

"Martha, you are  
anxious and worried  
about many things.  
There is need of only  
one thing.."

-Luke 10:41

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### Bulletin for Sunday, July 20, 2025

16th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## Thank You for Welcoming Sr. Rubi and Sr. Jean Marie of the Servants of the Visitation and for Supporting the Missionary Cooperative Plan!

This past weekend, our parish had the privilege of participating in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual Mission Cooperation Plan—a sacred opportunity for religious congregations from around the world to share their powerful stories and invite us to partner with them in spreading the love of Christ in spreading the love of Christ to those most in need.

We were honored to welcome Sr. Rubi Arellano and, on Saturday, Sr. Jean Marie of the Servants of the Visitation (SSV), who shared the inspiring mission and ministry of their community. With decades of experience in missionary service, they spoke about their work at the SSV Mission in Borongan, Philippines.

The appeal focused especially on the Ain Karim Children's Home there—the only accredited and government-licensed orphanage in Eastern Samar. Ain Karim is a place of hope and healing for children from newborn to eight years old who are in crisis: abandoned, orphaned, malnourished, disabled, or neglected.







## Mission Appeal (continued)

At the home, the SSV Sisters lovingly care for each child as if they were their own, creating a family-like atmosphere rooted in compassion, dignity, and the light of Christ for some of the world's most vulnerable children.

Thank you for opening your hearts in prayer and your hands in support. May we continue to be a community that shares God's love far beyond our borders.

If you would like to make a donation to the Servants of the Visitation's Ain Karim Children's Home, you can go to <https://bit.ly/MissionAppeal2025>.

Funds collected at St. Gertrude will be sent to the Sisters to support their work.





## "Brewed at St. Gertrude" Social Gathering is This Sunday, July 20

Please join us on Sunday, July 20, for a parish hospitality event, "Brewed at St. Gertrude!"

Following the 10:30 am mass, come to the Social Hall for pastries and beverages.

All are welcome: new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors!



## Commonweal Action: Meeting This Sunday, July 20

St. Gertrude's Commonweal Action will meet again on Sunday, July 20, in the Social Hall after the 10:30 am Mass.

At our June 22 meeting, we discussed the results of the "Faith in Action" survey and, in small groups, began planning ways to respond to those results by opposing the current administration's unchristian policies—policies that harm the poor, the elderly, children, immigrants, the LGBTQ community, and veterans.

Commonweal Action is committed to protecting access to healthcare (Medicaid) and food (SNAP), ensuring safety from wrongful deportation, and upholding the dignity of our most vulnerable neighbors. We take action through protests, letter-writing, educational efforts, and collaboration with like-minded community groups.

To move forward with the plans we've developed, we need your input, your energy, and your help!

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, July 20, around noon in St. Gertrude's Social Hall—after the 10:30 am Mass and once everyone has had a chance to grab a coffee and connect at Brewed at St. Gertrude's social gathering. The meeting will last approximately 90 minutes.

### **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.

Top Needs



## care for real

FOOD • CLOTHING • SUPPORT

- **Diapers sizes 4-6**
- **Adult incontinence pads - size XL**
- **Clothing hangers**
- **Deodorant**
- **Shampoo and conditioner**
- **Bar soap**
- **Sneakers**
- **Men's underwear**

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

## Care for Real Collection Drive is July 26-27

Our collection drive for Care for Real is July 26 and July 27 before and after masses to support our neighbors in need.

The image shares Care for Real's most needed items this week. Please visit <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/> to see what else they are specifically looking for at this time.

Our collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month, and our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of each month. We are so grateful for your help supporting our neighbors who are struggling!

## Parish News

### Register Your Children for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed School Year in August!

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed school year will open in August!

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am on the St. Gertrude campus. They will begin in September.

The goal of the Religious Education program at St. Gertrude is to teach children to listen for and respond to God's invitation to love.

The fees for the 2025-2026 school year are \$230 for one child and an additional \$40 for each student from the same family. Children making their First Communion/Reconciliation or their Confirmation will also need to pay a \$75 sacramental fee.

Questions should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

### REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Registration opens in August!

CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER



### Financial Report from July 12-13

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,728.00  
 Loose Checks: \$545.00  
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,946.88  
 Online Donations: \$6,543.20  
**Total Collected: \$10,763.08**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
**Difference: \$763.08**  
 Year-to-date Collected FY 2026 (: \$18,534.22  
 Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
**Difference: -\$531,465.78**  
 Missionary Co-Op: \$1,245.20



## Thank You from Fr. Mike Bradley

For some months, St. Gertrude parishioners have been praying for my sister Rosemary (Rosie) Bradley, who has courageously battled amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease).

Rosie passed away on July 10 at her home in Denver, surrounded by family members. Her family and friends are very grateful for your constant prayers and wonderful support throughout this difficult time. Thank you very much!

