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Friday November 21st, 2025**CHICAGO
MAR THOMA
CHURCH**

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Weekly Digest**Worship Schedule****Sunday November 23rd, 2025**



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Sunday, November 23, 2025

Annunciation to Mary: Willingness to be the will of God

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Diaspora Sunday (പ്രവാസി ഞായർ)

Holy Qurbana in English @ 10 am.

Lesson 1: 1Sam 2:1-11, Lesson 2: 1 Cor 1:26-31
Epistle: Gal 4:1-7, Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Holy Qurbana in English @ 8:30 am.

Lesson 1: 1Chron 29:10-15, Lesson 2: 2 Cor 9:1-12
Epistle: 1 Cor 1:1-15, Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

[Livestream Link - Click to View](#)

****There will be a General Body Meeting after the Holy Qurbana Service this
Sunday****

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

When You call us to serve, help us to offer ourselves willingly, trusting that nothing is impossible with You. Let Your grace overshadow our fears and Your purpose guide our steps.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parish

Space for the Future Building Project

Please see the link for the informative video on the Space for the Future Building Project and make your pledge today.

[Space for the Future Informative Video Link](#)

[Space for the Future Building Pledge Form Link](#)

[2025 Christmas House to House Carol Rounding Schedule](#)



Please use the link below to register your home for the 2025 House to House Christmas Carol Rounding. This will assist in planning. If you are not able to complete the form online, please reach out to your area representatives.

[Register for 2025 Christmas Carol Rounding](#)

Tuesday Fasting Prayer

Will be held at 10 am at Church with optional Zoom

Zoom Link: [Click to Join](#)

Meeting ID: 836 3456 1383

Passcode: 156818

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting
ID: 836 3456 1383 | Passcode: 156818

Wednesday Online Bible Study

Will be held via Zoom at 8:00 pm

The weekly Online Bible Study is coordinated on alternate weeks by the Parish Mission and Sevika Sangham. Please join and be spiritually enriched.

Zoom Link: [Click to Join](#)

Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611

Passcode: 083373

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting
ID: 898 0070 4611 | Passcode: 083373

Website:

Please click on the link below to access the Parish Website

<https://chicagomarthoma.org/>

YouTube Page:

Please click on the link below and subscribe to get access to all live stream links.

www.youtube.com/@CMTCAV

Altar Flowers

Please reach out to our Lay Leaders if your family desires to sponsor altar flowers for a week. The cost is \$35.

Happy Birthday

Shawn George Abraham	11/21
Riley Jillaan Philip	11/21
Amal Raju	11/21
Shane Gregory Abraham	11/21
Jacob Thomas	11/21
Mathews K. George	11/21
Landis Varughis	11/22
Christy Elizabeth Koshy	11/22
Niya Nidhin	11/22
Susan Thomas	11/22
Alex Thomas	11/22
George K. Mathew	11/22
Joel Mathew John	11/23
C. D. Abraham	11/23
Rohan Alen Thomas	11/24
Jessy John	11/24
Saramma Varghese	11/25
Cherian Jacob	11/25
Abraham K. Chacko	11/25
Jisha Abraham	11/25
Christiaan Heijmen	11/25
Saramma George	11/25
Robin Thomas	11/26
Tara R Abraham	11/27
Joshua Jacob	11/27
Emiya Susan Varughese	11/27
Lydia Issac	11/27
Annamma Abraham	11/27
Willus E. Vivian III	11/27
Thomas John	11/27
Deepa Koshy	11/27
Binoy V. Thomas	11/27

Happy Anniversary

Thomas Abraham & Lali Victor	11/21
Rev. Biju Yohannan & Remya Rachel Thomas	11/21
Roy John & Jessy Roy	11/22
Abraham Philip & Elizabeth Abraham	11/23
Thomas C. Mathew & Aleyamma Thomas	11/24
Tiju Mathews & Bini K. Mathews	11/24
Biju Jacob & Molly Jacob	11/25

Area & Sub-Organization Events

Area Prayer:

Area 5: There will be a prayer meeting of area 5 on Saturday November 22 at 6 pm at the residence of Mr. Jojikutty Abraham and family [639 Regency Dr Des Plaines, IL, 60016](#). The 2026 area representative from area 5 will be selected at that prayer meeting. All area 5 members are requested to attend.

