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**Sunday, July 2  
& Sunday, July 9, 2023**

*13th & 14th Sundays in Ordinary Time*

### From Fr. Mike

On Tuesday, we celebrate the 4th of July. I want to start this bulletin with a reminder and prayer for our country:

*On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased at a very high price, costing others their lives. Lord, today bless those who have served and those who will give their life for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.*

The office will be closed on the 4th of July and will reopen on Wednesday July 5th.

### Our New Music Director & Associate Priest

Welcome to Kathryn Flynn, our new Music Director. If you have a chance over the next few weeks, stop by the piano and say hello.

As I am writing this, I think Fr. Paul Adaja will also be here, please make sure you welcome him as well. In the next bulletin we will have some biographies of our new staff.

### Summer Mission Appeal

On July 8 and 9, we have the Summer Mission Appeal. Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese hosts a speaker on behalf of a missionary group during the summer months.

This year, we welcome Father Benedict Lumen, representing the Brothers of Charles Lwanga. The proceeds from the Summer Appeal make possible the continued work of the church in all parts of the world. Please be as generous as possible.

### Fireside Chats RETURN

The first fireside chat of the summer will be on Wednesday, July 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm between the church building and Ministry Center.

Gender issues have become a very public discussion. The Peace and Justice Ministry would like to have a conversation **with sensitivity** so that we can better understand this issue. The speaker at this discussion is Stephani Clark, a transgender woman and well-known advocate for culturally-competent care training for medical professionals throughout Illinois and a member of Howard Brown and Equality Illinois' advisory boards.



## Fr. Mike (*continued*)

Attendees are asked to review the suggested readings and to be mindful of the rules of engagement. Both are outlined below.

### Fireside Covenant

As we engage in conversation, please observe the following:

- Confidentiality - What's said here, stays here.
- No preaching - We speak from our personal experiences, we are not here to judge, we avoid saying "we should" or "you should".
- No cross talk - We listen in silence while others are speaking. We do not comment or ask questions about what others say.

• Respect time - Our gathering is 90 minutes. Please respect time so we can all share. All are asked to share - by coming to this gathering, you agree to participate in some way. Even if it's just your name, we ask you to share something.

### Readings (both from *America: The Jesuit Review*)

- *Conversation: How should Catholics think about gender identity and transgender persons:* <https://bit.ly/FiresideChatJuly23reading>
- *I'm a transgender woman. Here's what I want the Catholic Church to know about my life.* <https://bit.ly/FiresideChatJuly23>

Bring your own lawn chair, a beverage of your choice, and snacks to share, if you choose.

## Peter's Pence Collection - July 1 and July 2

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through this collection are for humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects.

For more information on Peter's Pence, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



### Rest in Peace

- Kelly Barone

### New Parishioners

- The Coady Family
- Lizette Penalber

### Recent Baptisms

- Celine Edelyn David, daughter of Eric and Sophia David

### Upcoming Marriages

- Khoa Truong and Ilse Vielma
- Mahgan Anthony and Adam Smith



## The Edgewater Glen Association Garden Walk is Sunday, July 2

Edgewater Glen's 50th Anniversary Garden Walk will be held Sunday, July 9 from noon to 5:00 pm, rain or shine. The gardens of west Edgewater Glen will be featured.

This year, admission will be "Free like in '73." The starting point is at 1420 W. Glenlake. This is your chance to see creative gardening efforts in smaller city spaces in this easily-walkable route in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood, and the south side of Granville.

For more info, visit [edgeglen.com/gw](http://edgeglen.com/gw).



## Rectory Office Closure Announcement

The parish office is closed on Tuesday, July 29 in observance of Independence Day.

Mass will be held at 7:30 am.



## Bulletin Schedule

This summer, we will publish bulletins every other week through August. The scheduled newsletter/bulletin is as follows: 7/2 & 7/9; 7/16 & 7/23; 7/30 & 8/6; 8/13 & 8/20.

