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The Most Holy Trinity & Corpus Christi

Bulletin for June 16 & June 23, 2019



Three Persons
One God

From Father Rich

NCA finished its school year this past week and CPS is not far behind, so we enter into the true time of summer! I hope everyone will find the time to rest, relax, enjoy, celebrate. It is the time of the year we all look for recreation, which also always leads us as well to re-creation!

During this summertime, as many groups take breaks from their regular schedules, we also try to get caught up on some projects around the parish plant. Most of the masonry work is finished on the Ministry Center, and we are awaiting some final judgements which will allow the old electrical pole behind the Ministry Center to be removed and the new power lines to be brought in. Those are both exterior projects. All the kneelers in Church are on their way to be repaired, and this job can hopefully be completed in the next few weeks. And we are doing some much-needed and long-delayed work inside the Ministry Center on the first floor.

Time-allowing, all the wooden floors in the Ministry Center will be sanded, lightly stained, and then clear-coated for endurance. All the walls and ceilings will be painted and we will be replacing either light fixtures or light bulbs throughout the Ministry Center to brighten up every room and hallway. As part of this project, we have cleared out much of the old furniture that was pretty beaten up, and are touching up and re-upholstering what was still in good condition. We will also be purchasing some additional office furniture to allow for greater usage of the various spaces. The Heart-to-Heart offices will get their floors re-finished and the walls and ceilings painted. When it is all finished, the chapel space will be expanded when the drape separating it from the back room is removed and it will become one whole space. All the groups that currently have or need some storage space will have it in the back room that was once the sacristy for the former chapel, and possibly in some of the cabinets in the kitchen.

Besides lightening up the Ministry Center with new bulbs or fixtures, we are also hoping to run additional outlets into all the meeting rooms. Exactly how this can happen is still being worked out. Finally, depending on the timeline, we hope to remove the tile floor in the kitchen and restore the original wooden floor. The kitchen will also get new light fixtures, and the kitchen outlets upgraded to GFCI. Then the cabinets will be painted.

All the groups using the Ministry Center for their meetings have been notified this is happening and we have asked their understanding if they have to meet in a different room, or even another building while this work goes on.

How are we paying for this? In the past few months, we got some additional not-for-profit tenants who rent space for offices on the second floor. We are keeping all the funds from their rent separate and it will be dedicated to continued improvements in the Ministry Center. We have also taken some of the funds that were set aside to re-wire the Rectory offices and living spaces. That work still needs to be done, but it seems prudent at this time to try to get at least the first floor of the Ministry Center into better shape. Of course, any extra contributions dedicated to the work in the Ministry Center would be very much appreciated! And if you would like to have a room named in honor of yourself or someone else, that is also possible! If you would like to contribute to this project, please indicate it on your check or envelope and place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Rectory. Any and all gifts are very much appreciated!

We've also been trying to tidy up some of the landscaping around the parish buildings, including better edging around walkways, getting bushes and other plants away from touching the buildings, etc.

This is our first every-other-week bulletin of the summer. If you need something included in the bulletin, please be aware its date for submission may be a full two weeks in advance!

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and men in our lives who have guided and nurtured us along the way!

~ *Father Rich*

Growing in Faith

After much prayer, I told my counselor I decided to enter the vocation of marriage and fatherhood. She knew I had no one in mind and thought my plan quixotic i.e. “romantic and unrealistic or possessed by almost impossible hopes.” With prayer and hope, I pursued my impossible dream. Remarkably, I was reintroduced to Cris after meeting her once ten years earlier. I believe the Holy Spirit guided us through time and space to meet again. We married and began a family.

Witnessing the birth of your children is a life-changing event. Nothing is ever the same. The “crash cart” is prepared for the unexpected. Birth is a miracle and not an easy one!

As a father, my first job was to secure the car seat. That took a bit longer than labor; soon we were on the bumpy road of parenthood. Luckily, my dad was a great role model – strong, trusting, honest, hard-

working and Germanically loving. He even did housework!

Twenty-seven years of raising two beautiful very different kids is challenging—hurts and healing, good times and bad, sickness and health—confident our Co-Creator is with us. I hope I am doing well—a bit short on discipline but long on love. In the end, God is Love and embraces us on our quixotic journey.

