



Open the  
Scriptures  
to us; make  
our hearts  
burn while  
you speak  
to us.  
Luke 24:32

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### **Bulletin for Sunday, April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter**

## News from St. Gertrude

At this point in the Easter Season, the Catholic Church invites us to pause and reflect on how the joy of Easter has taken root in our lives. The initial celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ may feel more distant now, as ordinary routines return. Yet this midpoint is not a winding down—it is an invitation to go deeper, to recognize that Easter is not just a moment, but a way of living.

Halfway through the season, we are reminded that the Resurrection was never meant to be a one-day event. The risen Christ continued to appear to His disciples, strengthening them, teaching them, and preparing them for their mission. In the same way, we are called to remain attentive to how Christ is still present and active in our lives—often in quiet, unexpected ways.

This time also offers an opportunity for honest reflection. Have we held onto the hope and renewal we embraced at Easter, or have we slipped back into old habits of doubt or complacency? The Easter Season encourages us to renew our commitment—to choose again to live as people of the Resurrection through acts of love, mercy, and faith.

As we move toward the great feast of Pentecost, this midpoint becomes a moment of preparation. Just as the disciples were being readied to receive the Holy Spirit, we too are being formed for mission. The joy of Easter is meant to grow, not fade—calling us to become witnesses of hope, carrying the light of the risen Christ into the world around us.



# Parish Events & Activities

*(Listed in chronological order)*



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

Make plans to stay after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 19 for “Brewed at St. Gertrude,” our monthly gathering for coffee and community in the Social Hall. It’s a wonderful chance to slow down, connect, and enjoy some time together.

We’ll have a selection of pastries along with coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Everyone is welcome—whether you’ve been part of the parish for years or are just getting to know the community, we’d love to have you join us!

## 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!



## Financial Report for April 11-12

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,202.00  
Loose Checks: \$420.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$862.18  
Online Donations: \$5,833.56  
Total Collected: \$8,317.74

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
Difference: -\$1,682.26  
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$429,776.97  
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
Difference: -\$120,223.03

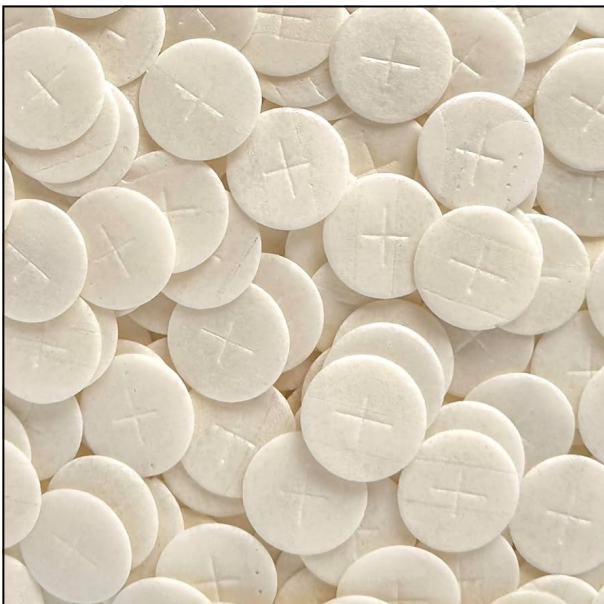
## Care for Real Collection Next Weekend

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.



## In Need of Communion? Our Ministers of Care Can Help

For those who are unable to attend Mass regularly, our Ministers of Care offer a meaningful connection to parish life. These specially trained parishioners bring Holy Communion along with the prayers and presence of our community to those who are homebound or ill.

Through their visits, they share not only the Eucharist but also companionship and spiritual support, reminding each person that they remain a valued and connected member of our parish family.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Sr. Susan at [squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Curious About Events & Activities at St. Gerts?

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



## Teens Invited to Join St. Gert's Youth Mission Experience: Deadline is May 23

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](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org). Please note,

the deadline to sign up is Saturday, May 23.

## Parish News

### Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

*In Memory of Billy Tobin from Dorothea and Mike Tobin*

*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.

## Growing in Faith

*"Maybe Easter comes while we are on the road."*

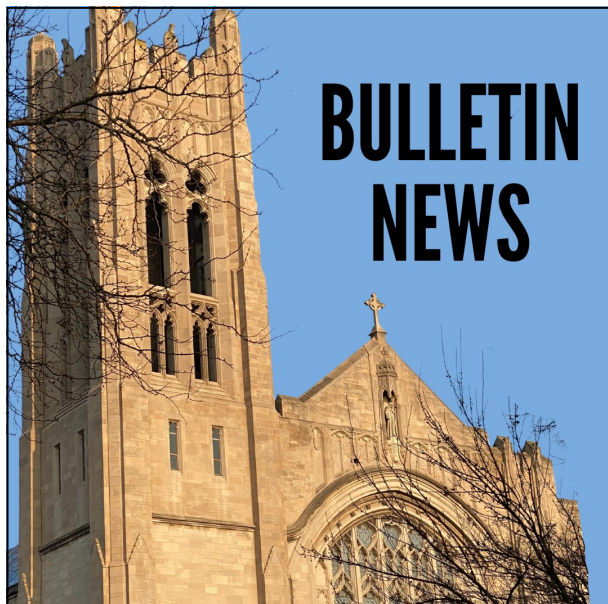
What a kinship we have with Cleopas and his buddy. We too are trying to make sense out of awful events that we are witnessing.

