

CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Parish Messenger

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH
FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Let us not become weary
in doing good,
for at the proper time
we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.

GALATIANS 6:9 NIV

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.

[Zoom Link](#)

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at 1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 757 719 2513 #, password

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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

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

"Raising Children for God: The Call of Christian Education"

Dear beloved in Christ,

As we step into this beautiful month of November—a time of thanksgiving and reflection—it is fitting to remember one of the greatest blessings entrusted to us: our children. They are the future of our families, our church, and our nation. Yet more importantly, they are the heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3). The way we nurture and train them today will determine the spiritual health of the next generation.

In Judges 13, we read how the angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah and his wife to announce the birth of Samson. God Himself gave them detailed instructions on how to raise the child—what he should eat, how he should live, and what his mission would be. This shows us that God is deeply interested in the upbringing of our children. Every child is born with a divine purpose, and it is our sacred duty—parents, teachers, and the church community—to guide them toward that purpose.

The Crisis of Our Time

We live in an age where the knowledge of God is fading. Society celebrates what is evil and mocks what is good. We are witnessing a generation growing up without God, even among those who call themselves Christians. In America, our religious and moral foundations are being shaken. "In God we trust" has become a slogan rather than a conviction.

Modern education often excludes the Creator from His own creation. Universities and schools promote philosophies that deny absolute truth. Corrupted media and Godless ideologies are shaping the hearts and minds of our young people. The line between right and wrong has become blurred. Isaiah's warning has come true: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20).

The Call of the Church

In such a time, the Sunday School is not a small or secondary ministry—it is the heartbeat of the Church. It is in those humble classrooms that faith is first planted, where the life of Jesus comes alive, where prayer becomes natural, and where the Word of God becomes the foundation of life.

We need dedicated teachers who are not merely instructors, but spiritual mentors—men and women who live what they teach. Teaching Sunday School is not just a duty; it is a divine calling. To shape a child's heart for Christ is one of the highest forms of service in the Kingdom of God.

Parents too must realize that Christian education is not the church's job alone. It begins at home—through family prayers, Bible reading, and godly example. When home and church work together, children grow strong in faith and wisdom. Remember, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10).

The Way Forward

If we truly want to rebuild our homes, our churches, and our nation, we must go back to the Bible. We must go back to Jesus. Only by depending on His grace can we overcome the confusion of this world. The Word of God must again become the center of our families and the standard of our education.

Let us pray for our Sunday school children—that they may grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Let us encourage our teachers and parents to stand firm in their mission. And let every child know that obedience to God's Word brings life, light, and blessing.

May our parish be known as a place where children love Jesus, where families walk in faith, and where the Word of God is taught and lived.

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-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

October: A Month of Blessings and Fellowship

As we look back, October 2025 was truly a month filled with the grace and goodness of God.

On October 3 & 4, our parish organized a church tour to Arkansas and Branson. It was a time of great joy and fellowship. Thank you to all who participated and made it a memorable spiritual journey.

Our Annual Bible Convention, held on October 17 and 18, was another time of spiritual renewal. We were blessed to have Mr. Joy Pullad from Kerala as our guest speaker. Members from the Mar Thoma Church and CSI Elmhurst Church also joined us, enriching our fellowship.

On October 19, we joyfully celebrated our 41st Parish Day together with Choir Sunday—a truly memorable occasion of worship and thanksgiving. The music and unity of the day reminded us of God's faithfulness through all these years.

On October 26 (Sunday), we observed Youth Sunday, during which Mr. Ranjan Mathew, son of Rajan Mathew, delivered the Word of God, and Mr. Shane Joy led the worship with great devotion.

Finally, on October 29 (Wednesday), the Golden Age Fellowship coordinated a special outreach with Feed My Starving Children, followed by a fellowship lunch. It was a wonderful act of love and service, reflecting the compassion of Christ.

Indeed, the month of October was filled with blessings, fellowship, and joy. We thank God for His grace upon our parish and for every member who participated and served in various ways.

