

UPDATES + REMINDERS

SATURDAY MASS

Please join us **Saturday at 4pm** Mass as St. Christina welcomes Bishop Thomas Dennenhan of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. Bishop Dennenhan will be speaking on the Cause for Canonization of Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ.

2ND GRADE MASS AND MEETING

At **this Sunday's 10:30 AM** Mass we will be honoring our second graders as they prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this school year. Please join us!

On **Thursday, October 30th** all second graders and their parent(s) are required to attend the Reconciliation and Communion Preparation Meeting at 6pm in Church.

DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN

Delicious popcorn for a "Double Good" cause! Our 8th Grade Double Good Fundraiser begins today and runs through **Tuesday, October 28th** at Noon. Contact your favorite 8th Grade family for the link to order. All orders are delivered directly to you and 50% of sales go to support the Class of 2026 graduation activities!

8TH GRADE RETREAT

Tuesday, October 28th is the Confirmation Meeting and Retreat for all 8th Graders and their Confirmation Sponsor or a parent. It will be led by Fr. Tom McCarthy from St. Rita, and takes place at 6pm in the Church.

NO HOT LUNCH REMINDER

No Hot Lunch on **Thursday, October 30th**. Please remember to pack, and send lunch with your student(s).

HALLOWEEN

PreK students will have a Halloween Room Party on Thursday, **October 30th** from 9:30-10:30am. Grades K-6 will have Halloween Room Parties on Friday, **October 31st** from 12:45-1:30pm. Costumes may be worn to school, but no masks, face paint or weapons/accessories can be worn. On **October 31st**, PreK students may wear black and orange or their costumes again.

Grades 7-8 will celebrate Halloween with a Movie and Snacks on Friday, October 31st. Students may dress down in Orange and Black. All full-day students have an Early Dismissal at 1:45pm on Halloween.

NOVEMBER ENRICHMENT

Sign-ups are open for November enrichment which will take place on 11/5, 11/12, and 11/19 from 2:30-3:20pm. Please click **HERE** for class information and to sign-up by **November 3rd**.

CALENDAR REMINDER

There will be no school on **Friday, November 7th** due to an Archdiocesan Professional Development Day.

BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars for the school Book Fair which will be held **November 18th - November 20th** in our school Library!

TRIMESTER 1

Trimester 1 ends on Thursday, November 14th, which is quickly approaching! Please take a moment to check your child's grades and encourage your student to prioritize their academics each evening as we finish the trimester strong. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's academic success.

VETERANS DAY

As we prepare for our Veterans Day Program next month we'd like to collect photos of your special veteran. Please click **HERE** to submit a photo. If you have submitted pics in the past please click **HERE** -- if you're name appears on the list then we have the pics you have previously submitted and will be sure to include them in this year's celebration. Additional details attached.

A NOTE ABOUT THE WEATHER

As the temperatures continue to drop, please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students wait outside in their morning arrival lines until 7:40 am and go outdoors for recess each day, weather permitting. Warm coats, hats, and gloves help ensure that all students stay comfortable and can enjoy their time outside. Thank you for your help in keeping our Cardinals warm!

RED RIBBON WEEK Begins Monday!

THEME

Our Choices, Our School, Our Future

MONDAY, 10/27

Put Bad Choices and Bullying to Sleep - Wake Up to a Bright Future!

PJ Day wear pajamas to school - No slippers please!

TUESDAY, 10/28

Chase Your Dreams - Your Future Starts with Healthy Choices!

Future High School or College Dress Down Day

WEDNESDAY, 10/29

Tip Your Hat to Kindness and Respect!

Hat Day - students wear school uniforms with a hat

THURSDAY, 10/30

Team Up Against Drugs - Bullying is Out of Bounds!

Jersey Day - wear favorite jersey

Friday, 10/31

Halloween costumes and orange/black for older students

SAT 10/25

4pm Mass with Bishop Thomas Deenihan

SUN 10/26

10:30am Mass for 2nd Graders (*Honoring Children Preparing for Reconciliation and Communion*)

MON 10/27

Red Ribbon Week Begins

TUE 10/28

6pm Confirmation Retreat (*8th Grade Candidates and Parent/Sponsor*)

WED 10/29

8:10am Mass
Enrichment

THU 10/30

No Hot Lunch
6pm Reconciliation and Communion Meeting (*For 2nd Graders & Parents*)

FRI 10/31

FSA Hot Dog Lunch (*For those who joined FSA or purchased*)

1:45 Dismissal
No Extended Care

SAT 11/1

All Saints' Day

TUE 11/4

SAC Mtg.

