

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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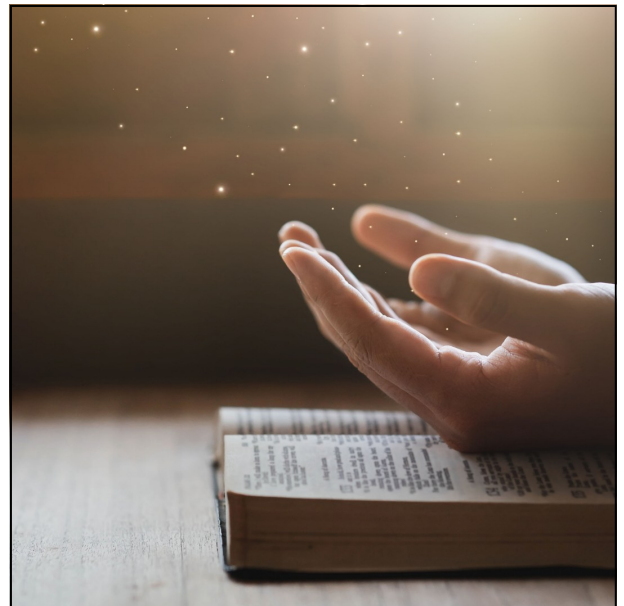
**Bulletin for**  
**Sunday, February 1 and**  
**Sunday, February 8, 2026**  
**The Fourth and Fifth Sundays**  
**in Ordinary Time**

## News from St. Gertrude

St. Gertrude is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Gerts. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.



The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link beginning on Wednesday, February 18 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

*Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

## Parish Events & Activities



### Correction to Info Shared Last Week About Altar Server/Lector Training & Essay Contest

Due to an editorial error, information regarding lector training, altar server training, and the student essay contest was incorrect.

**Please note that there is no altar server training on Thursday, February 5.** We apologize for any confusion this may have caused, especially for those impacted by the incorrect information shared last week about lector training.

### Healthcare Forum Planned for Sunday, February 1

Commonwealth Action of St. Gertrude's Parish, Chicago will host a healthcare forum at noon on Sunday, February 1, following the 10:30 am mass. The event will be held in the Social Hall, located on the lower/basement level of 1401 W. Granville.

Speakers will include three local medical practitioners/ parishioners, as well as a representative from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office. They will discuss what you need to know regarding the Trump Administration's changes to Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act and Federal vaccination policies.



The program will last approximately 60 to 90 minutes and will include time for questions and discussion.

Coffee and snacks will be available from 11:45 am. (If you would like to contribute additional snacks to share, they will be most welcome.)

### 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!

## Last Chance to Add Your Photo to our Parish Directory: Submit Your Image by February 7

Were you unable to have your photo taken but would still like to be included in the upcoming St. Gertrude Photo Directory? There is still time!

Parishioners may submit a photo by emailing it to [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com). A \$15 fee applies for this option, payable directly to St. Gertrude. Drop off or mail a check to the rectory office at 1420 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Please note *parish photo directory* in the memo line.



Photos will be accepted through February 7, 2026. Please email with any questions.



## Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) Meeting Planned for Saturday, February 7

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

Come together with other parishioners on Saturday, February 7, 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. Learn more about CSPL at <https://www.csplaction.org/>.



Top Needs



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- **Reusable bags and durable grocery bags**
- **Winter boots**
- **Winter coats (larger sizes especially)**
- **Hand and toe warmers**

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

## Upcoming Collection Drives for Care for Real are February 7-8 and February 21-22

St. Gertrude has its monthly collection drive for our neighbors in need on February 7-8! In addition to info in the image, visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> for information about donating and links to their Facebook and Instagram pages to see what they are specifically looking for at this time.

Please place nonperishable items in the bins at the back of church.

Our asylum seekers' collection is the full first weekend of each month, and our general collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month, which this month is February 21-22.

We are so grateful for your help supporting Care for Real as they work to provide food and much-needed supplies to our neighbors who are struggling.

