# 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:**

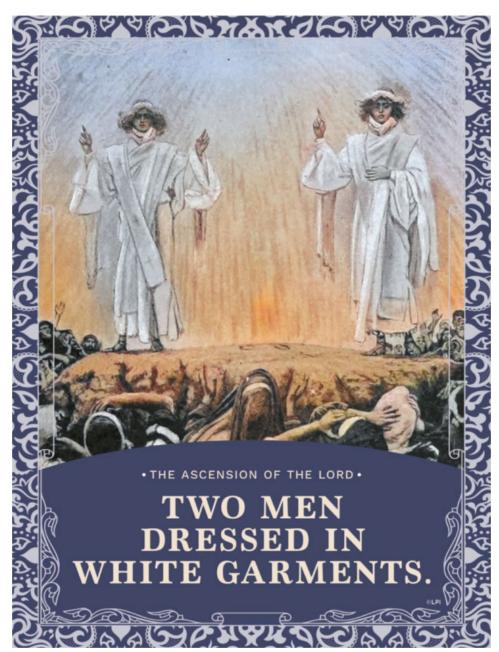
Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday, 8:00a - 4:00p, with Exposition from 1:00p until 4:00p. Holy Hour: Second Thursday of the month, 7:00p - 8:00p in Church

#### 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

# June 1, 2025



#### 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.



June 1, 2025

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Parish Directory	
<b>Parish Priests</b> Rev. Ryan Brady, Administrator, 773-779-7181 rbrady@archchicago.org	
Rev. Wayne Svida, Associate Pastor, 773-779-7181	
Permanent Deacons Alfredo Adolfo	<u>SUNDAY, JUNE</u>
deaconal@stchristinaparish.org John Mutnansky	MONDAY, JUNI
deaconjohn@stchristinaparish.org	
Stanley F. Rakauskas srakauskas@archchicago.org	Graduation
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Secretary/Sacramental Coordinator Wendy Lundberg	Boy Scout Meeti
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<b>Rectory:</b> 11005 S. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL 60655 <u>Hours</u> : 9:00 a.m4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday	Care.
Any other time by appointment only <u>Phone</u> : 773-779-7181 <u>Fax</u> : 773-238-2942	Ch: Church
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# **Weekly Events** June 1-7, 2025

### E 1, 2025

### E 2, 2025

Graduation	PC/PCCR/GYM	5-10 p.m.
Graduation Mass	Ch	6 p.m.

### NE 3, 2025

Little Flag Football Registration	PC	4-5:30 p.m.
Baptismal Preparation	Rectory	7 p.m.
School Advisory Committee Mtg	PCCR	7 p.m.

# JUNE 4, 2025

	Little Flag Football Registration	PC	4-5:30 p.m.
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#### JNE 5, 2025

Boy Scout Meeting	CH	6:30 p.m.
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#### 6, 2025

School Mass and Awards	Ch	8:15 a.m.
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#### JNE 7, 2025

eals Prep ......8-11 a.m.

'M is not available for practice until after 4:15 p.m. and Parish ence Room are not available until after 6 p.m. due to Extended

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



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. The Ascension marks the very end of Jesus' life and ministry on Earth. He's off to Heaven! Literally. But Jesus is not going away. He's going home — His true Home. And frankly, as sons and daughters of God, our Father, Heaven is our home too! Through Jesus' life, His Resurrection from dead, and His Ascension into Heaven, we too can be welcomed home!

Jesus gives some final instructions to His disciples before His Ascension. "Go!" He commands them to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This command is a call to action, not only for the disciples, but for all believers. Jesus wants us to proclaim the gospel too! We are called to be ambassadors of Christ's love and salvation. We are called to be brothers and sisters of Jesus. We are called to proclaim

His Good News and share our love for Jesus with anyone who will listen.

We are responsible for continuing Jesus' work in the world. We are called to be family. We are each called to share Jesus' message of hope, redemption, and reconciliation with those broken and hurting in our world.

Contrary to popular belief, Heaven is no guarantee! We've got to work for it, we've got to love for it. And we've got Jesus, our Brother, and Mary, our Mother pulling for us all the way! The more people assume Heaven is a guarantee — no matter what they do — the more perturbed and unhappy they become. They rest on their laurels and eventually abandon Jesus. Because if Heaven is a guarantee, why would anyone need Jesus?! Jesus wants us to stay hungry for His presence in our life. We've got to consistently work at our relationship with Him to be working on "going home" to Heaven.

Heaven is our true home. It is a home filled with all those we love. There is God our Father, Mary our mother. And the beautiful relationships — both family and friends — that we forge on Earth are only a prelude to what those relationships can be like in Paradise. There's no sickness there. No mourning, grief, or division. In Paradise, there's only the happiness and the joy of being together — with each other, with our Mother, and with God our Father. That's what God wants for each of us.