Rev. Joe

ARTS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS



BY ROSY



BY ETHAN CHACKO



BY EIJAH CHACKO



BY RIAN VARGHESE

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS OF THE YEAR



MESSAGE FROM CHILD SPONSEE OKWII

Dear Supporter

Okwi sends you his love and greetings from his family in Jesus' name. He says he is very excited to be part of the children's Sunday school and that he loves playing football with them at school and at church.

I know how to draw



We thank you for all you are doing to improve the quality of life of this child.

Translation



From Okwii

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INTRODUCTION LETTER

Class primary one

1. I live:



[] in a city



[] in a town



[] in a village



[] by lake side



[] in the mountains



[] by the river

2. My family members

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
Jean	43	Grandmother
Roma	20	Aunt
Joshua	18	Uncle
Reagan	10	Uncle

3. My best friends

Okwi says his best friends are Gerald and Hason

4. If I could visit anywhere, I would go to Okwi says he would love to visit Abbotong Alebong because Town he would love to see the big buildings.

Translation

5. My favourite things

School subject mathematics
 Food posho and Beans
 Colour Green
 Game Football
 Bible story
 song Glorious God

OCTOBER MEMORIES

Church Tour to Arkansas & Branson



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Annual Convention/Parish Sunday



OCTOBER MEMORIES

Golden Age Fellowship: Feed My Starving Children





LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

November 9, 2025, Sunday-Unity Sunday (Holy Eucharist- Malayalam)

Theme: Vine and Branches

OT Ezek. 37:15-23 Irene Karottu

Psalm 133 Nathan Chacko

Epistle 1 Cor. 12:12-27 Abraham Joseph (Abuji)

Gospel John 15:1-8 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements - Vinod Skariah & Thushara Tharakan

Offertory-Lovy & Jain George

November 16, 2025, Stewardship Sunday- (Holy Eucharist-English)

Theme: Pour out your heart: Open heart, Open hands, Overflow with Love.

OT Exodus 31:1-11 Babu Philip

Psalm 112 :1-10 Allen Thomas

Epistle Colo 3:22-25 Aleyamma Philip

Gospel Mark 12:41-44- Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements- Joseph Subra & Usha Joseph

Offertory- John Thomas & Sheela Thomas

November 23, 2025 Sunday-Senior Citizen's Sunday (Holy Eucharist- Malayalam) -Worship led by the Golden Age Fellowship

Theme: Caring and Accepting the Elderly

OT Gen. 46:28-34, 47:1-10 Golden Age Fellowship

Psalm 21 Golden Age Fellowship

Epistle 1 Tim. 5:1-10 Golden Age Fellowship

Gospel Luke 2:25-35- Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements Golden Age Fellowship

Offertory Golden Age Fellowship

November 30, 2025 Sunday-Advent Sunday/YAYA Sunday (Holy Eucharist- English)-Worship led by YAYA Fellowship

Theme: Grace of God: The Hope for the Lowly-(Meeting of Mary with Elizabeth)

OT Ex. 2:1-10 -YAYA Fellowship

Psalm 30- YAYA Fellowship

Epistle 2 Thess. 2:13-17- YAYA Fellowship

Gospel Luke 1:46-59 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements - YAYA Fellowship

Offertory- YAYA Fellowship

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

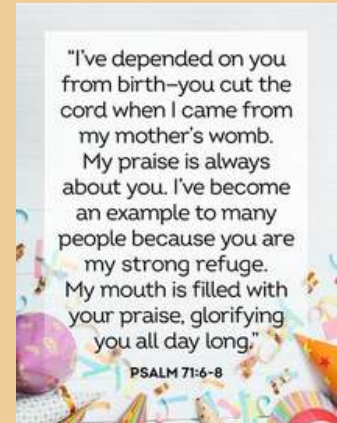


Birthdays



2 Celene Varghese
3 Mini Ann John
4 Rev Joe Varghese
6 Mason Karottu
9 Emily Elizabeth Sigamony
10 Aleyamma Philip
10 Sara Nancy Issac
12 Babu Philip
12 Sarah Ampalloor
13 Melvy Mathew
14 Athor Philip
16 Rintu Philip

