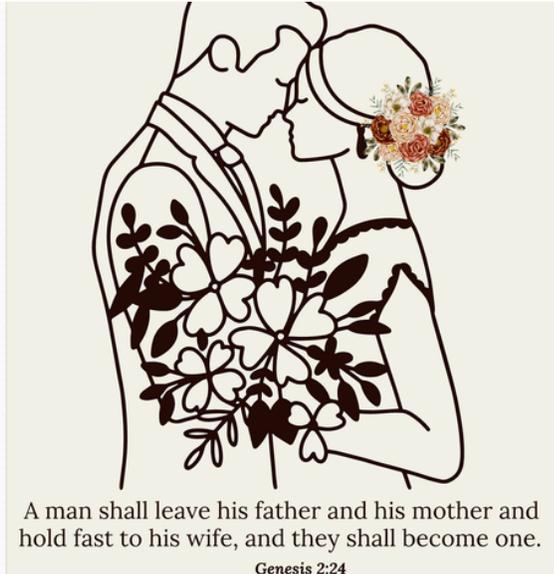
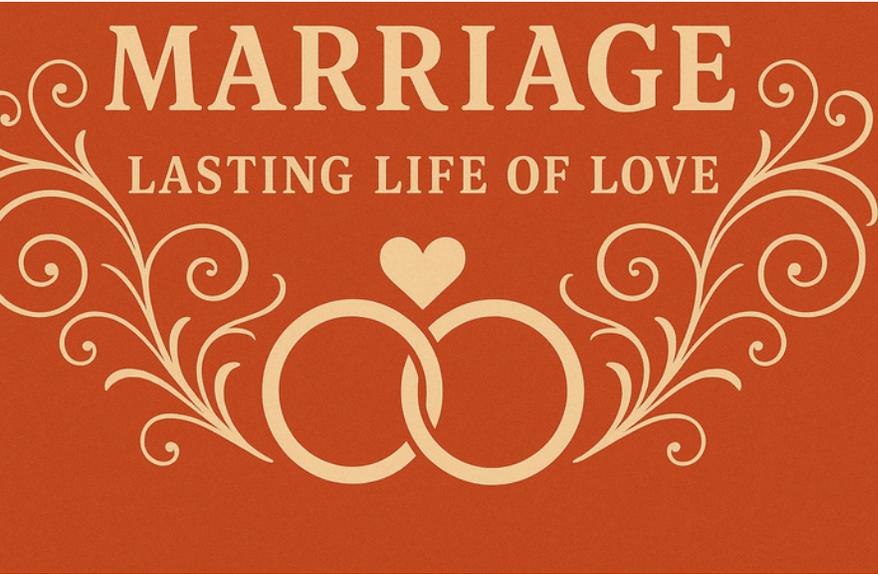


CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO Parish Messenger



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Malayalam service: 1st and 3rd Sundays. English service: 2nd Sunday Youth and Young Adults (YAYA) Worship 4th Sunday

Sunday services can be attended in-person or online.

Connect to video conferences at _____

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Sun 9:15 - 9:50 AM : Sunday School

Sun 9:30 - 9:50 AM : Bible Study

Sun 10 AM - 12 NOON : Worship Service

Fri 9:00 AM : Fasting Prayer

Sat Evenings : Cottage Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19th, Sat
Annual Church Picnic
from 10am - 3pm

July 20th, Sun
Special General Body
Meeting

July 25th-27th
Vacation Bible School

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

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-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

Let Jesus Be the Guest at Every Feast From Hiding Fish to Fried Fish

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The month of July is a time when joy spills out onto the streets of Chicago. Summer brings long, golden days, parks echo with laughter, grills are fired up, and families gather in love. As we enjoy these vibrant days of barbecues, outings, and celebrations, let us pause to ask—**is Jesus invited to our summer feasts?**

