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**Bulletin for
Sunday, April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter/
Divine Mercy Sunday**

News from St. Gertrude

With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere thanks to all our parishioners, volunteers, and staff who helped make our journey from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday so truly beautiful and meaningful. From the joyful procession of palms to the quiet reverence of Holy Week and the triumphant celebration of the Resurrection, each liturgy was enriched by your presence, your prayer, and your generous sharing of time and talent. Whether you served in visible roles or worked quietly behind the scenes, your dedication helped create worship experiences that uplifted and inspired our entire community.



As we continue through this joyful Easter season, we carry forward the spirit of hope and renewal that you helped bring to life in such powerful ways. The celebration of Easter is not just a single day, but a season that invites us to live as people of the Resurrection—sharing Christ's love, joy, and peace with one another. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to strengthen our parish community and to deepen our shared sense of faith and connection.



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Holy Week and Easter



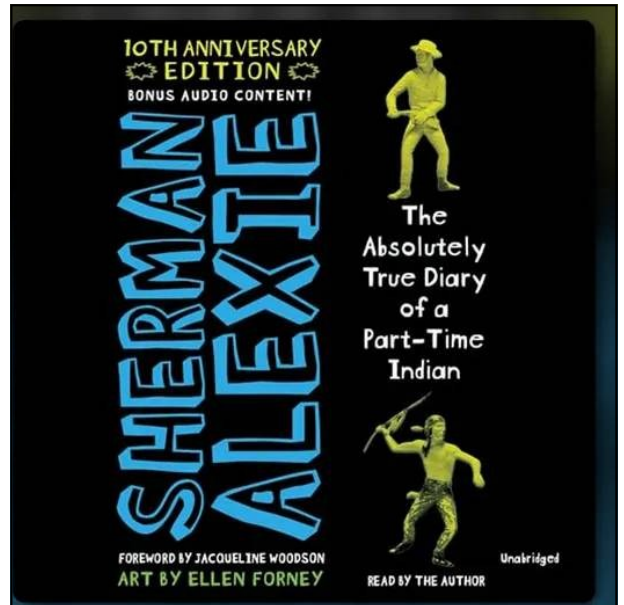
Parish Events & Activities

(Listed in chronological order)

Book Club is Tuesday, April 14

Join us for a discussion of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm at the Ministry Center, 6214 W. Glenwood. New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).



Brewed at St. Gertrude Social Gathering Planned for Next Sunday, April 19

After the 10:30 am masses on Sunday, April 19 all are invited to our monthly "Brewed at St. Gertrude" hospitality event in the Social Hall, featuring pastries, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

All are welcome—new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors!

Join Us for the Rosary at St. Gerts

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings

All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass

Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Friday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!



**Help Us Meet
the Need Today!**



Care for Real Collections

St. Gertrude will host a collection drive for Care for Real on April 25-26. Our Care for Real collection takes place on the fourth weekend of each month, and our asylum seekers' collection is held on the first weekend of each month.

SNAP is one of the most effective ways to address food insecurity in the United States. However, as eligibility requirements change, many of our neighbors—especially seniors and others without exemptions—are at risk of losing their benefits. New requirements to work or volunteer 80 hours per month and report this to the state can be difficult to meet, increasing the risk of food insecurity.

As a result, Care for Real anticipates a growing need for their services. For more information, including current needs and ways to give, please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> or follow their Facebook and Instagram pages.

We are grateful for your continued generosity in supporting Care for Real as they provide food and essential supplies to neighbors in need.

Teens Invited to Join St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience

Parish teens are invited to participate in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience, taking place June 22–26. Open to students entering seventh grade through high school, this weeklong experience offers teens the chance to serve alongside Chicagoland organizations while growing in faith, friendship, and community.

The cost for the week is \$125. To reserve a spot or learn more, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org. Please note, the deadline to sign up is Saturday, May 23.



Financial Report for April 4-5

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$11,754.00
 Loose Checks: \$2,785.00
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$ 3,641.24
 Online Donations: \$5,639.05
 Total Collected: \$23,819.29
 Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: \$13,819.29
 YTD Collected FY 2026: \$421,459.23
 YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
 Difference: -\$128,540.77
 Holy Thursday: \$1,363.00
 Holy Land (Good Friday): \$1,340.04

Growing in Faith

"Walking together and leading our parish, toward the fullness of life in Christ."

Today's readings reveal the dual realities of the early Church. On one hand, many of Jesus' followers experienced trauma and disbelief, much like Saint Thomas the Apostle after witnessing Jesus' horrific public execution. On the other hand, a community was forming—one marked by a shared sense of purpose and a deep commitment to Jesus' teachings, lived out through the apostles.