Today, let us look toward Heaven and realize, we look towards home. Let's strive for it. Let's work for it. Let's love for it. And let us be encouraged, strengthened and loved by the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. With grateful hearts, let's recognize the importance of those who encourage us, strengthen us, and love us as we try and make our way to Heaven.

As we celebrate the Ascension, let us renew our faith in the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to Heaven to prepare a place — a home — for each and every one of us to live as a family with God, and each other. Forever.

Oremus pro invicem! Fr. Ryan P. Brady



# CARDINALS LEAD · SERVE · INSPIRE

One of our Girl Scout troops generously gave their time to serve at our Feed My Starving Children, demonstrating the importance of giving back and making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



Our 7th and 8th graders took part in a special service project to support the homeless community on Lower Wacker Drive. This outreach effort, organized by a local resident in partnership with Spring Lower Wacker Lunches, provides lunches every Saturday to those in need in downtown Chicago. Our students prepared 100 bagged lunches!

#BetterTogether







# **Congratulations to Our** 2025 St. Christina School Graduates!

**Conor Alanis Patrick Barrins** Matthew Bickham Ava Bonnett **Olivia Bonnett Matthew Brandenburger Declan Callaghan Grace Carter Rachel Chevalier Patrick Cox Christian Danaher Elizabeth Darling Claire Deenihan Brooklyn Devine Michael Ferguson** Mason Fern

**Caroline Fitzgibbons** Maeve Gill **Kendall Griffin** Lexi Hamilton **Rosaleen Hart Elora Hiatt** Gabriella Jacklin Sarah Kelly Shannon Lee Michael Lorenz **Conor Maher** John McMeel **Declan Moore Brian Murphy Claire O'Brien** Frank Olson

Marvin Otten Charles Perek Nora Ryan Frederick Schaller Daniel Schapendonk Danielle Sell Josafina Utesch Emma Valentine Maia Wessler Dylan West-Grimm Grace Wolbers



# Faith Formation for Adults and Children with Developmental Disabilities

SPRED is a unique ministry for people with various intellectual and developmental disabilities or learning disabilities. The SPRED ministry welcomes children and adults into a small faith community where they form friendships with people from the parish who accompany them on their faith journey. SPRED helps each participant to recognize the presence of God in all of life and it also prepares them rticipation in the sacramental life of the parish

for full participation in the sacramental life of the parish.

Currently we are seeking volunteers to help reestablish SPRED at St. Christina. Please note that you do not need to have prior experience working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to volunteer with SPRED, as training will be provided to all volunteers. Volunteers are prepared to offer respect, hospitality, meaningful experiences of faith formation and prayer grounded in love to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

If you are interested in learning more about SPRED, please join us for an information meeting on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, or contact Joe Quane at jquane@archchicago.org.

For more information about SPRED, please visit: www.spred-chicago.org.



# Treasure Chest Raffle is Back! Don't miss out on a chance to win \$50,000!

Treasure Chest Raffle tickets are available now. This year's raffle will be held on August  $17^{\text{th}}$  at the Parish Picnic. The price of each ticket is \$100, and there will be only 1,500 tickets sold. Raffle tickets may be purchased during normal Rectory hours Monday 9:00 a m -4:00 p m

through Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$50,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$7,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$5,000, five prizes of \$1,000 each and five prizes of \$500 each. As in previous years, if the seller of a winning ticket is a parishioner, the seller wins 10% of the prize.

This year's raffle will have one Early Bird Drawing of \$1,000. The Early Bird drawing will be on July 18<sup>th</sup>. All Treasure Chest tickets purchased prior to the Early Bird drawing will be eligible. Buying your ticket by July 18<sup>th</sup> gives you the opportunity of winning twice: July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>.

To purchase or sell Treasure Chest Raffle tickets, contact the Rectory at 773-779-7181.

# **Religious Education Registration**

You may register online from May 1<sup>st</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup> by going to **stchristinaparish.org** and clicking on the Religious Education tab.

This year, with your help, we will be adding a second night to Religious Ed. Volunteer catechists are needed on Tuesdays to make this happen. Your choices for classes in 2025-26 will be:

#### SUNDAY from 8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

#### TUESDAY from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.\*

\**Each grade level for Tuesday will be contingent upon new catechists volunteering their time and talents. Contact religioused@stchristinaparish.org to volunteer!* 

Late registration will be on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will be a \$40 late fee added. **ALL registration for the 2025-26 year closes on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.** Classes begin September 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### FAITH IN ACTION: The Next Generation — Pass It On!

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 300 children and young people, grades kindergarten through grade 8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and our Catholic faith life.

#### **NEW CLASS TIMES & DAYS:**

#### Sundays from 8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. (NEW TIME) Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (NEW DAY & TIME)

Our needs will be great! But our community is greater. You can help by becoming a catechist for Religious Education. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well. Religious Education classes begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meeting for new staff prior to the start of the year. Please contact me (pamwaldrom.stchristinaRE@gmail.com) so I may answer any questions you may have about the role of the catechist.

