

St. Gertrude

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**17th & 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bulletin for August 11 & August 18, 2019**



Thank you for supporting the youth group's service trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota! With your generosity, the thirteen teens and two adult chaperones helped repair homes damaged from a severe hailstorm, connected with the native community, and learned about the Lakota Sioux culture. They also had fun exploring South Dakota's Badlands and Mount Rushmore. We also thank our amazing teens and chaperones for their time, energy, enthusiasm, and compassion!



From Father Rich

I thought it was just because I am old! But two weeks ago, as people were leaving Mass, some of the kids who are in grammar school were complaining about how fast the summer was going, I realized it's not just me! Even though NCA returns to school on Thursday, August 22, and CPS right after Labor Day, while our "school" schedule gets us all back into our regimens, some of the best weather of the year is often in these coming weeks. Don't forget to enjoy all God's graciousness in the beauty of nature!



As we prepare for the start of a new school year, my thoughts turn to the students, especially the younger and more-impressionable members of the community, and how we guide them through a political and national leadership time of horrendous examples and abusive language and behaviors.

Perhaps you are old enough to remember a wonderful little book published in 1986, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum. The author reminds all of us of the importance of the basic rules of civility, kindness, and cooperation, which, if we are fortunate, we not only learn at a very young age, we live by them as essential parts of our life from then on. Here is Fulghum's summary of "These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten):

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick and Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

When every day, via television, the web and other media we are bombarded by the bad behavior of those who are supposed to be leading by way of example; when racist slurs are common and name-calling an everyday occurrence, it becomes increasingly difficult to form young children into good and responsible adults. As we all know from experience, what we see and hear will leave a far more profound impression on us than being told we should or shouldn't be doing things.

That's why it is imperative we not grow disheartened or disillusioned or grow tired of providing our

From Father Rich (continued)

children with good example and language. And part of that has to include pointing out to them that when adults are doing what is wrong, it is not ok; when adults are behaving like bad children, this is not acceptable; when adults use appearances before television cameras and Twitter messages to call other bad names, this is not acceptable behavior. And it doesn't matter who the adult is—whether it is a cranky neighbor down the block, or the President of the United States.

Part of the great value of Fulghum's book is that it brings us back to the foundation of civility, and in so doing, helps us see how easy it is to lose sight of that foundation. We will be a civil society when we work hard at these simple "rules." Reminding ourselves everyday that young children are always watching us to see how they should behave is a reminder to behave as best we can!

Our Christian faith tradition contains the same information in slightly different wording. Sometimes we lump these behaviors together, as did Jesus,

in "The Golden Rule"—treat others as you yourself want to be treated.

It is terribly unfortunate that we are living in a time when so many people, especially some in such high positions, refuse to follow these foundational rules of behavior. But we cannot abandon our own responsibility to hold ourselves accountable to these important behaviors and to ensure that the next generations also know and live by them for the good of all the people in society.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Thursday, August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be held at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

An update on the Mass discussion. As the request of the 9:30 am (Sheridan Rd.) Mass congregation, their last Mass has been postponed indefinitely to give them time to see if it is possible to increase the attendance there by reaching out to neighbors in the area buildings. I'll keep you posted as this proceeds.

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 12

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

Wednesday, August 14

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

Thursday, August 15

- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Mass will be held at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Monday, August 19

- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

Saturday, August 24

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm ~ VIRTUS training session in the Social Hall (Registration required.)

Sunday, August 25

- 9:00 am ~ Religious Ed parent orientation
- 1:00-4:00 pm ~ Renew My Church presentation at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall (1609 W. Gregory Ave.)

Sunday, September 1

- Refugee Ministry world map project in the back of Church (through Sunday, September 15)
- 8:00am-1:30pm ~ Blood drive in the Social Hall

Monday, September 2 *Labor Day*

- Mass will be held at 9:00 am.
- The Rectory will be closed.

Monday, September 9

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal preparation class in the Rectory (Registration is required.)

