CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER

Bi-Monthly

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2019

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Snow clogs and closed roads, but it also turns lonely hills into slopes for sledding. Snow is the possibility of a new landscape. The aesthetic description of snow has appeared in poems, short stories, novels, biographies and has a dramatic use as metaphor and symbol. Snow falls gently and silently. A snowflake needs at least two components: water and earth – earth being the particles, and the water being the droplets.

The mystique of snow is precisely because of its dual quality of heaven meeting earth, water meeting land. Snowflakes gently dropping from heaven, blanketing earth in its white embrace, are the touch of the Divine and the mundane. The spiritual dimension of snow serves as an intermediary between Divine energy and the universe. Earth is the material world and water is the knowledge of God. Thus snow, being half heaven and half earth provides the perfect intermediary between these two worlds.

Jesus Christ as the constant center and abiding substance of Christian faith and life. Christianity is founded on the principles and practices of the crucified Christ. The man from Nazareth, without any office and dignities, had proclaimed the kingdom of God. Jesus never created a special exclusive community with its own creed and cult, its own constitution and ministries. In other words, according to Hans Kung (theologian), Jesus had sparked off a great eschatological collective movement. Christianity is called to be a community of self-conscious people who have transcended all of the boundaries that divide, discriminate and demotivate people. It is also called to be a community of people committed to a journey into the future going beyond even "the cloud of unknowing."

Christian faith is distinguished by the rite of initiation: that of baptism and the meal instituted by Christ. Jesus Christ initiated the baptism of redemption and gifted to humanity through crucifixion and resurrection. For St Paul the experience of salvation is gifted through "grace" (Eph 2:8). Crucified Christ heals the sickness of our life. Sin is sickness and salvation is healing; healing through word of God, fellowship and invisible touch.

Faith community is moving out of the spirit of salvation, fueled with the trends of the capitalistic spirituality of "performances". Projection, productivity and procuring have been the common habit of our spiritual activities. We are driven by the waves of irreligious, irrational, undemocratic and unjust systems of functioning.

Imagining a church with roots, branches and fruits is our challenge; branches connect the fruits with the roots. Love, compassion and justice are the branches that help any church to survive. Survival of the competent should not be the spirituality cultivated in a church.

Church has to embody the expression of the survival of the common. Cross is the tree of life and salvation.

Church having the mediation of the Christ bears the mark of Cross. Great Lent is the sacred time to remember and thank God for His son Jesus Christ who carried the burden of sin and suffering.

As parish let's prepare for the Lent with prayers, reading of the scripture and sharing the love to the people around.

Wish blessings of God,

Shiby Achen

Vicar

ASST. VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to all in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our life is a pilgrimage and many of us had gone through tough times, for all of life has its difficult stretches. Instead of being led through sunny meadows, those who make this pilgrimage will have to face the rugged roads of struggle, the steep hills of hardship, and the lonely paths of toil and sacrifice. Many things that take place today cause us to be disquieted, dismayed and discouraged, but God's Word reminds us that He is still on His throne and carry us to the needs of our times.

The famous 19th century British preacher Henry Moorhouse had a daughter who had a physical disability. One day he came home with a package, and when he was about to carry it upstairs, she said: "Let me carry the parcel, Daddy." He said, "But how can you, my little daughter who cannot even walk, carry the parcel?" "Daddy, I will carry the parcel, and you will carry me." Dear friends, God does something like that for us when we need help. We carry the load but find ourselves being carried. God assured Paul in his weakness "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness".

Riding the circuit in Illinois once, when heavy rains had flooded the rivers, some of the lawyers who accompanied Lincoln were in great anxiety about how they could cross the Fox River. In reply to their appeal, Lincoln said, "I have often crossed the Fox River at all times of the year and in all kinds of weather, but I never cross the Fox River until I come to it." Do not try to cross your rivers until you reach them, but have faith to believe that when you reach them God will help you to cross them. Let us learn the art of living a day at a time, depending on God for the strength we shall need. Let us follow the timely advice

of Augustine: “Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His Love, and the future to His Providence.” God bless you.

In His Service,

Binu Achen.

