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Bulletin for Sunday, June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

We are already celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, leading to the culmination of this beautiful season of New Life with the Feast of Pentecost. In our Gospels, Jesus is preparing His disciples for the great gift of the Holy Spirit, “who will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” Wow—what a gift!

We all need to be reminded and renewed in the confidence that this is the same gift of the Holy Spirit we first received at Baptism, were sealed with at Confirmation, and continue to receive every time we partake in the Eucharist. This gift far surpasses anything the world can offer—no matter how expensive, impressive, or valuable—and yet it is so easily minimized or taken for granted.

It is truly a “use it or lose it” kind of gift, one that has the power to transform us into powerful witnesses of the Risen Lord and faithful disciples. Jesus gives us His peace “not as the world gives peace,” which is often temporary and fragile, but as a lasting peace—one that enables our hearts to be free from fear and trouble.

However, this peace comes with a call: we must surrender to the ultimate power and authority of God, avoiding false gods or the illusion that we are in control. Only when we truly allow God to be God do we experience the fullness of His peace.

As we approach Pentecost, prepare your heart to renew the gift of the Holy Spirit within you.

Join us on June 7th and 8th as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost! We invite everyone to wear something red when you come to Mass.

~ Fr. Mike



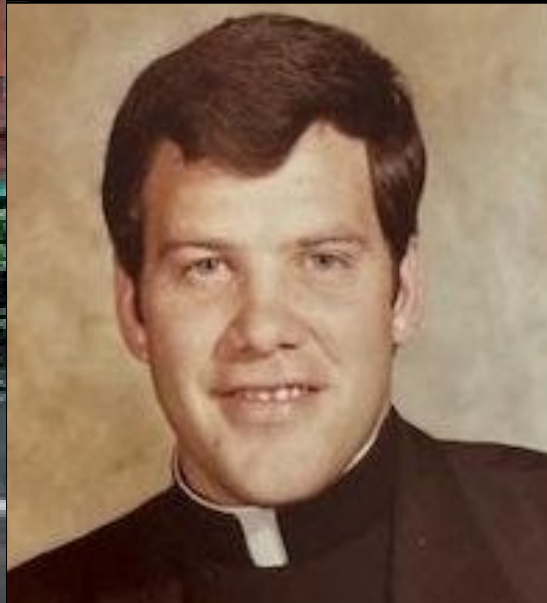
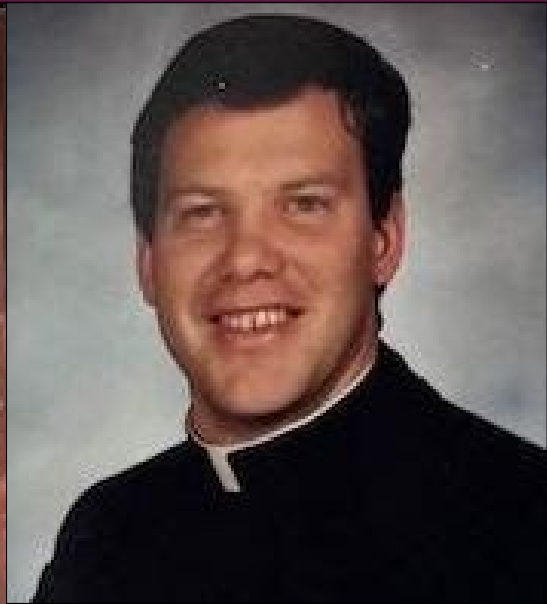
Fr. Mike Retires!

**NEXT SUNDAY,
JUNE 8**

Join us for a for a special celebration following the 10:30 am Mass. We'll gather in the Gym for hospitality, fellowship, and a chance to personally thank Father Mike for his years of ministry, guidance, and compassion.



A Tribute to Fr. Mike





Baked Goods Needed for Fr. Mike's Retirement Celebration Next Sunday- Drop Them Off Saturday or Sunday!

After years of dedicated service, Father Mike Gabriel is heading into a well-deserved retirement—and we want to send him off with all the love and gratitude he deserves!

We are looking for parishioners to bring or make baked goods for the party! **To make it easier, there will be someone in the Gym accepting drop offs on Saturday June 7 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and on Sunday June 8 from 9:00 - 10:00 am.** Otherwise, you

can bring your sweets to the event after mass 10:30 am mass on June 8th.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Set-up & clean-up in the gym
- Staffing during the event (planned for after the 10:30 am combined mass in church), including monitoring food and beverages

If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Michael Kowalsky at 773.633.6692 or mkowalsky@rcn.com.

Thank you in advance for your help—and we look forward to celebrating together!

Letters of Gratitude

As a part of our celebration of Father Mike, we would like to compile a book of letters from St. Gertrude parishioners, and from the many people he has served in his 41 years as priest. It would be a very special remembrance for him as he begins his retirement, and is indeed a perfect gift!

There will be a table at the reception where people can write a note of thanks and good wishes for the future.

