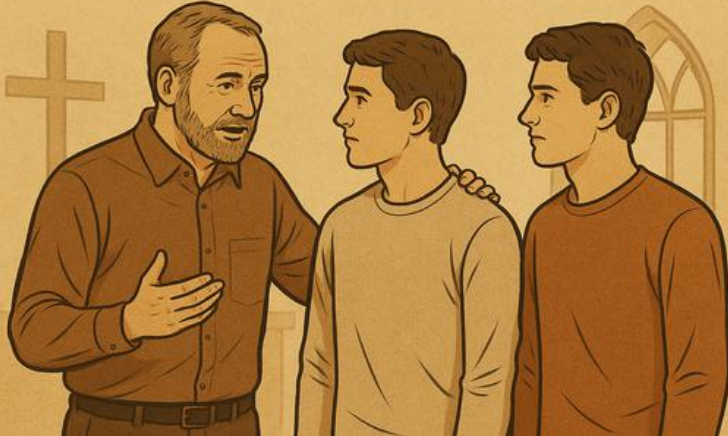


CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Parish Messenger

CREATING MENTORS AND LEADERS IN CHURCH



In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

Titus 2:7-8 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 5857 #

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

Creating Mentors and Leaders in the Church October Youth Focus

October is a month of change. The leaves turn colors, the air grows cooler, and we are reminded that every season has a purpose. In the same way, the church also goes through seasons- and one of the most important is raising up new leaders and mentors, especially among our youth.

The Bible is full of young leaders who made a difference for God's Kingdom. Joseph was a teenager when he was sold into slavery, but God used him to save nations. David was a shepherd boy when God chose him to be king. Samuel heard God's voice as a child. Esther, though young, was brave enough to save her people. Timothy, in the New Testament, became a church leader even when some thought he was too young. Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave her life to God's plan at young age. These stories remind us: God doesn't wait for us to grow older to use us. He is looking for faithful hearts right now.

But today, we face a challenge. Many young people in North America are drifting away from the presence of God. The very countries that once sent missionaries across the world are now forgetting the name of Jesus in their own homes. The culture is pulling our children in many directions- through social media, entertainment, and voices that deny God's truth. The national mottos and foundations of these lands were deeply rooted in Scripture, yet the current generation is increasingly influenced by secular ideologies, liberal trends, and voices that distort the truth. Leaders who stand boldly for Christ are often attacked by the powers of darkness, targeted by corrupt media, interest groups, and cultural forces that oppose the Gospel.

Still, there is hope. Revival can begin with one young person who says "Yes" to God. And God is working in surprising ways. Once, missionaries from America and Europe came to countries like India to share the Gospel. Today, those countries are sending faithful Christians back to the West to remind people of Jesus. As an Indian Christian community in North America, we have a special role. We can be witnesses in a land where faith is fading. Our lives, our families, and our churches can shine as examples of Christ's love.

But how can we do this? The key is mentorship. Paul had Timothy. Naomi guided Ruth. Jesus trained his disciples. Faith grows best when someone walks with you, encourages you, and teaches you. Our youth need mentors- parents, teachers, and church leaders-who will pray with them, listen to them, and challenge them to stand strong in faith.

Leadership in the church is not about having a title. It is about serving with humility and courage. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be great must be your servant" (Mark 10:43). Our young people can lead by showing love, standing for truth, and living faithfully in their schools, colleges, and workplaces.

To the youth of our church: God is calling you. Like Daniel, you can stay faithful even in a culture that does not honor God. Like Jeremiah, you may feel too young, but God promises to put His words in your mouth. Like Esther, you are placed here "for such a time as this." Don't be afraid-rise up and be a witness for Jesus.

The future of the church depends on how we nurture this generation. Let us pray for our youth, invest in them, and encourage them to be bold leaders for Christ. If we do this, the church will not only survive but thrive-and North America will once again see the light of Christ shining through a new generation.

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-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

Blessings Behind Us, Promises Before Us

-Two months report

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As we step into the month of October, my heart is filled with gratitude for the many blessings that God has showered upon our church in the past two months. Truly, August and September have been historic and memorable in the life of our congregation.

We witnessed the joy of a new academic year in the lives of our children, celebrated the Harvest and Annual Thanksgiving Sunday with gratitude, and experienced the grace of God through the Women's Fellowship Retreat and the Unity VBS. Our youth fellowship took us to the Impact Field for a baseball tournament, and the Golden Age Fellowship once again became active and vibrant.

It gives me great joy to see the fourth Sunday of every month being observed as YAYA Sunday, where our young people take leadership in worship-leading praise and worship, reading lessons, and even sharing the Word of God. In September, the choir retreat, Women's Sunday, and the Onam feast were celebrated wonderfully, strengthening our fellowship and unity.

