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

December 29, 2024



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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Parish Directory	Wee	ekly Events
Parish Priests Rev. Ryan Brady, Administrator, 773-779-7181 rbrady@archchicago.org	Dec. 29, 2024 - Jan. 4, 2025	
Rev. Wayne Svida, Associate Pastor, 773-779-7181		
Permanent Deacons Alfredo Adolfo	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	<u>29, 2024</u>
deaconal@stchristinaparish.org John Mutnansky deaconjohn@stchristinaparish.org	Sports	GYM 1-9 p.m.
Stanley F. Rakauskas srakauskas@archchicago.org		20. 2024
School PrincipalCarrie Spanocspano@stchristina.org	MONDAY, DECEMBER	<u>9 p.m.</u> 9 a.m9 p.m.
Coordinator of Religious Education Pam Waldrom pamwaldrom.stchristinare@gmail.com		
Pastoral Care Minister Sr. Ann Vincent, 773-445-6779 sisterann@stchristinaparish.org	<u>TUESDAY, DECEMBER</u> NEW YEAR'S EVE	<u>8 31, 2024</u>
Music Director Mary Kay Notter, 708-362-2053 mknotter@stchristinaparish.org		9 a.m3 p.m.
Youth Minister Timothy O'Brien, 773-445-3435 tobrien@stchristinaparish.org	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025	
Office Manager Joyce Maxwell jmaxwell@stchristinaparish.org	NEW YEAR'S DAY	New
Secretary/Sacramental Coordinator Wendy Lundberg wlundberg@stchristinaparish.org		2 2025
Administrative Assistant Kim Geissler, 773-779-7181 kgeissler@stchristinaparish.org	THURSDAY, JANUARY Sports	<u>2, 2025</u> 9 a.m9 p.m.
Operations Director David Sullivan, 773-779-7181 dsullivan@stchristinaparish.org	<u>FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2</u>	0025
Webmaster Hugo Lugo lugohugo@hotmail.com		9 a.m9 p.m.
Bulletin Editor Marybeth Sprague saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com		
Bulletin submission deadline: Monday at 12:00 noon for the following Sunday's bulletin.	SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025	
Church: Corner of 111 th & Christiana Ave.	Sports	9 a.m9 p.m.
Rectory: 11005 S. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL 60655 Hours: 9:00 a.m4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday Any other time by appointment only	Ch: Church	PC: Parish Center
Phone: 773-779-7181 Fax: 773-238-2942 Website: www.stchristinaparish.org	CH: Church Hall	PCCR: Parish Center Conference Room
Parish email: parish@stchristinaparish.org School:	HSch: Homan Building	MC: Ministry Center
3333 West 110th St., Chicago, IL 60655 <u>Phone</u> : 773-445-2969 <u>Fax</u> : 773-445-0444 <u>Website</u> : www.stchristina.org	Sch: School	MCCR: Ministry Center Community Rm.
Ministry Center: 11033 S.Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60655	SH: School Hall	MCDR: Ministry Center Dining Room
Phone: 773-445-0132	SchL: School Library	MCChpl: Ministry Center Chapel



Jesus charted a course of action so that we could be claimed as children of God, so that our sins could be forgiven, and that we may be welcomed into Heaven. Jesus was born for that very reason. And how was Jesus born? What was it like? What were the circumstances? Jesus, the King of Heaven and Earth, wanted to come into the world without being noticed, without a house, without money, without a cradle, without possessions. But, Jesus did not come without a family. He was born of a holy family, the Holy Family. Jesus did not want us to be left without that Holy Family either. For that reason, Mary is our Mother, Joseph our father, Jesus our Brother and we, too, are privileged members of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Today's Gospel tells us about a painful experience for that Holy Family. Even the Holy Family wasn't perfect! All families exist so that our joy can also

be the joy of those we love. And, importantly, families exist so that our sufferings will never be ours alone. Today the family is the main target of the evil one. Satan knows, as St. John Paul II repeatedly said, "as the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." Our families are worth it: let's fight for them to grow in holiness.

We have to ask ourselves: How can I change the world? What can I do for my neighborhood, my city, my country? What can I do for peace in the city? In the world? The answer is simple: love your family; love each of the members of your family. Love every member of your family, just as they are, taking the bitter with the sweet. Family love is powerful.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us give thanks to God for our family — our parish family! Our parish is an army of families. We are called to love one other and grow remarkably strong together. We are called to share our joys and sorrows. We are called to pray together. We are called to place God at the center of what we do. We are called to remind each other that holiness is our common goal.

With that being said, I have an announcement to make! Recently, I was welcomed into another family. At the request of Annette Nance-Holt, Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department, Cardinal Cupich has allowed me to serve as Chaplain of the Chicago Fire Department. I am privileged to minister as chaplain of the CFD in conjunction with my duties as pastor of our incredible parish. I'm humbled by the confidence and faith that the Commissioner and Cardinal have placed in me. I'm very excited.

