

St. Gertrude

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

~ Luke 16:13

From Father Rich

Today is Catechetical Sunday. We recognize and honor all the women and men who serve as catechists in our various religious education and formation programs: in our parish school – NCA (Northside Catholic Academy), in our Religious Education Program on Sunday mornings, in our baptismal preparation class, in the marriage preparation programs of Pre-Cana and FOCCUS, and in any of our other programs that help us explore the richness of our Catholic faith. Thank you to all our catechists for your wonderful witness to and sharing of the faith!



This evening from 5:00-6:30 pm, there is a meeting of United Power for Action and Justice with Mayor Lori Lightfoot. The meeting will be at DRW College Prep, 931 S. Homan. As members of United Power, any parishioner is invited to participate. The three central topics to be covered are: **Reclaiming Communities** on the southwest and west sides of Chicago by building homes and equity for working and working poor communities in Chicago; **Treating, Not Incarcerating**: ensuring crisis stabilization and housing so people facing mental health issues don't end up in jail; **Reducing Gun Violence**: leveraging public-sector gun purchasers to advance gun safety and hold gun manufacturers accountable for making our communities safer. If you would like to join the delegation from St. Gertrude, please contact parish representatives Renée Reilly at 773.334.4962, or reillyslp@yahoo.com, or Laurie Jacob at 773.262.6816 or jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net.

There are complimentary copies of two Catholic publications you may be interested in available on the tables at the Church exits. Give Us This Day is a monthly publication which contains the readings and prayers for the masses of each day of the month. It also offers reflections on the scripture readings for each day as well as some interesting brief articles on saints - especially more contemporary saints. The other available publication is Commonweal magazine. This is an independent Catholic publication in magazine format which comes out monthly. It provides articles from many contemporary Catholic writers and scholars about issues of interest to Catholics.

Both publications made their October issues available to parishes interested in offering this opportunity for their members who might be interested in digging deeper into their Catholic worship and Catholic thought in our world. Please help yourself to a copy as you head home and consider subscribing.

This Thursday, St. Gertrude Parish is the host of the Novena of Healing and Atonement at 7:00 pm in Church. This special nine-day prayer is part of the Vicariate's efforts to reach out to those who have been victims of the clergy sexual abuse or those who wish to support them. Bishop Bartosic will be present throughout the novena. This is a traditional prayer form, with periods of silence, Eucharistic Adoration, readings and hymns and is expected to be about 45 minutes in length. Please join us for this opportunity to seek God's blessings of healing in our church. (Information on the other churches and locations is contained on page 7 in the bulletin.)

Just a reminder that next weekend begins our annual three-week focus on Stewardship. The weekends of September 28-29 and October 5-6 are Sign-Up Sunday or Commitment weekends, encouraging every parishioner to consider if they might be able to volunteer in a ministry or service here in the parish. These are concerned with the first two of the "three-T's" -- time and talent. Please give some thought to how you might share some of your time and talent for the good of all. Then, the weekend of October 12-13 is the Annual Financial Report outlining how your financial contributions have been used for the operation of the parish during the past fiscal year, and the challenges and opportunities we face today and in the future. This is the "third T" - treasure. Please also give some thought to how you share your financial resources for the good of the parish.

Growing in Faith

Rarely is there a Bible reading as chilling as today's from the book of Amos which includes the lines: "We will **buy** the lowly for silver, /and the poor for a pair of sandals."

The people talking are the well-to-do, the comfortable. And here is what God has to say about them: "Never will I forget a thing they have done!"

This was written in a time of slavery, and there are many forms of slavery today, even in a land like ours where the ownership of people is banned by law. People are enslaved by bottom-line, greed-based economic decisions, whether made by corporations or governments, employers or you or me. Hundreds of workers laid off to win a tiny increase in the value of a corporation's stock — that's "trampling on the needy."

Those of us who are involved in making such decisions have a moral duty to think, decide, and act humanely. All of us face complicated moral

questions about how to pursue humane policies through the ballot box and in public expressions of our beliefs.

There is something deeper, though. I can't "buy the poor for a pair of sandals" unless I deny that person's humanity. How do I act with a person who is poorer than me or less educated or somehow different? Love your neighbor. That's Christianity 101.

That means treat the other person as someone who is **as fully human**, as richly human, as you are. Jesus was human. You're human. I'm human. The refugee and the CEO are human. What else is there to know?