Above all, hosting the 79th CSI Day Celebration was a historic and prestigious blessing for our church. It was indeed a golden opportunity to welcome our Moderator, the Most Rev. Dr. K. Reuben Mark, and to join together with brothers and sisters from Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Telugu CSI congregations in worship. This was a true moment of grace and unity in Christ.

As we look ahead, let us continue to walk in this same spirit of prayer and fellowship. On October 17 and 18, we will gather for our Annual Bible Convention (6:00-8:30 PM), led by the well-known preacher Rev. Joy Pullad from Kerala. On October 19, we will joyfully observe Parish Day and Choir Sunday. Preparations are also underway for Kerala Fest 2025, our fundraising program. We are blessed to welcome Divyaa Unni, former film actress and renowned classical dancer, as the highlight of this special event. I request your wholehearted support and presence to make this campaign and program a great success.

Our confirmation classes are also nearing completion, and with God's grace, I am praying to conduct the Confirmation service this December, if everything going well. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare for this sacred step in their faith journey.

Dear church family, all these blessings are reminders that **God is faithfully guiding us**. Let us remain united in prayer, service, and witness. May our church continue to shine as a beacon of faith, hope, and love in this land.

Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

Vicar, CSI Christ Church of Chicago

SEPTEMBER MEMORIES

Womens Sunday



Golden Age Fellowship Trip



SEPTEMBER MEMORIES

Ecumenical Cricket Tournament



79th CSI DAY Worship Service



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LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

October 5, 2025, Laity Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam)

Theme: Priesthood of All Believers

OT Isa. 61:1-11 Jeena Jacob

Psalms 135:12-21 Shane Nityan Joy

Epistle 1 Pet. 2:1-10 Eappen Thomas

Gospel John 17:1-8 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements - John Joseph and Sheela Joseph

Offertory- Mathew Varghese and Jasmine George

October 12, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist in English)

Theme: Sacrament of Holy Communion

OT Ex. 12:1-14 Valsamma Philip

Psalms 42 Jaden Karottu

Epistle 1 Cor. 10:14-22 Bini Williams

Gospel Luke 22:7-20 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements - Tarun and Arunima Koshy

Offertory-Sarah and Shawn Philip

October 19, 2025, Choir Sunday/Parish Sunday (Holy Eucharist - Malayalam)

Theme: Music of the Redeemed of the Lord: Proclamation of Witness

OT Exod. 15:1-13 Choir

Psalms 107:1-16 Choir

Epistle Revel. 14:1-5 Choir

Gospel Luke 1:68-79 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements- Choir

Offertory- Choir

October 26 , 2025, Youth Sunday - (Holy Eucharist -English)

Theme: Youth with Christ in Action

OT Dan. 1:1-17 Youth Fellowship

Psalms 98 Youth Fellowship

Epistle Acts 6:1-7 Youth Fellowship

Gospel John 1:35-42 Presbyter

Kiss of Peace & Elements Youth Fellowship

Offertory Jonah Oommen & Jenah Oommen

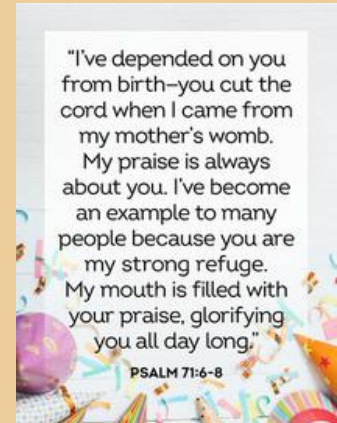
OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays



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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Shane Nityan Joy | 17 Annamma Kurian |
| 2 Eappen Thomas | 18 Dennis Chacko |
| 5 Staney A James | 18 Mary Philipose |
| 6 Valsamma Philip | 19 Geetha Mathews |
| 7 Jaden J Karottu | 19 Rajan Kaleekal |
| 9 Thomas Philip | 20 Smitha A James (Jiji) |
| 10 John Mammen Karottu | 21 Sarah Kurian |
| 10 Zane Philip | 24 Bryden J Varghese |
| 12 Sunil John | 25 Jonah Oommen |
| 13 Sathyaseelan S Jacob | 25 Jenah Oommen |
| 13 Noelle Kurien | 25 Anna Cherian |
| 14 Eipe Lee | 25 Susan Chacko |
| 14 Lida Mariam Oommen | 30 Joji Philip |



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

Anniversaries



- 6 Rintu Philip & Niki Philip
19 Joseph Subra & Usha Joseph
19 George David & Rinu George David
22 Ben Kurien & Sudha Kurien
24 Alex John Karottu & Irene Karottu
25 John Mathew & Rosamma Mathew
31 Lovy George & Jain George

