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**Bulletin for Sunday,**  
**May 19, 2024**  
Pentecost Sunday

### From Fr. Mike Gabriel

The first and second readings and the Gospel on this great Feast of Pentecost speak of the Spirit as a gift. Jesus tells his disciples, "Receive the Spirit." Like God's love, the Holy Spirit is offered to us freely; we do not have to deserve it or even ask for it. We need only receive it into our hearts.

Of course, we believe that at Baptism, the Holy Spirit is planted in us and that at our Confirmation these gifts are set alight in us; but like all gifts, we must first accept what we have been given and then we need to unwrap it to discover what it holds for us.

On this wonderful feast of Pentecost, pray to the Holy Spirit; ask with a heart which is not fearful or reserved, but with a heart open and ready to receive these gifts. Each of us has our own special gifts with which our loving Father has blessed us. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to use us in the best possible way to help make our homes and our parish a place where people can truly experience the living Jesus and who can then, with hearts full of joy, share that experience with everyone around them.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

#### **With a Grateful Heart**

This Sunday is Fr. Jim Flaherty S.J.'s last weekend here as he goes to become the new Director of the Jesuit retreat house in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Fr. Jim has been such a blessing here for the last two years. He has always been willing to pitch in on many different pastoral needs of St. Gertrude. We wish him all the best.

#### **Congratulations!**

With so many graduations happening, grammar school, high school, and college, I would like to extend our congratulations and prayers to all of the new graduates.

With graduation now comes bigger challenges in life. May you face every challenge with faith and sincere efforts as you have always done before.

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

**In Celebration of Pentecost:** After the 10:30 am mass, join us outside for coffee, juice, and sweets provided by the Misericordia Sweet on Wheels bakery truck.



## Congratulations to Our First Communion Class of 2024

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 Teresa Boyd and Mara Brecht from NCA and Dorothea Tobin, Suzanne Striczek, Melinda Banahene, Sandra Francis, Matilda Adeboye, and Hoang Do from our Religious Education Program, for their kind and patient instruction.

And we thank those who attended our 10:30 am combined Mass and annual May Crowning last Sunday! The service was made even more special thanks to the First Communicants who attended in their First Communion outfits.

**Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings:** All are welcome to attend the weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. The bilingual gathering is held in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.



## Care for Real Food and Supply Drive, May 25 and May 26

St. Gertrude will conduct its monthly food drive before and after Masses on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26.

We encourage you to leave a sturdy bag (or bags) containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, rice or cereal as well as feminine products and deodorant (both male and female).

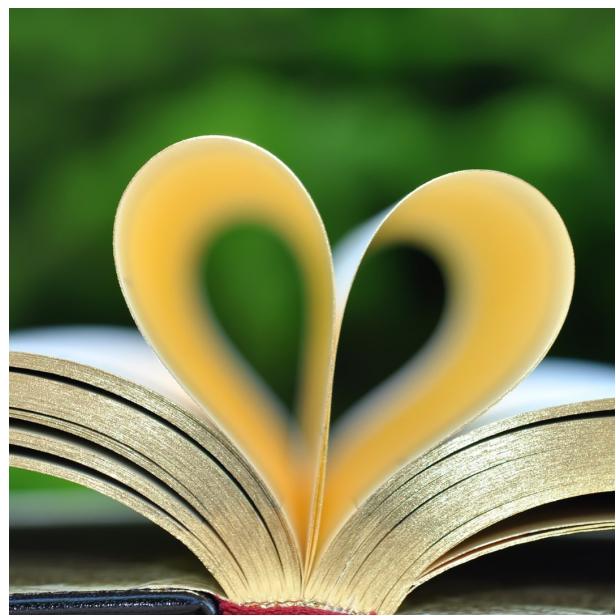
The donations stay in the community to help local individuals, seniors, and families facing hunger.

## Register for the Catholic Writers Guild Conference

The Catholic Writers Guild will hold its annual live conference Tuesday, May 28 - Thursday, May 30, 2024, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5615 N. Cumberland Ave, Chicago, IL 60631.

This three-day event for beginning and published writers features keynote speakers, panelists, and opportunities for mentorship, and critiques of your work in progress.

For more info and to sign up, go to [CatholicWritersGuild.org/live-conference](https://CatholicWritersGuild.org/live-conference).



## Going to the Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale? Visit our Youth Group's Hot Dog Stand!

The Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale is Saturday, June 1 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 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Funds raised will go towards youth group activities. Please come out and support our parish teens!

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

## Registration Deadline for our Teen Mission Experience is June 8

The deadline for this summer's Mission Experience is fast approaching! Registration is due by Saturday, June 8. Our youth mission experience is planned for the week of July 22-26. Teens in our parish youth group, in sixth grade through high school, are invited to volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day.

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. Email Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) to register or for more info.



## Commonweal Dialogue Returns June 14! Reading Info is Below

After a two-year hiatus, Commonweal Dialogue is returning to St. Gertrude's Parish this June!

Commonweal Dialogue provides opportunities for civil and cordial conversation about topics of contemporary concern at the intersection of faith and politics.

We plan to meet several times a year and to alternate Sunday afternoon tea parties with Friday evening wine and pizza events in the hope that as many people as possible will be able to participate. The readings we have selected we believe will encourage meaningful and enlightening conversation.

**Topic:** Please read Ursula K. LeGuin's very short sci fi story *The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas* (available online). This story symbolically raises questions about inequality, individual human suffering, and the common good in many areas of our contemporary social and political life. (Even if you don't have time to read the story, join us anyway, and we'll get you up to speed so you can join in the discussion.)

