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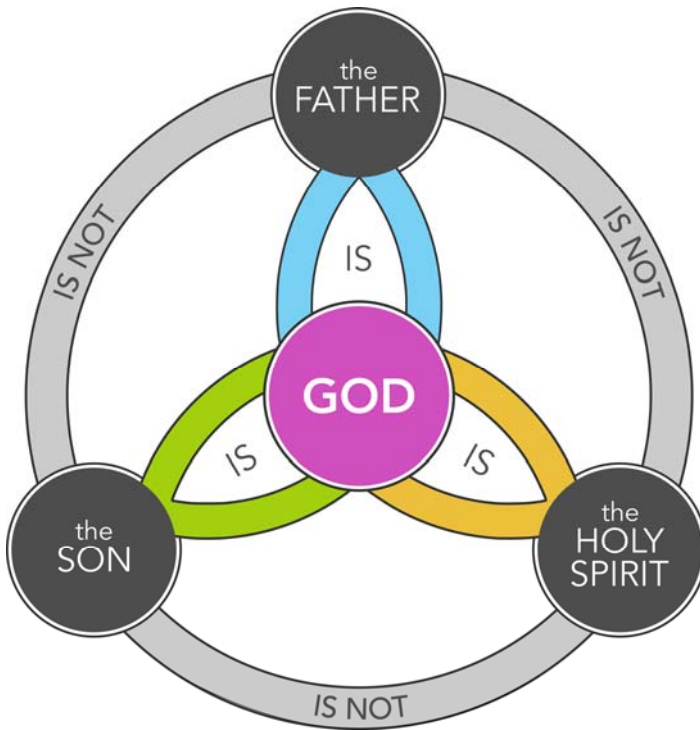
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Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



From Fr. Mike Gabriel

This weekend, we celebrate the first of two interesting feasts that come each year as well as the return to Ordinary Time following the Feast of Pentecost. The first is Trinity Sunday, and the second following week, The Body and Blood of Christ.

Every Sunday is a celebration of the Trinity, as we, at the Eucharist, pray to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. And of course, the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ, since the thanksgiving sacrifice that is the Eucharist revolves around the transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Savior, along with the reception of the Eucharist by God's people.

So, when the Church gives us the Feast of the Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, she is inviting us to reflect on and rejoice in two aspects of our faith that are present every time we gather for Mass.

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ every Sunday, but Easter focuses our attention in a special way. So, like today, Trinity Sunday, we reflect on the mystery we affirm every time we make the sign of the cross. "So we begin, as we begin all good things, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Mary Clare Barker's Retirement Celebration is Next Weekend!

We hope to see you next weekend as we celebrate our Director of Music, Mary Clare Barker, who is retiring after many years of service.

Mary Clare's musical talent has truly made a significant contribution to our parish. We have been so blessed to sing, clap, listen, and pray over the years to her beautiful music.

On June 10 and 11, we will have an opportunity to show our appreciation to Mary Clare after all the Masses. On June 11, we will have a combined Mass at 10:30 am in church for a special tribute to her.



Parish Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 8

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Teresa of Avila

Saturday, June 10

- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Baby & Toddler Supply Collection for newly arrived asylum seekers at Ismaili Jamatkhana Center parking lot, 6259 N. Broadway

Sunday, June 11

- Mary Clare Barker's retirement celebration (after all Masses on June 10 & 11)
- 10:30 am - Corpus Christi combined Mass in Church (No Gym Mass)
- Second collection at Masses for Priests' Health & Retirement

Monday, June 12

- 7:00 pm - book group in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, June 14

- 7:00 pm - PPC meeting in the Ministry Center

Thursday, June 15

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Gertrude

Sunday, June 18

- Father's Day
- Last Gym Mass until September
- 3:00 pm - ECRA Juneteenth events at Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Monday, June 19

- Wildcat Summer Camp begins

Thursday, June 22

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Teresa of Avila

Monday, July 10

- Youth group Mission Experience starts 7:00 pm - book group in the Ministry Center

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 8 at St. Teresa of Avila, 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.
- 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!



Baby & Toddler Supply Collection for Asylum Seekers on Saturday, June 10

On Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, there will be a baby and toddler supply collection for newly arrived asylum seekers. The event will be held at the Ismaili Jamatkhana Center's parking lot, located at 6259 N. Broadway. Please enter off of Broadway.

Donations will go to Centro Romero and Care for Real. The following will be accepted:

- Diapers and baby wipes
- Baby formula and snacks for babies and toddlers
- over-the-counter medications
- gently used baby and toddler clothing
- Roller suitcases that are in proper working order - no broken wheels or zippers

The donation drive is being coordinated by Sacred Heart, Ismaili Civic, the Church of the Atonement, and St. Gertrude. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact jane.steinfels@shschicago.org or mariapaz@shschicago.org.



Refugee & Immigrant Ministry: Helping New Migrants in Chicago: You've all doubtless heard of the ongoing crisis for new arrivals of migrants, often after long, dangerous, and arduous journeys. It's easy to find this overwhelming, or to wonder how to help.

Donations of the following items can be left in the red EASTER bin outside of the Ministry Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am- 2:30 pm, Saturdays before and after the 5:00 pm Mass, and Sundays before or after all the Masses:

- women's sneakers/athletic shoes (sizes 4 - 7, new only)
- men's sneakers/athletic shoes (sizes 6 - 8, new only)
- feminine hygiene products
- stick deodorant
- disposable wipes

Additional ways to help migrants at the 24th police district can be found at <https://bit.ly/Migrantsin24>.



