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Sunday, August 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and children are back in school! I have no idea where the summer went. I do ask that you join me in praying for the children as they go back to school.

Loving Lord, we give our children into your hands, as they set off on a new year, a new journey of discovery. We pray for their safety. We pray for the teachers and staff that they are granted patience. May all children be kind and accepting of one another through this new school year. Amen.

Fireside Chat

Thank you to all of you who participated in our last Fire Pit discussion and immigration, and to our special speaker, who gave us much to think about and pray for.

Welcome Back, Fr. Lucas Sharma!

On September 3, at the 10:30 am Mass, Father Lucas Sharma S.J. will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving here at St. Gertrude's.

Father Lucas was ordained in 2022 and resides in San Diego. Fr. Lucas participated in the 10:30 am Mass while studying at Loyola. We wish him all the best and give him all our prayers!

Sole of the Parish: Parish Run

Yes, I know many of you are putting off registering for the October 7th Soles of the Parish 3k Fun Run and Walk, but now is really the time. This way you can concentrate on getting in shape. You can register online, or forms are at the back of the church. You can also find additional information and sign up online for this event at <https://bit.ly/StGerts3K>.

Fr. Mike Bradley will also be running the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 8. We are seeking sponsorships for Father Mike, with all proceeds going to our Heart-to-Heart ministry. You can sponsor Fr. Mike Bradley online as well by visiting <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns>.

Pastor Installation Delayed

We're going to delay my installation as a pastor until later this year. I'll be off for some surgery and want to make sure I'm fully healed before we come together as a faith community to celebrate our parish.

Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 26-Sunday, August 27

- Donations accepted for Care for Real in the back of church

Sunday, August 27

- After the 10:30 am Mass - youth group cookout

Thursday, August 31

- 6:00-7:00 pm - Choir social
- 7:00-9:00 pm - Choir rehearsal

Saturday, Sept. 2 & Sunday, Sept. 3

- Donations accepted for asylum seekers in the back of church

Monday, September 4

- Labor Day
- Rectory office closed/no school

Saturday, September 9

- 9:00 am - PreCana

Sunday, September 10

- 9:15 am - Religious Ed classes begin for the year
- 10:30 am Mass in church ~ Kids Word begins
- 10:30 am - The Gym Mass returns!
- 11:00 am-6:00 pm ~ Misericordia Family Fest

Monday, September 11

- St. Teresa of Avila Seminar begins at St. Gregory's parish, Msgr. Klasen Building, 1609 W. Gregory St.
- 7:00 pm - Book Club in the Ministry Center

Sunday, September 17

- 2:30 pm - Golden wedding anniversary Mass (Holy Name Cathedral)

Thursday, September 21

- 7:00 pm ~ Author event - Parishioner Kathleen Osberger to discuss her new book

Friday, October 6-Sunday, October 8

- Marathon weekend
- Saturday, October 7 - 3K Run
- Fr. Mike to run the Chicago Marathon



Saturday, October 14

- St. Gertrude Class of 1975 class reunion



Care for Real Food & Supply Drive - August 26-27

This weekend is our monthly food and supply drive for Care for Real.

Thank you to those who were able to bring donations to the back of church.

Missed it this month? Our next donation drive will be Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24. Additionally, you can go to <https://careforreal.org/wishlist> to make a donation, drop off items at 5341 N. Sheridan Road from 12:00-3:00 pm Monday-Friday, or bring items to the Asylum Seekers collection in church on September 2 and September 3.

Parish Youth Group Cookout Planned for Today, Sunday, August 27

Parish youth group members as well as teens in 7th grade and up are welcome to attend a youth group cookout! The BBQ will take place in the backyard after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 27.

Please RSVP to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



JOIN THE St. Gertrude CHOIR

JOIN US FOR A SOCIAL AND
FIRST REHEARSAL!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
6-7 P.M. SOCIAL | 7-9 P.M. REHEARSAL
RECTORY DINING ROOM

Join the Choir! Social and Rehearsal Planned for This Thursday, August 31

Are you interested in joining St. Gertrude's choir? Kathryn Flynn, our new music director, is planning a social and rehearsal on Thursday, August 31!

The social will be from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Rectory dining room, followed by practice from 7:00-9:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kathryn at kflynn@stgertrudechicago.org.

Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish!

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin, daily reflections, or notices about parish activities via email, or your email address has changed, please let us know!

Send an email to news@stgertrudechicago.org and specify if you would prefer just the weekly bulletin, distributed on Thursday afternoons, or our daily prayer/reflection with notices about upcoming parish events.



Donations Needed for Asylum Seekers on September 2-3

We are so appreciative of the many parishioners who dropped off donations to asylum seekers these past few weeks!

