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Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2026

All Souls Day is Monday

Each November, our parish takes time to remember and pray for those who have died, including members of our parish community and the loved ones of our parishioners.

On All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, we will celebrate a special Mass at 6:30 pm (as well as our usual 7:30 am Mass.) We will remember in prayer all those whose names are inscribed in the Book of the Dead, as well as all parishioners and loved ones who have died in the past year, from November 2025 to the present.



Parishioners & Their Loved Ones who Passed Away Between November 2025-October 2026

- Joseph Battaglia
- Michael Browne
- Aida Calvopina
- Carolyn Carlson
- Marcela (Leila) Carpio
- Gerald Clark
- Mary Cook
- Michael J. Cronin
- Alice Czech
- Kathleen Murphy DeNicolo
- Lorene Devin
- Mariella Dorn
- Sheneill Renee Fitzpatrick
- Fr. Dominic Grassi
- Christina Hartung
- Marie Isaily
- Ed Kelly
- Sr. Margaret A. McGinn, BVM
- Kathy Mega
- Vanessa Anderson Norton
- Linda Roeske
- Anne Marie St. Germaine
- Ricky Sandoval
- John Francis Scanlon
- Eileen Schrager
- Charlotte Sullivan
- Elizabeth Casieri Tuohy



Altar of Remembrance/Book of the Dead

During November, we invite you to honor the memory of loved ones who have died by placing a photo on our Altar of Remembrance, located in front of the St. Thérèse Shrine at the front of the church. Photos may be brought in throughout the month and should be picked up over Thanksgiving weekend. Please write your phone number on the back of each photo.

The Book of the Dead will be available at the shrine for anyone who wishes to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones.

May this shared act of remembrance bring comfort and remind us of the enduring bonds of love that unite us.

Parish Events & Activities



ST. GERTRUDE
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GYM MASS
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NOV 1–NO GYM MASS
NOV 8–THERE IS A GYM MASS
NOV 15 – NO GYM MASS
NOV 22 AND NOV 29 – THERE ARE GYM MASSES

Curious about Events and Activities at St. Gertrude?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page and in our events calendar, found under the *News/Programs* heading! The calendar also lists mass times and weekly activities.





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Nov. 7 and Nov. 8

Not sure what to bring? For Care for Real's current wish list and links to its social media pages, visit linktr.ee/cfrchicago

You're Invited: A Listening Session on Catholic Teaching, Practice, Tradition



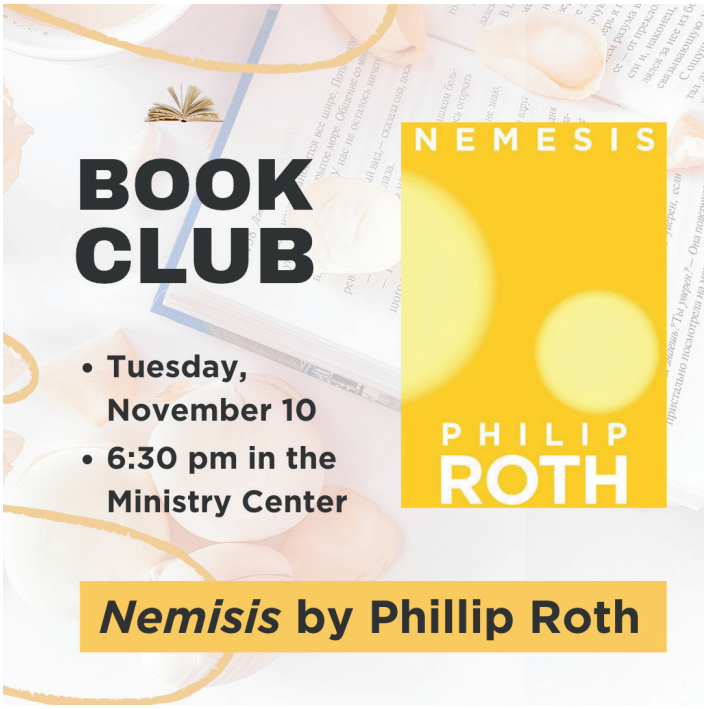
A number of members of our parish community have expressed interest in coming together to discuss and deepen their understanding of what it means to be a member of the Catholic community and of Catholic Practice, Tradition, and Teaching.

The Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee is hosting a Listening Session on Sunday, November 8, at 11:30 am in the Ministry Center to discuss how we might best meet this interest. Join fellow parishioners in a session where we can share our interest and suggestions. This is a welcoming opportunity to hear one another as we look toward developing experiences which will allow us, in community, to reflect on and grow in our understanding of who we are as members of the Catholic Church.