But if you would like to compose your letter beforehand, it would allow you more time to include some memories, stories, and perhaps include a picture.

You can send your letter:

- Via email to marinaparise@gmail.com
- By sending it to the parish office to the attention of Eduardo, 1420 W Granville Ave, Chicago, IL, 60660
- By bringing it to the reception on June 8



Parish Calendar

Friday, June 6

- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group in the Ministry Center

Saturday, June 7

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm - Youth group to sell hot dogs and pop at Edgewater Yard & Sidewalk Sale in the parish parking lot
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Care for Real collection drive before/after masses

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

- Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers before/after masses
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Combined 10:30 am mass in church (No Gym mass)
- After the 10:30 am masses - Fr. Mike Gabriel's retirement celebration

Friday, June 13

- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group in the Ministry Center

Saturday, June 14

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm - Youth group to sell hot dogs and pop at Edgewater Yard & Sidewalk Sale in the parish parking lot
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers before/after masses

Father's Day, Sunday, June 15

- Last Gym Mass until September

Thursday, June 19

- Juneteenth
- The Rectory office is closed.
- Mass is at 7:30 am.

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings

All are welcome to attend the weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The bilingual gathering is held in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.



Youth Group to Hold a Hot Dog Sale During the Edgewater Yard & Garden Sale on Saturday, June 7

The parish youth group also has an upcoming event planned during the Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale next Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

The teens will sell pop and hot dogs to attendees in the parish parking lot, located at the northwest corner of Thome & Glenwood Avenues, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Please consider stopping by and supporting them (or saying hello!) if you are out enjoying the Edgewater sales!

If your teen in grades six and up is interested in joining our youth group, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Second Collection on June 7-8 for Priests' Health and Retirement

The Priests have dedicated their lives to ministry, serving our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life.

A second collection on June 7-8 will provide for the health and well-being of 386 active and 247 retired archdiocesan priests.

Your generosity to this special collection directly impacts both the many active and retired archdiocesan priests who we have come to rely on

throughout our lives.

As we're all aware, healthcare and retirement costs continue to rise, so there is an urgent need for your gifts to this fund. Your generosity will not only ensure the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parishes and communities.



Right now, Care for Real is experiencing the highest demand for food assistance in their history, serving 1,400 families each week.

Collection Drive for Asylum Seekers is June 7-8

We've planned a collection drive for Care for Real on June 7-8!

Care for Real is urgently seeking donations of new socks and underwear, diapers in sizes 4-6, shampoo, hand soap, and adult incontinence briefs. Please place nonperishable items in the bins at the back of church.

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 Care for Real as they work to provide food and much-needed supplies to our neighbors who are struggling.

Friendship Club is Thursday, June 12

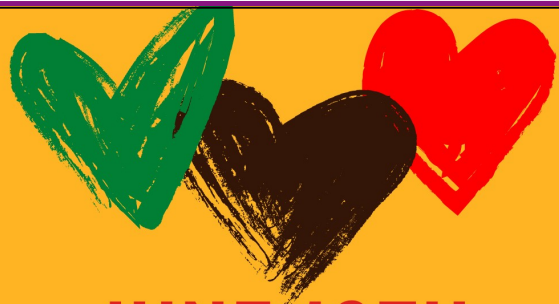
The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

friend
[frɛnd] noun.

a person known well to another and regarded with **liking, affection, and loyalty**.

a friend is a person who knows all about you and still loves you



JUNE 19TH
JUNETEENTH
freedom day

Rectory Office Closed on Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans and is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865.

The rectory office will be closed. Mass will be held at 7:30 am.

Growing in Faith: *The Ascension of Jesus, and the Joy of Hope*

Last year, on the Feast of the Ascension, dear Pope Francis announced the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025 as HOPE.

I feel that was prophetic, don't you? For Pope Francis, the completion of Jesus' life on earth is a fulfillment of the faithfulness and love of God for us, and God's desire that we experience confidence and joy—the joy experienced by the witnesses to Jesus' Ascension as they returned to the city with that new hope. I find his words so helpful:



Pope Francis said that day:

"...Christian hope sustains the journey of our lives, even when the road ahead seems winding and exhausting. It opens our eyes to future possibilities whenever resignation or pessimism attempt to imprison us. It makes us see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail... It makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world, even when it seems barely worth the effort.

By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope, so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity and reawaken in every heart the joy and the courage to embrace life to the full."

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Ph.D



The Parish Pastoral Council is Looking for New Members!

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is renewing its search for new members. If you are interested in learning more about the PPC or are interested in joining, please complete this at <https://bit.ly/JointhePPC>.

Questions or comments for the PPC can be sent to stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.



Faith in Action (FiA) Survey

Which social and political issues do you care about?

How well is the Church speaking to the things that you care about?

What does Christ-centered activism look like?

We want to hear your views on the St. Gertrude Parish Faith in Action (FiA) Survey. The survey is open to all ages and allows you to share your views anonymously and shape civic engagement and educational opportunities in the parish.