WED 11/5

8:10am Mass (*Planned by 4th grade*)

Enrichment

THU 11/6

Hot Lunch: Calabria
Nuggets/Chips

FRI 11/7

No School (*Archdiocesan Professional Development*)

MARK YOUR calendar



FRIDAY MORNING MASS

4-8th grade students: Join Mrs. Spano along with other faculty members each Friday at 7:00am Mass. We will sit together and walk through the Parish Center into school when Mass ends.

Click here to be connected to our online calendar for the most current info. Then, bookmark it!



Click here to be linked to our faculty + classrooms to connect with teachers and view their classroom sites.

MELANIA KELLY

This Cardinal is not only one of the kindest young ladies in our classroom, but she is by far one of the hardest working students. She listens attentively, tries hard and asks for help when needed. She truly makes our classroom a happy place to learn, work and grow!



DANNY DALTON

This second grader walks into school every morning with a bright, cheerful smile that can light up the whole classroom. He has a kind heart and a positive attitude that lifts up everyone around him. He always tries his best, works hard, and never gives up, no matter the challenge. His effort, enthusiasm, and joyful spirit make him such a special part of our class.



HIGHLIGHTS



Deacon John stops in once a week to visit with the 2nd graders and teach them in preparation for their Sacraments.



Our 4th Grade Girl Scouts found their balance and some big smiles during a private yoga session at The Studio Beverly.



St. Christina Girl Scout Troop 26292
2024 - 2025

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| Ally Martinez | Corina Roman | Liana Perinakis | Molly Sherry |
| Audrey Evans | Emily Williams | Maddie Carlson | Niana McCarty |
| Aliah Fitzgerald | Giuliana Follino | Madiya Kozlowski | Rena Costantino |
| Yeo Rhee | Grace Jellie | Mae Manassis | Ruby Kizghai |
| Isabella Murphy | Kathleen Carter | Melanie Kelly | Emma Vici |

The Buddy Bench was blessed with prayers and good wishes!



THE SPAGHETTI MARSHMALLOW EXPERIMENT

The 4th Graders worked together to construct the tallest towers! They communicated effectively and welcomed all group member ideas to be successful!

As flu season approaches, let's join together to say "Boo to the Flu!" with some easy habits that keep our kids healthy and strong. Good sleep, brushing teeth well, staying active with daily exercise, and practicing proper handwashing are all powerful ways to fight off germs. Teaching children to cough or sneeze into their elbow—not their hands—also helps stop the spread of viruses.

Reminder: Hearing and vision screenings will occur for all students on November 10th and November 11th. If you do not wish to have your child participate, please contact me at nurse@stchristina.org by November 7th.

Fun Fact: Did you know that playing outside in the crisp fall air can actually boost your immune system? Cooler temperatures encourage your body to produce more white blood cells—the superheroes that fight off germs!

NURSE'S CORNER



FSA^{25/26}

save the date

TRUNK OR TREAT - TODAY!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5:30pm - 7pm, School Parking Lot

Details attached!

HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

6:30pm - 10:30pm, Gym

Details attached!

CHRISTMAS CRAWL [★] WHY NOT HOST A STOP! [★]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Get into the holiday spirit and help make this year's Christmas Crawl the best one yet! FSA is looking for 5 enthusiastic volunteers to serve as **Host Homes** for a stop on the Christmas Crawl. This is a fun and festive way to support our FSA event and share some holiday cheer with your fellow St. Christina parents. You'll be a vital part of the fun, helping to welcome participants and keep the celebration going. **Interested in hosting?** Please contact Sharon Deenihan at 708.927.4176 to express interest and for more details. Sign up for a slot on the Sign Up Genius Volunteer link below. Additional details attached.

CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

CLICK HERE
TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS

FSA
PRESENTS



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24

ST. CHRISTINA
PARKING LOT
05:30pm - 07:00pm

CANDY • COTTON CANDY • GAMES
POPCORN • PRIZES

Free Admission
Best Costume Prizes!

Best Trunk will receive a Tuition Voucher!



