

Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday, we give thanks for all of the women in our lives who are nurturing & encouraging, whether they are mothers, step-mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, friends, caretakers, teachers, coworkers, or neighbors.

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**Bulletin for
Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal is This Weekend

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each May, our hearts turn with gratitude to the mothers and mother figures whose love has shaped our lives. It is a moment to pause, to remember, and to honor the steadfast witness of those who have nurtured us in faith and in hope.

May is also the month when, as an archdiocese, we lift up the vital ministry of our partner, Catholic Charities. Their work—rooted in the Gospel and animated by the compassion of Christ—stands as a living sign of the Church's commitment to accompany mothers and families in need. When we support mothers, we strengthen the fabric of our communities, and the mercy we extend today echoes across generations.

Your generosity to the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities sustains this essential mission. For more than a century, Catholic Charities has served as the Archdiocese's hands and feet in caring for our neighbors throughout Cook and Lake counties, responding to the hardships faced by nearly 300,000 people each year. This extraordinary reach is possible only because of the faithful support you so consistently provide.

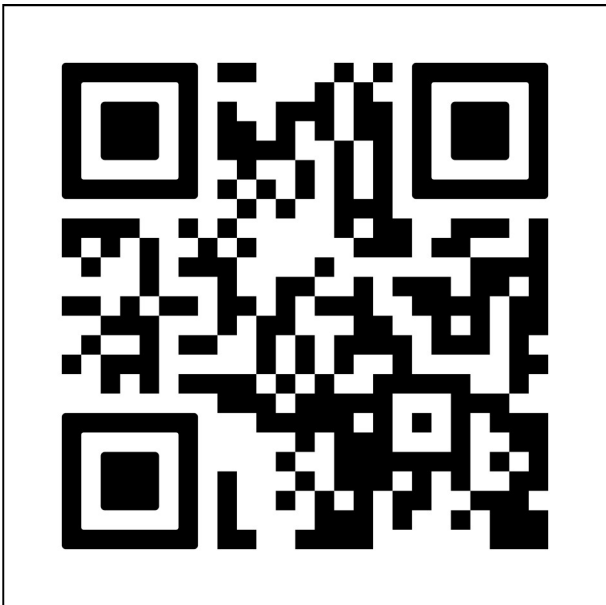
Each year, I ask our parishes to stand with Catholic Charities, and once again I invite you to give with a generous heart. Thank you for your steadfast commitment and your willingness to walk with those who rely on us. Together, we make present the love of Christ, who calls us to bring hope where it is most needed.

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Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal (continued)

As St. Paul reminds us in Romans 5:5, "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit." May that same Spirit guide us as we continue this important work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Blase Cupich", is written in a cursive style.

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

How to Donate to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 10 or anytime by scanning the QR code above or by donating at catholiccharities.net/mothers.

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.



- Hannah Kardon

Congratulations to Our First Communion Class of 2026

Congratulations to the children from our parish's Religious Education program and Northside Catholic Academy who celebrated their First Communion—a joyful and celebratory moment in their faith journey!

We are so proud of the children from our Religious Education and NCA communities, Holy Child Jesus, St. Jerome, Mary Mother of God, and St. Gertrude, who worked so hard in preparation for this special day. We are blessed to have their loving presence in our parish community and are especially grateful to the educators from NCA and the teachers from our Religious Education Program for their kind and patient instruction.

Please continue to keep the First Communicants—and their families—in your prayers as they receive this sacrament for the first time and experience the unfolding mystery of Holy Communion, continuing to grow in faith and love.

