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## Bulletin for Sunday, May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

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### The Importance of Pentecost

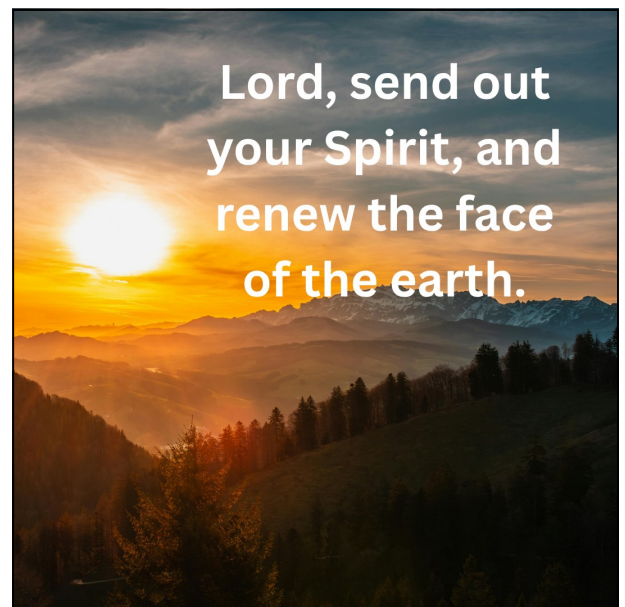
Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the Church,” but it is also something deeply personal: the moment when fearful hearts were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the days after Jesus’ Ascension, the disciples were gathered behind closed doors, uncertain and afraid. Then came the sound of a mighty wind, tongues of fire rested upon them, and everything changed. They were no longer hiding—they were sent.

Pentecost reminds us that God does not leave people alone. The same Holy Spirit who descended upon the apostles continues to move in our lives today. We may not see tongues of fire, but we experience the Spirit in quieter ways: in courage when we feel weak, in peace during difficult times, in wisdom when we face uncertainty, and in love that calls us beyond ourselves.

The Spirit also unites. At Pentecost, people from many nations heard the apostles speaking in their own languages. What could have been division became understanding. In a world often marked by polarization, anger, and isolation, Pentecost challenges us to become people who listen, heal, and build bridges. The Holy Spirit does not erase our differences; the Spirit transforms them into opportunities for communion.

Pentecost is not just a historical event—it is an invitation. The Spirit still calls each of us to step out of fear and into mission. We are sent to bring Christ’s love into our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. Sometimes that mission looks dramatic, but more often it appears in ordinary acts of kindness, forgiveness, patience, and compassion.

As we celebrate Pentecost, we can ask ourselves: Where is the Holy Spirit calling me to grow? What fears are keeping me behind closed doors? How can I become a witness to Christ in my daily life? May we pray with open hearts: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.”



# Parish Events & Activities

*(Listed in chronological order)*



## Lending Closet Closed Until June 2

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet is temporarily closed through Monday, June 1 and will reopen on Tuesday, June 2.

During this time, donations and equipment requests will be paused as volunteers complete organization, inventory, and maintenance of the ministry's supplies.

We are grateful for the continued generosity and support of our parish and community, which help make this ministry possible for individuals and families in need throughout Chicagoland.

## Office Closed on Monday, May 25

Memorial Day is Monday! 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.



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## Thank You for Helping Our Neighbors in Need!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this weekend's collection for Care for Real.

Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. Our Care for Real collections takes place on the first and fourth weekend of each month, with our next drive scheduled for June 6-7. We hope you'll consider taking part again.

## Upcoming Youth Group Activities: Car Wash Saturday, 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 next Saturday, May 30. Teens will be available to wash cars from 10:00 am-1:00 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-2:00 pm.

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

## 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!



## Parish Contemplative Prayer Group Forming June 2

Would you like to deepen your prayer life? Do you already have a regular prayer practice but would like to pray and reflect on spiritual readings and scripture in a group? A new contemplative prayer group at St. Gertrude will be forming soon.

Contemplative prayer is silent prayer that opens up us up to awareness of God's presence by stilling our bodies and our minds. If you haven't prayed contemplatively before (Centering Prayer, Christian meditation, etc.), we will offer guidance.

Starting Wednesday, June 3 at 9:00 am, we'll meet weekly in the chapel of the Ministry Center. Come as you are and as you are able.

For more information, contact Karen Spear at [kspear@marian.edu](mailto:kspear@marian.edu).

## An Afternoon of Music featuring Piano and Saxophone

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 pm, shortly after the 10:30 am Mass, our Music Director, Jonathan Hannau, will present a concert of music for piano and saxophone alongside his long-time collaborator and friend, Richard Brasseale.