SECRETARY’S DESK

The **PIZZA BOX/VESSEL**

(Extracts of Message from Pastor Jentezen Franklin)

Imagine we are ordering a PIZZA; and the Pizza guy showing up at our doorstep tonight; and he’s got our PIZZA, but he doesn’t have a BOX; he has the PIZZA in his bare hands.

We can see the cheese oozing down all over his hands and clothes and falling all over the floor as he walks to our doorstep.

We don’t know where that hand has been; and what he’s been doing with that. That sight is so disgusting and the first question this Pizza guy would ask us; “Hi! Did you order this Pepperoni PIZZA?” our response to this Pizza guy would be; “Where is the Box??” because we were expecting the PIZZA to come in a box/vessel.

What we need to understand is the box is worth ONLY 39-Cents; it’s not very valuable; but it takes on a tremendous importance and value because of what is placed in it – The PIZZA. We also need to need to understand is the fact that; “The box does not give value to the product. It’s the product that gives value to the box”

Similarly, YOU and I - we are just the box and Christ is in us; and we shouldn’t get puffed up when God starts using us; we are just the 39-cent box.

The point here is we don’t have to be great; super good looking like a movie star or super talented; but we have to **BE CLEAN** and **BE EMPTY** like that **PIZZA BOX**; and if we are **CLEAN & EMPTY**; God says; “If you give me a **VESSEL**, I’ll give you a **MIRACLE**, I’ll give you **MY ALL**, I’ll give you **MY PURPOSE** and I’ll give you **MY WILL** for **YOUR LIFE**.”

Can we do this; can we become that 39-cent BOX/VESSEL for God to use us for the Glory of His Kingdom.

Together in His Service
Teji Thomas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQY20gBlqqo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

FEBRUARY

Date	Schedule	Lessons 1	Lessons 2	Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
3	Perfect Healing that Christ gives (Medical Mission Sunday) C.H. 416					
	7:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM	2 Kgs 5:1-14	Acts 3:1-10	Rom 5:16-26	Mark 5:1-15	Area 10
	10:30 am Holy Communion in ENGLISH					Area 11
10	Community that has to be prepared for the Word of God C.H. 202					
	7:30 am Divine Service in ENGLISH	Deut 31:9-13	Acts 16:19-34	Rom 1:8-17	Luke 8:9-15	Area 1- 11
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM					Area 11
17	Creation that reveals God's Glory -C.H. 249					
	7:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM	Gen 2:1-9	2Thess 1:1-12	Col 1:26-29	Matt 6:25-30	Area 1
	10:30 am Holy Communion in ENGLISH					Area 1
24	Fall of Creation -C.H. 344					
	07:30 am Divine Service in ENGLISH	Gen 11:1-9	Eph 2:1-10	Rom 8:18-25	Luke 10:10-16	Area 1-11
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM					Area 2

MARCH

Date	Schedule	Lessons 1	Lessons 2	Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
3	Perthutho - Beginning of Great Lent -Lent: Time of Redemption-C.H. 347 Diocesan Sunday - Pulpit Change					
	7:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM	Isa 58:1-14	Rom 2:1-10	2Cor 5:16-21	John 2:1-11	Area 3
	10:30 am Holy Communion in ENGLISH					Area 2
10	Christ's Presence with the outcast-C.H. 96					
	7:30 am Divine Service in ENGLISH	Esth 4:1-17	Acts 15:6-21	Rom 15:7-13	Mark 1:40-45	Area 1-11
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM					Area 4
17	Release from the Burden of Sin -C.H. 251					
	7:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM	2Sam 12:1-14	Acts 8:9-17	Gal 3:10-14	Mark 2:1-12	Area 5
	10:30 am Holy Communion in ENGLISH					Area 3
24	Faith expression of the Marginalised- C.H. 215					
	7:30 am Divine Service in ENGLISH	Isa 45:1-8	Acts 10:24-33	1Cor 1:20-25	Matt 15:21-28	Area 1-11
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM					Area 6
31	Transforming the oppressive structures -C.H. 425					
	9:30 am Holy Communion in ENGLISH	Nah 1:1-5	Acts 16:25-34	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 13:10-17	Area 4
	Followed by Study Forum					

APRIL

Date	Schedule	Lessons 1	Lessons 2	Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
7	Cross – New Model for Discipleship					
	7:30 am Holy Qurbana in MALAYALAM	Gen 26:12-33	2Cor 11:20-31	2Cor 1:3-11	Mark 10:46-52	Area 7
	10:30 am Holy Communion in ENGLISH					Area 5