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

Second Collection June 10-11 for Priests' Health and Retirement

The Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA annual second collection will be June 10 and 11.

This collection benefits the healthcare, wellness, and retirement for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

These men, who have dedicated themselves to ministry, play a significant role in our personal and spiritual lives, providing counsel and guidance as we deal with life's challenges.

They serve our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life. And just as we have come to rely on the help of our priests, it is now our turn to show our gratitude and lend them some assistance with their needs.

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 safeguard the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parish and in the community.

Thank you in advance for your support of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago!



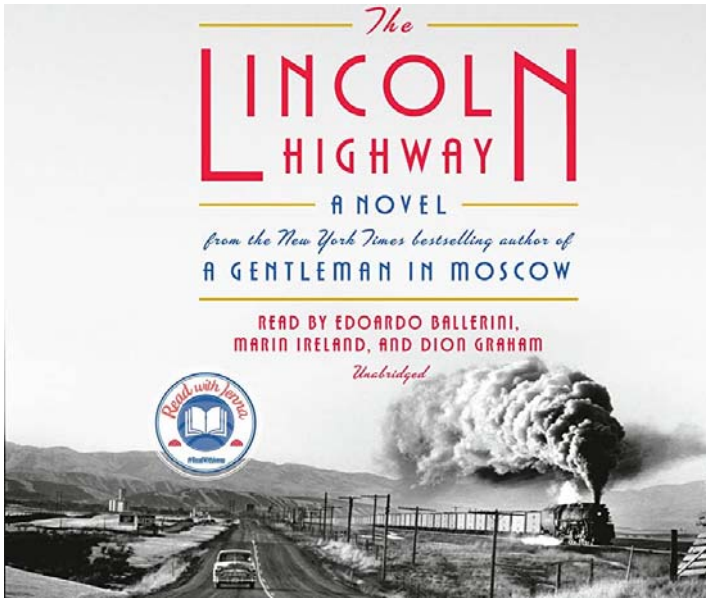
PPC Update: Looking for a Leader for a Welcoming Committee/Next Meeting is June 14

At the May meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), the committee shared that the theme at St. Gertrude is ALL ARE WELCOME.

In order to help truly live that out, the PPC is looking for someone to lead up 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.

The last meeting until the fall is Wednesday, June 14 in the Ministry Center at 7:00 pm.



Book Club - Monday, June 12

On Monday, June 12, the book club will be 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.

Save the Date - ECRA Juneteeth Celebration Planned for Sunday, June 18

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.

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.

Additional information will be shared soon!



**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 or call 773.743.6277.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



Growing in Faith

I'd like to share some reflections on Paul's parting thoughts to the Church at Corinth, especially about mending our ways, and encouragement.

Mending our ways ... involves a lot of forgiveness, both of ourselves and each other. How important is forgiveness? Celebrity Dolly Parton gave an inspiring response when asked whether she could ever forgive Porter Wagoner, who had hurt her deeply and repeatedly.

Dolly's reply: "Forgiveness is all there is!" Dolly found a way to stand for her beliefs without mistreating Porter. That's a great model for us in the care of our own souls, and of others, whether adversaries or friends.

Encouragement ... is important, but how important? Interestingly enough, social scientists have found a way to measure the value of these acts.

- One simple affirmation before a test can help minority students overcome the adversity of a stereotype threat – erasing the performance impact of prejudice. (Please see the works Claude Steele, and his references.)
- People who are encouraged in their jobs become engaged, and their employee engagement drives productivity as much as 70 % higher. (Please see Follow This Path, by Curt Coffman and Gabriel Gonzalez-Molina, Ph.D.)

Mending our ways, forgiveness, and encouragement build individuals and communities.

~ Bernie O'Connor

Financial Report from Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,705.00

Loose Checks: \$725.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$866.00

Online Donations: \$4,791.93

Total Collected: \$8,082.93

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

Difference: -\$2,647.07

Year-to-date Collected: \$442,976.29

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

Difference: -\$115,023.71



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? Please reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

The Parish Garden Has Been Planted!

Thank you to all who helped plant our parish garden last weekend! Led by Mary Clare Barker, the team worked hard to make the garden beautiful, with veggies and herbs planted.

The produce grown from our garden 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, please reach out to Mary Clare Barker at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.



Easter Flower Offering

- In memory of Larry McCauley from Marilyn Klein

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

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, June 4 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Martha Mulligan

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, June 4 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 am - Stephen Hasselbeck, Troy McMillan, Carlos Barragan

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O' Connor
- Sunday, June 3 at 8:00 am - Kate Hibbs Davis
- Sunday, June 3 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan, Dana Sullivan—flute

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, June 5:** 7:30 am - Lillian McCall+
- **Tuesday, June 6:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Wednesday, June 7:** 7:30 am - Marie Cristol+
- **Thursday, June 8:** 7:30 am - Communion Service; 8:30am - End-of-Year School Mass
- **Friday, June 9:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Saturday, June 10:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - Hal Mann+
- **Sunday, June 11:** 8:00 am - Living and deceased Torreano Family Members; 10:30 am Mass in church – Glenn and Mary Jo Martin+

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.

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 if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

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