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Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord. The readings reminded us of all our

shared commission, "Go into the Whole World proclaiming the Gospel."

Then Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminded us of how we're to live out that job description, "With humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bonds of peace, one body and one Spirit as you were call also to the one hope of your call."

Today on the Feast of Pentecost, in our first reading from Acts of the Apostle, we are given the Holy Spirit so that we can go and fulfill our mission and proclaim the Good News!

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

Mary Clare Barker's Retirement Celebration

Mark your calendars! There is no way to say goodbye easily. Our Director of Music, Mary Clare Barker, will celebrate her retirement on Sunday, June 11th. Mary Clare's musical talent has truly made a significant contribution to our parish. We have been so blessed to sing, clap, listen, and pray over the years to her beautiful music.

As a community, over the weekend of June 10 and 11, we will have an opportunity to show our appreciation to Mary Clare after all the Masses.

On June 11, we will have a combined Mass at 10:30 am in church for a special tribute to Mary Clare.

All are welcome!

Memorial Day Information: The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 29. There will be a 7:30 am Mass that morning.



Parish Calendar of Events

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

- Care for Real food & supply drive in church
- Registration deadline for our Summer Teen Mission Experience

Memorial Day, Monday, May 31

- Rectory office closed
- Mass is at 7:30 am

Thursday, June 1

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Gertrude

Saturday, June 3

- Teens of the parish will sell hot dogs and pop at the Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale

Thursday, June 8

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Teresa of Avila

Sunday, June 11

- Mary Clare Barker's Retirement celebration (after all Masses on June 10 & 11)
- 10:30 am - Corpus Christi combined Mass in Church (No Gym Mass)
- Second collection at Masses for Priests' Health & Retirement

Monday, June 12

- 7:00 pm - book group in the Ministry Center

Thursday, June 15

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Gertrude

Sunday, June 18

- Father's Day
- Last Gym Mass until September
- 3:00 pm - ECRA Juneteenth events at Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Monday, June 19

- Wildcat Summer Camp begins

Thursday, June 22

- 7:00 pm - *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic* discussion at St. Teresa of Avila

Monday, July 10

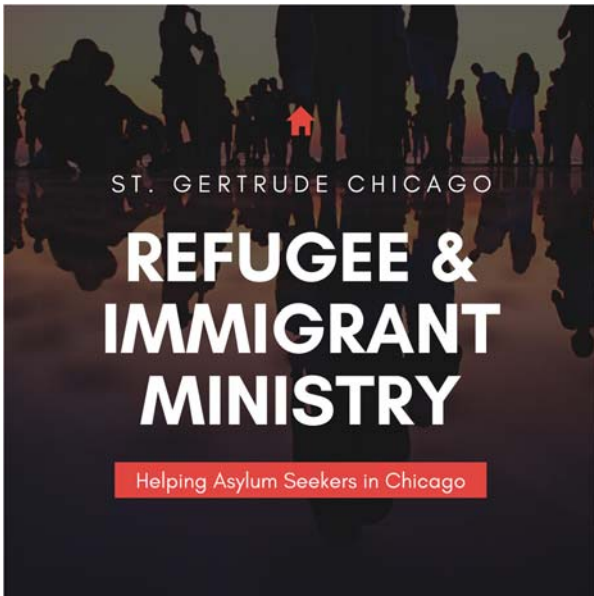
Youth group Mission Experience starts
7:00 pm - book group in the Ministry Center

Congrats to our RCIA Class! Members of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) class, Manuel Ballester, Tyler Fawbush, Mike Joyce, Sarah Kutz, and Wildaline Serin, (pictured) have been working hard since Easter until today, Pentecost, on this final period of the initiation process.

This time is dedicated to a deeper understanding of God's word, the sacraments, and the lived Christian life, to celebrate the fullness of the Liturgy with the Christian community, to develop closer ties with the faithful, and to discern and recognized their gifts and their call to discipleship.

We are thankful for their dedication and are glad they are part of our faith community.





Refugee & Immigrant Ministry: Helping New Migrants in Chicago

You've all doubtless heard of the ongoing crisis for new arrivals of migrants, often after long, dangerous, and arduous journeys. It's easy to find this overwhelming, or to wonder how to help.

Several members of the parish have been reaching out to people directly, and to other community resources. At present, we have several avenues to help:

1. We are going to support the Sanctuary Working Group, which has years of experience and do direct work related to housing, case management, and legal help.
2. Allen Stryczek is in active discussion with the faith communities that are part of ECRA (Edgewater Community Religious Association), so that we can pool our resources and voice.
3. Donations of the following items can be left in the red EASTER bin outside of the Ministry Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am- 2:30 pm, Saturdays before and after the 5:00 pm Mass, and Sundays before or after all the Masses:

- women's sneakers/athletic shoes (sizes 4 - 7, NEW ONLY)
- men's sneakers/athletic shoes (sizes 6 - 8, NEW ONLY)
- feminine hygiene products
- stick deodorant
- disposable wipes

Additional ways to help specifically to migrants at the 24th police district can be found at <https://bit.ly/Migrantsin24>.

