

St. Gertrude Chicago
E-Bulletin for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022

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St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm

- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in Church (The 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#).)
 - Sundays at 10:30 am in the Gym
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From Fr. Rich

Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

This weekend, we have a recorded homily from Cardinal Cupich encouraging participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The commitment cards and pencils will be at the end of every pew. After the Cardinal's talk, I will walk through the process of completing a pledge card and making a contribution to the Appeal.

I realize this is not anyone's idea of having a good time, but it is necessary and a proven method leading to the success of the appeal.

NCA Soiree: Now a Virtual Event

Northside Catholic Academy's primary fundraiser is next Saturday, February 26. Originally, this was going to be at the Restaurant on the Lake, but prudent decision-making in light of COVID led to the decision weeks ago to make this again a virtual event.

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Join NCA parents and alum for a night of casino-themed fun this Saturday. You can log into the 16th annual NCA Soirée [Bidding for Good website](#) to purchase tickets.

NCA is currently running two fundraisers for the 2022 NCA Soiree, a grand raffle with a grand prize of \$5,000 dollars and a choose your own vacation with six options! Tickets are available at ncasoiree.com.

All proceeds from the 2022 NCA Soirée support the students and programs of Northside Catholic Academy.

Ash Wednesday is Coming!

Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday at 7:30 am, 10:00 am (NCA school Mass), and 7:00 pm. Ashes will also be available in church between 5:00-6:00 pm. (Not a Mass.)

Parish Pastoral Council

After a two-year pandemic-hiatus, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) resumed meeting last week. Our top priority in the next few weeks is to encourage parishioners to consider becoming members of the PPC in time for our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. Specifically, the current PPC members will be speaking to anyone they think might be a good candidate for the Council.

We would like to see members more reflective of the diversity in the parish. We are hoping for some younger members, some NCA school parents, some youth group parents, some of our new members from St. Ignatius, and parishioners who may not have been active, but would like to be more involved.

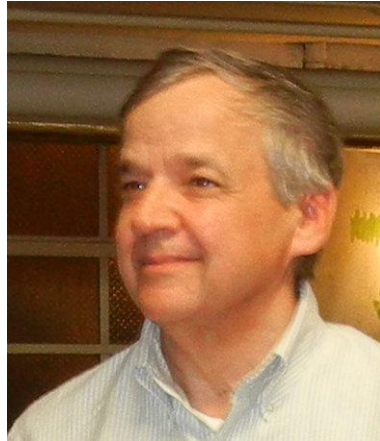
Starting this week, articles will be in the bulletin providing information and insight on what the PPC is and does. The first of these articles are below, please take time to read them and consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council.

What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

The parish pastoral council is a unique, collaborative body. It does not have the power of vote or veto, but it is called to share with the pastor in determining all the important matters that affect the life of the faith community. It is to be a representative group of serious, faith-filled Christian men and women who try to lead their parish into becoming what a community of baptized people is supposed to be!

To achieve its goal in the parish, the council must be a body which envisions, plans, oversees, coordinates, communicates, and evaluates. The first thing for a council to develop is a vision of church. Grasping this vision is a challenging job. It requires reading and prayer, reflection, and learning, often from outside sources. The first responsibility of the parish council is to plan. It looks to the future. It determines priorities and works to achieve them. The council oversees by engaging its committees in discussing their year's work in advance and then in getting reports and evaluating accomplishments at year's end.

The coordinating role of council in a parish is called to keep projects and people related. Often this requires diplomacy and sensitivity to the feelings and opinions of others.



Why I am a Member of the Parish Pastoral Council *by Allen Stryczek*

I serve on the parish council because my Catholic Christian faith is the central point of my life, and this is a deep and meaningful way to connect with other parishioners and the pastor. I enjoy and appreciate listening to other viewpoints, even when they are different from mine. I think being a good listener and reflecting on what you have heard is an important part of serving the community of faith in this capacity. I've been involved in a wide variety of parish and community activities over the 40 years that my wife and I have been parishioners and I'm able to bring insights from these involvements to the current opportunities that the parish is facing.

