

# St. Gertrude

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**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Bulletin for January 12, 2020**



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

~ *Matthew 3: 16-17*

## *From Father Rich*

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the completion of the Christmas season in the Church calendar. We return to "Ordinary Time" (from "ordinal" -- or counting numbers) tomorrow in the first week of Ordinary Time. This piece of Ordinary Time comes in between Christmas and the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 26 this year.

In the Baptism of the Lord, we see another "epiphany" when Jesus comes out of the water and some people see the Spirit coming upon him like a dove, and then the voice of God is heard from heaven announcing this is God's Son. Each of us is connected to this celebration in so many ways, but especially in our own baptisms when we also were pronounced daughters and sons of God - members of the divine family through our brotherhood with Jesus Christ. This is the Good News we now proclaim to all the world in our words, but more powerfully in what we do and how we live.



In an important way, we need to be praying right now for all members of the human family, especially those threatened with violence and even war. Let us pray for peace, which always requires more work than violence. Let us pray for our own nation and its leaders and the people of Iran and its leaders, that they all seek non-violent ways to be in relationship as God's children.

We are very fortunate to celebrate two baptisms at the 10:30 am Mass this weekend. Connor Akira Clark and Teresa Dingman are two young members of our parish who have sought entrance into the Catholic Church. We celebrate with them and their families as they take this wonderful step today! Congratulations Connor and Teresa!

This weekend's second collection is for the work of the Night Ministry, reaching out to adults and youth, frequently living on the streets, in need of the medical care and the basic necessities the Night Ministry helps provide. Please be generous.

This is not only a leap year, it is also the year everyone in the country is counted in the census. We will try to provide information regularly on the census and its importance to each and every one of us. Here are six quick points to begin with—to remind us all of the importance of participating in the census so that, indeed, everyone is counted: 1. Everyone counts. The census counts every living person in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. 2. It's in the Constitution. The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790. 3. It's about fair representation. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. 4. Your data is confidential. Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law, information from any individual cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, nor can it be used to determine eligibility for government benefits. 5. It's about redistricting. After the census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional districts, adapting to population shifts. 6. It means \$675 billion. Census data determines how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting state, county, and community's vital programs.

Everyone is invited to the LOSS (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) Mass this Friday at 7:00 pm in church. Please see the article on page four in this bulletin.

Everyone is also invited to next Sunday's Sacred Seeds gathering where the topic will be Reducing Gun Violence in Chicago. This event is sponsored by ECRA (Edgewater Community Religious Association). Please see the article on page six in this bulletin.

~ *Father Rich*

## Growing in Faith

One Friday morning in the early 1980s at a St. Gertrude parish men's prayer gathering, I experienced one of the formative spiritual moments in my life. Our small group had just read several scriptures which referred to the "Holy Spirit." During the course of our conversation that followed, I spoke up, stating, "I just don't get what you are talking about."

Near the conclusion of the gathering, some men who had already experienced God's presence in this way offered to lay hands on me and pray that I receive the Holy Spirit. Although I was unsure of what they meant, I accepted their offer. As the men prayed over me, I found myself unexpectedly weeping.

Over time, I grew to learn and appreciate that the Holy Spirit is really God's presence active and alive in my life. This spiritual presence includes giving me joy, wisdom, strength, and momentum to do what I might otherwise leave undone or leave for "later."

My "Baptism in the Spirit" happened over three decades ago, yet it still awakens me in new ways today.

The Holy Spirit is not for a select few. The Holy Spirit wants an active relationship with each of us. Remember Peter's words to Cornelius in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Our faith walk is nurtured by our openness to experience God in new, unexpected ways. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith. Be open to your growing in faith and see how the Holy Spirit responds!

~ Allen Stryczek for  
*Growing in Faith*



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, January 12 *The Baptism of the Lord*

- Second collection at all Masses for the Night Ministry
- 10:30 am ~ Family Mass hosted by second graders and their families
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW youth group gathering in the Gym balcony

### Monday, January 13

- 7:30 pm Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

### Friday, January 17

- 7:00 pm ~ LOSS Mass in Church

### Sunday, January 19

- No Religious Ed classes due to MLK Day
- 3:00 pm ~ Sacred Seeds discussion focusing on gun violence (Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan)