I'm also very realistic. This will be a tough task. I ask that you pray for me. I am confident that, with your prayers and God's grace, our parish family will continue to grow and flourish beyond our greatest expectations. Through our love and support of one another, we will grow remarkably strong. We will continue to be together in our joys and sorrows. Of course, we will continue to pray together. And, with your help, I'll never forget to place God at the center of what I do. With your prayers and support, I will be the priest I need to be for your family, for our parish family, and now for the Chicago Fire Department family.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family! Fr. Ryan P. Brady 29

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CURRENT FAMILY RESERVATION DRIVE **OPEN NOW - FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH**

The Reservation Drive for current families to reserve their child(ren)'s spot for the 2025/26 school year is now open. Please use the QR code below to reserve your spot for next year.

Current School Families may register any student who will be NEW to our school in August 2025, in any grade level, between Monday, January 13 and Friday, January 17th. More information can be found at stchristina.org/admissions.



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

New Family Registration will take place at the Main Office of St. Christina School at 3333 W. 110th Street. Scan the QR code below for addition information on the enrollment process.

COME BE A PART OF THE CARDINAL SPIRIT.



The Girl Scouts of Troop 25394 want to say thank you to the St. Christina community for their generosity in donating to the Pajama Drive. They are proud to share that 130 sets of PJs were collected and will be donated to local children in need. Scholastic will be donating 130 books to match our donation!

THANK YOU!



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Mass & Rectory Hours for New Year's Day

The Rectory will be closed on New Year's

Day and will reopen on January 2nd at 9:00 a.m. There will be one Mass on New Year's Day, at 9:00 a.m.

Congratulations, Fr. Lawrence Sullivan!

Fr. Lawrence Sullivan, former pastor of St. Christina Parish, is one of five who have been appointed new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago by Pope Francis. The episcopal ordination of the bishops-elect will take place at Holy Name Cathedral in early 2025. The parishioners of St. Christina wish you well in your new position!



Holiday Schedule

<u>New Year's Eve</u> Tuesday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Mass

<u>New Year's Day</u> <u>Wednesday, January 1</u> 9:00 a.m. Mass



Thank You!

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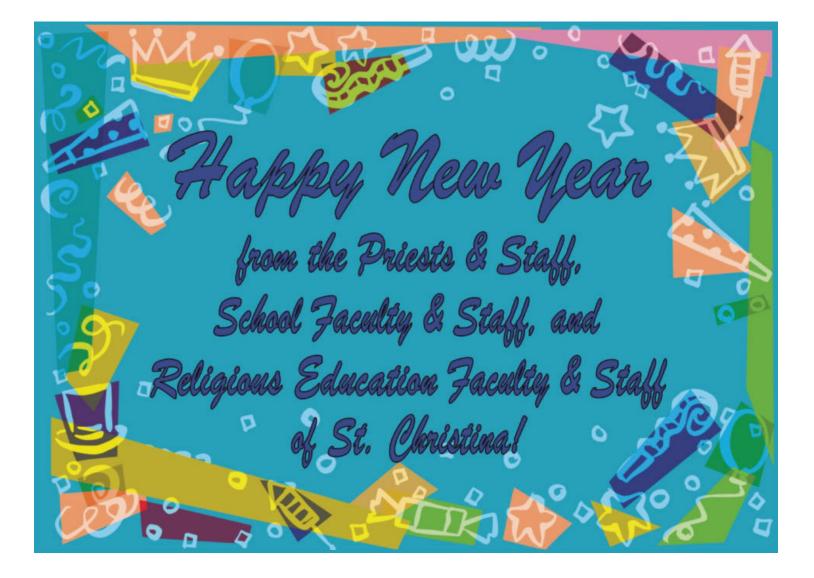
The Holy Family



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Grateful for the St. Christina Parish Center, the food from Calabria's, the entertainment from Carol Reich and her second graders, and the joy from experiencing each other during this season filled with joy, happiness, and generosity. Jesus is the Reason for the Season.







Holy Name News

Members of the St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club elected officers for the 2025 board during its general meeting on December 13th. Also in attendance were Fathers Brady, Svida, Ziomek, and Deacon Rakauskas.

Nominated were Mike Giancarlo, President; John Mahoney, First Vice-President; John Gorman, Second Vice-President; Mark Renderman, Treasurer; Bill Sweeney, Secretary; John Owens, Sergeant-at-Arms; Jack Ullrich, Athletic Chairman, and Mo Walsh, Membership Chairman. Mike Sinde will continue as

School Liaison. Advisors will be Ed Hayes, Chuck Bingham, Bill Fitzgibbons, Tom Downes, and Pat Roberto.

Ten senior members of the group were winners of \$25 gift cards, a tradition during the December meeting. Members received updates on parish activities and prayed for ill family members. Matt Lenzen was not present for the \$500 membership drawing.

