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## Bulletin for

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Happy Feast Day! This weekend, we are celebrating the Feast of St. Gertrude. In our earthly families, we usually celebrate special days like weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and graduations by gathering for a meal, sharing stories of the past, catching up on the present, and talking about the future.

The same could be said about our church family's celebrations. We gather for a meal, we share our history, we talk about the present, and look forward to the future.

As we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Gertrude, let us truly celebrate as a richly blessed, unique and diverse community.

### **A brief history of St. Gertrude/Sacrament of the Sick**

St. Gertrude was born in Germany 1256 and became a Benedictine nun. Through her relationship to God through prayer, she became a mystic and a great theologian.

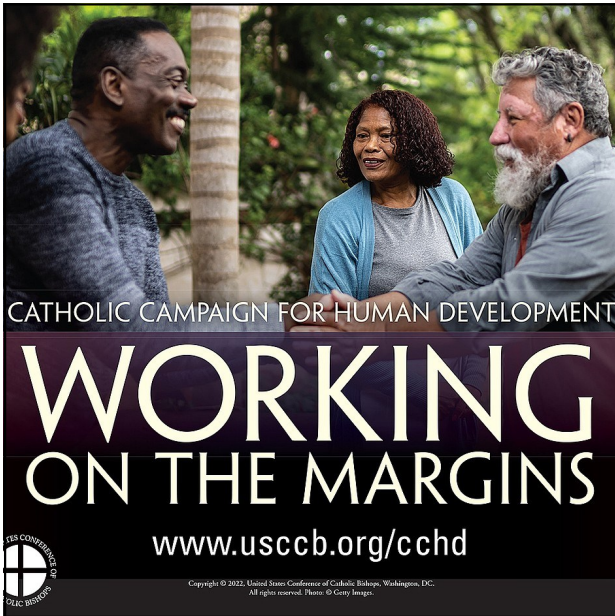
As we gather this weekend, please be mindful of all those in need, especially those who receive the Sacrament of the Sick, which will be offered at all of the masses.

### **November is the Month of Remembrance**

We continue to remember and pray for all our departed loved ones throughout this month of November. It is wisely stated that no one who is remembered with love ever really dies. Their memory, their good works, their impact on who we are lives on forever in our hearts, and their living spirit is united forever in the new life of heaven as they share fully in the Resurrection of Christ. May their souls rest in the peace of our Savior.

Please keep the family of Carol Shields in your prayers. She was the mother of Tracy Shields, our bulletin editor, and she passed away last week.





## Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Working on the Margins - Second Collection This Weekend

On November 16th and 17th, there will be a second collection for CCHD at all of the masses. Additionally, we will welcome guest speaker Ed Jacobs, who is the former Director of Franciscan Outreach and a long-time volunteer for CCHD. Ed will speak about the important work and our participation in the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are envelopes at the back of Church.

### More About the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States.

Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed.

By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish!** If you would like to receive emails from our parish or your email address has changed, send an email to [news@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:news@stgertrudechicago.org) and specify if you would prefer just the weekly bulletin, or our daily reflection with notices about upcoming parish events.



## Weekly Caregiver-Toddler Playdates at NCA

Looking after your child/children or caring for a little one? You're invited to our weekly get-together for caregivers and toddlers! Held at Northside Catholic Academy, 6216 N. Glenwood, every Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am, the hour is filled with a story, craft, and sing-a-long for kids, and adult interactions for the grown-ups.

