

Core Programs

Worship

At St. Chrysostom's, liturgical worship is at the heart of who we are as people of faith. Each Sunday, parishioners gather as one to celebrate the love of God, made manifest in his Son Jesus Christ, inspiring and informing everything else we do as a community. We are blessed with preachers who challenge and inspire us as part of our Sunday worship. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome as you are at St. Chrysostom's!

Each week, we offer opportunities for Sunday worship at 8:00 AM, with spoken liturgy, scripture readings, sermon, and Holy Eucharist; and at 10:15 AM, adding choral and organ music from our parish musicians, as well as enhanced offerings for children and families. Other opportunities for worship include the Holy Week services, Christmas Eve, major Feasts, and special services such as Choral Evensong.

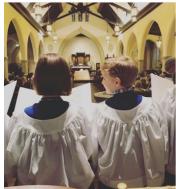


Music

We believe that when music is performed to the highest standards of excellence it glorifies God, transcending the earthly and expressing what words alone cannot. Music has always been an integral part of our worship and parish life, serving as a means of personal inspiration and outreach to our community.

Our principal choral ensemble, the choir of St. Chrysostom's Church, is an auditioned, professional mixed choir of twelve voices, featuring some of Chicago's finest choral artists, and performing each Sunday at our 10:15 am service. Our parish adult choir, the St. Chrysostom's Singers, often join the professional choir. Our Children's Chorister Program gathers each week for music, fun and faith, offering children a first-class musical education and helping them to feel a part of the worship setting.

St. Chrysostom's is home to a marvelous pipe organ, C. B. Fisk Opus 123, which accompanies our worship with grace and strength, while ably serving its dual role as one of Chicago's major recital instruments. Our Crane Memorial Carillon is well known for its weekly concerts following our Sunday services. Renovated in 2023, the historic instrument of 43 bells resides in the church tower, and is one of only three such playable instruments in the Chicago area.







Children's Ministries

Children are very welcome at St. Chrysostom's Church! There are many ways we bring children into the life of our parish. Some events are yearlong like joining a Sunday School class, and others are seasonal events (like summer Beach Sundays!), special formation programs such as Confirmation classes, or just the chance to play together in our great gym. We hope you find a place for your family! Please contact the Rev. Will Bouvel, Associate Rector, for more information, or visit www.saintc.org.

Our Sunday School program takes place during the 10:15

service. Children follow the cross to their classrooms during our opening hymn and return for Holy Communion. We continue to use our wonderful Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play, with wonderful teachers from the parish.

Formation for older kids to become worship leaders (acolytes, readers, etc.) takes place at 9:30 AM.





Adult Formation

St. Chrysostom's offers numerous opportunities for Adult Christian formation, ranging from the Rector's Weekly Bible Study, to various Sunday morning programs throughout the year. Various Zoom and in person Bible study groups also meet regularly. "Conversations that Matter" is currently our Sunday morning Adult Formation series; held at 9:00 AM in the Guild Room, the series showcases members of the parish speaking about things that matter to them. Whether it be our life's vocations, professions, our loves, or interests, there is no limit to the topics that may be discussed. After brief presentations, generous space will be opened for conversation on the topics shared by our speakers. Coffee and sweets served!

Ministries & Outreach

St. Chrysostom's offers many varied opportunities to get involved in our mission to put our faith into action in our city and around the world.



- St. Chrys's Kitchen, our feeding ministry, provides weekly bagged lunches distributed to those in need throughout the city. Volunteers offer a monthly hot meal for those in need in our community.
- **St. Chrys's Closet** was formed in 2023 to meet the needs of the city's growing refugee community. Volunteers organize donations of needed supplies from parishioners and the wider community and put them directly into the hands of those that need them via a storefront shopping experience.
- **Justice & Dismantling Racism** Joining The Episcopal Church's work towards "Becoming Beloved Community," we are inspired by the promises we make in our Baptismal Covenant to strive for justice and peace among all people. Programs and study groups are offered throughout the year for our parishioners and the community.
- **WOSC**, the official organization of the Women of St. Chrysostom's, undertakes many projects throughout the year, benefiting the parish and the wider community.
- St. Leonard's House & Grace House St. Chrysostom's and its parishioners regularly support these organizations which provide interim housing and supportive services for formerly incarcerated men and women returning to the community from Illinois prisons.
- The Chiapas Project As part of the Diocese of Chicago's Companionship with the Diocese of Southwest Mexico, St. Chrysostom's support two churches in Chiapas, including funding a biweekly food pantry for 45 families, scholarships for children and a weekly healthcare worker.





St. Chrysostom's Day School



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St. Chrysostom's Day School is Chicago's only Episcopal Day School. Established in 1974 with 27 students and three staff members, the Day School now serves more than 100 students, ages 22 months to 5 years, in six programs with a team of 20 faculty/staff. A member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools and licensed by the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois, St. Chrysostom's Day School is an inclusive preschool that welcomes all children and families, regardless of faith or race.

OUR VALUES

at St. Chrysostom's Day School, we promote the values of:

DISCOVERY

St. Chrysostom's educates the whole child through play-based learning.
We cultivate creativity, curiosity and a sense of self. Small class sizes
and a structured environment help us guide all our students along their
own path of discovery.

COMMUNITY

Our school is a genuine and welcoming place. Here children form lifelong friendships, families feel caring and inclusion, and parents find support as they start their children's educational journey.

DIVERSITY

We welcome all students and their families, and celebrate the diverse culture and beliefs they bring to our school. Our worship is creative and inclusive, supporting everyone on their passage of faith.

RESPONSIBILITY

We are not here for ourselves alone. Community service is deeply woven into the fabric of our school. Our students learn to respect themselves and others, and to embrace their responsibility to our neighbors in Chicago and in the world.















WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
TUESDAYS 12:00 pm 6:30 pm	The Rector's Weekly Bible Study Zoom Bible Study
WEDNESDAYS 7:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Day School Chapel St. Chrys's Closet <i>(@ Church of the Ascension)</i> Children's Choir rehearsal
THURSDAYS 10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
The Parish Office is open Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	



