

ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER
for good
FOR THOSE WHO
LOVE GOD

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Bulletin for
Sunday, July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

From Fr. Sergio

Dear St. Gertrude Friends and Family in Christ,
I give thanks to God for the many ways you embody love, generosity, and faithful leadership within our St. Gertrude Parish community. Because of parishioners like you, we continue to live out our mission to build God's kingdom by celebrating the sacraments of life, spreading the gospel, and serving others.

All parishes within the Archdiocese of Chicago have been invited to participate in a new campaign, *Generation to Generation: Answer the Call*. This comprehensive campaign seeks to strengthen and spiritually renew parishes, support priests and assist vulnerable communities. Our parish's participation in this campaign will soon be activated.

As we discern St. Gertrude Parish's strengths, needs, and future investments, we want to ground our project priorities in strengthening our foundation for engagement with the current and next generations of the parish. To that end, we are conducting a planning study as a preparatory step for a potential fundraising campaign that will improve comfort in and access to our spaces, enable increased hospitality, and welcome new members to join us in worship and evangelization.

Most importantly, this is an opportunity for us to listen and learn from you as parishioners. We want as many parishioners to participate as possible and you will all be invited to share your perspectives in the coming weeks. Please look out for more information here in our bulletins and during weekend Mass.

As always, we strive to be a community, growing in faith, that welcomes all and brings Christ's love to others. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this effort and I ask for your prayers that God will guide our discernment on how to best help our greater community deepen their faith, spread the gospel, and continue to serve others.



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TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL...

Parish Events & Activities



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.

Thank You for Helping Care for Real; Next CFR Collection is August 1-2

Thank you to everyone who participated in this weekend's collection for Care for Real. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Our Care for Real collections takes place on the first and fourth weekend of each month, with our next drive scheduled for August 1-2. We hope you'll consider taking part again.



August Book Club Info

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.



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

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, August 12, for a thoughtful, reflective conversation as we reflect upon God's presence and, perhaps, God's absence in our lives. Please note the date for this event has been corrected.

Are you satisfied with your relationship with God? Have there been times when that relationship has been a source of comfort and peace? Have there

been times when God has seemed absent?

Are you always doing the talking or asking, or do you take time to be still and quiet, to listen to what God is saying to you? What ways have you found to deepen your relationship with God?

Each of us has our own answers to these and similar questions. Come and share your insights, your struggles, and your hopes as we listen and learn from one another.

We will gather in the courtyard between the church and the Ministry Center from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you are able, please bring your own chair. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the Ministry Center Chapel.

~ Sponsored by the Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee

Friendship Club is 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!





Growing in Faith

Back in the 1950s, there was a TV series called *The Millionaire*. The idea was that, each week, a rich guy would give away \$1 million to someone he'd never met. Then, the recipient had to decide what to do with the money, for better or worse.

In this weekend's first reading, God makes a similar offer to Solomon in a dream: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." God thinks the young king might ask for a long life or greater riches or triumph over his enemies. Instead, Solomon responds, "I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act" to serve the people of his kingdom. So, he asks for "an understanding heart to judge your people and to

distinguish right from wrong." And God, impressed, grants his wish.

Another translation of "understanding heart" is "hearing heart." With a hearing heart, Solomon will be a listener — listening to the promptings of God and listening to the people he serves as king. A hearing heart is the foundation of wisdom and compassion.

The beauty of a hearing heart is that we don't have to wait for God to give it to us. We can just do it — just decide to have a heart that listens, just start listening.

If I listen closely and with openness, I can get to know the people I come in contact with, even those with whom I disagree. I can know them as companions on this road of life, as pilgrims with me in searching for God and what God is calling us to. Together, we can listen to each other and listen to the nudgings of the Holy Spirit. And the Spirit is always nudging us into greater listening and community.

~ Patrick T. Reardon

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.

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.



Religious Education Registration Opens in August

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

Classes meet on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 am on the St. Gertrude campus and begin in September.