The Rosary at St. Gertrude

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos): 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.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass/Communion Service: Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Saturday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass/Communion service.





Feast of St. Gertrude Festivities



Join us on Sunday, November 15, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude! Like any family gathering, this special day is an opportunity to share food, connect with one another, and look with hope toward the future.

We'll begin the morning with a Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast hosted by Pack 3822 in the Social Hall from 9 am to noon. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee while supporting our Cub Scouts! Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for children and seniors, and $20 for families. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. All proceeds benefit Pack 3822. For tickets or questions, contact Nathan Dant at bsapack3822@gmail.com. Please note, there is no Brewed at St. Gertrude this month.



We'll celebrate Mass at 8:00 am and gather again at 10:30 am for a combined parish Mass in the church. Please note that there will be no Gym Mass that Sunday.

We look forward to celebrating the wonderful community that makes St. Gertrude such a special place to call home!

What's so Great about St. Gertrude the Great - And What Can She Teach Us About Deepening Our Lives of Prayer and Service To Others?



As part of our parish celebration of the feast day of our patron saint, St. Gertrude the Great, the Adult Spirituality and Faith Committee is sponsoring a presentation by Jim Neafsey, focusing on the life and spirituality of St. Gertrude.

This hour-long session will begin with a brief look at when and where St. Gertrude lived and why she is the only woman in the history of the church (so far!) to have been given the title "Great" for her deep spirituality and learning.

The session will also explore spiritual practices Gertrude used to deepen her intimate friendship with Christ and on how we can adapt these and other practices to our own daily lives.

When: Sunday, November 22, 2026
Where: St. Gertrude Social Hall
Time: After 10:30 Mass(es) – 11:45 am

We – and St. Gertrude – hope to see you there!



Upcoming Changes to Our Parish Bulletin

St. Gertrude will soon transition to a new bulletin printing company, LPI. As part of this change, the back page of our bulletin will feature advertisements from local businesses, helping offset printing costs.

Own a local business? Consider advertising in our bulletin and supporting St. Gertrude while reaching our parish community. For more information, email news@stgertrudechicago.org and we will connect you with LPI.

Thank you for supporting our parish bulletin!

Parish News



Growing in Faith: *Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar And to God, What Belongs to God*

There's an authoritarian ruler over Israel and dueling factions in the populace. Pharisees, teachers and followers of the Mosaic Law and Jewish tradition, and Herodians, Jews with some political power and favor loyal to Roman rule, battle for the citizenry's minds and hearts. Then comes along another candidate, Jesus.

He preaches a kingdom of radical love and inclusion, justice and mercy. His message is getting quite a bit of traction in the country and this is a big concern to those who wish to keep their power and influence. So, they join forces, selling their souls to discredit Jesus. Their strategy? First, tell him what we think he wants to hear and then sink him with the "lose-lose" question: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Yet, Jesus, guided by his Highest Authority, uses it as a critical teaching moment. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." It's a "win-win" answer. Yes, be responsible citizens of your country, AND be responsible citizens of the Kingdom of God. An emperor may be on your coins, but God must govern your soul.

Our national elections are upon us and our media sources are dominated by candidates who tell us what they think we want to hear to secure our favor. As citizens of the U.S. one of our most important responsibilities is voting. As citizens of the Kingdom of God, this responsibility should not be taken lightly. How can my vote foster the Kingdom of God? If you need a little guidance, take a look on our parish website at the St. Gertrude Commonweal Action Group's two-pager offering considerations based on Church Teachings.

Rose Karasti

This reflection was scheduled to appear in the October 18 bulletin; however, due to an editorial error, it is being published this weekend.

Early Bulletin Deadline for Thanksgiving

Our printer will be closed over Thanksgiving weekend, so we have an earlier-than-usual deadline for upcoming bulletins. All submissions for both the November 22 and November 29 bulletins must be received by Friday, November 13. Thank you for planning ahead and submitting your announcements on time!



Commonweal *Magnifica Humanitas* Event

About 60 parishioners gathered at St. Gertrude on October 23 for a forum hosted by Commonweal featuring Professor Joseph Vukov of Loyola University Chicago's Department of Philosophy.

Professor Vukov led a discussion of Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, exploring its reflections on humanity and artificial intelligence.

Why do Catholics Care about Saints?



