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Bulletin for Sunday, June 22, 2025

*The Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ*

Transition and Change: *Living in the Power of the Resurrection*

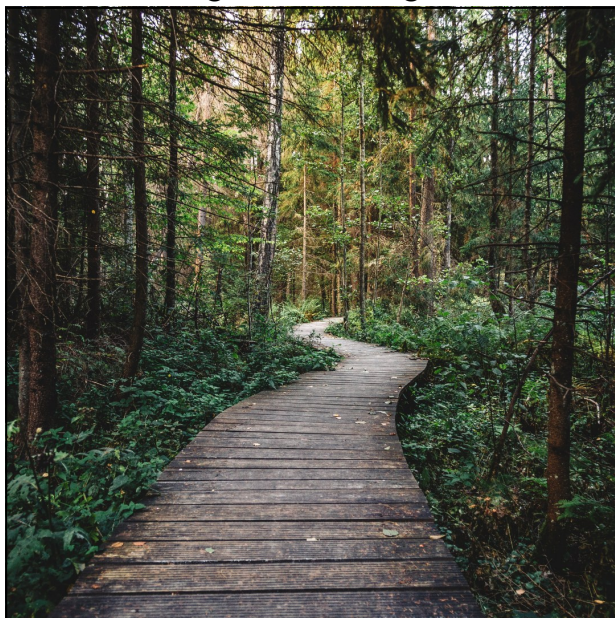
Change is a constant in our lives. We change jobs, apartments, relationships, clothes, our minds—and now, as members of the faith community of St. Gertrude, we are experiencing another change: the transition to a new pastor.

With any change, whether voluntary or not, we encounter not only an external shift (such as a new pastor) but also internal changes that are part of the broader transition process. Change can happen quickly, but transition takes time.

In his classic book, *Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes*, William Bridges writes, "First there is an ending, then a beginning, and an important empty or fallow time in between" (p. 47). He emphasizes the importance of acknowledging and grieving what is ending, recognizing the sense of loss that often comes with it. Bridges encourages us to spend time in this "neutral zone"—the in-between space where we are not who we were, and not yet who we are becoming. It is a liminal time, full of possibility.

Eventually, new beginnings emerge, allowing for the renewal of purpose, the redefinition of core values, and the creation of new patterns and structures. Most importantly, Bridges cautions against rushing this process.

As we prepare to welcome Fr. Sergio as our new pastor, we are invited to be gentle with one another during this sacred time of transition.



Transitions (*continued*)

We have already begun to mark what is ending by celebrating and thanking Fr. Mike for his many years of faithful ministry.

As we await Fr. Sergio's arrival, both we and he will continue to live in this space of transition—getting to know each other, growing together gradually, sometimes unevenly.

In the days ahead, we look forward with hope to the new beginnings and new life that are the hallmarks of a people who keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Risen One, who makes all things new through the power of the Spirit.

~ Bob Backis, PPC Co-Chair



Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 22

- Care for Real collection drive before/ after masses
- After the 10:30 am masses - *Brewed at St. Gertrude* social gathering in the Gym
- Noon - Commonweal: *Faith in Action* meeting in the Ministry Center
- 3:00 pm - Care for Real open house (5840 N. Broadway)

Friday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 28

- No 7:30 am morning mass

Friday, July 4

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

Saturday, July 5 & Sunday, July 6

- Care for Real collection drive before/ after masses

Sunday, July 13

- 12:00 to 5:00 pm - Edgewater Glen Garden Walk

Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13

- Missionary Cooperation Plan weekend

No Morning Mass on Saturday, June 28

Please note, there is no morning mass on Saturday, June 28.

Care for Real News

Our collection drive for Care for Real is this weekend, before and after masses! Please place donations items in the bins at the back of church before and after mass times.

Additionally, the Care for Real team is hosting a ribbon cutting at their new building on Sunday, June 22, open to the whole community! Join them at 3:00 pm at their new home, 5840 N. Broadway, for the program, followed by a tour of the building.

We are so grateful for your help supporting Care for Real as they work to provide food and supplies to our neighbors who are struggling.



care for real
FOOD • CLOTHING • SUPPORT

Ribbon Cutting

Join us to Celebrate and Tour our New Home!



5840 North Broadway
Sunday June 22, 3-5pm
3:15pm Program and Ribbon Cutting
with Tours to Follow

RSVP at: buildingdignity@careforreal.org or 773.769.6182 ext 120



"Brewed at St. Gertrude" Social Event Gathering is This Sunday, June 22

Please join us on Sunday, June 22, for a parish hospitality event, "Brewed at St. Gertrude!"

Following the 10:30 am mass, come to the Social Hall for pastries, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

All are welcome: new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors! We would love for the entire parish to be there!