In particular, I have current strong interests in both environmental concerns, as well as ecumenical and interfaith activities.



Growing in Faith

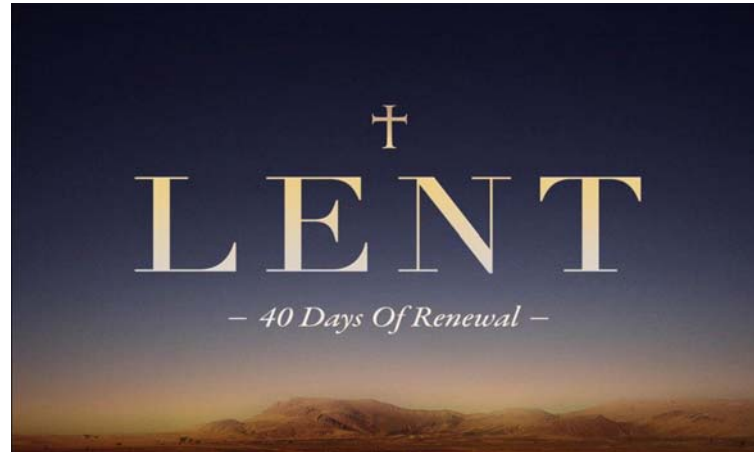
"Love your enemies. Give to anyone who asks. Lend expecting nothing back." I can only imagine the apostles cringing at these ethical requirements for discipleship. Can I ever reach these high bars if I want to be a genuine follower of Jesus?

I am challenged. When I was in retail, it took me a while to work through the anger and resentment I had from episodes of theft from my store. When a panhandler broadsides me with pestering requests for a handout, I often want to be left alone with my own thoughts, not wanting to engage in a meaningful encounter. I am also prone to making sure I keep close tabs on things I lend to others.

It's a struggle to live out Jesus' counter-cultural dream. Certainly it is not the American dream! I pray that I can be free to embrace Jesus' example. If I turn from His challenge, where can I go? I know Saint Peter was right when

he declared to Jesus: “You speak words of eternal life.”

~ *Phil Bujnowski*



Palms Up for Lent: Lenten Faith Activities Planned

As you may have seen or heard over the last few weeks, all are invited to participate in some Lenten devotions.

Almoners Program: These groups will meet on Mondays during Lent at 9:00 am and/or at 6:30 pm in the church for a brief prayer. Participants will then then go out to be more compassionate to the less fortunate by giving alms of \$10 McDonald cards.

There will be a second collection to support the Almoners program beginning February 26 and 27 and then each weekend each during Lent. If you are not able to join us on Mondays, we will have McDonald's cards

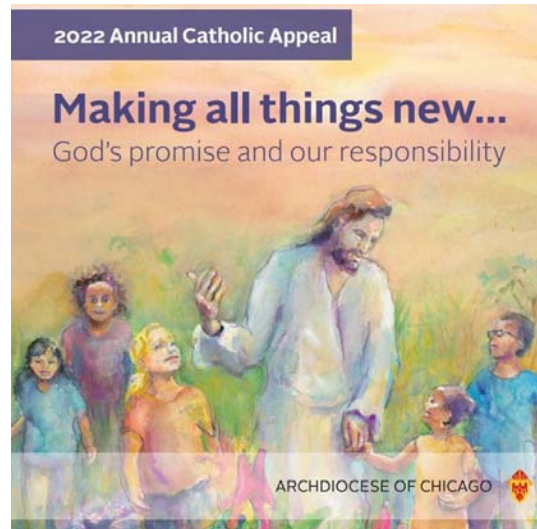
available in the back of church for you to take and distribute to the needy.