Tuition for the 2026–2027 school year is \$230 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child from the same family. Families registering a child who was baptized at another church should provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

Registration may be completed online or in person by appointment.

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

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

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Interested in Becoming Catholic or Completing Your Sacraments?

Registration for the 2026–2027 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process will open in August.

OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is the process through which adults learn about the Catholic faith and discern whether they are called to become members of the Catholic Church.

Many participants are people who have never been baptized or who were baptized in another

Christian tradition and are interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Others are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, or who simply want to deepen their understanding of their faith.

The OCIA journey is one of prayer, learning, reflection, and community. Through weekly gatherings, participants explore Scripture, share their faith stories, learn about Catholic beliefs and traditions, and participate in the life of the parish. Those who are ready to enter the Catholic Church receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Classes will begin in September.

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.

Summer Mass Parts:

Gloria: Mass of Joy and Peace #249

Gospel Acc: Celtic Alleluia #373

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Land of Rest #411

Lamb of God: Holy Cross Mass #436

Music for Mass This Summer

This graphic outlines the Mass parts we will be using throughout the summer to help everyone participate with confidence.

The opening, offertory, communion, and closing hymns will continue to be posted on the hymn board before Mass and announced as the liturgy begins. Thank you for joining in prayer and song as we worship together each week.

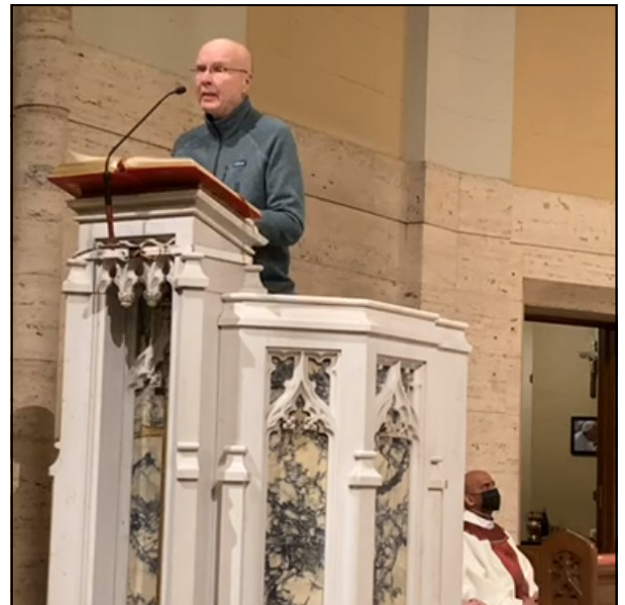
Liturgical Ministry Training This September

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

Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Monday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in the church. Youth and adults are invited to attend.

Altar Server training will take place on 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.



Financial Report for July 18-19

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,374.00

Loose Checks: \$105.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$ 38.19

Online Donations: \$5,327.51

Total Collected: \$8,444.70

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$1,555.30

YTD Collected FY 2027: \$25,329.09

YTD Budgeted FY 2027: \$550,000.00

Difference: -\$524,670.91

New Parishioners

- Manny Guevara
- Emily Williams
- Katherine Williams

Rest in Peace

- Sheneill Renee Fitzpatrick **corrected from last week*

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, July 25 at 5:00 pm - Joe Tomasello, Art Lyons
- Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Edie Sheridan

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, July 25 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Wyatt Dany; acolyte: Angel Garcia

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 27: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, July 28: 7:30 am - Frederick Gusmanos+
- Wednesday, July 29: 7:30 am - Roberto Cabrera+
- Thursday, July 30: 7:30 am
- Friday, July 31: 7:30 am - 7:30 am
- Saturday, August 1: 5:00 pm - Mary Tunney+
- Sunday, August 2: 8:00 am; 10:30 am

Mass Times/Rectory 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 Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager—call 773.973.5464

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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. **The Lending Closet is closed until July 16.**

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, staff contact info, details on our Medical Lending Closet, sacraments and more, visit our parish's website at stgertrudechicago.org.