One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 22

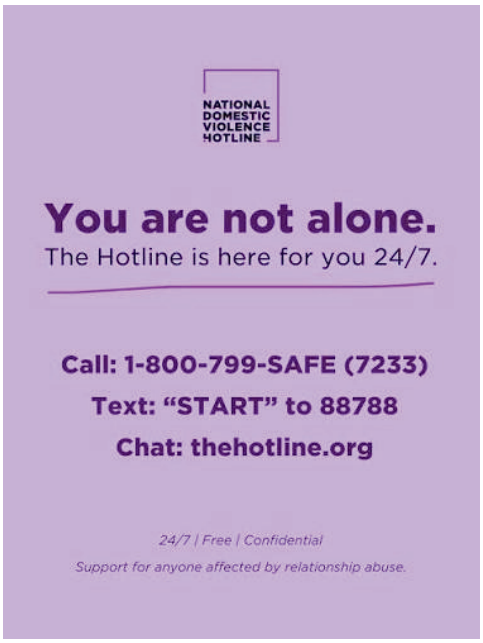
Join the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) for its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, at 3 pm at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan. This year's theme, "Gratitude, Pluralism, and Democracy," celebrates our diverse Edgewater community through music, readings, and fellowship among Jewish, Muslim, and Christian neighbors.

Donations of food and cash will be accepted for Care for Real. Registration is required. Register online at https://bit.ly/3WBEbwF or call 773-234-0630.









New Parishioners

- Kent Cervantes
- Emily Decker-Bass and Jordan Decker-Bass

Financial Report for October 17-18

- Sunday Collection Envelopes: $2,577.00
- Loose Checks: $315.00
- Loose Cash/Coins: $798.08
- Online Donations: $3,706.25
- Total Collected: $7,396.33
- Budgeted: $10,000.00
- Difference: -$2,603.67
- YTD Collected FY 2027: $156,220.58
- YTD Budgeted FY 2027: $550,000.00
- Difference: -$393,779.42

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Patrick T. Reardon
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega, Vivienne Odibo
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Adonai Agdubai

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Wall
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - Joseph Rodriguez
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am -Carrie Cunningham, Tim Love, Troy McMillan

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Carter Dant; acolytes: Wyatt Dant, Owen Craft
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - cross bearer: Nick Winters
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Viviana Love; acolytes: Camille Boquiren, Micah Boquiren

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Robert Actaboski
- Susan Actaboski
- Victor Ayes
- Carlos Barragan
- Patrick Barton
- Zara Bradley
- Maggie Callahan
- Terrence Carmichael
- Cavicke Family
- Mary DeBois
- David Denegas
- Ann Collins Dole
- Renee Elhoumaidi
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Adolf Gabriel
- Marie Galoney
- Thomas Hajduch
- Anne Marie Hamde
  Anne Hasselbeck
- Rochelle Hernandez
- Tricia Hernandez
- Maria Hertl
- Patricia White Holmes
- Gertrude Huisman
- Tony Hunter
- Forrest Ingram
- John Kahoun
- Mary E. Kelley
- Marilyn Klein
- Jim Laczkowski
- Joseph Lambin
- Carleen Lorys
- Roland Mady
- River Malik
- James Mann
- Alex Marks
- Theresa McMahon
- Nancy Michael
- Steve Monti
- Hilda Mora
- John Nardella
- Patti Paul
- Dealina Peon
- Claude Poulsen
- Brad Rice
- Pam Rice
- Delphine Richert
- Joan Ross
- Rosa Ott Sandoval
- Sherwin
- Willy Spalla
- Floret Spalle
- Mary Pierce Spalla
- Frannie Swaine
- Marie Tarallo
- Christopher Thomas
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Joe Touchstone
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Tayana Wallace
- King Wallace
- Christian Wallace
- Kevin Walsh
- Leon Ward
- Janice Wittenberg
- Dawn Wyman
- Yyes Yoza
- Joel Pozzi Zio

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, November 2: 7:30 am - Communion Service; 6:30 pm - All Souls Mass
- Tuesday, November 3: 7:30 am - Sergio Romo Sr.+
- Wednesday, November 4: 7:30 am
- Thursday, November 5: 7:30 am
- Friday, November 6: 7:30 am
- Saturday, November 7: 5:00 pm - Hal Mann+
- Sunday, November 8: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Kathleen Murphy DeNicolo+; Gym Mass

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (The Gym Mass schedule is determined week by week as we work to secure additional priest coverage. Please check the weekly e-bulletin or our website for the most current schedule.); Monday-Friday:
- 7:30 am; Saturday: 5:00 pm; The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and November 27.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

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.
- To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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- For the latest parish events, bulletins, and news, go to **stgertrudechicago.org.**