

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

SUNDAY: 4:00p Saturday;
8:00a, 10:30a, and 5:00p

WEEKDAYS: 7:00a

SATURDAY: 7:00a; 4:00p (fulfills
Sunday obligation)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:
Contact the Rectory for Mass times.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS: 9:00a

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
- 3rd Sunday of Advent and 5th Sunday of Lent after all the Masses

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Congratulations on this momentous step! Arrangements need to be made at least 6 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: Thursday before First Friday, 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

April 28, 2024



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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 - Apr. 28 - May 4, 2024

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

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| Religious Education | Sch/SH | 8:30-10 a.m. |
| Sports | GYM | 1-5 p.m. |

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

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| Senior Exercise | PC/PCCR | 9-10 a.m. |
| Sports | GYM | 4:15-9 p.m. |
| OCIA Meeting | Rectory | 6 p.m. |

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

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| School Music Class | PC | 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. |
| Sports | GYM | 4:15-9 p.m. |
| Cub Scout Den Meetings | SH | 5-7 p.m. |

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

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| School Music Class | SH | 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. |
| Senior Exercise | PC/PCCR | 9-10 a.m. |
| Enrichment Class | SH | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |
| Sports | GYM | 4:15-9 p.m. |
| Choir Practice | Ch | 6:30 p.m. |

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

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| Sports | GYM | 4:15-9 p.m. |
| Boy Scout Meeting | CH | 6:30-8 p.m. |
| Holy Hour | Ch | 7 p.m. |

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

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| Senior Exercise | PC/PCCR | 9-10 a.m. |
| Sports | GYM | 4:15-9 p.m. |

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

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| Homebound Meals Prep | SH | 8-11 a.m. |
| 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

CH: Church Hall

HSch: Homan Building

Sch: School

SH: School Hall

SchL: School Library

PC: Parish Center

PCCR: Parish Center Conference Room

MC: Ministry Center

MCCR: Ministry Center Community Rm.

MCDR: Ministry Center Dining Room

MCChpl: Ministry Center Chapel

Rectory Hours

The Rectory is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.



Dear Parishioners,

This past Saturday the parish celebrated our second grade and Religious Ed First Holy Communion. The weather was nice, a little chilly, but no rain and the sun was out. A beautiful day for this celebration. The girls in their white dresses and the boys in suits and ties and no one got dirty until they got home to really have their parties with their families and friends.

At the one o'clock Mass we had two guests, Deacon Ramon Ferrer from North Carolina and Rev. Scott Donahue from Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. Each had family members who received their First Communion. We were glad they were able to con-celebrate with Fr. Tom and me. We want to thank our Administrator, Fr. Dennis, who helped at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and Deacon John for his presence at both. We would also like to thank everyone who made this Mass so special, from

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our teachers, catechists, musicians, singers, altar servers, the Art and Environment Committee, photographers, and other people behind the scenes. Most of all I want to thank the parents for allowing us to teach your children their faith in Jesus and the sacraments. To the children, GREAT JOB! We are very proud of you!! We pray you continue to receive Jesus each and every time you come to Mass.

On Sunday we had our Youth Mass. It was well attended and has increased from a few to about 20 and we hope it continues to GROW. The young people attended Mass as a group. They went over to the gym to get to know each other, prayed, sang, enjoyed gym activities, and ended in the Ministry Center for what every youth needs — FOOD. This program is for junior high, high school, and I think even college students (not too sure on the last one). During the summer they will have a softball league and a retreat. Look for more information to come.

Congratulations! God bless one and all.

Fr. Wayne





Holy Hour



Come join us for Holy Hour this Thursday, May 2nd, with Rosary and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in church. This might be a good opportunity to thank God for the blessings he has given you and to ask that the summer ahead will be a safe one for all. Hope to see you then!



Senior Fitness

The Senior Exercise Program has resumed in the Parish Center on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** The overall goal of all our exercises is to maintain our highest level of independence so movements that support activities of daily living are done. Chronic illness or age are not contraindications of joining us. In fact, our exercises have been shown to improve health problems like diabetes and hypertension and arthritis. Our regular participants are encouraged to return, and we invite new people to join us. Call Eileen (773-445-0802) or Joan (312-758-1471) for any information about this program, or come early one day next week and we will help you get started.