Choir:

English Choir Practice: There will be English Choir practice on Saturday November 22 from 2 to 3 pm at Church. This practice is for girls only.

Malayalam Choir Practice Schedule:

- **Dec 3** – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- **Dec 10** – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- **Dec 16** – 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (*Mandatory / Stage Practice*)
- **Dec 18** – 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (*Mandatory / Stage Practice*)
- **Dec 20** – 4:00 PM (*Carol Service*)

Note: Schedule may change in case of emergencies or unforeseen events. Shared in advance for planning purposes.

Sunday School:

Time: Sunday School will be at 8:40 am this Sunday

Youth Fellowship:

2026 YF Potluck: Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck on Friday, November 21st at 7:00 PM! Bring your favorite dish and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and gratitude with our Youth Fellowship family. We can't wait to see you there!

Potluck Sign-Up Link

Midwest Regional Conference 2025:

Message from Conveners: This year's Midwest Regionals Conference will take place from Friday, December 26 through Monday, December 29, 2025. The conference will take place at the Michindoh Conference Center in Michigan, where our midwest churches have hosted for many years. The conference will be hosted by the Chicago Marthoma Church, with Alvin Abraham and Manju Abraham as this year's conveners. The theme this year will be called "Chosen Through the Storm" focusing on Isaiah 43:2, where students will be reminded that no matter what hardship we face, God never abandons us. He is right there - guiding us, strengthening us, and proving his faithfulness every step of the way. Please keep this upcoming Regional's Conference in your prayers, encourage all the youth to participate, and please reach out to the conveners with any questions or concerns. The registration link can be found below and on the youth instagram page. Thank you

Registration Link

DLC 2026: This year's Diocese Leadership Conference will be hosted by St. Stephen's Mar Thoma Church in New Jersey from January 8th-11th, 2026 and the theme will be "Mosaic" based on 1 Corinthians 12:12: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

The conference is open to all youth members ages 21-35 and will be in-person. All that are interested must first fill out an application and verification form. If approved, a registration form will follow, and must be filled out in order to attend the conference. Please encourage your youth members to attend! The deadline to apply is November 23rd, 2025.

DLC Registration Link

2026 Membership Registration: Each year, the Diocesan Youth Fellowship requests an updated list of all registered Youth Fellowship members from each parish as a part of the annual registration. This is crucial because only registered Youth Fellowships can have regional representatives and participate in Regional and Diocesan activities.

If you're interested in being a registered member of our CMTC Youth Fellowship, please complete the Google Form linked below. To qualify, you must be at least 13 years old. If you're not 13 yet, don't worry, you can join once you reach that age!

If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass the message along!

Important: Even if you've registered in the past, you must complete the form again for 2026!

Membership Registration Link

Yuvajana Sakhyam:

Sevika Sanghom:

Parish Mission:

Prayer Cell: Prayer Cell will be held on Sunday in the Vestry room at 9.00 AM during the Sunday School time.

Christmas Gift: This year, Parish Mission is planning to distribute Christmas Gifts to people of Mar Thoma Mission Center at Vattavada, Kerala and Mar Thoma Mission Center at Chagalamarri, Kerala. The cost of each gift packet is \$ 50.00. Parish Mission urges all our parishioners to support this mission activity with your willful donations.

Thanksgiving dinner: Parish Mission is going to give Thanksgiving dinner for Asha Nilayam old age home Mallappally, Kerala.

Senior Fellowship:

Wisconsin Area Prayer Group:

Next Service: Holy Communion Service in English will be held on Thursday December 25th at 3:30 pm at Unity Lutheran Church, [4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI 53005](#)

Forms:

Change of Address, Subscription, Membership Forms are available at Trustees Office or you can download from the [website](#).

Prayers & Blessings:

On behalf of the Parish Family, we wish all who are celebrating their birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries the choicest blessings of God Almighty. May He protect you and guide you in the new year.

" Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice."

- Luke 17:15

Yours in Christ's Service,

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