** **On Sundays when General Body is scheduled there will ONLY 1 Holy Communion Service in ENGLISH @ 09:30 am & Sunday School @ 8:00 am**

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS – February - March

DATE	NAME & ADDRESS	TIME	AREA
02/10 Sunday	Mr. Abraham Varghese (Saji) 9414 Lawler Ave, Skokie, IL – 60077. Ph. 847-868-4741	7:00 pm	3
02/10 Sunday	Mr. Sam George @ Church Basement Fellowship Hall Ph. 847-813-9298	6:00 pm	6
02/23 Saturday	Mr. Abraham V. George (Thampy) 7420 Keystone Ave, Skokie, IL – 60076. Ph. 847-529-4253	7:00 pm	2

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Young Women Fellowship - Please join for fellowship/devotion/bible studies/mission works/and for on-line prayer support: please get in touch with Ms. Reba Varghese, Ms. Daisy Mathew and Ms. Jenny Thomas

EDAVAKA MISSION / SEVIKA SANGHOM BIBLE STUDY

DATE	NAME & ADDRESS	TIME	REGION
02/06	Dr. Abraham George & Ms. Sujatha Abraham 34370 N Eastings Way, Gurnee, IL – 60031. Ph. 847-856-3925	7:00 pm	D
02/13	Mr. T. P Mathew & Ms. Kamalamma Mathew 4950 Lee St, Skokie IL – 60077. Ph 773-775-4059	7:00 pm	A
02/20	Mr. Jose Varghese & Ms. Sosamma Jose 1061 Waterford Ct. Des Plaines. IL – 60016. Ph 847-813-9888	7:00 pm	B
02/27	Mr. Yesudasan P. George & Ms. Grace Yesudasan 1703 Independence Ct; Mount Prospect, IL – 60056. Ph 847-297-6272	7:00 pm	C
03/06	Mr. Jacob George & Ms. Lilly George 1716 Juliet Lane, Libertyville, IL – 60048. Ph 847-816-3155	7:00 pm	D
03/13	Mr. Rincy Kurian & Ms. Jessy Rincy 7008 W Farragut Ave, Chicago IL – 60656. Ph. 773-775-4059	7:00 pm	A

EDAVAKA MISSION			
Bi-Monthly	Visiting Sick & Elderly Members – Details on Date & Time to follow		
02/09	Combined Prayer Meeting – 06:30 pm at CMTC		
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CHOIR			
1st & 3rd Saturday	English Choir Practice	**2nd & 4th Saturday**	Malayalam Choir Practice

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

02/01	Mr.	T. P. Mathew	02/10	Ms.	Anamma Joy
02/01	Dr.	J. D. Khandekar	02/10	Mr.	Steve K Sabu
02/02	Ms.	Prabba Jacob	02/11	Ms.	Annamma Cherian
02/03	Mr.	Santosh P. Daniel	02/11	Mr.	Chandran Pillai
02/04	Ms.	Rebecca Jacob	02/11	Mr.	Mohan Thomas
02/05	Ms.	Saramma George	02/11	Mr.	Shawn Zachariah
02/05	Mr.	Thomas Varughis	02/12	Mr.	Thomas Mammen
02/05	Mr.	Varghese K. Varghese	02/12	Ms.	Smitha Elizabeth George
02/05	Mr.	Thomas T. Jacob	02/12	Ms.	Megan Ann Thomas
02/05	Mr.	Joel P. Mathew	02/12	Ms.	Ramya R. Rajan
02/05	Mr.	Sims P. Chacko	02/12	Mr.	Jesvin Chacko
02/05	Mr.	Steve C. Samuel	02/12	Mr.	Elijah Titus John
02/05	Ms.	Tina M. Samuel	02/12	Mr.	Austin George Mathews
02/05	Ms.	Jeena Mary Thomas	02/13	Ms.	Chinchu A. Kurien
02/05	Ms.	Catherine George Molakal	02/13	Ms.	Anphy Dipin Mohan
02/05	Ms.	Varsha Salomi George	02/14	Ms.	Arya Leia George
02/06	Mr.	David Jinu Thomas	02/15	Ms.	Mariamma Chacko
02/07	Ms.	Savitha R. Vivian	02/16	Mr.	Vinod M. Varughese
02/07	Ms.	Jessy Thomas	02/16	Dr.	Jyothi M. Joseph Hayes
02/08	Dr.	Abraham Mathew	02/16	Ms.	Lesly Thomas
02/08	Ms.	Reba E. Mathew	02/16	Mr.	Samu Mathew Thomas
02/08	Ms.	Alice A. Thomas	02/17	Ms.	Priya Ann Varughese
02/08	Mr.	Sean Mathew Abraham	02/18	Ms.	Sosamma George
02/08	Ms.	Sarah Ann Mathew	02/18	Ms.	Deenamma Thomas
02/09	Ms.	Annie K Varghese	02/18	Ms.	Mariamma George
02/09	Ms.	Jolly Thomas	02/18	Mr.	John Kuruvilla
02/09	Ms.	Teny Anna Philip	02/18	Ms.	Grace Yesudas
02/09	Dr.	Asha Sarah Eapen	02/18	Rev.	George Varghese
02/09	Ms.	Sheryl Raju	02/18	Mr.	Isaiah Mathew Babu
02/09	Mr.	Ajie A Mathew	02/18	Mr.	Noel Tiju Mathews