The first meeting will be held on the evening of Friday, June 14 at 6:30 pm in the backyard of John Williams, 1305 West Glenlake in Chicago. Details on the topic to follow.

Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to buy! Email Denise DeBelle at [ddebelle@gmail.com](mailto:ddebelle@gmail.com), John Williams at [joolikar@gmail.com](mailto:joolikar@gmail.com), or Verna Foster at [vfoster@luc.edu](mailto:vfoster@luc.edu).

Northside Catholic Academy

# WILDCAT SUMMER CAMP

Travel through history!

June 17th - August 2nd

## Wildcat Summer Camp Begins June 17th

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](http://www.northsidecatholic.org) or call 773.743.6277. Register at <https://bit.ly/49CGPmH>.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

## Items Needed for the Lending Closet!

The Lending Closet is in dire need of rollator walkers (walkers with a seat) and tub transfer benches.

Please e-mail or call Laurie Hasbrook at [lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org) or 773-973-5464 ext. 115 if you are able to donate one of these items.

## Lending Closet Needs



## 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 23 - **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**, Gurnee
- May 29 - **Holy Family Parish**, Inverness
- June 4 - **St. Francis Xavier Parish**, LaGrange
- June 13 - **St. John XXIII Parish**, Evanston
- June 18 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, Glenview
- June 20 - **Old St. Mary Parish**, Chicago
- June 25 - **St. John of the Cross Parish**, Western Springs

Register online: [www.ivcusa.org/chicago](http://www.ivcusa.org/chicago)  
Or Call: **201.407.6052** Or Scan QR Code:



## Financial Report for May 11-12

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$4,598.00

Loose Checks: \$1,000.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,151.00

Online Donations: \$7,428.12

**Total Collected: \$14,177.12**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: \$4,177.12**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$498,746.76

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00

**Difference: \$112,346.76**

**Catholic Charities Collection: \$1,130.00**



## Growing in Faith

This weekend for Pentecost, one of the choices for a second reading is from Paul's letter to the Galatians, and its high point, for me, is this sentence near the end:

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

In other words, if I am filled with the Holy Spirit, if I am living as Jesus taught, I will love and be joyful, peaceful and patient, kind and generous, faithful and gentle and exert self-control.

I mention those virtues twice because the story of Pentecost can come across as something of an otherworldly movie, big on special effects. Suddenly, there's a noise like the wind that fills the house where the disciples are hiding, and there appear to them tongues as of fire, which part and come to rest on each of them. And, "filled with the Holy Spirit," they run out into Jerusalem and begin preaching.

You're not likely to see a tongue of flame over anyone's forehead nowadays, but, if the worker at McDonald's does something kind, that's the Holy Spirit in her. We live in an age when many people seem to enjoy being angry and bitter. Yet, there are others, maybe the crossing guard near the school, maybe the guy walking his dog, who are joyful and peaceful and are a delight to those around them.

Like the song says, they'll know we are Christians by our love and joy and gentleness and kindness.....

~ Patrick T. Reardon

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## Easter Flower Remembrances

*In Memory of/Individual who Honored Them*

- **Mary Ellen Mellon & JoAnne Joyce**  
*by Bernard Joyce*
- **The deceased of the Strubbe-Galoney family**  
*by Marie Galoney*
- **Larry McCauley** *by Marilyn Klein*
- **Billy Tobin** *by Mike and Dorothea Tobin*
- **Caskie Family**
- **Peter Steenveld** *by Joanne Steenveld*
- **John and Elizabeth** *by Pat O'Neal*
- **Groleau Karasti** *by Rose Karasti*
- **Slane and Quinn families** *by Millie Slane*



# Parish Information

## Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our full Holy Week schedule, please visit our website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, May 19 at 8:00 am - Steven Monti
- Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Rose Karasti

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, May 19 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Bob Backis, Troy McMillan

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 pm - Carter Cartwright, cross bearer; Brianna Hernandez, acolyte
- Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 am - Kora Cunningham, cross bearer; Camille Boquiren, Mathios Paulus, acolytes

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Luke Fitzgerald  | • Donald Nydereck      |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Tim Giles        | • Dealina Peon         |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Estelle Guardino | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Gina Heidkamp    | • Charley Scantlebury  |
| • Hallie Burhoe           | • Tricia Hernandez | • Willy Spalla         |
| • The Buttitta family     | • Maria Hertl      | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • John Kahoun      | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Marilyn Klein    | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Claire Conley           | • Carleen Lorys    | • Leon Ward            |
| • Denise DeBelle          | • River Malik      | • Ron Whitfield        |
| • David Denegas           | • Matilde Manzardo | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • Janet McCulley   | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |
| • Renee Elhoumaide        | • Nancy Michael    |                        |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Daniel Moore     |                        |
|                           | • Andy Mueller     |                        |

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.

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, May 20:** 7:30 am - Patricia Meade+
- **Tuesday, May 21:** 7:30 am - Dolores Murray+
- **Wednesday, May 22:** 7:30 am - John Somer+
- **Thursday, May 23:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, May 24:** 7:30 am - Kathryn Jean Winslow
- **Saturday, May 25:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Bart McKee+
- **Sunday, May 26:** 8:00 am - Fernando Galang, Jr.+ and Felipe Sabater+ ; 10:30 am - Herminio Santos+; 10:30 am Gym - Therese Goode+

*\*If you would like a Mass Intention said for a person that needs prayers or in memory of someone who has died, please stop by the Rectory office. We'll help you find an available Mass and prepare a card for you to give to the person or family of the intention. A \$20 donation is suggested.*

## Donate to our Parish

- 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/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)
- Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory 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 (**On Sunday, May 19, there is a combined 10:30 am mass in church; there is no Gym mass.**)
- 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).

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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