Summer Youth Softball League



Attention, attention! Looking for teens and young adults (incoming high school freshman through college-aged students) to join us in our summer softball league on Monday nights starting on Monday, June 10th and running through Monday, August 5th. **Registration for the league will take place on Sunday, May 19th** (our Youth Mass Sunday) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Any questions, please contact our youth minister, Tim O'Brien, at tobrien@stchristinaparish.org or 773-445-3435.

Youth Masses

Please join us for St. Christina's Youth Masses and activities on these Sunday evenings, starting with our 5:00 p.m. Masses:

Sunday, May 19th ■ Sunday, June 23rd

Everyone is welcome! Any questions, please contact our Youth Director, Tim O'Brien, at tobrien@stchristinaparish.org or 773-445-3435.

April 28th — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Leave a Legacy to Bring Hope to the World

As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship by including a gift to our parish in one of the following ways:

- Will or Trust
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- Charitable Gift Annuity

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Bulletin Submission Guidelines



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. Earlier 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, **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.

- a) Please note that because our bulletin has limited space available, we don't always have room to run full-page or even half-page flyers. For this reason, **we request that flyers be accompanied by a short written announcement or article containing the main information the flyer is intended to convey.** That gives us flexibility and increases the chance that your information will make it into the bulletin.
- b) **Sending more than one size of your flyer** will also increase the chances that we will have space to run it. Because shrinking a full-page flyer will not always result in it being readable, sending a full-page, half-page, and quarter-page version of your flyer is best.

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.**

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.

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



Adoration Chapel Adorers Still Needed!

We are still looking for volunteers to become adorers in our Chapel for the Exposition hours from 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Since our last appeal, we have lost more of our current adorers due to age, illness, injuries, or family obligations. So, please search your heart to see if you could spare one hour on a regular basis on one of these days, once a week. No special training or requirements needed; only the willingness to spend some quiet time with Jesus. Please think and pray about this urgent need. Your help is really and truly needed. If you have any questions or want to sign up for adoration, please contact Carol Smith at 708-217-7301 or Joe Kinnerk at 773-253-8911.

Please seriously consider this ministry.



May Homebound Meal Spring Is in the Air!

Why not come and help us prepare a springtime delight for our homebound parishioners? We will be preparing and packing the meal on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th. We start around 8:00 a.m. when the coffee is ready.

Why not come down to the School Hall and meet new friends and perfect your cutting, peeling, chopping, and dicing skills? Help is always needed.

We hope to see you then.

Thank You!

From the bottom of our hearts, we wanted to thank our amazing Parish for saving their plastic tops for our troop over the last several months. We are happy to announce that we have reached our goal! We now will start sorting and organizing caps and getting them ready to bring in to get our bench made. We will send out more updates once our bench is complete. Thank you so much. We could never have achieved this goal without the help of our amazing community. The girls are so excited and proud of themselves!

God Bless,
Troop 26292



Holy Name News

The next general meeting of the St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club will be on **Friday, May 10th** in the School Hall. The night will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a light meal and refreshments, followed by the 7:30 p.m. meeting. All men of the parish over 18 years of age are invited. There will be a \$500 membership drawing. A member must be present to win.

On Bible Movies, and the Vine and the Branches

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I very rarely sit down to watch a bible movie. The last one I sat down to watch may very well have been *The Passion of the Christ*, and this film goes back twenty years now. Which is not to say that I don't enjoy bible movies. I love them, and — perhaps because I've read the Book — it's fun to see how the movie-makers portray the various biblical stories leading up to their Hollywood endings. In the days before Easter, I had an opportunity to watch a little bit of many such films.

I have a small TV in the kitchen. I always spend a lot of time there prepping food anyway, and I spent even more time there during Holy Week prepping food for the family members coming my way on the Great Sunday. I was hard-boiling eggs, making cookies, baking bread and lemon meringue pies. And as my good fortune would have it, Channel 32.2 was airing a whole slew of bible movies all along the way.

Let's see... I watched bits and pieces of *The Bible in the Beginning*, *The Ten Commandments*, *The Robe*, *Demetrius and the Gladiators*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, and *The Keys of the Kingdom* (which doesn't really count, but a great film anyway). I may have even watched a few more, because if it was on when I was in the kitchen, I was watching it. Like I said, though, I never really watched any of them. I never curled up on the couch with a bowl of popcorn to totally enjoy them.