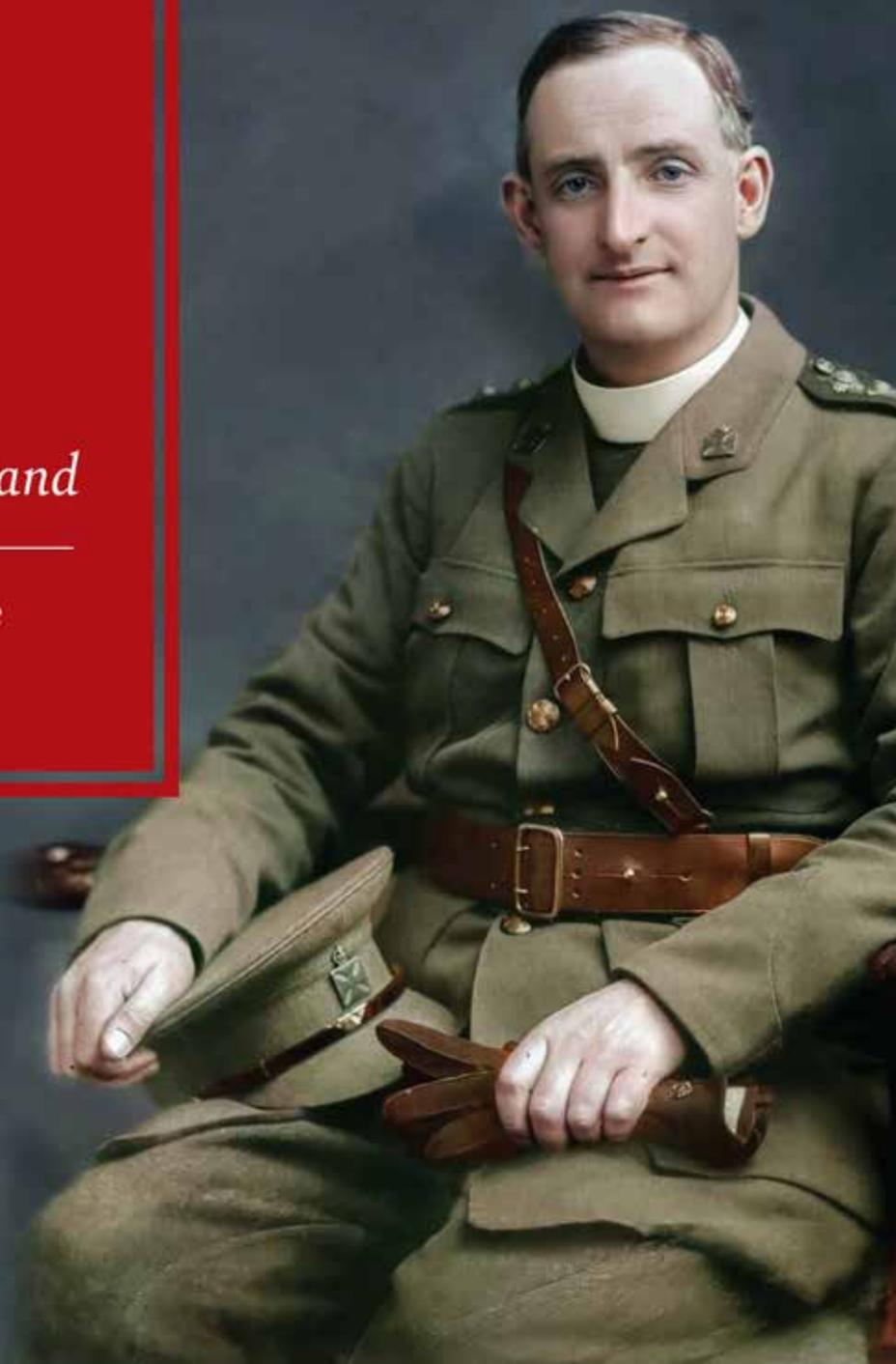
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**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25TH
4PM MASS**



3342 WEST 11TH STREET
CHICAGO



7TH & 8TH GRADE **FLAG FOOTBALL**



CAMPS! **FREE!**



**WORK ON YOUR SKILLS & LEARN
THE GAME WITH MARIST FLAG
FOOTBALL PLAYERS!**

THREE FREE SESSIONS:

NOVEMBER 5 7-8:30PM

NOVEMBER 12 7-8:30PM

NOVEMBER 19 7-8:30PM



**REGISTER
NOW!**

ALL CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT THE LARRY
TUCKER MARIST SPORTSPLEX!

