

HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*

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



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**May 14, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### From Fr. Mike Gabriel

The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life. That we

are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life.

On Saturday, May 14, we joyfully celebrate the First Communion of 38 young women and men. Our communicants, from NCA and St. Gertrude's Religious Education, will all be dressed up in their finery for this joyous event.

First Communion is indeed a cause for celebration and should be memorable as a holy and special day of being welcomed to the table of the Lord. It really can be a challenge to keep focused on the meaning of First Communion, with all the trappings of clothing and parties.

I once heard a speaker say, if a child's First Communion is their best Communion, then we have failed. It may be a child's first communion, but don't forget they will be receiving the sacrament every time they gather at the table of the Lord.

I think back to an analogy of growing up, we had the kid's table and the big people's table during the holidays. When we finally got to move up to the big table, we didn't get dressed up and no fuss was made about it. All of us, I hope, remember that each time we receive the Sacrament of Eucharist we should reflect on its significance.

Parents, I pray that you bring your children often to the table, so they experience the sacrifice and love of God in their reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. Nothing could top that.

This Sunday, we will have our parish May Crowning. All through the month of May, we honor the Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

### Happy Mother's Day!

Today, we thank God for the gift of mothers and mothering across the world. Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms. *"As one whom a mother comforts, so will I comfort you."* ~ Isaiah 66: 13.

Gentle, patient God – thank you for your tender care.

## From Fr. Mike Gabriel (continued)

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Last Sunday, around 60 people came to the parish strategic planning meeting. It was a great time, with a lot of enthusiasm and sharing of ideas among participants.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, and the Parish Council for planning it. Together, we look forward to all of the possibilities that we can be in order to be disciples of Christ.



## Congratulations to Our First Communicants

We are so proud of the children from our Religious Ed program and NCA communities, Holy Child Jesus, St. Jerome, Mary Mother of God, and St. Gertrude, who made their First Communion on Saturday! They worked so hard and we are blessed to have their loving presence at our parish.

We are especially thankful for our second grade teachers, Ewa Jablonska and Cristine Salazar from NCA and Dorothea Tobin from our Religious Education Program, for their kind and patient instruction.

## First Communion Class of 2022

- Charlie V. All
- Alexandra C. All
- Marlowe G. Baum
- Milo E. Buttitta
- William J. Campbell
- Alexzandro Campuzano
- Isabella G. Carpio
- Ayleen Carrasco
- Eloise E. Clarke
- John C. Couvillion
- Carly J. Couvillion
- Daniel Cunningham
- Ty P. Forsman
- Ariel Garcia
- Emir M. Hernandez
- Olive L. Jenkins
- Agnes M. Lacy
- Koa C. LeFever
- Isaac X. Leung
- Anna M. McDaniel
- Margaret V. Meier
- Ryan V. Meier
- Jada Ezekielle A. Milante
- William M. Mitchell
- Uzoma E. Okoli
- Somadina E. Okoli
- Munachismo Okoye
- Leondro R. Paez
- Aislyn Y. Perez
- Ryan T. Phelps
- Vadhir A. Quintero
- Jose Ramirez
- Mia C. Ron
- Olivia G. Savage
- Eamon Siebenaler
- Isabel T. Sweeney
- Catherine A. Thomson



## Growing in Faith: *Litany of Mothers*

Response: *Pray for them /Doakeun aranjeunna (Sudanese)*

For new mothers, Wanting-to-be mothers, Single mothers, Stay-at-mothers, Working mothers, Dying mothers, Grieving mothers.

Response: *Pray for them/Ore por lees (Portuguese)*

For Evicted mothers, Refugee mothers, the Motherless, Addicted mothers, Abused mothers, Depressed mothers, Incarcerated mothers.

Response: *Pray for us/Priye por nous (Haitian).*

To Mother of Jesus, Mother of Perpetual Help, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Mercy, Mother of the Poor, Mother most Admirable, Mother of Good Counsel.

Response: *Pray for Us/Ruegen por Nosostros (Spanish)*

Dear Mother Church, Mother Anne, mother of Mary, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, Mother Elizabeth Seton, Mother Gertrude of Helfta, Mother Teresa, Mother Hildegard of Bingen, Mother tongue, our first words.

