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Bulletin for Sunday, May 17, 2026 Ascension/Seventh Sunday of Easter

Thank You to our Catechists!

Throughout this year, we have been blessed by the dedication, compassion, and faith-filled witness of the many volunteer catechists who generously shared their time and talents with our parish community through Religious Education, OCIA, and Kids Word. Their commitment to helping others grow in faith has made a lasting impact on children, families, and adults alike.

We are deeply grateful for these volunteers who prepared lessons, shared their faith, prayed with our parishioners, and helped create welcoming spaces for learning and spiritual growth. Through their kindness, patience, and dedication, they helped bring the love of Christ to life within our parish community.

Thank you to all of our catechists and volunteers for your faithful service and generous hearts. May God bless you abundantly for the difference you make in the lives of so many only because of the faithful support you so consistently provide.



- Melinda Banahene
- Dorothea Tobin
- Consuelo Errera
- Maria Carlos
- Friday Onoja
- Rose Isaily
- Suzanne Stryczek

- Steven Monti
- Josephat Odundo
- Paul Massu
- Rosalie Sullivan
- Pat Sullivan
- Gisela Rosales
- Alexis Ayala

Parish Events & Activities

(Listed in chronological order)



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.



Office Closed on May 25

Memorial Day is next weekend! Please note, the office will be closed on Monday, May 25.

A communion service will be held at 7:30 am.

Please keep in your prayers the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and all the loved ones who continue to carry their memory in their hearts.



Upcoming Youth Group Activities: Car Wash on May 30 and a Hot Dog Sale During the Edgewater Yard & Garden Sale on June 6

The parish youth group has two upcoming events: a car wash and a hot dog sale. All proceeds will go towards youth group activities.

The car wash is planned for Saturday, May 30. Teens will be available to wash cars from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the parish parking lot at the northwest

corner of Thome and Glenwood. The cost is \$15 per vehicle.

The Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale is Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Our parish youth group will sell pop and hot dogs to attendees in the parish parking lot from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

If your teen in grades six and up is interested in joining our youth group, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

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!



Financial Report for May 9-10

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,170.00
 Loose Checks: \$1,200.00
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,211.00
 Online Donations: \$7,444.26
 Total Collected: \$12,025.26

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
 Difference: \$2,025.26
 YTD Collected FY 2026: \$468,729.78
 YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
 Difference: -\$81,270.22
 Catholic Charities collection: \$1,996.23

Parish News



Pictured: Joe Donnelly and Marilyn Klein. Marilyn and Joe, parishioners in their 90s, both spent years as volunteer drivers for Heart to Heart. They continue finding ways to support our Ministry. Do you have time to give? Reach out to the Heart to Heart office at 872.296.2537!

Heart to Heart & Lending Closet News

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet is blessed by the generosity of people throughout Chicagoland, and right here at St. Gertrude Parish.

Parishioner Joe Donnelly recently donated a brand new wheelchair to the Lending Closet. Within a day, the wheelchair was en route to a young homeless man, a double amputee, who is currently living in a bus shelter. The social worker helping this young man called to thank us for the "Cadillac of a wheelchair" and to let us know how deeply appreciative the young man was.

Thank you to Joe and to all whose continued support of our ministry allows us to help those who call.

