SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

SUNDAY: 4:00p Saturday; 8:00a, 10:30a, & 5:00p

WEEKDAYS: 7:00a

SATURDAY: 7:00a; 4:00p (fulfills Sunday obligation)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Contact the Rectory for Mass times.

ROSARY: Monday-Saturday after the 7:00a Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Arrangements for Baptism and for the Baptismal Program, which is to precede it, must be made with the Rectory Office by expectant parents. Adults and children over age 6 seeking Baptism are encouraged to call the Rectory and talk with one of the priests.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

After 7:00a Mass Monday through Saturday; and Saturday 3:00-3:45p

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Congratulations on this momentous step! Arrangements need to be made at least 9 months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required. Call the Rectory.

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS:

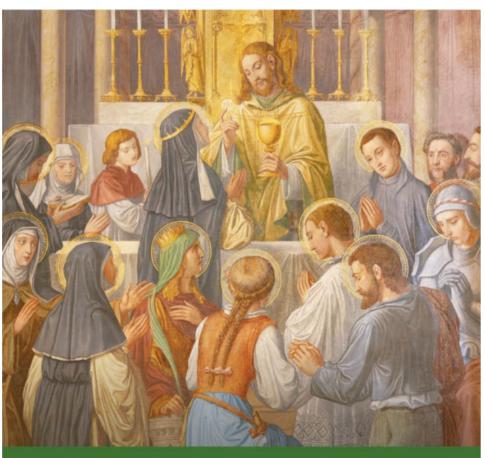
Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday, 8:00a - 4:00p, with Exposition from 1:00p until 4:00p. Holy Hour: Second Thursday of the month, 7:00p - 8:00p in Church

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

If you or your loved one is sick or homebound and unable to attend church, please call Sr. Ann Vincent to arrange for Holy Communion.

The Sign of St. Christina Church

February 16, 2025



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

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St. Christina Parish Mission Statement:

...a Catholic community of faith called to be God's Holy People. Continually formed and fed by Our Lord in Word and Sacrament, together we strive to love and serve, invite and unite, support and challenge one another to joyfully live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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Weekly Events - Feb. 16-22, 2025

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sports	GYM	1-9 p.m.
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Sports	GYM	9 a.m9 p.m.
Brownie Troop 26293 Event	SH	4-7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting		
Baptismal Preparation		
Fish Fry Meeting		

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Enrichment Classes	SH	
Brownie Troop 26292 Mtg	SH	
Sports		•
Cub Scout Meeting		
Daisy Troop 25518 Meeting		
Choir Practice		•
Women's Sodality Meeting		•

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

8th Grade Pictures	PC	8 a.m2 p.m.
Confirmation Practice	Ch	
Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting		
Boy Scout Meeting		

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Sports	.GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Sports	GYM	9 a.m9 p.m.
CS Pinewood Derby Set-Up	SH	10 a.m4 p.m.

Please Note: GYM is not available for practice until after 4:15 p.m. and Parish Center & Conference Room are not available until after 6 p.m. due to Extended Care.

Ch: Church	PC: Parish Center
CH: Church Hall	PCCR: Parish Center Conference Room
HSch: Homan Building	MC: Ministry Center
Sch: School	MCCR: Ministry Center Community Rm.
SH: School Hall	MCDR: Ministry Center Dining Room
SchL: School Library	MCChpl: Ministry Center Chapel



A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

Last week was a big "football" week. The football season ended as the Philadelphia Eagles absolutely dismantled the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LIX. Another great football story came to an end, though. It didn't draw as many fans or viewers. Yet, the outcome of that story had far greater consequences than lifting the Super Bowls Lombardi Trophy. I'm speaking, of course, of the great life and death 102-year-old Virginia Halas McCaskey.

Virginia McCaskey lived a life far more enmeshed in sport than any of us could ever expect in our lives. Mrs. McCaskey also realized that the greatest battle in the life of a person doesn't take place on a football field, a baseball diamond, or a basketball court. The greatest battle in the life of each person takes place between Heaven and hell. And the battle is for our soul. There is a great battle between good and evil for each and every soul.