Stations of the Cross: Beginning Friday, March 4 and then every Friday during Lent, we will take time from our busy schedules and reflect on the suffering journey of Christ and others in the world.

On Friday afternoons at 3:00 pm, we will offer the traditional Way of the Cross and at 6:30 pm we will we also have Stations of the Cross-joining Jesus' journey, recognizing the present struggles and crosses that challenge our modern world.

Anti-Racism Discussion Groups: Small prayer and discussion groups will be meeting in the morning and evenings using the book *The Spiritual Works of Racial Justice*, by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J. These groups will offer us the opportunity to see that by taking on an anti-racist position we become all that God calls us to be. Books are available for \$15 after Mass this weekend. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of church.

Please email Father Mike at mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org or Maria Garcia at the Rectory office at stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to sign up or need more information.



Annual Catholic Appeal

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility."

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

~ Fr. Rich



Heart to Heart Ministry Seeks Volunteer to Help with Spreadsheets

Our Heart to Heart Ministry staff requests the services of a volunteer adept at using Excel spreadsheets to update our volunteer and member rosters. If interested, please contact me at 773.973.5464 or jcallahanmoore@stgertrudechicago.org. I will respond promptly!

Thank you for your consideration, and blessings to you all!

~ Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Parish Social Services/Heart to Heart Seniors Ministry



The **North Side Community Mask Drive** is a parent- and-community driven effort to ensure that the PPE needs of schools and communities are met.

We are accepting donations of:

- ▶ Child-sized N95/KN95/KF94
- ▶ Child-sized surgical masks
- ▶ Cleaning supplies (wipes and hand sanitizer)

**SCAN HERE for
more information**



**DROP OFF SUPPLIES at the Andersonville
Chamber of Commerce: 5217 N. Clark
Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am-4:30pm**

Contact

 NSCommunitymasks@gmail.com

North Side Community Mask Drive: Masks and Cleaning Supplies Needed for Area Students

North Side Community Mask Drive is a community wide effort to collect child-size respirator masks, child-size surgical masks, and cleaning supplies and distribute them to local neighborhood schools facing urgent need. The NS Community Mask Drive is currently partnering with local businesses, as well as the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), which includes St. Gertrude parish.

The group is collecting:

- Child-size N95/KN95/KF94 masks (also accepting adult sized masks for older kids)
- Child-size surgical masks
- Clorox/disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer

Items can be dropped off in a marked bin at [Edge of Sweetness](#), 6034 N. Broadway, or shipped to/dropped off at [Church of Atonement](#), 5749 N. Kenmore.

Please email NSCommunityMasks@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to help amplify, join our efforts, or receive supplies.



[Deadline Extended to Attend the Summer Mission Trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota](#)

The youth group's Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for July 17-22. The group will travel to Lake Traverse, South Dakota. All teens in grades 7-12 who attend parish youth group meetings regularly are welcome to take part in this jam-packed week of service, friendship, and fun! Space is limited.

The cost is \$379 per person, not including transportation. **A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is now due by Sunday, February 20, 2022.** A nonrefundable half payment of \$100 is due by Monday, February 28. The final payment deadline date will be shared in the future. We are organizing some fundraising events to offset these expenses.

Please consider two factors when deciding about the Mission Trip - the pandemic is likely to still be ongoing in July and we are traveling to and from South Dakota in a passenger van. (A close space considering the pandemic).

For more information about the mission trip, please visit the [Lake Traverse Youth Mission Trip | YouthWorks website](#). If you have any questions, please email me at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry



Interfaith Climate Summit - Sunday, March 13

Join a unique and inclusive dialogue on climate change, bringing together both Eastern and Western faith and ethical perspectives on Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 pm. We will tap into the underlying wisdom of these traditions and identify ways this wisdom can inspire us in our own lives to respond to the growing climate crisis.

Come join us in-person at [Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church](#), 600 W. Fullerton Pkwy, or [on our YouTube channel](#), and add your voice or comments to our discussion!

