

BULLETIN FOR JULY 5, 2026

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 5, 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Gertrude Teens Serve Across Chicagoland During Mission Experience

From June 22-26, St. Gertrude teens put their faith into action during this year's Teen Mission Experience, serving at organizations across Chicagoland while growing in faith and friendship.

Throughout the week, the group volunteered at The Friendship Center, Feed My Starving Children, Misericordia, and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Whether preparing meals, packing food, assisting adults with disabilities, or helping fight hunger, our teens generously shared their time, energy, and compassion.

Each day included prayer and community building as participants explored Christ's call to love and serve others. The week concluded with a fun movie and pizza day to celebrate new friendships and reflect on the experience.

Special thanks to Jennifer Reyes, Pat Sullivan, and Maria Carlos for their leadership, encouragement, and care throughout the week. Thank you to our teens and everyone who helped make this year's Teen Mission Experience a meaningful week of faith, service, and joy.



Parish Events & Activities



Wednesday Mornings: Find Stillness in Prayer

Set aside time each week to rest in God's presence through contemplative prayer. This welcoming group gathers on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Ministry Center chapel (6214 N. Glenwood Ave.) for silent prayer, reflection on Scripture, and spiritual reading.

Whether you're exploring contemplative prayer for the first time or have an established practice, you'll find a supportive community and gentle guidance. Come when you can and participate at your own pace.

For more information, contact Karen Spear at kspear@marian.edu.

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!



Thank You for Supporting Care for Real

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 next drive is scheduled for July 25-26.



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Book Club Info

Join the St. Gertrude Book Club on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., as we discuss *Six Days in Bombay* by Alka Joshi.

On Tuesday, August 11, the group will review *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.



Friendship Club is Thursday, July 16

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!

Financial Report for June 27-28

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$3,771.00
Loose Checks: \$660.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$702.00
Online Donations: \$6,138.03
Total Collected: \$11,271.03

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: \$1,271.03
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$536,419.43
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$13,580.50



Growing in Faith: *The Mystery of Knowing God*

When planning our father's funeral Mass several years ago, my family chose a popular Gospel reading (John 14:1–6). It's the one that begins with Jesus saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," and ends with something we wanted to (but didn't) cut: "Nobody comes to the Father except through me." We knew a fair number of non-Christians would be in attendance, including Jewish friends, a Muslim caregiver, and a bunch of kind and generous "nones."

My heart, long troubled by such seemingly exclusionary language, has found some solace in what C.S. Lewis wrote about salvation in his book *Mere Christianity*: "Is it not frightfully unfair that this new life should be confined to people who have heard of Christ and been able to believe in him? But the truth is, God has not told us what His arrangements about the other people are. We do know that no man can be saved except through Christ. We do not know that only those who know Him can be saved through Him."

I find further assurance in a verse from today's Gospel reading (Matthew 11:27): "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (my italics). To borrow Lewis's reasoning, Jesus can make God known to anyone at all, and we do not know that only those whom we think know God actually do know God. Whew!

~ Jeanne Rattenbury

Neighborhood News

Edgewater Glen Garden Walk – Sunday, July 12

Come explore the beautiful gardens of East Edgewater Glen on Sunday, July 12, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm, rain or shine! This annual event showcases the creativity and hard work of local gardeners in the 1200 -1300 blocks of Edgewater Glen—all within an easy walking distance.

To attend the garden walk, please visit the registration table at the corner of Norwood St. and Glenwood Ave. The fee of \$10 per person will get you a map of all the participating gardens. Electronic payment accepted, cash or check preferred.



Parish Info

New Parishioners

- The Stults family
- Sean Williams

Baptism

- Viviana Muñoz Gaytan, daughter of Juan C. Muñoz and Diana A. Gaytan

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, July 4 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Christine Lincoln
- Sunday, July 5 at 8:00 am - Martin Waide, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, July 5 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Theo Fletcher

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 pm - Martin Waide
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Steven Monti
- Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 am - Maria Ugarte, Lisa Schneider, Hellen Pierce

Altar Servers

- Sunday, July 5 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: 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 | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Cavicke Family | • Joseph Lambin | • Marie Tarallo |
| • Mary DeBois | • Carleen Lorys | • Christopher Thomas |
| • David Denegas | • Roland Mady | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • River Malik | • Joe Touchstone |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • James Mann | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Theresa McMahan | • King Wallace |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Nancy Michael | • Christian Wallace |
| • Marie Galoney | • Steve Monti | • Kevin Walsh |
| • Thomas Hajduch | • Hilda Mora | • Leon Ward |
| • Anne Marie Hamde | • John Nardella | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Rochelle Hernandez | • Patti Paul | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Tricia Hernandez | • Dealina Peon | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Maria Hertl | • Claude Poulsen | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 6: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, July 7: 7:30 am
- Wednesday, July 8: 7:30 am
- Thursday, July 9: Frederick Gusmanos+
- Friday, July 10: 7:30 am - Glenn Martin+
- Saturday, July 11: 5:00 pm - Leila Carpio+
- Sunday, July 12: 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.

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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.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

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