In addition to feeding neighbors in need, Care for Real is providing support to families sheltering at the Broadway Armory. Please place items from the list below in the bins at the back of church for delivery to Care for Real:

- Diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Pull-ups
- Baby wipes
- Clean children's in-season clothing and new or very gently shoes (that they can wear right now)
- Feminine sanitary pads (no tampons, please)
- Individual, pre-packaged, ready to eat food and snacks (granola bars, tuna kits, jerky, etc.)
- Shampoo/conditioner



- Black hair care
- Body wash
- Bar soap
- Incontinence briefs
- Women's leggings
- Men's jeans and pants

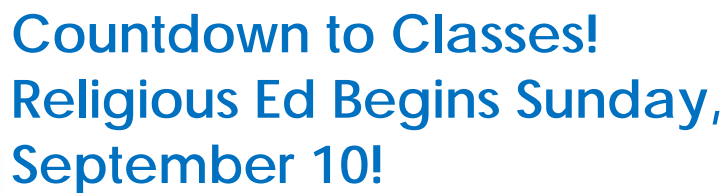
Thank you for your generosity!



Our PreCana Class Offered at St. Gertrude on Saturday, September 9

Pre Cana classes at St. Gertrude are primarily intended for couples getting married at St. Gertrude. Before registering you must speak with Father Mike Gabriel about your planned wedding at St. Gertrude or receive consent to attend if you are getting married at a different parish.

Couples can register for the September session by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or by filling out an online form at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/marriage>.



Religious Ed registration forms can be found on our website at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>. Forms and our handbook in Spanish are also available on our

The fees for the 2023-2024 school year are \$210 for one child and an additional \$30 for each student from the same family. Tuition can be paid online at <https://bit.ly/StGertsRelEdTuition>.

An additional sacramental fee of \$65 is required for children making their First Communion and First Reconciliation, or their Confirmation. That fee can be paid at <https://bit.ly/StGertsSacramentalFee>.

Interested in becoming a substitute catechist teacher? Contact Eloy Escamilla at the above email address.

On Sundays during the 10:30 am Mass in church, children aged 4-7 years-old are invited to attend Kids Word to hear an age-appropriate Gospel message and do fun, scripture-based activities such as coloring or crafts in the Rectory.

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Misericordia Family Fest—Sunday, Sept. 10

Family Fest, Misericordia's largest fundraising event of the year brings our families, friends and neighbors together for a day of celebration.

This is the 41th annual Family Fest and will take place from 11:00 am-6:00 pm at 6300 N. Ridge Blvd. Proceeds support Misericordia's programs for children and adults with

developmental disabilities.

The festivities include food and drink, a cash raffle, children's games, games of chance, in-crowd entertainers, a car raffle, Misericordia art, a live & silent auction, bingo, a quilt raffle, and clowns.

Live entertainment on the main stage will feature Finbarr Fagan, the Shannon Rovers, the Heartzingers, the Heartbreakers, The Chancey Brothers, and In Spite of Ourselves. Dr. Mark and the Sutures, as well as Andrew Blomquist, will perform in the North Tent.

Tickets are available online at <https://www.misericordia.com/store/fest-tickets/> and at the door.

Visit Misericordia's Family Fest page at <https://www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2023/> or call 773.273.2768 for more information.

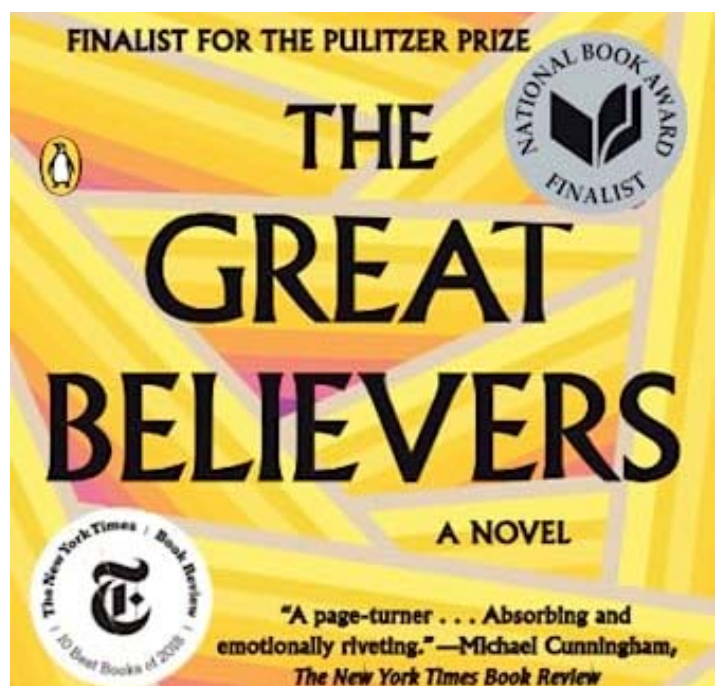
Misericordia is looking for volunteers at the event as well as in the days leading up to the Fest. This one-day event takes approximately 2,000 volunteers to pull it off and your help would be greatly appreciated. Shifts are generally broken down into 2 ½ -3 hours. Sign up online at <https://www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2023/>.

