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Bulletin for Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

Today, we awaken to the joy that changes everything—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. What once seemed lost has been restored, and hope rises again with the dawn.

All around us, new life is unfolding. The earth is stirring, light lingers a little longer each evening, and there's a renewed energy in the air. These signs of spring echo the deeper truth we celebrate today: God is always bringing life out of darkness, renewal out of what feels worn or weary.

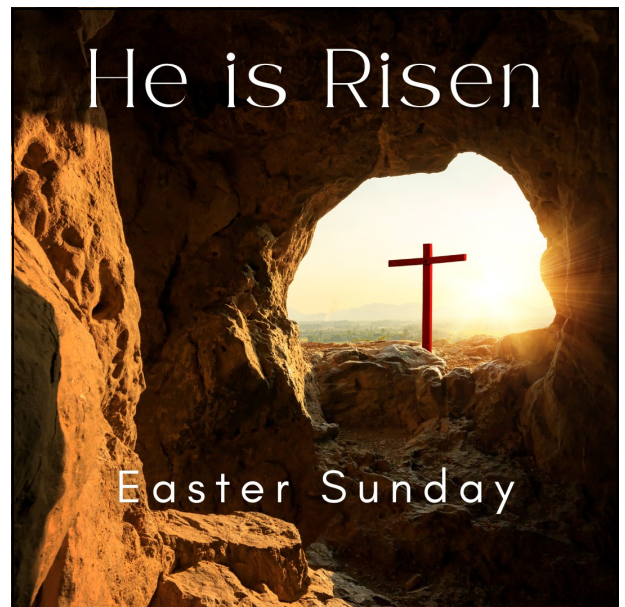
Over these sacred days, we have walked together through the mystery of Holy Week—gathering at the table, standing at the cross, and now rejoicing at the empty tomb. We have welcomed new members into the Church, shared in moments of prayer and reflection, and witnessed the beauty of a community alive in faith. These moments remind us that Easter is not just something we observe—it is something we live.

The Resurrection is not confined to a single day. It is a promise that continues to unfold in our lives—in acts of kindness, in renewed faith, in the courage to begin again, and in the love we share with one another.

So let this Easter joy stay with you. Carry it into your homes, your conversations, your work, and your relationships. Let it shape how you see the world—with hope, with compassion, and with trust in the new life God is always creating.

Christ is risen—and because of this, so are we.

Let us go forth and share that joy with the world.





Easter Message from Cardinal Cupich

Before the proclamation of the gospel at the Easter Vigil liturgy, there is a deeply powerful and moving moment. It is the joyous triple Alleluia. It not only signals the end of our penitential observances but it expresses our passage with the Lord through his passion, death, and burial. Alleluia is our joyful shout of triumph for as Christ rises from the dead, so do we.

Yet, we may find that our Easter joy has been dampened this year in the face of the daunting challenges of war, the upheavals experienced by migrant families, the great turbulence and polarization in our political life, and the myriad uncertainties about our future and the future of our children. Can we sing Alleluia and mean it?

Experiencing those sentiments myself I am drawn to Saint Paul's words to the Thessalonians. In a moment of suffering loss, confusion and grief he wrote: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died." (1Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Listen carefully to Paul's words. He tells the Thessalonians that they can grieve and that they can experience struggle and loss. But they must not grieve or suffer as those who have no hope, as those who do not believe that Jesus died and rose and will take us to himself. Like the Thessalonians, we do not ignore or deny the suffering and grief we are experiencing, but we are not held captive to this moment nor to this world. We hold fast to Christ our hope who draws us into a future defined and shaped by his Resurrection.

So, sisters and brothers, let's not hold back our shouts of joy. Let us sing with gusto our Alleluia for it bears witness to our enduring hope in Christ's Resurrection. It inspires us to do what we can to allow his risen life to take hold of and shape our lives and to empower us to reach out to our wounded world. A blessed Easter to all of you and your loved ones,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

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!

Thank You to All Who Participated in Our Lenten Simple Suppers and Adult Spirituality Sessions!

Thank you to those who hosted the Simple Suppers—the Parish Pastoral Council, Men's Basketball, Choir, Coalition for Spiritual and Political Leadership, and Northside Catholic Academy—and to those who facilitated the Lenten Spirituality Sessions: Sr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ; Patrick T. Reardon; Jonathan Hannau and the St. Gertrude Choir; Chris Countryman; and Rich Goode, Mary Kate Cahill, Krista Chinchilla-Patzke, and Bob Backis.