*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

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 23	General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2025
Nov 28, 29, 30	Christmas Carol Rounds
Nov 30	Senior Citizen Sunday
Dec 6, 7,14,20,21	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 6	Ecumenical Council Christmas Celebration
Dec 13	Carols and Lessons Service -5:30pm
Dec 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 Chirst Church Monthly Accounts August 2025			
Category	Income	Expense	
Subscription	\$4,080.00		
Offertory	\$1,053.00		
Thanks Offering	\$1,150.00		
Tithe	\$1,975.00		
Special Donation			
St. Martin's rent		\$2,200.00	
Church Supplies/Communion Elements		\$198.52	
Car Insurance			
Church Car Maintenance	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Church Maintenance/Emergency Repair		\$177.49	
Church Cleaning, Land scape, Snow removal			
Ch:ComEd			
Ch:Peoples Energy			
Ch&Psng Insurance			
Ch:Water			
Ch:Garbage			
Psng:ComEd		\$189.78	
Psng:Nicor			
Psng:Clean/Maint		\$270.00	
Psng:Internet		\$105.63	
Psng:Phone,cell		\$154.89	
Psng:Water			
Presbyter's Honorarium		\$2,200.00	
Presbyter healthcare			
Hospitality/Refreshments			
Mission/Charity	\$895.00		
Women's Fellowship	\$100.00		
Mens Fellowship			
Sunday School		\$993.42	
Youth	\$286.00	\$638.70	
Choir			
Visiting Pastor			
Presbyter gift/Visiting Pastors		\$250.00	
Legal/Tax/Visa Processing-W2/W3			
Miscellaneous			
Carol Rounds			
Family Retreat			
Building Fund			
CSI Council Membership / Conf		\$563.78	
Ecumenical Council	\$1,000.00		
Family Sunday/Harvest	\$152.50	\$114.61	
Confirmation			
Cottage Prayer			
Parsonage Maintenance special Fund			
Sub Total	\$10,711.50	\$8,076.82	
Ledger Summary	General	Reserve	Building Fund
Opening balance at the beginning of the month	\$29,068.30	\$7,066.60	\$630,956.06
Add Income "in month"	\$10,711.50		
Move building fund donations to building fund			
Less (Expenses) "in month"	\$8,076.82		
Interest credited and moved to building fund		\$938.60	\$2,314.21
Closing Ledger balance end of the month	\$34,152.98	\$6,068.00	\$633,270.27
LESS Outstanding balance to be cleared (Psng - Landscaping \$270.00, Presbyter Honorarium \$2200.00, Guest speaker /Reuben Manohar - \$250.00)	\$2,720.00		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 12, 2025

Chicago Ecumenical
**SUNDAY SCHOOL
FEST - 2025**
REGISTRATION RE-OPENED : UNTIL OCT 26



You shall love the
LORD your God with all
your heart and with all
your soul and with all
your might.
Deuteronomy 6:5



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Venue: Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic
Forane Church
145 E Grand Ave, Bensenville, IL 60106.



Convention, Choir Sunday & Parish Day

**Annual
BIBLE
CONVENTION**
*Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1*



Guest Speaker:
JOY PULLAD

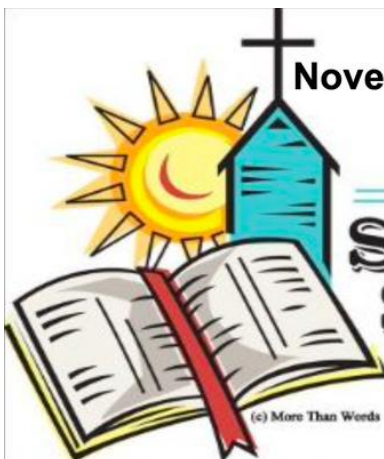
**October:
17, 18, 19
6 pm - 8:30 pm**

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**October 17 & 18
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**October 19 10:00 AM
Parish Day & Choir
Sunday**