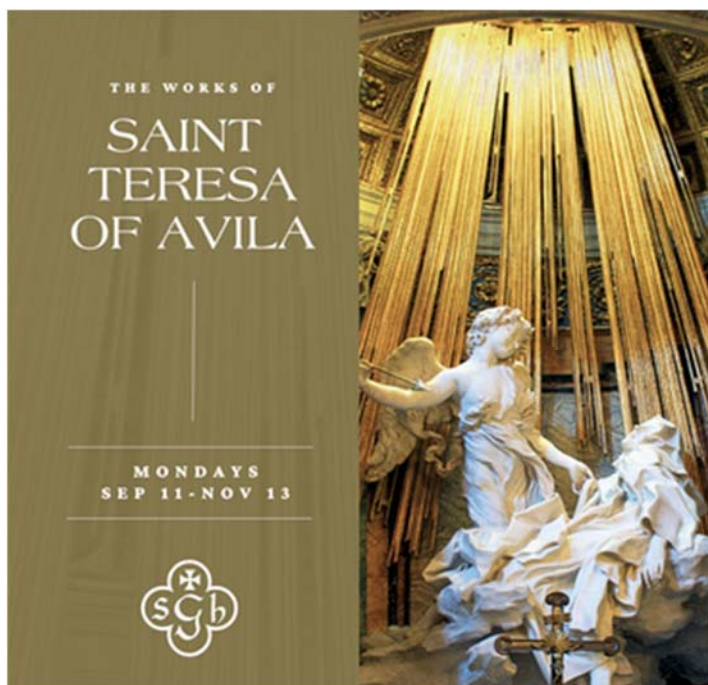
Book Club - Monday, September 11

On Monday, September 11, the book club will discuss *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai.

We would love new voices and opinions!

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.





St. Teresa of Avila Seminar at St. Gregory's Held on Mondays from September 11-November 13

On Monday evening from September 11-November 13, St. Gregory the Great will host a weekly seminar on Carmelite Spanish mystic and doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila.

Led by Fr. Bob Sprott, the group will read her two great works, *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection*.

The seminars will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm in St. Gregory's Msgr. Klasen Building, 1609 W. Gregory. There is a suggested donation of

\$40.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.stgregoryhall.org/teresa.html>.



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Golden Wedding Mass – September 17

Congratulations to all of the couples celebrating 50 years of marriage this year!

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please register by September 15, 2023 at pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

Parishioner Author Event—Thursday, September 21

Parishioner Kathy Osberger has a book coming out August 18th, titled [Surrender A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975](#).

On Thursday, September 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Social Hall, St. Gertrude parish and the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN) are partnering to host an author event, with Kathy speaking about her book and time in Chile during the reign of military dictator General August Pinochet and experiences at the hands of Chile's secret police.

Her book will be available for sale at a reduced price this weekend in the back of church, with a portion donated to St. Gertrude.



St. Gert's Garden

Mary Clare Barker harvested some of our parish garden's veggies for Care for Real and St. Thomas of Canterbury's Soup Kitchen.

We appreciate our garden team, who has worked hard to water, weed, and pick our vegetables to share with those in need!



Growing in Faith

But, who do YOU say that I am?

Who Christ is for me has evolved over time.
Thank God!

The seeds were planted in eighth grade confirmation class when Mr. & Mrs. Clements moved our seats into a circle and made it clear in words and action that "God is Love!" I've been told that I cannot separate myself from this Love! (Rom 8:39)

And so, I began my journey to discover this for myself.

I experience Christ as Infinite Love, an energy flow that is in and through and as everything. I know that I "swim" in this Love all the time! So, when I am not experiencing this Love (and I