~ Patrick T. Reardon for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 22

- 10:30 am ~ Family Mass in Church
- After the 10:30 am Masses ~ Refugee Ministry postcard writing event in the Ministry Center
- 5:00-6:30 pm ~ United Power for Action and Justice at DRW College Prep, 931 S. Homan

Tuesday, September 24

- 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation candidates (year two)/ parent meeting in the Social Hall

Thursday, September 26

- 7:00-8:00 pm ~ Novena for healing and atonement in Church

Friday, September 27

- 7:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude's Women's Club at Mary Ann O'Connor's house (1400 W. Hood)

Saturday, September 28

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for Catholic Relief Services' Hurricane Dorian efforts
- After the 5:00 pm Mass ~ Sign-up Sunday in the back of Church

Sunday, September 29

- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass in Church; no Gym Mass
- Second collection for Catholic Relief Services' Hurricane Dorian efforts at all Masses

Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm NCA's Open House and Family Fun Day at 6216 N. Glenwood Ave.
- Sign-up Sunday in the back of Church

Sunday, October 6

- 12:00 pm ~ Blessing of Pets
- Sign-up Sunday in the back of Church

Wednesday, October 9

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation candidates (year one)/ parent meeting in the Social Hall Candidates

Sunday, October 13

- Father Mike to run the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart

Monday, October 14

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Saturday, October 19

- 10:00 am ~ PreCana (Registration required.)
- Heart to Heart Cabaret in the evening

Sunday, October 20

- 10:30 am ~ Confirmation (year two) Rite of Acceptance at Mass in Church

Father Mike to Run the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart

On Sunday, October 13, over 45,000 runners will take part in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. A number of parishioners and I will be among them. If you have a prayer intention that you would like me to remember as I run the 26.2 miles, please send your intention to me at mbradley@archchicago.org.

This year, I am once again running to support the wonderful ministry of Heart to Heart, our parish's organization that reaches out to the elderly and shut-ins of the Edgewater community. Heart to Heart provides a helping hand to those who need a ride to the doctor, home visits, and wellness checks. There is also a medical equipment lending service that provides walkers, canes, and other assistance.

Because of your support for my run, last year over \$15,700 was raised. Once again, I ask that you please contribute to Heart to Heart. Envelopes for this cause are available in the back of church, or you could donate online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>.

For those runners who are taking part in the Chicago Marathon (or any marathon), you will have the prayers and encouragement of the St. Gertrude

community. Please let me know that you are running, and I'll add your name to our prayer intentions. It's always good to realize that people are praying that God will guide our steps.

Thank you very much for your support for this run!

"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." ~ Hebrews 12:1

~ Father Mike Bradley



This is Father Mike's 20th Chicago Marathon and 46th marathon overall!

Refugee and Immigration Ministry - Anniversary Celebration

The St. Gertrude Refugee and Immigration Ministry thanks you for your loving support as we celebrate our fourth anniversary!

Our events to date have been truly wonderful. Our presentation on the immigrant experience on Thursday, September 12, with speakers Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director of Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center, and Sr. Maureen Jerkowski, who works with immigrant children at Maryville, was incredibly insightful. About 30 people came out to hear about their work and their thoughts on refugees.

Last weekend's second collection went to the Refugee Ministry, with a total of \$6,437.88 raised! The funds collected will allow us to continue our mission of sponsoring families and individuals in transition. And we were delighted so many enjoyed the Refugee Ministry's hospitality after the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

We'll continue to celebrate the Refugee Ministry's anniversary this weekend by hosting another postcard writing event today, Sunday, September 22 after the 10:30 am Masses in the Ministry Center Dining Room. Please join us we write to our political officials and urge them to be more open and accepting of refugees into our nation. We will provide all the materials needed as well as examples of how to word things, and snacks.

Thank you again for all of your support this month and over the years! We truly could not do it without you!

~ Denise Goodman on behalf of the Refugee Ministry



Parish News

TODAY—Family Mass: A Family Mass will be held today, Sunday, September 22 at the 10:30 am in Church. It will be hosted by all grades with hospitality offered afterwards.

TODAY—Refugee Ministry Postcard Writing Event: As part of the September Refugee Ministry celebration, the group will host a postcard writing event on Sunday, September 22 after the 10:30 am Masses in the Ministry Center. All are encouraged to come and write to our political officials, urging them to be more open and accepting of refugees into our nation. Materials will be provided.

Heart to Heart/Lending Closet Hours Changed: The new hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and closed on Fridays. The Lending Closet is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Confirmation Candidate Info: Confirmation candidates in year two and their parents are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. The Rite of Acceptance for year two candidates will be held on Sunday, October 20 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

Candidates in year one and their parents will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

St. Gertrude's Women's Club: Ladies, relax and unwind from the week on Friday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. We will gather at Mary Ann O'Connor's house (1400 W. Hood). As usual, bring a little something to share. Call Laurie Jacob for questions or if you need a ride at 773.262.6816.

Upcoming Second Collection: We will have a special collection next weekend, September 28-29, for hurricane relief from Hurricane Dorian. Funds will go to Catholic Relief Services.

