

## 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

**December 22, 2024**



### **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  
12:00 noon for the following Sunday's bulletin.

**Church:** Corner of 111<sup>th</sup> & Christiana Ave.

### Rectory:

11005 S. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL 60655  
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**Website:** www.stchristinaparish.org  
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### Ministry Center:

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## Weekly Events December 22 - 28, 2024

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

Sports ..... GYM ..... 4:15-9 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Overnight ..... entire MC ..... 3 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Overnight ..... GYM/PC/PCCR ..... 3 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Overnight ..... entire MC ..... until 12 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Overnight ..... GYM/PC/PCCR ..... until 12 p.m.

Sports ..... GYM ..... 2-9 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

**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





## A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

In the Gospel today we can recognize that simply hearing the greeting of our Lady was enough for Elizabeth to be filled with the Holy Spirit. And with the Holy Spirit there was an outburst of joy. Even the baby in her womb was leaping for joy.

This is the beginning of a pattern that will last for the rest of time. Mary brings Jesus, Jesus brings the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit brings His gifts and fruits. That's what Mary does, she starts a beautiful pattern. She brings us to Jesus, and God takes over.

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. And, I don't merely mean December 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is an Octave of eight days, from Christmas Day to New Year's Day. Some say Christmas lasts twelve days! January 5<sup>th</sup> has traditionally been known as Twelfth Night, the last day of Christmas in which we prepare for the coming of the Magi on the January 6<sup>th</sup> feast of Epiphany. Others still feel that Christmas ends on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus — also known as Candlemas.

No matter how we look at it, Christmas *begins* on December 25<sup>th</sup>, it doesn't end. Let us prepare well, not for a day but for a season. Better yet, let's prepare not for a day, nor for a season, but for a lifetime. Let's prepare ourselves these last few days of Advent and let's live the joyful reality this Christmas season that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. And, that He is our Brother and Companion on our journey of life.

Preparing well will help us to make the most of Christmas and Jesus' presence in our life. Preparing well will help us more fully receive the grace that the Christmas season can bring to our souls. How do we prepare for it? The gospel this weekend clearly shows us — we prepare with Mary. Nobody was better prepared than her. Now is the time to invite Mary into our lives, because once she comes, all good things come to us along with her.

Mary is the woman who has changed the world. She brought Jesus and Jesus brought all the rest. Also in our lives, if we allow Mary to come in, she will put everything in order (as moms tend to do!) for Jesus to come as well.

G.K. Chesterton was a great (and eccentric) English author, philosopher, and Catholic convert. Through his writing he shared with the world his exciting life, made more exciting with Jesus Christ and His Church. Chesterton once wrote how, on a foggy and cold day, he was on a bus with many passengers. All was tedious, quiet and boring. At a particular bus stop, a young lady got on carrying a beautiful child in her arms. The mother was so charming, the child so lovely and the communication between them so joyful, that joy quickly spread through the whole bus. Soon all the passengers were talking and laughing; bliss filled the air. Chesterton himself comments how in this world all was sadness and boredom. But one precise day a beautiful Mother with a lovely Child jumped on the bandwagon of humanity; it was Christmas Day. Jesus appeared on earth in the arms of His Mother, Mary, and everything changed forever!

***Merry Christmas!***

***Fr. Ryan P. Brady***



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2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

# NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

OPENS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

8AM-12:30PM

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## 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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



## Early Bulletin Submission Deadline Schedule

There are a lot of early submission deadlines coming up because of the holidays. The schedule is as follows:

### Sunday Bulletin Date

### Article Submission Due Date

**December 29**..... **CLOSED to submissions**

**January 5, 2025** ..... **THIS Monday, December 23**

To submit articles to *The Sign*, please email your article or announcement (**HARD COPIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**) to Marybeth Sprague at [saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com). We reserve the right to edit submissions for content or space. Thank you for your help!

- Marybeth Sprague, Bulletin Editor



## Rectory Hours for Christmas

The Rectory will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. It will reopen on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## Bingo Meeting

There will be a BINGO meeting on **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:15 p.m. in the school hall. Please reach out to John Mahoney 773-914-1528 or Melissa Liakopoulos 630-373-3956 with any questions.

## 2025 Calendars

The St. Christina 2025 calendars are available at the entrances of the Church. These calendars are donated by Beverly Ridge Funeral Home. Take one home with you.



# 2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule

## Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., &  
10:30 p.m. Masses

## Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Masses

## New Year's Eve

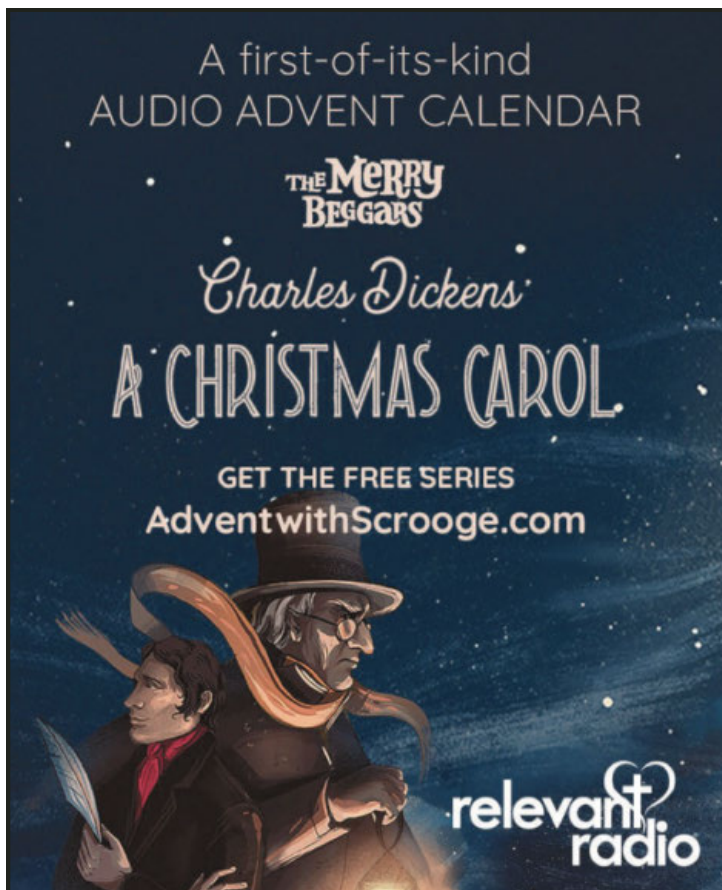
Tuesday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Mass