[Click here for a flyer](#)

A blue flyer for Northside Catholic Academy. On the left is a photo of a young girl with a pink face mask. In the center is the school's logo, which consists of a white cross and a stylized plant inside a circular border with the text 'NORTH SIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Thinking of Joining NCA?' followed by 'Schedule an individual tour today!'. At the bottom left, it says 'Learn more at NorthsideCatholic.org or call 773-743-6277 ext. 207'. At the bottom right, there is a white button with the text 'Join Us Today!' in blue.

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[NCA Offering Individual Tours](#)

NCA is now registering for the 2022-2023 school year! Thinking of joining Northside Catholic Academy? If so, consider signing up for one of our individual tours! To come explore our campus or learn more about our curriculum, call 773.743.6277 ext. 207 or contact Jacob Utz at jutz@ncaschools.com.



Misericordia Home is Hiring!

Misericordia is looking for CNAs and DSPs/caregivers to look after their residents.

Please email careers@misericordia.com or call 773.273.3058 for more information.



Baptism

- Stephanie Oluwatemidayo Modupe, daughter of Olkunle and Mary Ewa Modupe
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Readings and Music for This Weekend

- [Links to readings for Sunday, February 20](#)
- [Lyrics and Copyright Info for Sunday, February 20](#)
- Music planned:
 - Entrance: *City of God*, #388
 - Gloria: *Mass of Renewal*, #875
 - Psalm 103: *The Lord is Kind and Merciful*

- Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia from Misa del Mundo* by Jesse Manibusan and Tony Gómez
 - Offertory: *Prayer of St. Francis*, #528
 - Mass parts: Mass of Creation
 - Communion: *Take and Eat*, # 358
 - Recessional: *We are the Light of the World*, #601
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Scheduled for This Weekend

Our cantors are:

- Saturday, February 19 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, February 20 at 8:00 am - Amir Ghazaleh
- Sunday, February 20 at 10:30 am in church - Cindy Lawson
- Sunday, February 20 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, February 19 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall

- Sunday, February 20 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, February 20 at 10:30 am in church - Patrick Robinson, Carlos Barragan
- Sunday, February 20 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, February 19 at 5:00 pm - Susan McKean
- Sunday, February 20 at 8:00 am - Wes Dingman
- Sunday, February 20 at 10:30 am in church - Bob Backis
- Sunday, February 20 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA



Demonstrate Love for Thy Neighbor with a Qualified Charitable Distribution Gift

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.”
Every day, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to others.

You can help to support our faith community by making a qualified

charitable distribution (“QCD”) gift from your individual retirement account to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like information on how to make a QCD gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.



[Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, and Amazon Smile](#)

Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word **Donate** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there. [GiveCentral](#) offers parishioners the option of one-time gifts or weekly contributions.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Click here for PayPal \(via our website\)](#)



[Daily Scripture Readings](#)

Click [HERE](#) for the daily readings for Masses. Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, February 21: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday, February 23: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 24: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 25: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, February 26: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, February 27: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, February 21: 7:30 am - Rena Francis +

Tuesday, February 22: 7:30 am - Mary Jo Martin +

Wednesday, February 23: 7:30 am - Michael McKenna +

Thursday, February 24: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, February 18: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

Saturday, February 26: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St.

Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - James Johnston +

Sunday, February 27: 8:00 am - St. Gertrude parishioners +; 10:30 am in church - Thomas Blim; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Maria Antonia Acevedo +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Jean Bautista
- Zara Bradley
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Connie Cool
- Caloy Desembrana
- Ann Collins Dole
- Daniel Hidalgo
- Patti Irwin
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Dean Mattoni
- Larry McCauley
- Molly Morris
- Karey Myers
- Tina Piemonte
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family

- Christine Frisoni
 - Shirley Marie Gonzales
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Manuel & Norma Viray
 - Valerie Williams
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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