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Bulletin for Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost

PENTECOST SUNDAY

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

The gift of Pentecost is the most important and least understood of the Church's gifts. Even though, as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians, each of us is given the manifestation of the Spirit, many Catholics still expect only the clergy and religious to embrace the gift of the Spirit for the benefit of the Church.

Thankfully, St. Gertrude parishioners have had a legacy of pastors, clergy, and religious who have encouraged every parishioner to embrace the gifts of the Spirit to benefit their families, themselves, the parish, and the world. I pray that my ministry here has followed in their footsteps. If my time as your pastor has been effective, I hope its impact has helped you embrace your faith and encouraged you to follow Christ more fully.

On the day of Pentecost, the Acts of the Apostles states that a noise from the sky "filled the entire house" where the disciples were gathered. The appearance of "tongues of fire" rested not simply on Peter, Mary, and the apostles, but on all those gathered in the house. They all spoke in different languages, and every visitor who heard the noise understood the message in their own language, despite the linguistic limitations of the disciples.

What sort of message can be spoken in every language? Is there one message that every person and culture can understand? What is God's message? And does the Holy Spirit give us the ability to speak that same message as powerfully as it was spoken on the day of Pentecost?

Noise—the earth is the home of God's children. That noise comes to us as the voice of God. For some, God's voice sounds like church bells calling us to worship; for others, it is thunder warning of danger.



From Fr. Mike (continued)

God's voice can be heard in the laughter of children, the sighs of the elderly, the music that makes young adults dance, the hum of machinery, the tears of a mother, and the pride of a father.

For most of us, God's voice is the silence that surprises us when all other sounds fade away and we realize we are in the presence of God—whether before the tabernacle, receiving Communion, or participating in any sacrament. It fills the world, but it also rests upon each of us, speaking to us and encouraging us to speak more boldly than we ever have before.

I am encouraging you to run into the world shouting, "Jesus is Lord" to all you meet. St. Paul reminds us that the Body of Christ needs more than just tongues to proclaim His name. The Spirit calls us to different services, works, and gifts—all united in proclaiming one Lord and one God. There are so many in need of a helping hand, and so many in need of forgiveness in our world.

I began my priestly ministry filled with great joy to share that GOD LOVES YOU. As I retire from active ministry, that same joy fills my heart and that same message rings true: GOD LOVES YOU! Thank you, people of St. Gertrude's and the other parishes I have served. Not only did I hear, but I also saw the Spirit working through you. THANK YOU!



Congratulations to Fr. Mike on his retirement!

Join us for a for a special celebration following the 10:30 am Mass. We'll gather in the Gym for hospitality, fellowship, and a chance to personally thank Father Mike for his years of ministry, guidance, and compassion.

Thank you, Fr. Mike! You Will Be Missed!





Our Promise to Our Priests

Second Collection on This Weekend for Priests' Health and Retirement

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Very shortly, we will celebrate Fathers' Day, an opportunity to celebrate the men who gave us life and supported us across the years. It marks a time of memory and gratitude.

As we remember and thank these men who gave us physical life, I invite you to extend that gratitude to those who have been spiritual fathers to us, priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Certainly, you remember how your priests have been present at every season of your lives—from birth and growing up in the early years to sacramental celebrations. They have



Our annual collection benefitting
**HEALTHCARE,
WELLNESS AND
RETIREMENT**
for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
**Your generosity impacts 386 active and
247 retired archdiocesan priests.**

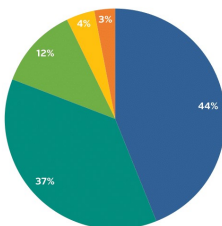
Please give today at
prmaa.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED

Priests' Health and Retirement Total Annual Costs

Medical/Pharma and Wellness	\$ 5,841,000
Retirement Benefits	4,867,000
Nursing Care Assistance	1,639,000
St. Benedict's and Bishop Lyne Residences	542,000
Administration and Other	366,000
Total Expenses	\$ 13,255,000



■ Medical/Pharma and Wellness
■ Retirement Benefits
■ Nursing Care Assistance
■ St. Benedict's and Bishop Lyne Residences
■ Administration and Other

Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA
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walked with you in times of great joy and times of deep sorrow.