Email [stgerbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stgerbulletin@yahoo.com) for bulletin deadlines.

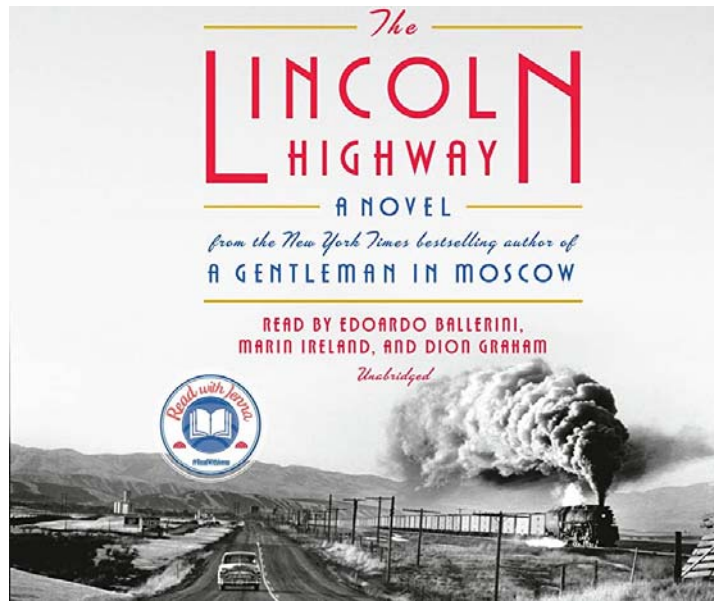
**Visit our Parish Website!** For the latest information about upcoming events, Mass times, staff emails, bulletins, office hours, and more, please visit St. Gertrude's website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)! The website is updated regularly and truly is the best way to get information about what is going on in the parish.

## Book Club-Monday, July 10

On Monday, July 10, the book club will again discuss *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles.

We would love new voices and opinions!

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



## Care for Real Food Drive

Thank you to those who were able to participate in our monthly food and supply drive for Care for Real on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25!

Our monthly Food & Supply Drive for Care for Real is July 22 and July 23. An updated list of what Care for Real staff especially needs for their clients will be in the next bulletin.



## Helping Asylum Seekers

Donations of the following items for asylum seekers can be left in the back of church before or after the weekend Masses. Please mark your bag, "Asylum Seekers."

- Children's, women's & men's underwear (**\$/M/L - NEW ONLY**).
- Children's, women's, men's tennis/athletic shoes (**NEW ONLY, nothing larger than a men's 9**).
- Rolling suitcases (**new or like-new**).
- Sanitary napkins (**NO tampons**).
- Diapers of all sizes.
- We are **NOT** accepting toys, food, or clothing.

For information about a meal train signup to help recently-arrived asylum seekers, email Laurie Hasbrook at [lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org).





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## Blood Drive Planned for Sunday, July 23

The next parish blood drive will be held on Sunday, July 23 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be located on Glenwood Avenue in front of the entrance to St. Gertrude Church.

Blood donors are greatly needed in our area to help local patients. Every blood donation can save up to three lives in our community!

Please prepare for your donation by eating well and hydrating before your appointment. Additionally, bring ID.

To schedule your donation, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use group

code ORD00591. Walk-ins are welcome!

For more information, please contact Pat Knowles at [pknowles2@gmail.com](mailto:pknowles2@gmail.com).

## Our Parish Composting Program is Back!

All are welcome to be a part of our parish composting program! Those who join are welcome to use the parish's compost tumbler, a user-friendly option that will produce compost at a quicker pace.

This year, we request that composters make sure that they only add **small and chopped up waste**—not whole banana peels, large slices of watermelon, etc.

This is because if we want to have compost product this summer, then we need to insert chopped up pieces into the composter or it will be years before it degrades.

For more information about our parish garden, as well as a complete list of composting do's and don'ts, visit <https://bit.ly/StGertsGarden>.

