



## St. Gertrude Chicago

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Sunday, August 29, 2021

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Welcome Back Sunday Planned for September 12 to Feature a Cupcake Truck

As a way to reconnect as a parish and to welcome new parishioners from St. Ignatius, we will host a Welcome Back Sunday on Sunday, September 12. We have had to make some changes and adjustments due to COVID, but we are still on!

We will have a Welcome Mass at 10:30 am, followed by hospitality. Instead of a Pancake Breakfast, we will have a cupcake truck! You will be able to select from a variety of cupcakes, grab a cup of coffee, tea, or juice, and mingle among old—and NEW—friends. We will also be serenaded by local musical talent.

We hope to have you join us!

## Catholic Relief Services: On the Ground in Haiti

The death toll is rising from the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti on Saturday, August 14.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is on the ground, in the places most heavily hit in Les Cayes and Jeremie, working with partners and affected communities to identify the most urgent needs.



Donations can be made directly to CRS at <https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake>. Your gift will help provide essential relief, please be as generous as possible.

**Rectory Office Closed Friday and Monday of Labor Day Weekend:** The Rectory office will be closed on Friday, September 3 and on Labor Day, Monday, September 6. Mass will be held at 9:00 am on Labor Day. Please note, Mass on Friday, September 3 will be at 7:30 am.



## Registration Open for our 2021-2022 Religious Ed Classes

Are you interested in signing your child/children up for our 2021-2022 Religious Education classes? Applications are available online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>. Completed forms and any questions about the program should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

Religious Education at St. Gertrude is for children in grades 1-8 who attend public or non-Catholic private schools and provides a faith community for children and their families as they awaken, nourish, and deepen their awareness of God's presence in all things.

The goal of the Religious Education program at Saint Gertrude is to teach children to listen for and respond to God's invitation to love. In class, students and teachers work to:

- Understand that everyone is loved and treasured by God.
- Live the lessons of Jesus Christ - loving God with your whole heart and loving your neighbors as yourself.
- Build a deeper personal relationship with God through prayer and reflection.
- Learn to pray as an individual and as part of a community.
- Discover ways to love and serve others in our day-to-day lives.
- Appreciate what it means to be part of a welcoming, loving community that cares for and respects people from all walks of life.
- Deepen their knowledge of the Catholic tradition.

This school year, fees are \$200 for one child and \$225 for two or more children. An additional sacramental fee of \$60 is required for children making their First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation. Religious Education class fees and sacramental fees can be paid online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/30788>.

## Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education This School Year

We are looking for catechists to teach in our parish's Religious Ed program! Catechists are usually not professional teachers, just willing parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and want to help them grow in a personal relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773.764.3621. Thank you for your consideration!



# Benedictine Sisters of Chicago Program: One Pilgrim's Journey on The Way of St. James

All are welcome to join the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago on Saturday, September 11 at 3:00 pm for an afternoon of reflection as Oblate Nancy Labiak discusses her 2014 pilgrimage across Northern Spain to the shrine of the Apostle James the Greater. The 500 mile long El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, also known as "The Way of St. James", would be the most physically challenging ordeal—and the most life-giving accomplishment of her life.



The presentation will be held at St. Scholastica Chapel as well as on Zoom. Registration is required. Visit [www.osbchicago.org/programs](http://www.osbchicago.org/programs) for more information and to sign up.

Nancy Labiak is an Oblate of St. Scholastica Monastery, mother of one amazing son, and resides in the Edgewater community. She divided her career into Ministry to the Elder Community and working as an international travel director —leading groups to all seven continents. Now retired, she volunteers in hospice and interfaith relations and --after a pause for the pandemic—continues to explore the world.



## Growing in Faith

In my early 30s, I thought I had my life together. My life was comfortably compartmentalized: There was my college education that I expected would improve my career; I replaced the single life with the stability of marriage and homeownership; my religion was being shared with a partner who was more serious in the faith than myself. I thought that I had achieved the good life... and all I needed to do was be faithful to it. However, I worried that I might fail in keeping all the proverbial balls in the air!

Then God shattered my world...using the church's retreat program, Christ Renews His Parish. I was introduced to women who also were new to the concept that God wanted to reveal Himself anew, and to have a personal relationship with each of us. As I listened and pondered each presenter, who told of how God touched her broken life, I felt a strong desire that He would heal me from my past hurts.