Now, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude to these priests who number 386 active and 247 retired with the gift of our support for their health and retirement needs.

This weekend, we will take up a second collection for the Priests' Health and Retirement. Your contribution will support their health care, nursing care, and retirement. Those who will benefit from your generosity to this collection are our Chicago priests of the archdiocese. As you may recall, a different collection for men and women belonging to religious orders (including their priests, brothers and sisters) was taken up several months ago.

Please join me in making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. You may also want to consider naming the Priests' Health and Retirement as a beneficiary in your will, something that I have done.

Above all, raise a prayer to God in thanksgiving for the archdiocesan priests he has given us and raise a prayer of petition for them, so that they can continue to serve God's people with the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Parish Calendar

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

- Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers before/after masses
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Combined 10:30 am mass in church (No Gym mass)
- After the 10:30 am masses - Fr. Mike Gabriel's retirement celebration

Tuesday, June 10

- 7:00 pm - Book Club in the Ministry Center

Thursday, June 12

- 11:30 am - Friendship Club in the Ministry Center

Friday, June 13

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

Saturday, June 14

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm - Youth group to sell hot dogs and pop at Edgewater Yard & Sidewalk Sale in the parish parking lot
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers before/after masses

Father's Day, Sunday, June 15

- Last Gym Mass until September

Thursday, June 19

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

Friday, June 20

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

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude

Thank You for Your Generosity!

St. Gertrude has its monthly collection drive for asylum seekers this weekend! Please place donations items in the bins at the back of church before and after mass times.

Missed it? Donations can be dropped off between 12:00-3:00 pm every Monday-Saturday at the back entrance of their new home, 5840 N. Broadway.

Our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of the month and the regular collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month.

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





Book Club Gathering is Tuesday, June 10

The book club will discuss *Inseparable: A Novel* by Simone de Beauvoir. on Tuesday, June 10. The gathering is at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

We would love new voices and opinions! Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.213.0509, or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.

Friendship Club is Thursday, June 12

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

friend
[frɛnd] noun.

a person known well to another and regarded with liking, affection, and loyalty.

a friend is a person who knows all about you and still loves you



Gym Mass to Go on Its Annual Summer Hiatus

Please note, Sunday, June 15, Father's Day, is the last Gym Mass before it goes on its annual summer break.

Gym Masses will resume in the fall!



Rectory Office Closed on Juneteenth, Thursday, 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.

"Brewed at St. Gertrude" Social Event - Next Gathering is 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!

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

Save the date! Other *Brewed at St. Gertrude* social events planned are:

- July 20th
- August 24th
- September 28th
- October 26th
- November 16th
- December 21st
- January 18th, 2026

We hope to see you there!



Growing in Faith: Pentecost: The Mission of the Church

When Pope Leo XIV was made a cardinal by Pope Francis on September 23, 2023, he gave this answer to the question, "What is the Mission of the Church?" ...It seems so right on Pentecost to hear his answer:

"The mission of the Church has been the same for 2000 years, when Jesus Christ said: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19).



We have to announce the good news of the Kingdom of God at the same time that we understand what the Church is in its universal reality. This is one of the things I learned while I was Prior General of the Augustinians, and it has certainly been a great grounding for the role I have now.

There are many different cultures, many different languages, many different circumstances around the world where the Church responds. So when we list our priorities and weigh up the challenges before us we have to be aware that the urgencies of Italy, Spain, the United States, Peru or China, for example, are almost certainly not the same except in one thing: the underlying challenge that Christ left to us to preach the Gospel and that this is the same everywhere.

The priorities of pastoral work will always be different from one place to another, but recognizing the great richness of diversity within the People of God is tremendously useful because it makes us more sensitive when it comes time to better reach out and respond to what they expect from us."