We invite all school families to help us honor your family's veterans by sending their name and photo

[click here to submit](#)

[if you submitted pictures last year there is no need to resubmit just check the list here if we have your veteran](#)



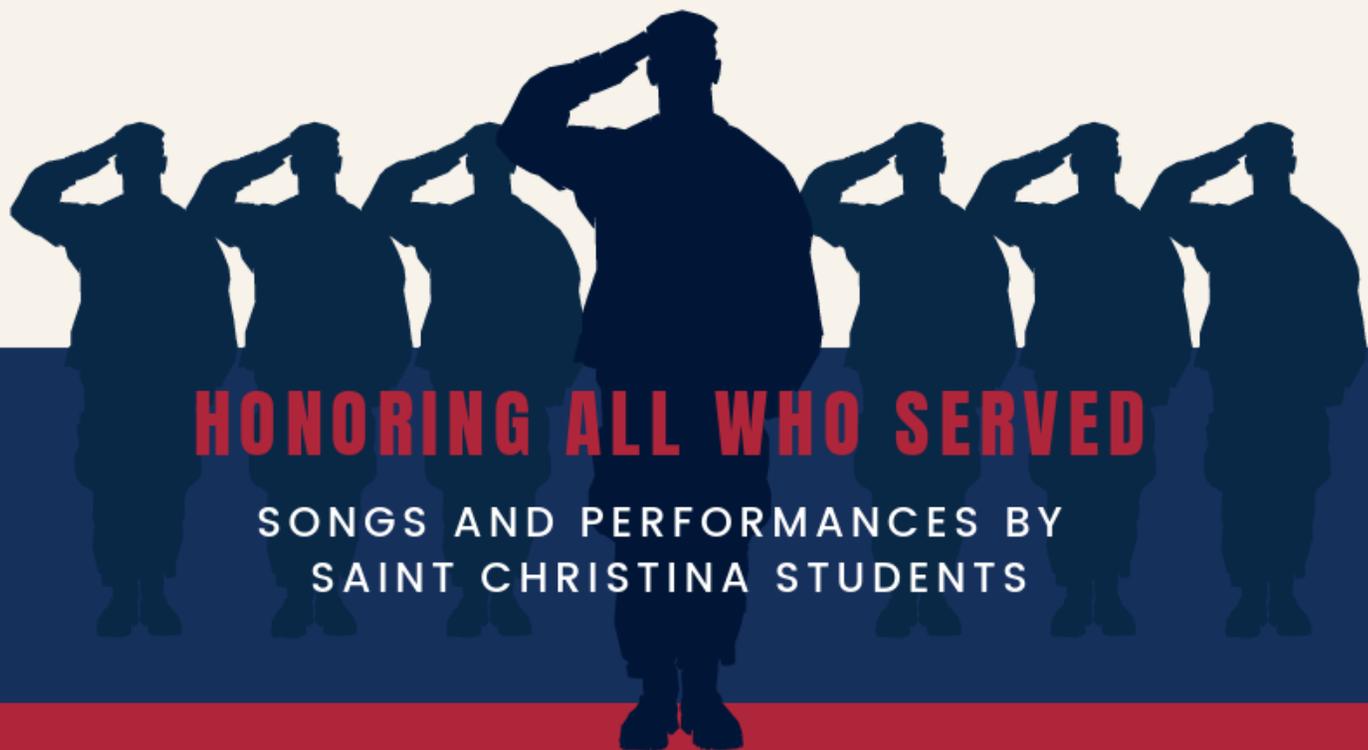
VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025

8:10 am

St. Christina Church



EAT

Thursday, November 13th

Come out and dine in or order TOGO at Lawlor's Bar, mention you are here for St. Christina.

& EARN



Come out and support the 8th grade graduating class of 2026!

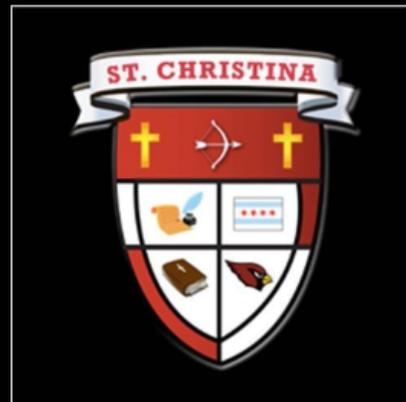
20% of Dine in Sales

&

10% of carry out will be donated to the Class of 2026!

