

## 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

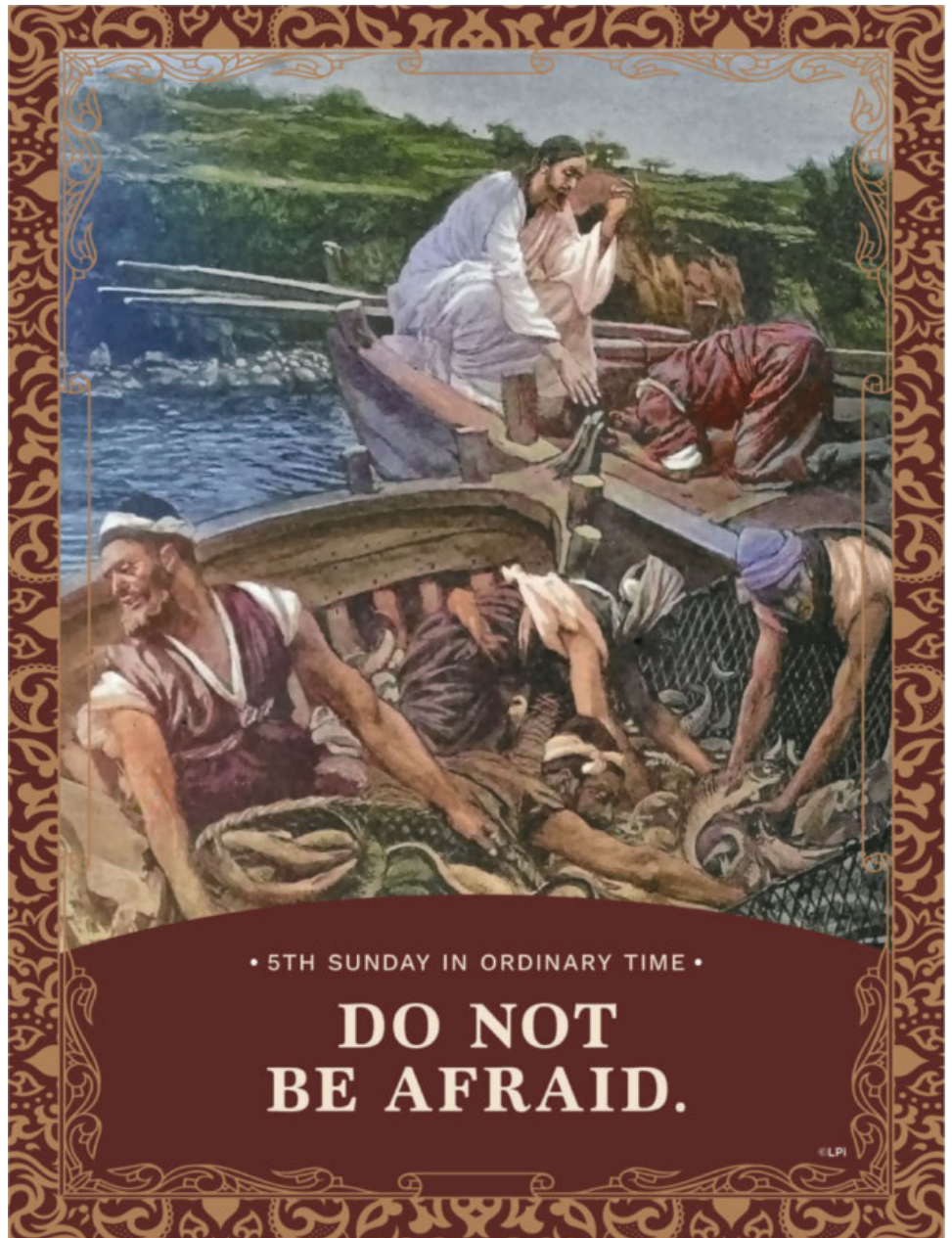
**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**  
Congratulations on this momentous  
step! Arrangements need to be  
made at least 9 months in advance.  
A marriage preparation program is  
required. Call the Rectory.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 9, 2025**



### **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.*

(Adopted Dec. 1996)



## Parish Directory

### Parish Priests

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**Bulletin submission deadline:** Monday at  
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**Church:** Corner of 111<sup>th</sup> & Christiana Ave.

### Rectory:

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### Ministry Center:

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## Weekly Events - Feb. 9-15, 2025

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast..... SH..... 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Religious Education..... Sch/HSch..... 8:30-10 a.m.  
Sports..... GYM..... 1-9 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting..... SH..... 4-7 p.m.  
Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.  
Holy Name Men's Club Bd Mtg ..... PC..... 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Brownie Troop 26293 ..... SH..... 2:45-4 p.m.  
Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.  
Cub Scout Meeting..... SH..... 5-7 p.m.  
Family School Assn Mtg ..... CH ..... 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Enrichment Classes ..... SH..... 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.  
Cub Scout Meeting..... SH..... 5-7 p.m.  
Daisy Troop 25394 Meeting ..... CH ..... 5:15-6:15 p.m.  
Choir Practice..... Ch ..... 6:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.  
Cub Scout Meeting..... SH..... 5-7 p.m.  
Boy Scout Meeting ..... CH ..... 6:30-8 p.m.  
Holy Hour ..... Ch ..... 7:00 p.m.  
CS Religious Emblem Ceremony ..... SH..... 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.  
Holy Name General Mtg ..... SH..... 7:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 9 a.m.-9 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

**CH:** Church Hall

**HSch:** Homan Building

**Sch:** School

**SH:** School Hall

**SchL:** School Library

**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

Did you notice anything odd in the Gospel this weekend? Jesus, a carpenter, gave instructions to the fisherman how to make a catch. Bold move Jesus. Bold move!