God bless you, Pope Leo XIV!

Source: <https://www.augustinianorder.org/post/interview-with-cardinal-robert-prevost-osa-above-all-a-bishop-must-proclaim-jesus-christ>

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.



Thanks for Coming out to the Youth Group's Car Wash

Thank you to parishioners and neighbors who brought their vehicles to the youth group's car wash last weekend! The teens had raised \$372 for future activities.

Special thanks to those who helped and contributed to this event.



Gardening Day at St. Gertrude!

We appreciate those who helped out with weeding and planting the parish garden last weekend! The back of the Rectory was once again transformed thanks to the green thumbs of our volunteers.

Your time, energy, and care have brought new life and beauty to our shared space, creating a peaceful spot for reflection and community. We are so grateful for your generosity and spirit of service—our parish is truly blessed to have you!

Composting Project: What Can & Cannot Go in the Compost Bin

Now that the weather is helping our composting project, we want to thank everyone who contributes to our compost bin. Mary Clare especially appreciates the compost soil that she uses to produce her beautiful vegetables in the St. Gertrude garden.

We are including reminders of what can and cannot be added to the bin.

Yes, Can Compost:

- Food Scraps: Fruit and vegetable scraps (including peels and cores), bread, pasta, rice, cereal, cooked meats, fish, and bones. Cut these in small pieces to help the process.
- Coffee and Tea: Grounds, filters, and tea bags.
- Yard Waste: Leaves, grass clippings.
- Other Organics: Feathers, flower bouquets, dry grains.
- Household Plants: Including soil.

No, Cannot Compost:

- Meat, Bones, and Fish: Large quantities or raw meat/fish/bones can attract pests and create odors.
- Waxed Paper or paper plates: The wax coating can slow decomposition and contaminate the compost.
- Large branches
- Dairy Products
- Grease and Fats: Can slow decomposition and attract pests.
- Pet Waste: Dog and cat waste, and cat litter.
- Plastic, Metal, Glass
- Weeds with Seeds: Can re-grow in the compost pile.
- Diseased Plants: Can spread disease to other plants.
- Chemical-Treated Yard Trimmings: Can contaminate the compost.
- Oily Foods: Large amounts can slow decomposition.
- Onions, Garlic, and Citrus Fruits: Can negatively impact the microbial balance in the compost.

~ Guy and Andrea Banicki



Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, upcoming events, bulletins, rectory hours, funeral announcements, visit stgertrudechicago.org.



Faith in Action (FiA) Survey

Which social and political issues do you care about?

How well is the Church speaking to the things that you care about?

What does Christ-centered activism look like?

We want to hear your views on the St. Gertrude Parish Faith in Action (FiA) Survey. The survey is open to all ages and allows you to share your views anonymously and shape civic engagement and educational opportunities in the parish.

Visit bit.ly/FiASurvey or use the QR code and take 5 minutes to complete the survey in English or Spanish



**Survey Closes
June 15th**



Encuesta Fe en Acción (FiA)

¿Qué temas sociales y políticos te preocupan?

¿Qué tan bien está hablando la Iglesia acerca de las cosas que a usted le preocupan?

¿Cómo se manifiesta el activismo centrado en Cristo?

Queremos conocer su opinión sobre la encuesta Fe en Acción de Santa Gertrudis. La encuesta está abierta a todas las edades y le permite compartir sus puntos de vista de forma anónima y dar forma al compromiso cívico y las oportunidades educativas en la parroquia.

Visita bit.ly/FiASurvey o usa el código QR y tómate 5 minutos para completar la encuesta.



**La encuesta cierra
el 15 de junio**

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 by June 1st.

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.



