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:

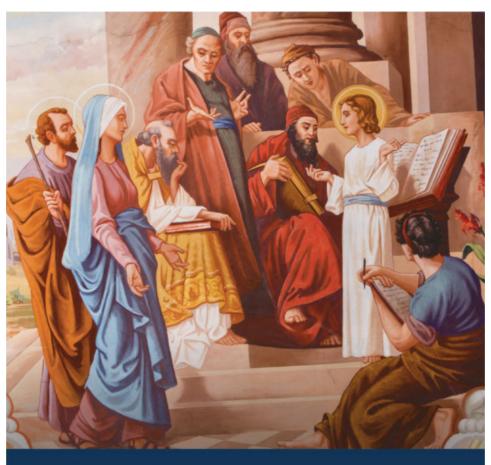
Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday, 8:00a - 4:00p, with Exposition from 1:00p until 4:00p. Holy Hour: Second Thursday of the month, 7:00p - 8:00p in Church

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

January 26, 2025



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18

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 - Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 2025

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

AFC/NFC Party	SH	1-11 p.m.
Sports	GYM	1-9 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting	SH	4-7 p.m.
Sports		-
Athletic Association Meeting	PC	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

Sports	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting	SH	5-7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 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 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



This weekend we hear the beginning of the Gospel of St. Luke. Luke explained to Theophilus that he had researched the facts of Jesus' life and then written them down. Theophilus had heard preaching about Jesus. But now, he was given an account (the Gospel) "so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received."

When we are introduced to someone, we know little about that person. We must start to converse with him or her to get to know them. Each of us has been introduced to Jesus. But, we need more than an introduction — we need a relationship with Him. In order to foster a personal relationship with Jesus it's not enough to hear about Him; we need to get to know Him personally. And this happens through prayer and reading of the Gospels. After all, God has written the Gospels as a personal invitation to each of us.

If you don't already do so, *PLEASE* read the Gospels. It's the only way to fortify your relationship with Jesus Christ. And trust me, there is no better way to walk through life than with Jesus Christ as your friend and companion.

Another friend that I've deepened my relationship with this past week is our parish patron, St. Christina. Last Tuesday, I rented a car and drove two hours north of Rome to Bolsena. I celebrated Mass with Fr. Milos (from Czech Republic) in the Basilica of St. Christina. After Mass, Fr. Emil (from Sri Lanka) gave me a tour of the Basilica, the catacombs in which St. Christina was originally buried, and the village of Bolsena.

Mass was celebrated in the Basilica side chapel. The chapel had a very elaborate tabernacle given to the Basilica in the late 15th Century by Cardinal Giovanni de Medici, who later became Pope Leo X. The decorative tabernacle tells us in pictures and symbols about the life and martyrdom of St. Christina.

After Mass, we took a tour of the Basilica, catacombs, and village. The Basilica itself was built on top of the underground cemetery in which St. Christina was

originally buried. The current Church, built in 1078, houses the relics of St. Christina in another beautifully decorated side chapel.

We then passed to the catacombs where St. Christina was originally buried. St. Christina's father threatened her by tying her to a stone so that she'd renounce the Faith. St. Christina refused to renounce our Faith. Her father then threw her and the stone in Lake Bolsena. Her father's attempt at killing her was in vain. St. Christina was protected by God and her Guardian Angel. That very stone is at the entrance to the catacombs. Once inside, I noticed that the catacomb was very crowded. The early Christians of Bolsena wanted to be buried as close as possible to "their saint."

I could go on for days about the experience. In the coming weeks, I'll schedule a time to give a talk about the life of St. Christina complete with pictures and an explanation of the Basilica, catacombs and village in which



St. Christina grew up.

For now, what's most important to know is this: I offered Mass for you and your intentions at the Basilica. I also spent a long time in prayer before the relics of St. Christina asking her to intercede to God for you. It was a great privilege to visit.

Lastly, the pastor of the Basilica and the mayor of Bolsena have invited our parish to make a pilgrimage to St. Christina for our 100th Anniversary! They promised to pull out all the stops: Mass, parade, concert, whatever we want! Stay tuned!

> Oremus pro invicem! Fr. Ryan P. Brady







2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

NEW FAMILY **REGISTRATION** OPENS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 8AM-12:30PM

TOURS AVAILABLE



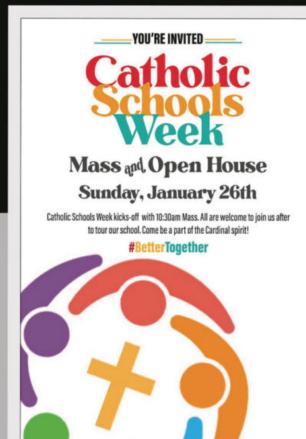
Junior high students participated in the Bill Lipinski All-American Eagles Program essay contest. One of our seventh graders took second place!

