

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

April 6, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his
finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened
up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is
without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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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 April 6-12, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

RE Catechist Meeting..... SH 7:30-8:15 a.m.
Religious Education..... Sch/HSch 8:30-10 a.m.
Sports..... GYM 1-9 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

Sports..... GYM 4:14-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Youth Ministry Meeting..... CCR 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Brownie Troop 26293 SH 2:45-4 p.m.
Sports..... GYM 4:15-9 p.m.
Family School Assn Meeting CH 7 p.m.
Adult Grief Support Meeting CCR 7-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

Enrichment Classes SH 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sports..... GYM 4:15-9 p.m.
Daisy Troop 25394 Meeting CH 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice..... Ch 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

Savvy Senior Meeting PC/PCCR 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lenten Evening of Recollection Ch 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

Stations of the Cross – Students Ch 1:30 p.m.
Sports..... GYM 4:15-9 p.m.
Fish Fry SH 4:30-8 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Ch 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

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

C: Convent

CCR: Convent Community Rm.

CDR: Convent Dining Room

CChpl: Convent Chapel



A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

This Thursday, April 10th, our parish will be celebrating a Lenten Evening of Adoration and Confession. Beginning at 7PM, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, a short Lenten reflection, followed by the opportunity for individual confession. I will preach a short reflection recalling some of the gifts that God has given to me through the Sacrament of Confession.

Here's a sneak preview: In my twenties, during a period of recklessness and rebellion, I neglected my faith. I finally had enough and stumbled into St. Peter's in the Loop on Madison St. I didn't know why, but I needed to go to Confession. I hadn't gone in years, and I wasn't quite sure what to do or say. I entered the confessional, knelt, and after a few deep breaths, I stammered out my sins. I confessed some of the things that hurt me most. In the quiet and dark confessional, the priest listened, counseled, prayed, and absolved me. I was afraid of what he'd

think of me! The priest was a good father. He didn't want to judge. He simply wanted to give me all I needed that day — an understanding of God's great love for me.

Enshrined in my mind, to this day, is the unmistakable sense of relief that I had as I walked from that confessional. Mixed with the tears streaming down my face, was the definite knowledge of God's love and mercy. I knew God, my Father, loved me. I was in good hands.

Now, all these years later, I confess most often to Fr. Deo Rosales. I see Fr. Deo almost every Monday. Sure, he hears the worst of me in Confession. But we also spend time learning, chatting, eating, and laughing outside of the confessional. While that sort of intimacy can feel awkward at first, after a while it begins to feel gloriously normal — and Christ-like. After all, Jesus, who knew all the sins of His friends, laughed with them and loved them in their frailties.

One of the fears that kept me from Confession when I was away from the Sacraments was the simple fear of messing up. No one wants to step into the confessional and then sit awkwardly — saying and doing the wrong things. Of course, the priest isn't going to mind, he's used to that. We have heard confessions from the 'rambling and eager' to the 'short and to the point' types. We've heard confessions from people who haven't been to the Sacrament in weeks, months, years, and even decades. (I once heard a confession from a person who hadn't been in 50 years. I think I was more excited than he was!) No matter what you've got to confess, it's likely that nothing you do or say in the confessional will surprise your priest.

Simply... Don't be afraid! If you haven't been to Confession in a long time, your soul is aching for it. If it's been longer than a year, the idea of confessing your sins might feel pretty overwhelming. Trust me, a good and thorough Confession will give you great joy. Go deep and get off your chest all that needs to be forgiven. The feeling of having that great weight lifted is absolutely unforgettable.

My friend, St. Augustine was once a 'well practiced sinner' who became one of the greatest of saints through regular prayer, persistence, and the Sacrament of Confession. He said, "Whoever confesses his sins is already working with God. The beginning of good works is the confession of evil works. Do the truth and come to the light."

Let's confess our sins, move toward holiness, and come to the light. I hope to see you on Thursday.

Oremus pro invicem!

Fr. Ryan P. Brady

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St. Christina's Parish ANNUAL

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Thank you!

Thank you to the Holy Name Men's Club for their generous Easter donation of \$5,000 to the parish.

Lenten Evening of Recollection and Confession



On Thursday, April 10th we will be celebrating a Lenten Evening of Recollection and Confession. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, a short Lenten reflection, followed by the opportunity for individual confession, and Benediction. Fr. Ryan Brady will preach a short reflection discussing the importance of regular confession and how it has incredibly changed his life for the better. Please come.

April Savvy Senior Meeting

Topic: How to create a garden that will attract Hummingbirds and Butterflies

Dahlia Growing Tips and Tubers

Who: Sue Fitzgerald

When: Thursday, April 10th
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Parish Center



Lenten Regulations

Following are the regulations for **abstinence** and **fasting** to be observed by Catholics during Lent:

A fast and abstinence is prescribed for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is observed by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on all Fridays of Lent.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.



Holy Name News

Holy Name will continue its tradition of a vigil before the Holy Eucharist from after Holy Thursday night services until midnight. We are seeking men to volunteer in two-to four-man hourly shifts. Membership is not required. The more volunteers we get, the shorter the time slots. Volunteers can contact Tom Downes at 773-203-5463.

Rice Bowls — Catholic Relief Services

**Rice Bowls are due back
Palm Sunday weekend.**



HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!! Adorers Needed

Would you like to become an adorer for the Adoration Chapel? We are in need of volunteers who can regularly dedicate one assigned hour, once a week to be in the presence of Jesus during the exposition hours of 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you feel that something is calling you to grow closer to God, this might be the way to answer that call. If so, please call Carol Smith at 708-217-7301, Joe Kinnerk, at 773-253-8911 or Karen Mutnansky at 1-773-233-3709 to volunteer for this ministry.

