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**Sunday, June 18
& Sunday, June 25, 2023**

11th & 12th Sundays in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike

Today is Fathers' Day, when we honor all fathers and those who give us fatherly love.

This day is special to me because my father will be 94 on his birthday this coming August 1st. I know how blessed I am.

In honoring dads and those who show us "fatherly love", I would like to suggest something. If your dad is like mine and many other fathers, they are men of very few words. They don't talk much about their feelings. But dads do have feelings and emotions, and they can handle yours, so tell your dad what he means to you.

My dad, in many ways, took after his father, my grandfather—this is often true of many men. They have a sense of duty, structure, and responsibility. They always tried to do the right thing. They might seem to be very serious guys, but usually have a smile ready and a sense of humor to share. . . They help provide for the family by working endless hours. They teach by example, and even today, I learn much from watching my father.

I know I am truly blessed, for both my dad and mom were a great team. I know he grieves my mom's death, but when he sees us, he puts all that aside for us. Dad maybe a man of a few words, but no one could ever doubt the love he has for his family.

So why not tell your dad on this day what he means to you? You can whisper it in a prayer, shout it out from the rooftops, or write it in a card.

Happy Father's Day!!!!

Mary Clare Barker's Retirement Celebration

A permanent smile is the prize for having a successful celebration. Well, I can tell you firsthand that St. Gertrude's has left a permanent smile on Mary Clare Barker's face.

What a joyful celebration we had last Sunday! Thank you to the choir, cantors, musicians, and all of you for a spirit-filled farewell for Mary Clare.

Pictures of the festivities at the 10:30 am Mass are on page 3, with more at www.stgertrudechicago.org.



From Fr. Mike (*continued*)

New Staff Members

As we are saying good-bye to another gem of St. Gertrude's, I am happy to announce we will be welcoming three new members to the Pastoral Staff after July 1st.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Kathryn Flynn will be the new music director. Kathryn will be moving here from Madison, Wisconsin, and is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Also, I'm pleased to announce that Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, will be the new director of the Heart to Heart ministry.

Also, Rev. Paul Adaja, who is presently at Ss. Peter and Lambert in Skokie, is joining the staff as our new associate priest.

In a future bulletin, they will introduce themselves to us.

Food & Supply Drive for Care for Real—June 24 & June 25

Our monthly Food & Supply Drive for Care for Real is June 24 and June 25. Please place nonperishable items in the bins at the back of church.

Special needs this month include full-sized toiletries, diapers in sizes 2, 5, and 6, incontinence briefs, and menstrual pads.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

Our next bulletin will be July 2nd. In it, we will have the dates and topics for the Fire Pit discussions.



Notes from the PPC

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take a break over the summer.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 13.

Please be on the lookout for an update in the bulletin of current ministries.



Mary Clare's Retirement Celebration

Photos courtesy of Maria Ugarte





Last Gym Mass Before Summer Break

Please note, Sunday, June 18 is the last Gym Mass the summer break.

Gym Masses will resume in the fall!



Happy Father's Day!

We congratulate all our fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, and all the men who have been great examples to us in our lives.

May God continue to bless each of them with grace, mercy, and love.



Rectory Office Announcement

The parish office is closed on Monday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.



Bulletin Schedule

With this newsletter, we begin an every other week bulletin schedule through August. The scheduled newsletter/bulletin is as follows: 7/2 & 7/6; 7/16 & 7/23; 7/30 & 8/6; 8/13 & 8/20.

Email stgerbulletin@yahoo.com for bulletin deadlines.

ECRA Juneteenth Celebration Planned for Sunday, June 18 at 2:00 pm

All are invited to attend the second annual Juneteenth Ecumenical Service on 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 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.



Final June Pride Month Discussion: *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* on Thursday, June 22 at St. Teresa of Avila

St. Gertrude and St. Teresa of Avila will host their final of four conversations on *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* on 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. Register at <https://bit.ly/LGBTQandCatholic> or by scanning the QR code in the above image. There is no fee to attend - all are welcome!



A Note from Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate: 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

Refugee & Immigrant Ministry: Donate Items to Help 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."