We live in a world that has seemingly forgotten the First Commandment: "I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me" (Exodus 20:2-

3). Many more self-proclaimed Catholics watch football on Sunday than worship Jesus Christ at Mass. I can assure you Jesus Christ will get you to Heaven, the NFL will not. Athletics has become a "god." Power or prestige have become a "god." Money has become a "god." Many find themselves wrapped up in things of this world. They strive for and worship all sorts of false idols. And they ignore God and the things of Heaven that will save our soul.

This is a direct contradiction to what God asks of us. And yet, those who have created their own "gods" still expect to go to Heaven. If someone has chosen to ignore God their whole life, why would they even want to spend eternity with God in Heaven? It's a contradiction.

Heaven is very real. Hell is real, too. One of the first lessons we learn as children is that our actions have consequences. Well, the same is true on earth as it is for eternity. In a parable, Jesus told us of the consequences of those who ignore Him. They will hear God say "depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Clearly, not words any of us would like to hear.

Virginia McCaskey understood that the outcome of life has far greater consequences than the outcome of any game. She attended Mass daily. She prayed daily. She gave to the Church to provide for the poor. She frequented the sacrament of Confession. She chose Heaven, and she strove for it.

Heaven is a choice. So too is Hell. In ignoring God and His Commandments, many are choosing Hell. No one is forced into Hell. Many freely make the choice. I pray with all my heart that Hell is empty. But, I'm not so sure. There are far too many people that deliberately ignore or mock God and His Church on Earth. Let us pray for them to turn away from that bad choice.

We may not be popular with others when we caution against the decision to ignore God in our lives. We're even less popular when we warn that the bad decisions of others will have dire consequences for their soul. In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that persecution on account of our love for Him is a blessing. For our sake, and for the sake of our friends and family, let's encourage those around us to take courage and fight the good fight. Let us take a page out of the playbook of Mrs. Virginia McCaskey — a good, selfless, and faith-filled woman — and realize that the outcome of our soul is far more important than any worldly accolade or glory.

Pope Francis tells us, "For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation." Let's pray daily. Let's read Scripture daily. Let's go to Mass. Let's go to Adoration. Let's frequent Confession. Let's win the battle. Let's become saints!

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. Ryan P. Brady

100th Day of School

Some of our smallest Cardinals celebrated the 100th day of school this week! So many fun activities, projects and lessons centered around the number 100 — some students even aged to 100 years old overnight! Where does the time go?













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Savvy Senior Meeting Thursday, March 13th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

- **Presenters:** Fr. Ryan Brady, Pastor Mrs. Carrie Spano, Principal
- **Topics:**Discussions around our Catholic
school and Catholic parish.Opportunities for Q & A from our

group with our leaders.

Lunch: Light lunch and beverage will be served.



Youth Mass

Our next Youth Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 23rd.

Women's Sodality

Please join Women's Sodality for SINGO! (It's like BINGO but with music.)

When: Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Where: School Hall

Cost: \$5 at the door

Bring your own snacks and drinks for your table. Bingo dabbers will be provided but bring your own if you want!

Please email saint.christina.sodality@gmail.com with any questions.



Bulletin Submission Guidelines

To submit items to *The Sign*, please email your article or announcement (HARD COPIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED) to Marybeth Sprague at saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com by Monday at 12:00 noon for publication in the following Sunday's bulletin. Earlier deadlines apply to some holidays. We reserve the right to edit

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1. Article format

Microsoft Word or Publisher are preferred. Typing an announcement or article into the body of an email is also acceptable. **Please send any accompanying images as separate email attachments** at the highest resolution possible. Acceptable image formats are JPG, TIF, or PNG.

2. Flyers

If you wish to submit a flyer, <u>please send a PDF</u> instead of an image file. If the flyer was created in Microsoft Word or Publisher, please submit it in that format, as well.

Because our bulletin has limited space available, sending more than one size of your flyer will increase the chances that we will have space to run it, as will including a short written announcement or article containing the main information the flyer is intended to convey.

Fish Fry Meeting

The St. Christina Fish Fry is approaching fast! March 7th to be exact! This is not just any fish fry season — this year we are celebrating 30 years of the best tradition on the South Side.

