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Bulletin for Sunday, August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Registration is Open for our Religious Education Program! How to Sign Your Child Up for the 2025-2026 School Year

Register your child for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed school year! Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am on the St. Gertrude campus. They will begin on September 7.

Here's how to sign up for classes:

1. Go to <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news> and fill out a registration form.
2. Email it to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.
3. Pay the fee for the 2025-2026 school year (\$230 for one child and an additional \$40 for each student from the same family) at <https://bit.ly/StGertsReligiousEd2025-2026>.
4. Please note, children making their First Communion/Reconciliation or their Confirmation will also need to pay a \$75 sacramental fee here: <https://bit.ly/StGertsSacramentalFee2025-2026>.

Looking for more information? A handbook and Religious Ed calendar is available in both English and Spanish. Questions can also be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at the above email address.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Registration
opens in
August!

**CLASSES
BEGIN IN
SEPTEMBER**



Events & Activities at St. Gertrude



Beginning Tomorrow, Communion Services Will be Held on Mondays

Beginning August 18, 7:30 am Communion Services will be held on Monday mornings instead of Thursdays.

Thank you for understanding!

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

All are welcome to attend the weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The bilingual gathering is held in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.



"Brewed at St. Gertrude" Social Event - Next Gathering is Sunday, August 24

Please join us on Sunday, August 24, for another "Brewed at St. Gertrude" parish hospitality event after the 10:30 am mass.

Held in the Social Hall, all are welcome to come for pastries, beverages, and to enjoy each other's company.



St. Gertrude's Commonwealth Action Group to Meet Sunday, August 24

St. Gertrude's Commonwealth Action will meet again on Sunday, August 24, in the Social Hall following the 10:30 am Mass and *Brewed at St. Gertrude's* hospitality gathering. The meeting will last approximately 90 minutes.

At our July 20 meeting, we adopted the following mission statement: *To be a passionate voice and face of Christianity that brings Catholic teaching on social justice and love of neighbor to the public square.*

We have launched several projects—and we need the input and energy of many parishioners. Please join us!

Our current initiatives include:

- Drafting a letter in support of Catholic bishops who are opposing the administration's unchristian policies on deportation and the cruel treatment of immigrants.
- Facilitating the attendance of our parishioners at rallies and other protests under a Commonwealth Action of St. Gertrude's banner.

We are also planning a forum featuring an expert speaker to discuss the impact of recent healthcare legislation in the United States. All are welcome!



Top Needs

**care for real**
FOOD • CLOTHING • SUPPORT

- **Diapers sizes 4-6**
- **Adult incontinence pads - size XL**
- **Clothing hangers**
- **Deodorant**
- **Shampoo and conditioner**
- **Bar soap**
- **Sneakers**
- **Men's underwear**

Drop off between 1-3pm Sunday-Friday at the parking lot entrance of 5840 North Broadway or shop to donate via our Amazon, Target, and Chewy Wish Lists!

Care for Real Collection Drive is August 23-24

Our collection drive for Care for Real is August 23-24 before and after masses to support our neighbors in need.

Care for Real reports that they have been seeing longer lines at distributions lately, but have met the demand for food every single time thanks to generous donors like you! . Please visit <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/> or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CFRChicago>

to see what they are specifically looking for at this time.

We are so grateful for your help supporting our

neighbors who are struggling!

Parish News

The Lending Closet is Going on Vacation!

Though we love being of service to our friends and neighbors in need of durable medical equipment, even Laurie needs a break every once in a while.

She will be out of the office on August 28 and September 2. The Lending Closet will re-open on Thursday, September 4.

We're hoping that you are enjoying all the delights and bounty of summer! Thank you, always, for your support of Heart to Heart and the Lending Closet.



HELP NEEDED



Helping Hands Needed with our Brewed at St. Gertrude Social Gatherings

Brewed at St. Gertrude, our monthly hospitality following the 10:30am Mass, is gearing up for the coming year. Thrilled by the participation of so many parishioners in this gathering, we want to make it a regular event that continues into the near future.

Would you like to join our ministry team? We seek additional volunteers who can help with one or more of the following: set up, serve, bring food, and/or clean up. Our dedicated crew has been making each hospitality welcoming each month, but could

benefit from some more hands!

Those who are interested in giving a little bit of their time each month are invited to meet following the next Brewed at St. Gertrude on August 24th in the Social Hall. Please feel free to reach out to Steven Patzke at stevenjcpatzke@gmail.com with interest or questions.

