

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

March 23, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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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.

(Adopted Dec. 1996)



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Weekly Events

March 23-29, 2025

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 1-9 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.
Athletic Association Meeting..... PC..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.
Adult Grief Support Meeting CCR..... 7-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

Enrichment Classes SH..... 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.
Daisy Troop 22518 Meeting CH 6-7 p.m.
Choir Practice..... Ch 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

Sports..... GYM..... 4:15-9 p.m.
Fish Fry SH..... 4:30-8 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Ch 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 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

PC: Parish Center

CH: Church Hall

PCCR: Parish Center Conference Room

HSch: Homan Building

C: Convent

Sch: School

CCR: Convent Community Rm.

SH: School Hall

CDR: Convent Dining Room

SchL: School Library

CChpl: Convent Chapel



A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

Usually, when I suggest that a person go to confession, I get the reply: “Listen, Father. I’m a good guy. I don’t need confession. It’s not like I’ve killed anyone.” “My friend,” I usually answer, “go anyways.” Confession is not only for murderers. Confession is a gift from God. It’s a gift from God for those who have lied and gossiped, for people who are lustful, lazy, vain, proud, ill-tempered, gluttonous, imprudent, dishonest, uncharitable... on and on. If I get that far with someone in my conversation about confession, they likely feel convicted somehow and are ready to go.

In the long list of things that we can do that separate us from God, how can we not prayerfully and quietly kneel in confession and pray: “Bless me father for I have sinned...”

Everyone has sins. Naturally then, everyone needs repentance. Another priest-friend came across a parishioner at the grocery store and reminded him that it was Lent, and that he should go to confession ‘from time to time.’ The man answered, “But I don’t have any sins, father.” My priest-friend replied, “There are two kinds of people who have no sins, children and madmen. Which one are you?” It sounds a little harsh. But there’s truth to it!

We are all called to constant conversion. That means moving beyond the things that keep us from God (our sins) and strengthening ourselves through the Sacraments (confession, Eucharist, etc.). The first step to conversion is recognizing our own sins. God, in His Mercy, is always ready to forgive our sins. God simply needs to find a repentant heart. As St. Augustine put it, “You accuse yourself: God excuses you. You excuse yourself: God accuses you.”

President Teddy Roosevelt once held a position akin to the Superintendent of the New York Police Department. As a result, he was always interested in crime and criminal reform. Once, as President of the United States, he toured a big American city and Roosevelt asked to see the local prison. One after another, President Roosevelt asked inmates the reason for their imprisonment. They fell on their knees proclaiming their innocence: “There is a mistake, Mr. President, I am innocent!” “I didn’t do what they said.” “I don’t belong here!” Finally, near the end of his visit, Roosevelt asked a man, “Why are you here?” The prisoner replied, “Armed robbery.” Surprised, the President asked, “Are you guilty?” “Yes indeed, I deserve my punishment,” said the man. The President then summoned the prison warden and ordered him, “Release this guilty wretch at once! Otherwise he will corrupt all the fine innocent people who live in this prison!”



For the good of your soul, please go to confession this Lent. We offer confession Monday-Saturday after the 7 AM Mass. We also offer confession from 3 to 4 PM on Saturday afternoon. Confessions can also be arranged via appointment by calling the rectory. We want to offer confession as much as reasonably possible for you to receive the freedom that comes with the forgiveness of sins — both the great and the little sins!

On Thursday, April 10 we will also be celebrating a Lenten Evening of Recollection and Confession. Beginning at 7 PM, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, a short Lenten reflection, followed by the opportunity for individual confession, and Benediction. I will preach a short reflection discussing the importance of regular confession and how it has incredibly changed my life for the better. Please come.