Wednesday, September 11

- 10:00-11:00 am ~ Powers of Attorney and Wills seminar in the Ministry Center

Thursday, September 12

- Refugee Ministry presentation on immigration)

Saturday, September 14

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for the Refugee Ministry

Sunday, September 15

- Second collection at all the Masses for the Refugee Ministry
- After the 10:30 am Mass ~ hospitality provided in the back of Church

Friday, September 20

- 12:00-2:30 pm ~ Powers of Attorney and Wills seminar in the Ministry Center

Thank You, Brenda Arreola!

Seventeen and a half years ago, responding to an ad in the bulletin, Brenda Arreola became the part-time office staff director for the Heart to Heart Ministries. And that was after she had already retired for her full-time job! After these many years of extraordinary and generous service to all those who have been served by Heart to Heart, Brenda is now retiring to devote more time to her family—especially a new grandson.

It is hard to put into words the endless contacts Brenda has had with so many parishioners and others in need of the ministry Heart to Heart continues to provide. She has been a lifeline to countless seniors trying to figure out how to keep caring for themselves, most often as they faced medical crises

and struggled to remain independent in their own homes. Brenda has often been the voice anyone in need of help first heard when they called. Always upbeat and optimistic, she has truly made the presence of Christ felt!

Thank you, Brenda, for these wonderful years of service to the community and St. Gertrude parish. We look forward to seeing you in Church and wish you many years of joy with your family of multiple generations as you enjoy your retirement!

~ Father Rich



Teen Mission Trip

The thirteen teens on the mission trip were asked, “What was your favorite part of the trip?” Here are some of their responses:

“You make friends, learn about things you can't learn any where else—the trip will change you.” ~ David

“The trip is a good balance of work and fun, and the experience is something that people need to see, but no one actually sees.” ~ Liam

“My favorite thing about the trip was everything. It's hard to pick just one thing but having the Kids Day was amazing.” ~ Mikayla

“My favorite thing was doing the work. It was the main reason I signed up. It felt good finishing everything. The trip is a life-changing experience that you can't refuse. It's such a great opportunity to become a better person.” ~ Angelo

“My favorite thing on this trip was getting to know each other and creating a bond. I would say that bond carries the trip and makes it as special.” ~ Margaret

“My favorite thing about the trip was simply socializing with everyone. This includes making dinner, cleaning up, working, car rides, sharing meals, the Kids Day, and more.” ~ Jesse

“My favorite thing about the trip was the Kids Day. I got to connect with a bunch of kids on the reservation. It was pleasing to bring smiles to their young faces. I also want to say how amazing it is to bond with the group while working with the people on the reservation and do fun things like the ropes course, Mt. Rushmore, and Crazy Horse Memorial. Overall, the trip gave me a new perspective that I really came to appreciate.” ~ Mark

“My favorite part about the trip was going into the community and doing the siding work. I felt extremely satisfied afterwards and seeing a physical result of what you did for others is a feeling like no other. However, the trip is not just doing good for others, but also improving your own worldview and expanding your perspective towards everyday life and privilege.” ~ Nathan

“My favorite thing about the trip was the cultural day. I was fascinated with the Pow Wow and understood the holiness of Wounded Knee.” ~ Conor

“In general, I loved all the new things on the trip. I'd say that I can't choose a single best thing because I was blown away by how stunning the trip was. I became emotionally attached to the place where we worked and stayed for nine days. The sights are amazing and experiencing it for the first time was stunning.” ~ Joey

“For the past two years, this trip has been one of the best moments of my summer—and you get to have fun, make new friends, and also help people at the same time.” ~ Lauren

Parish News

Good Books: The next gathering of the book club will be Monday, August 12 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. This month's book is Luis Alberto Urrea's novel *The House of Broken Angels*. Contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center and continue to gather on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This holy day of obligation is celebrated on Thursday, August 15. Mass will be held at 7:30 am and again at 7:00 pm.

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, August 19 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. For a list of poems that will be read, email Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com.