Commonweal Faith in Action Meeting on Sunday, June 22

St. Gertrude's Commonweal Action thanks everyone who completed the Faith in Action survey. It is now time to look at the opinions of our fellow parishioners and decide what action we wish to take!

Please join us for this vitally important meeting on Sunday, June 22. We will come together after mass (and after allowing time for parishioners to attend the *Brewed at St. Gertrude* parish coffee) at around noon in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood. The meeting will last until about 1:30 pm. Please bring your thoughts on how our parish community should move forward. Coffee and cookies will be served.



Parish News

Growing in Faith

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now. - St. Theresa of Avila

On this Corpus Christi Sunday, now called "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ," we celebrate the abundant nourishment Jesus left us in the Eucharist and in His example. I especially appreciate today's Gospel reading: Luke's version of the "Loaves and the Fishes." It's the only Bible story, aside from the Resurrection, that appears in all four Gospels—and it's so beautifully succinct.



It seems we should pay close attention, because it's clear that Jesus cared about meeting people's practical needs, not just their spiritual ones. This central miracle shows us that when we gather together, we share—and in that sharing, we are truly fed in every aspect of our lives. That's the loaves and fishes. That is the Eucharist.

Now that Jesus has ascended into heaven, we—as earthlings and Christians—are called to discern what 'holy food' means for each of us, and how we can be more like Jesus in providing sustenance to others in practical ways. I work with neurologically compromised children. Some are devoted to caring for our Mother Earth. Others focus on the elderly, serve in soup kitchens, or take up the cause of starving children in Sudan. Many tend faithfully to family and friends, through thick and thin. And in our giving—in our feeding—we, too, are fed.

Let's look to where we are in communion, where we are nourished, and commit to offering that same abundant nourishment to our broken world.

~ Claire Conley

Financial Report from June 14-158

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,716.00
Loose Checks: \$400.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$944.79
Online Donations: \$3,196.43
Total Collected: \$7,257.22

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$2,742.78
Year-to-date Collected FY 2025 (as of 6/15/2025): \$521,460.60
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$28,539.40

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.



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.



Facebook Live Masses Will Be Deleted After 30 Days

Facebook has made changes to the way it stores live videos, and this update will affect how long our parish masses remain available on our Facebook page.

As of now, Facebook live videos will automatically be deleted 30 days after they are posted. This means that if you've grown accustomed to rewatching mass on Facebook at your convenience, you'll no longer be able to do so after that 30-day period.

In light of this change, we want to remind everyone that our parish masses are also available on our YouTube channel, where they are archived and can be watched anytime. You can find us at www.youtube.com/@saintgertrude1117.

New Members Needed for the Parish Pastoral Council!

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.

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 at Old St. Mary Parish in Chicago on June 26 at 2:00 pm.

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

Edgewater Glen Garden Walk – Sunday, July 13

Come explore the beautiful gardens of West Edgewater Glen on Sunday, July 13, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm., rain or shine! This annual event showcases the creativity and hard work of local gardeners in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood, and the south side of Granville—all within an easy walking distance.

A suggested donation of \$5 per adult (cash preferred) is appreciated. Children are welcome at no charge. The walk begins at 1354 W. Norwood, at the corner of Norwood and Glenwood. Street parking is readily available.

For more information, contact Kim at kaulas@rcn.com or 773.368.3949.



Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, June 21 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, June 22 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook
- Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti, Eric Ameyaw

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, June 21 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, June 22 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Tim Love, Ellen Pierce

Altar Servers

- Saturday, June 21 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Jason Ameyaw; acolytes: Wyatt Dant; Viviana Love

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Adolf Gabriel | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Victor Ayes | • Marie Galoney | • Floret Spalle |
| • Andrea Banicki | • Thomas Hajduch | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Tricia Hernandez | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Patrick Barton | • Maria Hertl | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Rose Mary Bradley | • John Kahoun | • Arsenia Tumliuan+ |
| • Zara Bradley | • 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+ | • Dealina Peon | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Claude Poulsen | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin | • Joan Ross + | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Euman | • Willy Spalla | |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | | |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

Rest in Peace

- Lillie Buie

- Donald Nyderek

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 23: 7:30 am - Eleanora Valentino
- Tuesday, June 24: 7:30 am - Maryam S. Khanna+
- Wednesday, June 25: 7:30 am - People of God
- Thursday, June 26: 7:30 am - Communion Service, Sylvia Melzer+
- Friday, June 27: 7:30 am - Mary McGuinness
- Saturday, June 28: 7:30 am - The Kelly family; 5:00 pm - Betty McKee+
- Sunday, June 29: 8:00 am - Noreen Tierney+; 10:30 am - Jack Buckingham+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church; 10:30 am Gym Mass (1401 W. Granville Ave.); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm. **Please note, there is no morning mass on Saturday, June 28.**
- 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.

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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