In John 21:1-14, we find the risen Jesus preparing breakfast on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. He waits for His tired disciples, not with rebuke, but with a warm meal—**bread and fish grilled over burning coals**. What a Savior we have—one who cares not just for our souls but also for our hunger and weariness. This image of Jesus, cooking and serving, reminds us of other meals in the Scriptures. On the road to Emmaus, the disciples invite Jesus to dinner, and He becomes the host, breaking bread and opening their eyes to His presence (Luke 24:30-31). In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, “If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” Jesus doesn’t just want to visit our lives—He desires to dine with us, to be present in our ordinary moments, our daily routines, and our joyful celebrations. The wedding in Cana (John 2), where Jesus turned water into wine is another example.

In all these instances, something powerful happens when Jesus is present: **meals become miracles, gatherings become holy, Scarcity become abundance, worry become wonder, and water become the best wine ever tasted**. As we open our homes and fire up our grills this July, let us also open our hearts and say, “Lord, be our guest.” Whether we’re around a dinner table, picnic place, or campfire, may Christ be at the center.

From Hiding Fish to Fried Fish

The breakfast on the beach in John 21 was not just about food— it was a quiet, powerful moment of transformation. The disciples had labored all night without catching a single fish. They were still recovering from the trauma of the crucifixion. They had fled, hidden, and lost their confidence. With Jesus they were abundant, but here they are starving. Then Jesus appears.

He tells them to cast their net on the other side—and they catch 153 fish. But more than the miracle of the catch, Jesus invites them to a lesson. Imagine Him smiling and asking, “Is the fish tasty?” The disciples would say yes. And perhaps Jesus would reply, “So will you be—when you stop hiding like these fish and give yourself for the sake of the world.”

Just as the fish were caught, cooked, and shared, the disciples were called to come out of hiding and become food for the hungry souls of the world. No longer were they to be the slippery, elusive fish avoiding danger—but transformed, like the grilled fish, to serve, to nourish, to witness.

Later, these same disciples—once fearful and scattered—stood with boldness, preached with fire, and became salt and light to the nations. They gave themselves fully for the Kingdom, and the world tasted their sacrifice.

This summer, as we gather to taste and enjoy the good things of life, let us remember our calling: to surrender ourselves to Christ, that we too may be transformed from hiding to serving—from raw to ready—from ordinary to a flavorful offering for the world. May Jesus be the fire that warms our hearts, the bread that fills our souls, and the guest who transforms our feasts into sacred fellowship.

With love and prayers,
Joe Achen

Church Retreat



A Heartfelt Thank You: Family Retreat 2025

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

With a heart full of gratitude and joy, I thank the Lord for the grand success of our **Family Retreat held at Cedar Lake, Indiana**. After a six-year gap, this long-awaited event was truly a refreshing and spiritually enriching experience. With around **70 participants**, it was a weekend filled with worship, fellowship, learning, and laughter—truly a celebration of our life together in Christ.

The theme of the retreat, **“Christ-Centered Homes in a Cyber World,”** spoke powerfully into the challenges and opportunities of our times. We are especially grateful to **Mr. Joel Joseph**, son of Joe and Sheela, for serving as the **main speaker**. His insightful and Spirit-led sessions left a deep impression on our hearts.

We are immensely thankful to **Benjamin Lukose, Meljo Varghese, and Micah Lukose** for leading us into the presence of God through vibrant praise and worship, and to **Mathew Varghese and Mercy Varghese** for guiding us through refreshing Yoga sessions.

A special note of thanks to **Premjith and Bini William** for joyfully emceeding the **Talent Night**, making it both lively and memorable. We also appreciate **Babu Philip and Joe Lukose** for their dedication in **teaching new songs** and creating a beautiful space for musical expression.

We thank **Shawn and Allen** for arranging the **bonfire**, where games, songs, and smiles were shared under the stars. Our sincere appreciation goes to **Shibu Kurian** for managing the sound system, and to all those who worked tirelessly in **cleaning and cooking**, ensuring the retreat was smooth and enjoyable for all.