~ Laurie Hasbrook, Lending Closet Manager

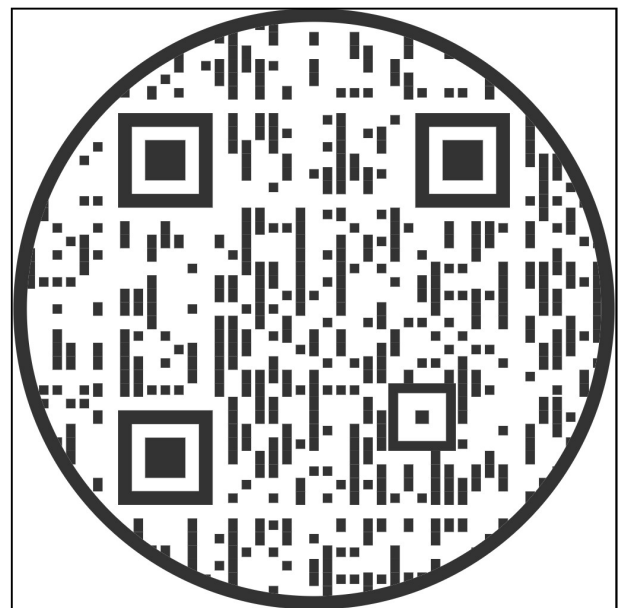
Parish Directory Update & Orders Available Until May 31

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!



Growing in Faith

“Christ [is seated] far above every principality, authority, power and dominion” Eph.1:21

On this Armed Forces weekend, I remember human moments between people of all faiths:

The picture above is from my third deployment to Iraq on Ash Wednesday 2023. There was no Catholic chaplain at Al-Asad Airbase then, so they're technically Lutheran ashes. (They welcomed all to their service.) I received the ashes just before meeting with our Muslim Iraqi counterparts nearby, who would greet us with dates, candy, and chai.



On my second deployment to Iraq in 2007, my Humvee passed a destroyed building that clearly had once displayed a Christian cross on top. Surprised, I asked my Iraqi interpreter about it. He paused to think of the right terminology and said, “That’s where the Christians used to store their virgin women. But then the insurgents bombed the building.” Meaning, it was a former convent before the U.S. invasion.

My commander on that deployment was Jewish. He mentioned that Iraq had a thriving Jewish community until they were exiled. Their sacred religious texts were confiscated and later found by U.S. forces at the captured Iraqi intelligence headquarters.

Now that the Middle East is again wracked with uncertain, violent war, I hope we can move beyond fighting over ‘principality, authority, power, and dominion’ and aspire to the ideals written by Brother Hermann Schalück, OFM. Here’s an excerpt:

*“All, Muslims, Christians and Members of the People of Israel,
Earnestly aspire to reconciliation...
Lord, have all those of good will from all Religions,
In the North and South, in the East and West, in common responsibility,
Demolish the mountain of misunderstanding...
Fill in the trenches of hatred... and
Make smooth the paths towards a common future.
Make the guns silent in our one world and have, instead,
The appeals for peace resound ever stronger...
For all, without distinction.
O Lord, the one God.”*

~ Sean Williams

Thank You for Supporting Catholic Charities!

Catholic Charities extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the Mother's Day Second Collection at Masses last weekend. Your generosity helps provide food, shelter, counseling, and hope to thousands of individuals and families in need throughout our community.



Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

- **Ricardo Binalber**
- **In Memory of John Staggs II from Mary Clare Barker**
- **In Memory of 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**
- **For Marilou, Carmelita, and Zanita Velasquez from Joel and Edith Velasquez**
- **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.

News from NCA & Around the Archdiocese

+ NCA +

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.

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.

- May 27 - **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**, Gurnee
- June 2 - **Saint Francis Xavier Parish**, LaGrange
- June 9 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, Glenview
- June 11 - **St. John of the Cross Parish**, Western Springs
- June 23 - **Old St. Mary Parish**, Chicago
- June 25 - **St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**, Oak Lawn
- June 25 - **Holy Family Parish**, Inverness
- June 30 - **Holy Cross Parish**, Deerfield

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicagoinfosessions

Or Scan:



Questions?

Call

IVC Chicago

443.586.7061

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 18: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, May 19: 7:30 am - Petra Romo+
- Wednesday, May 20: 7:30 am - Patricia Meade+
- Thursday, May 21: 7:30 am - Mary Jo Martin+
- Friday, May 22: 7:30 am
- Saturday, May 23: 5:00 pm - Candida Baez+
- Sunday, May 24: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - For the people

Mass Times/Rectory 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. **The office is closed on Memorial Day.**
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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

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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.