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:

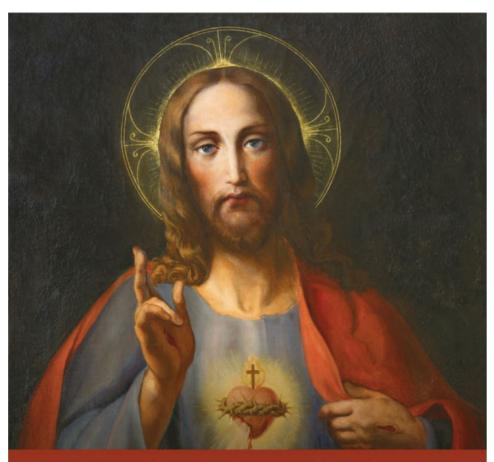
Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday, 8:00a - 4:00p, with Exposition from 1:00p until 4:00p. Holy Hour: Second Thursday of the month, 7:00p - 8:00p in Church

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 23, 2025



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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. 23-Mar. 1, 2025

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Girl Scout Cookie Sale	Ch	. After Morning Masses
Religious Education	Sch/HSch	8:30-10 a.m.
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	SH	11 a.m.
Sports	GYM	1-9 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Brownie Troop 26174	CH	4-5:30 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting	SH	4-7 p.m.
Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Athletic Association Mtg	PC	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Confirmation	GYM/PC/PCCR	4-10 p.m.
Confirmation	Ch	6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Enrichment Classes	SH	2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting		
Choir Practice		

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting		
Boy Scout Meeting	CH	6:30-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

Homebound Meals Prep	SH	8-11 a.m.
Sports	GYM	9 a.m9 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
CH: Church Hall	PCCR: Par
HSch: Homan Building	MC: Minist
Sch: School	MCCR: Mir
SH: School Hall	MCDR: Min
SchL: School Library	MCChpl: N

PC: Parish Center
PCCR: Parish Center Conference Room
MC: Ministry Center
MCCR: Ministry Center Community Rm.
MCDR: Ministry Center Dining Room
MCChpl: Ministry Center Chapel





A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

The overall message from this weekend's Gospel: Don't let evil defeat you! Drown evil with an abundance of good! This complements what was written in last week's bulletin: We should strive for Heaven and avoid Hell. As long as we stay close to Jesus in prayer and in the Eucharist at Mass, we have absolutely nothing to fear! When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He still left us Himself. We have the Lord in the Eucharist and in each other.

In the Church, we will find our path to holiness, happiness, and ultimately, Heaven. In the Church, we always have hope.

Once again, I'd like to remind you that we, as a Church, are celebrating a great Jubilee of Hope in 2025. As Christians, we are always people of Hope. If we cling to Jesus Christ in His Church, we have the comfort of God's presence and the

strength to move forward in life with a supernatural outlook and supernatural hope.

As Christians, we also have the privilege of charitably assisting our brothers and sisters in need. We can help others sustain their hope. A lot of people are struggling in our city. This year's *Annual Catholic Appeal* is an opportunity for us, as a parish, to help the Archdiocese provide for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. 24% of what is raised by our parish will stay within our parish. 26% of what is raised will benefit low-income parishes and schools in the Archdiocese. Another 41% will support initiatives of the Archdiocese to form priests, provide scholarships for Catholic education, and renew the prayer life of our Archdiocese and parishes. The last 9% raised will help offset the cost of the Appeal.

Together, we bring hope. By contributing to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* you can make safe the way for others to find holiness, happiness, and ultimately, Heaven. We can defeat the evil of sorrow with the great good of hope!

Appeal envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. They will be collected in a second collection at all Masses this weekend and next. Or, if you prefer, you can mail the envelope to the Archdiocese or Rectory. If you're not able to make it to Church, contact the rectory and we can get you an Appeal envelope or you can donate online at annualcatholicappeal.com. Be sure to note that you're from St. Christina Parish!

I have not asked for money since coming to St. Christina. And I don't plan on making a habit of it. You are generous people. I know it and I appreciate it! I say it all the time, something special is going on here. Soon, we'll be back to where we once were. Mass attendance is up and our collections are almost at the point where we financially break even monthly.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal*, though, is an extraordinary opportunity to help others while helping ourselves. It's worth supporting with gusto for the good of our local Church and the good of our parish. This is an opportunity for us, as a parish, to say that "We're Back! And Our Hearts Are Bigger Than Ever!"