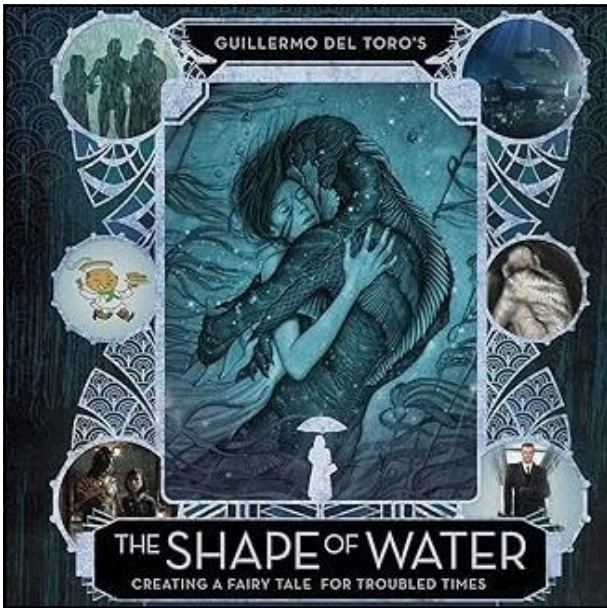


First Communion Class of 2026

- Sebastian Albores
- Aria Benham
- Logan Blake
- Cora Cartwright
- Oliver Cervantes
- Leonardo Cervantes
- Moira Cobb
- Deivin Flores
- Vera Gray
- Henry Hanlon
- Nicholas Hanlon
- Timothy Hogan, Jr.
- Alice Hurtado
- Ella Infusino
- Maeve Kelly
- Augustus Kesling
- Amelia Khoshaba
- Isaac Khoshaba
- Philip Kosin
- William Li
- Michael Montenegro
- Ellis Mustapha
- Colm O'Connor
- Libby Ongay
- Josie Ongay
- Clark Paus
- Aaron Perez Lopez
- Catherine Robbins
- Miguel Angel
- Robledo Mondragon
- Jasmin Nataly Robledo Mondragon
- Madieu Liam Sheriff
- Willie David Tepan
- Dylan Tepan
- Harper Villareal
- Vanessa Villegas Monroy
- Wyatt Walsh
- Mackenzie Zvonarits

Parish Events & Activities

(Listed in chronological order)



Book Club is Tuesday, May 12

Join us for a discussion of *The Shape of Water* by Guillermo del Toro & Daniel Kraus at 6:30 pm at the Ministry Center, 6214 W. Glenwood. New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).

Friendship Club is Thursday, May 14

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6216 North Glenwood Avenue.

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



Join Us for the Rosary at St. Gerts

Guadalupeanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupeanos) on Friday Evenings

All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass

Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Friday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!

Care for Real Collection is May 23-24

St. Gertrude will host a collection drive for Care for Real on May 23-24. Our Care for Real collections takes place on the first and fourth weekend of each month.

For more information, including current needs and ways to give, please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> or follow their Facebook and Instagram pages.



Gym Mass Schedule: Combined Mass in Church on May 24 (No Gym Mass)

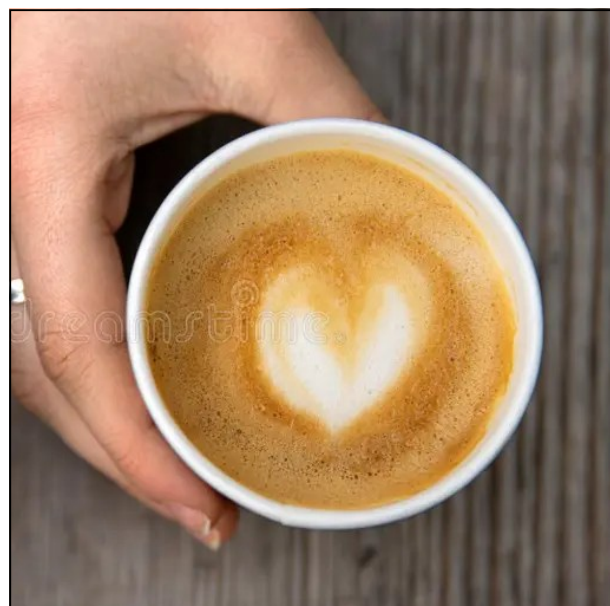
On Sunday, May 24, there is no Gym Mass. Please join us for our 10:30 am mass in church.

The final Gym Mass of the school year will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21.

Brewed at St. Gertrude Planned for May 31

Make plans to stay after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 31 for "Brewed at St. Gertrude," our monthly gathering for coffee and community in the Social Hall. It's a wonderful chance to slow down, connect, and enjoy some time together.

We'll have a selection of pastries along with coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Everyone is welcome—whether you've been part of the parish for years or are just getting to know the community, we'd love to have you join us!



ST. GERTRUDE CHICAGO

heart
to heart

MEDICAL LENDING CLOSET

Looking to request or donate durable medical equipment or supplies?