## Midwest Workers Association Super Bowl Tamale Benefit: Pick-Up Your Orders on Sunday, February 8

On Sunday, February 9, Midwest Workers Association (MWA) volunteers will return to deliver tamales after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am masses for their annual Super Bowl Tamale Benefit. Saturday Mass attendees are asked to pick up their orders on Sunday morning.

The tamale benefit generates critical support for MWA's Winter Survival Campaign, which includes door-to-door membership canvassing, utility bill advocacy to avert shutoffs and restore service, winter-watch phone outreach, and warm clothing distribution.

If you are interested in ordering tamales, please call their office at (773) 285-0485. Supporters may place orders by the half dozen for chicken in green sauce, cheese and jalapeño (vegetarian), or black bean and cactus (vegan). A suggested donation of \$10 is requested for a half dozen tamales, or \$20 for a dozen.

Groups of volunteers are urgently needed to help make tamales from February 2-7, as well as to participate in MWA's membership canvassing and benefit advocacy sessions. Call their office for details.





## Book Club is Tuesday, February 10

Join us for a discussion of *10:04* by Ben Lerner on Tuesday, February 10 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).



## Women's Friendship Club is Thursday, February 12

St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center. The gathering begins at 11:30 am, attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch. Dessert is provided!

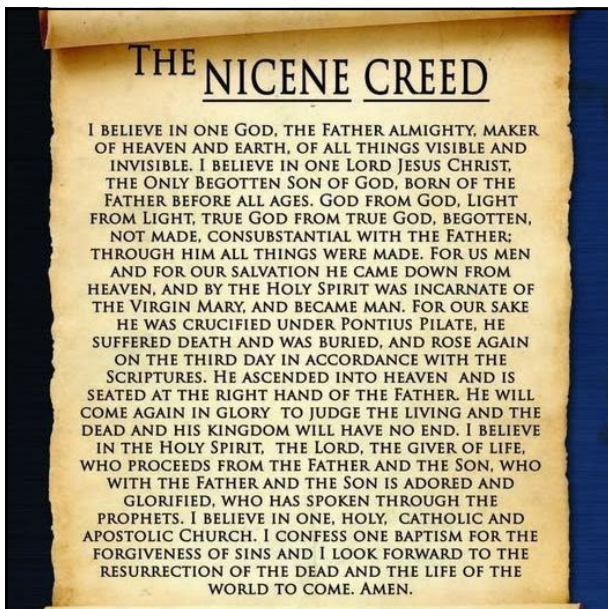
Their next gathering is Thursday, February 12. Consider yourself invited!

## Rectory Office is Closed on February 16

Presidents Day is celebrated on Monday, February 16. Because of the long weekend, there will be no Religious Ed classes on February 15.

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 16. A Communion service will be held at 7:30 am.





## Save the Date – Sunday, February 22 – The Catholic Faith We Profess: Reflections on the Nicene Creed

On Sunday, February 22, in the Social Hall after Brewed at St. Gertrude's (approximately 12:15 pm), Fr. Peter Bernardi, SJ, will lead a presentation and discussion on the Nicene Creed, which Catholics and other Christian communities have professed for 1,700 years.

Fr. Peter will discuss why we continue to profess the Nicene Creed, what controversies moved the

Council of Nicaea to promulgate the Creed, and how the Creed expresses and safeguards the basic beliefs of our Catholic faith.

Please plan on being present for an informative and engaging reflection on the Nicene Creed. All are welcome!

This event is presented by the Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee.

## Teens Invited to Join St. Gertrude'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.

Participants will enjoy meaningful service, have fun together, and earn volunteer hours. The cost for the week is \$125.

To reserve a spot or learn more, please contact Pastoral Associate Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@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!