Stations of the Cross

In Church every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m.

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*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 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Christina Convent, 11033 S. Christiana Avenue, just east of the church.

Week 5 - Tuesday, April 8

Sharing Memories of Your Loved One

Share that funny story, hobby, talent, etc.

Week 6 - Tuesday, April 15

Understanding Ritual and Healing

Tell what you have done for yourself this past week; write a memorial letter.

An Adult Grief Support Program

Monitored by Pam Radiewicz, MMAFT, & Deacon John.
For more information, call 773-779-7181.

St. Christina Parish Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Lent Evening of Recollection Thursday, April 10

Adoration, Mission Talk, and Opportunity for Individual Confession 7:00 p.m.



Palm Sunday, April 13

Palms will be available at all Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 17

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. Adoration in Church until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. Confessions after Stations
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Blessing of Food Baskets and Children at 12:00 noon
Sorry, no 4:00 p.m. Mass The Easter Vigil begins at 7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 20

Mass of the Resurrection celebrated at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sorry, there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter.



Important: Early Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The submission deadlines for several upcoming bulletins have been moved up because of the holidays. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday Bulletin Date

Article Submission Due Date

April 13 (Palm Sunday)..... Closed to submissions

April 20 (Easter Sunday) THIS Friday, April 11

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, making sure to **indicate which bulletin date(s) you're submitting to.**

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.

We reserve the right to edit submissions for content or space.



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March 24, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey marked with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I am writing to let you know that on Ash Wednesday a Senate committee passed a bill, Senate Bill 9, that would legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. This would make it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. In addition to asking you to offer your Lenten sacrifices to protect life, I ask that you take action by writing, calling or e-mailing your state elected official to vote "NO" on this legislation. There is also legislation pending in the House, House Bill 1328 as you will see at www.ilcatholic.org or by calling 217-528-9200.

The involvement of insurance companies is alarming. In fact, in states with legalized suicide, there are documented cases of people being denied life-saving medical treatment by insurance companies in lieu of the much cheaper option of life-ending drugs. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy as they are the most vulnerable to such abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide. There is no way to prevent the vulnerable from being coerced or intimidated to end their lives once this assisted suicide is legal. There are simply too many documented cases of the vulnerable being coerced or intimidated into ending their life.

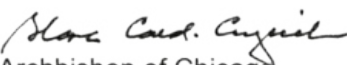
Proponents argue that this legislation will end suffering at the end of life. We all agree that no one should needlessly suffer or have to watch a loved one experience unnecessary pain and suffering. Fortunately, there are now effective ways to make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care, which utilizes physician-led teams to care for the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually – to relieve the symptoms and the stress related to serious illness and side effects of treatment.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has summed up the case against assisted suicide well: "Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks."

Assisted suicide is not the compassionate solution for those who are suffering. Through palliative care, expanded access to mental health care, and stronger family and community support, providers and families are finding better ways to accompany these people compassionately that shows love and respect for the dignity each human life.

Please go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 9 and HB 1328.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

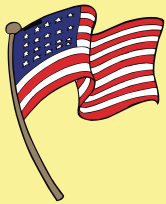
St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach

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.

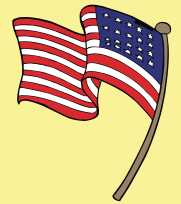
Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence 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
2nd Lt. Dan Caddigan
Cpt. Michael Caddigan
Cpt. Breedge Cafferty
Maj. Mary Cassidy
Pvt. Matthew J. Chausse, US Army
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1st Lt. Lindsay Hartig
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Captain Katherine Kezon
Matthew Kilroe, USMC
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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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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
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Steven Rowling, USMC
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Cody Sriver
LT Matthew Sebok, USN
Wayne Sherman
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Benjamin Somers, USAF, E2 Airman
CPT Luke J. Spencer, US Army
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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, Apr. 7 – St. John Baptist de la Salle,
Priest**

7:00 a.m. ✠ Evelyn & John Scudder;
✠ Kathleen A. Wrona; ✠ Ellen Metzger

Tuesday, Apr. 8 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✠ Helen Staskiewicz; ✠ Jim White

Wednesday, Apr. 9 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✠ Jack Russell; ✠ Jim Carollo;
✠ Caroline Kinnerk

Thursday, Apr. 10 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. ✠ David Myron; ✠ Clara Daniel;
✠ Isaura Villarreal;
✠ Amelia Chavez (5th Ann.)

Friday, Apr. 11 – St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 a.m. People of Our Parish

Saturday, Apr. 12 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Those Who Are Sick

4:00 p.m. ✠ Frank & Mary Evanish;
✠ Peggy Rogers; ✠ Shirley McDonnell;
✠ Barbara Ralson

**Sunday, Apr. 13 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Irene Grajek; ✠ Joan Reich;
✠ Elsie Wiegman

10:30 a.m. ✠ Bill Kuhl; ✠ Ardith Claussen;
✠ Frank Carr

5:00 p.m. ✠ Lisa Randall; ✠ Michael McNamara;
Larry Bard & Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 12

4:00 p.m. President: Fr. Brady
Lector: M. Donegan
E.M.: Deacon John; K. Mutnansky;
P. McKittrick

Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. President: Fr. John Sullivan
Lector: P. Cain
E.M.: Deacon Al; K. Bresnahan; D. Higgins

10:30 a.m. President: Fr. Svida
Lector: S. Fitzgerald
E.M. Deacon Stanley; B. Larkin; D. Tobar

5:00 p.m. President: Fr. Brady
Lector: L. Caputo
E.M. Deacon John; A. Rappold; K. Sullivan



COLLECTION TOTALS March 29-30, 2025

Sunday: \$9,345.00

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Lenten Balance the Budget: \$1,180.00

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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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