
St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

Bulletin for Sunday, January 31

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

The St. Gertrude parish office schedule can be found [HERE](#). Please review the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#) and call before you come!

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From Father Rich

Annual Catholic Appeal - Announcement Weekend

This weekend, we begin the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) drive. Today, this newsletter contains information about the good work that is accomplished through the funds raised through the ACA.

Each year I make my own pledge to the ACA because I believe in the good work, the ministry the ACA makes possible throughout the Archdiocese and beyond. I encourage every parish family to consider contributing to the ACA.

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend and there will be a recorded homily from Cardinal Cupich. Because of the pandemic, printed materials for the ACA will not be in the pews this year but are available in the back of church.

In place of the cards in the pews, everyone is encouraged to make their

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Masses in person!

pledge to the ACA electronically. Next weekend, our Pastoral Associate, Kevin Cheers, will lead us through that process. So please bring your cell phones to church next weekend!

Second Financial Report - Finances in the Pandemic Time

Last week in the newsletter, we published the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2020. As I mentioned last week, I also wanted to share with you a shorter report on the actual figures since the pandemic shut us down on March 13, 2020 through the end of the calendar year, December 31, 2020, and those figures in comparison to the same timeframe in the year before.

Both income and expenses have dropped, and we still expect we will be in a deficit status by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2021.



Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish.

For example, Appeal funds support Training for Ministers of Care who visit our sick and shut-in parishioners.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.



Growing in Faith

Who are our Messengers?

This week, on February 2nd, we celebrate Groundhog Day: a crazy, commercially manufactured event about a groundhog, who either sees his shadow –or doesn't-- somewhere in Pennsylvania. Probably it is just the manifestation of an effort to amuse people as they attempt to get through the winter months.

The Movie, Groundhog Day, is something more meaningful and serious, while at the same time totally entertaining and hilarious. If you haven't seen it, I heartily recommend it. You can find it easily on Amazon Prime or other streaming services. Many people have proclaimed this movie to be one of the most spiritually significant movies of a generation. Despite the fact that it was made 28 years ago, I couldn't agree more and it holds up over time.

Many of us in this pandemic, for sure, are feeling like the Bill Murray character in this movie: daily life can seem routine, mundane, overwhelming claustrophobic, predictable, and boring. The message of the movie is about looking for signs, embracing your life, improving yourself, and doing this all through love.

In today's readings, we get a clue as to how we might get through these

difficult days of the latest pandemic spike. We need to pay attention and 'harden not our hearts' as we face this long haul ahead of getting the vaccine and returning to 'normal life'. We need to look for our messengers of God today, who can inspire us; those who can lead us forward toward a more loving life.

Let's keep a watch out, for messengers and messages, to guide us through this time. They are here with us.

~ Claire Conley for *Growing in Faith*



St. Gertrude Auction 2021 - Fundraiser Friday, February 12-Sunday, February 21

Can you make five phone calls? If you can help, please email us at auction21@stgertrudechicago.org.

Don't forget to donate a bottle of wine (approximately \$20 value) for our Wine Spectacular. ([Binny's in Evanston](#) will give you a 15% discount and store the bottle for us – just tell the manager it's for the St. Gertrude Auction 2021.)

Did you know our auction is both a silent and live auction? The week-long silent auction begins Friday, February 12 and will end in a live auction on Sunday, February 21. The virtual live auction will feature entertainment and an engaging auctioneer. You will be able to order dessert and wine to enjoy during the live event. Details to follow.

Thank you to those who have donated!

[Download a Donor Form](#)



Financial Reports Part II

Last week, we published the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year that ended on June 30, 2020. As I mentioned in the article that accompanied that report, this week we are publishing a report which compares the financial picture during the pandemic (from March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020) with the same period from the year earlier.

There are three line items I would like to direct your attention to in this comparison report. The first is **Income**. Our Sunday/Holy Day income from March 13 through December 31, 2019 was \$476,982.23. In 2020, during the pandemic, our income was \$413,512.40. The difference was \$63,469.83, or a decrease of 13.31%.

