

A detail from Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam' showing the face of Adam and the head of the cherub. Adam's face is in the foreground, looking upwards with a pained expression. The cherub's head is above him, reaching down with its arm extended. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

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Holy Day Masses *as announced*

Children's Liturgy of the Word We offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 Mass. Volunteers bring your children aged 3 to 6 (flexible) to the Adoration Chapel for child-friendly Scripture-based activities. They will be returned to you at the Offertory.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:00AM HUBERT WILHELM

5:00PM VIGIL DOLORES LEMANOWICZ

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:00AM JOSEPH CORSO

10:00 AM CARTER KENNEY

12:00 NOON VINCENT DiFRANCESCO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

8:30 AM MARY YEARICKS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

8:30AM JAMES MULHOLLAND

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

8:30AM DOROTHY KLINE (9TH ANNIVERSARY)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

8:30AM RUTH P. O'CONNOR (18TH ANNIVERSARY)

CLAIRE R. MCCARTHY (6TH ANNIVERSARY)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

8:30AM CLAIRE MCCARTHY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

8:00AM SUSAN SULLIVAN

5:00PM VIGIL MARRIED COUPLES OF ST. CHRISTOPHER
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:00AM KELLY WREATH (BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL)

10:00 AM MICHAEL HARRINGTON

12:00 NOON CARTER KENNEY

Truth with Handles

a video series from

Walking With Purpose

Women of St. Chris, please join us for this video series that explores relevant topics for women today while discussing our faith and church teachings.

Join us for 6 Tuesday evenings in the Parish Office
Tuesday, March 12th through Tuesday, April 16th
6:45PM to 8:00PM

No homework

*** No commitment***

No need to sign up—come to as many as you can
and please bring a friend!

All are Welcome!

Questions? Email: Stchriswwp@gmail.com

THE ANNUAL SCOUT TROOP 367 2 FOOT HOAGIE SALE IS HERE! SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 11TH!!!

We will be outside of Church **this weekend, February 3rd & 4th** taking paid preorders after all of the Masses. We will have Italian, Roast Beef, Turkey and American hoagies available to preorder. They will be freshly made on Sunday, February 11th with your choices of cheese and produce. The cost is \$22, however if you preorder and pay by 4PM on Sunday, February 4th the price is \$20. Roast Beef hoagies will be \$3 extra. For more information, you can also order at:

packtroop367@aol.com.

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Yearly Contribution Letters

Due to the changes to the Tax Code, most of us no longer need to itemize our deductions on our Income Tax Returns. With that in mind, we will not be sending out "tax letters" confirming your contributions to all who contributed \$250 or more in the year 2023. We will be glad to generate letters for anyone who asks. Please email (info@stchrisparish.org) or call the parish office (215-673-5177). Please include your name, address and envelope number when making your request. Thank you for your cooperation.

Save the Date....

April 20, 2024

Shredding Event

Please mark your calendars.

More information to follow.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

As our new community center nears completion, we are going to get serious about donor recognition. We will have a donor recognition board for those who have contributed ten thousand dollars or more. We will also have souvenir booklets in which all donors will be recognized on the day of dedication of the new building. It is my hope that our Archbishop Nelson J. Perez will be able to be with us for the dedication.

As I have told you before, our capital campaign has essentially failed. Our feasibility study indicated that we should be able to raise \$3.2 Million in pledges. The actual figure was more like \$1.2 Million. I feel like that Catholic Foundation let us down—especially since they were the ones that had told us that \$3.3 Million would be feasible. Well, there is no point in crying over the past. We need to deal with the present. I am looking to our pastoral council to help us raise at least another million dollars. So far, we were gifted with an anonymous gift of \$100,000 with the hope that this would be a challenge grant for others to step forward. Just this week a parishioner made a donation of appreciated stock. This could be especially helpful as income tax days are approaching. For more information about how you could do this, please contact our finance manager Deb Rios at our parish office.

We are coming to a conclusion with improvements in the Church. As I noted last week, our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament is again open. If you do not know or if you forgot the code to enter the chapel, call our parish office. When all the Church renovations are finished, my classmate and friend Bishop Edward Deliman has agreed to come for a blessing.

