

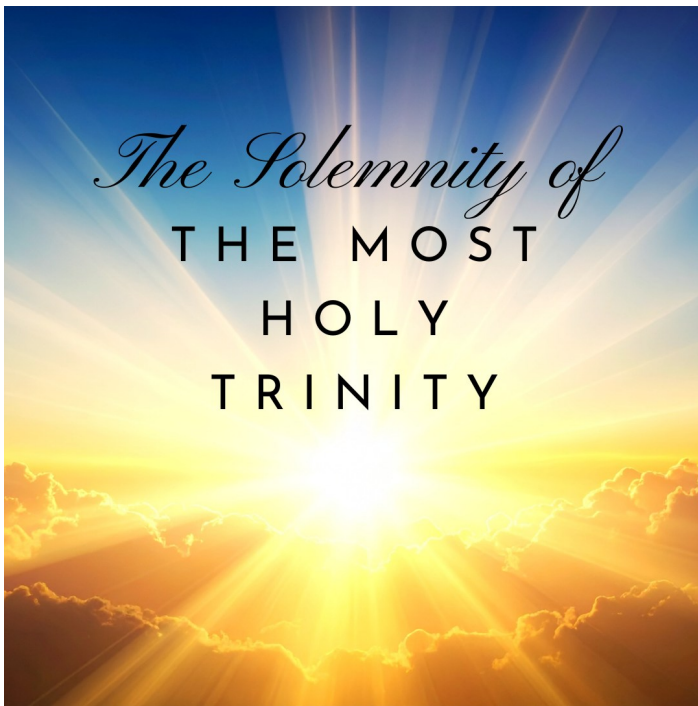
# St. Gertrude Chicago

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## Bulletin for Sunday, May 31, 2026 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



### The Mystery and Love of the Holy Trinity

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, inviting us to reflect on one of the deepest mysteries of our faith: that God is one God in three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

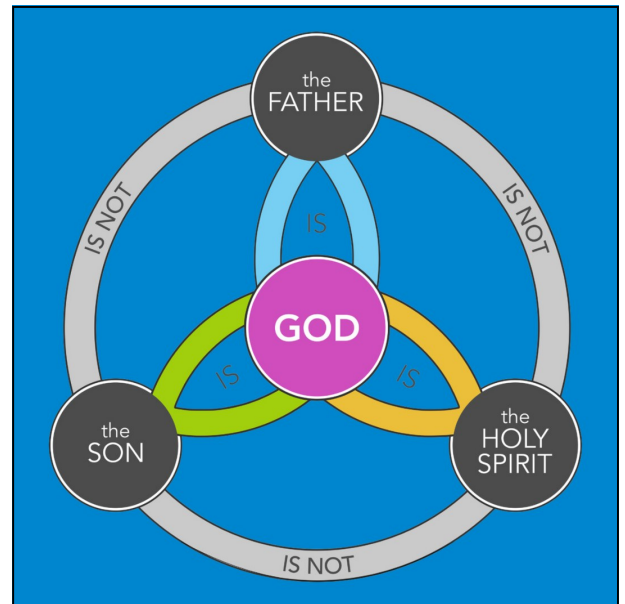
The Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved, but a mystery to be loved and contemplated. Even the greatest saints and theologians could never fully understand the inner life of God. Yet, God continually invites us to draw closer, to seek, to pray, and to grow in relationship with the One who created us.

At the heart of the Trinity is love. Sacred Scripture tells us simply and beautifully: “God is love” (1 John 4:8). The Father eternally loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the perfect love shared between them. God’s very nature is an eternal communion of self-giving love.

Though we cannot fully comprehend the Trinity, we experience God’s presence every day. We are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. At every Mass, we profess our faith in the Trinity through the Creed. The Trinity is not distant from us—it is the center of our Christian life.

The saints remind us that the path to understanding God is not only through study, but through prayer. As we deepen our relationship with God through prayer, worship, and love of neighbor, we slowly open our hearts to the mystery of God’s life within us.

This week, take a moment to pause and reflect on the incredible gift of our faith: that the God who is beyond all understanding also desires a personal relationship with each one of us. May we grow ever closer to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit, and allow God’s perfect love to shape our lives each day. Adapted from <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/first-sunday-after-pentecost-holy-trinity-solemnity/>



## Parish Events & Activities

*(Listed in chronological order)*



### Brewed at St. Gertrude Planned for This Sunday!

Make plans to stay after the 10:30 am Mass this 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!