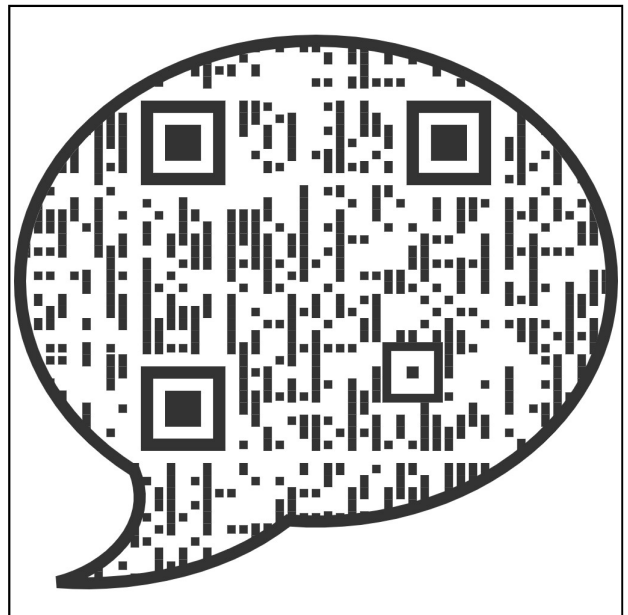
RSVP to [gmalfatti@ncaschools.com](mailto:gmalfatti@ncaschools.com).

## Parish Council Listening Sessions Scheduled

The parish pastoral council (PPC) would like to thank everyone that came out and participated at the town hall on October 27 and the pre-election prayer service on November 4.

We are currently in the process of a pastoral search. The PPC will be hosting listening sessions on the following dates/times:

- **Sunday, November 17 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm in the Gym**
- **Tuesday, November 19 from 8:15-9:30 am in the Ministry Center**



We ask that you reflect on the following questions:

- What three (or more?) qualities would you like to see in a new pastor?
- What are the top three (or more?) priorities you see for the new pastor.
- If there were one thing you would want the new pastor to know about St. Gertrude's, what would that be?

If you are unable to attend a session, please complete the survey found in the back of church or you can scan the QR code.

**New Event Contact Person/Scheduler at St. Gerts:** Patricia Branigan will be the contact personal for all calendar events. You can email her at [pbranigan@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:pbranigan@stgertrudechicago.org) or call her at 773-764-3621.




## Parish Blood Drive Planned for Sunday, Nov. 17

The next blood drive at St. Gertrude Church is Sunday, November 17 from 8:00 am–1:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be located on Glenwood Avenue in front of the entrance to St. Gert's.


Blood donors are greatly needed in our area to help local patients. Every blood donation can save up to 3 lives in our community!

To schedule your donation, scan the QR code in the image, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825, or register online at [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) and use code ORD00591. Walk-ins are welcome!



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Blood Drive**

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Vitalant Bloodmobile



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Appointments Recommended.  
Walk-ins Welcome.

- Eat well
- Hydrate
- Bring ID



## ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, Nov. 24

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) hosts an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service benefiting Care for Real that bring together Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, as well as our friends from the Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu faith.

All are invited to this year's service on Sunday, November 24 from 2:00-4:00 pm, hosted this year at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster Ave.

A reception will follow the service.

## December Youth Group Event

Attention students in 7th grade and up! Save the date! On December 14, we've planned an afternoon of Christmas card-making and cookie decorating. We'll gather in the Ministry Center from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Please reach out to Eloy Escamilla at [eecamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eecamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) for more information.



# Order Your Trees, Garland, and Wreaths from St. Gert's Annual Greenery Sale!

St. Gertrude is once again hosting our annual Christmas greenery sale this Christmas season, with balsam pine trees, wreaths, and garland available for purchase. Proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's ministries.

Each 6' Christmas tree is \$55. Three different sized wreaths are available—the 18" wreath is \$25, the 24" is \$27, and the 36" is \$35. Garland is also available for \$40 per 5' length.

## Order Online

Purchase greenery online at <https://bit.ly/StGertsChristmasGreenery> or by scanning the QR code.

## Order via Paper Form

A paper order form is available for download at the above link.

Forms and checks or cash can be dropped off at the Rectory office, 1420 W. Granville Ave or placed in the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard if the Rectory office is closed. Checks should be made out to St. Gertrude. Please note "Greenery" in the memo line.