Peter could have thought: (a) I'm the expert here, You're a carpenter! You're no fisherman. (b) It's been a long night, we are tired, go away; (c) We tried: we've spent the whole night fishing. I'm done; (d) Fishing during the night is better (fish don't see the nets). What does this carpenter know? Fishing during the day is nonsense!

Honestly, the excuses could go on forever. And many of them would be valid. Simply put though, we just don't know what came to Peter's mind. But we do know what he did: he obeyed. The same happened at the wedding feast of Cana when Our Lady said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." The servants obeyed and water was transformed into wine.

By obeying Jesus Christ you will have wine if you need wine, fish if you need fish, even bread for five thousand, if that's what you need.

The miracle in today's Gospel wasn't merely the amount of fish though. The miracle was the change in Peter and his companions. From that day on, after having obeyed Him, they stayed with Him for life, for death — and now, for eternity!

St. Josemaria Escriva wrote, "The power of obedience! The Lake of Gennesaret (Sea of Gallilee) had denied its fishes to Peter's nets. A whole night in vain. Then, obedient, he lowered his net again to the water and they caught 'a huge number of fish.' Believe me: the miracle is repeated each day" (The Way #629).

I, too, am firmly convinced that the miracle is repeated each and every day. The miracle of obedience in the Gospel is in a great catch of fish. But the even greater miracle is in the strength and faith of the Apostles. It's repeated in the strength and faith of us, Jesus' 21<sup>st</sup> Century disciples. The miracle of obedience is shown in faith deeper than we ever imagined we could have when we place ourselves in God's arms in His Church. The miracle is in Christ's reassuring love and companionship guiding us along our lives. The miracle is in the fact that Jesus Christ — God Himself — is alive and, in the Church, He lives with us as our brother.

*Oremus pro invicem!*

*Fr. Ryan P. Brady*



# school NEWS

## ST. CHRISTINA CARDINALS

# Serve

To celebrate our Community, our students worked on a Service Project to honor one of the many saints we have been studying school-wide.

**IN HONOR OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, GRADES KINDERGARTEN, 1ST, 5TH, AND 6TH** shared the *Gift of Learning*. They held a Book Drive to benefit a fellow Archdiocese of Chicago school in need of books for their Library.

**IN HONOR OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, GRADES 2ND, 3RD, 7TH, AND 8TH** participated in a *Shield of Care* for our Protectors Service Project. These students assembled care packages for our local police officers and firefighters and made Thank You cards for our crossing guards and maintenance staff who keep us safe everyday.

**IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, OUR PRESCHOOL AND 4TH GRADE STUDENTS** focused on *Blessings of Gratitude* for their Service Project. Gratitude bags were assembled and Thank You cards were made for our many St. Christina parish volunteers.



*"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love."*

MOTHER TERESA



## Holy Hour

LENT — in about two and a half weeks the season of preparation, the time of giving up something or of doing something extra will be here. Come, reflect and pray on these choices at Holy Hour this **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, with Rosary and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in church. Help to enrich and strengthen your faith.



## Youth Mass

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

## Women's Sodality

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

**When:** Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** School Hall

**Cost:** \$5 at the door

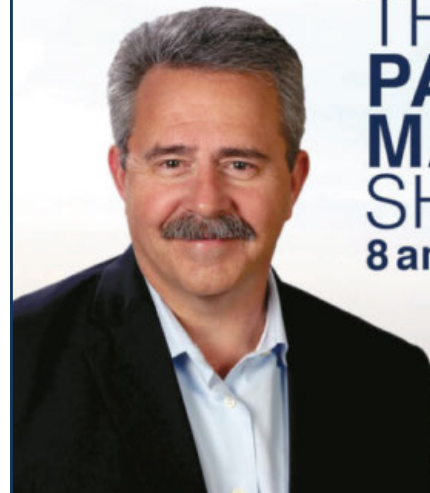
Bring your own snacks and drinks for your table. Bingo dabbers will be provided but bring your own if you want!

Please email [saint.christina.sodality@gmail.com](mailto:saint.christina.sodality@gmail.com) with any questions.

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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, **please send a PDF 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.

## February Homebound Meals: It Was a Super Sunday

It was a Super Sunday, with a Super Meal.

As is a Homebound tradition, February's meal includes turkey soup made from the frozen turkey breast bones left after the Thanksgiving Day meal! And the soup is always super good.



The turkey noodle soup introduced a sliced ham dinner with a generous serving of scalloped potatoes. Green beans were also served. To add to the dinner, a colorful red dessert, a fruit-Jello delight, completed the meal. Yum, yum.