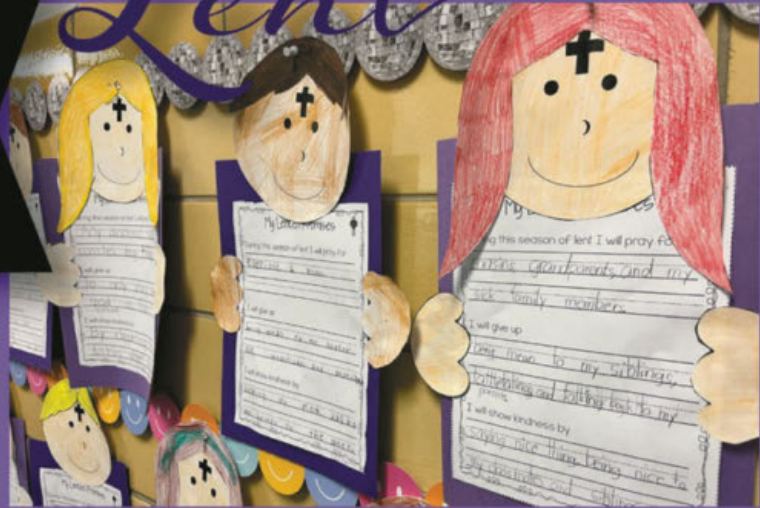
Oremus pro invicem!

Fr. Ryan P. Brady



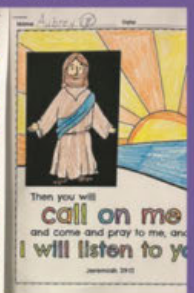
school NEWS

Lent



CONGRATS

One of our 7th graders was the recent recipient of The Ignite the Spirit Scholarship. Ignite the Spirit began in 2003 and provides support in many different ways to Chicago Fire Department families.



Together, in school and as a community, we find meaningful ways to celebrate and reflect on this important season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to join our school children this Lent for Stations of the Cross on Friday **March 28th** and **April 11th** at 1:30 pm in Church.





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.



The St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club
Invites all parishioners to join us on Saturday, April 5th to
The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana

We will meet at 10630 Wicker Ave. in St. John, Indiana at approximately 10:15 a.m. and stay until 1:30 p.m.

Father Ryan will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. The grounds are beautiful and there are gift shops located at The Shrine.

We will have free bus transportation for those who need it. The buses are limited and will fill fast. Please make your reservation for a seat on a bus by March 20th.

For a bus reservation please call Mike Giancarlo at 708-370-2085.

*** WE WILL ATTEND NO MATTER THE WEATHER ***



*Jesus I Trust in You to Help Me: **Take the Next Step***

Our parish ministry of loss and support offers a safe and friendly environment where all are welcome. Share memories, express your feelings, and tell your stories. Your memory is beautiful and should be nourished with prayer, given light by your thoughts, and watered with a smile and a tear. Come to one or come to all.

Take the Next Step will meet for six Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Christina Convent, 11033 S. Christiana Avenue, just east of the church.

Week 3 - Tuesday, March 25

Share a Very Special Reading that Has Consoled You
 Bring in a poem, scripture reading, letter, etc. to share.

Week 5 - Tuesday, April 8

Sharing Memories of Your Loved One
 Share that funny story, hobby, talent, etc.

Week 4 - Tuesday, April 1

How is your Grief Maturing and Are You Moving Forward? Do you sense God's assistance in helping you?

Week 6 - Tuesday, April 15

Understanding Ritual and Healing
 Tell what you have done for yourself this past week; write a memorial letter.

An Adult Grief Support Program

Monitored by Pam Radiewicz, MMAFT, & Deacon John.
 For more information, call 773-779-7181.



Lenten Regulations

Following are the regulations for **abstinence** and **fasting** to be observed by Catholics during Lent:

A fast and abstinence is prescribed for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is observed by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on all Fridays of Lent.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

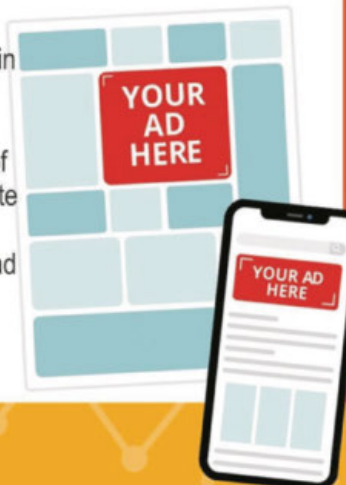
Rice Bowls — Catholic Relief Services

Join our faith community — and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl by the entrances of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Rice Bowls should be returned by the end of Lent with your donation.

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Thank You, Fr. Ryan and Ms. Carrie Spano Savvy Senior Meeting

It is no wonder that our parish is so energized and exciting given our pastor and school principal. Leadership is knowing the way for our schoolchildren and parish. The seniors appreciated our “leaders” coming to our meeting and presenting their commitment and vision for our community. Thank you.