02/19	Ms.	Annamma George	02/25	Mr.	Teji Thomas
02/20	Ms.	Angie Anna John	02/25	Ms.	Neethu Ann Mathew
02/20	Ms.	Lydia Ann Chacko	02/26	Ms.	Merlin M. Varghese
02/21	Mr.	Jaison Issac	02/26	Ms.	Leah M. Varughis
02/21	Mr.	Abin B. Cherian	02/27	Mr.	Thomas Mathew
02/21	Mr.	Chris Mathew Abraham	02/27	Mr.	Thomas George
02/22	Mr.	Kochummen George	02/27	Mr.	Daniel C Varghese
02/22	Mr.	Abraham V. Koshy	02/27	Ms.	Blessy Anna Abraham
02/22	Ms.	Liyah Thomas	02/28	Ms.	Seema Sara Scaria
02/23	Mr.	Stanley Mathew	02/28	Mr.	Samuel V Abraham
02/23	Ms.	Priya Philipose John	02/28	Mr.	Johan Geo Sudhish
02/24	Mr.	Mathew Thomas	02/28	Mr.	Alvin Thomas Johnson
02/25	Ms.	Susan Edamala	02/28	Ms.	Elelyn C. Thomas

MARCH

03/01	Mr.	Philipose Mathew	03/10	Ms.	Gracy Cherian
03/01	Mr.	Mobi Abraham	03/10	Mr.	Kevin T. Kurien
03/01	Mr.	Sunil Mathew	03/10	Ms.	Ashley A. Mathew
03/02	Ms.	Alice Sabu	03/11	Mr.	Chacko Varughese
03/03	Dr.	Dolly Thomas	03/11	Mr.	John John
03/03	Ms.	Lisha Jacob	03/11	Ms.	Annamma Raju
03/03	Mr.	Sanath John Sajan	03/11	Ms.	Jean Mary John
03/03	Mr.	Noah Daniel Thomas	03/11	Ms.	Teena Merin Mathew
03/04	Ms.	Jilu Tressiamma Jose	03/11	Ms.	Liji Jacob
03/04	Mr.	Dylan Mathew Joseph	03/11	Ms.	Angela E. Koshy
03/05	Ms.	Mariamma Samuel	03/12	Mr.	Abraham E. Thomas(Jr.)
03/05	Ms.	Subeena C. Thomas	03/12	Dr.	Jayesh Thankachan
03/05	Ms.	Christa Thomas	03/12	Mr.	Nikhil Abraham Jacob
03/06	Ms.	Justina Stephen	03/13	Ms.	Sosamma Abraham
03/06	Ms.	Chelsea Sara Oommen	03/13	Mr.	Jacob Cherian
03/07	Mr.	Rajan John	03/13	Ms.	Christine B. Rajan
03/07	Mr.	Geroge N. Mathai	03/14	Mr.	K. K. Cherian
03/07	Mr.	Zachariah T. Chacko	03/14	Mr.	Thomas George
03/07	Mr.	Jordan Marc Joseph	03/14	Ms.	Carel Biju Philip
03/08	Ms.	Saramma Abraham	03/15	Mr.	James K. Abraham
03/08	Mr.	Thomas C. Mathew	03/15	Ms.	Alivia Grace Heijmen
03/08	Mr.	Senju Johnson	03/16	Mr.	Thomas C. Mathew
03/08	Rev.	Shiby P. Varughese	03/16	Mr.	Sam Mathew Samuel
03/08	Mr.	Jayden Thomas	03/16	Mr.	Shibu Jacob
03/09	Mr.	Brian Kurien	03/17	Ms.	Jasmin Issac
03/09	Mr.	John Koshy	03/18	Mr.	Christopher Varghese
03/09	Mr.	Glenn O Joseph	03/18	Mr.	Ryan P Thomas