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. Ryan P. Brady



OUR ST. CHRISTINA COMMUNITY

is one of the greatest blessings in our lives. Each day, at St. Christina School, we are grateful for the opportunity to empower our students, connect with our parents, collaborate with our colleagues, and strengthen our bond with the Parish. These moments are a constant reminder of how fortunate we are.

Now, we invite you to SHARE THE LOVE! Please scan the

QR code to share a heartwarming story, a cherished memory, or simply tell us what St. Christina School and Parish mean to you. Your testimonial will help showcase the beauty of our unparalleled community spirit!

#BetterTogether

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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.

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail: 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611



annualcatholicappeal.com

Youth Mass

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

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.

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal. You may also mail your donation to the address on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

Just Married!

Congratulations as you start your life together:

Samantha Karim & Nicholas Storck

HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!! Adorers Needed

Would you like to become an adorer for the Adoration Chapel?

We are in need of volunteers who can regularly dedicate one assigned hour, once a week to be in the presence of Jesus during the exposition hours of 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you feel that something is calling you to grow closer to God, this might be the way to answer that call. If so, please call Carol Smith at 708-217-7301, Joe Kinnerk, at 773-253-8911 or Karen Mutnansky at 1-773-233-3709 to volunteer for this ministry.



Bulletin Submission Guidelines

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

submissions for content or space.

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.



March 5th Services

Ashes will be available at 7:00 a.m. Mass; 8:10 a.m. prayer service with the students; 4:30 p.m. prayer service; and 7:00 p.m. Mass.



March Homebound Meal A Pre-Lenten Feast

Come one! Come all! Help us prepare a delectable pre-Lenten feast for our

homebound parishioners.

When: Saturday, March 1st and Sunday, March 2nd

Time: Around 8:00 a.m.

Where: The School Hall

Why not come and share your food preparation skills? ("I don't know how to do anything special," you say! Not to worry. We will find a job for you.)

Since it is March, perhaps a leprechaun or two will emerge from hibernation. Who knows?

As always, fresh coffee and sweet treats will be available.

Hope to see you then.

What Do I Do with Last Year's Palms?

Bring them to Church by 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 2^{nd} , or to the Rectory between the hours of 9:00 a.m.

and 4:00 p.m. The palms will be burned for Ash Wednesday.



St. Christina Bread Program

The St. Christina Bread Program has been a low-profile ministry in the

parish for over twenty years. Members pick up leftover bakery products from several Panera restaurants and deliver them to several food pantries.

The program is in need of volunteers to assist. The operation would require the participants to pick up the products and/or deliver them to the pantries. The frequency of trips would depend on the number of volunteers involved in the program. Currently it is approximately once a month. Anyone who would like more frequent involvement could be accommodated.

Those interested may call Bob Mulcahy at 708-567-4465 for further information.

Southside Irish Parade

The Southside Irish Parade is on Sunday, March 16th. It begins at 12:00 noon. St. Christina Parish will have a float, and we are asking for parishioners to walk alongside the float during the parade. More information to follow on where to meet.



Holy Name News

Sub-freezing temperatures and a pending snowstorm did not deter fourteen diehard members from attending the February 14th general meeting of the Holy Name Men's Club. Prior to the meeting members enjoyed a meal from LaFiesta.

A longtime tradition continued when members approved a \$300 contribution to the parish Boy Scouts. Members also unanimously voted to continue a newer tradition when they voted to distribute religious mementos to all mothers during Mother's Day

Masses. This will be the third year Holy Name will distribute the keepsakes.

The meeting concluded with prayers, led by Deacon Stan, for deceased and ill family members. Kevin O'Laughlin was not present for the \$500 membership drawing. Due to the Fish Fry, the **next general meeting** will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13th.