Holy Name News



The March 13th general meeting of the Holy Name Men's Club was attended by over 30 members who enjoyed the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Chef Pat Roberto. Father Brady gave members an update on parish events and activities.

Members unanimously approved the annual \$5,000 Easter gift to the parish, a tradition for many years. Members also unanimously approved a \$500 contribution to help Sister Ann Vincent in her fine works. Another \$500 contribution was approved for Team Kevin. Rich Konopka was not present for the \$500 membership drawing.

Spots are still open for the Holy Name trip on Saturday, April 5th to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana. Free bus transportation will be provided. Spots may be reserved by contacting Mike Giancarlo at 708-370-2085. The trip is open to all parishioners.

The Holy Name meeting for April has been moved up one week due to parish Lenten services. Members will gather at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3rd. The meeting will open with a light meal and refreshments.

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GIRLS
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FOOTBALL**



With the IHSA implementing Girls Flag Football as a varsity sport, the South Side Catholic School Conference has expressed interest in starting a **Varsity Girls Flag League for 7th and 8th grade girls** for the first time!

This is a new development, and we are looking to grow every year! We are looking for current 7th and 8th grade girls to represent St. Christina this spring. The format will be 7-on-7. Coaches will be needed.

Rules: We will follow the [NFL Style Flag: NFL Flag Rulebook 072324](#)

For more information and to join our mailing list, please contact Joe Marusz at Marusz67@gmail.com or Colleen Reaney at colash20@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross

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WHEN: Thursday, April 3rd

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship with Pizza & Salad
7:00 p.m. - Meeting Begins Promptly

WHERE: St. Christina's Church Basement
11032 S. Christiana, Chicago, IL, 60655

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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.

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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.

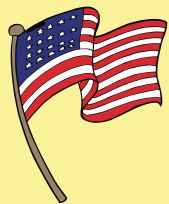
St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach



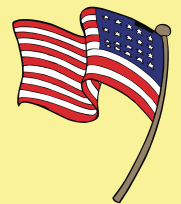
The mission of the St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Committee is to provide education and raise awareness of domestic violence, promote linkage to services, and empower prevention efforts of domestic violence among the St. Christina community. To fulfill our mission, we maintain a safe 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
 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

Michael Hughes
 Michael Insley, USMC
 Cpl. Matthew Julkowski, USMC
 Tony Kalabsa, US Army
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 Captain Katherine Kezon
 Matthew Kilroe, USMC
 Maggie Kimmell
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 General James Kokaska
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 Brandon Machura, USN
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 Captain Patricia F. McNamara, USMC
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 Cpl. Nicole L. Mutnansky, USMC
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 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

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 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, Mar. 24 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✠ Mary Shannon;
✠ James & Charles Griffin

Tuesday, Mar. 25 – The Annunciation of The Lord

7:00 a.m. ✠ Kathleen Cecil; ✠ Donn Gorski

Wednesday, Mar. 26 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Those in the Military

Thursday, Mar. 27 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✠ Martina Negrete

Friday, Mar. 28 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

Saturday, Mar. 29 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Our Deceased Relatives

4:00 p.m. ✠ Deceased Members of the Carroll Family; ✠ Valerie Bahusai;
✠ Mary Spino; ✠ Michael Spino

Sunday, Mar. 30 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. ✠ Louis Quinn; ✠ Diane Oboikovitz;
✠ Robert Hojnacki, Jr. (20th Anniversary)

10:30 a.m. The Dalton & McHugh Families;
✠ Mary & Daniel Downes;
✠ Eleanor & Bill Murphy

5:00 p.m. ✠ Evelyn Kasprak;
✠ Leonard & Jeanette Stefaniak

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 29

4:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Brady
Lector: P. Stefaniak
E.M.: Deacon John; P. McKittric; M. Smith

Sunday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Presider: Fr. Brady
Lector: C. Richter
E.M.: R. Schultz; J. Schultz; D. Higgins

10:30 a.m. Presider: Fr. Svida
Lector: C. McKeon
E.M. Deacon Stanley; J. McKeon; T. Moroz

5:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Brady
Lector: L. Caputo
E.M. A. Rappold; L. Squires; T. Duignan



COLLECTION TOTALS March 15-16, 2025

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Lenten Balance the Budget: \$1,369.00

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