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**Sunday, July 30  
& Sunday, August 6, 2023**

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
& Transfiguration of the Lord*

### From Fr. Mike

Around this time of the year, the first of August, excitement and chaos begin to fill the air.

Soon, many things will be starting up again, NCA, Religious Education, RCIA, choir, to name just a few. Lots of things are happening here at St. Gertrude's, so hang on!

We pay tribute to two Jubilarians, Rev. Bill Creed who celebrating 60 years in the Society of Jesus and Sister Kathryn Stimac, who has been a part of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters for 66 years. Their vocations are a symbol of God's love for all of us.

Thank you both for your dedication and the love you have shown us!

### Soles of the Parish Fun Run

As you may have read in the last bulletin and on page 7 in this one, we are organizing a Marathon Weekend, October 6-8. Our Soles of the Parish fun run and walk is being planned for Saturday, October 7!

Early registration will start in two weeks. Get your friends and family to sign up and have fun!



### Fireside Chat: Next Topic is Immigration

Special thanks to Stephanie Clark, who led an insightful discussion on gender identity at our July talk.

Please join us for the next Fireside talk, planned for Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 pm. The topic is immigration.

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" ~ Matthew 25:35*

The Catholic faith tradition has a long, rich history of hospitality and respect for the stranger or alien.

The Church call us to a vision of unity in diversity as part of the parish life by helping immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the run from injustices.

Here are a few articles you might like to read prior to the discussion:

- *Bishops call for a better management and continue care for immigrants.* <https://bit.ly/FiresideAugust1>
- *Two nuns have a message for Catholics angry about their ministry to immigrants: 'We don't have any intention of stopping.'* <https://bit.ly/FiresideAugust2>

I also recommend reading a wonderful book called *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora.

## Author Event Planned

Parishioner Kathleen Osberger has a book coming out August 18th, titled *I Surrender A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975*.

On Thursday, September 21, we will host an author event, with Kathy speaking about her book and time in Chile during the reign of military dictator General August Pinochet and her experiences at the hands of Chile's secret police.

Her book will be available for sale at a reduced price in two weeks in the back of church, with a portion donated to St. Gertrude's.



## Helping Asylum Seekers: Collections on August 6-7

Donations of the following items for asylum seekers can be left in the back of church before or after the weekend Masses on the first weekend of the month, August 6-7.

Please mark your bag, "Asylum Seekers."

- Children's, women's & men's underwear (S/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).
- STROLLERS in LIKE NEW condition
- Sanitary napkins (NO tampons).
- Diapers size 3T, 4T, 5T.

- Children's scooters, bike helmets

**We are NOT accepting food or other items of clothing.**

Thank you for your generosity!

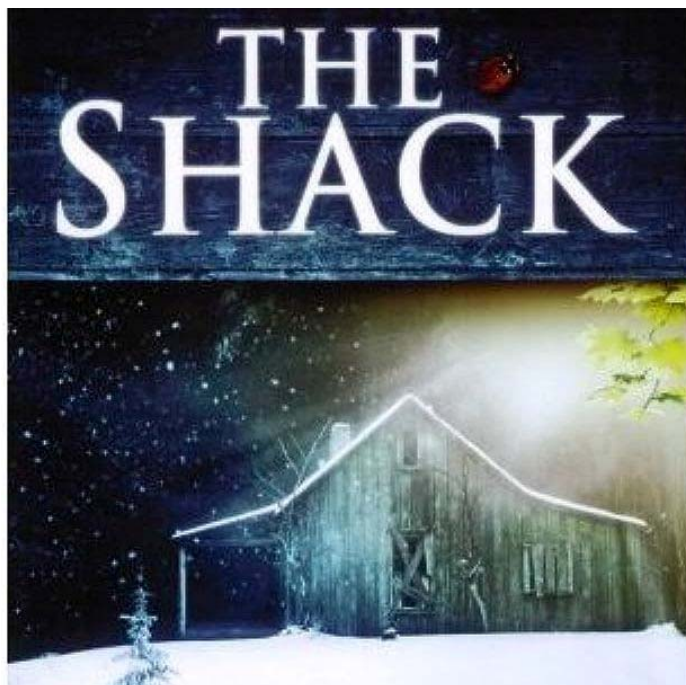
## Book Club - Monday, August 14

On Monday, June 12, the book club will discuss *The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity* by William P. Young.

Save the date! *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai will be discussed at the September 11 book club.

We would love new voices and opinions!

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



## Altar Server Training - Thursday, August 24

Students in 5th grade and up are invited to become altar servers! There is a training session planned for Thursday, August 24th at 6:00 pm.

Please note, serving as an altar server does qualify for Confirmation service hours.

Contact Eloy Escamilla with questions at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

**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.

**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.





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## Care for Real Food & Supply Drive - August 26-27

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- Children's scooters, bike helmets

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## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

Classes begin in September.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.



## Golden Wedding Mass – September 17

Congratulations to all of the couples celebrating 50 years of marriage this year!