### Monday, January 20

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

### Thursday, January 23

- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Ministry Center

### Saturday, January 25

- 1:00-4:00 pm ~ Confirmation retreat for students in year two of Confirmation preparation (students in eighth grade) in the Social Hall
- 5:00 pm ~ Second Collection at Mass for the Church in Latin America

### Sunday, January 26

- Second Collection at all Masses for the Church in Latin America
- No Religious Ed classes due to NCA open house.
- There is no Gym Mass.
- 11:00 am-1:00 pm ~ NCA Open House - PreK-4th Grade (primary school campus, 6216 N. Glenwood)
- 12:00-2:00 pm ~ NCA Open House - 5th-8th Grade (middle school campus, 7318 N. Oakley)
- 3:00 pm ~ Commonweal Conversation in the Ministry Center

### Monday, February 3

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

### Wednesday, February 12

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Knitting group in the Ministry Center

## ***TODAY - Second Collection for The Night Ministry***



Although an integral part of our community, the Night Ministry is one of those extraordinary organizations that operates with many of us unaware of what they are doing because we have been fortunate enough to not need their services. It is truly one of the greatest examples of what Pope Francis calls ministry to the people on the peripheries.

The Night Ministry was begun in 1976 to address the crisis of homelessness for adults and youth. As this Ministry began to reach out to these “invisible” members of society, the needs became clearer and greater. Many of the youth living on the street were there because they had been thrown out of their homes when their parents discovered they were gay. In attempting to survive, many were forced into prostitution, which quickly led to the need for basic medical services and then a shelter for temporary housing for youth from the age of 14.

As the AIDS epidemic grew, the Night Ministry began to provide HIV testing. Soon, a bus was outfitted to provide immediate medical services on-site, coming to the homeless. In 2014, they opened The Crib, an emergency overnight shelter for young adults ages 18 to 24. More recently, additional shelters and transitional housing centers have opened

to help get young people off the street. They have doubled their bed capacity by opening two new youth housing programs—the Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program (RAPPP) and the STEPS Transitional Living Program. And they continue to provide medical and housing services to the young people in the LGBTQ community.

The Night Ministry was begun by local clergy and faith communities and continues to this day with that same support. Now they are moving into a new space and expanding these necessary services and ministries and need our help. Please consider a generous donation this weekend, Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12, to the Night Ministry.

If you would like more information, please check their website at [www.thenightministry.org](http://www.thenightministry.org).



## ***Mass For Survivors of Suicide***

On Friday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in Church, Rev. Charles Rubey, founder and director of Catholic Charities’ Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS), will preside at a special liturgy at St. Gertrude supporting all those who have been wounded by the experience of suicide of a family member or friend. The mass intention for this year is Quinn Bringas.

LOSS is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. Their goal is to

help survivors to find community, direction, and resources for healing.

LOSS currently hosts twelve meeting sites across Cook, Lake and McHenry counties and the Diocese of Joliet. For more information, please visit their website at <https://www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp/OurServices/Counseling/Loss.aspx>.



**Loving Outreach  
to Survivors of Suicide**

*Offering Hope and Healing for Those Who Mourn a Loss to Suicide*

## Parish News

**TODAY—Family Mass:** Today, Sunday, January 12, there will be a Family Mass in Church at 10:30 am, hosted by second-grade students and their families. There will be hospitality offered after Mass in the back of church.

**TODAY—WOW Get-Together:** WOW teens are invited to gather today, Sunday, January 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym balcony.

**Good Books:** The book club will meet on Monday, January 13 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com) with any questions.

**Poetry Pilgrims:** The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, January 20 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please email Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com) for a list of poems.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

**Upcoming Second Collection:** On Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26, there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Church in Latin America. Please be as generous as you can.

**Gym Mass Info:** There will not be a Gym Mass on Sunday, January 26. Please join us for the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

**Religious Education Schedule:** There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, January 19 because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance, nor classes on Sunday, January 26 due to NCA's open house. Kids Word at the 10:30 am Mass will still meet those mornings.

**Retreats for Confirmation Candidates:** Students in year two of Confirmation (typically students in eighth grade) are asked to attend a retreat on Saturday, January 25. It will take place from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Social Hall. Parents are not required to attend.

Please email Jim Potthast, our Youth and Family Minister, at [jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org) with any questions.



**Baptismal Preparation Class:** The next class will be held on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

**Knitting Group:** The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, February 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

**Weddings at St. Gertrude:** Are you interested in getting married at St. Gertrude? Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to ask for information, or visit [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org) and click on *Marriage*.

