

## The Body & Blood of Christ

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**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

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## Mary Clare Barker Retires!

This weekend, we are celebrating our Director of Music, Mary Clare Barker, as she retires after many years of dedicated service.

Mary Clare's musical talent has made significant contributions to our parish. We have been deeply blessed to sing, clap, listen, and pray to her beautiful music over the years - much of it her original compositions.

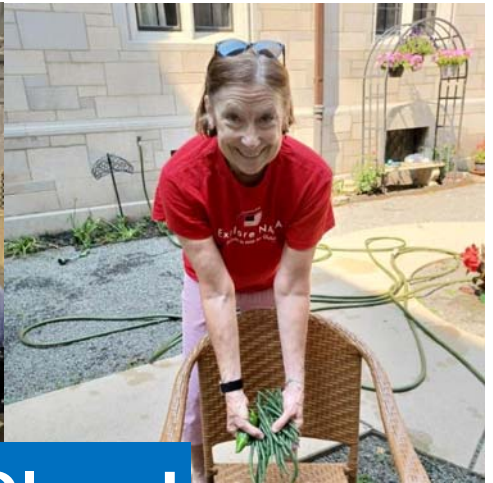
In addition to playing at Mass, she's led our choir and musicians, organized numerous beautiful concerts, and played at countless benefits. She created our parish composting program, our parish garden initiative that benefits Care for Real and St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen, our monthly food and supply guide for Care for Real, and so many more enriching programs to our parish's ministry.

Above all of this, Mary Clare is an incredibly kind, sincere, hard-working, woman who has touched the lives of innumerable parishioners and visitors. We are deeply grateful for her presence at St. Gertrude over the years and for sharing her many talents with us.

Congratulations on your retirement, Mary Clare! You will be missed!







Thank you, Mary Clare!







## Letter from Cardinal Cupich: Second Collection Priests' Health and Retirement is This Weekend

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With Father's Day next Sunday, I am reminded not only of the importance of the many fathers who tend to their families in our archdiocese, but also of our parish priests who serve as our spiritual fathers.

So first, allow me to wish all the fathers in our parishes my heartfelt thanks and congratulations. You truly make a difference in the lives of those who know and love you.

As well, Father's Day also gives us an opportunity to thank and support our priests who minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago. These 430 active and 257 retired priests have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving you and your family through pastoral care, celebration of the sacraments, and leadership of our communities of faith.

With this letter, I ask you to join me in supporting the health and well-being of our priests by making a generous gift to the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA collection for the benefit of their healthcare and retirement needs. Your sacrifice on their behalf not only contributes to their health and well-being, but it also demonstrates to them your support of their ministry in our parishes and communities.

You might not be aware that this is the only collection for our archdiocesan priests' health and retirement, which totals nearly \$13 million annually in health care, nursing, and retirement costs. As well, this collection is separate and distinct from the annual collection for religious order priests, sisters, and brothers.

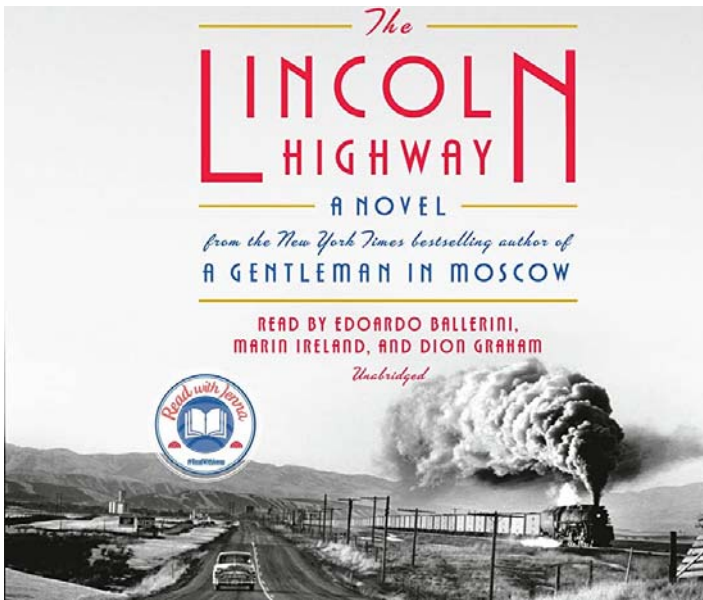
Join me in making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. I also ask that you consider naming the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA as beneficiary of your will, something I personally have done.

As I ask you to join me in praying that God continue to bless our dedicated priests, I assure you of my remembrance of you and your families in my prayers and at the Lord's Table.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Cardinal Cupich*





## Book Club - Monday, June 12

On Monday, June 12, the book club will discuss *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles. The group will also talk about the book at their July 10th meeting.

We would love new voices and opinions!

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

## PPC Meeting is This Wednesday, June 14

This Wednesday, June 14, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet in the Ministry Center at 7:00 pm.

The PPC is looking for someone to lead a Welcoming Committee. This person would lead a group in thinking of ways to help reach out to new parishioners as well as visitors.

If this ministry appeals to you, contact the PPC at [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).



## A Note from Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate

Dear Community of St. Gertrude,

I just want to share with you that I will be away from the parish from June 12 to June 27. I want to take this time for a retreat as I am walking "El Camino" to Santiago the Compostela.