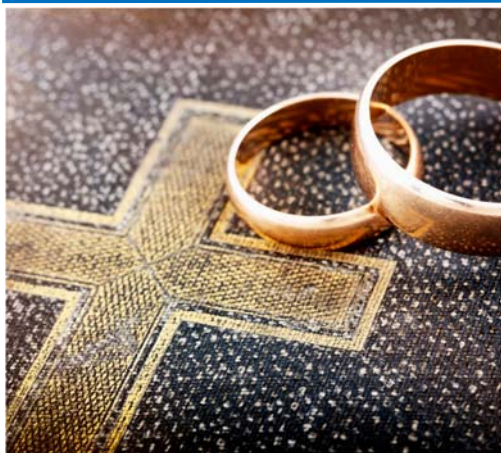
Afterward, the priest guided us through the sacraments of confession and the Eucharist. These ancient rituals suddenly seemed to have a richer meaning. God's Word, then (and still today) challenged me to trust Him with my personal anxieties, which included becoming a parent, sharing faith with family and friends, and offering forgiveness for old and new emotional wounds. Only then, could I grow in love for others and ask for His Spirit to daily guide me away from the abundant earthly temptations.

~ Suzanne Stryczek

## Heart to Heart Needs Wheelchairs

St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Ministry is looking for wheelchairs to loan to those who need them. Currently, there are none to share.

Contact Laurie Hasbrook at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595.9992 Monday through Friday from 10:00 am-5:00 pm.



## Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned for September—New Mass Location

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19 at 2:30 pm at St John Brebeuf Parish in Niles. This Mass is planned as a live event but may be moved online.

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary can learn more about the Mass and register at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding>.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.



Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

# NCA Early Learning Center: Full and Part-Time Options Available

Northside Catholic Academy's preschool provides a child-centered learning program where children participate in meaningful play in a stimulating and joyful environment that enables them to make a comfortable transition from home to school.

Our preschool program options include five full days a week, five half-days a week, three half-days a week, and Extended Care.

Please email Shakira Morrissette, NCA's admissions director, at [smorrissette@ncaweb.org](mailto:smorrissette@ncaweb.org) or call 773.743. 6277 ext. 207 for more information or to schedule a tour.



## Wanted: Ushers, Greeters, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist at Masses, including ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and Ministers of the Word. If you are interested, email Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org). Thank you!

## Baptisms

- Axel Christian Blain, child of Clinton Stayton and Djenane Blain
- Arthur James Conzen, child of James Conzen and Angelica Krajewski
- Clara Audrey Zaragoza, child of Adam Zaragoza and Elizabeth Walsh

## This Weekend's Cantors, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

### Cantors:

- Saturday, August 28 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, August 29 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 am - Cindy Lawson

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, August 28 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, August 29 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, August 28 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington, Kathy Wall
- Sunday, August 29 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Brian DeVarenne, Barb Daly
- Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak, Bob Backis, Carlos Barrigan

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 30: 7:30 am - David Gonzales + & Evelyn Agaard +
- Tuesday, August 31: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Wednesday, September 1: 7:30 am - Juanita Gusmanos+
- Thursday, September 2: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, September 3: 7:30 am - Ethan Seitzer+
- Saturday, September 4: 7:30 am - Joseph Cuong H. Nguyen+; 5:00 pm ~ John Sullivan+
- Sunday, September 5: 8:00 am ~ Richard Martin+; 10:30 am - Ethan Seitzer+

*+ indicates the person is deceased*

### Rest in Peace

- Elizabeth Seitz
- Margaret Waaler, mother of Geoff Waaler

### New Parishioner

- Dr. Paul Yarnold, PhD

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Ann Collins Dole       | • Karey Myers          |
| • Helen Banta             | • David Fisk             | • Bernie O'Connor      |
| • Jean Bautista           | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Tina Piemonte        |
| • Walter Bradford         | • Mary Grover            | • Braedon Rimpson      |
| • Sharon Brown            | • Felipe Hall and Family | • Charley Scantlebury  |
| • Connie Bueck            | • Lucia Hall             | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Gina Heidkamp          | • Peggy Stoffel        |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • Maria Hertl            | • The Sullivan family  |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Bernice Kiedysz        | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Geraldine Clark         | • Art Lyons              | • Manuel Viray         |
| • Connie Cool             | • Sr. Terri McKenzie     | • Norma E. Viray       |
| • Caloy Desembrana        | • Molly Morris           | • Ken & Vyes Yoza      |

### Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)

Email [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.

*Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.*

### Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart  
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate  
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry  
Margie Guadagno, Office Manager  
Laurie Hasbrook, Office/Heart to Heart Staff  
Tracy Shields, Communications  
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management