Lending Closet: Please Make an Appointment

St. Gertrude Parish's Heart to Heart program continues to offer compassionate support through its Medical Lending Closet, available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This approach allows the team to provide thoughtful, individualized assistance to each person seeking or donating equipment.

Items available through the Lending Closet include standard walkers, rollators, crutches, wheelchairs, portable commodes, toilet safety rails, bed rails, shower seats, and a selection of medical supplies.

These resources are offered to help ease the burden of obtaining necessary equipment and to ensure that members of our community have what they need to maintain comfort, safety, and dignity.

To schedule an appointment or to learn more about available items or donations, please call 773.973.5464. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry—or if you have equipment to share—please consider reaching out.

In Need of Communion? Our Ministers of Care Can Help

For those who are unable to attend Mass regularly, our Ministers of Care offer a meaningful connection to parish life. These specially trained parishioners bring Holy Communion along with the prayers and presence of our community to those who are home-bound or ill.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Sr. Susan at squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org.



Curious About Events & Activities at St. Gerts?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page, stgertrudechicago.org, and in our [Events calendar](#), found under the News/Programs heading!

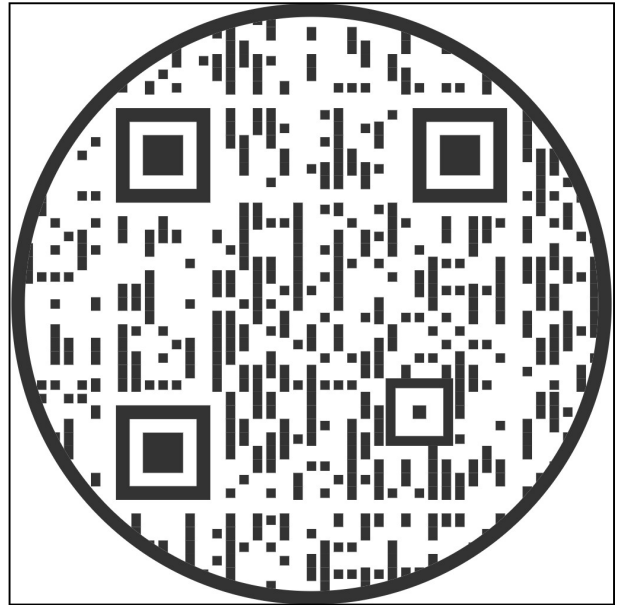
Parish Directory Update & Orders Available Until May 31

We are finalizing our parish directory! If you did not have your photo taken, we invite you to update your household information to ensure your details are included.

Forms are available at the back of the church, or you may submit your information using the QR code or at <https://bit.ly/StGertsDirectoryUpdateForm>.

If you had your photo taken, a complimentary directory will be provided. For those who did not have a photo taken, you may still purchase a copy of the directory using the same form or online options.

Thank you for helping us create an accurate and complete parish directory!



Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

- *For Sheila Ward from Leon Ward*
- *In Memory of Feliza and Mylene Velasquez and Enriqueta Vendiola from Joel and Edith Velasquez*
- *In Memory of The Strubbe & Galoney Families from Marie Galoney*
- *In Honor and Memory of Sr. Maggie McGinn B.V.M. from Marilyn Klein*
- *In Memory of Lilder and Albert Sherrod from Pamela Sherrod Anderson*
- *In Memory of Jon Anderson from Pamela Sherrod Anderson*

- *In Memory of Billy Tobin from Dorothea and Mike Tobin*
- *Ricardo Binalber*
- *In Memory of Maria José Fereira de Souza from Ana Ward*
- *In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. Escara*
- *In Memory of Warren Meintz from Jacalyn Meier*
- *In Memory of Jeanette Cordero by Cristina Cordero*

We are offering an opportunity to celebrate someone in your life, living or deceased, during the Easter season. Please consider making an Easter Flower offering in their name.

Envelopes are available in the back of the Church and may be placed in the collection basket or sent to Rectory. The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.



Growing in Faith

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments..."

As a parent raising four kids, my initial reaction is to chuckle when I read this. If this is the measure of love, I might be in trouble! It often feels like my kids don't "listen" or "follow" what they're told, whether it's our home's rules, how to care for themselves and others, or how to move through the world.