**Seeking New Marriage Prep Facilitators:** St. Gertrude is seeking a married couple who is willing to meet with engaged couples as part of the marriage preparation process. The facilitator couple would be responsible for issuing the online FOCCUS inventory, reviewing the responses, and meeting with the couple to review the results for one to two hours. Training through FOCCUS is available and required. The current coordinating couple is moving out of state but happy to answer questions and coordinate a transition! Please contact Fr. Rich at 773.764.3621 if interested.

**Remembrance Altar:** If you had a picture or a memento on our remembrance altar in November, please pick it up in the Rectory office.

### Reminder!

No Religious Ed Classes on  
Sunday, January 19  
or  
Sunday, January 26



**Sacred Seeds**

St. Gertrude Parish is a proud member of the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), an interfaith association of religious organizations who work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths, and to nurture a thriving and just neighborhood. ECRA sponsors Sacred Seeds talks twice a year, where Jewish, Muslim, Protestant, and Catholic viewpoints are shared on a chosen topic and discussed in order to learn from each other. All gatherings are guided by a spirit of mutual respect and a desire for harmonious co-existence and community progress, with special attention paid to the most vulnerable neighbors.

The next Sacred Seeds discussion will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 pm at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan. The topic is *Reducing Gun Violence in Chicago: How Can Our Communities Respond?* and will explore how gun violence has affected all of us and review ways our faith communities respond to reduce gun violence.

The hope is that many congregations in Edgewater will take up this topic. ECRA is working with Nisan Chavkin of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago to form community listening response sessions.

Contact Pastor Fred Kinsey of Unity Lutheran at [pastorfred86@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfred86@gmail.com) or 773.878.4747 with any questions.

Emanuel Congregation just east of the Thorndale Red Line Stop and is serviced by buses 136, 147, and 151.



**Parish Stewardship Report**

*“(Jesus) went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil.” ~ Acts 10:38*

Peter’s words are simple and eloquent. Our calling, our challenge is to act like Jesus. Do good. Help the oppressed. Heal whomever and whatever we can, wherever we can.

Collection December 28-29	\$4,832.10
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$2,892.90</b>

Collection January 4-5	\$6,298.28
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$1,426.72</b>

Christmas Collection Year-to-Date	\$40,058.98
Budgeted Collection FY 2019	\$45,000.00

Online Collection December 2019	\$22,440.00
Budgeted Electronic Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>(+) \$3,952.00</b>

*~ Art Blumberg,  
Director of Parish Management and Facilities*

**Commonweal Conversation**

The Commonweal Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, January 26 from 3:00-5:30 pm in the Ministry Center’s front parlor, just ring the bell. We will explore what is our duty as Catholics in USA when our government engages in acts of violence in the Middle East. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Should you have questions, please call me, Denise, at 312.305.5499 or co-chair John Williams.

*~ Denise DeBelle*



## *NCA's Open House*

Join us for our open house and art and music show, on Sunday, January 26, to kick-off Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

Both of our campuses will be open for touring. The primary campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave., will host their open house from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. The middle school campus, located at 7318 N. Oakley Ave., will be open from noon until 2:00 pm.

You will be able to meet our teachers, learn about our wholistic educational approach, and experience the commitment of our faculty and the connections they make with our students.

There will be an art show at the primary school, displaying our students' original artwork. We will also have an art and music show at the middle school, displaying our students' original artwork and acoustic guitar skills.

If you have any questions, please email Shakira Morrisette, Director of Marketing & Admissions at [smorrisette@ncaweb.org](mailto:smorrisette@ncaweb.org).

## *Misericordia Job Fair*

Misericordia is home to over 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities. The 31-acre campus is where they provide round-the-clock care and support to their residents. They are looking for compassionate and hardworking individuals to join their staff to help support and care for their residents,

Misericordia is hosting an onsite job fair on Wednesday, January 15 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at 2001 W. Devon. They are specifically looking for employees to be hired as Direct Support Professionals (DSP) and Certified Nursing Assistants (CHP) who have passed their state boards. Paid training is available for employees hired as Direct Support Professionals and paid training is provided for Certified Nursing Assistants who have passed their state boards.

All applicants must have a current resume or completed application upon arrival. On-site interviews will take place for all qualified candidates.