The program will feature original compositions by both Jonathan and Richard, a piece by legendary Chicago-based composer George Flynn, and a dazzling, virtuosic sonata by Japanese composer Takashi Yoshimatsu.



The concert is free, though donations to the artists are welcome!

## Financial Report for May 16-17

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,506.00  
 Loose Checks: \$515.00  
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$681.00  
 Online Donations: \$9,532.52  
 Total Collected: \$12,234.52

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
 Difference: \$2,234.52  
 YTD Collected FY 2026: \$480,964.30  
 YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
 Difference: -\$69,035.70

## Growing in Faith

A year ago, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore noted in his Pentecost homily that, at this moment in history, it can feel like we're hunkered down in the upper room, like the disciples, confused and fearful. But he said, "Above all, we remember that the Risen Jesus does not leave us behind locked doors. He enters, even now, with a word of peace and a command to go out."

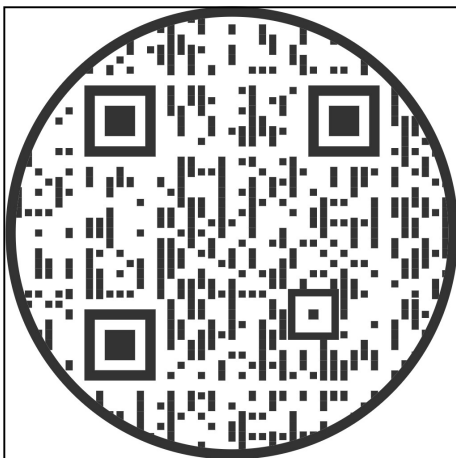
And, when we go out into the turbulent world — "filled with the Holy Spirit" — we find, like the disciples, a marvelous diversity of people, hungry for good news. Those who heard the disciples preach asked themselves:

"How does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Today, as we go out, "bold in hope," as Archbishop Lori says, we find people from Nicaragua and Venezuela, from Iran and Nigeria, from Poland and China and Israel and Saudi Arabia and both Koreas, Black and White and Brown, straight and gay, people from every corner of the political spectrum and every corner of the nation.

And we, coming out of the upper room, are marked by tongues of fire, and each of us is called to bring the Holy Spirit to the world in our own individual way for, as Paul writes, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit." And Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." It's time to go out "bold in hope."

~ Patrick T. Reardon



## Parish Directory: Final Week to Add Info & Order

We are finalizing our parish directory! If you did not have your photo taken, please update your household information to ensure it is included. Forms are available at the back of church, or you may submit your information using the QR code or online 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.



## Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

- In Memory of Jacqueline Elwood from Andrew and Jane Elwood
- In Honor of Alonzo Martin
- For Marilou, Carmelita, and Zanita Velasquez from Joel and Edith Velasquez
- 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
- In Memory of 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 from Cristina Cordero

## News from NCA & Around the Archdiocese

### 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](http://www.ivcusa.org/chicagoinfosessions)

Or Scan:



Questions?  
Call  
IVC Chicago  
443.586.7061

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# 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





**Art**  
Crafts and Projects



**Music**  
Make our own instruments from common objects found around our houses.

## Parish Info

### Rest in Peace

- Linda Roeske, wife of Keith Roeske. Memorial Mass scheduled for Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 am.

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

#### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 23 at 8:00 pm - Millie Slane, Joseph McMahan
- Sunday, May 24 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Bob Backis

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 23 at 8:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, May 24 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 am - Mary Clare Barker, Lisa Schneider, Troy McMillan

#### Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 23 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Wyatt Dant; acolyte: Danna Salinas
- Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Mathios Paulos; acolyte: Angel Garcia

### Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| • Victor Ayes             | • Tricia Hernandez      | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Maria Hertl           | • Delphine Richert     |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Patricia White Holmes | • Joan Ross            |
| • Lisa Bell               | • 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            |

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, May 25: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, May 26: 7:30 am - The Rocktoff Family
- Wednesday, May 27: 7:30 am
- Thursday, May 28: 7:30 am - Woldeyesus Nor+
- Friday, May 29: 7:30 am - Jim McGuire+
- Saturday, May 30: 5:00 pm - Woldeyesus Nor+
- Sunday, May 31: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Ramon Romo+; 10:30 am Gym - 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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Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management—[esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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](mailto:squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org). To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464. **The Lending Closet is closed until June 2.**

## Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

## Donate to our Parish

- 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)

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