

BULLETIN FOR

**MAY 3, 2026**



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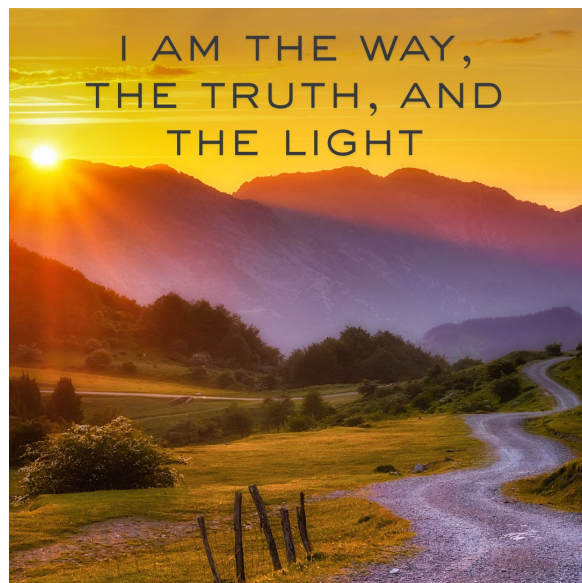
### **Bulletin for Sunday, May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **News from St. Gertrude**

In this Fifth Week of Easter, the words of Gospel of John (John 14:1–12) meet us in a moment of uncertainty. Jesus speaks to the disciples as their hearts are troubled, sensing that change and loss are near. Into that anxiety comes a gentle but firm invitation: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith.” These are not empty words meant to dismiss fear, but a call to trust that even in times of confusion, God is still at work, preparing a way forward that we may not yet see.

Jesus reveals a profound truth about relationship—“I am the way and the truth and the life.” Faith is not simply about knowing doctrines or following rules; it is about knowing a person and trusting in that relationship. To see Jesus is to see the Father, and to walk with Jesus is to be led into deeper communion with God. This reminds us that we do not navigate life alone. Even when the path feels unclear, we are accompanied, guided, and held in a love that does not abandon us.

Finally, Jesus offers a surprising promise: that those who believe will continue his work, and even do greater things. This is both a comfort and a challenge. The mission of love, healing, and service did not end with Jesus' earthly life—it continues through each of us. In our daily lives, through small acts of kindness, moments of patience, and quiet faithfulness, we become signs of God's presence in the world. As we move through this Easter season, we are invited not only to trust in Christ, but to live in such a way that others may come to know that same hope and peace.



# Parish Events & Activities

*(Listed in chronological order)*



## Thank You for Helping Care for Real

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 drive scheduled for May 23–24. We hope you'll consider taking part again.

## Join Us for the Rosary at St. Gerts

### **Guadalupeans Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupeans) 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!



## Looking to Send Content to the Bulletin or to Have an Announcement Made?

Content for the bulletin should now be sent to [news@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:news@stgertrudechicago.org). Information should arrive 10 days before the Sunday you'd like your announcement to appear (Friday morning before 10:00 am).

Early submissions are appreciated, as bulletin size can vary week to week, and both a print and an e-bulletin are produced.

# Parent Info: First Communion Is Saturday, May 9—Here's What You Need to Know

First Communion is approaching, and families with students celebrating this sacrament need to know/do several things before this important event takes place.

## Forms and Fees

Some parents have not sent in their child's [Sacramental Request Form](#). Please fill it out and send it to me at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

If you have not paid the [registration fee for the 2025 -2026 catechetical year](#), this is the time to do it. Please note that there is a [sacramental fee](#) as well. All payments can be done by check or online.

**All of these forms and links can be found on our website at [stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education](http://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education).**

## Schedule

- On Friday, May 8, there will be a First Communion practice in church at 6:30 pm. Please be on time.
- Our parish's First Communion Mass is Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 am. No photos are allowed before and/or during mass, but rather after the service.

## Attire

The attire for First Communion is simple, age-appropriate, and should not distract from the focus of receiving the Sacrament.

- Boys typically wear a suit of any color, or slacks and dress shirt.
- Girls usually wear white dresses, but any color can be worn. Veils are optional, but should not block the child's face. Gloves can be worn, but not while receiving Holy Communion.
- While sitting in the pew (and especially when going up for Communion) children should not hold bibles, rosaries, flowers, etc.