Combined Mass Next Sunday: On Sunday, September 29, there will be a Combined 10:30 am Mass in Church. There be will no Gym Mass.

Sign-Up Sunday: Have you been thinking of a way to give back or make connections at St. Gertrude? On Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29 and again on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, St. Gertrude will have sign up sheets to join the various parish ministries. These include parish advisory groups, assisting at Masses, teaching roles, groups that that address human concerns, and more.

Blessing of Pets: All creatures, great and small, are welcome to the blessing for animals on Sunday, October 6 at 12:00 pm. Father Mike Bradley will officiate the 20-30 minute blessing on the front steps of the church, which is held in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making on Wednesday, October 9 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Good Books: The next gathering of the book club will be Monday, October 14 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

PreCana Class Offered: Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

New Heart to Heart Fundraiser—A Cabaret!: Save the date! The annual Heart to Heart fundraiser, usually a play, will now be a cabaret held on Saturday, October 19 in the evening. More information will be available as the event draws closer!

First Reconciliation/First Communion: Parents of children making their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year are asked to attend a parent meeting on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

The Rite of Acceptance for First Communion and First Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

Applications to Become a Vendor at St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar Available: This year, our annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Tables for vendors can be reserved. The cost is \$50 per day (\$100 for Saturday and Sunday) per table. Applications can be found on the home page of the parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org, in the back of church, or at the Rectory. Applications are due by Wednesday, October 30. Email Victoria Healy at stgertsbazaar@gmail.com for more info.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On Sundays during the month of October, St. Gertrude will partner with the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach and collect items needed by victims of domestic violence and their children living in local shelters.

We will collect:

- diapers and pull-ups
- children's new pajamas and socks
- full-sized toiletries
 - ◆ shampoo & conditioner
 - ◆ deodorant
 - ◆ toothpaste & toothbrushes
 - ◆ feminine hygiene products

The collection drive donations will benefit:

- A Safe Place
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia

Parish Stewardship Report

"This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." ~ 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Pontius Pilate cynically asked, "What is truth?" Philosophers have argued over the meaning of truth for thousands of years. But we as Christians should always keep the words of 1 John 4:16 in mind. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." This is the truth—we are saved in and by and through love.

Sunday Collection Sept. 14-15	\$6,939.70
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$785.30

Misericordia Job Fair

Misericordia will host an onsite job fair on Wednesday, September 25 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at 2001 W. Devon. They are looking for employees to be hired as Direct Support Professionals (no experience required) and Certified Nursing Assistants who have passed their state boards. Paid training for employees hired is available!

Misericordia is also hiring temporary staff to work in their bakery packaging and shipping department. For more information, visit www.misericordia.com or email careers@misericordia.com.

- Connections for Abused Women and their Children
- Family Rescue
- House of Good Shepherd
- Pillars Constance Morris House
- South Suburban Family Shelter
- WINGS Program, Inc.

Bins for donations will be located in the back of Church.

Domestic Violence Survivors Mass: All domestic violence survivors and those concerned about the issue are invited to a Domestic Violence Survivors Mass on Saturday, October 5 at 5:15 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash Ave. Join us to pray for an end to domestic violence.

Thank You to Our Catechists!

Today, Sunday, September 22 at our 10:30 am Family Mass, we will celebrate the generous women and men who volunteer their time to provide faith formation in our parish. We are grateful for their hard work, creativity, and generosity!

Religious Ed:

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| • Sharon Brown | • Steve Monti |
| • Suzanne Dunne | • Elsa Shalaveyus |
| • Suzanne Stryczek | • Tracy Shields |
| • Brother Anthony Muleme | |

Kids Word:

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|---------------|--------------------|
| • Rich Martin | • Michele Reynolds |
| • Ann Regan | • James Krause |
| • Kathy Wall | |

Marriage Preparation:

- Martin McDermott & Brigid Cronin
- Kevin & Elizabeth Sobczyk

RCIA:

- Kevin Cheers

Novena for Healing and Atonement

An initiative of Catholic laity of Vicariate II is to unite the faithful in addressing the issue of clergy sexual abuse, through prayer for healing, atonement, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit within our Church.

Nine evenings of prayer and reflection will be hosted through Sunday, September 29 by the parishes on the northside and in the northern suburbs. The novenas are meant to give us the opportunity to walk together in the Spirit toward reparation, forgiveness, and healing. Novenas will be held from 7:00-8:00 pm in each location.

- Sunday, September 22 - Queen of Angels (2330 W. Sunnyside, Chicago)
- Monday, September 23 - St. Mary in Evanston (1012 Lake St., Evanston)

United Power for Action & Justice

United Power for Action and Justice invites all St. Gertrude parishioners to participate in a meeting with Mayor Lori Lightfoot to discuss our shared goals of community redevelopment, mental health, immigrant rights, and reducing gun violence. We need a big turnout to influence Chicago policy on these important issues.