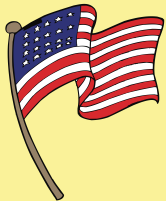
Nonetheless, I got enough from all of them to increase my spiritual awareness of — and my appreciation for — everything leading up to the empty tomb that the whole world would be celebrating in just a few days. I saw Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt for disobeying and looking back. I saw the centurion asking Jesus to cure his servant from far away with just a word. I saw Pilate interrogating Jesus and demanding, "What is the truth?"

But the scene that impacted me most was when Jesus dined with the tax collector, Matthew. Hot-headed Peter is opposed to this, of course. But he hovers in the doorway of Matthew's house anyway with sinners all around, and listens to Jesus tell the parable of the Prodigal Son. Speaking in the person of the father in the parable, Jesus says, "It is right to celebrate. Your brother was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found..." It seems as if Jesus is speaking directly to Matthew and to Peter, but for different reasons, each.

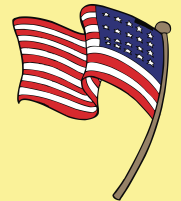
And this scene speaks even more to me now, given today's Gospel. "I am the true vine," Jesus says, "and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." I think of Matthew, listening to the parable, and coming to an understanding that **he** is the Prodigal Son. I think Peter, listening to the parable, and coming to an understanding that **he** is the disgruntled brother. I think of the pruning that I need every day — that perhaps each of us needs every day — to remain in the Christ. And I think of all those quotidian moments in the kitchen, taking in bits and pieces of the Story, hopeful for Hollywood endings for us all.

Split the Pot

On Wednesday, April 24, Envelope No. 3484 was drawn. **There was no winner.** The next drawing will be Wednesday, May 1. The next Split the Pot total prize amount will be at least \$12,257.00. 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:

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
 Anthony DeAvila, US Navy
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 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

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 Michael Hughes
 Michael Insley, USMC
 Cpl. Matthew Julkowski, USMC
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 FT2 (SS) Sean Michael Kampwirth, USN
 CSM Michael Kelly
 Captain Katherine Kezon
 Matthew Kilroe, USMC
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 LCpl. Jonathon D. Knidsen
 General James Kokaska
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 Ryan Markmann
 Captain Patricia F. McNamara, USMC
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 2Lt. Rickey Mutnansky, Army
 1SG Wayne F. Mutnansky
 1st Lt. Jamie Neumann
 SPC Taylor O'Callaghan
 2nd LT Justin M. O'Connell, US Army

William "Bill" O'Connell, USMC
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 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
 Cpl. Donald Stalzer, USMC
 SPC Jordan Stover
 Lt. Ashley Strong, USN
 LCpl Joe Sullivan, USMC
 PFC Daniel Taff
 Dakota Trueba, USN
 Scott Vega
 Ed Voelker, USN
 John Lawrence Weston
 Cpt. Eileen White
 SPC Frankie Zoller, US Army





**Monday, Apr. 29 – St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin & Doctor of the
Church**

7:00 a.m. Rose Gregovich

Tuesday, Apr. 30 – St. Pius V, Pope

7:00 a.m. People of St. Christina

**Wednesday, May 1 – St. Joseph the
Worker**

7:00 a.m. Mark Giancarlo

**Thursday, May 2 – St. Athanasius,
Bishop & Doctor of
the Church**

7:00 a.m. Ed Higgins

**Friday, May 3 – Sts. Philip & James
Apostles**

7:00 a.m. Those Who Are Homebound

Saturday, May 4 – Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Those Who Are Sick

4:00 p.m. Catherine Stubitsch; Kathryn
Chorak

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Emme Gillen; Mark Giancarlo

10:30 a.m. Keith Nelson, Sr.; Colin
McInerney; Peter Hughes

5:00 p.m. John Clerkin

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 4

4:00 p.m. Presider:
Lector: M. Donegan
E.M.: Deacon John; D. Brueckman;
K. Mutnansky

Sunday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Presider:
Lector: P. Cain
E.M.: Deacon Al; R. Schultz; D. Higgins

10:30 a.m. Presider:
Lector: J. Kelly
E.M. Deacon Al; T. Moroz; R. Hudec

5:00 p.m. Presider:
Lector: J. Garza
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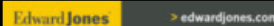
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