## New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Mass





**Holy Name News**

The St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club would like to thank parishioners who contributed to last month's successful third annual coat

drive. Several hundred coats were generously donated and distributed to area needy.

The next Holy Name meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. January has traditionally been Chili Night. The Holy Name board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. Requests for donations must first be presented to the board before being presented to membership.

**Christmas Wafers "Oplatek"**

For those of you who are familiar with the Christmas Eve tradition of sharing the Christmas Wafer, "Oplatek," they are available at both doors near the altar. Donations appreciated.

**Thank You!**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Giving Tree fund. Your donations of gift cards and money will make Christmas brighter for several parish families.





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In this holy season of Christmas, words from the Book of Wisdom echo in our hearts: *For while all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word leapt down from Heaven from Thy royal throne, as a fierce conqueror into the midst of the land of destruction.* (Wisdom 18:15).

We have many reasons to think of our world as “the land of destruction.” Today, so many people across the globe suffer the ravages of war and violence, the burden of illness, crushing poverty and displacement, and natural disasters that are often weather related.

Our faith affirms that the Eternal Word of the Father took our flesh, shared our human condition in all its troubled dimensions, and then as “a fierce conqueror” lifted us up into new life. This mystery at the center of our faith gives us renewed hope and encouragement as we make our pilgrim way in this wounded world. Indeed, across the coming Holy Year, we celebrate the hope that only the Lord in his goodness can give us. It is hope, Saint Paul tells us, that *will not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.* (Romans 5:5)

As you gather with family and friends in this holy season, I will pray for you and for a renewal of your hope. May the upcoming Holy Year with its theme *Pilgrims of hope* be an opportunity for all of us to learn how to be signs and instruments of hope for our struggling and burdened world.

As I celebrate the Eucharist in this holy season, I will ask the Lord to help you and your loved ones to cling to his word of promise that is the true source of our hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago





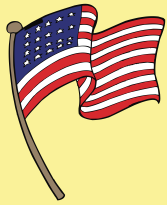
## St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach

*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.*

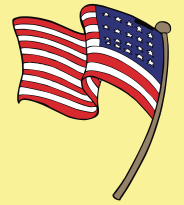
*Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence 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  
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Pvt. Matthew J. Chausse, US Army  
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Anthony DeAvila, US Navy  
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S.G.G. Jerome Gardner  
Cpl. James Garringer  
PFC Joey Golden, US Army  
Henry Gorski, USMC  
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Daniel J. Grand, USMC  
1st Lt. Lindsay Hartig  
Pfc. Matthew Hastings, USAF

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Michael Insley, USMC  
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FT2 (SS) Sean Michael Kampwirth, USN  
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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  
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Vincent Prosapio III, USN  
Christopher Quinn  
Cpl. Joseph F. Quinn IV, USMC  
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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, Dec. 23 – St. John of Kanty, Priest**

7:00 a.m. ✠ Helen Staskiewicz

**Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Late Advent Weekday –  
Christmas Eve**

7:00 a.m. People

4:00 p.m. of

6:00 p.m. Our

10:30 p.m. Parish

**Wednesday, Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord –  
Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m. People of

10:30 a.m. Our Parish

**Thursday, Dec. 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

7:00 a.m. Those in the Military

**Friday, Dec. 27 – St. John, Apostle and  
Evangelist**

7:00 a.m. ✠ Helen O'Heir; ✠ Marilyn Walega;  
✠ June Alberico; ✠ Madison Harrison

**Saturday, Dec. 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

7:00 a.m. ✠ Roseann O'Malley; ✠ Julie Hayes;  
✠ Helen Cvetan

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Alison Kurab & Zachary  
Gammonley

4:00 p.m. ✠ Jackie LaPorte; ✠ Phyllis Noxon;  
✠ Sean Stack

**Sunday, Dec. 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Helen Cveton; ✠ Sister Katie Dages

10:30 a.m. ✠ Donald Myron; ✠ Christine Granat;  
✠ Jackie LaPorte

5:00 p.m. All First Responders

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, December 28

4:00 p.m. President: Fr. John Sullivan  
Lector: S. Roulo  
E.M.: B. Mulcahy; J. Mulcahy;  
D. Brueckman

### Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. President: Fr. Svida  
Lector: B. Silva  
E.M.: Deacon Stanley; R. Schultz; J. Schultz

10:30 a.m. President: Fr. John Sullivan  
Lector: C. Richter  
E.M. Deacon Al; J. McKeon; R. Hudec

5:00 p.m. President: Fr. Brady  
Lector: M. O'Connor  
E.M. D. Ryan; E. McDermott; T. Rappold



## COLLECTION TOTALS December 7-8, 2024

**Sunday: \$12,166.00**

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**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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