But then I read more closely and notice Jesus doesn't just say "listen". Or "follow". He says, "keep" my commandments.

So, I pay more attention. To the teacher who says what a good helper my kid is, even when they won't always help at home. To the older sibling offering to play with the younger one, even when they can't agree on a game. To the article my kid writes on the value of the church community that has taught him "All Are Welcome", even when he may not get to mass.

And I realize my kids are, in fact, "keeping" what they've been taught. Values that I "keep" from my own family, whose own values were rooted in those very commandments Jesus spoke of. And when I look at the state of our world right now, I find reassurance in the fact that, even when we may not always get it right, if we can heed the words of Jesus to "keep" my commandments, then we, too, can come through when it matters most, rooting ourselves in the love that Jesus spoke of.

-Jackie Blake

News from NCA

NCA OPEN HOUSE
 Saturday May 16
 1 pm - 3 pm
 6216 N. Glenwood Ave.

- ✓ Tour our school campus
- ✓ Meet parents & students
- ✓ Learn about our community
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Scholarships available*

*Application required.

WILDCAT SUMMER CAMP
 June 22 - August 7
 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
 7 WEEKS OF FUN!

- Olympics**
Let's learn about the Winter Olympics
- Soccer**
Fifa World Cup and the fundamentals of soccer
- Science**
Experiments, Puzzles, and Projects
- Art**
Crafts and Projects
- Music**
Make our own instruments from common objects found around our houses.

Parish Info

New Parishioners

- Thomas and Lisa Gillis

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Martin Waide
- Sunday, May 10 at 8:00 am - Jacalyn Meier, Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 am - Eric Ameyaw, Theo Fletcher

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, May 10 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Carter Dant; acolyte: Angel Garcia
- Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Oscar Lassus; acolytes: Xavier Lassus, Jayson Ameyaw

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Victor Ayes | • Maria Hertl | • Delphine Richert |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Patricia White Holmes | • Joan Ross |
| • Patrick Barton | • Gertrude Huisman | • Rosa Ott Sandoval |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tony Hunter | • Willy Spalla |
| • Maggie Callahan | • John Kahoun | • Floret Spalle |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Mary E. Kelley | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Marilyn Klein | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Kathy Catrambone | • Jim Laczkowski | • Marie Tarallo |
| • Cavicke Family | • Joseph Lambin | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Mary DeBois | • Carleen Lorys | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • David Denegas | • Roland Mady | • Joe Touchstone |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • River Malik | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • James Mann | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks | • King Wallace |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Theresa McMahan | • Christian Wallace |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Nancy Michael | • Kevin Walsh |
| • Marie Galoney | • Steve Monti | • Leon Ward |
| • Thomas Hajduch | • Hilda Mora | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Anne Marie Hamde | • Patti Paul | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Rochelle Hernandez | • Dealina Peon | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Tricia Hernandez | • Claude Poulsen | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, May 11: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, May 12: 7:30 am - For the healing and recovery of Officer Nelson Crespo, CPD
- Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Wed., May 13: 7:30 am - Peace in our city and the world
- Thursday, May 14: 7:30 am - For the people
- Friday, May 15: 7:30 am - Mark Schreiner+
- Saturday, May 16: 5:00 pm - Sister Margaret McGinn B.V.M.+
- Sunday, May 17: 8:00 am - Richard Marshall "Buzz" Norton+; 10:30 am - Ramon Romo+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of St. Gertrude

Mass Times/Rector Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 5:00 pm; The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rector Office at 773.764.3621.

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Janie Carrillo, Parish Secretary—jcarrillo@stgertrudechicago.org

Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate—eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org

Jonathan Hannau, Music Director—jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org

Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager—call 773.973.5464

Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, Heart to Heart Director—squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org

Tracy Shields, Communications Director—tshields@stgertrudechicago.org

Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management—esoto@stgertrudechicago.org

Heart to Heart/Lending Closet Contact Info

To reach our Heart to Heart director, Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, call her at 872.296.2537 or email her at squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org. To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events, bulletins, staff contact info, details on how to get involved in the parish, information about Heart to Heart, our Medical Lending Closet, sacraments and more, visit our parish's website at stgertrudechicago.org.