We cannot forget the many **silent workers** behind the scenes. May the Lord who sees in secret reward each of you openly.

A very special word of thanks goes to our devoted Retreat Coordinators:

Babu K. George, Meljo Varghese, Soma Lukose, Sudha Kurien, Sujith B. Kurian, and Thushara Vinod. Your prayerful planning, tireless organizing, and patient leadership made this retreat a beautiful and unforgettable experience.

May our gracious God bless each one of you abundantly for your labor of love. May this retreat bear lasting fruit in our families and church as we strive to build **Christ-centered homes** in this ever-changing world.

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Joe Malayil

Church Sale



Church Sale Update: A Testament to God's Faithfulness

Dear Church Family,

We give all glory and honor to our gracious God who has been with us throughout every season of our church's life. As many of you know, last year we joyfully celebrated **40 years** of our journey as a **CSI community in this blessed land**. Through God's abundant grace, we remained a **debt-free church**, and once again, we testify to His faithfulness in this new chapter of our church life.

We are glad to share that the **sale of our church property** has been **successfully completed** within just **6-7 months**—a timeline that clearly shows the hand of God at work. Not only was the process smooth, but we also received the **exact amount we had prayerfully asked for**. The **entire amount received** from this sale has been **set apart solely for our future church facility**, where we hope to continue worshipping our Lord together as a community.

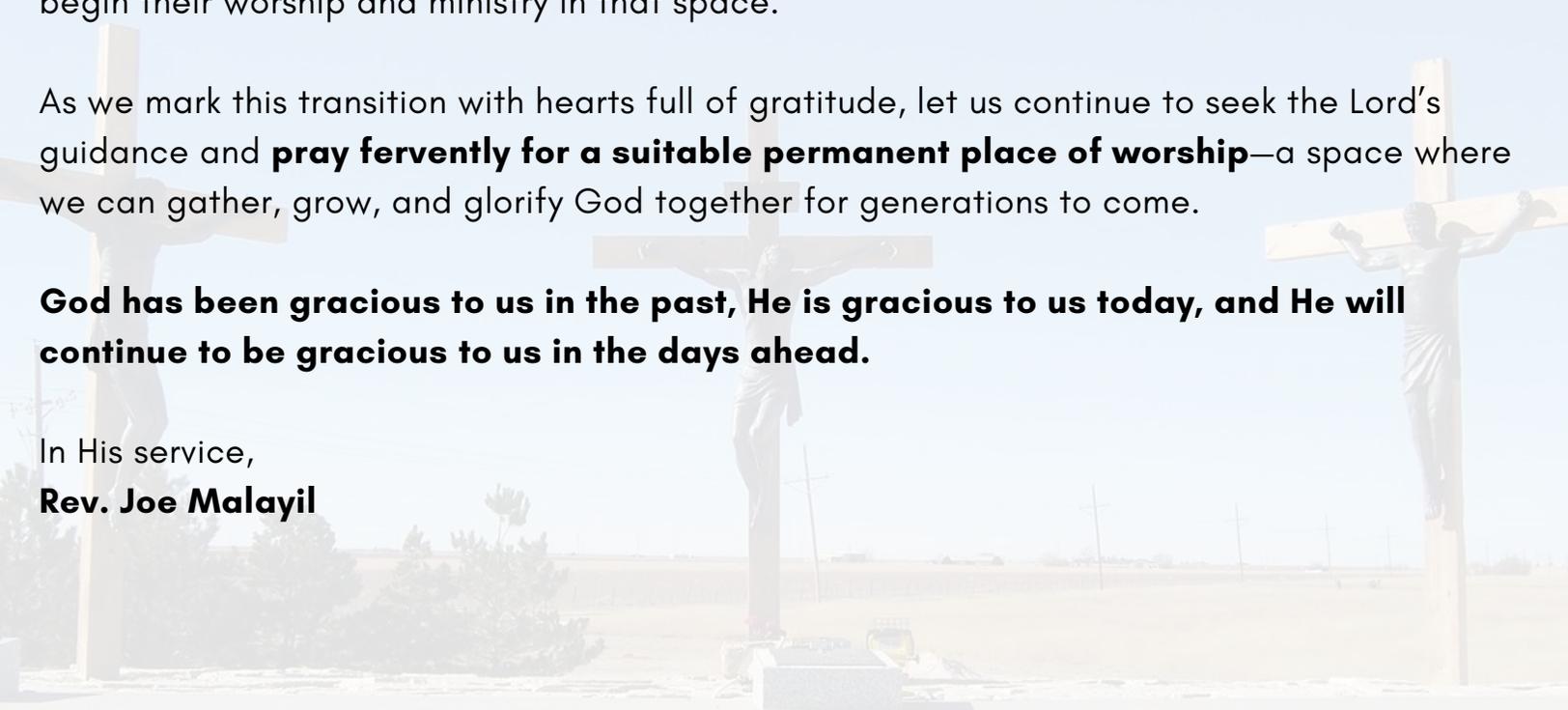
The **closing of the sale was completed on Monday, June 23, 2025**, and the property has now been entrusted into the hands of the **Myanmar Zomi Community Church**, who will begin their worship and ministry in that space.