### Lending Closet Reopens on Tuesday

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet will resume ministry operations on Tuesday, June 2.

Thank you for your patience during this temporary closure and as our team works to sort through requests and prepare equipment for those in need.

We are grateful for the continued generosity and support of our parish and community, which make this ministry possible and allow us to serve individuals and families throughout Chicagoland.



### Join Us for the Rosary at St. Gerts

#### **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!

#### **Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) 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.

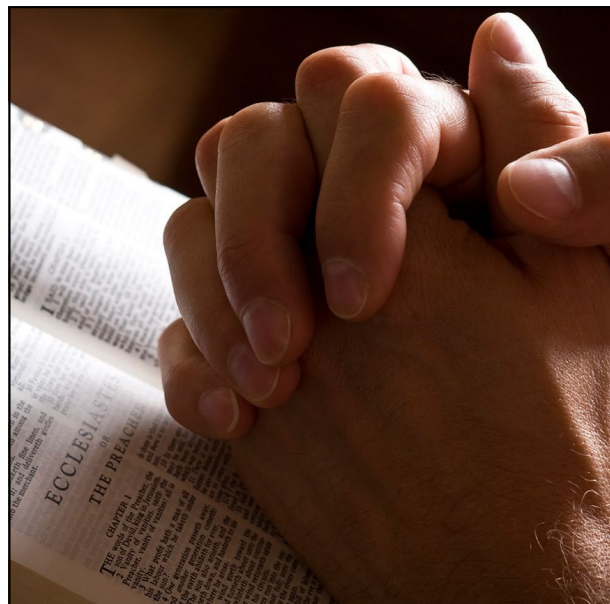
## Parish Contemplative Prayer Group Forming Wed., June 2

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).



## Youth Group to Hold a Hot Dog Sale During the Edgewater Yard & Garden Sale Next Saturday, June 6

The parish youth group has an upcoming event planned during the Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale, held next Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. The teens will sell pop and hot dogs to attendees in the parish parking lot, located at the northwest corner of Thome & Glenwood Avenues, from 11:00 am-2:00 pm.

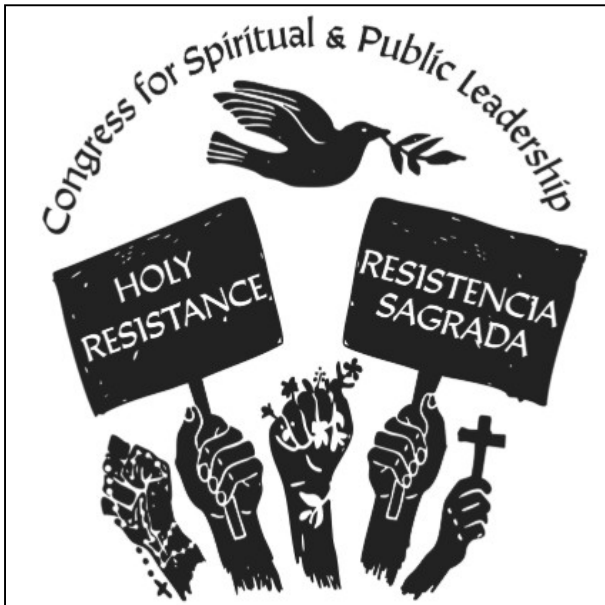
If your teen in grades six and up is interested in joining our youth group, please contact email [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Care for Real Collection is Next Weekend

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. For more information, including current needs and ways to give, please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> or follow their Facebook and Instagram pages. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors!



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## Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) Annual Congress Planned for Saturday, June 6

In place of its monthly meeting, St. Gertrude's community organizing team will participate in the Annual Congress hosted by the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), the faith-based organization that organized the People's Mass and Eucharistic Procession to the Broadview Detention Center.

On Saturday, June 6, CSPL will gather at Loyola University for this day-long conference, bringing together people from across Chicagoland and the Midwest for theological formation, organizing workshops, leadership trainings, collective discernment, relationship building, strategic planning, and collaboration in direct action.

Please keep the attendees—especially the St. Gertrude parishioners who have registered—in your prayers as they work together to build a more just and hopeful future.

## No Gym Mass Next Sunday

Next weekend, June 7, there is no Gym mass. All are invited to attend the 10:30 am mass in church.

Please note, the final Gym Mass of the school year will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21.