This is just the beginning, but anything can help. You are the heart and soul of this ministry, and your prayers and support are always appreciated.

~ Denise Goodman, Refugee and Immigrant Ministry

Easter Flower Offering

- In memory of Larry McCulley from Marilyn Klein

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

- In memory of Carmen Malagon from Graciela Escobedo Malagon
- In memory of Sabina T. Frias from Nona T. Frias
- In memory of Diane Kasper from William Kasper & Amanda Roberson



Care for Real Food and Supply Drive in Church, Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28

This weekend, we are hosting our monthly collection drive for Care for Real.

If you were unable to bring non-perishable goods or personal hygiene items to donate, it's not too late!

You can make a donation online to Care for Real, help with their Amazon Wish list or Chewy Wish List (for pet food), or drop-off your donation at their facility. These food and supply drives are held the fourth Sunday of every month at St. Gertrude.

Information about all of these options can be found here: <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/>.



MISSION EXPERIENCE
ST. GERTRUDE CHICAGO
YOUTH GROUP
2023

Deadline for our Summer Teen Mission Experience is This Sunday, May 28

The deadline for this summer's Mission Experience is fast approaching! Registration is due by Saturday, May 28. Forms are available at <https://bit.ly/SummerMission2023>.

Teens in 6th grade (soon-to-be 7th graders) through high school are welcome to take part in this experience, which will be held from July 10-14. The parish youth group will volunteer from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm with four different Chicago area organizations, including Care for Real, Misericordia, a soup kitchen,

and a public park. Students will be packing food, preparing food, cleaning, and reaching out to the homeless.

Please note, participants will always be supervised.

Participants should be dropped off and picked up at the Social Hall. Students need to bring their own lunch, but snacks and water will be provided. Most of the organizations are local, so transportation might not be needed. Otherwise, public transportation will be used.

Every day will begin with a prayer and will end with a moment of reflection on what was done during the 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, email eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



June Pride Month Discussions: *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic*—This Thursday

This June, St. Gertrude and St. Teresa of Avila will host four conversations on *What Does it Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic*. LGBTQ+ members for each community will share their stories of faith, hope and love.

Sessions will be held at 7:00 pm at both parishes:

- Thursday, June 1 at St. Gertrude
- Thursday, June 8 at St. Teresa of Avila, 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.
- Thursday, June 15 at St. Gertrude
- Thursday, June 22 at St. Teresa of Avila, 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.

Register at <https://bit.ly/LGBTQandCatholic> or by scanning the QR code in the above image. There are no fees to attend - all are welcome!

Parish Teens Needed to Help with Food Sales During the Edgewater Yard & Sidewalk Sale

The Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale is next Saturday, June 3 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 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

Youth volunteers are needed! Proceeds will go towards youth group activities.

Contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org for more info.

Please note, the parish parking lot will be closed from 7:00 am-3:00 pm.



Visit our Parish Website! For the latest information about upcoming events, Mass times, staff emails, bulletins, office hours, and more, please visit St. Gertrude's website at www.stgertrudechicago.org!

The website is updated regularly and truly is the best way to get information about what is going on in the parish.

Second Collection on June 10-11 for Priests' Health and Retirement

The Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA annual second collection will be June 10 and 11.

This collection benefits the healthcare, wellness, and retirement for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Your generosity to this special collection directly impacts both the many active and retired archdiocesan priests who we have come to rely on throughout our lives.

These men, who have dedicated themselves to ministry, play a significant role in our personal and spiritual lives, providing counsel and guidance as we deal with life's challenges.

They serve our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life. And just as we have come to rely on the help of our priests, it is now our turn to show our gratitude and lend them some assistance with their needs.

As we're all aware, healthcare and retirement costs continue to rise, so there is an urgent need for your gifts to this fund. Your generosity will not only safeguard the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parish and in the community.

Thank you in advance for your support of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago!

