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.

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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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 - Oct. 13-19, 2024

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

Homebound Meals Delivery	SH	8-11 a.m.
Girls Basketball	GYM	1-9 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

Brownie Troop 26293 Meeting	SH	2:45-4 p.m.
Girls Basketball		·
Cub Scout Meeting	SH	5-7 p.m.
Bereavement Support Group	MCCR	7 p.m.
Baptismal Preparation	Rectory	7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024

Enrichment Classes	SH	2:30-3:30 p.m.
Brownie Troop 26292 Meeting	SH	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting	SH	5-7 p.m.
Daisy Troop 25518 Meeting	CH	6-7 p.m.
Choir Practice		
Women's Sodality Meeting	SH	7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2024

School Picture Retakes	PC	7 a.m2 p.m.
Girls Basketball	GYM	4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout Meeting	SH	5-7 p.m.
Boy Scout Meeting	CH	6:30-8 p.m.
Cub Scout New Scout Initiation	SH	7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

Girls Basketball	GYM	9 a.m9 p.m.
22 nd District Event	SH	1-8 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



In this weekend's Gospel, an excited young man runs up to Jesus. Jesus was moved by the young man's good dispositions. The Gospel tells us that "Jesus looking at him, loved him." And yet for this young man, there was just "one more thing" to do. It is likely that if Jesus had asked him to give alms or to volunteer some of his time to people in need, the young guy would have been happy to oblige. But Our Lord asked for something the man wasn't ready to give: all his possessions. So the young man went away sad. Sadness is the result of not being generous with God.

"When I see someone sad," St. Teresa of Calcutta taught, "I always think, she is refusing something to Jesus." Mother Teresa understood in an incredible way that generosity and joy come together. St. Paul explains it in his letter to

the Corinthians: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) A cheerful giver is generous. A "grudging giver" is defeated, dull, lifeless. Saints are cheerful givers. Saints, then, are always happy and their joy becomes a magnet that brings other souls to Jesus Christ.

There was a non-Catholic girl who went to Holy Mass for the first time with a friend. She didn't know much of anything about the Mass. All she knew was that at some point someone would come by with a basket and collect money. So this young, non-Catholic girl brought a few coins with her. During the homily, she got a bit distracted (it happens) and started playing with the coins. Suddenly one of them slipped from her fingers and hit the floor with a noise. She was a bit embarrassed when people turned to her; but her embarrassment became panic when she saw that the coin had begun rolling down the aisle towards the astonished priest.

The tense silence was broken by the sudden laughter of the priest. The priest interrupted his homily to say, "I can't tell if she's excited for the collection or not-so-subtly telling me it's time to end my homily!" In a second, the whole congregation joined the priest in a raucous laughter! That young girl never forgot the spontaneous reaction of those Catholics and the joy they had. She imagined the priest would be stiff and boring. She imagined that Mass would be a chore. She never imagined herself laughing at Mass! Yet, the people she encountered were joyful and generous. She was attracted to what was going on there. And... before the year was out, she was at Mass weekly and had converted to the Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." All things are possible for God. Our growth in holiness is possible for God. Our growth in happiness is possible for God. Jesus looks at us, and He loves us. Let us then be a "cheerful giver." Let us give Jesus Christ our whole heart and trust that the return on that investment will be Paradise!

Oremus pro invicem!

Fr. Ryan P. Brady

PAINTPARTY

St. Christina School Hall
7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16th

(After our general meeting)

Join Women's Sodality and Heartwood Crafts for a fun night of painting. Instructors will be on hand to walk you through completing the project of your choice.

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Savvy Senior Meeting Thursday, October 24th at 12:00 noon

Topic: Successful Aging Begins with YOU

Presenter: Helena Lobo, Rush Institute for Healthy Aging; CHAP - Chicago Health and Aging Project

Location: St. Christina Parish Center, 111th & Christiana Ave.

RSVP to Eileen at 773-445-0802. Please leave message.



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View the St. Christina September 29th Blue Mass

You can view the St. Christina September 29th Blue Mass Honoring First Responders on the parish website: stchristinaparish.org.