03/18	Ms.	Aria Sarah Eipe	03/26	Ms.	Gigi Alex
03/19	Mr.	Abraham George	03/26	Ms.	Leena Varghese
03/19	Ms.	Ida Ann Varghese	03/26	Ms.	Sarah Verghese
03/19	Mr.	Sanish George	03/27	Mr.	Sujai C Varghese
03/19	Mr.	Kevin B Jacob	03/27	Ms.	Anu Susan Charles
03/20	Ms.	Susamma Iype	03/27	Mr.	Vimal Alex
03/20	Mr.	Biju Philip Neeramplackal	03/27	Mr.	Brian C Oommen
03/21	Ms.	Molly B Jacob	03/27	Mr.	Nevin T. George
03/21	Mr.	Aju K John	03/27	Ms.	Grace Marie George
03/21	Mr.	Alvin V Chacko	03/28	Mr.	Chackkanattu Thomas
03/22	Mr.	Shinoj Mathews George	03/28	Mr.	Jibu T. Philip
03/22	Mr.	Siby Mathew	03/28	Mr.	Sarun Thundiyil
03/22	Ms.	Sherin Chacko	03/28	Ms.	Sophia E Joseph
03/23	Mr.	Jaysen Thomas	03/29	Dr.	Annie John
03/23	Mr.	Sunil M. Thomas	03/29	Mr.	Tony A Muthalaly
03/23	Mr.	Ryan P. Johnson	03/29	Mr.	Abel Stephen
03/24	Ms.	Sheen S. Varghese	03/30	Ms.	Cigy Abraham
03/24	Mr.	Shon Mammen Thomas	03/30	Mr.	Cherrish Koshy Vaidiyan
03/24	Ms.	Swetha A. Mathai	03/30	Ms.	Saumya Anna Varughese
03/24	Ms.	Kaitlyn Valsa Philip	03/30	Ms.	Rebecca S. Jose
03/24	Ms.	Praisy Mariam Cherian	03/30	Mr.	Shawn Chacko
03/25	Ms.	Saramma Ammini Varghese	03/30	Mr.	Ryan Shyju Varughese
03/25	Ms.	Pushpa Iype	03/31	Ms.	Esther Mathai
03/25	Mr.	Neil David	03/31	Ms.	Mary Varghese

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

02/01	Mr. & Mrs.Sam Thundiyil	02/09	Mr. & Mrs.Abraham Varughese
02/01	Mr. & Mrs.Anish J. Chacko	02/10	Mr. & Mrs.Abraham Varughese
02/02	Mr. & Mrs.John T. Mathew	02/10	Mr. & Mrs.Willus E. Vivian III
02/02	Mr. & Mrs.Thomas V. Mathew	02/10	Mr. & Mrs.Viju Titus John
02/02	Mr. & Mrs.George Varughese	02/12	Mr. & Mrs.Mathews Abraham
02/02	Mr. & Mrs.Koshy Varghese	02/14	Mr. & Mrs.Abraham E. Thomas(Jr.)
02/03	Mr. & Mrs.Shaji Koshy	02/16	Mr. & Mrs.N. Mathew Philip
02/05	Mr. & Mrs.Sam George	02/16	Mr. & Mrs.Samuel T. Alex
02/07	Mr. & Mrs.A V. Mathew	02/16	Mr. & Mrs.Varkey Mathew
02/07	Mr. & Mrs.Koshy Mathai	02/17	Mr. & Mrs.Mathai P. Easo
02/07	Mr. & Mrs.Jinu K. Thomas	02/20	Mr. & Mrs.Oommen Cherian
02/07	Mr. & Mrs.Vijay Titus Thomas	02/20	Mr. & Mrs.Thomas George Parakilattu
02/08	Mr. & Mrs.E. J. Jacob	02/21	Mr. & Mrs.George Mathew