Calling all Heart to Heart and Helping Hands Volunteers! Volunteers that are active in Heart to Heart or Helping Hands ministries must receive VIRTUS training in order to continue with these ministries. The training will be Saturday, August 24 in the Social Hall. Sessions will start promptly at 10:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. No late-comers will be admitted. Please call the Heart to Heart staff at 773.973.5464 to reserve a space.

Renew My Church: The very first gathering for our grouping—St. Gertrude, St. Ignatius, St. Jerome, and St. Gregory—for the Renew My Church initiative has been scheduled. Parish leadership and anyone who is interested is invited to a presentation/ice cream social on Sunday, August 25 at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall, 1609 W. Gregory Ave. The presentation will be from 1:00-3:00 pm, followed by ice cream.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Vitalant, formerly known as LifeSource, will hold a blood drive on Sunday, September 1 from 8:00 am-1:30 pm in the Social Hall. To schedule an appointment, please visit <https://donateblood.lifesource.org>. Appointments are recommended. Walk-ins are welcome!

Labor Day: The Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 2. Mass will be held at 9:00 am.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space at 773.764.3621.

Catechists Needed: We are in need of men and women to serve as catechists and Kids Word leaders for the 2019-2020 year. Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. If you are interested in helping us either as a catechist or as a substitute catechist, email our Youth & Family Minister, Jim Potthast, at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org.

New Start Time for Religious Education: The Religious Education program for the 2019-2020 school year begins on Sunday, September 8, 2019 and concludes on Sunday, May 3, 2020. This school year, classes will now be held from 9:00-10:15 am. A registration form is available in the back of Church or online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education>. Forms should be emailed to Jim Potthast at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org or dropped off at the Rectory.

There will be a parent orientation on Sunday, August 25 at 9:00 am in the NCA cafeteria.

Save the Date—Powers of Attorney and Wills Presentation Planned: Heart to Heart is sponsoring an outreach meeting for all parishioners on powers of attorney and wills presented by attorneys from The Center on Disability and Elder Law. The date for the outreach meeting is Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00-11:00 am in the Ministry Center.

On Friday, September 20 from 12:00-2:30 pm, attorneys will conduct a free workshop in the Ministry Center to assist participating parishioners with completing personalized powers of attorney forms and wills. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be available in August.

Thank You for Your Support on Mission Sunday! On Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, on behalf of the Summer Mission Appeal, Fr. Maximilian Francis Buluma spoke at the Masses in Church, outlining the needs and challenges of the Archdiocese of Mwanza in Tanzania. The second collection raised \$2,514.00 to support the spiritual, social, and material needs of the people served by Summer Mission Appeal. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support!

Growing in Faith

Jeremiah and Jesus both upset their listeners today. Jeremiah's "crime" was warning the political and religious leaders and all the people of impending ruin. Consequently, he was accused of "demoralizing the soldiers and all the people" and of not being "interested in the welfare of our people."

Of Jesus' words, one of my Bible's notes says that Jesus, though not desiring discord, provokes a spiritual fire that purifies and inflames hearts by the demands of the choices he requires of us.

People were shocked and appalled by Jesus' Gospel message of peace and rejected, denounced, and ultimately crucified him.

Long-time peace activist John Dear writes that the early Christian community used this text to oppose the Roman military and to prohibit the baptized from joining the army, killing in war, or supporting the empire. Many baptized who followed this directive were arrested, killed, and even renounced by their families.

Where today do we hear prophetic truth that afflicts the comfortable, as Dorothy Day would say? Internationally, one voice among many is the Swedish sixteen-year-old, Greta Thunberg, who has

warned political, business, and religious leaders of the looming climate catastrophe.

Nationally, many young people have said, "Enough!" to the ease with which every kind of gun can be bought, sold, and used to bring ruin upon so many families and communities.

Locally, Kathy Kelly and Voices for Creative Nonviolence have warned us for decades of the disastrous effects of our U.S. military industrial complex.

