

# St. Gertrude

*All Are Welcome*

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**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bulletin for October 6, 2019**

Lord, increase  
our faith.

*~ Luke 17:5*



*From Father Rich*

Our nation is once again facing a time of stress and testing as the House of Representatives proceeds on an investigation about the possible impeachment of the President. Regardless of your political persuasion, this is a moment when we all need to turn to prayer and ask for God’s help to get through this time until healing can come to some of the great divisions among us. While it is only normal to slip into our various “silos”, reaffirming our own positions and hardening them, it is very important we pray for the grace to be open to the truth—wherever it may lead. And the outcome we should be seeking is not revenge or ruin, but health for the entire nation.

This is week two of Sign-up Sunday. Last weekend, the Sign-up Sunday forms were in the bulletin and on the tables in the back of Church. If you don’t already have one, please take one today and consider if there is some ministry or volunteer opportunity you could participate in for the continued vitality of the parish and as a means of sharing your own time and talent. Next weekend, I will present the Annual Financial Report at all the Masses as the third part of our annual Stewardship weekends, reporting on the use of our “treasure”—the financial resources from your contributions which make possible all our activities. Please consider your own weekly gift through the offertory collection. Does that gift reflect your commitment to the parish and your faith in God?

Everyone is invited to bring their pet(s) for the Blessing of Pets on the front porch of Church at 12:00 pm today (Sunday). Join Fr. Mike Bradley as we follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi in honoring “all creatures great and small.” (St. Francis’ Feast day was Friday, October 4.)

Don’t forget to cheer on Fr. Mike Bradley as he once again runs in the Chicago Marathon! If you would like to sponsor him, there are forms on the table in the back of Church—including some photos of marathons he has run in past years—including in Paris, France! All donations to his run go to support the Heart to Heart ministry here at St. Gertrude Parish.

In lieu of the annual fall play, this year everyone is invited to a Cabaret on Saturday, October 19. Join other parishioners for an evening of music, song, and fellowship, which also raises funds for Heart to Heart.

The Rite of Acceptance for the young women and men preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 20. And the Rite of Acceptance for the girls and boys preparing for their First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 27. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the reception of these sacraments.

Once again, this year everyone is invited to nominate fellow parishioners for the Parish Service Awards which will be presented at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The form for nominations is below and on the home page of our website [www.stgertrude.org](http://www.stgertrude.org). Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory by Monday, October 28.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for a St. Gertrude Parish Service Award  
in the category (circle one): *Prayer & Worship*    *Education*    *Human Concerns*    *Youth*  
*Parish Life*    *Lifetime*

for the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Growing in Faith

*How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?*

The voices of refugees and asylum seekers echo in today's reading from the Prophet Habakkuk—the cries of our brothers and sisters at our southern border, praying to escape grinding poverty and violence; or the equally desperate pleas of migrant families traversing the Mediterranean Sea in unstable boats, hoping to reach Europe.

What does God ask of us in these unsettling times?

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

But what if we are afraid? Humanitarians, like U.S. geographer Scott Warren, are being prosecuted for leaving water for thirsty migrants in the Sonoran Desert!

*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but*

*rather of power and love and self-control..."*

Scott models the power and love and self-control St. Paul assures us will come from God when we are faithful. And Sicilian fisherman Carlo Giarratano, defying Italian law to rescue migrants adrift at sea, articulates the Gospel message that we have no choice but to act as faithful servants, when we recognize the divine in our midst: *"I'd be lying if I told you I didn't think I might end up in prison when I saw that dinghy in distress. But I knew in my heart that a dirty conscience would be worse than prison. I would have been haunted until my death, maybe even beyond, by those desperate cries for help."*

***"If today we hear his voice, harden not our hearts."***

~ Laurie Hasbrook for  
*Growing in Faith*



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, October 6

- Sign-up Sunday in the back of Church
- 12:00 pm ~ Blessing of Pets on the Church steps

### Monday, October 7

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

### Wednesday, October 9

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm ~ Refugee Ministry in the Ministry Center

### Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation candidates (year one) and parent meeting in the Social Hall

### Saturday, October 12

- 5:00 pm ~ State of the Parish annual report
- 5:00 pm ~ Blessing of Chicago marathon runners

### Sunday, October 13

- Father Mike to run the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart
- State of the Parish annual report at all Masses