I made the right choice three decades ago. I live in the mysterious flow of life, confident our God of unconditional love has the crash cart ready for the many surprises of fatherhood.

~ Ken Brucks for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 16 *Father's Day*

- 10:30 am ~ Last Gym Mass until September

Monday, June 17

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

Saturday, June 22

- After the 5:00 pm Mass ~ Teen summer mission trip fundraiser in the back of Church

Sunday, June 23

- Teen summer mission trip fundraiser in the back of Church after the 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses
- Summer Combined Mass schedule begins (There will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses in Church.)

Thursday, June 27

- 6:30 pm ~ Women's club June outing to the Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park
- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Council meeting in the Ministry Center

Sunday, June 30

- 8:00am-1:30pm ~ LifeSource blood drive in the Social Hall

Monday, July 1

- Father Mike Gabriel begins at St. Gertrude
- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal preparation class in the Rectory (Registration required.)

Thursday, July 4 *Independence Day*

- 9:00 am ~ Mass (Hospitality to follow.)
- The Rectory will be closed.

Friday, July 26 - Sunday, August 4

- Teen summer service trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Saturday, July 27

- 10:00 am ~ PreCana (Registration required.)

Sunday, August 25

- Renew My Church presentation/ice cream social at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall (1609 W. Gregory Ave.)

- *Meetings in the Ministry Center are subject to relocation.*
- *Bulletins will be printed on a bi-weekly schedule through Labor Day weekend. Information about deadlines and issue dates is available on our website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.*

Parish News

Last Gym Mass until September: Our 10:30 am Gym Mass will be on hiatus over the summer after Sunday, June 16, resuming in September. Thank you to the coordinators of the Masses, and the many volunteers who make it so special!

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, June 17 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. For a list of poems that will be read, contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com.

Fundraiser for the Teen Summer Service Trip: This summer, teens from our parish will go to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota from July 26-August 4 for a service trip. Currently, there are seven teens signed up, with room for more. Contact our Youth & Family Minister Jim Potthast at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org to apply.

At the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 22 and 8:00 am and Combined 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 23, our teens who will be participating in the summer service trip to Pine Ridge Reservation will be in the back of Church to raise funds in support of the trip. You can help us fill our "House of Nails" by purchasing a nail for \$1 and putting it in the house. Thank you in advance for your support!

Summer Combined Mass Schedule Extended Until September: As mentioned last fall, this year we will be experimenting with a summer Combined Mass schedule. Summer is generally a time of vacation for many of our parish families, and many of our helper priests are Jesuits from Loyola who follow an academic schedule. Now, from June 23 to September 1, our Mass schedule will be:

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am – Sheridan Road
- Sunday: 10:30 am – Combined Mass

The 10:30 am Combined Mass will be in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Please note, we've extended our Combined Mass schedule through Labor Day weekend. Our regular Sunday Mass schedule will resume on Sunday, September 8.

St. Gertrude's Women's Club June Outing: Join us at the Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park Thursday, June 27 and relax on the lawn with music and friends. Indie folk/pop and indie rock/alternative country is on the schedule with Flora Cash and Susto Music. The concert will start at 6:30 pm, but come when you can and bring a snack or drink to share. Contact Laurie Jacob to RSVP and coordinate a meeting place at jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net or 773.262.6816.

Upcoming Blood Drive: LifeSource will hold a blood drive on Sunday, June 30 from 8:00 am-1:30 pm in the Social Hall. To schedule an appointment please call 877.543.3768 or visit lifesource.org, Select *Donate Blood* and *Make an Appointment*, then scroll down the webpage to search by group code 591. Appointments are recommended. Walk-ins are welcome!

Introducing Father

Mike Gabriel: Fr. Mike Gabriel, the Pastor of Holy Family (on Roosevelt Rd.) until Sunday, June 30, will be part-time here at St. Gertrude starting Monday, July 1. Fr. Mike is a great



priest and I think you will very much enjoy his presence here. I last worked with him when I was Pastor at St. Josaphat and he was the associate Pastor for a number of years, including being the administrator while I was away on a sabbatical. Fr. Mike will be with us for at least a year. He will also be assisting Holy Family as it transitions to a new parish with some of the other parishes in that area. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

~ Father Rich

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, July 1 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required, call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up.