Response: *May God, forgive us. کر معاف ہمیں خدا (Urdu)*

Dear Mother Air, our breath of life, Mother Earth,



our home, Mother Nature, our sustenance, Mother Water, our refreshment, Mother Fire, our warmth, Motherland, our birthplace.

Response: *Lead Us to Action/Kami sa pagkilos (Filipino)*

Dear Mother for Civil Rights, Sojourner Truth, Mother of Modern Medicine, Henrietta Lacks, Mother of Nursing, Florence Nightingale, Mother of Migrants, Dorothy Lange, Mother of Nuclear Science, Madame Curie, Mother of Modern Dance, Isadora Duncan, Mother of Women Artists, Mary Cassatt.



## Catholic Charities Mother's Day Second Collection

Sarah was 21 with two children when she entered the Catholic Charities New Hope Apartments program. Having lived in foster care most of her life, she was seeking to be a good parent and successful adult.

At New Hope, Sarah gained skills in budgeting, parenting, and interviewing. She blossomed before her case manager's eyes and went on to gain stable employment, enter a healthy marriage and enjoy a peaceful family life.

Catholic Charities serves anyone in need of help throughout Cook and Lake counties, and

many of them are mothers with children. Please support the Second Collection Mother's Day, May 14, or anytime at [www.catholiccharities.net/donate](http://www.catholiccharities.net/donate).

## What Does It Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic



Join St. Gertrude and St. Teresa of Avila for a series of four conversations for Pride Month from LGBTQ+ members from each community as they share their stories of faith, hope and love

Join us for one or all the conversations

Every Thursday starting June 1st  
1st and 3rd session at St. Gertrude  
2nd and 4th session at St. Teresa



Register with the QR Code



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## Registration for the 2023 Wildcat Summer Camp is Open!

Wildcat Camp strives to 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](http://www.northsidecatholic.org) or call 773.743.6277.

**WILDCAT  
SUMMER  
CAMP** 2023

JUNE 19 - AUGUST 4

**Park Explorers!**

Theme Oriented:

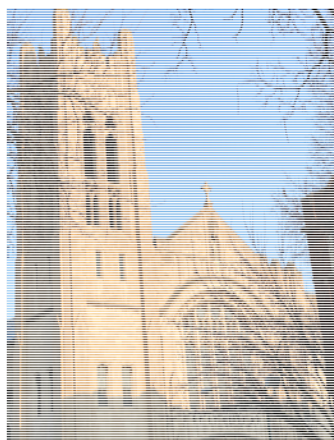
Arts & Crafts

Snacks

Sports

Field Trips

and Much More!



### Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish!

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin, daily reflections, or notices about parish activities via email, or your email address has changed, please let us know!

Send an email to [news@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:news@stgertrudechicago.org) and specify if you would prefer just the weekly bulletin, distributed on Thursday afternoons, or our daily prayer/reflection with notices about upcoming parish events.

Thank you!





## This Summer: St. Gertrude's Youth Group Mission Experience

Teens in sixth grade through high school are invited to be part of our Mission Experience this summer! From July 10-14, the parish youth group will volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day.

This is an excellent opportunity to have fun and earn volunteer hours!

There is a \$100 fee for the week. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. Please note

that there are scholarships available!

All participants will receive a t-shirt, water bottle, and a sports drawstring backpack.

To reserve a spot or to get more information, contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org). Please register before Saturday, May 28.

## Financial Report from Sunday, May 7

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,258.00

Loose Checks: \$695.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$865.75

Online Donations: \$6,020.12

**Total Collected: \$9,838.87**

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

**Difference: -\$891.13**

Year-to-date Collected: \$420,950.62

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

**Difference: -\$137,049.38**



## 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](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevents](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevents)

Questions? Please reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.