- children's, women's & men's underwear (all sizes - **new only**)
- rolling suitcases (**new or like-new**)
- sanitary napkins
- diapers of all sizes

For information about a meal train signup to help recently-arrived asylum seekers, email Laurie Hasbrook at lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org.



Thank You for Supporting the Baby & Toddler Supply Collection for Asylum Seekers at Ismaili Jamatkhana Center

Thank you to those who were able to make donations to the baby and toddlers collection on Saturday, June 10 at the Ismaili Jamatkhana Center.

A full van load of supplies was sent to Care for Real and two car loads went to Centro

Romero, full of diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, baby and toddler clothes, medication, and roller bags. Another car load was delivered to the Latino Treatment Center.

All items were for newly arrived asylum seekers in Chicago.

A special thanks to all volunteers who worked so hard to collect donations and organize supplies! (*Pictured: Volunteers from the Ismaili Jamatkhana Center.*)

This donation drive was coordinated by Sacred Heart, Ismaili Civic, the Church of the Atonement, and St. Gertrude.

Our Parish Composting Program is Back!

All are welcome to be a part of our parish composting program! Those who join our program are welcome to use the parish's compost tumbler, a user-friendly option that will produce compost at a quicker pace.

This year, we request that composters make sure that they only add **small and chopped up waste**—not whole banana peels, large slices of watermelon, etc.

This is because if we want to have compost product this summer, then we need to insert chopped up pieces into the composter or it will be years before it degrades.

If you are interested in joining our composting program, please reach out to our new compost garden coordinators, Andrea and Guy Banicki at anbanicki@gmail.com or gbanick@ilstu.edu for information about the fee. Participants this summer can use their own compost buckets.



Compost Bucket Do's and Don'ts

DO's: *Collect in your buckets*

1/3 Brown:

- Leaves & dead-headed flowers
- Shredded paper
- Small sticks (*this will not make heat*)

1/3 Food:

- Vegetables and fruit (*Chopped up into small parts.*)
- Egg shells (*Small pieces.*)
- Coffee & tea grounds (*Tea must be taken out of the tea bag.*)

1/3 Green:

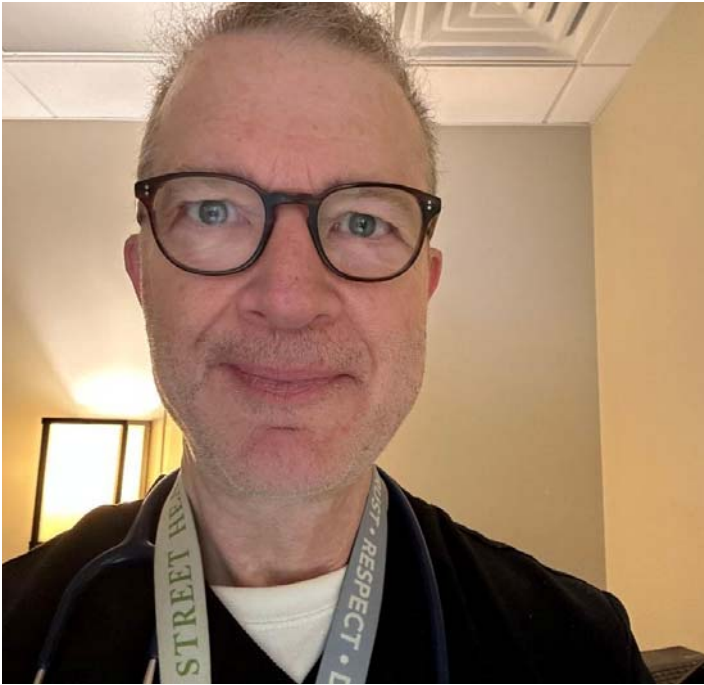
- Grass clippings
- Leaves of vegetables like broccoli & cauliflower, parsley, herbs, & spices (*this makes heat*)

DON'Ts: *Please do not add these to your bucket*

Brown: Break it up to only 1/3 of the bucket. Air must be able to circulate. No plastic or labels on shredded paper. No magazines or glossy paper. No paper towels, napkins, or tissues.

Green: Grass clippings must be chemical free at the time of cutting. Do not include diseased plants of any kind.