Inspiration for the Week

"Who can be saved?" the apostles wonder. Who can be good enough? Smart enough? Holy enough? Jesus reminds them that no one can be — not without asking for help. We all need help to be holy. Never tire of asking for the help you need.

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World Mission Sunday Collection

Next weekend, October 19/20, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our call to be missionary disciples. This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," emphasizes our common call to bring God's love and message to the ends of the earth. On this day we reflect on and support the Church's missionary efforts while also recommitting ourselves to the same mission. The contributions given to the World Mission Sunday collection are crucial for the Church's work in over 1,150 territories where the Church is young or struggling. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate together. Please be as generous as you can. Please make your check payable to St Christina Church so that it can be included with the parish donation.

Rectory Hours

The Rectory is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

2025 Mass Book

We are accepting Mass intentions for the calendar year 2025. You can stop in the Rectory Monday through Fri-



day during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., or you may call the Rectory at 773-779-7181.



Bereavement Program Adult Grief Support Group

OSF Healthcare Little Company of Mary Medical Center will be hosting a 6-week adult grief support group. The sessions will meet on **Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Evergreen Park Public Library**, 9400 South Troy Avenue, Lower Level, in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

Losing a loved one can be especially difficult. Whether the loss was recent or sometime ago, the feelings of grief can be overwhelming and intense. The grief support sessions will be designed to offer support and encouragement in an environment of respect and compassion. Adults who have lost a loved one and are in need of support are welcome.

Session 1 – October 17, 2024

Session 2 – October 24, 2024

Session 3 – October 31, 2024

Session 4 – November 07, 2024

Session 5 - November 14, 2024

Session 6 - November 21, 2024

Registration is requested one week prior to the first session. To register, please call Sheila, the Bereavement Coordinator, at 708-229-4299.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Possessions

When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for.

They arrived in the mail, smiling children's faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that EasyBake Oven.

Without realizing it, we expected that these toys — and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days — would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed — more junk to get rid of.

It's the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn't — because he *couldn't*. He couldn't give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you're not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn't given it to God. And now he couldn't get it back.

Whatever of this world we seek to possess — dollars, cars, clothes, prestige — will come to possess us, in the end.

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 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Christina Parish Ministry Center just east of the Church, 11033 S. Christiana Avenue. First date: Tuesday, September 24.

Week 4 - Tuesday, October 15

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

Week 5 - Tuesday, October 22

<u>Sharing Memories of Your Loved One</u> Share that funny story, hobby, talent, etc.

Week 6 - Tuesday, October 29

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

An Adult Grief Support Program

Monitored by Pam Radziewicz, MMAFT, Joan Mulcahy, & Deacon John. For more information, call **773-779-7181**.

Smith VILLAGE

Caregiver Support Group Managing Alcohol Consumption by People with Dementia During Family Festivities

Managing alcohol consumption for individuals with dementia can be particularly challenging during festive occasions, such as holiday parties. "Striking a balance between respecting people's preferences and ensuring their safety is essential," says Alice O. Keane, a resident of Smith Village and group leader trained by the Alzheimer's Association.

This important topic will be discussed at the next Caregiver Support Group meeting starting at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15th**, at Smith Village, 2320 West 113th Place in Chicago. These meetings, which take place on the third Tuesday of every month, provide a safe space for caregivers to share experiences and explore strategies for supporting loved ones with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, explains Bridget Murphy, Smith Village's life enrichment director, also trained by the Alzheimer's Association.

These neighborhood support meetings are free and open to all who are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other types of dementia. To reserve your place at the October meeting, please call 773-474-7302. For more information about Smith Village, visit SmithVillage.com or call 773-474-7300.

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



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Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or

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

On the Jordache Look, the Victoria Principle, and Eternal Life Copyright 2024 by John B. Reynolds (jrwrites9@gmail.com)

I saw a comic strip decades ago that I've never forgotten, probably in the 1980s, when Jordache jeans and Jordache in general were all the rage. It was one of those single-panel comics, and it showed a rather frumpy-looking man wearing a rather frumpy-looking (and ill-fitting) suit. The man was gazing at himself in a full-length mirror, as was the other person in the picture, the store salesperson. The man in the ill-fitting suit seemed sad as the store clerk said something like this to him: "You don't understand, sir. You can't *have* the Jordache look..."