## Financial Report for May 23-24

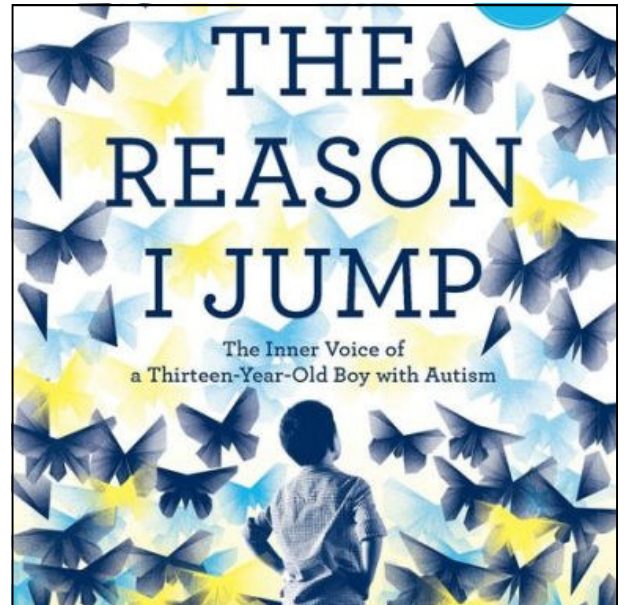
Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$915.00  
 Loose Checks: \$165.00  
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$934.00  
 Online Donations: \$4,617.53  
 Total Collected: \$6,631.53

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
 Difference: -\$3,368.47  
 YTD Collected FY 2026: \$487,595.83  
 YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
 Difference: -\$62,404.17

## Book Club is Tuesday, June 9

Join us for a discussion of *The Reason I Jump* by Naoki Higashida 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, June 11

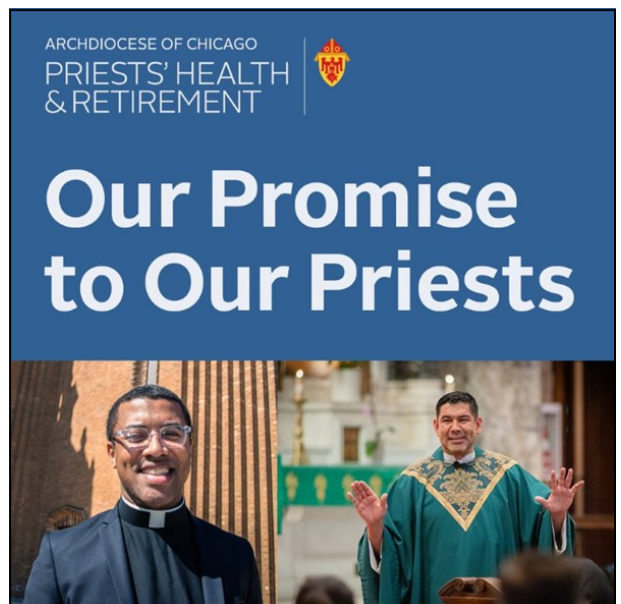
The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6216 North Glenwood Avenue.

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

## Second Collection on June 13-14 for Priests' Health and Retirement

Priests have dedicated their lives to ministry, serving our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life. A second collection on June 13-14 will provide for the health and well-being of 365 active and 251 retired archdiocesan priests.

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.





## An Afternoon of Music featuring Piano and Saxophone Planned for Sunday, June 14

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!

## The Office on Friday, June 19 in Honor of Juneteenth

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. The rectory office will be closed.

Mass will be held at 7:30 am.



## 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.

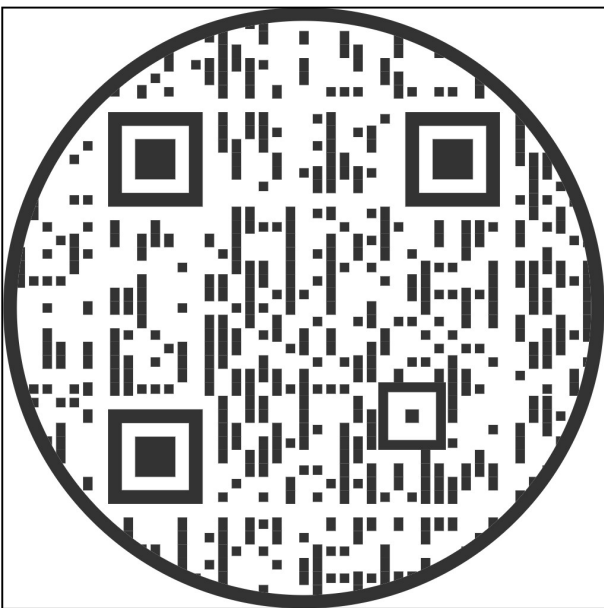
### Growing in Faith

Today's Gospel reading is a doozie: John 3:16. It's so popular that it's been put on T-shirts, printed on signs at sporting events, and plastered on billboards. The problem, though, is that when the profound becomes routinized, it loses something. When the transcendent devolves into popular culture, it's stripped of its wonder and clothed in cliché. Sometimes I end up forgetting that wonder and think of the verse just as "John 3:16" rather than what it is: a proclamation of the Good News. The best news.