MARCH

03/01	Mr. & Mrs.Jacob Arackal	03/11	Mr. & Mrs.Shinoi Varghese
03/03	Mr. & Mrs.George V. Adichithara	03/21	Mr. & Mrs.Sajan P. Issac
03/09	Mr. & Mrs.Cherian K. Chacko	03/30	Mr. & Mrs.Mathew Jacob
03/10	Mr. & Mrs.Ambuji M. David		

LIGHT to LIFE

For more information, please contact the Vicar or Mrs. Sunina Moncy Chacko

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PARISH PUBLICATION / NEWSLETTER

The main source to disseminate information regarding various Parish related activities are through, "**Weekly Digest**" – released every Friday of the week and Bi-Monthly newsletter, "**Messenger**" e-mailed on the last day of preceding month and paper copy mailed to each family mailing address. Kindly forward all inputs

for Weekly Digest by 7:00 pm on Thursday and for Messenger by 20th of the preceding month of publication. Please inform the Vicar or Secretary in case of any inputs, inquiries or corrections to these publication .Changes in address & phone numbers should be informed to the Vicar, Secretary and the Trustees. Please **e-signup** at **www.chicagomarthoma.org** for weekly newsletter, for all Weekly Digest, Messenger and Announcement items, please email Secretary,**secretary@chicagomarthoma.org or thesecretarycmtc@gmail.com**

VISIT US ONLINE

Please visit us online at **www.chicagomarthoma.org** and find information on Chicago Mar Thoma Church. Please contact **Mr. Teji Thomas, Parish Secretary (818) 445-4790** for any assistance.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Use the CMTC Membership Form available at CMTC Website Resources -> Forms. You may obtain form from the Vicar or Parish Office. Return the filled form with due documents to The Vicar for approval.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Parish Fellowship Hall in the basement can be booked by members for prayer fellowship. Please contact Trustees/Achen for more information

Parish Calendar

CMTC Year 2019 Calendar Of Events

Recurring Events

Church	Fasting Prayer - Every Tuesday @ Church - 10:00 AM
Edavaka Mission/Sevika Sangham	Combined Prayer Meeting @ Church/Regions - Every Wednesday
Senior Citizen	Prayer Meeting - Every 4th Thursday @ Church 10:00 AM (April-September)
Church	Every Thursday - Intercessory Prayer - Teleconference Call
Young Family Fellowship	Prayer Meeting - Every Second Saturday @ Church - 5:00 PM
Edavaka Mission	All Area Combined Prayer Meeting - Every Second Saturday @ Church - 6:30 PM
Kids Ministry	Every 1 & 2 Fridays of the Month - Except December
Neighborhood Ministry	Bessies Tabel - 1st Monday of Every Month
Young Women Fellowship	First Saturday of Every Month

Please Note

On Sundays when General Body is scheduled; there will be ONLY one Holy Communion Service in ENGLISH @ 09:30 am & Sunday School will be @ 08:00 am