If you are interested in joining our composting program, please reach out to our new compost garden coordinators, Andrea and Guy Banicki, at [anbanicki@gmail.com](mailto:anbanicki@gmail.com) or [gbanick@ilstu.edu](mailto:gbanick@ilstu.edu) for information about the fee. Participants this summer can use their own compost buckets.





## Growing in Faith

*This reflection comes from long-time parishioner, Jean Sweeney, who recently "blew out" 92 candles on her birthday cake! Jean has been a bright ray of sunshine, as well as a great "Wisdom Woman" to so many! ~ Nancy Bujnowski*

Catholics around the world celebrate the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th. This feast day is special for me! In June of 1931, I came into the world unexpectedly; "preemies" were at greater risk than they are today. The hospital chaplain said "We need to baptize this baby now!"

My mother, alone in her room, asked for a church calendar, and found the closest saint

near that day. So, Jean, French for John, became my name, and John the Baptist, in any language, became my patron saint!

In Advent, we listen to John the Baptist when he assures us that we have the power to change our lives, our prejudices, our beliefs, our actions.

We can stop dismissing others and repent.

He knew the Creator God wanted us to love everyone. We all need each other despite of our hugely different ideas and actions. God, loving each of us completely and unceasingly, wants us to love one another no matter how different we are. This can be hard since hatred, intolerance, and prejudice are pervasive in today's world. Jesus showed us in his life that all humans deserve to be accepted and respected.

We are called to love one another. Remember what John said: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"!

## Financial Reports from June 17-18 and June 24-25

### June 17-18

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,433.00  
Loose Checks: \$325.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$443.85  
Online Donations: \$3,221.12  
**Total Collected: \$5,422.97**

Budgeted: \$10,730.00  
**Difference: -\$5,307.03**

Year-to-date Collected: \$471,709.06  
Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00  
**Difference: -\$86,290.94**

### June 24-25

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$3,086.00  
Loose Checks: \$605.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$724.80  
Online Donations: \$3,681.66  
**Total Collected: \$8,097.46**

Budgeted: \$10,730.00  
**Difference: -\$2,632.54**

Year-to-date Collected: \$479,806.52  
Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00  
**Difference: -\$78,193.48**

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Patricia Meade
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Richard Seitz
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- Tammy Wielgosz
- Janice Wittenberg
- Yyes Yoza

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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 June 17-18 and June 24-25

### Ministers of the Word:

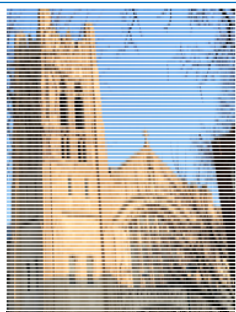
- Saturday, July 1 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, July 2 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook, Art Lyons
- Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Troy McMillan
- Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahan, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 am - David Sullivan, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Anthony Myers

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, July 1 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes
- Sunday, July 2 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Rafael Melendez, Maria Ugarte
- Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, July 1 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, July 2 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 am - TBA
- Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 am - TBA
- Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 am - TBA



### 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](mailto: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.

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, July 3:** 7:30 am - Jim Calle+
- **Tuesday, July 4:** 7:30 am - Paciencia & Robert Cabrera+
- **Wednesday, July 5:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Thursday, July 6:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, July 7:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, July 8:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Sheila McGuire +
- **Sunday, July 9:** 8:00 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 10:30 am Mass in church – Mutis family+
- **Monday, July 10:** 7:30 am - Glenn Martin+
- **Tuesday, July 11:** 7:30 am - Larry Treiber+
- **Wednesday, July 12:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Thursday, July 13:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, July 14:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Saturday, July 15:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Bromley+
- **Sunday, July 16:** 8:00 am - People of God; 10:30 am Mass in church – Janet Swoboda+

## 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](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants)

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

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectorry 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 Rectorry at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectorry office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. **The office is closed on Tuesday, July 4.**
- For the most up-to-date information, visit [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

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