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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for January 26, 2020

And He said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately, they left their nets and followed him.

- Matthew 4:19-20



From Father Rich

Happy Catholic School Week! Each year, this last week in January reminds us of the importance of Catholic education. This is true of both the parishioners who attend Religious Education, as well as all those who attend NCA or any other Catholic school. The foundation of our children in the ways of faith is the promise every parent and godparent makes at their child's baptism. As they then come of school age, parents are assisted in the formation of their children in the availability of Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs.



Here at St. Gertrude we are so very fortunate to have such a long history of having the

education ministry of the parish beginning with a grammar school. St. Gertrude's grammar school began shortly after the parish was established in 1912. Then, twenty-seven years ago, as the local parishes considered their options with each having its own school, but with declining enrollment numbers, Northside Catholic Academy (NCA) was founded and continues to this day. NCA provides excellent education and it provides it within the context of our shared Catholic faith. Each day begins with prayer and faith is an essential part of every subject the students explore. Every Tuesday (at the middle school of NCA at St. Margaret Mary campus) and every Friday (at the primary campus here at St. Gertrude) the children share in the Eucharist, practicing their faith as part of their core curriculum. And their sacramental preparations (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) are part of their religion curriculum. They also learn about the liturgical seasons and the practices and devotions of the Catholic Church in Advent and Christmas and Lent and Easter and in special celebrations such as May Crowning.

Providing this education has always required sacrifices—from parents, from teachers and administrators, from all who work at the school, and from every parish which participates in this ministry. Many thanks to all those who have given of their time, their talent and their treasure to help pass on the legacy of our shared Catholic faith to the next generations! Happy Catholic School Week!

Today's gospel passage of the Call of the Disciples reminds us that we are all called by God, in a very specific way, by name. It is another way of saying everyone has a vocation. Whether it is as a married person, a religious sister or brother, a single person or a deacon or priest, God invites each of us to respond with the gifts we have been given for our own sake and the sake of all the members of our community and beyond.

How am I spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in my daily life among my family and friends, in how I treat the people I work with, in the strangers I meet on the street? In every human encounter, we have an opportunity to share kindness, peace, support, respect. What is your calling, how are you living it out and how are you passing on the faith?

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates the day Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to be presented to the Lord. The old man who spent most of his time in the temple, Simeon, greeted Jesus' arrival with a prayer blessing which pronounced him as a "light to the nations." So this day is also known as "Candlemas Day." Candlemas literally translates as "the sending of the candle (light)" into the world. So we also bless the candles we will use in church throughout the year on this day. Those newly-blessed candles are then used the very next day on the Feast of St. Blaise in the Blessing of the Throats. The Final Blessing at the masses next weekend will be the Blessing of the Throats.

~ Father Rich

Growing in Faith: May They See a Great Light

Every day, families around the world are fleeing danger and death. Every time I see news about these refugees huddled in tents and makeshift shelters, an icon by contemporary iconographer Kelly Lattimore comes to mind.

I first saw it on Facebook last year and have never forgotten it. Lattimore's icon entitled, "Refugees: *La Sagrada Familia*," depicts a man in worn blue jeans, a yellow t-shirt, baseball cap, ragged sneakers, and backpack. He is leading a young woman also in jeans who wears thin sandals. She is carrying a barefoot child swaddled in a purple scarf.

As this family escapes in the dark of night with only a full moon and stars to guide their way, though, we see other light. Lattimore has given each of the three a halo. I invite you to contemplate this icon online at <https://kellylattimoreicons.com>.

This week may we hold in prayer all those holy families who are desperately fleeing for their lives, especially the refugee families now living in our parish.

May refugees who live in fear and despair experience hope and joy, as envisioned in today's passage from Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown." (9:1) And may we continue to support all who are lighting the way for them on their dangerous journey.

~ Eileen D. Crowley
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 26

- Second Collection at all Masses for the Church in Latin America
- Midwest Workers Association in the back of Church after all Masses to take orders for their Superbowl Sunday Tamale Benefit
- 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
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW get-together in the Gym balcony

Friday, January 31

- 6:30 pm ~ Women's Club Movie Night in the Ministry Center

Monday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 8

- 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm ~ Cabaret in the Gym

Sunday, February 9

- 10:30 am ~ Family Mass in Church hosted by sixth graders and their families/hospitality provided by the parish's Boy Scout
- There is no Gym Mass.
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW get-together in the Gym balcony

Monday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Monday, February 17

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

Mark your calendars!