As we mark this transition with hearts full of gratitude, let us continue to seek the Lord's guidance and **pray fervently for a suitable permanent place of worship**—a space where we can gather, grow, and glorify God together for generations to come.

God has been gracious to us in the past, He is gracious to us today, and He will continue to be gracious to us in the days ahead.

In His service,

Rev. Joe Malayil





Obituary

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Deepest Condolences to the bereaved families, Kindly uphold them in your prayers.



**Loving Memory of
Thundiyl Varughese Abraham
(Kunjumon 85)
July 1940 to June 2025**

The funeral service will be held at Mallappally CSI Holy Emmanuel Church on Monday, June 9, at 11:45 AM IST, followed by the burial.

Mr. Thundiyl Varughese Abraham (Kunjumon), father of Sachu Kurian was taken into his heavenly abode on June 5th, 2025 in Kerala

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Mr. P.C. Chacko, brother in law of Sisy Manoj Thomas was taken into his heavenly abode on July 1st, 2025 in Kurichi, Kerala

JUNE MEMORIES

CSI Basketball Team at Malankara Madness



Fathers Day



JUNE MEMORIES

Church Retreat at Cedar Lake



JUNE MEMORIES

Church Retreat at Cedar Lake



JUNE MEMORIES

Closing Day of Old Church



Youth BBQ at Parsonage



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YAYA Sunday





LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

July 6, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam)

Stewardship Sunday

Theme: Giving without Counting the Cost

OT Gen. 13:8-18 Aby Z Thomas

Psalm 15 Elijah Chacko

Epistle 2 Cor 8:1-15 Valsamma Philip

Gospel Mark 14:3-11 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements - Babu Karottu & Thankamma Karottu

Offertory- Elisha Chacko and Nathan Chacko

July 13, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -English)

Theme: People of God: Flock of Christ

OT Gen. 35:1-15 Aditya Thomas

Psalm 95 Sabreena James

Epistle Acts 16: 11-15

Gospel John 10:1-6 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements -Vinod Winston & Anitha Vinod

Offertory- Abraham Joseph & Sheela Abraham

July 20, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam)

Theological Education Sunday

Theme: Theological Education: Making of the Faithful

OT Jos. 4:1-9 Matthew Varghese

Psalm 1 Nathen Chacko

Epistle 1 Tim 6: 11-16 George Jacob

Gospel Presbyter Matt 13: 1-9

Kiss of Peace & Elements- Nibu Philip & Jolly Philip

Offertory Bindu Thomas & Emily Thomas

July 27, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -English) -YAYA Sunday