## Growing in Faith for February 1

Thanks to St. Gertrude's Adult Formation Committee and parishioner Jim Neafsy, some of us have recently begun an Ignatian Retreat. At the beginning of the book that is guiding our prayer, *The Ignatian Adventure*, author Kevin O'Brien, SJ includes a prayer by Thomas Merton. Two lines from that prayer read: "[My Lord God] I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing."

What pleases God? Many Scripture passages answer that question, and in today's Gospel the most familiar ones are the Beatitudes. Jesus tells his followers: *Be poor in spirit. Be meek. Be merciful. Be*

*clean of heart. Be peacemakers.*

I write this reflection in the aftermath of the killing of Renée Good in Minneapolis. I can tell myself that the world I live in is so much more horrible than it has ever been and that I don't know what to do. Yet millennia ago, Jesus was sent to redeem such a world — a world of warring cultures, unjust institutions, extreme wealth and poverty, and scapegoats. He named, blessed, graced, pleasing to God — those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are persecuted falsely, and those who mourn. The Beatitudes make it pretty clear what is human and holy to God.

With Thomas Merton I pray, "I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire [to please you]. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it."

~ Rose Karasti

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## Volunteers Needed to Help with Live-Streaming Sunday Masses

We are looking for assistance with live-streaming our 10:30 am Sunday masses. The process is simple, you do not have to have a technical background, a special camera or phone, just a willingness to help.

Contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) for more information.





## Growing in Faith for February 8

*"The mystery of the poor is this: that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him."*  
~ Dorothy Day

In another decade, I volunteered at the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen still located in the Uptown neighborhood. This soup kitchen started in 1978, was a mutual endeavor of the Saint Francis Catholic Worker House and St. Thomas of Canterbury parishioners.

When the church doors were opened every Tuesday and Friday at 5:30 pm, guests were welcomed inside and quickly filled the warm church basement. No one waited in line. The tables were already set and guests chose their own seat. Volunteers walked briskly back and forth between the tables and the kitchen to serve each guest soup, bread, salad, beverages and dessert.

Many of the guests were homeless or living paycheck to paycheck facing food insecurity. No questions were asked, and everyone was welcome. Volunteers were also encouraged to find a seat at a table and join in conversation with dinner guests. We were a community, having conversations and forming relationships.

Working at the soup kitchen was a rich experience for me and I am still reaping blessings from those years. I always volunteered to scour the industrial sized pots and pans that were used to cook the soup. After the dishes were washed and the pots were clean enough, I headed home with a larger heart. That's what happens when you share soup with Christ in a church basement.

Here is the link to the soup kitchen, located at the renamed parish Mary Mother of God:  
<https://www.motherofgodchicago.org/outreach-ministries.html>

*"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ."* ~ Pope Francis

~ Carolyn Backis



### January 24-25 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,505.00  
Loose Checks: \$260.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$638.00  
Online Donations: \$5,183.53  
Total Collected: \$7,586.53

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
Difference: -\$2,413.47  
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$325,066.02  
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
Difference: -\$224,933.98  
Latin America collection: \$903.00

## Join Our Choir!

Do you enjoy singing? Are you still looking for a New Year's resolution? Do you see yourself leading the congregation in song—or perhaps joining a choir that is fun, engaging, and sings in four parts?

I warmly encourage you to consider joining the St. Gertrude Music Program! Our choir rehearses regularly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and sings weekly at the 10:30 am Mass. No prior choir experience is necessary; however, singers should be able to hold a melody. Whether you read music or learn by ear, you are welcome to join us.

If you are interested in serving as a Cantor and leading the congregation in song, an audition is required, and training will be provided.

If singing isn't your thing but you play an instrument, I invite you to consider joining our ensemble—we are always happy to welcome additional instrumentalists.

Music is essential to the life of the Church, and this parish's rich musical tradition is deeply near and dear to me. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to speak with me after Mass or email me at [jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org).

~ Jonathan Hannau, Music Director



## Catechists Needed

We are looking for catechists to help with 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](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773.764.3621.