**NEEDED:** Tuesday night catechists for ALL GRADES: KDG – 8. Need at least one per grade level! Help us kick off our inaugural second day option for Religious Education on Tuesday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m.. Please go to our catechist page on the Religious Education section of the St. Christina website.

All volunteers must have a background check and Virtus training prior to volunteering. The required paperwork for working as a volunteer in the parish is found on our website (stchristinaparish.org) at Saint Christina Parish - VIRTUS - Protecting All God's Children® Program.





# POPE LEO XIV

June 14, 2025 at Rate Field

Gates open **12:30 p.m.** Program **2:30 p.m.** Mass **4 p.m.** 

More info: archchicago.org/PopeLeoXIV
ALL ARE INVITED



# **Baby Bottle Project**

Our parish is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This nonprofit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies

by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies — and their mothers — from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from Church, fill it with your spare change, and return it no later than the weekend of June  $14^{\text{th}} - 15^{\text{th}}$ .

This is a simple but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note: the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

### Priests' Health and Retirement Collection

Next weekend, June 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection for the Priests' Health & Retirement Fund (PRMAA). Your generosity impacts 386 active and 247 retired archdiocesan priests. Pease make your check payable to St. Christina Church so it can be included in the parish check. If you wish to donate online, go to: prmaa.org.



# Homebound Meals, June 7-8 June is Busting Out All Over

Come one! Come all! We will be preparing a meal to celebrate the arrival of summer.

When: Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
 Time: Around 8:00 a.m. Where: The School Hall
 What to bring: Yourself and your desire to cut, chop, peel, and meet new people.

Let's celebrate the season by preparing a special meal for our homebound.

We hope to see you then. Remember: We always have coffee and delectable treats.

# Summer Youth Softball League

Attention, attention! Looking for teens and young adults (9<sup>th</sup> grade through college sophomores) to join us in our co-ed

summer softball league on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and running through Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

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



# **Holy Name News**

The Holy Name Men's Club annual barbecue will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday**, **June 13**<sup>th</sup> at the fields. The annual event is one of the most popular Holy Name

activities and is a great way to meet other men in the parish and be informed of parish activities. A \$500 membership drawing will also be held. A member must be present to win.



June 1, 2025

**Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of the President and CEO

May 15, 2025

Fr. Ryan Brady and Parishioners Saint Christina Catholic Parish 3342 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60655

Dear Fr. Ryan and parishioners of St. Christina,

I am truly grateful for your generous in-kind donation of 95 boxes of new diapers to support lowincome mothers through the Catholic Charities Diaper Depot.

The impact of your donation cannot be overstated; you have touched and shared responsibility for the lives of so many families and children, bringing hope and reassurance to mothers who may feel overwhelmed by their circumstances. With your generous support, we can continue to serve those who rely on us for help, ensuring that no mother need worry about the fundamental necessities for her child.

Again, thank you for your incredible support. We look forward to continuing our partnership to empower and resource our community.

Sally Blount

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#### 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 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

Michael Hughes Michael Insley, USMC Cpl. Matthew Julkowski, USMC Tony Kalabsa, US Army **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













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Sqt. 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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Monday, June 2 – St. Marcellinus and St. Peter, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. 
<sup>⊕</sup> Sgt. Alane Stoffregen (25<sup>th</sup> anniv.); <sup>⊕</sup> Karen Singer

Tuesday, June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

#### Wednesday, June 4 – Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. 
<sup>⊕</sup> Thomas Evans, Jr.; <sup>⊕</sup> Peter Hughes

Thursday, June 5 – St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 7:00 a.m. 라 Connie Sasso; 라 Linda O'Brien

Friday, June 6 – St. Norbert, Bishop 7:00 a.m. 
⊕ Joan Sliter

#### Saturday, June 7 – Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. ⊕ Ernest Tobar; ⊕ Bernard McDevitt
- 4:00 p.m. ✤ Joan Sliter; ✤ Elsie Wiegman; ✤ Mike McAuliffe

#### Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. 
  <sup>⊕</sup> Mike Callahan; <sup>⊕</sup> Beana Montville; <sup>⊕</sup> Patricia Coyle
- 5:00 p.m. & Lorraine Stastny; & Katie Conroy

# **Ministry Schedule**

# Saturday, June 7

4:00 p.m. Presider: Fr. Svida Lector: P. Schied E.M.: Deacon Stanley; M. Smith; K. Mutnansky

# Sunday, June 8

8:00 a.m.	Lector:	Fr. Svida M. Donegan Deacon Al; R. Gorski; P. Bergeron
10:30 a.m.	Lector:	Fr. Svida P. Stefaniak Deacon John; T. Moroz; R. Hudec
5:00 p.m.	Lector:	Fr. Ziomek L. Caputo M. Gochee; B. Gochee; D. Ryan



# COLLECTION TOTALS May 24-25, 2025

Sunday: \$8,648.48

Support Your Parish: \$930.00

Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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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