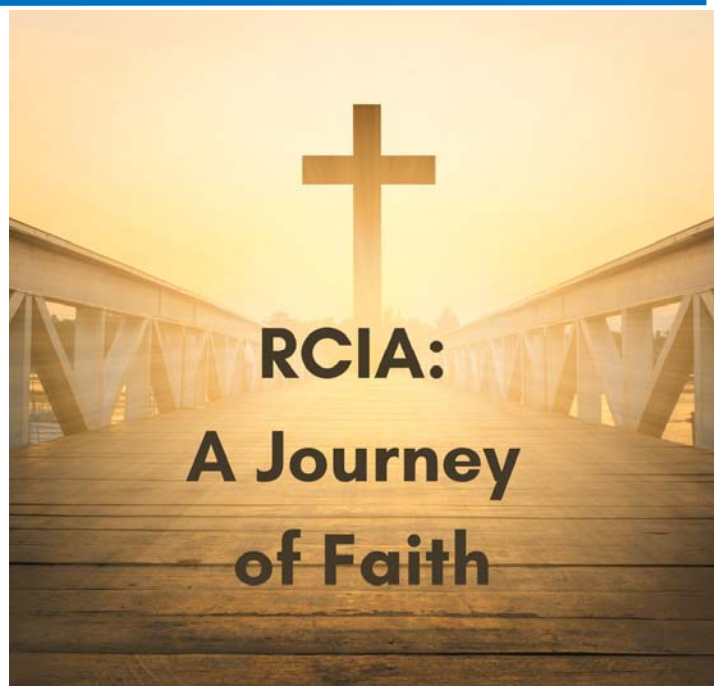
remember!), I take a deep breath and connect to Spirit and allow God to reveal this Love to me in whatever I am experiencing. I become present to Christ in this moment of my ordinary life. This has the power to transform the situation and me. In this moment, nothing is missing. It helps to create a safe, non-judgmental space for myself and others, as well as for new possibilities to rise. I believe Jesus told his disciples not to tell others what they have come to know about Him, so that others would discover Christ for themselves! I am so grateful for my teachers and guides who have helped me along the way to discover Christ for myself.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in September and meets until Pentecost.

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

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.





Estate Planning

Q: Who Needs an Estate Plan?

A: Everyone.

Your estate includes everything you own, regardless of size. If you want your assets to be

given to the people and charities you care deeply about after your passing, then it is important for you to establish a formal estate plan. Not only will it give you peace of mind, but your loved ones will also appreciate not having to make tough, stressful decisions during an already tough time.

There are five key elements to an effective estate plan: (1) financial power of attorney, (2) will, (3) beneficiary designations, (4) charitable beneficiary designations and (5) health care documents, such as a living will and a health care power of attorney.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan. For more information, please contact Eduardo Soto at 773.764.3621, esoto@stgertrudechicago.org, or visit myimpact.archchicago.org/resources.

To request the free guide, "Tips for Creating an Effective Estate Plan," please contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.995.0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.

Financial Reports from Recent Collections

August 11-12

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,695.00
Loose Checks: \$470.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$698.46
Online Donations: \$6,876.13
Total Collected: \$10,739.59

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: \$739.59

Year-to-date Collected: \$65,889.41
Year-to-date Budgeted: \$386,400.00
Difference: -\$320,510.59

August 19-20

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,676.00
Loose Checks: \$665.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$718.00
Online Donations: \$5,490.42
Total Collected: \$9,549.42

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$450.58

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$75,438.83
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00
Difference: -\$310,961.17

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS): Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Loss offers in-person and online support groups for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Individual and group sessions provide safe, non-judgmental environments where survivors can share their feelings and experiences.

Participants receive information and hope from veteran facilitators who help new members realize that they are not alone, and that they will not feel this confusion and deep sadness for the rest of their lives.

For more information contact us via email at loss@catholiccharities.net or call 312.655.7283.

Parish Information

Labor Day Info

- The parish office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.
Mass will be held at 7:30 am.

New Parishioners

- Rochelle Hernandez
- Martha Kachmaryk
- Ilse Vielma & Khoa Truong

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Calloway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Denise DeBelle
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Claude Poulsen
- Richard Seitz
- Willy Spalla
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- Janice Wittenberg
- Yyes Yoza
- Joel Pozzi Zio

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for August 26-27

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, August 26 at 5:00 pm—
Roman Reyes, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, August 27 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Martha Mulligan

Altar Servers

- Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 am - Carter Dant

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, August 26 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, August 27 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak, Michael Kowalsky, Steven Monti

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, August 26 at 5:00 pm -
Kathryn Flynn
- Sunday, August 27 at 8:00 am - Kate Davis
- Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 am -
Michael Callahan

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, August 28:** 7:30 am - Violet Abeyta +
- **Tuesday, August 29:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, August 30:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parent of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Thursday, August 31:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, September 1:** 7:30 am - Peter and Mary Tunney +
- **Saturday, September 2:** 7:30 am - Juanita Gusmanos +; 5:00 pm - Jonathan Reed +
- **Sunday, September 3:** 8:00 am - Rose Donovan+ & family; 10:30 am – People of God

Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude in various ways:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevments

Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management—esoto@stgertrudechicago.org

Heart to Heart Contact Info

To reach our new 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.