Questions should be directed to [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate



## Financial Report for April 25-26

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,596.00  
Loose Checks: \$400.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$780.00  
Online Donations: \$4,018.01  
Total Collected: \$7,794.01

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
Difference: -\$ 2,205.99  
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$448,680.28  
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
Difference: -\$101,319.72

## Hope Starts Here



## Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal is May 9-10

Over 60,000 moms in need come to us each year. At Catholic Charities we provide vital services like food, housing, and diapers for families throughout Cook and Lake counties. Offering support at a critical moment often changes the course of a mom's life. Your gift this Mother's Day gives hope to moms who need it most.

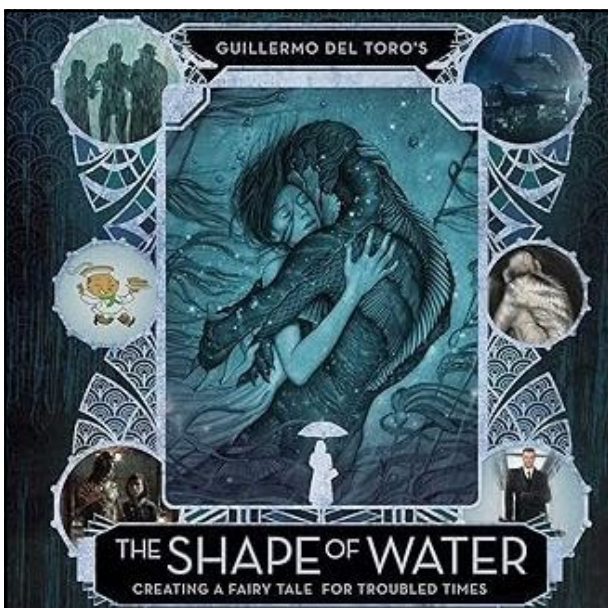
Read about Brianna,\* a mother who found support through Catholic Charities- Brianna, a single mom, spent the first two years of her daughter's life staying with friends, worrying every day they would be put out on the streets. Her two jobs could not cover all their expenses.

Within a month of connecting with Catholic Charities, Brianna and her daughter had an apartment of their own, with the program paying a portion of her rent so she could start saving money, earn her GED, and get a better-paying job.

"It takes a strong individual to get through that. But I always had faith."

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 10 by scanning the QR code or donating at [catholiccharities.net/mothers](https://catholiccharities.net/mothers).

*\*Name changed to protect privacy*



## Book Club is Tuesday, May 12

Join us for a discussion of *The Shape of Water* by Guillermo del Toro & Daniel Kraus at 6:30 pm at the Ministry Center, 6214 W. Glenwood. New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).

## Friendship Club is Thursday, May 14

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6216 North Glenwood Avenue.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.



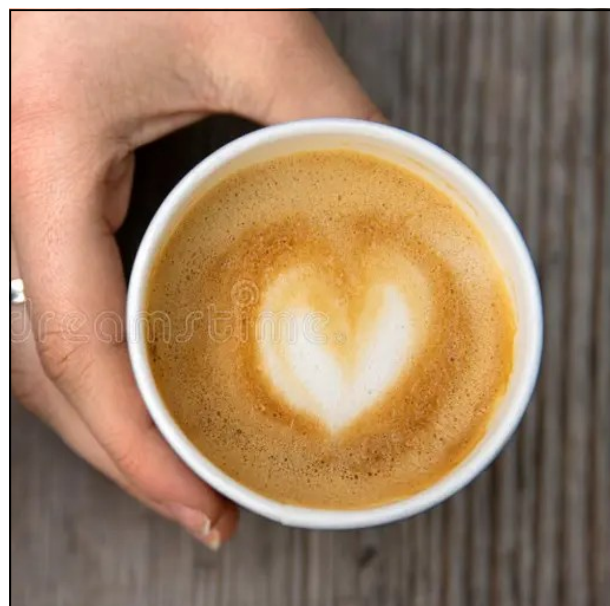
## Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) Update: Northside Catholic Community Protection Training Postponed

The Northside Catholic Community Protection Training, previously announced in last weekend's bulletin and scheduled for May 16 to help community members better support immigrant neighbors, has been postponed.

## 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!



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## MEDICAL LENDING CLOSET

Looking to request or donate durable medical equipment or supplies?



## Lending Closet: Please Make an Appointment

St. Gertrude Parish's Heart to Heart program continues to offer compassionate support through its Medical Lending Closet, available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This approach allows the team to provide thoughtful, individualized assistance to each person seeking or donating equipment.

Items available through the Lending Closet include standard walkers, rollators, crutches, wheelchairs, portable commodes, toilet safety rails, bed rails, shower seats, and a selection of medical supplies.

These resources are offered to help ease the burden of obtaining necessary equipment and to ensure that members of our community have what they need to maintain comfort, safety, and dignity.

