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Christkindlmarket Returns to Three Locations in 2025

Chicago, Aurora, and Wrigleyville Open the Week Before Thanksgiving

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The Christkindlmarket is delighted to announce the return of its cherished holiday tradition for its 29th season at Daley Plaza in Chicago, its 4th year at RiverEdge Park in Aurora, and its return to Gallagher Way in Wrigleyville. The Chicago and Aurora locations will open on Friday, November 21, 2025, while Wrigleyville will welcome visitors starting Sunday, November 23, 2025. All three markets are admission-free, featuring authentic vendors, live entertainment, and special events to create a festive holiday atmosphere.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago at Daley Plaza, located at 50 W Washington St, will be open daily from November 21 through December 24. The market hours are as follows:

- **Sundays through Thursdays:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Fridays and Saturdays:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Special Hours:**
 - Thanksgiving (Nov. 27) and Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Christkindlmarket Aurora at RiverEdge Park, located at 360 N Broadway, will be open Thursdays – Sundays from November 21 through December 24, with the following regular and special hours:

- **Thursdays:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Fridays and Saturdays:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Sundays:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Special Hours:**
 - Thanksgiving (Nov. 27) and Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Monday (Dec. 22) and Tuesday (Dec. 23): 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville at Gallagher Way, located at 3635 N. Clark St., will be open daily from November 23 through December 31. The market hours are as follows:

- **Mondays through Thursdays:** 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Fridays and Saturdays:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Sundays:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Special Hours:**
 - Thanksgiving (Nov. 27), Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) & New Year's Eve (Dec. 31): 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Monday (Dec. 29) and Tuesday (Dec. 30): 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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Daley Plaza will welcome back popular staple vendors along with an exciting new cultural German event, which will be announced in the coming weeks. The exclusive Chicago *'Twas the Night Before Christkindlmarket* Opening Night Event, offering a more intimate experience before the market opens to the public, is scheduled for Thursday, November 20. Those interested in attending should [sign up for the Christkindlmarket newsletter](#) to receive notification when tickets become available. Holiday receptions for up to 120 guests are already open for bookings at the Chicago Christkindlmarket in the heated real wooden Timber Haus (available Mondays through Thursdays). [They can be booked on the Christkindlmarket Website.](#)

The Aurora market will be the largest ever organized by German American Events, LLC – with more than 60 vendors and new seasonal dishes like s'mores and sautéed mushrooms. This year, guests may notice construction at RiverEdge Park, allowing for an even bigger and better event space in the future. The market will continue to offer the same cherished traditions, festive atmosphere, and magical holiday experience visitors know and love.

The neighborhood market in Wrigleyville is excited to welcome back many of its staple vendors, including Austrian Lodge and Bob's Belgian Hot Chocolate. The Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville is located in the heart of Winterland at Gallagher Way and more details on that event will be shared soon [via gallagherway.com](http://via.gallagherway.com).

Christkindlmarket enthusiasts should [follow the market on Instagram](#) for three exciting giveaways this week: one with Chicago [Hotel Sponsor Staypineapple](#) for a one-night stay, one with Wrigleyville [Hotel Sponsor Hotel Zachary](#) for a one-night stay, and another with the [Paramount Theatre in Aurora](#) for a pair of tickets to *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* Musical. All three giveaways include a pair of the cherished annual souvenir mugs. The design for these mugs, along with other 2025 merchandise, will be revealed next month.

The official beer sponsors for the 2025 Christkindlmarkets are Benediktiner, Köstritzer, and König Pilsener. Chicago Glühwein sponsor is Sternthaler; in Aurora and Wrigleyville, guests can enjoy St. Christopher. There are various hotel and parking sponsors and specials per location, which will be updated on each location's page under the "Plan Your Visit" section.

High resolution photos are available upon request (schmidt@germanamericanevents.com).

About German American Events, LLC

German American Events LLC, a subsidiary of the [German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest](#), is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that plans and executes the Christkindlmarket Chicago, Aurora, and Wrigleyville. All locations are modeled after the classic German holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany, with traditional candy cane striped huts.

The free outdoor holiday markets host international and local vendors who display and sell handcrafted ornaments, toys, and special holiday gifts as well as traditional German foods, sweets, and beverages. The markets are rich in cultural tradition and include special events, entertainment and activities that are fun for the whole family.