Theme: Ordained Ministry: Fragrance of Christ

OT Ex. 29:1-9

Psalm 99

Epistle Eph. 5:1-14

Gospel Luke 10:1-11 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements

Offertory

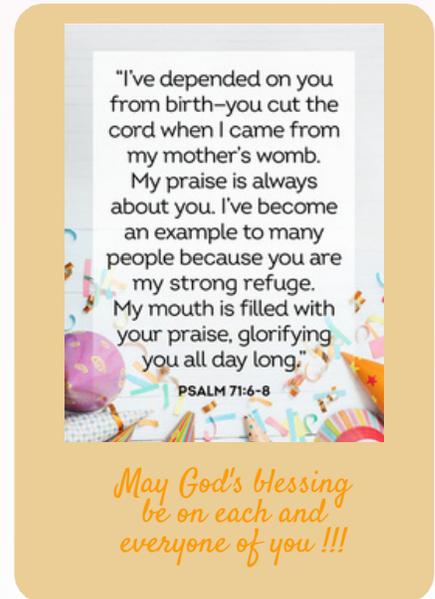
JULY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays



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| 2 Achamma Lee | 26 Sheela Abraham |
| 5 Alka Meresh | 28 Bindu Thomas |
| 6 Nevin Philip | 29 Micah Lukose |
| 8 Abraham Joseph (Abuji) | 29 Elisha Mariam Chacko |
| 9 Abraham Mathew | 30 Thomas Kurian (Titty) |
| 9 Jason Joy | 30 Abraham Manonmani |
| 10 Aditya Thomas | 31 Shawn K Mathew |
| 10 Arya Thomas | 31 Elijah Joseph Idichandy |
| 11 Koshy Mathew (Raja) | |
| 11 Sebreena James | |
| 14 Eva Sarah Lee | |
| 20 Anoop Koshy | |
| 20 Sosamma Mathews | |
| 21 Crissy Kaleekal | |
| 21 Emily Ellie Philip | |
| 21 Tina Winston | |
| 23 Ani Roy | |
| 24 Suja Pati | |
| 25 Ann Susan Lee | |



Anniversaries



- 4 Rajesh Benjamin & Diane Benjamin
- 8 Vinod Winston & Anitha Vinod
- 8 Thomas Kurian & Susan Thomas
- 12 Aby Z Thomas & Kitty Thomas
- 12 Edwin Meresh & Bindu Meresh
- 14 Bino Oomen & Betsy Thampi
- 16 Nibu Philips & Jolly Philips
- 18 Philip Chacko & Annamma Chacko
- 20 Geoffrey Hunt & Savitha Hunt

*Those who remain in Love,
remain in God and God remains
in them.*

John4:16

Happy Anniversary



CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

*CSI Christ Church of Chicago
Schedule Of Events Of The Year 2025*

DATES	EVENTS
Jan. 19	Annual General Body meeting/Installation of the Office Bearers for 2025
Feb 9	Healing Ministry Sunday
Feb 23	Dedication of new choir members
Mar 1	Lenten Retreat 10 am-12 pm
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday – Service at 6:30 PM
Mar 8	Ecumenical Council World Day of Prayer
Mar 9	International Women's Sunday
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 14-16	Vespers
April 17	Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion Service at 8:00PM-9:30 PM
April 18	Good Friday - Service 6:00 PM-9:30 PM
April 19	Women's Fellowship Chain Prayer & Evening Prayer at Church 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
April 20	Easter Sunday
May 11	Mother's Day
May 31	Chicago Ecumenical Council Family Night
June 7	Youth Gathering at Parsonage
June 15	Father's Day
June 20-22	Weekend Family Retreat
June 28	Youth Gathering at Parsonage
July 10-13	CSI North American Youth Conference
July 19	Church picnic
July 25,26,27	VBS
Aug 3,10	Back to School Prayer
Aug 24	Harvest Festival
Sept 7	Women's Sunday
Sept 28	CSI Day
Oct 19	Choir Sunday
Oct 24-25	Annual Convention 6pm-9pm
TBD	Ecumenical Council Convention
Nov 2	World Sunday School Day
Nov 23	General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2025
Nov 28, 29, 30	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 6, 7,13,21	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 6	Ecumenical Council Christmas Celebration
Dec 14/20	Choir Lessons & Carols
Dec 14/20	CSI Unity Carol Service -5:30pm
Dec 21	Carol rounding after service
Dec 25	Christmas / Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec 31	Watch night service
Jan 18, 2026	Annual General Body meeting