Rosie is now at peace with our Lord Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary.

~ Father Mike Bradley

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## Growing in Faith

*"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."* ~ Luke 10:41

Bob and I enjoy entertaining friends and family at our home. I even enjoy spontaneous and large get-togethers! The statement from Jesus in today's gospel often summarizes my feelings when entertaining. I worry about what is served, how everything looks, and whether the company is comfortable and having a good time. Lots of details.

This Sunday's gospel is the reminder I need to set these concerns aside and to keep in the forefront the reason for extending hospitality in the first place—to give your attention to whomever is invited or whomever unexpectedly visits, to ask questions, to have conversations, to listen, and to be present in each other's company—to make our guests feel wanted and truly seen.

It has taken me years of observing, as a guest in other households, to learn how to juggle all the responsibilities of a host while being primarily present to the guests. However, I still struggle at times. But thankfully, even a burnt salmon, a terrible-tasting new side recipe, or serving just cheese and crackers can be forgiven—and even give our guests a good laugh.

Our seven-year-old twin grandchildren make signs welcoming Bob and me whenever we visit in Massachusetts. They write *WE WANT YOU HERE* in large letters. I think Jesus would approve of this hospitality sentiment.

~ Elaine Cerny





## Parish Garden Update

We're happy to report that the parish garden is thriving! Our latest harvest of fresh lettuce and herbs has been delivered to Care for Real, where it will be shared with neighbors in need.

Thanks to the hard work of our garden volunteers, this simple act of care is bringing fresh, healthy food to a few grateful families in our community.



## Neighborhood News



### Free Summer Nights Concert Series in Edgewater

Enjoy free live music every Wednesday evening this summer in the beautiful garden behind the Edgewater Historical Society Museum (5358 N. Ashland Ave.). These weekly concerts feature talented local musicians and offer a great opportunity to relax, connect with neighbors, and make new friends.

The concerts are family- and pet-friendly, and take place from 6:00 to 8:00 pm through August 20. For a schedule of performers, visit <https://www.edgewaterhistory.org/ehs/content/summer-nights-edgewater>.

## Lecture by Notre Dame Scholar on Saturday, July 26

In an age where life rushes forward at a relentless pace—especially in a city like Chicago—how can we recover a sense of stillness, meaning, and presence? Join renowned theologian and author Timothy P. O'Malley for a timely and thought-provoking free talk, *A Contemplative Revolution: Eucharistic Beholding, Believing, and Becoming in a Frenetic Age*. The event will take place on Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 am at St. Gregory the Great Church, 5545 N. Paulina St.

Register at [stgregoryhall.org](http://stgregoryhall.org).



## Parish Information

### Rest in Peace

- Ricardo Martinez, husband of Adele
- John Staggs, husband of Mary Clare Barker

### Baptisms

- Serena LeeAnn Czernecki

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, July 19 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, July 20 at 8:00 am - TBA, Jay Cook
- Sunday, July 20 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Anthony Myers

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, July 19 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, July 20 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, July 20 at 10:30 am - Ellen Pierce, Troy McMillan, Steven Monti

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, July 19 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, July 20 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Diarmuid McKeown; acolytes: Wyatt Dant; Angel Garcia

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| • Mary Amelse             | • Marie Galoney      | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Victor Ayes             | • Thomas Hajduch     | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Anne Marie Hamde   | • Mary Pierce Spalla   |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Tricia Hernandez   | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • Hallie Burhoe           | • Maria Hertl        | • Christopher Thomas   |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • John Kahoun        | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Marta Carlson           | • Paul Kapczuk       | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Terrence Carmichael     | • Mary E. Kelley     | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Marilyn Klein      | • King Wallace         |
| • David Denegas           | • Joseph Lambin      | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • River Malik        | • Leon Ward            |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+    | • James Mann         | • Ron Whitfield        |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • Alex Marks         | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael      | • Dawn Wyman           |
| • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Steve Monti        | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Adolf Gabriel           | • Hilda Mora         | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |
|                           | • Dealina Peon       |                        |

## Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 21: 7:30 am - Elinora Tolentino
- Tuesday, July 22: 7:30 am - John Staggs+
- Wednesday, July 23: 7:30 am -Liliana del Carmen Sepulveda Felio+
- Thursday, July 24: 7:30 am - Communion service; JoAnn Joyce+
- Friday, July 25: 7:30 am - Ricardo Martinez+
- Saturday, July 26: 7:30 am - Bernadette O'Reilly; 5:00 pm - John Reilly+
- Sunday, July 27: 8:00 am - John Skaggs; 10:30 am - Jim and Kevin Corbett+; Jack Degnan+

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm. (The Gym Mass is on summer break.)
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays 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 is closed on weekends.

## Donate to our Parish

- 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)

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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## Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).