We would love to receive your feedback on the Lenten Adult Spirituality sessions and welcome your suggestions for future adult spirituality and formation offerings. If you would like to learn more about the Adult Spirituality and Faith Committee, or if you have any feedback or suggestions about future offerings, please send a note to Bob Backis at rjbackis@gmail.com.

We wish you an Easter season filled with the joy of the Resurrection. Alleluia!

- The Adult Spirituality and Faith Committee

THANK YOU



Thanks to all Parish Volunteers and Staff Members!

All of the services beginning with Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday require a great commitment of time and energy from many of our ministries. Thank you to all those who have come out for extra rehearsals, for volunteering to minister at a number of services, to be flexible in covering where most needed.

Our choir, cantors, and instrumentalists; the Ministers of Communion and Ministers of the Word, ushers, photographers, the live-stream coordinators, sacristans, and our hardworking staff -- THANK

YOU for making our services during Holy Week so beautiful!



We are St. Gertrude!

Whether you are new to our parish or a long-time parishioner, we are so grateful you are here celebrating Easter with us.

Our parish's mission is to be a caring, compassionate faith community, bringing the Gospel of the Lord into the world as we gather to worship God, serve others, grow in our faith, and work for justice.

Our ministries include:

Garden & Compost Project: This seasonal project combines composting and a vegetable garden. Parishioners lease a composting bucket and deposit appropriate materials in the parish's compost bin. The compost is then used to fertilize a volunteer-tended vegetable garden that feeds patrons of Care for Real and the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen.

Gym Mass: Music and short parishioner reflections after the homily engage participants in the celebration of our faith. Fellowship, coffee, and refreshments follow this 10:30 am Mass held in the gym.

Heart to Heart and Medical Lending Closet: Serving seniors in Edgewater, volunteers provide friendly visits, well-being phone calls, assistance with grocery shopping, and transportation to church, events, and medical appointments. The ministry also oversees a lending closet of durable medical equipment for people across Chicago.

Kids Word: During the 10:30 a.m. Mass, children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to participate in age-appropriate activities, reflections, and lessons from the Bible.

Music Ministry: St. Gertrude's vibrant music ministry enhances each Mass through song and helps strengthen community through concerts and programs.

Ministry of Prayer: Homebound parishioners who are unable to participate in parish life contribute through their gift of prayer for the intentions of the parish.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): This program guides those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and prepares them to become members of the Church.

Refugee and Immigrant Ministry: In partnership with Catholic Charities, this group sponsors newly arrived refugees, providing financial and emotional support as they settle into life in Chicago.

Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation: Children in grades 1–8 deepen their relationship with God through prayer and reflection, learn what it means to be disciples of Jesus, and grow as members of a faith community.

Youth Group: Teens gather to build community, discuss what matters to them, participate in events and outings, and serve others through projects, including mission trips.

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Additionally, St. Gertrude offers many other opportunities for parishioners to serve and build community, including roles such as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, altar servers, sacristans, greeters, ushers, and members of the live-stream, art and environment, and counting teams.

Parish life also includes a wide range of groups and ministries, such as book groups, the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), the Guadalupanos Rosary Group, PreCana and FOCCUS leaders, the pre-baptismal team, bulletin reflection writers (Growing in Faith), sandwich makers, the Men's Faith Group, spiritual directors, blood drive organizers, the Environment Committee, the St. Gertrude Parish Players, the Friendship Club, the men's basketball group, Care for Real, the Midwest Workers Association, the Kolbe House Jail Ministry, the *Brewed at St. Gertrude* hospitality team, the Porch Prayer group, Ministers of Care, Women's Scripture Study, the Social Justice Committee, Commonweal Dialogue, the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership, the Adult Spirituality and Faith Committee, and more!



We appreciate everyone who is part of St. Gertrude. Thank you to our parishioners for sharing their time and gifts, and we invite newcomers and those seeking community to get involved in ways that resonate with them.

**Special thanks to Maria Ugarte for the Palm Sunday photo.*



Friendship Club is Thursday, April 9

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6216 North Glenwood Avenue.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

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!



Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership Meeting Planned for Saturday, April 11

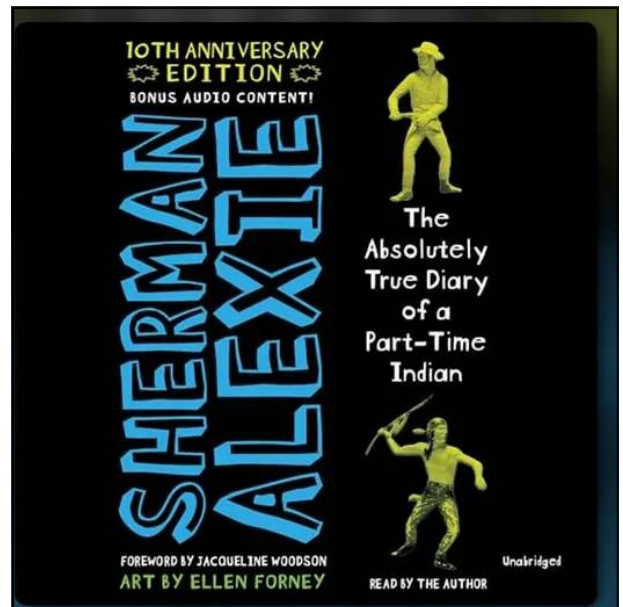
St. Gertrude is a member of CSPL, the faith-based organization that organized the People's Mass and Eucharistic Procession to the Broadview Detention Center.

Come together with other parishioners on Saturday, April 11, from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Ministry Center to build community and discuss how to help advance our parish's commitments to social justice, human concerns and faith formation through our participation in CSPL. All are welcome!

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).



Teens Invited to Join St. Gert'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.

Growing in Faith

Our Easter joy comes right on time. Today, most of us are exhausted by the daily parade of violence, lies, abuses, and excesses. The stink of corruption is everywhere, like wading through a sewer. So we start to wonder if anyone in power can resist that seductive whisper of temptation: "Why should you deny yourself anything? Just take whatever you want." That whisper, well portrayed in our scripture, slithers through our history. We know that voice. We know that corruption.

Our Easter story answers that slithering voice with a miracle that is more than a metaphor. Mary Magdalene goes to a place of literal bodily corruption and finds the incorruptible—Jesus, the risen Christ. He says, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell..." Then Mary and Peter find the courage to tell the truth in a dangerous world.

We still declare that we know that incorruptible man who rejects the voice of temptation in his ear, and whose goodness and godliness are so powerful that he can wash us clean and redeem us from death. Easter reminds us that it is never too late.

The bravest thing any one of us can do is tell the truth. It is not simple and requires a thick skin, stamina, kindness, and fire. I pray that, like Mary and Peter, Jesus helps us find the courage to tell truth to power, to name crimes, expose lies, and stand with our brothers and sisters who need our protection. We also know from our story that once we know the truth, we can never successfully wash our hands of it.

Let's "go and tell," and become the fire of truth.

~ KC Conway



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.

Financial Report for March 28-29

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,815.00	Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Loose Checks: \$450.00	Difference: - \$1,364.45
Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,333.43	YTD Collected FY 2026: \$397,639.94
Online Donations: \$4,037.12	YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
Total Collected: \$8,635.55	Difference: -\$152,360.06



Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

Flower Offering 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.

Parish Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who had their photo taken or submitted photos for the upcoming directory. In the coming weeks, parishioners who were unable to participate will be invited to update their information and will have an opportunity to order a directory before final submission.

If you have any questions, please email stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

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

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro, Mark Kollar, Ellen Pierce, Patrick Robinson, Millie Slane, Rose Karasti
- Sunday, April 5 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Anthony Myers
- Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Edie Sheridan

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 pm - Michael Kowalsky, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Troy McMillan
- Sunday, April 5 at 8:00 am - Steven Monti
- Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am - Lisa Scheneider, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Raiden Cruz; acolytes: Angel Garcia, Danna Salinas
- Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Adaobi Okoli; acolytes: Mathios Paulos, Diarmuid McKeown

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, April 6: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, April 7: 7:30 am - Pete Ballard+
- Wednesday, April 8: 7:30 am - Antoinette G. Linke+
- Thursday, April 9: 7:30 am - Jimmy Gracey+
- Friday, April 10: 7:30 am - Patricia Kelly+
- Saturday, April 11: 5:00 pm - Sheridan Gorman+
- Sunday, April 12: 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 10:30 am - Will Pruit+; 10:30 am - Bill Washburn+

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. **The office is closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.**
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

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Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

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