As Christians around the world celebrated the Paschal Mystery last weekend, the Church also welcomed a record number of new Catholics at the Easter Vigil. While this excitement and energy make for compelling headlines, they also call local parishes and parishioners to reflect on what it truly means to grow into a new community. We are challenged to remember our ancestors in faith—their despair, hope, and zeal. These are not merely stories to be retold, but a blueprint for what parish life can and should look like today.

Our parish continues to change. We are not the same community we were 10, 50, or 100 years ago. There are new needs, new faces, and new hopes. With each new generation, we are, in a sense, "remembering." This ongoing renewal calls for a spirit of zeal as we recommit ourselves "to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers." This task is not the sole responsibility of Fr. Sergio, the parish staff, or a select group of parishioners. Each of us is called to be a pilgrim people—walking together and leading our parish toward the fullness of life in Christ.

~ Steven Patzke



Looking to Send Content to the Bulletin or to Have an Announcement Made? Use this New Email!

Content for the bulletin should now be sent to news@stgertrudechicago.org. Information should arrive 10 days before the Sunday you'd like your announcement to appear (Friday morning before 10:00 am. Early submissions are appreciated, as bulletin size can vary week to week, and both a print and an e-bulletin are produced.

Curious About Events & Activities at St. Gerts?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page, stgertrudechicago.org, and in our [Events calendar](#), found under the *News/Programs* heading!



Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

Ricardo Binalber

In Memory of Maria José Ferreira de Souza from Ana Ward

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. Escara

In Memory of Warren Meintz from Jacalyn Meier

In Memory of Jeanette Cordero by Cristina Cordero

We are offering an opportunity to celebrate someone in your life, living or deceased, during the Easter season. Please consider making an Easter Flower offering in their name.

Envelopes are available in the back of the Church and may be placed in the collection basket or sent to Rectory. The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.

NCA Events and Info

Meet the 'Cats!

9:00 – 10:30 AM

UPCOMING
EVENTS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

THURSDAY MAY 7

Learn more about the upcoming 2026-27 school year at **Northside Catholic Academy** with coffee and conversation. All families and students welcome to attend.

RSVP at northsidecatholic.org

For students from Preschool to 8th Grade

NCA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday April 18 10 am - 12 pm
6216 N. Glenwood Ave.



- ✓ Tour our school campus
- ✓ Meet parents & students
- ✓ Learn about our community
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Scholarships available*



SCAN TO RSVP

*Application required.

Parish Info

New Parishioner

- Robert and Laura Dressel

Rest in Peace

- Lorene Devin, mother of Laurie Devine

Schedule for Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Joe Tomasello
- Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker, Jacalyn Meier
- Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Patrick Robinson

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Ellen Pierce, Steven Monti

Altar Servers

- Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Danna Salinas; acolyte: Wyatt Dant
- Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Angel Garcia; acolytes: Mathios Paulos

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Victor Ayes | • Maria Hertl | • Rosa Ott Sandoval |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Gertrude Huisman | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Tony Hunter | • Floret Spalle |
| • Zara Bradley | • John Kahoun | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Maggie Callahan | • Mary E. Kelley | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Marilyn Klein | • Marie Tarallo |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Jim Laczowski | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Kathy Catrambone | • Joseph Lambin | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Cavicke Family | • Carleen Lorys | • Joe Touchstone |
| • Mary DeBois | • River Malik | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • David Denegas | • James Mann | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Alex Marks | • King Wallace |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Theresa McMahon | • Christian Wallace |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael | • Kevin Walsh |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Steve Monti | • Leon Ward |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Hilda Mora | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Marie Galoney | • Patti Paul | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Thomas Hajduch | • Dealina Peon | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Anne Marie Hamde | • Claude Poulsen | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Rochelle Hernandez | • Delphine Richert | |
| • Tricia Hernandez | • Joan Ross | |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, April 13: 7:30 am - Communion Service (Thomas Colon+)
- Tuesday, April 14: 7:30 am - Petra Romo+
- Wednesday, April 15: 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak+
- Thursday, April 16: 7:30 am - Lorene Devin+
- Friday, April 17: 7:30 am - Bill Washburn+
- Saturday, April 18: 5:00 pm - Joe McMahon
- Sunday, April 19: 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 10:30 am - Mark Morbee+; 10:30 am - Will Pruit+

Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager-call 773.973.5464

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Heart to Heart/Lending Closet Contact Info

To reach our Heart to Heart director, Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, call her at 872.296.2537 or email her at squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org. To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events, bulletins, staff contact info, details on how to get involved in the parish, information about Heart to Heart, our Medical Lending Closet, sacraments and more, visit our parish's website at stgertrudechicago.org.