Visit bit.ly/FiASurvey or use the QR code and take 5 minutes to complete the survey in English or Spanish



**Survey Closes
June 15th**



Encuesta Fe en Acción (FiA)

¿Qué temas sociales y políticos te preocupan?

¿Qué tan bien está hablando la Iglesia acerca de las cosas que a usted le preocupan?

¿Cómo se manifiesta el activismo centrado en Cristo?

Queremos conocer su opinión sobre la encuesta Fe en Acción de Santa Gertrudis. La encuesta está abierta a todas las edades y le permite compartir sus puntos de vista de forma anónima y dar forma al compromiso cívico y las oportunidades educativas en la parroquia.

Visita bit.ly/FiASurvey o usa el código QR y tómate 5 minutos para completar la encuesta.



**La encuesta cierra
el 15 de junio**

Adult Faith Formation Commission Forming

One of the “hungers” identified in the St. Gertrude Parish Strategic Plan is that of developing and supporting opportunities for ongoing adult faith formation in our parish.

If you are interested in being part of a group whose mission will be to support current adult faith formation ministries in the parish as well as to discern and develop new possibilities for adult faith formation, please send your name and email address to Bob Backis, PPC Co-Chair, at rjbackis@gmail.com by June 1st.

For more information, please email Bob or call him at 773.510.6553.

An initial meeting of an Adult Faith Formation Commission will be held in June.



Easter Flower Offerings

- ♦ *In memory of Helen and Andrew Galoney from Marie Galoney*
- ♦ *In memory of: Beatrice "Trixie" Muchman from Marilyn Klein*
- ♦ *In memory of Mary A. Pierce and John A. Pierce from Ellen Pierce*
- ♦ *In memory of Pope Francis from Marilyn Klein*
- ♦ *In memory of the Charles Strubbe Family from Marie Galoney*

Financial Report from May 24-25

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,254.00
Loose Checks: \$650.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$913.00
Online Donations: \$2,438.83
Total Collected: \$6,255.83

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$3,744.17

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025 (as of 5/18/2025): \$494,063.62

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00

Difference: - \$55,936.38

NCA/Neighborhood/Archdiocese News

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps!

Want to make a difference? Want to grow in your faith? The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to walking with and assisting those most in need.

IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

Learn more by attending an upcoming information session:

- St. John XXIII Parish (Evanston) - June 12, 11:00 am
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Glenview) - June 17, 2:00 pm
- Old St. Mary Parish (Chicago) - June 26, 2:00 pm

Register online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago or call Program Manager Cathy Buescher at 201.407.6052.





northsidecatholic.org

ADVISORY BOARD



Northside Catholic Academy, a multi-parish Pre-K-8 school in the Edgewater community, seeks additional community partners to serve on our committees (finance, enrollment, advancement, marketing, and others) and Advisory Board. We need the thought partnership of strong community leaders with a passion for faith-based education to help guide our school and administration.



Scan the QR code to complete an application.

SEEKING MEMBERS



NOW ENROLLING

Northside Catholic Academy
PreK-8th Grade
6216 N. Glenwood Ave.
773-743-6277

CALL TO SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR

Chicago Celebrates **POPE LEO XIV**

June 14, 2025 at
Rate Field

Gates open **12:30 p.m.**

Program **2:30 p.m.**

Mass **4 p.m.**

ALL ARE INVITED



More information:

archchicago.org/PopeLeoXIV



EDGEWATER COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION **JUNETEENTH SERVICE** **AMERICA THE FREE?**

JUNE 19, 2025

7:00 PM



EDGEWATER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1020 W BRYN MAWR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60660

FEATURED SPEAKER:

**ANNMARIE BROWN,
CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CIRCLES AND CIPHERS**

PERFORMANCE BY:

CIRCLES AND CIPHERS

FREE PARKING:

**ST. ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
5649 N SHERIDAN RD, CHICAGO, IL 60660**



Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 31 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, May 31 at 8:00 am - Steven Monti
- Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Lily Benham

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 31 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, June 1 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Stephen Hasselbeck, Annie Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 31 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Wyatt Dant; acolytes: Carter Dant, Angel Garcia
- Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Kora Cunningham; acolytes: Diarmuid McKeown

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 2: 7:30 am - Laurie Hasbrook
- Tuesday, June 3: 7:30 am - Jonathan Hannau
- Wednesday, June 4: 7:30 am - Tracy Shields
- Thursday, June 5: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, June 6: 7:30 am - Marie Cristol+
- Saturday, June 7: 7:30 am - Edgar Osorio Leon; 5:00 pm - Joan Harrington; Richard Kunkel+
- Sunday, June 8: 8:00 am - Lillian McCall+; 10:30 am - Paul Messbarger+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church; 10:30 am Gym Mass (1401 W. Granville Ave.); **Next Sunday, June 8, there will be a combined 10:30 am Mass in church. There will not be a Gym Mass.** Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm.
- 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. **The Rectory office will be closed on June 19 for Juneteenth.**

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

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