CMTC Year 2019 Calendar Of Events

Organization	Program	Start Date	End Date
Church	124 Maramon Convention Begins	10-Feb	
Sunday School	Sunday School Competition	16-Feb	
Church	124 Maramon Convention Ends	17-Feb	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Kick-Off 2019 Activities	17-Feb	
Youth Fellowship	2019 Kick-Off Meeting - Church	22-Feb	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	23-Feb	
Church	Annual GB Meeting - Tentative	24-Feb	
Sevika Sangham	World Day of Prayer	2-Mar	
Church	Begining of Great Lent - Diocesan Sunday Pulpit Change	3-Mar	
Church	Executive Committee & Sub-Organization Office Bearers Retreat	10-Mar	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Meet the Expert	17-Mar	
Edavaka Mission	25 Days Lent Prayer Begins	17-Mar	11-Apr
Youth Fellowship	Praise & Prayer - Church	20-Mar	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	30-Mar	
Sevika Sangham	Regional Sevika Sangham Retreat @ CMTC	23-Mar	
Sunday School	2nd Semester Exam	7-Apr	
Church	40th Friday HC Service	12-Apr	
Church	**Hosanna** – Vaideka Seminary Day	14-Apr	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Sub-Organization - Bible Quiz	14-Apr	
Church	Passion Week Service	15-Apr	
Church	**Maundy Thursday** HC Service	18-Apr	
Church	**Good Friday** - 9:00 am Service, 7:00 pm Sandhya Namaskaram	19-Apr	
Church	Khemto – Resurrection – **Easter Sunday**	21-Apr	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	21-Apr	
Youth Fellowship	Service Project - FMSC	26-Apr	
Sunday School	Grade 12 - Graduation Ceremony	28-Apr	
Sunday School	Food Sale - Fund Raiser	28-Apr	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Food Sale - Fund Raiser	5-May	
Youth Fellowship	Mother's Day Baking - Parsonage	11-May	
Sevika Sangham	Snack Sale	19-May	
Sunday School	Diocesan Exam - 1 Service	19-May	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	25-May	
Choir	Choir Sunday - 1 Service	2-Jun	
Sunday School	Anniversary	2-Jun	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Sports Day	8-Jun	
Sevika Sangham	One-Day Tour	15-Jun	
Sunday School	VBS - 2019	19-Jun	22-Jun
Youth Fellowship	Womens MFL (Achens/YF Committee to discuss with MFL Team)	22-Jun	
Church	Picnic	29-Jun	
Youth Fellowship	Food Sale - Fund Raiser	30-Jun	
Church	Sacrament	4-Jul	
Church	Sacrament	6-Jul	
Youth Fellowship	July Madness	7-Jul	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	One Day Trip	13-Jul	
Youth Fellowship	July Madness	14-Jul	
Sunday School	Sunday School Junior Camp	19-Jul	21-Jul
Youth Fellowship	July Madness	21-Jul	
Youth Fellowship	Diocesan National Conference - Farmers Branch	25-Jul	28-Jul
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	27-Jul	
Youth Fellowship	July Madness	28-Jul	

CMTC Year 2019 Calendar Of Events

Organization	Program	Start Date	End Date
Edavaka Mission	Diocesan National Conference	1-Aug	4-Aug
Choir	Food Sale - Fund Raiser	4-Aug	
Church	Student / Teachers Dedication	4-Aug	
Edavaka Mission	Convention	8-Aug	11-Aug
Church	Student / Teachers Dedication Sunday School Teachers Retreat	11-Aug	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Harvest Festival	17-Aug	
Church	First Day of Sunday School	18-Aug	
Choir	Choir Musical Evening	24-Aug	
Church	Sacrament	24-Aug	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	31-Aug	
Sevika Sangham	Grand Parents Day	7-Sep	
Sevika Sangham	Sevikha Sanghom Day	8-Sep	
Church	Family Retreat	13-Sep	15-Sep
Church	Sacrament	21-Sep	
Church	Sacrament	26-Sep	
Church	Sacrament	28-Sep	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	28-Sep	
Sevika Sangham	Fall Fest	5-Oct	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Diocesan National Conference	4-Oct	6-Oct
Church	MTVEA Sunday / Sanadha Suvishesha Sangha Dinam	6-Oct	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Blood Donation Drive	12-Oct	
Sevika Sangham	Diocesan National Conference - Houston	10-Oct	13-Oct
Church	Youth Sunday	13-Oct	
Church	Yuvajana Vaaram	13-Oct	20-Oct
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Snehaadharavu (HC service for Senior Citizens - Home bound aged parents)	19-Oct	
Church	Yuvajana Sunday	20-Oct	
Church	Sacrament	26-Oct	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	26-Oct	
Church	Family Sunday Tithe Sunday	27-Oct	
Church	World Sunday School Day	3-Nov	
Church	**Parish Convention**	7-Nov	10-Nov
Church	**Parish Day**	10-Nov	
Youth Fellowship	Thanksgiving Dinner/Service Project	16-Nov	
Church	**Parish General Body - (Election of 2020 Executive Committee**) - Tentative	17-Nov	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	23-Nov	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Thamberum Thaalavum - Inter Area Prayer Group Carol Competition	24-Nov	
Church	House to House Carol Rounding	30-Nov	15-Dec
Church	25 Day Lent	1-Dec	25-Dec
Edavaka Mission	Serving Breakfast & Distributing Gift	7-Dec	
Church	Mar Thoma Sabha Day - HC Service	21-Dec	
Church	Carol Service	21-Dec	
Church	Christmas - Feast of Nativity	25-Dec	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	25-Dec	
Youth Fellowship	Midwest Regional Conference	26-Dec	29-Dec
Church	Watch Night Service	31-Dec	

