connell

**MASS TIMES****Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil Mass  
4:00 PM

Sunday Morning  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday Mass 9:00 AM  
Friday Mass 12:05 PM

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248.961.2410**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday:  
8:30 AM - 4 PM

Saturday: 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

**- the church is open during  
these times -**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 PM, or by appointment.

**Visiting the Homebound and Hospitalized**

Please notify the parish office.

**Sacrament of Baptism / Sacrament of Marriage**

Parish policy is that the individuals are practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish. Contact the parish office for arrangements and more information.

**RCIA**

Adults interested in becoming Catholic, celebrating a missed Sacrament or simply learning more about the Catholic faith, should contact the office for information concerning our RCIA program for adults held from September through April.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

Parish Council meets the third Tuesday of specified months.

Tony Gallucci - Chairman  
Teresa Ulrich - Co-Chair, Secretary  
Ken Beech Megan Bestul  
Cathy Polsinelli Paul Weaver

Parish Commissions meet the second Tuesday of the month.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
COMMISSION**

Malisa Burt  
Beth Gooch

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Teresa Ulrich**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

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