Independence Day Closing: The Rectory will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Mass will be held at 9:00 am with hospitality to follow in the back of Church.

Parish News (continued)

PreCana Classes Offered: If you are an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude, or a parishioner planning on getting married anywhere else, attendance at a PreCana is part of the marriage preparation process for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

A Note from our Music Minister: I want to thank all of our teen music ministers who have given so much of their time and talent throughout the past academic year and added much joy to our liturgies. This includes George Siegle (trumpet and piano), Eleanor Siegle (flute), Jack and James Casey (violin), Nicholas Bussey (trombone), and Casey Cancilla (string bass.)

In particular, I wish to recognize and applaud the seniors who are graduating from high school and have been an integral part of this ministry for over six years—Nicholas Bussey, Eleanor Siegle, and Casey Cancilla. I wish them well in their new endeavors and hope they will always find a place to make music in their lives.

~ Mary Clare Baker

Renew My Church: The very first gathering for our grouping (the parishes in our area who will be working together) 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. At the gathering, updates will be shared about how we will be proceeding in Renew My Church. The time will be announced later, but it will be in the afternoon.

Lending Closet: Our Heart to Heart Ministry's Lending Closet loans medical equipment such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, knee scooters, etc., to parishioners and neighbors free of charge for as long as needed. Please call the Heart to Heart office to schedule an appointment for pick-up or return of needed items at 773.973.5464. The hours to access this service are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

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.

Congratulations to Parishioner Ginger Williams! Ginger was named an 2019 Edgewater Living Treasure for her volunteer work at St. Gertrude, the Edgewater Community Council and the 48th Ward office, Friends of the Edgewater Library, and Edgewater Village Chicago. We are so pleased she has been recognized for her many years of service to our faith community and all of Edgewater.



In Care of our Common Home

From today's second reading: "Affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope. Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit has given us the power to keep hope alive in these desperate times. It is not easy to continue to do the right thing regarding our environment. But with each small step we take we must remember the damage our countrymen have caused and take steps to improve our practices.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis states, "(T)rue statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold right principles and think of the long-term common good."

This week's tip: Abstain from meat one to two days this week.

To join the NCA Green Team, please contact George Tully at georgetully82@gmail.com.

~ Debbie Kern, NCA Green Team

Corpus Christi: Feast Day of the Love of Jesus

We all have a special place in our heart for remembering our First Holy Communion. Our teacher or Catechist explained that we were to receive Jesus himself. For many of us, whether we knelt at an altar rail or stepped forward to receive the host, the receiving of the Eucharist was a time when we experienced the presence of Jesus within us, loving us. Vatican II introduced our saying "Amen" whenever we were offered, "Body of Christ" and "Blood of Christ", for in that "YES" was our own commitment to live striving to follow Jesus, in union with the Christian community, with the Church.

Corpus Christi is when we recognize the Eucharist as Jesus' expression of love and support until the end time. It is his very presence to strengthen us, a goodbye gift so we would never really be apart.

Jews are not permitted to drink blood, because as the book of Leviticus 17:4 holds: *For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, you shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood.*

Since it is God who gives life to every creature, and the "life is in the blood", Jesus, as an observant Jew, would never have consumed blood. So it is poignant, and profound, that Jesus thought to share his life with

us, in us, by giving us himself, body and, yes, blood, so that his life would flow in us!

On the June 23 feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of Jesus' love and his understanding of our need for his closeness, let us join our own hearts to celebrate this loving gift, and as we receive the body and blood of the Lord, let our "yes" renew our commitment to live his new commandment, "Love one another, as I have loved you!"

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D



Parish Stewardship

"Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" ~ Romans 5:5

Hope poured, if we accept it, into our hearts. And then if we receive that hope, can we pour it out so that others may share in it?

Sunday Collection June 8-9	\$5,905.00
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$1,820.00

Parish Development Council

We are establishing a Development Council to oversee planning for the financial resources of the parish—both immediate and long-term. If you are interested in this parish ministry, please email Father Rich at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or drop off the form below in the collection basket or at the Rectory. An application is also available for download on the home page of our website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

NOMINATION FOR PARISH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

_____ I am interested in joining the newly forming Parish Development Council.
_____ I nominate _____
for the newly forming Parish Development Council. I (please circle one): have/have not spoken with this person about this nomination.