At roughly the same time, I became aware of another clever line that has also stayed with me, but I do not recall if this was in a comic strip or an article or maybe even a celebrity's story on a late-night talk show. Anyway, the TV series *Dallas* was popular at the time, as was one of the show's sexy stars, Victoria Principal. In the comic strip/article/story, a woman was unhappy because she couldn't improve her looks, despite her efforts to be glamorous. When she demanded to know why, someone explained to her, "It's the Victoria Principle..."

I love these two lines because we can probably all think of times when we could have applied them in our own lives. Sometimes, precisely *what* we want is not available to us. Now, I know what the *Rollings Stones* say. The *Rolling Stones* say, "You can't always get what you want/ But if you try sometimes, well, you might find/ You get what you need." True enough, I suppose. Still, the lines keep playing in my head ("You can't *have* the Jordache look..." and "It's the Victoria Principal") and I think about them now in relationship to that man in today's Gospel who runs up to Jesus, kneels before him, and asks, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

We're all familiar with this one. Jesus responds, "...You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." The man — perhaps hopeful at this moment — answers, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." More or less, we can probably all answer the same. But then Jesus adds this: "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me," and the man's optimism fades.

Because the man has many possessions, perhaps he says to himself, "I cannot do that" (the Victoria Principle and/or "You can't have the Jordache look"). Either way, he goes away sad, prompting Jesus to tell his friends, "...How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples are amazed at this and wonder, "Then who can be saved?" And Jesus's response should embolden all of us — even the man with many possessions — to see ourselves in Paradise: "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." It's the God Principle. Jordache look or no.

Split the Pot

On Wednesday, October 9, Envelope No. 800 was drawn. **There was no winner.** The next drawing will be Wednesday, October 16. The next Split the Pot **total prize amount** will be at least \$38,268.00. Winner will receive 50%

of the total prize amount. To be eligible for the drawing, you must use two separate envelopes for the current week. In your regular weekly envelope, your contribution **must** be at least \$5 and you **must** use the corresponding week's Split the Pot envelope with a \$5 contribution in that envelope **to** be included in the weekly Split the Pot drawing. Envelopes must be in the Rectory Office by 9:00 a.m. on the Monday morning immediately after the weekend. Good luck next week!



Pray for Our Servicemen and Women

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



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Eric Bour

Cpl. Benjamin Brasher, USMC

David Breier, USN

2nd Lt. Dan Caddigan

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Monday, Oct. 14 – St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

7:00 a.m. Special Intention - Michael Tunney

Family; & William Bresnahan;

Dody Henry

Tuesday, Oct. 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Jim & Darlene Conde – 40th Wedding

Anniversary

Wednesday, Oct. 16 – St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7:00 a.m. 🔂 Danny Taiym

Thursday, Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

Friday, Oct. 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

Saturday, Oct. 19 – St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions Martyrs

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Nicole Martin & Thomas Quigley

♣ Nenita Qualter;
♣ Mary Horeis

Sunday, Oct. 20 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

10:30 a.m. Rosita Taiym & Family;

♣ Francis O'Donovan;
♣ Rudy Calvillo III

5:00 p.m. & Marilyn Walega

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 19

4:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. John Sullivan

Lector: Carol Richter

E.M.: Deacon Stanley; D. Brueckman;

K. Mutnansky

Sunday, October 20

8:00 a.m. Presider: Fr. Svida

Lector: Sue Roulo

E.M.: Deacon John; K. Bresnahan;

D. Higgins

10:30 a.m. Presider: Fr. Brady

Lector: Peter Schied

E.M. T. Moroz; T. Liston; Th. Liston

5:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Svida

Lector: Ben Silva

E.M. Deacon Al; M. O'Connor; K. Sullivan



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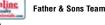
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