As always, thanks to the volunteers who came on both days and to the drivers. Without your help, this ministry could not continue. A special thank you goes out to the Girl Scouts and mothers who came on Saturday to help with the preparation and the junior high boys who came on Sunday to help with the packaging and delivery.

The next Homebound Meals is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch *The Sign* for further details. We would love to have you join us.

God Bless.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

## SAFE TEEN RELATIONSHIPS

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

## How to strengthen yourself to care for others

Learn why self-care is crucial to providing the best care

Join our  
Caregiver Support Group  
**Tuesday,**  
**February 18, 2025**  
**6:30pm**

**Smith**  
**VILLAGE**  
**Club Room**

2320 West 113th Place  
Chicago

Led by Smith Village resident Alice Keane and life enrichment director Bridget Murphy, support group leaders trained by the Alzheimer's Association®

Reserve your place for Tuesday, February 18,  
by calling 773-474-7302.

Mark your calendar for the next meeting on  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025.



## Fish Fry Meeting

The St. Christina Fish Fry is approaching fast! March 7<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.



**St. Christina  
Boy Scout Troop 617**

# Valentine Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**St. Christina School Hall  
3333 W. 110<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Adults \$6 ▪ Seniors \$5  
Children (ages 3-12) \$4  
Children under 3 are free.**

***Bring your sweetheart  
to breakfast!***



## Holy Name News

The next meeting of the St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** in the school hall. The meeting will begin with a meal provided by La Fiesta Restaurant and will include refreshments. There will be a \$500 membership drawing, but a member must be present to win. The Holy Name board will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. All requests for contributions must be first made to the board before being presented to full membership. The 2025 board will be installed at today's 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Members are asked to return their renewal membership cards to be included in this year's directory. Dues are \$20 for those under 64 years of age. Dues for those between 64 and 74 are \$5, while there is no fee for those 75 and older. Any men of the parish over 18 years of age are welcome to join. Those men who have not received a card, and wish to join, may drop their dues in the collection basket at church. Please include your name, address, phone, and email address. New members can also pay at the meeting.



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May 1, 2025 (limited space available), visit  
[www.midwestaugustinians.org/camp-restless](http://www.midwestaugustinians.org/camp-restless)



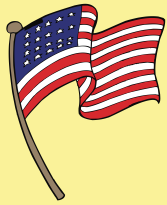
## St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach

*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.*

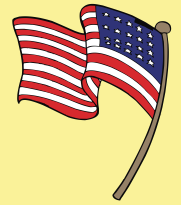
*Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence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

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Michael Hughes  
Michael Insley, USMC  
Cpl. Matthew Julkowski, USMC  
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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 Sriver  
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. 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 a.m. ✚ Jim Carollo;  
✚ Evelyn & John Scudder;  
✚ Brian Yaverski

### Tuesday, Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, Feb. 12 – Weekday

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

### Thursday, Feb. 13 – Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✚ Mark Degnan

### Friday, Feb. 14 – St. Cyril, Monk, & St. Methodius, Bishop

7:00 a.m. ✚ Michael McDevitt

### Saturday, Feb. 15 – Weekday

7:00 a.m. Our Deceased Relatives

4:00 p.m. ✚ Meghan Spring;  
✚ Ronald Plaehn;  
✚ Tony Van Buskirk

### Sunday, Feb. 16 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. ✚ Patrick Concannon;  
✚ Danny Higgins;  
✚ Caitriona Ni Chonghaile

10:30 a.m. ✚ Donald Myron; ✚ Julie Allen

5:00 p.m. ✚ Winifred (Winnie) Hughes;  
✚ Michael Flaherty

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, February 15

4:00 p.m. President: Fr. Svida  
Lector: C. Novy  
E.M.: Deacon John; D. Brueckman;  
K. Mutnansky

### Sunday, February 16

8:00 a.m. President: Fr. Brady  
Lector: B. Silva  
E.M.: Deacon Stanley; P. Bergeron;  
R. Gorski

10:30 a.m. President: Fr. Brady  
Lector: J. Kelly  
E.M. Deacon Al; D. Tobar; T. Moroz

5:00 p.m. President: Fr. John Sullivan  
Lector: M. O'Connor  
E.M. M. O'Connor; A. Rappold; K. Sullivan



## COLLECTION TOTALS February 1-2, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$11,531.01

Support Your Parish: \$4,844.00

Sharing Parish: \$383.00

Thank you for your generosity.

## WeShare — Online Giving

If you wish to give online, please go to our parish website, [stchristinaparish.org](http://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](http://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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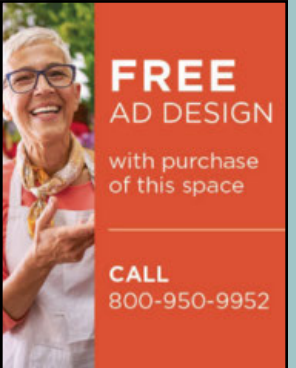
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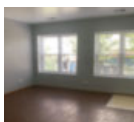
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