St. Gertrude Catholic Church

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2026











We are St. Gertrude!

Celebrating our Parish's Feast Day

This weekend, we celebrate the St. Gertrude the Great, our parish's patron saint! It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy time with one another, and give thanks for the vibrant community of faith we are so fortunate to share.

We are grateful for the many people who make St. Gertrude a place of welcome, friendship, service, and belonging.

CUB SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us in the Social Hall from 9 am to noon for a Pancake Breakfast hosted by Cub Scout Pack 3822. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee while supporting our parish Cub Scouts. Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for children and seniors, and $20 for families. All proceeds benefit Pack 3822.

We look forward to celebrating our parish family and all that makes St. Gertrude such a special community!

LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Did you know St. Gertrude is revered for her deep spirituality? Next Sunday afternoon, learn more about St. Gertrude the Great and her spiritual practices. Details can be found on page 2.

DONATIONS

We offer multiple ways to support our parish financially. You can give a regular Sunday offering in church or use our online giving tools to set up recurring or one-time donations.

Scan the QR Code or visit us online at **www.stgertrudechicago.org/donate** to learn more information



Poetry Pilgrims

Mon., Nov 16 | 7:30 pm

Poetry Pilgrims will meet on Monday, November 16, at 7:30 pm via Zoom to continue our discussion about the poetry of Wendell Berry. Questions? Contact Rose Marie Anichini at irma71@aol.com.



Gym Mass Info

November Schedule

Please join us in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville, on Sunday, November 22 and November 29, for our 10:30 am Gym Masses.

Check the weekly e-bulletin or our website for the most current schedule.



LETTER-WRITING SESSION FOR THE PRAIRIELAND DEFENDANTS

Wednesday, November 18 from 6:00-7:30 pm

On Wednesday, November 18, Commonweal Action will host a letter-writing session from 6–7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. We will be writing to the Prairieland Defendants, a loosely affiliated group of individuals being prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice for participating in a noise protest outside an ICE detention center in Texas. Most have been imprisoned for more than a year while appealing their cases.

Separated from their homes and loved ones, these individuals face long periods of uncertainty and isolation. Through our letters, we hope to offer a friendly voice, a sense of connection, and the reassurance that they are not forgotten. As the Christmas season approaches, we are especially called to reach out to those living on the margins and share our compassion with those experiencing difficult times. We invite you to join us in letting these individuals know they are not alone.

Writing materials, envelopes, and stamps will be provided. You are welcome to bring anything that makes writing more comfortable, such as a favorite pen, as well as books or articles from which you might like to transcribe a passage.

If you prefer to participate from home or have questions, please contact Aidan Coyle at packrat386@gmail.com.

Youth Christmas Card-Making

Sat., Nov. 21 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Help spread some Christmas cheer! Youth in 7th grade and up are invited to join us on Saturday, November 21, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Ministry Center to make Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners. Snacks will be provided.





Second Collection for CCHD

November 21-22

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection is next weekend. For more than 50 years, CCHD has supported community efforts to address poverty, create opportunities, and strengthen neighborhoods. Rooted in our Catholic faith, its mission empowers people to build better futures. Please be as generous as possible!



Care for Real Collection

Next Weekend

On November 21-22, please bring nonperishable food and other essential items to the Care for Real Collection before or after any Mass. For donation ideas, visit linktr.ee/cfrchicago.



Thanksgiving Schedule

10:00 am Mass Time

The Rectory office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. On Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am. There will be no 7:30 am Mass that morning.



Remembrance Altar

Month of 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.

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASSES IN THE SOCIAL HALL

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.



BRING HOME THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

OUR GREENERY SALE HAS BEGUN!

Get ready for the holidays with fresh balsam pine trees, wreaths, and garland! Shop our annual sale and support St. Gertrude's ministries.

Greenery and Pricing:

- 6' Christmas Trees: $55
- 18" Wreaths: $25
- 24" Wreaths: $27
- 36" Wreaths: $35
- Garland (5' length): $40

In-Person Sales: Visit the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall (1401 W. Granville Avenue) on November 29, December 6, December 13, or December 20 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cash and checks only.

Online and Paper Form Orders: To order online, visit bit.ly/StGertsChristmasGreenery.

Paper forms are available in the the back of church or stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery

Delivery: Home delivery is available for $6, with dates to be announced. Delivery boundaries are Oakton Street (north), Irving Park Road (south), and the North Shore Channel (east).

Questions? Contact Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.764.3621.





GIVING TREE PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 27

This Advent, St. Gertrude will once again collect gift cards to support RefugeeOne and Centro Romero, organizations that serve refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants. Gift cards allow families the dignity and flexibility to purchase what they need most. Donations in $20 increments are especially appreciated.

Gift cards may be placed in the collection boxes near the statue of St. Teresa of Ávila at the front of the church. The collection begins the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, November 28, and continues through Sunday, December 27.

Gift cards from any retailer are welcome, but Target, Jewel, Walmart, Aldi, and Ventra cards are especially helpful.

For questions, contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Need Event Information?

Check out our events and activities calendar at https://stgertrudechicago.org/events-calendar-1!

It shares everything that is happening--and you can click on each activity to get a full description of what the event is about, along with the time and location.

GROWING IN FAITH

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

This parable is so well known that the 'talent,' which was a monetary amount worth about a million dollars, has become our word for any special gift with which we are born. Using our gifts well brings goodness, joy, peace, and love to the world, the household of God. Isn't that true of the way you are using those special gifts that you have?

In the parable the servant who was given a million dollars in silver coins, buried them, angry, and we discover in his insulting reply to the Master, resentful, about him and the need to do anything at all for him or the household with all he had been given.

Sister Wendy, CSJ, Ph.D.





ECRA INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 3:00 PM

Join the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) for its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 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.

Please note that it is the policy of Emanuel Congregation that all visitors are screened, and all bags searched upon arrival.

Parking is available both in the Emanuel Congregation parking lot and in the vacant lot on the west side of Sheridan close to the synagogue.

There will be a social hour after the service to mingle and meet those from other faith traditions.



Parish Information

BAPTISM

Aurora Selene Franco Corral, daughter of Israel A. Franco & Aliyah S. Corral

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16: 7:30 am - Communion Service
Tuesday, November 17: 7:30 am
Wednesday, November 18: 7:30 am
Thursday, November 19: 7:30 am
Friday, November 20: 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak+
Saturday, November 21: 5:00 pm - Nathan Joseph, Libby Noreen Waters+
Sunday, November 22: 8:00 am - Adrian Rodriguez+; 10:30 am - Isabelle & Michael Laczowski+

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOV. 7-8

Sunday Collection Envelopes: $2,743.0
Loose Checks: $485.00
Loose Cash/Coins: $951.00
Online Donations: $9,628.46
Total Collected: $13,807.46
Budgeted: $10,000.00
Difference: $3,807.46
YTD Collected FY 2027: $177,372.86
YTD Budgeted FY 2027: $550,000.00
Difference: -$372,627.14



LOOKING FOR THE INTENTIONS, MINISTRY SCHEDULE, OR THE *PRAY FOR* LIST?

Due to printing limits, please see our e-bulletin for additional content or use the online calendar.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church
10:30 am Gym Mass (*This schedule is determined week by week as we work to secure additional priest coverage. Check the weekly e-bulletin or our website for the most current information.)*
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday: 7: 30 am (*Monday is a Communion service.*)

SOCIAL MEDIA

facebook.com/stgertrudechicago
instagram.com/stgertrudeinchicago

HEART TO HEART/LENDING CLOSET

To reach our Heart to Heart director, Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, call her at 872.296.2537 or email her at squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org.
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