Please, keep me in your prayers so I can have a nice encounter with God.

~ Eloy Escamilla



## June Pride Month Discussions: *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic—This Thursday*

This month, St. Gertrude and St. Teresa of Avila will host three more conversations on *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic*. LGBTQ+ members for each community will share their stories of faith, hope and love.

Sessions will be held at 7:00 pm at both parishes:

- Thursday, June 15 at St. Gertrude
- Thursday, June 22 at St. Teresa of Avila, 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.

Register at <https://bit.ly/LGBTQandCatholic> or by scanning the QR code in the above image. There are no fees to attend - all are welcome!

## Save the Date - ECRA Juneteenth Celebration Planned for Next Sunday, June 18 (New Time!)

All are invited to attend the second annual Juneteenth Ecumenical Service next Sunday, June 18 with the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA). The event will be held at 3:00 pm at Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. **Please note, the time has changed, the event will start at 2:00 pm, not 3:00 pm.**



**JUNETEENTH ECRA EVENT**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**  
**NOW AT 2:00 PM**  
**EDGEWATER PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH, 1020 W. BRYN MAWR AVE.**

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.



**WILDCAT SUMMER CAMP 2023**  
**JUNE 19 - AUGUST 4**  
**Park Explorers!**  
 Theme Oriented:  
 Arts & Crafts  
 Snacks  
 Sports  
 Field Trips  
 and Much More!

**Wildcat Summer Camp Begins June 19:** Have you made summer plans yet for your kids? Register them for Wildcat Camp! Camp begins June 19 and will provide a safe, engaging experience with a variety of recreational, educational, athletic, and fine arts programs at an affordable price! For more information on dates and pricing, visit [www.northsidecatholic.org](http://www.northsidecatholic.org) or call 773.743.6277.





## Growing in Faith: *On the Feast of Corpus Christi*

We have all had the wrenching experience of saying “Goodbye” to someone we love, and we try to give a gift that expresses what our relationship is, and always will be.

The Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrates this “goodbye gift” of Jesus, which in fact, connects us to him and each other, forever in a gift of love.

Jesus was an observant Jew, and the Torah teaches, that blood is never to be consumed, because “the life is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:10-14 ). The flesh of the animal or bird is sufficient for our nourishment, but the “life is in the blood”, and God alone gives life.

When we bring this realization of Jewish law to the last supper, Jesus’ idea for a ‘goodbye’ gift, becomes.. not a ‘goodbye’ at all, but a gift of his ongoing life in us all forever, until we meet face to face.

So on this wonderful , amazing feast of Jesus’ gift to us, as we receive the eucharist, we re-commit ourselves to him and to each other once again, to live the life of love as his own life empowers us to do.

~ Sister Wendy Cotter CSJ, Ph.D.

## Financial Report from Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,292.00

Loose Checks: \$250.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$709.10

Online Donations: \$5,732.43

**Total Collected: \$8,983.53**

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

Difference: -\$1,746.47

Year-to-date Collected: \$457,530.09

Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00

**Difference: -\$100,469.91**



**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? Please reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude’s business manager, via email [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.

## Updated List and Drop-off Location: Refugee & Immigrant Ministry— Helping New Migrants in Chicago

Donations of the following items for asylum seekers can be left in the back of church on Saturdays before and after the 5:00 pm Mass, and Sundays before or after all the Masses.

Please mark your bag, "Asylum Seekers."

- women's sneakers/athletic shoes (sizes 4 - 7, **new only**)
- men's sneakers/athletic shoes (sizes 6 - 8, **new only**)
- children's, women's & men's underwear (small - medium, **new only**)
- rolling suitcases
- feminine hygiene products (sanitary napkins, disposable wipes)
- stick deodorant



**Parish Garden: Help Needed with Watering:** Our parish garden is growing beautifully, and the produced from it will be shared with both Care for Real and the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen. We are looking for people to help with the daily watering of our garden. If you can assist, email Mary Clare at [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for This Weekend

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, June 10 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Susan McKean
- Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Art Lyons
- Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Rafael Melendez

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, June 10 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Tim Love, Lisa Schneider

### Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, June 10 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 am - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso; Ellie Siegle-flute; Dana Sullivan-flute; Denise Goodman-Bb clarinet; Jim Szmurlo-trumpet and violin; George Siegle-trumpet; Nicholas Bussey-trombone; Amir Ghazaleh-bass trombone

### Altar Servers

- Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 am - cross bearer-Ethan Craft; acolytes - Carter Dant, Grace Cashman

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, June 12:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Tuesday, June 13:** 7:30 am - Fred Lackar +
- **Wednesday, June 14:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Thursday, June 15:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, June 16:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Saturday, June 17:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Betty McKee+
- **Sunday, June 18:** 8:00 am - Living and deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners; 10:30 am Mass in church – Living and deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Living and deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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 Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory 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).

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Zara Bradley            | • Erica Maria Kast | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Bernice Kiedysz  | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Marilyn Klein    | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Claire Conley           | • Ignacio Lopez    | • Leon Ward            |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • Patricia Meade   | • Tammy Wielgosz       |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Janet McCulley   | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Jack McDermott   | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Gina Heidkamp           | • Karey Myers      |                        |
| • Maria Hertl             | • Donald Nyderek   |                        |

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.

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