St. Christina School also had the highest rate of participation of any grammar school in the essay contest.

🖎 SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to one of our 6th grade students for winning first place in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. Way to go!



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Finding the perfect present can be tricky... but when you give the gift of your time it is always

Perfect!

Volunteer as a Substitute Catechist for Religious Education

What does a Catechist do, you ask?

A Catechist is someone who shares their faith! Come and share your faith with the K-8th grade Religious Education students.

When do we meet for class?

Select Sundays from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

How do I teach?

Our Catechists will have lesson plans ready for you and they are dropped off to you during the week.

How often do I substitute?

That is up to you. You will be contacted with the weekly sub needs. You decide if you are free.

"I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do." - John 17:4

Collection for the Church in Latin America

The collection for the Church in Latin America is scheduled for the weekend of January 25/26, however there are no envelopes in the packets that were mailed to you. There are envelopes in the racks at the entrances of the Church for this collection. If you wish to donate, please take an envelope with you and return it on the weekend of January 25/26. There will **not** be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

Youth Mass

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

2024 Donation Statements

St. Christina 2024 donation statements will be mailed to those parishioners who contributed \$1,000 or more in 2024. The statements will be mailed by the end of January. If you gave <u>less</u> than \$1,000 in 2024 and would like a statement, please call the Rectory <u>after February 3rd</u> to request a copy.



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.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025





Welcome To Homebound Meals 2025

We begin again, and plans are in the works for exciting meals this year.

Our first meal will be prepared on Saturday, February 1st, and Sunday, February 2nd.

Why not start the year by coming and sharing your culinary skills? As always, cutters, choppers, peelers, packers and dishwashers are in demand.

We start around 8:00 a.m. both days, and we meet in the School Hall. Coffee and treats will be available.

Come on down!

Sodality News

Thank you to the women who joined us for our Women's Wellness meeting. We relaxed with a Chair Yoga session led by Melanie from Beverly Yoga, and boosted our immune



systems with FREE B12 shots from Erica at Express Med Spa Chicago. Thank you both for your parish support!

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

SINGO! (Like Bingo but with music) More information to follow!







St. Christina Boys Volleyball Registration 2025

Tuesday, January 28th 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

Thursday, January 30th 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

Checks only — 3 separate checks for registration, uniforms, and concession

Fee for 4th - 5th grade: \$100 fee / \$45 uniform 6th - 8th grade: \$125 fee / \$45 uniform

If your son has his uniform from the previous year and it fits, then you will not need to purchase one.

New players and those who do not have a uniform will need to purchase one.

Contact Marvin Otten at motten3059@astound.net if you are interested in coaching or have any questions.

Please visit the St. Christina parish website for all relevant forms:

stchristinaparish.org/ Athletics/Forms.html





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 14th** in the school hall. The meeting will begin with a light meal and refreshments. There will be a \$500 membership drawing. A member must be present to win.



Mo Walsh at 773-505-1789 or Bill Fitzgibbons at 773-879-9594.

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, Jan. 27 – St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder 7:00 a.m. & Mark Giancarlo; & Barbara Alexander

Tuesday, Jan. 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. ✤ Mark Giancarlo; ✤ Nell Carroll; ✤ Ted Staskiewicz, Jr.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 – Weekday

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

Thursday, Jan. 30 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✤ Kevin Renderman (10 years); ✤ Bernard McDevitt; ✤ Michael Hughes; ✤ Peter Hughes

Friday, Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco, Prest

7:00 a.m. ✤ Ada Higgins; ✤ John Battistella; ✤ Mary Evanish

Saturday, Feb. 1 – Weekday

7:00 a.m. 🕆 Sr. Clement Mazaglis

4:00 p.m. & John Lyman; 한 Tony Van Buskirk; 한 Mary Therese Major

Sunday, Feb. 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

- 8:00 a.m. ♥ Mary Famera; ♥ Mark Giancarlo; ♥ Mary Gleason
- 10:30 a.m. ✤ Keith Nelson, Sr.; ✤ John Lynch; ✤ David P. Witkus
- 5:00 p.m. & Eileen McNamara; & Paddy Joyce

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 1

4:00 p.m.	Presider:	Fr. John Sullivan
	Lector:	C. Richter
	E.M.:	Deacon John; P. McKittrick; M. Smith

Sunday, February 2

8:00 a.m.	Lector:	
10:30 a.m.	Lector:	
5:00 p.m.	Lector:	



COLLECTION TOTALS January 18-19, 2025

Sunday: \$8,188.00

Support Your Parish: \$190.00

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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