God so loved the world that he gave his only son. Imagine that. I surely can't fathom giving one of my children over for anything. Yet God did, and not because God cared for some elect group of the righteous. No, God did it for the world, for this messy welter we find ourselves in every day. For you and for me.

God knew the transcendent always finds a way to burst through the mundane. God's most magnanimous gift was given to us so we could find it anew this Sunday, where we can be reminded not of billboards and T-shirts, but of its wondrous, unfathomable beauty.

~ Ben Kesling



### Parish Directory: Final Weekend 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.



## News from our Composting Team

Thank you all for your contributions to the compost bin throughout the winter and for taking time to give it a few turns. We have been so pleased with the amount of soil that has been produced. The compost looks great and is currently pretty wet, so we would appreciate it if everyone would take a break from adding to the bin for a couple of weeks so we can get everything broken down and turned into rich soil to be used for the parish vegetable garden.

We appreciate your commitment to composting, which plays a crucial role in reducing our carbon footprint and promoting a more sustainable future.

We appreciate your participation in composting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Thank you,

~ Guy and Andrea Banicki ([gbanick@ilstu.edu](mailto:gbanick@ilstu.edu)) ([anbanicki@gmail.com](mailto:anbanicki@gmail.com))

## 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?

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443.586.7061

ECRA Edgewater Community Religious Association

CIRCLES AND CIPHERS

STATE SENATOR MIKE SIMMONS, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**JUNETEENTH**

freedom day interfaith service

**JUNE 19, 7:00 PM**  
**SACRED HEART SCHOOLS CHAPEL**  
**6250 N. SHERIDAN RD**

## Parish Info

### Rest in Peace

- Aida Calvopina

### New Parishioner

- Carl Rice

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 30 at 8:00 pm - Joe Tomasello, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, May 31 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Edie Sheridan

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 30 at 8:00 pm - Roman Reyes
- Sunday, May 31 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 am - Maria Ugarte, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 30 at 8:00 pm - cross bearer: Wyatt Dant; acolyte: Carter Dant
- Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Daniel Cunningham; acolytes: Kora Cunningham, Mathios Paulos

## 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    |
| • Lisa Bell               | • Tony Hunter           | • Sherwin              |
| • Zara Bradley            | • John Kahoun           | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Maggie Callahan         | • Mary E. Kelley        | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Terrence Carmichael     | • Marilyn Klein         | • Mary Pierce Spalla   |
| • Kathy Catrambone        | • Jim Laczkowski        | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Joseph Lambin         | • Marie Tarallo        |
| • Mary DeBois             | • Carleen Lorys         | • Christopher Thomas   |
| • David Denegas           | • Roland Mady           | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • River Malik           | • Joe Touchstone       |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • James Mann            | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks            | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Theresa McMahon       | • King Wallace         |
| • Adolf Gabriel           | • Nancy Michael         | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Marie Galoney           | • Steve Monti           | • Kevin Walsh          |
| • Thomas Hajduch          | • Hilda Mora            | • Leon Ward            |
| • Anne Marie Hamde        | • Patti Paul            | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Rochelle Hernandez      | • Dealina Peon          | • Dawn Wyman           |
| • Tricia Hernandez        | • Claude Poulsen        | • Yyes Yoza            |

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 1: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, June 2: 7:30 am - Woldeyesus Nor+
- Wednesday, June 3: 7:30 am—Bradley Andreas+
- Thursday, June 4: 7:30 am - Mary Jo Martin+
- Friday, June 5: 7:30 am - Dick, Eileen, and Rich Plotner+
- Saturday, June 6: 5:00 pm - Richard Kunkel+ and Joan Harrington+
- Sunday, June 7: 8:00 am - Birthday blessings for Maria Concepcion Romero; 10:30 am - Paul Messbarger+

## Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (**no Gym Mass on June 7**); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 5:00 pm; The office is open Mon-Fri from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **We will be closed on Friday, June 19 for Juneteenth.**
- 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 our Medical Lending Closet, sacraments and more, visit our parish's website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).