To schedule an appointment or to learn more about available items or donations, please call 773.973.5464. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry—or if you have equipment to share—please consider reaching out.

## In Need of Communion? Our Ministers of Care Can Help

For those who are unable to attend Mass regularly, our Ministers of Care offer a meaningful connection to parish life. These specially trained parishioners bring Holy Communion along with the prayers and presence of our community to those who are home-bound or ill.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Sr. Susan at [squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org).



## Curious About Events & Activities at St. Gerts?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page, [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org), and in our [Events calendar](#), found under the News/Programs heading!

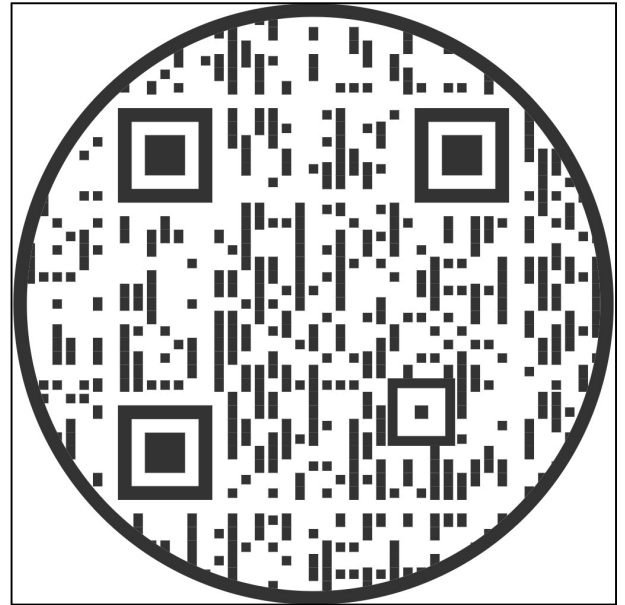
## Parish Directory Update & Orders Available Until May 31

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!



## Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

- ***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***

- ***Ricardo Binalber***
- ***In Memory of Maria José Ferreira 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. The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.



## Growing in Faith

Some In today's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples: "You know the way that leads to where I go." "Lord," replies Thomas, "we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus responds: "I am the way, the truth, the life."

The answer Jesus gives to Thomas seems more like an invitation to explore rather than a clear answer to his question. So let's begin by asking ourselves:

What does the "Way" of Jesus mean to me?

- What "Truth" does it reveal?
- Does it really give me "Life?"
- If we sit with these three words what meanings

are revealed?

Perhaps watching what Jesus does can also help us find the Way. He gives sight to the blind, feeds the hungry, heals the sick, forgives sinners. All these actions and many more shed light upon his Way. What can I learn from watching Jesus in action?

Jesus acts and speaks his words and awaits our response. What do I really want from him? Can I be real and vulnerable with Jesus, trusting him to show me his Way, teach me his truth, give me his life? Do I trust that he will give me what I need?

We can also learn his Way by caring for those we meet in daily life—our neighbors, our children, the elderly, and the lonely. Could they be a "Way" to meet Jesus in all his beautiful and distressing disguises?

—Jim Neafsey

## News from NCA



**NCA OPEN HOUSE**  
 Saturday May 16  
 1 pm - 3 pm  
 6216 N. Glenwood Ave.

- ✓ Tour our school campus
- ✓ Meet parents & students
- ✓ Learn about our community
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Scholarships available\*

\*Application required.



**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.

# Parish Info

## Baptisms

- Duke Norman Fenton, son of Nicholas and Jessica Fenton

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 pm - Joseph McMahan, Roman Reyes
- Sunday, May 3 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Patrick Robinson

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, May 3 at 8:00 am - Anthony Myers
- Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 am - Ellen Pierce, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Angel Garcia; acolyte: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Diarmuid McKeown; acolytes: Ethan Craft, Owen Craft

## 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 4: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, May 5: 7:30 am - Deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Wed., May 6: 7:30 am - For the sick, dying, suffering, poor, & those who care for them
- Thursday, May 7: 7:30 am - That everyone might have food
- Friday, May 8: 7:30 am - For injured CPD Officers
- Saturday, May 9: 5:00 pm - Virginia Regan+, James Regan+
- Sunday, May 10: 8:00 am - John Bartholemew, CPD+; 10:30 am - Laura Linke+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of St. Gertrude

## 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.
- 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

Rev. Sergio Romo, Pastor—[sromo@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:sromo@stgertrudechicago.org)

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

Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, Heart to Heart Director—[squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org)

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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.

## 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).