773-941-8532

Lawlor's Bar
3908 W 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60655





2025
St. Christina
HOLIDAY
MARKET

Saturday

NOVEMBER 15TH

6:30-10:30 PM

ST. CHRISTINA SCHOOL GYM

Over 40 Vendors for Holiday Shopping
Food by S & T's

The first 100 people to sign up in advance receive a custom etched wine glass!



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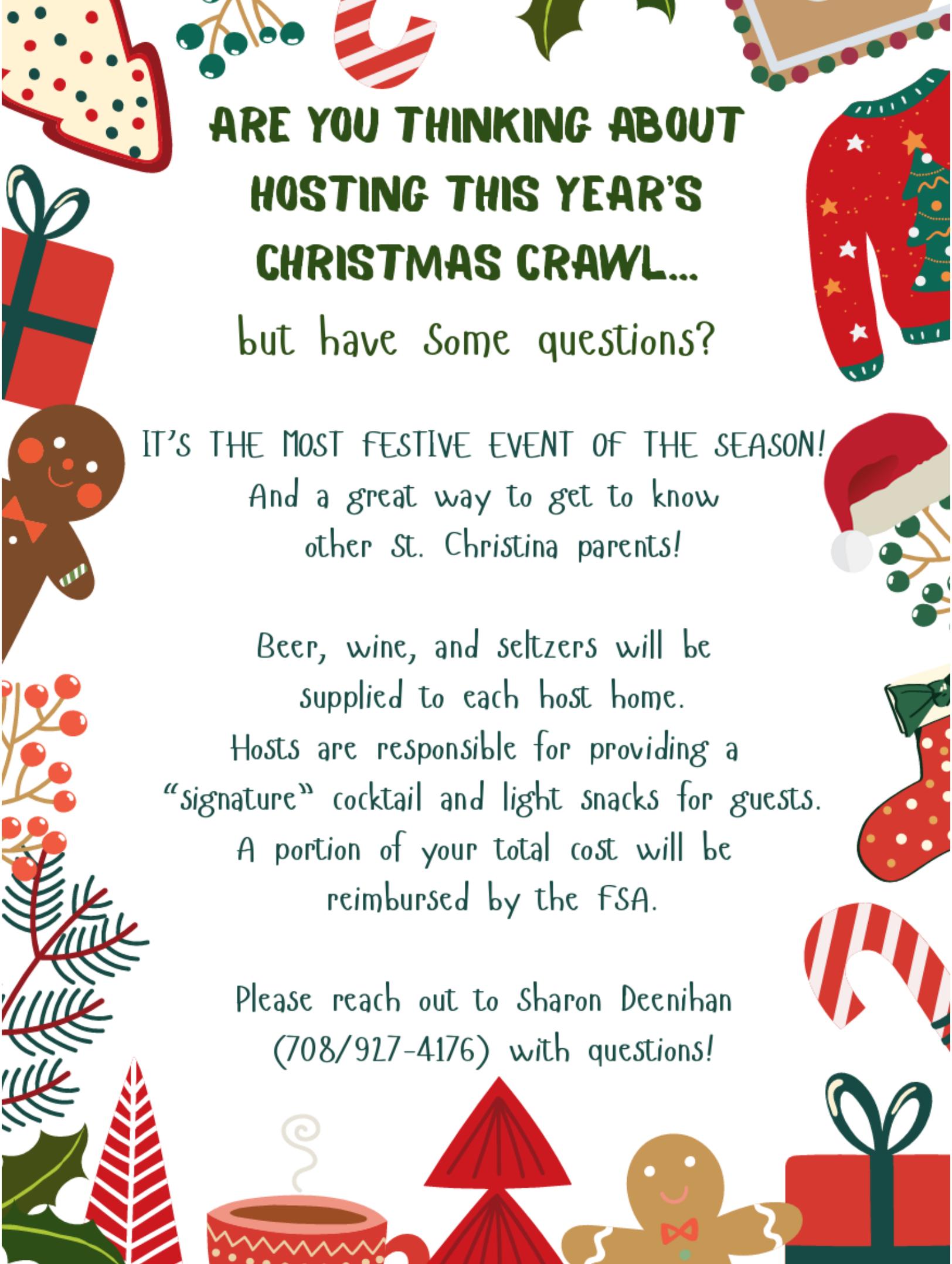
For More Information Contact
stc.holidaymarket@gmail.com



Visit with
Mrs. Claus!