The second is our **Expenses**. From March 13 through December 31, 2019, our expenses were \$788,273.47. In 2020, during the pandemic, our expenses were \$691,391.20. The difference was \$96,882.27, a decrease of \$12.29%.

The third item in this comparison is the accounting of the **PPP funds** we received from the government for some of our payroll expenses. We received a total of \$111,600.00. This unexpected source of revenue greatly lessened our losses in this time period, although we won't know the full picture until we reach both the end of the fiscal year and the end of the pandemic. As the numbers indicate right now, we expect to have another

deficit by the time we get to the end of this fiscal year on June 30, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me or our Business Manager, [Art Blumberg](#), if you have any questions.

Thank you for all you do to continue to make St. Gertrude Parish healthy, vital, and viable!

~ Fr. Rich Prendergast

Read/download a comparison of the financial picture during the pandemic (from March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020) with the same period from 2019

Read/download a copy of Annual Financial Report

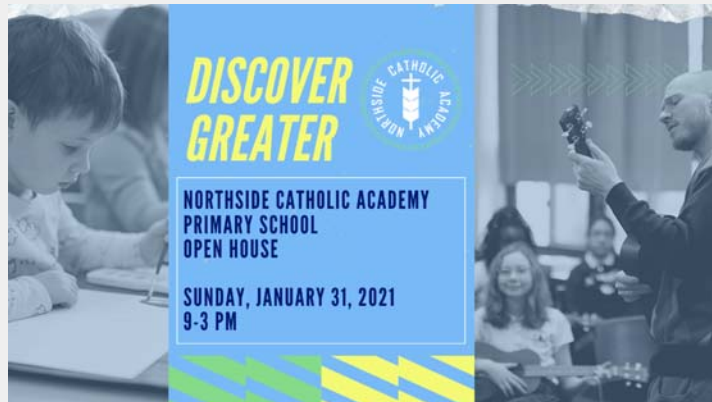


This Weekend - Blessing of Throats/This Tuesday is Candlemas Day

This weekend, we will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise with a blessing of throats. The blessing will be a general one to the congregation, due to COVID regulations.

This Tuesday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commemorating the day Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to be presented to God. Simeon greeted them in the temple, pronouncing Jesus a "light to the nations." This day is also known as "Candlemas Day."

Candlemas literally translates as “the sending of the candle (light)” into the world. At our 7:30 am Mass on Tuesday morning, we will bless the candles we will use in church throughout the year.



Catholic Schools Week Begins This Sunday: NCA Hosts In-Person Open House

Join us for our *Discover Greater* Open House on **Sunday, January 31, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm**. Our *Discover Greater* Open House is a kick-off event for Catholic Schools Week, an annual Catholic education celebration in the United States.

We are an award-winning academy committed to providing our students with an exceptional educational experience that includes intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social development. We offer a well-rounded and rigorous curriculum for PreK-8th grade. Families will have the opportunity to tour our Primary Campus with our admissions director.

For more information on Northside Catholic Academy, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org. And for questions, please email Shakira Morrissette at smorrissette@ncaweb.org.

All families must wear a mask, receive a temperature check at the door, and schedule a tour time before attending the open house. Please click the link below to schedule your tour time.

[Click here to sign up to tour NCA](#)



Domestic Violence Webinar This Tuesday, February 2: "There is Help"

The Domestic Violence Ministries from Old St. Mary's, Old St. Pat's, and Assumption parishes will present a webinar on domestic violence on Tuesday, February 2 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

The webinar will be moderated by Geraldine Piorkowski, Ph.D., retired Clinical Psychologist and member of Old St. Pat's Domestic Violence Ministry. The panelists include:

- Alondra Montes, MSW, Director of the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline
- Jan Goldberg, a Crisis Line Volunteer at Sarah's Inn
- Virginia Torres Ryan, MSW, Supervisory Attorney for Life Span Center for Legal Services & Advocacy
- A representative of the Chicago Police Department
- Mary Andino, Family Activity Coordinator, House of Good Shepherd, a shelter for women and their children victimized by domestic violence

Q & A to follow. The webinar will be recorded for later viewing. There will be a link on the websites for the sponsoring parishes. Please see the flyer (linked below) for the registration link.