Food: No MEAT, BONES, FAT, SKIN, BUTTER, OLEO! These will attract rats and animals. No corn cobs because they take too long to decompose. No plastics of any kind including plastic bags. NO avocado pits or skins—they take too long to decompose. No flour products, grains and legumes. No nuts, seeds, and baked goods or snacks. No paper towels, napkins and tissues. No spoiled tofu or tempeh or spoiled tomato products. No old jelly jams or preserves. No organic house waste.



Growing in Faith

On Father's Day I often think of St. Joseph. The man had a tough assignment - he was the "step-father" of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

He must have had a lot of faith to have accepted this role, it seems, without question. I mean, the whole thing had to be quite a shock to him with his young wife pregnant but not by him and then having to ramble across the desert, she on the back of a donkey, and he on foot leading, looking out for Herod and bandits, and scorpions and whatever. And then fathering the young boy, protecting him, teaching him his craft, putting food on the table, maybe tucking him in at night telling him a story.

It's poignant somehow that Joseph is barely mentioned in the Gospels. We see him at the birth, and once more perhaps and then - he's gone. What happened to him? Most likely, he had already died, just as most men will before their wives do. And he's not at the crucifixion.

Perhaps this was best. For he loved his son, and his heart would have surely broken in half to see his boy suffer and die in such a way.

So here's to you, Joseph, on this Father's Day! I suppose stepfather is a fitting descriptor for you because you stepped up in a big way when you were needed. You loved and took care of your family, worked hard, and didn't ask for much. And when the story was written you didn't get much credit which, I have a feeling, didn't matter much to you. You did your job.

~ Fred Martin

Financial Report from Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,530.00
Loose Checks: \$615.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$818.00
Online Donations: \$4,793.30
Total Collected: \$8,756.00

Budgeted: \$10,730.00
Difference: -\$1,974.00

Year-to-date Collected: \$466,286.09
Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00
Difference: -\$91,713.91



Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

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.

Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for June 17-18 and June 24-25

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, June 17 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes, Joseph McMahan
- Sunday, June 18 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti, Troy McMillan
- Saturday, June 24 at 5:00 pm - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Millie Slane
- Sunday, June 25 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Wesley Digman
- Sunday, June 25 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Debra Novak

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, June 17 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, June 18 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck
- Saturday, June 24 at 5:00 pm - Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Sunday, June 25 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, June 25 at 10:30 am - Ray Sousa, Sarah Millar, Maria Ugarte

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, June 17 at 5:00 pm - Amir Ghazaleh; Brian Acker, pianist
- Sunday, June 18 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey; Heidi Joosten, pianist
- Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis; Heidi Joosten, pianist
- Saturday, June 24 at 5:00 pm - TBA; Mary Horan, pianist
- Sunday, June 25 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey; Mary Horan, pianist
- Sunday, June 25 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan; Mary Horan, pianist
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Altar Servers

- Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 am - cross bearer - Henry Villareal; acolytes - Henry Jacobson, Grace Cashman
- Sunday, June 25 at 10:30 am - cross bearer - Carter Dant; acolytes - Ethan Craft, Clare McCarthy

New Parishioners: Daniel, Jenny, Sienna, and Celine Cruz; Melissa T. Mawilai; Rafael Gonzalez D'Leon

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, June 19:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Tuesday, June 20:** 7:30 am - Timothy Samson +
- **Wednesday, June 21:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Thursday, June 22:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, June 23:** 7:30 am - Marie "Micky" Keenly +
- **Saturday, June 24:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 5:00 pm - Marie McKee Boyland +
- **Sunday, June 25:** 8:00 am - Sylvia Melzer; 10:30 am Mass in church – People of God
- **Monday, June 26:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Tuesday, June 27:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, June 28:** 7:30 am - Richard J. Kerwer, Sr. +
- **Thursday, June 29:** 7:30 am - Communion Service; Noreen Tierney +
- **Friday, June 30:** 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak +
- **Saturday, July 1:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - St. Gertrude's class of 1950
- **Sunday, July 2:** 8:00 am - Donald N. DiProva +; 10:30 am Mass in church – William Deiters +

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
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at 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. **The office is closed on Monday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.**
- For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

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