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please register by September 15, 2023 at [pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding](https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding).

## Help Needed to Plan our Parish's New Event: Marathon Weekend—October 6-8!

We are organizing a very special fundraising event the weekend of the Chicago Marathon! Fr. Mike Bradley has committed to running his 50th marathon and we will celebrate this incredible achievement with a weekend full of fun activities.

We are still planning an event for Friday, October 6. But on Saturday, October 7, we will hold a 3K Soles of the Parish walk and run with parishioners encouraged to participate, followed by a pep rally for Fr. Mike and all of the other marathon participants, and a special blessing at the 5:00 pm Mass. Additionally, we'll sell special t-shirts to commemorate this weekend of fun.

All funds will go to Heart to Heart and other parish ministries.

We do have some amazing parishioners who have volunteered to help and I'm so grateful for them. But I am looking for extra hands to plan and also to assist with organizing sponsorships opportunities. Send me an email at [mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org) if you can pitch in!

~ Father Mike



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CLASS OF 1973

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REUNION

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CLASS OF 1973

## St. Gertrude Class of 1973's 50th Reunion is October 14

Attention all St. Gertrude Class of 1973 members! It has been 50 years and time for us to celebrate, reminisce, and reconnect.

We are trying to contact our entire class but are missing several people. If you have not heard from us and have interest in attending, please contact me at [vic.rigs@comcast.com](mailto:vic.rigs@comcast.com) or 847.899.8146. If you are not from our class but are related to or are friends with someone who is, please share my information with them.

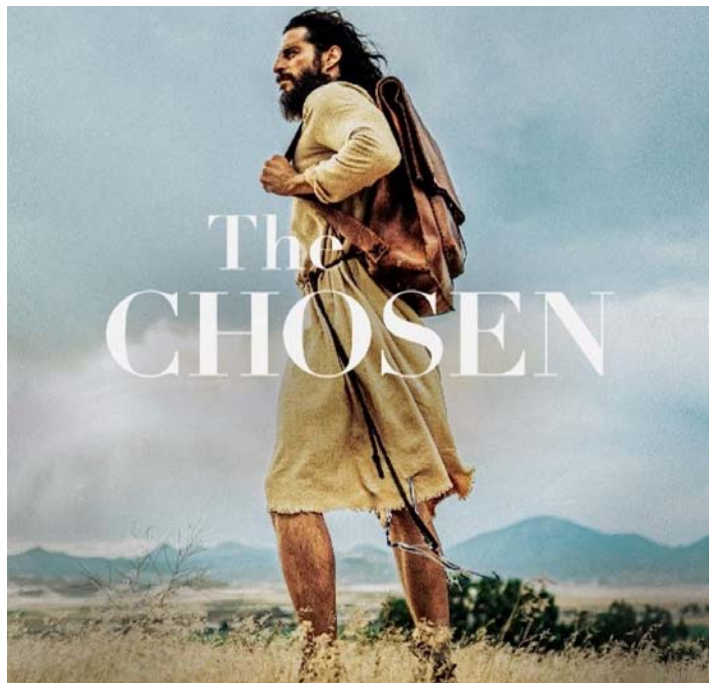
Thank you and I hope to see you on October 14!

-Vicki Vallely Righeimer

## The Chosen: A Spiritual Reflection Retreat

If you are a fan of *The Chosen*, the first-ever multi-season television show about Jesus, starring Catholic actor Jonathan Roumie as Jesus, or have heard great things about it and have been thinking about checking it out, you may be interested The Chosen: A Spiritual Reflection Retreat offered at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, October 6-9.

There are fliers about the retreat on the tables at the back of the church. If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Hallie Burhoe at [hdburhoe@comcast.net](mailto:hdburhoe@comcast.net) or Carol Ann Munro at [carolannmunro@comcast.net](mailto:carolannmunro@comcast.net).



### St. Gertrude Parish Garden

We harvested some very large radishes this week, a few more beans, some green peppers, and a bunch of herbs and shared them with Care for Real and St. Thomas of Canterbury's soup kitchen. And our tomatoes should be ripening soon!

Thank you so much to Max Schweikert for leading the efforts on the garden project and Mary Clare Barker for her help too!

#### Rest in Peace

- Josephina Hernandez
- Jo Anne Joyce
- Mary McKean

#### Recent Baptisms

- Chloe Loise Michele Garcia
  - Basil Patrick Hermes
  - Bronwen Ellen Preston

#### New Parishioners

- The Lewis family





## Spiritual Directors/ Companions Available

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God? Have you wanted to seek God's help in making a major decision, but haven't been quite sure how to do it? Would you like to connect to your purpose in life? Would you like to explore the spiritual dimensions of the issues, struggles and "stuck" places in your life?

You might consider meeting with a Spiritual Director/Companion.

We are blessed to have two spiritual directors/companions in our parish who offer confidential one-on-one sessions at St.