We would be nothing without our devoted volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing tradition, please join us on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:15 p.m. in the School Hall for a quick meeting.

If you have any questions or would like to help but cannot make the meeting, reach out to Katie Conwell at 773-480-9423 or Julia Tracy at 773-895-7500.



Zoom Presentation Saturday, Feb. 22 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: John Monaco, COO, Domestic Violence Outreach

Register by scanning the QR code or emailing lvilla46@yahoo.com.



The Domestic Violence Ministries of Christ the King; St. Barnabas; St. John Fisher; St. Cajetan; St. Christina; St. Gianna; St. Catherine of Alexandria; and Our Lady at St. Germaine are sponsoring a Zoom presentation on February 22 at 10:00 a.m. to learn about how to help youth form healthy relationships, recognize warning signs and respect both romantic and other friends in relationships.

> Dating Violence Resource - Love is Respect loveisrespect.org Call 1.866.331.9474 or Chat Text: "Loveis" at 1.866.331.9474

Rectory Information

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 a.m.

News from Cub Scout Pack 3617

Several of our Cub Scouts have recently completed their requirements to receive a religious emblem this year, demonstrating their commitment to learning about their faith and their duty to God. After much hard work and personal growth, they have earned the honor of wearing the religious emblem of their faith on their scout uniforms.

We are proud to announce the following scouts who will be receiving the Catholic Light of Christ emblem, which aims to help them develop a personal relationship with Jesus:

> Danny Conwell Liam McCormick Aidan Paston

Additionally, the following scouts will be receiving the Catholic Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem, which encourages them to discover the presence of God in their daily lives within their families and parishes:

Sean Darling	Ryan Norris
Dominic Langle	Logan Robin
Brayden McCabe	George Smith
Luke McCabe	Elvis Sutton
Colin McCormick	Vytautas Sutton

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that Samuel Vranicar will be receiving the Christian Jesus & Me emblem, which introduces Jesus as the Son of God in relatable terms, allowing young children to recognize Him in their daily experiences as a storyteller, teacher, friend, and healer.

Congratulations to these young individuals!

2024 Donation Statements

St. Christina 2024 donation statements have been mailed to those parishioners who contributed \$1,000 or more in 2024. If you gave less than \$1,000 in 2024 and would like a statement, please call the Rectory to request a copy.

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SCHOOL BASEMENT

21 & UP 7-11PM BYOB \$ 30/PERSON \$50/COUPLE

Please join us in bringing back our St. Patrick's celebration at our BYOB luck o' the Irish event!

Included with ticket

CALABRIA COAX & FOLKS IMPORTS ENTERTAINMENT

> SPLIT THE POT & RAFFLE TICKETS available for purchase

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Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2025 is *Together we bring hope*. It echoes the theme that Pope Francis has given to the Holy Year *Pilgrims of hope*. It also resonates with our efforts of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring real hope into our world, especially to those in need. We come together as the Lord's Church, and we demonstrate our love of God and our neighbor through our support of the Appeal. We foster the Church's mission to teach, to serve, and to sanctify in the name of Jesus Christ. Our support is a blessing for many. Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

annualcatholicappeal.com

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail: 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611



Holy Name News

The St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club 2025 board members were sworn in by Father Svida during the 8:00 a.m. Mass on February 9th. The board then enjoyed the Boy Scout pancake breakfast. On hand were, seated from left: Father Svida; Mike Giancarlo, president; and Ed Hayes & Chuck Bingham, advisors. Standing, from left: John Mahoney, first vice-

president; Mark Renderman, treasurer; John Gorman, second vice-president; Mo Walsh, membership chairman; Bill Sweeney, secretary; Bill Fitzgibbons, advisor; Glen Whirty, member; Tom Downes, advisor; and Deacon Stan Rakauskas.





St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach

The mission of the St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Committee is to provide education and raise awareness of domestic violence, promote linkage to services, and empower prevention efforts of domestic violence among the St. Christina community. To fulfill our mission, we maintain a safe and confidential outlet to foster hope for survivors, abusers, or concerned individuals.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds or educational levels.

Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline: 1-877-863-6338



Pray for Our Servicemen and Women

Please pray for the following members of St. Christina Parish families who are serving in the military:

MSGT. John Beasley Sgt. Lauren N. Bilotta Lipcamon Eric Bour Cpl. Benjamin Brasher, USMC David Breier, USN 2nd Lt. Dan Caddigan Cpt. Michael Caddigan Cpt. Breedge Cafferty Maj. Mary Cassidy Pvt. Matthew J. Chausse, US Army CSM Joseph Cistaro **Nicole Clausius** SPC Dylan Collura Jean Comptois Logan Conway Anthony DeAvila, US Navy Cpl. Kevin Donnelly SSgt Francis J. Doyle, USMC SPC Daniel Driscoll Sot. Matthew Dumais Charles J. Dvorak SSG Kyle T. Escalona, US Army S.G.G. Jerome Gardner Cpl. James Garringer PFC Joey Golden, US Army Henry Gorski, USMC CPT Jennifer Grabarek, US Army SSG Michael Grabarek, US Army Daniel J. Grand, USMC 1st Lt. Lindsay Hartig Pfc. Matthew Hastings, USAF

Sgt. Nicholas Stephen Hoiseck **Michael Hughes** Michael Insley, USMC Cpl. Matthew Julkowski, USMC Tony Kalabsa, US Army FT2 (SS) Sean Michael Kampwirth, USN **CSM Michael Kelly** Captain Katherine Kezon Matthew Kilroe, USMC Maggie Kimmell LCpl. Jonathon D. Knidsen General James Kokaska Sgt. A. Michael Krueger III, USMC Brandon Machura, USN Ryan Markmann Captain Patricia F. McNamara, USMC Scott A. Milcarek Lt Col John Mutnansky, Jr. SrA Megan Mutnansky Cpl. Nicole L. Mutnansky, USMC 2Lt. Paulina Mutnansky, Army 2Lt. Rickey Mutnansky, Army 1SG Wayne F. Mutnansky 1st Lt. Jamie Neumann SPC Taylor O'Callaghan 1st LT Justin M. O'Connell, US Army



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Cpt. Eileen White

SPC Frankie Zoller, US Army



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Monday, Feb. 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:00 a.m. 🕆 James Kolacek

Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ⊕ Sr. Margaret Mary Mazgelis

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ⊕ Mark Giancarlo

Thursday, Feb. 20 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ⊕ Valerie Tranowski

Friday, Feb. 21 – St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

Saturday, Feb. 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:00 a.m. & Marianne T. Jatis

4:00 p.m. ♥ Edward Juscius (25-year anniv.); ♥ David Myron; Anthony Van Buskirk

Sunday, Feb. 23 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. 🕆 Diane Oboikovitz
- 10:30 a.m. ♥ Judy M. Schoell; ♥ Michael Callahan
- 5:00 p.m. ⊕ Michael McDonnell

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 22

4:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Brady Lector: S. Barry E.M.: Deacon John; C. Chessare; M. Smith

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Presider: Fr. John Sullivan Lector: P. Schied E.M.: Deacon Al; B. Bresnahan; L. Bresnahan
10:30 a.m. Presider: Fr. Svida Lector: S. Fitzgerald E.M. Deacon Stanley; B. Larkin; R. Hudec
5:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Brady Lector: J. Garza E.M. M. Gochee; B. Gochee; T. Duignan



COLLECTION TOTALS February 8-9, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$9,512.00

Support Your Parish: \$1,645.00

January 2025 Collection from WeShare Donations: \$7,335.33

Thank you for your generosity.

WeShare — Online Giving

If you wish to give online, please go to our parish website, stchristinaparish.org, where you can find more information about online giving. On the left side of the home page click on Online Giving WeShare and follow the instructions, or you can call 877-316-0260 for assistance.

Parish Registration Form

St. Christina Parish Registration form is available on the parish website: stchristinaparish.org. Click on "Our Parish" tab on the left side of the screen then click on Parish Registration and follow the instructions. You must be a registered parishioner to receive envelopes.





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