Lent begins on
Wednesday,
February 26.



Parish News

TODAY—Second Collection: This weekend, 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.



Share YOUR Faith

TODAY—Midwest Workers Association Superbowl Sunday Tamale Benefit: Volunteers from the Midwest Workers Association will be in the back of Church this weekend to take orders for their Superbowl Sunday tamale benefit. Parishioners can place their orders for tamales this weekend and will be able to pick them up in the back of Church next Sunday.

TODAY—WOW Get-Together: WOW teens are invited to gather today, Sunday, January 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym balcony. The group will also meet on Sunday, February 9 at the same time.

Religious Education Classes Resume Next Week: There are no Religious Education classes today, Sunday, January 26 due to NCA's open house. Kids Word at the 10:30 am Mass will still meet. Classes resume next Sunday, February 2.

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.

Upcoming Family Mass: On Sunday, February 9, there will be a Family Mass in Church at 10:30 am, hosted by sixth-grade students and their families. The Boy Scouts will provide hospitality after Mass in the back of church. There is no Gym Mass.

Good Books: The book club will meet on Monday, February 10 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. 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, February 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, February 17 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please email Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com for a list of poems.

Women's Friendship Club: The group will not be meeting in January or February. Their activities will resume on the usual Thursday in March.

Women's Club Movie Night: Our next gathering is Friday, January 31 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center. In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the upcoming Black History month, we will screen *Hidden Figures*, a film based on the true story of three brilliant female African-American NASA mathematicians tasked with calculating the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. Please bring a little something to share.

New Heart to Heart Hours: The Heart to Heart Ministry will now be open Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.



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.

Please contact Fr. Rich at 773.764.3621 if interested.

Help Needed for Lenten Faith Groups

Looking For a Few Small Group Leaders—Six Weeks, 90 Minutes Each Week, No Pay, but Great Fringe Benefits!

As part of our Lenten program this year, and in preparation for the *Renew My Church* process we will be starting this fall, we will be inviting parishioners to join already existing faith-sharing groups, or to form new faith-sharing groups. These small groups will use the *New Wine, New Wineskins: A Faith-Sharing Resource for Restructuring Parishes* as a guide to gather together as a faith community and reflect on our identity as missionary disciples, the meaning of Church, and how change is a constant part of our lives.

There are no qualifications for volunteering as a small group leader. There will be a one-time training session before the program begins to familiarize all leaders with the *New Wine, New Wineskins* booklets and how each of the sessions is structured. Leaders will be participants in the groups, have already read through the materials being used, make sure the space is set up, and will keep the small group focused and on track.

The faith-sharing groups will begin meeting the weekend BEFORE Lent starts (Ash Wednesday is February 26. The first group meetings will be the weekend of February 22-23). And they will be completed before Holy Week begins.

No experience is needed, nor is anyone expected to be an expert in anything. Please consider making this commitment. It will not only be a great Lenten program, but also a great introduction to *Renew My Church* and the future of our parish.

Groups will meet after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses in the various meeting spaces on the parish campus, and on evenings that works with most people's schedules.

Email me at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or call me at the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 if you are willing to volunteer as a group leader for this short-term process.

Thanks for your consideration.

~ Fr. Rich

Cabaret Night Planned

St. Gertrude Parish Presents

A Cabaret Night

Saturday, February 8

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

St. Gertrude's Gym, 1401 W. Granville Ave.

Join us for an evening of great music featuring our parish musicians! All are Welcome!

Tickets available at the door.

\$10 general admission, \$5 for seniors



TODAY: Commonweal Conversation

The Commonweal Discussion Group will meet today, 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 the U.S. 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



Parish Stewardship Report

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose ... Is Christ divided?"

~ 1 Corinthians 10, 13

In these divisive times, can we focus on what unites us? We are all part of the Body of Christ and must strive to have respect for the humanity of all—especially with those whom we deeply disagree with. We must also stand in solidarity with those who are disrespected and marginalized. Jesus demands no less from us.