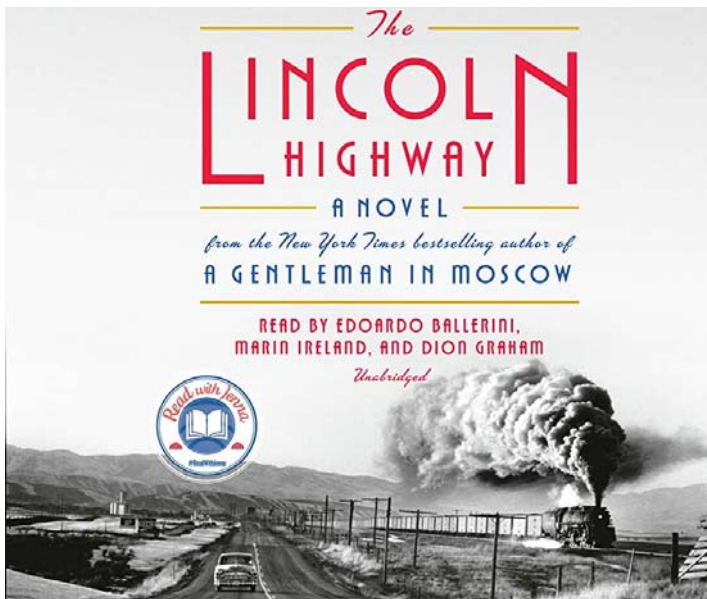


Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish!

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 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!



Book Club - Monday, June 12

On Monday, June 12, the book club will be discuss *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles. The group will also talk about the book at their July 10th meeting.

We would love new voices and opinions!

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or *Sue Benjamin* at 773.551.8401 with questions.

Save the Date - ECRA Juneteenth Celebration Planned for Sunday, June 18

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans and is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865.

All are invited to attend the second annual Juneteenth Ecumenical Service on Sunday, June 18 with the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA). The event will be held at 3:00 pm at Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Additional information will be shared soon!



WILDCAT SUMMER CAMP 2023
JUNE 19 - AUGUST 4
Park Explorers!

Theme Oriented:
 Arts & Crafts
 Snacks
 Sports
 Field Trips
 and Much More!




Wildcat Summer Camp Begins June 19: 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 or call 773.743.6277.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



Growing in Faith

"Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us."

When we were infants, we were welcomed into the church by Baptism through water. Today, on Pentecost Sunday, we are again welcomed into the church by Baptism through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is upon us! How does that change our lives?

In today's scripture, Paul tells us that no one can say "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit. We hear also that although we are many parts we are one body. We are one in Spirit. We may or

may not ever speak in tongues, but because of the Spirit, we hear, understand, and share God's love with each other in our daily lives. Again in the Gospel, Jesus tells us to "Receive the Holy Spirit".

Are we listening to the Word of God? Life in the Spirit can be challenging. Sometimes we may wonder if we make a difference in someone's life. In those moments, I like to remember the words of Dr. Seuss who said, "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world".

"Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me."

~ Thomas Stanton

Financial Report from Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,705.00

Loose Checks: \$725.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$866.00

Online Donations: \$4,791.93

Total Collected: \$8,082.93

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

Difference: -\$2,647.07

Year-to-date Collected: \$442,976.29

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

Difference: -\$115,023.71



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
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

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

A Note from Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate

Dear community of St. Gertrude,

I just want to share with you that I will be away from the parish from June 12 to June 27. I want to take this time for a retreat as I am walking "El Camino" to Santiago the Compostela.

Please, keep me in your prayers so I can have a nice encounter with God.

~ Eloy Escamilla



Rest in Peace

- Bernadette Stanis, the mother of Pat Sullivan, Director of Heart to Heart
- Janet Swoboda

New Parishioners

- The Vogel Family

Recent Baptisms

- Catherine Robbins
- Isla Rose Baum
- Lucinda Maude Hurtado
- Alice Eloise Hurtado

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

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, May 28 at 8:00 am - Hallie Marty McDermott, Wesley Digman
- Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Bob Backis

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 am - cross bearer - Carter Dant; acolyte - Claire McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, May 28 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Lisa Schneider, Troy McMillan

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, May 28 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer; Jim Szmurlo-trumpet, Nicholas Bussey-trombone

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, May 29:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Tuesday, May 30:** 7:30 am - Joan Pejsa +
- **Wednesday, May 31:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Thursday, June 1:** 7:30 am - Communion Service - Ann O'Connor +
- **Friday, June 2:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 8:30 am - NCA school Mass
- **Saturday, June 3:** 7:30 am - Bart McKee +; 5:00 pm - Jenny Wyman +
- **Sunday, June 4:** 8:00 am - Living and Deceased Torreano Family Members; 10:30 am Mass in church – Jack Taylor +; Gym Mass - Billy Tobin +; Robert Nelson +

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
- 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. **The Rectory office will be closed on Memorial Day.**
- For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Zara Bradley | • Maria Hertl | • Karey Myers |
| • Lilly Buie | • Erica Maria Kast | • Richard Seitz |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Claire Conley | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Ignacio Lopez | • Leon Ward |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Patricia Meade | • Tammy Wielgosz |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Janet McCulley | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Gina Heidkamp | • Jack McDermott | • Yyes Yoza |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

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