CSI Christ Church Of Chicago May 2025	INCOME	EXPENSE	
Subscription	\$4,910.00		
Offertory	\$985.00		
Thanks Offering	\$1,310.00		
Tithe	\$1,005.00		
Special Donation	\$250.00		
St. Martin's rent		\$2,200.00	
Church Supplies/Communion Elements		\$27.56	
Car Insurance		\$353.25	
Church Car Maintenance		\$183.50	
Church Maintenance/Emergency Repair			
Church Cleaning, Land scape, Snow removal			
Ch:ComEd		\$44.53	
Ch:Peoples Energy		\$279.00	
Ch&Psng Insurance		\$1,522.05	
Ch:Water			
Ch:Garbage			
Psng:ComEd		\$85.67	
Psng:Nicor		\$117.06	
Psng:Clean/Maint			
Psng:Internet		\$65.48	
Psng:Phone, cell		\$153.68	
Psng:Water		\$179.81	
Presbyter's Honorarium		\$4,400.00	
Presbyter healthcare		\$599.44	
Hospitality/Refreshments		\$460.00	
Mission/Charity	\$95.00	\$3,000.00	
Women's Fellowship	\$150.00		
Mens Fellowship	\$685.00	\$1,084.50	
Sunday School	\$71.00	\$78.82	
Youth	\$340.00	\$300.00	
Choir			
Visiting Pastor			
Presbyter gift/Visiting Pastors			
Legal/Visa Processing-W2/W3			
Miscellaneous		\$174.90	
Carol Rounds			
Family Retreat	\$4,860.00		
Building Fund	\$500.00		
CSI Council Membership / Conf		\$1,275.00	
Ecumenical Council	\$645.00	\$24.00	
Total	\$15,806.00	\$16,608.25	
Ledger Summary	General	Reserve	Bldg Fund
Opening balance at the beginning of the month	\$24,396.07	\$6,068.00	\$998.56
Add Income "in month"	\$15,806.00		
Move building fund donations to building fund	\$500.00		\$500.00
Less (Expenses) "in month"	\$16,608.25		
Closing Ledger balance end of the month	\$23,093.82	\$6,068.00	\$1,498.56
Less Outstanding balance to be cleared	\$1,233.00		
President(Vicar) Joe Varghese Malayil...Treasurar..Thushara Tharakan..Accountant..Allen Thomas.			
Proposed By..... Seconded By.....			
Auditor 1 Auditor 2.....			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Youth Conference/North American Council Meeting

Where: Houston TX, at the Sonesta Hotel Houston IAH Airport

When: July 10th-13th, 2025

Theme: "Illumination in a Challenging Era" based on Matthew 5:14-16

Pricing: Pricing/Payments: Registration: \$250 + \$25 registration fee (\$275) after May 9th, 2025.

North American Council meeting is held on July 10th.

July 2025 Upcoming Church Events

July 2nd - Executive Committee Meeting

July 19th - Annual Church Picnic at Kimball Hill Park, Rolling Meadows. Details to follow. Led by Men's Fellowship

July 20th - Special General Body Meeting

July 25-27: Vacation Bible School

July 19 CSI Christ Church of Chicago

Church Picnic

10 am to 3 pm

KIMBALL HILL PARK
3286 Kirchoff Rd, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Hosted By: CSI Men's Fellowship

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24