Sunday Collection January 18-19	\$5,132.50
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Variance	(-) \$2,592.50

Christmas Collection Year-to-Date	\$ 41,573.98
Budgeted Collection FY 2019	\$45,000.00

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

A Letter from Cardinal Cupich

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With this letter, I take the opportunity to urge you to participate in the upcoming 2020 Decennial Census. The Census provides a snapshot of the entire population of the U.S. and occurs only once every 10 years, so it is important that everyone be counted.

Census counts determine political representation, the allocation of billions of dollars and volumes of statistics to allow organizations like ours to plan for the future. The Census is a count of every man, woman and child living in the United States. Neither U.S. Citizenship nor legal residency is a requirement for participation. Under federal law, all individual information is kept confidential for 72 years and is not shared with other government agencies. Underserved neighborhoods particularly need accurate counts so that they can receive their fair share of political representation and funds for much needed infrastructure improvements and services.

Census Day is April 1, 2020, and census questionnaires will arrive to all households in March of 2020. Also, for your convenience and for the first time ever, the Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone.

Please know that you are in my prayers and I ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

TODAY-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.

Donate to Tax Credit Scholarships

Illinois' tax credit scholarship program through the "Invest in Kids" Act provides strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools.

In 2019, more than 2,300 students were awarded scholarships, however more than 11,000 students remain on the wait list without a scholarship. Many more students could benefit from your generosity. The need is great. Your gift through a tax credit scholarship provides a high-quality, faith-based education for generations of students to come.

With the two-for-one matching program through Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools and Empower Illinois, a \$500 donation could easily turn into \$1,500 scholarship for a student in need. Learn more at archchicago.org/tcs.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me... and heal our world

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request 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 heal our world." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support training of Ministers of Care and Marriage Preparation Teams and some of our liturgical ministries.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Scholarship for High School Senior

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women annually provides one four-year renewable scholarship to a young woman graduating from high school and continuing her education in a college or university.



This scholarship is available for high school seniors who meet the following criteria:

- Belong to a parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago
- Have maintained a C average in high school
- Have been involved in extra-curricular activities at church, in their community, or at school
- Plan to attend a college

For more information, visit accw.archchicago.org/accw-scholarship.

**Our Parish at Prayer for
January 20-26**

Monday, January 27
7:30 am Walter DeSloover †

Tuesday, January 28
7:30 am Barbara Burt †

Wednesday, January 29
7:30 am Ted Hasbrook †

Thursday, January 30
7:30 am Communion service

Friday, January 31
7:30 am Jack Newhall †
8:30 am NCA Mass

Saturday, February 1
7:30 am Purgatorial Society
5:00 pm Irene Schmitz †

Sunday, February 2
8:00 am Charles Barranco †
9:30 am Rose Nugent †
10:30 am Jamie Kowalsky †
10:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude (*Gym Mass*)

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, February 1
5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Jayne Deiters

Sunday, February 2
8:00 am Marty McDermott, David Sullivan
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Rose Karasti, Troy McMillan
10:30 am Gym Mass—TBA

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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 for a contact information for all of your elected officials, including your senators, U.S. representatives, governor, and state legislators.

**Readings for
the Week**

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 1
5:00 pm Mary Cook, Kathleen Dawson, Brad Koch, Candace Koch, Roman Reyes

Sunday, February 2
8:00 am Marty McDermott, Brian DeVarenne, Mary Wyler, Barb Daly, Peter Morin
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Patrick Robinson, Carlos Barragan, Lina Peon, Gail Smith, Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak, Sarah Millar
10:30 am Gym Mass—TBA

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 1
5:00 pm Ethan Vargas, Leila Vargas, Katie Dunning

Sunday, February 2
10:30 am Jack Casey, James Casey, Claire McCarthy

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

Visit our website at 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
Susan Breen
Ester Bugler
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
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray
Lorraine Walton



Rest in Peace

Rose Nugent



New Parishioners

Ivan D'Souza

Parish Information

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 and 10:30 am in Church
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am in the Gym (1401 W. Granville)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
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Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
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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

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. 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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