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Bulletin for Sunday, June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

This Sunday is Father's Day. I'd like to dedicate this message to all the wonderful fathers, father figures, and male mentors who have touched so many lives, whether your own kids, others' kids, family, folks mentored or coached, and the world-at-large.

Fathers are heroes for all that they do: from teaching us how to ride bikes to ensuring we were picked up on time for our music classes or sports practices – our fathers have lovingly cared for us since childhood.

Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for being you. We appreciate your existence and the often silent but impactful role you have played in our lives.

As we give tribute to and celebrate our love for our fathers (and mothers) by way of words and actions, I am especially grateful for my dad, who will be 95 in August. Although his dementia and physical difficulty is getting worse, every week I am blessed to be with him.

My father did all he could do to make sure we had a great education and a roof over our heads. He worked seven days a week from 5 am until too late. He is humorous, and I never saw him sick or complaining. He says repeatedly, "And life goes on." He suffered a lot because of my mom's illnesses and death and showed us how life goes on.

Show your dad (and your mom) some love today, tomorrow, and every day. Give him a card. Take him out for dinner. Give him a hug. Share your joy with him. Celebrate the kinship you have together.

Priests' Convocation

Next week, from June 17-21, is the Priests' Convocation. Please pray for all the priests of the archdiocese so they can serve the people of God. All weekday masses throughout the diocese will be communion services.

Here, we will have communion services on Thursday, June 20, Friday, June 21, and the morning of Saturday, June 22. I will not be able to attend the conference, I will be away Wednesday until Saturday afternoon.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I ask that you support and pray for all priests this coming week.



Fr. Mike Gabriel (continued)

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for all the priests of this Archdiocese of Chicago, especially as they gather in convocation. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master, the Good Shepherd.

May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining

examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Upcoming Events

At the end of the month, there will be some Eucharistic processions and liturgies. They will offer time to join other from many other parishes to celebrate the Eucharist as the source of unity.

Our Deanery will have a process and devotions on Friday, June 28, starting at 6:00 pm at Holy Child Jesus Parish (formerly St. Margaret Mary Church), 2324 W. Chase.

Our Vicariate will have a celebration on Saturday, June 29, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash.

Rectory Office Closed on Juneteenth, Wednesday, 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.



Rectory Hours Update

Starting this weekend, the Rectory will be closed on Saturdays.

The Rectory office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.



Lending Closet Needs



Rollators Needed for the Lending Closet!

The Lending Closet is in dire need of rollator walkers (walkers with a seat.)

Please e-mail or call Laurie Hasbrook at lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.973.5464 ext. 115 if you are able to donate one of these items.

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Growing in Faith

Happy Father's Day!

When kids are little, they need our guidance. Our kids have all graduated from high school; two have graduated from college.

In this week's second reading, St. Paul talks about courage. For the past several years, I've been trying to muster the courage to let my kids confront the slings and arrows of life without having to endure advice from me.

At our kids' ages, I am getting the sense that my attempts to offer sage counsel are more likely to get in the way. Feeling like I've been through it myself, I might think I know the exact message they need to hear. Even if that's the case, I'm figuring out that I'm not well positioned to be the deliverer of messages like that anymore. Advice from a parent can often feel like judgment. They are perceptive young adults and will learn what life has to teach them when they are ready. They need to learn those lessons by experiencing life's ups and downs. If they want my advice, they'll ask for it.

I pray for the courage to let our wonderful kids live their lives and spare them my hard-won wisdom. I'll do much more good if I communicate to them that I have supreme confidence in their ability to find their path. This is best communicated through gestures rather than words.

This Father's Day, I ask God to grant me the courage to keep my mouth shut and demonstrate to our kids how much I believe in them.

~ Rich Goode



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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.

- May 23 - **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**, Gurnee
- May 29 - **Holy Family Parish**, Inverness
- June 4 - **St. Francis Xavier Parish**, LaGrange
- June 13 - **St. John XXIII Parish**, Evanston
- June 18 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, Glenview
- June 20 - **Old St. Mary Parish**, Chicago
- June 25 - **St. John of the Cross Parish**, Western Springs

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicago
Or Call: **201.407.6052** Or Scan QR Code:



Financial Report for June 8-9

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,847.50

Loose Checks: \$410.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,012.38

Online Donations: \$7,845.50

Total Collected: \$12,115.38

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: \$2,115.38

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$536,390.02

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00

Difference: \$149,990.02

Retired Priests Collection: \$2,257.24

Parish Information

New Parishioners

- Nabil & Diane Wilber-Gowdey

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, June 16 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Patrick Robinson

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, June 16 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 am - Maria Ugarte, Carlos Barragan, Steven Monti

Altar Servers

- Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 pm - Wyatt Dant, cross bearer; Esteban Campuzano and Briana Hernandez, acolytes
- Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 am - Mathios Paulus, cross bearer; Diarmuid McKeown and Camille Boquiren, acolytes

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Carlos Barragan | • Luke Fitzgerald | • Donald Nyderek |
| • Patrick Barton | • Tim Giles | • Dealina Peon |
| • Zara Bradley | • Estelle Guardino | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Lilly Buie | • Gina Heidkamp | • Charley Scantlebury |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Tricia Hernandez | • Willy Spalla |
| • The Buttitta family | • Maria Hertl | • Floret Spalle |
| • Maggie Callaway | • John Kahoun | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Claire Conley | • Carleen Lorys | • Leon Ward |
| • Denise DeBelle | • River Malik | • Ron Whitfield |
| • David Denegas | • Matilde Manzardo | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Janet McCulley | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Renee Elhoumaide | • Nancy Michael | |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Daniel Moore | |
| | • Andy Mueller | |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, June 17:** 7:30 am - Suzie Dalsky-Lombard+ & Gina Davis+; Joe Shields+
- **Tuesday, June 18:** 7:30 am - Pat Gillespie Kelly+
- **Wednesday, June 19:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Thursday, June 20:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, June 21:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Saturday, June 22:** 7:30 am - Communion Service; 5:00 pm - Marie McKee Baylon+
- **Sunday, June 23:** 8:00 am - People of God; 10:30 am - Mary McGuinness

**If you would like a Mass Intention said for a person that needs prayers or in memory of someone who has died, please stop by the Rectory office. We'll help you find an available Mass and prepare a card for you to give to the person or family of the intention. A \$20 donation is suggested.*

Donate to our Parish

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts
- Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory 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 is closed on weekends. **The office is closed on Wednesday, June 19.** For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

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