2019 - CAROL Rounding Schedule				
Date	**Day**	**Area**		**Time**
30-Nov	Saturday	11	7	12:00 PM
1-Dec	Sunday	1	8	12:00 PM
6-Dec	Friday	4		5:30 PM
7-Dec	Saturday	**Ecumenical Carol Service**		5:30 PM
8-Dec	Sunday	6	10	12:00 PM
13-Dec	Friday	2		5:30 PM
14-Dec	Saturday	3	5	12:00 PM
15-Dec	Sunday	9		12:00 PM
21-Dec	Saturday	**CMTC Carol Service**		5:00 PM

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3/18/2019 Monday	Saramma Abraham 971 Carlow Dr. Des Plaines, IL - 60016	5	847-390-7848
3/19/2019 Tuesday	Biju Jacob 678 Jarvis Ave Des Plaines, IL - 60018	6	847-346-9795
3/20/2019 Wednesday	Chinnamani Chockalingam 9546 Dee Rd, Unit # 1C Des Plaines, IL - 60016	4	847-630-0574
3/21/2019 Thursday	Thomas Abraham 970 Park Lane Des Plaines, IL - 60016	4	847-759-8192
3/22/2019 Friday	Vinod M. Varughese 621 Grosvener Ln Elk Grove, IL - 60007	6	847-357-1283
3/23/2019 Saturday	Jacob Thomas 2905 W. Jarvis Ave Chicago, IL - 60645	1	312-320-7004
3/24/2019 Sunday	Joji C Abraham 329 Berkshire Ln, Des Plaines, IL - 60016	7	847-507-7147
3/25/2019 Monday	Koshy Varghese(Roy) 1823 E. Boulder Dr. Mount Prospect, IL - 60056	7	847-824-8061
3/26/2019 Tuesday	Thomas George Parakilatu 300 Blackthorn Dr, Buffalo Grove, IL - 60089	8	224-425-3624
3/27/2019 Wednesday	Teji Thomas 1008 S Beechwood Dr, Mount Prospect - IL - 60056	6	818-445-4790
3/28/2019 Thursday	Mathai P Easo 720 Kenmare Dr Des Plaines, IL - 60016	5	847-299-8335
3/29/2019 Friday	Shibu Koshy 70 Ridgewood Ln Dyer, IN - 46311	11	219-865-8933
3/30/2019 Saturday	Abraham K Abraham 9364 Margail Ct, Des Plaines, IL - 60016	4	847-401-9021
3/31/2019 Sunday	Mathew Varghese 34420 N. Bobolink Trl, GraysLake, IL - 60030	9	847-231-4354

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4/3/2019 Wednesday	George Iype 3 Summerfield Court Streamwood, IL - 60107	10	630 – 289- 3076
4/4/2019 Thursday	Shaji Koshy 566 Briarwood Dr, Wheeling, IL - 60090	8	847-947-4468
4/5/2019 Friday	Varkey Samuel 4241 Enfield Ave Skokie, IL - 60076	2	847-568-0383
4/6/2019 Saturday	Thomas Mammen 6213 Wild Flower Ln, Gurnee, IL - 60031	9	847-336-3086
4/7/2019 Sunday	Jojikutty Abraham 639 Regency Dr, Des Plaines, IL - 60016	5	847-297-0056
4/8/2019 Monday	Abraham Philip 1818 Pheasant Tr, Mount Prospect, IL - 60056	6	847-290-8189
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4/10/2019 Wednesday	Abraham Varghese(Saji) 9414 Lawler Ave Skokie, IL - 60077	3	847-868-4741
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