### Monday, October 14

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

### Saturday, October 19

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

### Saturday, October 19 (continued)

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm ~ VIRTUS training in the NCA cafeteria (Registration required.)
- 7:30 pm ~ Heart to Heart Cabaret in the Gym

### Sunday, October 20

- 10:30 am ~ Confirmation (year two) Rite of Acceptance

### Monday, October 21

- 6:00 pm ~ First Reconciliation/First Communion parent meeting in Church
- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

### Friday, October 25

- 12:00-2:30 pm ~ Rescheduled Powers of Attorney/Living Wills workshop in the Social Hall

### Sunday, October 27

- 10:30 am ~ Rite of Acceptance for First Reconciliation/First Communion
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted at the Social Hall

### Monday, October 28

- Nomination deadline for Parish Service Awards

### Wednesday, October 30

- Christmas Bazaar vendor application deadline

## *It's Heart to Heart Month!*

This October, we celebrate the work of Heart to Heart, a ministry grown at St. Gertrude that serves some of our most vulnerable residents in Edgewater—our senior citizens. The outreach program works both to connect those in need with programs they may be eligible for, and to provide practical help.



Volunteers drive them to doctors' appointments, run errands, pick up prescriptions, pop in for a friendly visit to see how they are doing, check in with a phone call, or even walk the dog of a sick parishioner. With the help of these dedicated volunteers, we've been able to help hundreds of older persons live quality, dignified, independent lives in their own home.

Equally as important as tending to basic needs is the human connection that Heart to Heart provides to the lonely, poor, or those in need. Social services at St. Gertrude is about showing love and care through a listening ear, a smile, a kind word, a visit to break up a long day, or a helping hand. It's about putting faith into action by loving our neighbors and tending to their needs.

Heart to Heart depends on the generosity of the parish community to continue its work. Fundraisers, like Father Mike's participation in the Chicago Marathon and the Heart to Heart Cabaret, are wonderful ways to raise funds for this ministry, but we do need additional financial help. Please consider supporting our work by making a donation to Heart to Heart in church, at the Rectory, or online at [givecentral.org/location/8](https://www.givecentral.org/location/8). Donations made with a check should be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish with Heart to Heart written in the memo line. Thank you for supporting our work!

~ Jane Callahan-Moore

## *Father Mike to Run the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart*

On Sunday, October 13, over 45,000 runners will take part in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. A number of parishioners and I will be among them. If you have a prayer intention that you would like me to remember as I run the 26.2 miles, please send your intention to me at [mbradley@archchicago.org](mailto:mbradley@archchicago.org).

This year, I am once again running to support the wonderful ministry of Heart to Heart, our parish's organization that reaches out to the elderly and shut-ins of the Edgewater community. Heart to Heart provides a helping hand to those who need a ride to the doctor, home visits, and wellness checks. There is also a medical equipment lending service that provides walkers, canes, and other assistance.

Because of your support for my run, last year over \$15,700 was raised. Once again, I ask that you please contribute to Heart to Heart. Envelopes for this cause are available in the back of church, or you could donate online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>.

For those runners who are taking part in the Chicago Marathon (or any marathon), you will have the

prayers and encouragement of the St. Gertrude community. Please let me know that you are running, and I'll add your name to our prayer intentions. It's always good to realize that people are praying that God will guide our steps.

Thank you very much for your support for this run!

*"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." ~ Hebrews 12:1*

~ Father Mike Bradley



*This is Father Mike's 20th Chicago Marathon and 46th marathon overall!*

## Parish News

**TODAY—Sign-up Sunday:** Have you been thinking of a way to give back or make connections at St. Gertrude? On Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, there will be sign up sheets in Church to join the various parish ministries. These include parish advisory groups, assisting at Masses, teaching roles, groups that address human concerns, and more.

**TODAY—Blessing of Pets:** All creatures, great and small, are welcome to the blessing for animals on Sunday, October 6 at 12:00 pm. Father Mike Bradley will officiate the 20-30 minute blessing on the front steps of the church, which is held in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.



**Baptismal Preparation Class:** The next class will be Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

**Knitting Group:** The knitting group invites all

knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making on Wednesday, October 9 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

**Refugee Ministry:** The next meeting of the Refugee Ministry will be Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

**Confirmation Candidate Info:** Confirmation candidates in year one and their parents are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

The Rite of Acceptance for Confirmation candidates in year two will be held on Sunday, October 20 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

**Blessing of Chicago Marathon Runners:** At the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 12, all marathon participants will be blessed.