August 9-10 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,529.00
Loose Checks: \$430.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,011.74
Online Donations: \$8,580.31
Total Collected: \$ 12,551.05

Budgeted: \$ 10,000.00
Difference: \$ 2,551.05
Year-to-date Collected FY 2026: \$55,961.32
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$494,038.68

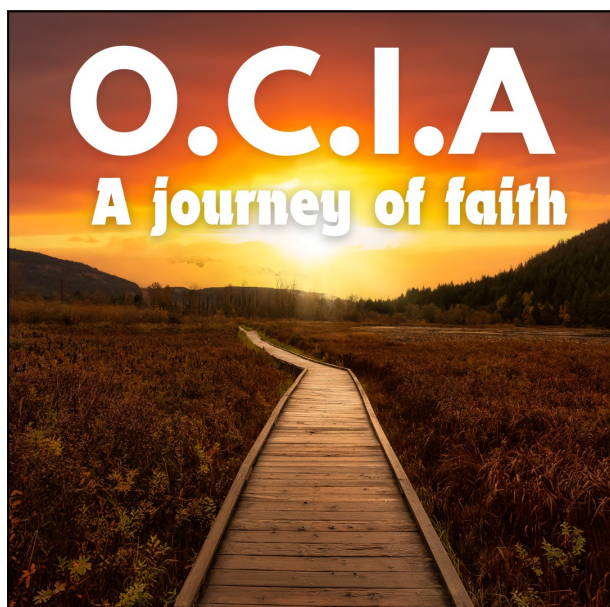
Substitute Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education This School Year

We are looking for catechists to be substitute teachers in our parish's Religious Ed program and Kids Word! Catechists don't have to be professional teachers.

Most are parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and are willing to help them grow in a personal relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773.764.3621.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly called RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin OCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Others who take OCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The OCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the OCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the OCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

Contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org for more information.

Growing in Faith: Speaking the Truth with Love and Courage

Recently, a colleague, who is respected internationally in her medical field, was asked to testify before a Senate panel on the scientific evidence supporting what have long been the standards of medicine. During her testimony, a senator stood up and blasted her with a blatantly untrue and dangerous counter-assertion.

Afterword, the moderator, apologized for his colleague's behavior. My colleague demonstrated great calm through it all because she was deeply grounded in what she knew—rooted in experience-rich wisdom and in her love for her profession and life's vocation of caring. She knew what was true and right.



Apart from embodying the fullness of love, Jesus also incarnated truth—truth that can sometimes be difficult to hear, that can drive someone to defend untruths, cause great harm to those who speak the truth, and even divide an entire nation, let alone a family. Those who wanted Jesus, Jeremiah, and every other person in history and today who speak the truth to be silenced are, I think, almost always motivated by fear, especially of change. They feel their identity, values, and livelihood threatened; their weaknesses and limitations exposed; and their defense mechanisms unmasked. The easiest response to disarming truth is often anger, violence, oppression, and lies—whatever it takes to silence the truth speaker.

As truth, and love, are under attack, as division abounds, what is the ground, the wisdom, on which you and I stand, which helps us to speak truth and love with courage?

~ Jim Manzardo

NCA News

Now Hiring: Program Director for Northside Catholic Academy

Northside Catholic Academy is looking for a dedicated and dynamic Extended Care Director to lead our before-and after-school program. This part-time role (afternoons & some mornings) includes overseeing staff, managing enrichment activities, and creating a safe, nurturing environment for students in Prek-8. If you're an organized leader who loves working with children and building community, we'd love to hear from you!

Find more information:

www.northsidecatholic.org/contact-us/careers.cfm

Contact Principal Terese Black at tblack@ncaschools.com

Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 18: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, August 19: 7:30 am - Norman H. Linke+
- Wednesday, August 20: 7:30 am - Students starting a new school year
- Thursday, August 21: 7:30 am - Elena Rivera+
- Friday, August 22: 7:30 am - Ricardo Martinez+ Ricardo Martinez+
- Saturday, August 23: 7:30 am - Julienne Fouche+; 5:00 pm - Daniel McCarthy+
- Sunday, August 24: 8:00 am - Judy O'Toole+; 10:30 am - Bill Patterson

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

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

Donate to our Parish

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

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Heart to Heart 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 or email her at lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org.

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at stgertrudechicago.org.

New Parishioners

- Colin Marcus Gatto
- Miles Fracis Solomon
- Caroline Frances Thorson

Rest in Peace

- Daniel McCarthy
- Julienne Fouche

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, August 16 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, August 17 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook
- Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Tim Love

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, August 16 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, August 17 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Ellen Pierce, Bob Backis

Altar Servers

- Saturday, August 16 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Ethan Craft; acolyte: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Viviana Love; acolytes: Mary Kate Cashman, Mathios Paulos

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Marie Galoney | • Dealina Peon |
| • Victor Ayes | • Thomas Hajduch | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Anne Marie Hamde | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tricia Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Aida Calvopina | • John Kahoun | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Marta Carlson | • Paul Kapczuk | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Mary E. Kelley | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Cavicke Family | • Marilyn Klein | • Tayana Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Joseph Lambin | • King Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Carleen Lorys | • Christian Wallace |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • James Mann | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Nancy Michael | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Steve Monti | • Yyes Yoza |
| | • Hilda Mora | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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