November 2nd, 2025



**WORLD
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
DAY**

(c) More Than Words

Ecumenical Council of Kerala Churches in Chicago Future Events

**Sunday School Fest
November 1st**

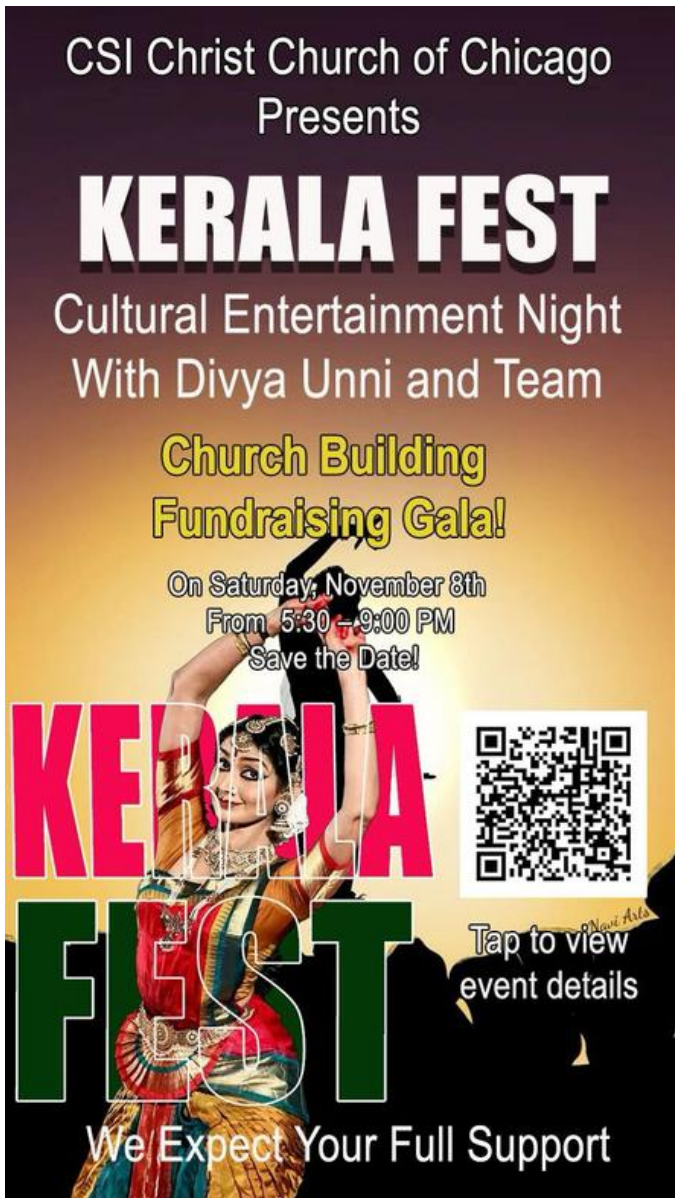
**Basketball Tournament
November 22nd**

**Ecumenical
SUNDAY SCHOOL
FEST
2025**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST FROM 9AM-5PM
Contact Sunday School for registration details
Group Event Registration: <https://bit.ly/Ecu25CSF>
Individual Event Registration: <https://bit.ly/Ecu25SMB>
VENUE: SACRED HEART KANAYAKA CATHOLIC FORANE CHURCH
145 E. Grand Ave, Bensenville, IL 60126
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF KERALA CHURCHES IN CHICAGO



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Link to the Event:

[Kerala Fest Website](#)

Tickets can be purchased via e-ticket: [Ticketing Website](#)

Don't forget to give a follow to the Kerala Fest Facebook Page: [Kerala Fest Facebook](#)

CALLING FOR PUBLICATION

November and December themes. November theme is for Sunday School and December is for everyone related to Christmas- see link below

[Themes for the month](#)

News from St Martin's Church



Designer Bag Bingo

An afternoon of fun and friendship

Saturday, October 25

Doors open at noon, program 1 pm to 4 pm

BINGO	
3	29 45 56 68
1	19 43 50 72
11	25 31 49 61
9	23 31 58 63
4	27 42 54 71

*Play bingo to win fabulous designer handbags!
*Spend a fall afternoon with friends

*Door prizes

*Enticing Silent Auction Items

*Snacks and beverages will be provided
(chili, hot dogs, Vegetarian option and corn bread)

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Contact Barb Cortino at 224-622-4664

Or email saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com

****FREE Admission - suggested donation \$30****



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Craft Show



WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

- Epoxy Stoner Resin Stained Glass
- DOTERRA Essential Oils
- Handmade Jewelry including bead and wire wrapped
- Avon
- A Scatter of Sparkle
- Popcorn Bingo and so much more.

WHY YOU SHOULD COME:

- Support St. Martin's in getting new air conditioners.
- Quality Items: Many Hand Crafted items available
- Friendly Atmosphere: Chat with neighbors and find treasures.

EXTRAS:

- Amazing Snack Bar and Eating Area
- Raffle Items from Each Vendor
- Free Raffle for just looking at all the vendors including a promo box from First Watch DP

10AM - 4PM
OCTOBER 11,
2025



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NEW RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

The Lions club is collecting used eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones and ink cartridges. Look for the box in Strauss-Betker Hall.

Ministry in Motion POP TABS UPDATE

Ronald McDonald House receives the benefit of these pop tops. We have done really well -
KEEP THEM COMING.