**State of the Parish:** At all Masses the weekend of October 12 and 13, the state of the parish annual financial report will be reviewed.

**Good Books & Poetry Pilgrims:** The book club will meet on Monday, October 14 and Poetry Pilgrims will gather on Monday, October 21. Both meet at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com) with any questions.

## Cabaret Night to Benefit Heart to Heart

*St. Gertrude Parish Presents*

**A Cabaret Night**

*Saturday, October 19*

**7:30 pm - 10:00 pm**

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

**Join us for an evening of great music!**

*Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors*

All proceeds go to Heart to Heart !

*Volunteers are needed for many tasks! Please visit [stgertrudechicago.org/heart-to-heart-month](http://stgertrudechicago.org/heart-to-heart-month) for a link to sign up to help.*



**Parish News (continued)**

**PreCana Class Offered:** Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

**VIRTUS Training Session:** Volunteers from Heart to Heart and other ministries that require VIRTUS training are invited to attend a training session on Saturday, October 19. It will start promptly at 10:00 am in the NCA cafeteria and end at 1:00 pm. Call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.973.5464 to sign up and for more information.

**First Reconciliation/First Communion:** Parents of children making their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year are asked to attend a parent meeting on Monday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in Church. The Rite of Acceptance for First Communion and First Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

**Date for Powers of Attorney/Living Wills Workshop:** The Powers of Attorney/Living Wills Workshop that was postponed in September has been rescheduled for Friday, October 25 from 12:00-2:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Attendees must have pre-registered in September with the Heart to Heart office in order to attend this event. They will receive a reminder call from the Heart to Heart director prior to the event.

**Christmas Bazaar White Elephant Donations:** Contributions for the White Elephant areas will be accepted on Sundays from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Gym, 1401 W. Granville Ave., beginning Sunday, October 27 through Sunday, December 1.

Please note, no clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

**Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Slots Now Open:** To volunteer to help on Sundays with the White Elephant donations or at the Bazaar, visit [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in [events@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:events@stgertrudechicago.org) and you can choose how you would like to help.

**Applications to Become a Vendor at St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar Available:** This year, our annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Tables for vendors can be reserved for \$50 per day per table. Applications can be found on the home page of the parish website, [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org), in the back of Church, or at the Rectory.

Applications are due by Wednesday, October 30. Email Victoria Healy at [stgertsbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:stgertsbazaar@gmail.com) for more info.

**Stewardship**

*“Take as your norm in the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.”*

~ 2 Timothy 1:13-14

The faith and love brought to us through Christ are a grace, a gift. And we, as human persons, can do with grace whatever we will. But God counts on us to use this gift wisely. Let us not squander our God-given grace; let us put it to use for the betterment of all creation.

~ Art Blumberg,

Director of Parish Management and Facilities

Sunday Collection Sept. 28-29	\$5,033.50
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$2,691.50</b>



**Recent Second Collections**

Seminary Collection	<b>\$997.39</b>
Summer Mission Appeal	<b>\$2,306.70</b>
Hurricane Dorian Relief Collection (for Catholic Relief Services)	<b>\$1,608.81</b>

## *October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

During the month of October, St. Gertrude will partner with the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach and collect items needed by victims of domestic violence and their children living in local shelters. We will collect:

- diapers and pull-ups
- children's new pajamas and socks
- full-sized toiletries
  - ◆ shampoo & conditioner
  - ◆ deodorant
  - ◆ toothpaste & toothbrushes
  - ◆ feminine hygiene products

The collection drive donations will benefit:

- A Safe Place
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia
- Connections for Abused Women and their Children
- Family Rescue
- House of Good Shepherd
- Pillars Constance Morris House
- South Suburban Family Shelter
- WINGS Program, Inc.

A bin for donations is located in the back of Church.

## *How to Help a Friend or Family Member*

If someone you love is being abused, it can be so difficult to know what to do. Your instinct may be to "save" them from the relationship, but it's not that easy. After all, there are many reasons why people stay in abusive relationships, and leaving can be a very dangerous time for a victim.