Easter Flower Offerings

- ♦ *In memory of Helen and Andrew Galoney from Marie Galoney*
- ♦ *In memory of: Beatrice "Trixie" Muchman from Marilyn Klein*
- ♦ *In memory of Mary A. Pierce and John A. Pierce from Ellen Pierce*
- ♦ *In memory of Pope Francis from Marilyn Klein*
- ♦ *In memory of the Charles Strubbe Family from Marie Galoney*

Financial Report from May 31-June 1

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,545.00
Loose Checks: \$810.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$923.03
Online Donations: \$4,031.06
Total Collected: \$7,309.09

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$2,690.91

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025 (as of 6/1/2025): \$501,372.71

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00

Difference: - \$48,627.29

Catholic Lawyers Guild Event: Workers Rights Forum This Thursday, June 12

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago is hosting a Forum to educate and enlighten attorneys—and the larger community—about how Catholic social teaching supports worker rights.

This is particularly topical in light of the elevation of Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV who has signaled his connection to Pope Leo XIII, author of the 1891 Encyclical supporting labor organizing and worker rights.



The Forum will take place on June 12, 2025 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. It will be held at the Carpenters Council Hall (12 East Erie in Chicago). Lunch will be provided.

Register today at: clgchicago.org/workersforum.



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:

- St. John XXIII Parish (Evanston) - June 12, 11:00 am
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Glenview) - June 17, 2:00 pm
- Old St. Mary Parish (Chicago) - June 26, 2:00 pm

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

Chicago Celebrates **POPE LEO XIV**

June 14, 2025 at
Rate Field

Gates open **12:30 p.m.**

Program **2:30 p.m.**

Mass **4 p.m.**

ALL ARE INVITED



More information:

archchicago.org/PopeLeoXIV



EDGEWATER COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION **JUNETEENTH SERVICE** **AMERICA THE FREE?**

JUNE 19, 2025

7:00 PM



EDGEWATER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1020 W BRYN MAWR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60660

FEATURED SPEAKER:

ANNMARIE BROWN,
CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CIRCLES AND CIPHERS

PERFORMANCE BY:

CIRCLES AND CIPHERS

FREE PARKING:

ST. ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
5649 N SHERIDAN RD, CHICAGO, IL 60660



Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, June 7 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, June 8 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Edie Sheridan

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, June 7 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, June 8 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Stephen Hasselbeck, Annie Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, June 7 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Danna Salinas; acolytes: Carter Dant, Wyatt Dant
- Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Mary Kate Cashman; acolytes: Kora Cunningham; Adaobi Okoli

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Luke Fitzgerald | • Joan Ross + |
| • Victor Ayes | • Adolf Gabriel | • Willy Spalla |
| • Andrea Banicki | • Marie Galoney | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Thomas Hajduch | • Floret Spalle |
| • Patrick Barton | • Tricia Hernandez | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Rose Mary Bradley | • Maria Hertl | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Zara Bradley | • John Kahoun | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Lilly Buie | • Paul Kapczuk | • Arsenia Tumliuan+ |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Joseph Lambin | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Marta Carlson | • River Malik | • King Wallace |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Alex Marks | • Christian Wallace |
| • Cavicke Family | • Nancy Michael | • Kevin Walsh+ |
| • David Denegas | • Steve Monti | • Leon Ward |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Hilda Mora | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • Donald Nyderek | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Dealina Peon | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Claude Poulsen | • Yyes Yoza |
| | | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

Baptisms

- Dalzary Diaz Adame
- Eloisa Teresa Hernandez Mejia
- Alain Neil Arias

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 9: 7:30 am - Cirela Perez
- Tuesday, June 10: 7:30 am - Larry McCauley+; 8:30 am - NCA Mass
- Wednesday, June 11: 7:30 am - Glenn & Mary Jo Martin+; Louise Rodriguez+
- Thursday, June 12: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, June 13: 7:30 am - Savanna Carter
- Saturday, June 14: 7:30 am - Billy Tobin+; 5:00 pm - Jenny Wyman+
- Sunday, June 15: 8:00 am - John Daly+; 10:30 am - Donald Hasselbeck+; 10:30 am Gym - Those that are fathers and father-figures

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rector at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **The Rector office will be closed on June 19 for Juneteenth.**

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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