Finally, let me remind you that because of the early Easter this year, we also have an early Lent. Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year, February 14th. I will speak more about that next week. I would ask that you put the first week of March on your calendar for our parish mission given by Monsignor Stephen McHenry on March 4, 5, and 6 at 7 p.m. Monsignor McHenry will be speaking at all of the Masses on the first weekend in March. You will find him an interesting speaker. It is my special hope that this will be a spark in our devotion especially to the Holy Eucharist. We only had a few people respond to what I was calling Operation Good Shepherd to bring back people who no longer practice their faith. Why don't you informally invite your friends and neighbors to the parish mission. I think they will be pleased they came. God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,


PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS

First-time parents, as well as parents who have not already done so, must attend a Pre-Jordan class before scheduling a Baptism. We suggest that you attend before the birth of your baby. The next class will be on:

**Monday, February 26, at 7:00PM in the
Parish Office**

(You must call Peggy in the Parish Office to register for the class in advance.)

The Second Collection this Weekend
February 3 & 4, 2024 is for
Care of Aging and Ill Priests
of the Archdiocese.

The Second Collection Next Weekend
February 10 & 11, 2024 is for
The Sponsor a Needy Student Fund

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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If you wish to place or remove a name from the prayer list,
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You're invited to come to one session, two sessions, or all the
sessions depending upon your schedule.

Our topic this year is "Thy Kingdom Come".

Upcoming Topics

February 7th—Just a Guy in a Pew

February 21st—The Narrow Gate

Sessions are on **Wednesday evenings at 7PM** in the parish
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Trivia Night

Saturday, February 17th

Buffet—Beer—BYOB—Desserts
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Doors Open at 6PM Trivia Starts at 7PM
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John Udovich: 267-738-8291 or UDHOMES@YAHOO.COM

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St. Christopher Home and School News:

Capt'n Chucky's Crab Cake Sale

All Orders due Wednesday, February 14th

Orders can be picked up in **Holy Family Hall**
on **Friday, February 23rd** between **3PM & 6PM**

Smith Island Crab Cakes—3.5 oz of Colossal Lump Crab Meat

Crab Critters—Crab ball appetizers—bag of 50

Maryland Crab Soup—1 Quart Container

Crab Marinara—1 Quart Container

All orders must be paid with Cash or Check when ordering
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Any questions please contact :

Christy Jacober at Christyleeagleason@yahoo.com

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RCIA Sessions

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The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed to assist teens and adults who have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church; or have been baptized in another Christian faith (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic; or were baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Upcoming Topics

February 6, 2024—Happiness & Christian Moral Life

February 13, 2024—Law & Ten Commandments

Meetings are in the Parish Office at 7PM on Tuesday evening.

"COME AND SEE"

Any questions please email Deacon Gene at:
deacongene@stchrisparish.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 27 & 28, 2024 \$17,506

(includes \$6,330 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

January 28 & 29, 2023 \$18,378

(includes 5,895 from E-giving & Parish Giving)

(Thank you for your support of our parish!)

The Rosary

When we come together, great things can happen.

When we come together to pray the Rosary, even greater things can happen!

On February 6th & 13th we will meet in the Parish Office at 1:15PM.

During the holy season of Lent, the Rosary will move to the Church.

On February 14th, Ash Wednesday, at 6:30PM before 7PM Mass

On Mondays through Thursdays in Lent at 6PM before the 6:30 Masses.

On Fridays in Lent at 6:30PM before 7PM Stations of the Cross

We are now accepting applications for new families interested in registering for grades **PreK3-8 for St. Christopher School for the 2024-2025 school year**. Applications are available in the school office, or on our website; stchrisstrong.org. If you would like to request more information or set up a tour of our school, please contact Kate Whalen at:

kwhalen@stchrisstrong.org.

Archbishop Ryan Winter Social Fundraiser

Saturday, March 2, 2024 (7PM to midnight)

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Email friendsofryan.team@gmail.com for questions.

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