They were a week from Palm Sunday. How could a triumph that must have filled them with optimism end up so brutally. Were they as puzzled and downcast as so many of us are by sad and unexpected times. Their conversation must have vacillated from muted whispers to wandering speculation.

Then their road companion upbraids them as foolish! Foolish? That's kind of harsh. Was it foolish to be sad? Was it foolish to be confused? Cleopas knew the words of the prophets but prophecy can be notoriously unhelpful with the immediate circumstances. Cleopas reacted as most of us would – which I guess is the point. Perhaps being foolish is our default setting. When the road companion explained Moses and the prophets, Cleopas and his buddy seemed sort of caught on. They certainly weren't so foolish that they let the companion go on and not drag him in to share a meal. But they still didn't see him until they broke the bread.

They were slow of heart. Jesus was right about that. I aspire to be slow of heart. I am suspicious of prophecy. I try not to be quick to either anger or irrational exuberance. May we never become too slow of heart to share a meal with a road companion. Maybe Easter comes while we are on the road.

~ Mark Kollar

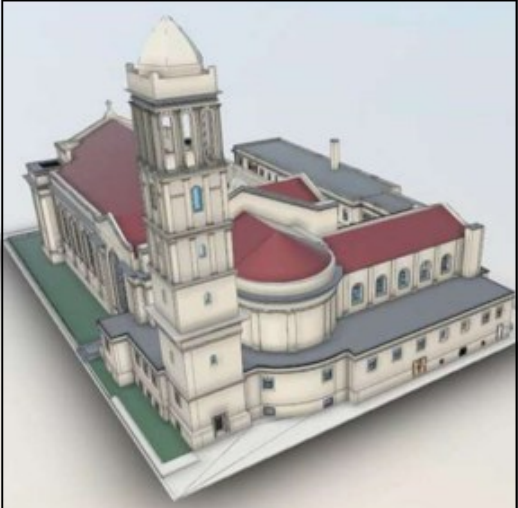


## Looking to Send Content to the Bulletin or to Have an Announcement Made? Use this New Email!

Content for the bulletin should now be sent to [news@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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.

## Neighborhood News



### Learn about the Ignatian Mission Center's Long-term Plans in Rogers Park

Cardinal Blase Cupich recently approved the establishment of the Ignatian Mission Center Society, which sponsors the Ignatian Mission Center (IMC) Food Pantry at 1735 W. Greenleaf Ave. (the former St. Ignatius Church) in Rogers Park. Our goal is to bring more social services and spiritual enrichment to Rogers Park and the Far North Side.

If you are Catholic and would like to learn more about our plans—including the expansion of the IMC Food Pantry and the development of devotional worship at St. Ignatius Church—please attend our first informational meeting about the Society.

**When:** April 23, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Loyola University Chicago, Flanner Hall, Room 133, 1068 W. Sheridan Road

Parking validation for the on-campus Loyola parking garage will be provided. All are welcome to learn more about our organization, and we especially invite Catholics interested in joining the Ignatian Mission Center Society.



For more information, visit [ignatianmission.org](http://ignatianmission.org) or email [missioncenter@ignatianmission.org](mailto:missioncenter@ignatianmission.org).

### Curious About the 'Cats? Come Visit on May 7

Thinking about a school for your family for next year? Join us for coffee and conversation and enjoy a relaxed morning on May 7 where interested families can meet current parents, talk with school leadership, and learn what makes NCA such a special place.

Children are welcome! While parents connect and learn more about the school, students can enjoy a playdate and student-led tour with our NCA ambassadors.

Please RSVP on our website: <https://www.northsidecatholic.org/admissions/meet-the-cats.cfm>

## 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](http://northsidecatholic.org)**

## Parish Info

### Baptisms

- Elijah Hoang Jewell
- Mateo Sebastian Robles

### Rest in Peace

- Anne-Marie St. Germaine
  - Ed Kelly

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 pm - Marty Waide, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, April 19 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 am - Ellen Pierce, Rose Karasti

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, April 19 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barke
- Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 am - Maria Ugarte, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Wyatt Dant
- Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Adaobi Okoli; acolytes: Angel Garcia, Mathios Paulos

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, April 20: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, April 21: 7:30 am - People of God
- Wednesday, April 22: 7:30 am - People of St. Gertrude
- Thursday, April 23: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Friday, April 24: 7:30 am - Antoinette G. Linke+
- Saturday, April 25: 5:00 pm - Hal Mann+
- Sunday, April 2: 8:00 am - Giving thanks to the Salinas Family; 10:30 am - Patricia Messbarger+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - For world peace

## 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: 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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts](http://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](http://stgertrudechicago.org).