Can we as a faith community find the courage to listen to and act on the truth of these upsetting voices?

~ Jim Manzardo for *Growing in Faith*



Interested in Being 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.

For information about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude or to register for the program, contact Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Parish Stewardship Report

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." ~ Hebrews 11:1

We believe in the promises that God has made us. Can we prove it logically or as an intellectual proposition? Not really. But that's not the point. Faith is what grounds us; faith is the key.

Sunday Collection July 27-28	\$5,452.95
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$2,272.05

Sunday Collection August 3-4	\$5,801.05
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$1,923.95

Online Collection July 2019	\$21,470.00
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
Underage	(+) \$2,982.00

Our Parish at Prayer for August 12-18

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30 am Marjorie Feld †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 am Rolando Santiago †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 am Thomas Schmitz †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30 am Nancy Donnelly †

7:00 pm Hiro Vignon Adjahi Agboton †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:30 am Ethan Seitzer †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm George Heintz †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Peter Tunney †

9:30 am Joe Shields †

10:30 am Judy O'Toole †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

Ministers of the Word for August 17-18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Kathleen Dawson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Rob Sierzega, David Sullivan

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Debra Novak, Victoria Healy

Requests for Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a Church staff member, please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464. Then the Heart to Heart staff will notify the Rectory.

Because of government regulations, hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities cannot contact us directly with this information.

Readings for August 12-18

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28; Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;

Eucharistic Ministers for August 17-18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Brad Koch, Candace Koch, Patricia Norcik, Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Mary Wyler, Barb Daly, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Rob Sierzega

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Rafael Melendez, Carlos Barragan, Nancy Merrill, Sarah Millar, Patrick Robinson, Steven Monti, Lina Peon

Altar Servers for August 17-18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00 pm Isabel Stoltz, Josephine Stoltz, Fiona Reynolds

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

10:30 am Carter Dant, Isabella Brobbey, June Rutzen

Our Parish at Prayer for August 19-25

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 am Nancy Kelly Kohl †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 am Nancy Crandall †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 am Jonathan Nichols

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 am Rose Peters-Strike †

5:00 pm Jessie Tschaen Bowers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am Johnny Outlaw †

9:30 am George Tissen †

10:30 am Fr. Robert Schwarz †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

Ministers of the Word for August 24-25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00 pm Pat Reardon, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Marty McDermott

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Ann White, Sarah Millar

St. Scholastica Academy Chicago Reunion

Join us September 21-22 to reminisce about your high school days and reconnect with your classmates and teachers.

This year's reunion celebrates the classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2009.

More information can be found at www.osbchicago.org/reunion.

Readings for August 19-25

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Eucharistic Ministers for August 24-25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00 pm Patricia Norcik, Tim Harrington, Roman Reyes, Peggy Dawson (Mary Cook assisting)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, William Mitchell, Sr. Kathryn Stimac

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Bob Backis, Mary Donlan, Kathy Dunne, Brad Mulick, Chris Lincoln, Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck

Altar Servers for August 24-25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

5:00 pm Joey Dunning, Brigid Fulkerson, Nate Fulkerson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

10:30 am Haiden Negrillo, Mark Ashbeck, Lucas Ashbeck

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach
Donations may be made at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645>.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Joan Harrington

Mary Herbin-Horan

Maria Hertl

Bernice Kiedysz

Kyle Rutherford

Charley Scantlebury

Irene Schmitz

Peggy Stoffel

Marilynn Wagner

Walter Bradford

Ed & Ester Bugler

Maggie Callaway

Aida Calvopina

Geraldine Clark

Mary Ferguson

Mary Fitzgerald



Baptisms

Ray Timothy Salus,
son of Erin Stafford
and Theresa Salus

Enzo Joshua,
son of Prudence Agboton
and Irma Mundungu



Rest in Peace

Patricia Fox Deiters,
mother of Jayne Deiters

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
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

SUMMER WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE (June 23-September 1)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am
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:

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Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 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.
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tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
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