## Activities Around the Archdiocese



### Walk with the Ignatian Spirituality Project - Chicago Winter Walk Planned for February 8

Join the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) at the Chicago Winter Walk on Sunday, February 8 at Humboldt Park at 9:15 am — a citywide event raising awareness and funds to end homelessness.

ISP walks alongside people rebuilding their lives after homelessness and addiction. Through retreats and spiritual companionship, participants encounter God's love, find supportive community, and discover that their stories are sacred and their lives

have purpose. Together, we help provide the spiritual and relational foundation that makes lasting recovery possible.

Please register for the event at [grco.de/ww26-isp](http://grco.de/ww26-isp). Once registered, please go to your dashboard and click "Join, Create or Claim a Team," then choose "Join a team." Search for "Jesuit Friends and Family" and click "Join."

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- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)



# Rest in Peace

Kathy Mega

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 pm - Joe Tomasello, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, February 1 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker, Jim Duros
- Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Patrick Robinson
- Saturday, February 7 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Art Lyons
- Sunday, February 8 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, Suzanne Teberg
- Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 am - Ellen Pierce, Anne-Marie St. G

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 pm - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, February 1 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Lisa Schneider, Michael Kowalsky
- Saturday, February 7 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, February 8 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano; acolyte: Sammy Kloster
- Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Oscar Lassus; acolytes: Javier Lassus, Mary Kate Cashman
- Saturday, February 7 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Sammy Kloster; acolytes: Danna Salinas, Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Diarmuid McKeown; acolytes: Micah Boquiren, Camille Boquiren

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

Mary Amelse	Mr. and Mrs. Emin	Carleen Lorys	Marie Tarallo
Victor Ayes	Euman	River Malik	Christopher Thomas
Carlos Barragan	Luke Fitzgerald	James Mann	Elinora E. Tolentino
Patrick Barton	Adolf Gabriel	Alex Marks	Joe Touchstone
Zara Bradley	Marie Galoney	Nancy Michael	Manuel & Norma
Maggie Callahan	Thomas Hajduch	Steve Monti	Viray
Aida Calvopina	Anne Marie Hamde	Hilda Mora	Tayana Wallace
Marta Carlson	Rochelle Hernandez	Patti Paul	King Wallace
Terrence Carmichael	Tricia Hernandez	Dealina Peon	Christian Wallace
Kathy Catrambone	Maria Hertl	Claude Poulsen	Kevin Walsh
Cavicke Family	Tony Hunter	Delphine Richert	Leon Ward
Mary DeBois	John Kahoun	Joan Ross	Ron Whitfield
David Denegas	Mary E. Kelley	Willy Spalla	Janice Wittenberg
Ann Collins Dole	Marilyn Klein	Floret Spalle	Dawn Wyman
Renee Elhoumaidi	Jim Laczkowski	Mary Pierce Spalla	Yyes Yoza
	Joseph Lambin	1 <sup>st</sup> Frannie Swaine	Joel Pozzi Zio

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, February 2: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, February 3: 7:30 am - JoAnne Joyce+
- Wednesday, February 4: 7:30 am - People of God
- Thursday, February 5: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Friday, February 6: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Saturday, February 7: 5:00 pm - Isabelle Laczkowski+ and Ed De Wolf+
- Sunday, February 8: 8:00 am - John Hyland+; 10:30 am - Michael J. O'Donnell+; 10:30 am Gym - Loved ones of the Hasbrook and Guardino family
- Monday, February 9: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, February 10: 7:30 am - Darlene Durso-Clark+
- Wednesday, February 11: 7:30 am - Kevin Walsh+
- Thursday, February 12: 7:30 am - Vincent O'Malley+
- Friday, February 13: 7:30 am - Eileen McGuire+
- Saturday, February 14: 5:00 pm - Fr. Brian Fisher+
- Sunday, February 15: 8:00 am - Geoffrey Penar+; 10:30 am - The O'Reilly family; 10:30 am Gym - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

## 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 will be closed on Monday, February 16 for Presidents Day.**
- 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](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).