Holy Name generally meets on the second Friday of each month, except during Lent when they meet on Thursday. Meetings begin with a light meal and refreshments. All men of the parish over 18 years of age are invited to join.

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.

The Holy Family

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



Bulletin Submission Guidelines

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Due to early holiday deadlines, the January 5th bulletin is now closed to submissions.

To submit items to *The Sign*, please email your article or announcement (HARD COPIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED) 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 deadlines apply to some holidays</u>. 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.



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

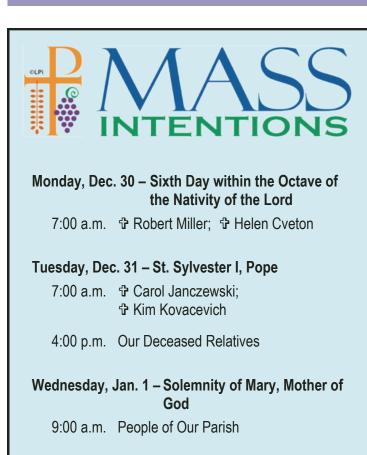
SPC Frankie Zoller, US Army



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Thursday, Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:00 a.m. ♥ Steve James; ♥ John Brzana; ♥ Paul Petkus

Friday, Jan. 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

- 7:00 a.m. ✤ Bob & Mary Jane Gill; ✤ Jerry McGuinn; ✤ Helen Cvetan
- Saturday, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 - 7:00 a.m. Those Who Serve and Protect
 - 4:00 p.m. ♥ Megan Spring; ♥ Patricia Higdo Mihalec; Paul Ramirez

Sunday, Jan. 5 – Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 a.m. ♥ Peter Dages; ♥ Michelle Dages; ♥ Michael Callahan
- 10:30 a.m.
 ⊕ Keith Nelson, Sr.; ⊕ Ken Claussen
- 5:00 p.m. Those in the Military

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 4

4:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. John Sullivan Lector: P. Cain E.M.: Deacon Stanley; C. Chessare; M. Smith

Sunday, January 5

8:00 a.m.	Lector:	
10:30 a.m.	Lector:	Fr. Brady S. Fitzgerald Deacon Al; B. Bresnahan; L. Bresnahan
5:00 p.m.	Lector:	



COLLECTION TOTALS December 14-15, 2024

Sunday: \$10,802.45

Support Your Parish: \$529.00

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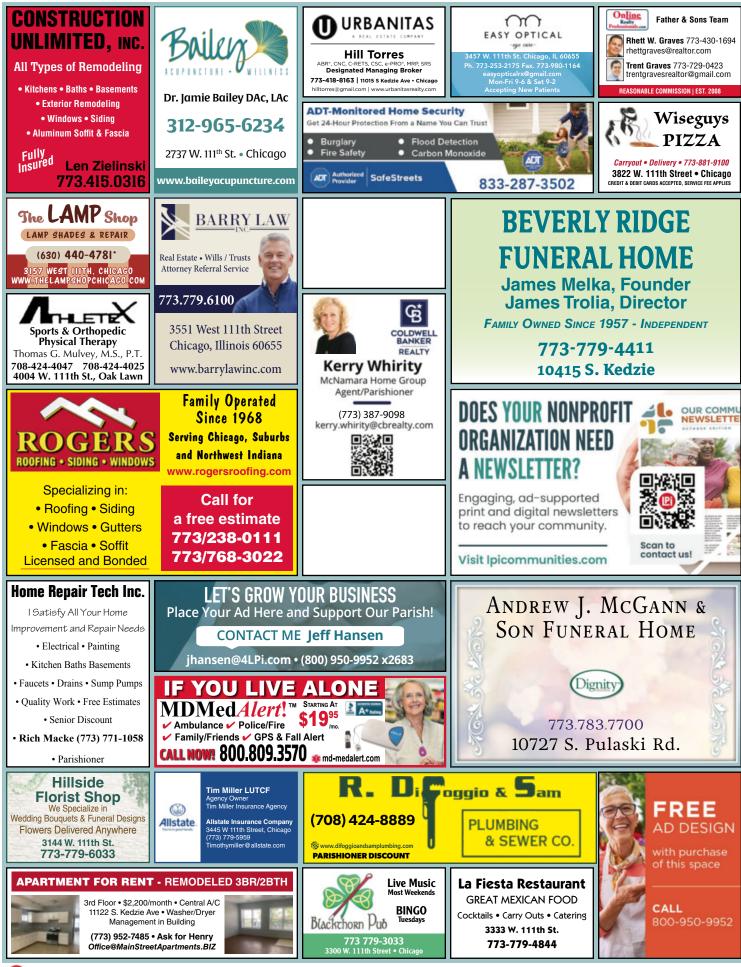
WeShare — Online Giving

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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