ST. CHRISTINA FSA

) Saint ATRICK'S

saturday MARCH

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

Mother McAuley Honor Roll Semester 1 2024-25

Honors with Distinction

(GPA of 4.67 or higher)

Jordyn Bever

Madison Hauser

<u>A Honor Roll</u> (GPA of 4.00 - 4.669)

Raven Bal Kayleigh Barrett* Kelsey Boyd Ellen Cavanaugh Mia DePeder Kaitlyn Duignan Sarah Fitch Megan Fitzgerald Ella Gill* Olivia Harrigan Hannah Hauser Miranda Hernandez* Gretchen Hickey Chloe Jacklin* Lauren Kane Georgia Martin Reagan McMeel* Ella Meenan-Smith Meghan Murphy Hope Murray Elizabeth Simpson* Kayla Syring*

<u>B Honor Roll</u> (GPA of 3.33 – 3.999)

Mairead Carmody* Emma Casey Madalynn Coffey Claire Dalton* Catherine Deenihan* Mary Kate Dowdall* Nora Dunn* Molly Gasca* Moira Harrigan Monica Janicki* Reagan Kemps*

Mia Kogut* Kaitlyn Mills* Saoirse O'Donoghue Kaitlin Ohse Catherine Palazzolo* Delaney Serio* Emily Trentz Hanna Turner* Avery Wiselogel* Emily Zaper

* Denotes Graduate of St. Christina School

St. Christina is looking for a Part-Time Maintenance Assistant!

In this crucial role, the Maintenance Assistant will be expected to perform various activities as directed to keep the general cleanliness, maintenance and upkeep of the Parish campus. The ideal candidate must be able to complete all physical requirements of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation. With this being a part-time position, St. Christina has flexibility to work with candidates based upon their own schedule & needs. Responsibilities include: refuse management, floor & carpet cleaning, landscape management, event set-up including positioning of tables, chairs, etc. To apply, please email David Sullivan, dsullivan@stchristinaparish.org.

Catholic Retreat for Midlife Singles

Mid-life singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Renewal Center in Darien, IL (in the southwestern suburbs) on April 25th-27th.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call 630-222-8303 for details.



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



William "Bill" O'Connell, USMC LCpl. Jessica Oliver, USMC Sgt. Dan T. Pacheco Shane Pennington PFC Jake Polselli, US Army Cpl. Gerald A. Potempa, USMC Megan Prosapio, USN Vincent Prosapio III, USN **Christopher Quinn** Cpl. Joseph F. Quinn IV, USMC LCpl Billy Rappold, USMC Nolan Rowling, US Army Steven Rowling, USMC Warren B. Schamakel Cody Scriver LT Matthew Sebok, USN Wayne Sherman Cpt. Hans Christian Sitarz Benjamin Somers, USAF, E2 Airman CPT Luke J. Spencer, US Army Cpl. Donald Stalzer, USMC SPC Jordan Stover Lt. Ashley Strong, USN LCpl Joe Sullivan, USMC SSG Daniel Taff, US Army Dakota Trueba, USN Scott Vega Ed Voelker, USN John Lawrence Weston

Cpt. Eileen White

SPC Frankie Zoller, US Army







Monday, Feb. 24 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ♥ Donna Mae Baniewicz; ♥ Sue Lawler

Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. Those who Are Sick

Thursday, Feb. 27 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ⊕ John Farrell

Friday, Feb. 28 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ⊕ Dr. Thomas Evans

Saturday, Mar. 1 – Weekday 7:00 a.m. ⊕ Donn Gorski

4:00 p.m. ⊕ Carol Turney; ⊕ Robert Seiler; ⊕ Kathy Guthrie

Sunday, Mar. 2 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. 🕆 Anne Karbutowski
- 10:30 a.m. ♥ Keith Nelson Sr.; ♥ Michael Hassett; ♥ Michael Callahan
- 5:00 p.m. 🕆 William Kinsella

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 1

4:00 p.m.	Presider:	Fr. John Sullivan
	Lector:	M. Donegan
	E.M.:	Deacon John; P. McKittrick;
		K. Mutnansky

Sunday, March 2

8:00 a.m.	Lector:	Fr. Svida C. Richter Deacon Al; R. Schultz; J. Schultz
10:30 a.m.	Lector:	Fr. Svida C. McKeon T. Liston; Th. Liston; J. McKeon
5:00 p.m.	Lector:	Fr. Brady L. Caputo D. Ryan; L. Squires; E. McDermott



COLLECTION TOTALS February 15-16, 2025

Sunday: \$8,385.00

Support Your Parish: \$1,460.00

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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