

**Bulletin for
August 9, 2026**

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Sunday, August 9, 2026
**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

Religious Education Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2026–2027 Religious Education program is open! We welcome children and families to grow in faith together through engaging classes, prayer, and community.

Classes begin in September.

Families can find the Religious Education calendar, parent handbook, registration form, and tuition payment information in English and Spanish on our website at stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education. Registration may also be completed in person by appointment.

For questions, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

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Your Voice Matters! Take our Parish Planning Survey

On Monday, August 3, parishioners with an active email address received an invitation from Fr. Sergio via Qualtrics to participate in a brief parish planning survey. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and will remain open through Monday, August 10.

If you have not yet participated, we encourage you to do so. Your feedback will help guide the future of our parish.

If you did not receive the survey invitation, please check your spam or junk folder, or use the QR code to access the survey.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

Parish Events & Activities



Book Club is Tuesday

Join the St. Gertrude Book Club on Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., as we discuss *Mercy Street* by Jennifer Haigh.

New members are always welcome, and we would love to hear your perspectives! For more information, contact Lea Cloninger at 773.213.0509.

Wednesday Mornings: Resting in God's Presence

Take time each Wednesday to pause, pray, and reflect. Our contemplative prayer group meets at 9:00 am in the Ministry Center Chapel (6214 N. Glenwood Ave.) for silent prayer, Scripture reflection, and spiritual reading.

Whether you're new to contemplative prayer or have years of experience, all are welcome.

For more information, contact Karen Spear at kspear@marian.edu.



2027 Mass Intentions Book Now Open

The 2027 Mass Intentions book is now open. If you would like to request a Mass intention for a loved one, please call, email (jcarrillo@stgertrudechicago.org), or come to the office (1420 W. Granville) during regular business hours. Intentions for 2026 are also available.

A suggested donation of \$10 per Mass intention is requested. To provide as many families as possible the opportunity to schedule intentions, requests are limited to 10 Mass intentions per household each year.

This Wednesday, August 12: A Courtyard Conversation: What is My Relationship with God?

Join us on Wednesday, August 12, from 7–8:30 pm for a thoughtful conversation about our relationship with God—sharing our experiences of God's presence, silence, questions, and hope, while listening and learning from one another.

We will meet in the courtyard between the church and the Ministry Center. If you are able, please bring a chair. In case of rain, we will gather in the Ministry Center Chapel. Please note: The date for this event has been corrected.

~ Sponsored by the Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee



Friendship Club is This Thursday, August 13

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave. Gatherings begin at 11:30 am, and participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch.

Join us for fellowship, conversation, and friendship!

Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL)

St. Gertrude is a member of the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), a Chicago-based organization that puts Catholic social teaching into action.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, August 19, 5:30–8 p.m. – **CSPL Membership Assembly** at Chicago Theological Union (5416 S. Cornell Ave.).
- Saturday, August 29, 1:30–3 p.m. – **St. Gertrude CSPL Team Meeting** in the Ministry Center. Meet fellow parishioners and learn how to support our parish's social justice efforts.

For more information or to register for the Membership Assembly, contact Jeanne Rattenbury at jeanne.rattenbury@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Join Us for the Rosary at St. Gerts

Recitation of the Holy Rosary in the mornings: The Rosary is said every Monday through Friday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass/Communion services. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!

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.

Care for Real Drive

Our next drive is scheduled for August 22-23. For the most up-to-date list of needed items and links to Care for Real's social media pages, visit linktr.ee/cfrchicago. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



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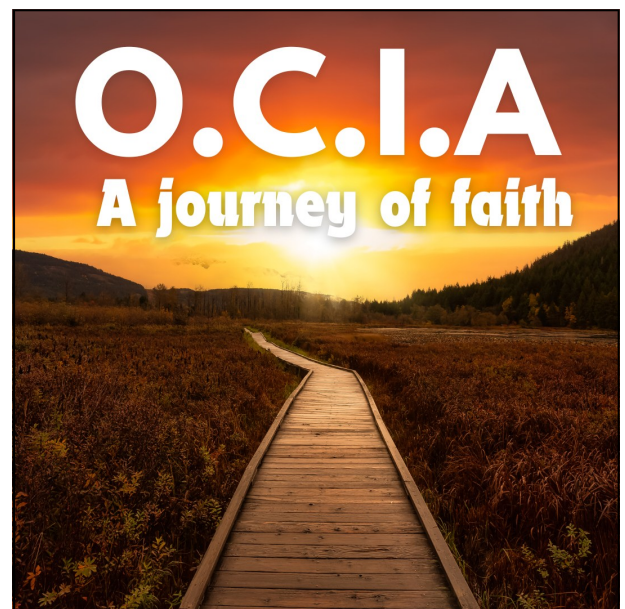
Parish News

Interested in Becoming Catholic or Completing Your Sacraments?

Registration for the 2026–2027 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process is now open.

OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, as well as baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Classes begin in September and provide an opportunity for prayer, learning, and faith-sharing in a welcoming community. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about OCIA at St. Gertrude, contact Eloy Escamilla by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or emailing eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Financial Report for August 1-2

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$3,398.00
Loose Checks: \$255.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$720.00
Online Donations: \$3,687.05
Total Collected: \$8,060.05

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$1,939.95
YTD Collected FY 2027: \$40,672.72
YTD Budgeted FY 2027: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$509,327.28

Growing in Faith

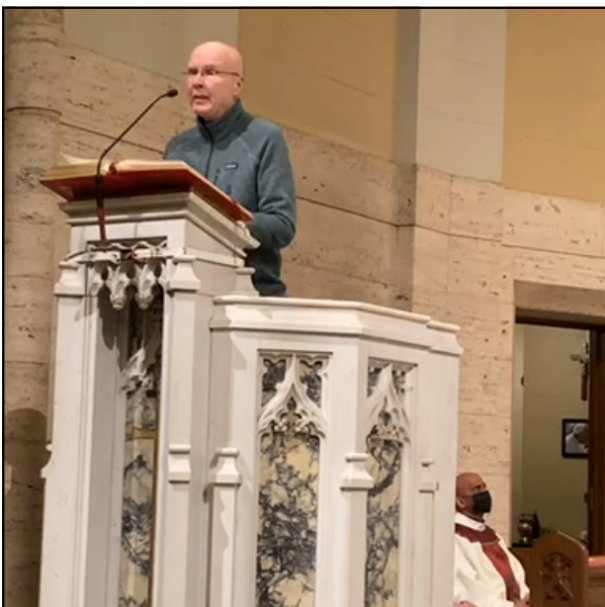
I know there's a recommendation out there to close each day with something more formal: reviewing your day, noticing where you felt peace or struggle, and giving thanks. For me, however, "reviewing my day" just wakes me up and may even stress me out (what still needs to be done or should've been done differently).

No, 'tis better to see what wordless image floats up as I drift off. The clouds. The particular shade of blue in the sky. Flowers along the neighbor's walkway. The face of a child looking up at me. Huh. Things that I hadn't even noticed I had noticed during the course of the day. (I've come to understand that famous poem—"so much depends upon / a red wheelbarrow / glazed with rainwater / beside the white chickens"—is saying the same thing.) Which is what?

That these images are "the Lord passing by"—the same Lord with Elijah on the mountain in Sunday's first reading. They are the Lord's tiny whispering sound, an experience of God's tangible presence in my life.

May it be so for you, as you drift off to sleep tonight.

- Madeleine Philbin



Liturgical Ministry Training for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers This September

Share your gifts and become more involved in the celebration of the Mass by serving in one of our liturgical ministries.

Please note that each ministry has its own training date:

- **Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training:** Monday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in the church. Youth and adults are invited to attend.
- **Altar Server Training:** Monday, September 28, at 6:30 pm in the church. Students in 4th grade and older are welcome.

To learn more, contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

News from NCA



WELCOME & TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

A Catholic education may be more affordable than you think. Schedule a tour or start your application today!



Hosted by
NCAPO

5th annual NCA
WILDCAT STREET FEST

Saturday September 12
11am - 3pm

All ages welcome
Glenwood & Granville



LEARN MORE



AT THE STREET FEST

- ✓ Cold drinks & food for purchase
- ✓ Live music
- ✓ Parents, friends, & alumni welcome
- ✓ Chance for glory!

\$50/player or \$100/team

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Saturday, September 12

Round Robin tournament • No experience necessary • Single players will be paired
Proceeds benefit NCA Athletics

www.northsidecatholic.org/parents



REGISTER

NOW HIRING

Part-Time **Pre-K Spanish Instructor**



Looking to Send Content to the Bulletin or to Have an Announcement Made?

Content for the bulletin should 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.) Please note, there will be a combined bulletin for August 16 and 23. Content for this double bulletin was due Friday, August 7. Copy for the August 30 bulletin is due Friday, August 23 at 9:00 am.

New Parishioners

- Sandra Marquez
- Georgette and Robert Yammine

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, August 8 at 5:00 pm - Joseph Tomasello, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, August 9 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 am - Edie Sheridan, Theo Fletcher

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, August 8 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Wall
- Sunday, August 9 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Ellen Pierce, Patrick Robinson

Altar Servers

- Saturday, August 8 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Raiden Cruz
- Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Jayson Ameyaw; acolyte: Adaobi Okoli, Mathios Paulos

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 10: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, August 11: 7:30 am
- Wednesday, August 12: 7:30 am
- Thursday, August 13: 7:30 am
- Friday, August 14: 7:30 am - Virginia Daries+
- Saturday, August 15: 5:00 pm - Maria del Rosario Gutierrez+
- Sunday, August 16: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Peter Joaquim+ and Alice D'Souza+

Mass Times/Rector Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, (The Gym Mass is on summer break.); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 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 Rector 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. 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, and news, go to stgertrudechicago.org.