Gertrude's Spiritual Direction provides the opportunity to slow down and take time to reflect on your experience of life, God's action and grace in your daily routines and connect deeply to "the Spirit hidden in the depths of your soul." (T. Merton)

In meeting with a spiritual director, a person learns to pay attention to God's personal communication, to respond to this personally communicating God, to be open to intimacy with God, and to live out the richness of the relationship that results from this intimacy.

"Within each of us dwells the desire to find meaning beyond the moment... To discover our true selves, to grow closer to God, and to each other. A Spiritual Director can help you satisfy that longing." ~ *Spiritual Directors International*

If you are interested in learning more about spiritual direction contact Lori Dressel at [lorijdressel@gmail.com](mailto:lorijdressel@gmail.com), or Carol Ann Munro at [carolannmunro@comcast.net](mailto:carolannmunro@comcast.net).

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## Disciples on Mission

After six years of parish restructuring, the majority of our parishes are now poised to focus and invest in spiritual renewal. It is an exciting moment for us, as an Archdiocesan family, while we move forward with renewed commitment to Christ's call to renew His Church.

Our spiritual renewal must be both personal and communal, marked by a fresh and ongoing encounter with Jesus, a deep sense of belonging nurtured through relationships and a commitment to bold sharing as we intentionally share the gift of our faith.



Are you ready to share Christ's love with others and create a parish of belonging?



## Growing in Faith

My amazing niece, Anna, was married this summer. And because she's such a superb planner, she gave much thought to every detail of that weekend. One of those details that I liked especially was her request to the wedding guests: please put all mobile phones and recording devices aside during the ceremony. Instead of looking through the camera lens of an iPhone 12, the couple wanted people to witness the ceremony in real time, versus record for posterity.

I wonder whether our lives haven't been skewed by the pandemic worlds of cell phone Cameras, Zooms & Social Media postings. Are we in attendance at meaningful events or are we recording them? How do we just BE HERE

NOW and experience the rich, beautiful moments that are marked with our presence at important life occasions? We are so lucky that we are now gathering again in numbers, but our sense of 'what is important in front of us' may need a little re-tweaking.

Which reminds me of Peter at the Transfiguration. You gotta love Peter! He misses the point again and again...just like the rest of us. Instead of experiencing the awesome moment, Peter wants to make tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah!! Recently, Pat Reardon said: "What if Peter had an iPhone at the Transfiguration?!" Whoa! I think, if Peter whipped out his iPhone to capture the moment, a lightning bolt would've fried that phone faster than you coulda said, "Lordy!"

So, the message? Pay attention and be present. That's it.

*-Claire Conley*

## Financial Reports from Recent Collections

### July 15-16

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,653.00

Loose Checks: \$385.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$568.26

Online Donations: \$5,118.77

Total Collected: \$8,725.03

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$1,274.97

Year-to-date Collected: \$28,714.51

Year-to-date Budgeted: \$386,400.00

**Difference: -\$357,685.49**

### July 22-23

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,401.00

Loose Checks: \$455.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$758.63

Online Donations: \$4,247.65

**Total Collected: \$7,862.28**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: -\$2,137.72**

Year-to-date Collected: \$36,576.79

Year-to-date Budgeted: \$386,400.00

**Difference: -\$349,823.21**

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Denise DeBelle
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Richard Seitz
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- 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 July 29-30 and Aug. 5-7

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, July 29 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega, Jay Cook
- Sunday, July 30 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Rose Karasti
- Saturday, August 5 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, August 6 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Art Lyons
- Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Eric Ameyaw

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, July 29 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, July 30 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Annie Hasselbeck, Michael Kowalsky
- Saturday, August 5 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, August 6 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 am - Maria Ugarte, Rafael Melendez, Troy McMillan

### Cantors & Musicians

- Saturday, July 29 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, July 30 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan
- Saturday, August 5 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor; Mary Horan, voice; John Flynn, djembe; John Horan, guitar
- Sunday, August 6 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 am - Amir Ghazaleh, trombone, John Flynn, djembe

### Altar Servers

- Sunday, July 30 at 10:30 am - cross bearer - Carter Dant

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, July 31:** 7:30 am - Roxanne Faurot +
- **Tuesday, August 1:** 7:30 am - Peter & Mary Tunney +
- **Wednesday, August 2:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Thursday, August 3:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, August 4:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, August 5:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Greg Wall +
- **Sunday, August 6:** 8:00 am - People of God; 10:30 am Mass in church – Jim Corbett, Sr. +, Jack Degnan +, Kevin Corbett +
- **Monday, August 7:** 7:30 am - Augusto Batungbakal +, CFD Lt. Victor H. Strubbe +
- **Tuesday, August 8:** 7:30 am - Barbara Stopa +
- **Wednesday, August 9:** 7:30 am - Delores Marie Winslow +
- **Thursday, August 10:** 7:30 am - Communion Service; Kathryn Smith +
- **Friday, August 11:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Saturday, August 12:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - Hal Mann +
- **Sunday, August 13:** 8:00 am - Isabel Morrissey; 10:30 am Mass in church – Elue family

## 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.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

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