## Easter Flower Offering

This Easter season, members of our parish community celebrate or remember the following people:

### In Memory of/Individual who Honored Them

- Mary Ellen Mellon ~ Bernard Joyce
  - Kathy Schneider Runstrom ~ *Mary T. Scheider*
  - Jon Anderson ~ *Pamela Sherrod Anderson*
  - Lilder & Albert Sherrod ~ *Pamela Sherrod Anderson*
  - Randy, Lydia & Manuel Cruz ~ *Monica T. Cruz*
  - Ma' Araceli Frias ~ *Nona T. Frias*
  - Gonzalo & Sulecia Frias ~ *Nona T. Frias*
  - Theresa McMahan ~ *Joe McMahan*
  - Deceased member of Slane family ~ *Millie Slane*
  - Mother and Father ~ *Efrain Cortes*
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- Mary Ellen Mellon ~ *Jo Anne Joyce*
  - Mary Pat Ross ~ *Steve & Anne Hasselbeck*
  - Deceased of the Laczkowski & Glotkowski families ~ *Jean L. Laczkowski*

## heart to heart

### Heart to Heart Information

Our Heart to Heart Ministry has around 30 members and 11 active volunteers, covering Edgewater/Rogers Park areas. Our volunteers provide companionship to our elderly, many of whom live alone and have a limited support network.

There are six dedicated drivers taking members to doctor appointments, grocery shopping and other errands. Three ministry of care volunteers visit people

at home or in their care facility. A volunteer does weekly phone visits with many of our members and another sends thank you letters for monetary and medical equipment donations.

In addition, there continues to be a solid group of volunteers working independently making sandwiches for the needy.

Our Heart to Heart/Lending Closet phone number is 773-973-5464.

Pat Sullivan is available on Monday and Thursday for Heart to Heart inquiries. Her email is [psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org).

Laurie Hasbrook is available on Tuesday and Thursday for Lending Closet inquiries. She can be emailed at [lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org).

# Thank You to Our Religious Ed and Kids Word Volunteers

Last Sunday, our Religious Ed and Kids Word school year came to a close. We are so grateful to the students who attended and made the year so special and for their families for entrusting us with your children.

Special thanks to our Religious Ed and Kids Word teachers listed below! We truly appreciate their hard work and generous spirits.

## Religious Education:

- Melinda Banahene *1st Grade*
- Dorothea Tobin *2nd Grade*
- Sandra Francis *3rd Grade*
- Sister Matilda Adeboye *4th Grade*
- Suzanne Stryczek *5th & 6th Grade*
- Steven Patzke *1st Year Confirmation prep*
- Steven Monti *2nd Year Confirmation prep*



## Kids Word:

- Michelle Wielgosz
- Rosalie Sullivan
- Gisela Rosales
- Alex Campuzano

**Visit our Parish Website!** For the latest information about upcoming events, Mass times, staff emails, bulletins, office hours, recent rest in peace notices, and more, please visit St. Gertrude's website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)!

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

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 am - Wesley Dingman, Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Jacalyn Meier

### Altar Servers:

- Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 am - cross bearer - Henry Villareal ; acolytes - Grace Cashman, Henry Jacobson

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, May 15 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Steven Monti, Carlos Barragan

### Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm - Amir Ghazaleh
- Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, May 14 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan; Dana Sullivan-flautist for *Ave Maria prelude*

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, May 15:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Tuesday, May 16:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude; 8:30 am - NCA Mass
- **Wednesday, May 17:** 7:30 am - Patricia Fox Deiters +
- **Thursday, May 18:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, May 19:** 7:30 am - Mary Joe Martin +
- **Saturday, May 20:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 5:00 pm - Sheila McGuire +
- **Sunday, May 21:** 8:00 am - Richard Meyers; 10:30 am Mass in church – Victoria Centeno; Gym Mass - Donald DiProva

## 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](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Zara Bradley     | • Maria Hertl     | • Bernadette Stanis    |
| • Lilly Buie       | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina   | • Marilyn Klein   | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Claire Conley    | • Patricia Meade  | • Leon Ward            |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Janet McCulley  | • Tammy Wielgosz       |
| • Luke Fitzgerald  | • Karey Myers     | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Gina Heidkamp    | • Richard Seitz   | • Yyes Yoza            |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

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