Please join us on Sunday, September 22 from 5:00-6:30 pm, at DRW College Prep, 931 S. Homan in Chicago. Contact me at 773.334.4962 or reillyslp@yahoo.com to RSVP. Assistance with transportation can be arranged.

~ Renee Reilly



A July 2019 meeting of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and United Power representatives, including parishioner Renee Reilly (left of Mayor Lightfoot).

- Tuesday, September 24 - St. Cornelius (5430 W. Foster, Chicago)
- Wednesday, September 25 - St. Clement (642 W. Deming Pl., Chicago)
- Thursday, September 26 - St. Gertrude (6200 N. Glenwood, Chicago)
- Friday, September 27 - St. Catherine Labouré (3535 Thornwood, Glenview)
- Saturday, September 28 - St. Gregory the Great (5545 N. Paulina, Chicago)
- Sunday, September 29 - St. Mary of the Lake (4200 N. Sheridan, Chicago)

For more info, call the Vicariate II Office at 773.388.8670 or email MBartosic@archchicago.org.

Hurricane Dorian Help

Hurricane Dorian has devastated the Bahamas and parts of the southeastern United States. Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA—along with local partners—are mobilizing resources to communities affected by the storm.

Photos and videos surfacing from the northern islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama reveal massive flooding and destruction. Join us in prayer for our brothers and sisters who have been affected by Hurricane Dorian, and consider donating to provide emergency food, water and shelter to people who need it most.

How you can help:

- Pray for those affected by Hurricane Dorian
- Give online to hurricane relief in the Bahamas – to Catholic Relief Services at <https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian>.
 - Checks payable to Catholic Relief Services can be sent to:
 - ◆ Catholic Relief Services
Hurricane Dorian Response
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD 21297
- Give to hurricane relief in the U.S. – donate to Catholic Charities USA online at <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>.

St. Gertrude will have a second collection for CRS on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29 at all Masses.

**Our Parish at Prayer for
September 23-29**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 am Juanita Gusmanos †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 am Living & deceased mothers & fathers of
St. Gertrude parishioners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 am Carol Frederick McRaith †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:30 am Communion Service
7:00 pm Vicariate II Novena

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 am Marge Lorr †
8:30 am NCA Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 am Purgatorial Society
5:00 pm Samuel Edwin Bowers †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 am Kathleen McCahill †
9:30 am Mary Lou Nicolay †
10:30 am Nora O'Callaghan †
Helen Stryzeck †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

*There will be a Combined Mass at 10:30 am in
Church. There will not be Gym Mass.*

**Ministers of the Word
for September 28-29**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 pm Pat Reardon, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 am Steve Matre, David Sullivan
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Rose Karasti, Sarah Millar

*There will be a Combined Mass at 10:30 am in
Church. There will not be Gym Mass.*

**How Do You Find & Contact Your
Elected Officials?**

Be a voice for change! Contact your elected officials and share your thoughts on gun control, immigration, and more. Visit usa.gov/elected-officials for a contact information for all of your elected officials, including your senators, U.S. representatives, governor, and state legislators.

**Readings for
September 23-29**

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab,
13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11
-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Eucharistic Ministers
for September 28-29**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 pm Tim Harrington, Brad Koch, Candace
Koch, Patricia Norcik

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Barb Daly, Brian
DeVarenne, Peter Morin, Mary Wyler
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Carlos Barragan, Bob Backis, Rafael
Melendez, Steven Monti, Chris Lincoln,
Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck

*There will be a Combined Mass at 10:30 am in
Church. There will not be Gym Mass.*

**Altar Servers
for September 28-29**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 pm Joey Dunning, Norah Moran, Katie
Dunning

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:30 am Emily Stecky, Anna Stecky, Ariella Gehl

**Medical Items Needed for Heart to
Heart Lending Closet**

Due to this summer's high demand for the Heart to Heart Lending Closet's durable medical equipment, we are looking for wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, and rollator walkers to be donated. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.

Milestones



*Please Pray
for Our Parishioners
and Friends*

Bernice Kiedysz

Karey Myers

Don Piven

Kyle Rutherford

Charley Scantlebury

Elizabeth & Richard
Seitz

Peggy Stoffel

Elinora E. Tolentino

Norma E. Viray

Marilynn Wagner

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Maria Hertl



Rest in Peace

Mary Lou Nicolay



Baptisms

Anthony James,
son of Christopher
& Christa Tucker



New Parishioners

The Sodonon Family

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Youth and Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
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Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. This schedule will change in the summer months. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy
tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
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