21 Sijoe Mathew
21 Joseph Subra
21 Steven Thomas
24 Ranjit Sigamony
25 Tomin Babu
25 Susan Lincy Philip
26 Susheela Philip
26 Carter James Karottu
27 Sheril Chacko
30 Alexander Jacob



*May God's blessing
be on each and
everyone of you !!!*

Anniversaries



5 Vinod D Thomas & Ann Mary Mathew
8 Vinod Skariah & Thushara Vinod
11 Abraham Manonmani & Sulochana Abraham
19 Shibu Philip & Susan Lincy Philip
25 Joseph O. S. & Radha Joseph

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

John 4:16

Happy Anniversary



CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

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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 10, 17	Celebrating Graduates
Aug 23	Women's Retreat
Aug 31	Harvest Sunday
Sept 6	Choir Retreat
Sept 7	Women's Sunday
Sept 27	CSI Day-Moderator Visit
Oct 17-18	Annual Convention 6pm-9pm
Oct 19	Choir Sunday/Parish Day
TBD	Ecumenical Council Convention
Nov 2	World Sunday School Day
Nov 8	Kerala Fest Fund Raising Event 5:30PM-9:00Pm
Nov 23	Senior Citizen Sunday
Nov 23	General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2025
Nov 28, 29, 30	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 7, 14	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 6	Ecumenical Council Christmas Celebration 5pm
Dec 13	Carols and Lessons Service -5:00pm
Dec 20	CSI Unity Carol Service -5:00pm
Dec 25	Christmas / Sunday School Christmas Program 10 am
Dec 31	Watch night service -10pm
Jan 18, 2026	Annual General Body meeting
Jan 25, 2026	Installation of New Church Executive Committee



CSI Christ church Monthly Accounts		Sep 2025	
Category	Income	Expense	
Subscription	\$6,371.88		
Offertory	\$1,582.00		
Thanks Offering	\$1,400.00		
Tithe	\$855.00		
Special Donation			
St. Martin's rent		\$2,200.00	
Church Supplies/Communion Elements		\$65.92	
Car Insurance		\$163.06	
Church Car Maintenance		\$20.00	
Church Maintenance/Emergency Repair		\$96.31	
Church Cleaning, Land scape, Snow removal			
Ch: ComEd			
Ch: Peoples Energy			
Ch&Psng Insurance		\$353.25	
Ch: Water			
Ch: Garbage			
Psng: ComEd		\$198.24	
Psng: Nicor			
Psng: Clean/Maint		\$90.00	
Psng: Internet		\$80.63	
Psng: Phone, cell		\$151.21	
Psng: Water		\$284.77	
Presbyter's Honorarium		\$2,200.00	
Presbyter healthcare			
Hospitality/Refreshments			
Mission/Charity	\$25.00	\$1,250.00	
Women's Fellowship	\$165.00	\$240.00	
Mens Fellowship			
Sunday School			
Youth			
Choir			
Visiting Pastor			
Presbyter gift/Visiting Pastors			
Legal/Tax/Visa Processing-W2/W3			
Miscellaneous			
Carol Rounds			
Family Retreat			
Building Fund	\$30,250.00	\$2,300.00	
CSI Council Membership / Conf	\$100.00		
Ecumenical Council		\$200.00	
Family Sunday/Harvest	\$12,045.00	\$354.80	
Confirmation			
Cottage Prayer			
Sub Total	52793.88	10248.19	
Ledger Summary	General	Reserve	Building Fund
Opening balance at the beginning of the month	\$31,702.98	\$6,068.00	\$633,270.27
Add Income "in month"	\$52,793.88		
Move building fund donations to building fund	\$27,950.00		\$27,950.00
Less (Expenses) "in month"	\$10,248.19		
Interest credited and moved to building fund			\$1,352.76
Closing Ledger balance end of the month	\$46,298.67	\$6,068.00	\$662,573.03

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23



Golden Age Fellowship
will be leading the
worship and giving the
message

General Body Meeting

November 23, 2025

First Announcement
Agenda will be shared soon

**Ecumenical Council of Kerala
Churches in Chicago
Future Events
Basketball Tournament
November 22nd**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH FROM 9AM-5PM
Contact Sunday School for registration details