Your name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Our Parish at Prayer for June 17-23

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:30 am Timothy Czech †

TUESDAY, JUNE 187:30 am Parishioners of St.
Gertrude**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

7:30 am Barbara Duslak †

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 am Aileen D'Elia †

SATURDAY, JUNE 227:30 am Purgatorial Society
5:00 pm Betty McKee †**SUNDAY, JUNE 23 *Corpus Christi***8:00 am Jenny Wyman †
9:30 am Nereida Maso †
10:30 am Sylvia Melzer †*Our summer Combined Mass schedule will be
Sunday, June 23-Labor Day weekend.*

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Ministers of the Word For June 22-23

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

5:00 pm Jayne Deiters, Steve Matre

SUNDAY, JUNE 238:00 am Rob Sierzega, Marty McDermott
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Jacklyn Meier, Sarah Millar*Our summer Combined Mass schedule will be
Sunday, June 23-Labor Day weekend.*

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.

Because of government regulations, hospital, nursing homes, etc., cannot contact us with this information. Heart to Heart staff will then notify the Rectory.

Readings for June 17-23

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4;
Mt 5:38-42**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a;
Mt 5:43-48**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8;
Mt 6:7-15**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7;
Mt 6:19-23**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13;
Mt 6:24-34**Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23
-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Eucharistic Ministers for June 22-23

SATURDAY, JUNE 225:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Tim Harrington,
Patricia Norcik, Kathy Wall**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**8:00 am Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, Rob
Sierzega, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Wyler
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Carlos Barragan,
Brad Mulick, Gail Smith, Sharon Brown,
Karen Griebel, Steven Monti*Our summer Combined Mass schedule will be
Sunday, June 23-Labor Day weekend.*

Altar Servers for June 22-23

SATURDAY, JUNE 225:00 pm Ellie Fulkerson, Nate Fulkerson, Bridget
Fulkerson**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**10:30 am Grace Cashman, Miriam Itta, Gabe
Morrow*Our summer Combined Mass schedule will be
Sunday, June 23-Labor Day weekend.*

Our Parish at Prayer for June 24-30

MONDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 am Purgatorial Society

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 am Frederic Donnelly †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 am TJ & Mary Heidakamp †

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 am Nora O'Callaghan †

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

7:30 am Timothy Czech †

5:00 pm Maria McKee Boylan †

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 am The deceased of the Strubbe-Galoney family †

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

10:30 am Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Ministers of the Word for June 29 & 30

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Kathleen Dawson

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Hallie Burhoe

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

10:30 am Rose Karasti, Troy McMillian

Save the Date—Powers of Attorney and Wills Presentation Planned

Heart to Heart is sponsoring an outreach meeting for all parishioners on the topics of 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 at the Ministry Center. On Friday, September 20 from 12:00-2:30 pm, attorneys will conduct a free workshop to assist participating parishioners with completing personalized Powers of Attorney and wills. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be available in August.

Readings for June 24-30

Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Eucharistic Ministers for June 29 & 30

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (with Mary Cook assisting), Kathleen Dawson, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, Peter Morin, Sr. Kathryn Stimac

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Kathy Dunne, Mary Donlan, Nancy Merrill, Rafael Melendez, Patrick Robinson, Chris Lincoln, Lina Peon

Altar Servers for June 29 & 30

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

5:00 pm Ethan Vargas, Leila Vargas, Fiona Reynolds

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

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

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Walter Bradford

Ed & Ester Bugler

Maggie Callaway

Geraldine Clark

Mary Ferguson

Mary Fitzgerald

Joan Harrington

Maria Hertl

Peggy Stoffel

Marilynn Wagner



Rest in Peace

Barbara Duslak



New Parishioners

Jordan & Emily Decker-Bess

Michael Mencarini & Meghan
Morrissy

Laurie Seiwert

Christopher & Christa Tucker



Baptisms

Theodore Philip Drotleff

Hugo Stephen Farrell

Ethan Paul Kanichirayil

Ford Liam & Palmer Lou Krupa

Ellis Ayotunde Mustapha

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
 Brenda K. Arreola, 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
 Amanda Kvasnica, 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, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
 9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
 10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
 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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 E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
 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 - 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.

Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.

Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center