Abuse is about power and control, so one of the most important ways you can help a person in an abusive relationship is to consider how you might empower them to make their own decisions. Additionally, you can offer support in various ways:

**Acknowledge that they are in a very difficult and scary situation, be supportive and listen.**

Let them know that the abuse is not their fault. Reassure them that they are not alone and that there is help and support out there. It may be difficult for them to talk about the abuse. Let them know that you are available to help whenever they may need it. What they need most is someone who will listen and believe them.

**Be non-judgmental.**

Respect your friend or family member's decisions. There are many reasons why victims stay in abusive relationships. They may leave and return to the relationship many times. Do not criticize their decisions or try to guilt them. They will need your support even more during those times.

**If they end the relationship, continue to be supportive of them.**

Even though the relationship was abusive, your friend or family member may still feel sad and lonely once it is over. They will need time to mourn the loss of the relationship and will especially need your support at that time.

**Encourage them to participate in activities outside of the relationship with friends & family.**

Support is critical and the more they feel supported by people who care for them, the easier it will be for them to take the steps necessary to safely exit the relationship and stay away from their abusive partner.

**Help them develop a safety plan.**

Check out information on creating a safety plan for wherever they are in their relationship—whether they're choosing to stay, preparing to leave, or have already left.

**Encourage them to talk to people who can provide help & guidance.**

Find a local agency that provides counseling or support groups. Encourage them to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) to get a referral to one of these programs near you. Offer to go with them. If they have to go to the police, court or lawyer's office, offer to go along for moral support.

**Remember that you cannot "rescue" them.**

Although it is difficult to see someone you care about get hurt, ultimately they are the one who has to make the decisions about what they want to do. It's important for you to support them no matter what they decide, and help them find a way to safety and peace.

*Information courtesy of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Visit [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) for additional info on helping teens and co-workers in abusive relationships, what defines healthy and unhealthy relationship, and more.*

**Our Parish at Prayer for  
October 7-13**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

7:30 am George & Ethel Heintz †

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

7:30 am Mary Kathryn Lavery Micklewright †

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

7:30 am Communion Service

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

7:30 am Joseph Phong Nguyen  
8:30 am NCA Mass

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

7:30 am Purgatorial Society  
5:00 pm Theresa Cenar †

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:00 am Ralph & Pat Veccie †  
9:30 am Jack Newhall †  
10:30 am Francis Anthony & Angela Emanuele †  
10:30 am Sarah Cunningham † (Gym Mass)

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

**Ministers of the Word  
for October 12-13**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

5:00 pm Jayne Deiters, Pat Reardon

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Mark Kollar  
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward  
10:30 am Amanda Robertson, Patrick Robinson  
10:30 am TBD (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  
October 7-13**

**Monday:** Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**Eucharistic Ministers  
for October 12-13**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Tim Harrington, Patricia Norcik, Roman Reyes

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Wyler  
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward  
10:30 am Christine Curran, Kathy Dunne, Rafael Melendez, Ruth Ott, Steven Monti, Sharon Brown, Karen Griebel  
10:30 am TBD (Gym Mass)

**Altar Servers  
for October 12-13**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

5:00 pm Miles Reynolds, Nolan Reynolds, Jayden Reyes

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

10:30 am Nonso Okoye, Jean Rosenmayer, Henry Jacobson

**Medical Items Needed for Heart to Heart  
Lending Closet**

Due to this summer's high demand for the Heart to Heart Lending Closet's durable medical equipment, we are looking for wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, and rollator walkers to be donated.

Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.



*Milestones*



*Please Pray  
for Our Parishioners  
and Friends*

Walter Bradford  
Ed & Ester Bugler  
Maggie Callaway  
Aida Calvopina  
Geraldine Clark  
Andrew Elwood  
Mary Ferguson  
Mary Fitzgerald  
Joan Harrington  
Maria Hertl  
Bernice Kiedysz

Karey Myers  
Don Piven  
Kyle Rutherford  
Charley Scantlebury  
Elizabeth & Richard  
Seitz  
Peggy Stoffel  
Elinora E. Tolentino  
Norma E. Viray  
Marilynn Wagner



*Rest in Peace*

Ejeme Hyginus,  
father of parishioner Appolonia  
Nnaji



*All are Welcome*

Ben Kitegi  
If you are interested in joining  
our community of faith, please  
fill out a registration form.

They are located in the back of Church,  
at the Rectory, and online at  
our parish website,  
[www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org).

*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, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)  
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)

**LOCATIONS:**

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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**

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. 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](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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