[Flyer for the Domestic Violence Webinar](#)



Opportunities and Events Hosted by the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

All are welcome to register for the following activities and events hosted by the Benedictine Sisters.

- **Lectio Divina** – Learn the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina, an ancient form of reading and praying with Scripture. This monthly evening practice, in a group setting, is perfect for those who are new to Lectio Divina or those who would like to have a little more practice. The group gathers online via Zoom the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00 beginning in February. Scripture passages will be provided. Bring a journal if you wish! To learn more or to register, contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, at 773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org.
- **A Deeper Look at Fratelli Tutti in Spite of its Title** – Join Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, each month for a reflection and participatory hour on Pope Francis’ encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. Gatherings are on the third Thursday of the month beginning in February from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. For more info or to register, contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, 773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org.
- **“To Share the Common Table” A Benedictine Vision for Living in Times of Division** – A presentation by Nicole Sotelo on Sunday, March 7 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Whether seen through the lens of racism, politics, or the pandemic, the divisions in our country became more visible over the last year and our personal and collective wounds grew wider. How might our internal and communal narratives impact the divisions? Is there another narrative that may move us forward? Join the Benedictine Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery and Nicole

Sotelo as she speaks on the topic of narratives, healing, and forgiveness in a time of division. Ms. Sotelo is the communications coordinator at Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University and the author of *Women Healing from Abuse: Meditations for Finding Peace* (Paulist Press) and *Pray Your Way Through Forgiveness* (Twenty-Third Publications). Sponsored by the Benedictine Oblates, this online Zoom event is free and open to the public. For more info visit www.osbchicago.org/programs or contact 773.764.2413 x232. Please register by emailing communications@osbchicago.org.

- **Connections and Callings: A virtual evening of discernment** –God connects with our hearts in many ways, through various people, and by different means. Join young, single women (18-50) on Monday, March 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm via Zoom to engage in a reflective exercise, which will help explore where and how God is calling us in our everyday lives. To learn more, please email, text, or call Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, at vocation@osbchicago.org or 847-859-9887. Visit www.osbchicago.org/programs.



Rest in Peace

- Dorothy DeNapoli
 - Clara Issacs
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Readings and Music for Sunday, January 31

- [PDF of readings for January 31](#)
- [PDF of lyrics, music, and copyright info for January 31](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Entrance: *Blest be the Lord*, #431
 - Gloria: Barker
 - Psalm: #95, If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts. (Spirit and Psalm)
 - Gospel Acclamation: from Spirit and Psalm
 - Offertory: *As the Deer Longs*, #496
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Renewal*, #876
 - Communion: Take and Eat, #357
 - Recessional: *Lead me Lord*, #728



Additional Parish Information Found on
our Website

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
 - [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)
 - [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, and Musicians Planned for This Weekend

This weekend, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, January 31 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer; Dana Sullivan, flute; Denise Goodman, clarinet

Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing due to concerns that singing may spread germs further than six feet.

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, January 31 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, January 31 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe

- Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson
- Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm - Debbie Kern, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Peter CashmanSheila Cashman
- Sunday, January 31 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Hallie Burhoe, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, January 31 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 am - TBA

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



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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.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

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 Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, February 1: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday, February 3: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 5: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 1: 7:30 am - Charlie Sullivan+

Tuesday, February 2: 7:30 am - Martin+ & Ellen+ Joyce

Wednesday, February 3: 7:30 am - Antonio Garcia+

Thursday, February 4: 7:30 am - Communion service

Friday, February 5: 7:30 am - To those suffering from COVID, their families and friends

Saturday, February 6: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Theresa Kaphing+

Sunday, February 7: 8:00 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 10:30 am - Edward J. Miller+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Jean Bautista
 - Walter Bradford
 - Sharon Brown
 - Connie Bueck
 - Maggie Callaway
 - Aida Calvopina
 - Geraldine Clark
 - Connie Cool
 - Lois DiFruscio
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Karey Myers
 - Braedon Rimpson
 - Mickey Resch
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Norma E. Viray
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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