## *Ministry of Care Training*

St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston will be conducting Ministry of Care training on two consecutive Saturdays in 2020—February 29 and March 7. The training will be held from 8:30 am-3:30 pm in St. Nicholas parish's Oldershaw Hall, 806 Ridge Avenue in Evanston. The cost is \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch.


Each session will focus on a particular aspect of the Ministry of Care and given by experienced facilitators accompanied by group discussion and/or exercises to help you practice a particular skill. Completion of this course qualifies you to receive the Archdiocesan mandate to bring Communion to the sick, homebound, and hospitalized of your parish.

If you would like to participate in this training, please contact Barbara Soricelli, Pastoral Care Coordinator at St. Nick's at [bsoricelli@Nickchurch.org](mailto:bsoricelli@Nickchurch.org) or 847.864.1185 ext. 42.

Additionally, please notify Kevin Cheers, St. Gertrude's Pastoral Associate, if you plan to attend at 773.764.3621 or [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org).

Experience working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is not required. CNAs receive specific training to work with children and adults in our skilled facility. DSPs are provided with classroom and on the job training.

Please contact Misericordia's Kimberly Huwe at [kimberlyh@misericordia.com](mailto:kimberlyh@misericordia.com) with any questions.



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Misericordia is a leader in providing a superior quality of life to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and we're offering you the opportunity to make a difference – start your career today!!

## Our Parish at Prayer for January 13-19

### Monday, January 13

7:30 am Mary Shepeck †

### Tuesday, January 14

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

### Wednesday, January 15

7:30 am Ted Miskowicz †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

### Thursday, January 16

7:30 am Communion service

### Friday, January 17

7:30 am George Elias †

8:30 am NCA Mass

7:00 pm LOSS Mass—Quinn Bringas †

### Saturday, January 18

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm Mary & Fred Cohn †

### Sunday, January 19

8:00 am Agnes Rose Gorlich †

9:30 am Ted Hasbrook †

10:30 am Marjorie Feld †

10:30 am Joseph Brennan † (Gym Mass)

## Ministers of the Word

### Saturday, January 18

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Pat Reardon

### Sunday, January 19

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Mark Kollar

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

10:30 am Patrick Robinson, Debra Novak

10:30 am TBA (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](http://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 January 13-19

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;  
Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;  
Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

## Eucharistic Ministers

### Saturday, January 18

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (Mary Cook assisting),  
Kathleen Dawson, Roman Reyes, Patricia  
Norcik, Kathy Wall

### Sunday, January 19

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Mary Wyler,  
Marty McDermott, Peter Morin

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

10:30 am Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Ruth Ott,  
Rafael Melendez, Gail Smith, Patrick  
Robinson, Chris Lincoln

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

## Altar Servers

### Saturday, January 18

5:00 pm Gabe Morrow, Aibhlinn Morrison, Luke  
Sharba

### Sunday, January 19

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

## Do You Have Questions About Mass Times, Events, or Rectory Hours?

Visit our website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org) for a complete listing of events, Mass times, office hours, pictures from our celebrations, bulletins, and more.



*Milestones*



*Please Pray  
for Our Parishioners  
and Friends*

Walter Bradford  
Ester Bugler  
Jane Callahan-Moore  
Maggie Callaway  
Aida Calvopina  
Geraldine Clark  
Mary Ferguson  
Mary Fitzgerald  
Joan Harrington  
Gina Heidkamp  
Maria Hertl  
Bernice Kiedysz

Karey Myers  
Don Piven  
Charley Scantlebury  
Richard Seitz  
Peggy Stoffel  
The Sullivan family  
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Lorraine Walton



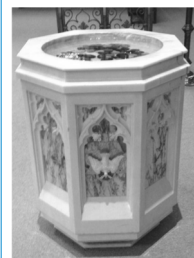
*Rest in Peace*

Ted Hasbrook,  
father of Laurie Hasbrook



*New Parishioners*

Samuel and Sheila Becherer  
Ejike and Enode Okoli & family  
Lawrence Swoboda, Jr.  
and Julia Schatz



*Baptisms*

Beau Michael and Cecilia Lopez,  
children of Scott and Erin Campbell  
Julia Geoghegan and Suzanne  
Elizabeth, children of John and  
Carmel Keller  
Olivia Margaret and George Thomas, children of  
Brian and Nicole Massimino

**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  
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)

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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**

*Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to reach Heart to Heart.*  
Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464  
Email: [heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org)

**PARISH SCHOOL**

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277  
[www.northsidecatholic.org](http://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. 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](http://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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