ADMISSION
\$10



**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT
HOSTING THIS YEAR'S
CHRISTMAS CRAWL...**

but have some questions?

IT'S THE MOST FESTIVE EVENT OF THE SEASON!

And a great way to get to know
other St. Christina parents!

Beer, wine, and seltzers will be
supplied to each host home.

Hosts are responsible for providing a
“signature” cocktail and light snacks for guests.

A portion of your total cost will be
reimbursed by the FSA.

Please reach out to Sharon Deenihan
(708/927-4176) with questions!



WE ARE HIRING!

ASSISTANT GYM COORDINATOR

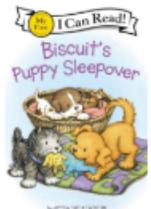
- ✓ **EVENING & WEEKEND HOURS**
- ✓ **VIRTUS-COMPLIANT REQUIRED**

INTERESTED? EMAIL
OPERATIONS@STCHRISTINAPARISH.ORG



Mount Greenwood Branch
 11010 South Kedzie Ave
 Chicago, Illinois 60655
 (312) 747-2805
 Mon and Wed 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Tues and Thurs 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Friday and Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

November 2025
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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| <p>Registration is required unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>Registration is available online or in person.</p> <p>www.chipublib.org or scan the QR code:</p>  | <p><u>Art Buffet</u></p> <p>Feeling creative? Just drop in and get making! All materials will be provided, all you need to bring is your imagination. (Prepare to get messy!)</p> <p>For kids of all ages. No registration needed.</p> <p><i>Monday, November 3</i> <i>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></p> |
| <p><u>Preschool Story Time</u></p> <p>Join us for this 45 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft.</p> <p>For ages 3-5.</p> <p><i>Wednesdays,</i> <i>November 5, 12, 19, 26 and</i> <i>December 3, 17</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: No story time on 12/10</i> <i>11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</i></p> | <p><u>My First Book Club</u></p> <p>Just beginning to read? Pick up a copy of <i>Biscuit's Puppy Sleepover</i> by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Read the story and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.</p>  <p>Must be able to read independently. (Grades K-2)</p> <p><i>Wednesday, November 5</i> <i>4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</i></p> |
| <p><u>Have You Got Game?!</u></p> <p>Come find out at our Family Game Day! We will have board games, a few carnival type games and perhaps some physical challenges at this drop-in program.</p> <p>For kids ages 5-14 and their families! No registration is needed.</p> <p><i>Thursday, November 6</i> <i>5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</i></p> | <p><u>Face-Off: Heroes Vs. Monster</u></p> <p>Join fellow heroes and battle a common foe in this tabletop extravaganza! Space is extremely limited.</p> <p>For kids ages 8-14.</p> <p><i>Monday, November 10</i> <i>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i></p> |

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Mon and Wed 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tues and Thurs 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday and Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Bring your old puzzles and get some new (to you) puzzles. Fun for the whole family. Please bring complete puzzles only.

**For kids and families of all ages.
No registration is needed.**

***Thursday, November 13
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.***

Toddler Story Time

Toddle on in for this 30 minute program of stories, songs, stretches and a craft!

For ages 18-35 months.

***Mondays,
November 17, 24 and
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.***

Level Up Book Club

Join us for a book club! Pick up a copy of *History Smashers: Pearl Harbor* by Kate Messner. Read the book and join us for a fun discussion and craft activity.



For grades 3-4.

***Wednesday, November 19
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

Native American Heritage Month

Weaving Workshop

Come learn about traditional weaving techniques from different Native American groups. Fun for the whole family.

For kids ages 4-14.

***Thursday, November 20
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.***

Open Block Play

Stop into our block play event to build, explore and create together. This is a drop-in event.

**For ages 0-8.
No registration is needed.**

***Monday, November 24
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***





YOU'RE INVITED TO A VIBRANT CELEBRATION!

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Saturday, November 1st, 2025 • 12:00 - 2:00 PM
McDonald's • 4334 W 26th St



FREE ACTIVITIES:

- Create your own skull mask
 - Coloring pages
- Face painting of traditional skulls and more
- Catrina costume contest with a prize for the winner