## Deliveries

Deliveries will be offered for a \$6 fee. They will take place on Saturday, December 7 and Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The greenery team will do their best to accommodate your preferred delivery date and will reach out to notify you when to expect your order.

Please note, the boundaries for deliveries are north to Oakton, south to Irving Park, and east of the North Shore Channel.

## In-Person Sales

Greenery will also be sold at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue, on the first four Sundays of December: the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Only cash and checks will be accepted for in-person purchases.

Questions? Contact St. Gertrude Business Manager Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.



## Financial Report from November 9-10

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,985.00  
Loose Checks: \$440.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$834.15  
Online Donations: \$6,156.40  
**Total Collected: \$9,415.55**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: -\$584.45**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$184,646.25

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00

**Difference: -\$365,353.75**

**Heart to Heart Play Collection: \$5,473.00**



## Growing in Faith

*"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." ~ Daniel 12:3*

This week I've been thinking about two men whose commitment to justice shone like the stars.

Thursday marked the 28th anniversary of Cardinal Bernardin's death. We remember him for his powerful image of the seamless garment, an ethic that connects all issues that threaten human life. We recall his pastoral letter on peace; his Common Ground Initiative; the AIDS task force he established; his work on interfaith dialogue; the false accusation he overcame and forgave; and the honest and graceful way he faced his own death.



Alexei Navalny rallied and inspired millions while suffering a near-fatal poisoning, an acid attack, arrests, beatings, and imprisonments for his work in exposing corruption in Russian politics and for leading opposition to the Putin Regime. He died in a penal colony in the Arctic Circle eight months ago. His widow, Yulia, just published his memoir *Patriot*, an amazing testament of courage. In his final message, Navalny credited his Christian faith as impelling and helping him endure.

Thinking about Bernardin and Navalny in this historic moment challenges and encourages me. These days, scoundrels and rogues in public life are occupying too much of my attention. It is demoralizing. As an antidote, I am drawing hope from those who illumine our way by their work for a more just world. Their example is like a shining star showing the way forward.

~ Bob Raccuglia



## Upcoming Office Closures

The rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, as well as Friday, November 29.

The Heart to Heart office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day too.

## Parish Information

### Rest in Peace

- Gina Heidkamp

- Carol Shields

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

#### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, November 16 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, November 17 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Liam Benham

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, November 16 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes
- Sunday, November 17 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

#### Altar Servers

- Saturday, November 16 at 5:00 pm - Esteban Campuzano, cross bearer; Diarmuid McKeown, acolyte
- Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am - Angel Garcia, cross bearer; Sammy Kloster and Dominic Rubino, acolytes

### Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| • Mary Amelse Victor Ayes | • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Dealina Peon         |
| • Andrea Banicki          | • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Marie Galoney           | • Joan Ross +          |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Estelle Guardino        | • Bill Salek           |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Thomas Hajduch          | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Gina Heidkamp           | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Hallie Burhoe           | • Rochelle Hernandez      | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • The Buttitta family     | • Maria Hertl             | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • John Kahoun             | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Marilyn Klein           | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Carleen Lorys           | • King Wallace         |
| • Claire Conley           | • River Malik             | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Denise DeBelle          | • Matilde Manzardo        | • Leon Ward            |
| • David Denegas           | • Nancy Michael           | • Ron Whitfield        |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • Hilda Mora              | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • Donald Nyderek          | • Yyes Yoza            |
|                           |                           | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- **Monday, November 18:** 7:30 am - Staci Thomas
- **Tuesday, November 19:** 7:30 am - Carol Shields+
- **Wednesday, November 20:** 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak+
- **Thursday, November 21:** 7:30 am - Communion Service; Nathan Joseph+, Libby+ and Noreen Waters+
- **Friday, November 22:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Saturday, November 23:** 7:30 am - Sheila McGuire; 5:00 pm - Grace Cabrera
- **Sunday, November 24:** 8:00 am - Harlan Fissel+; 10:30 am - Isabell and Michael Laczkowski, Edward DeWolf+ ; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of God

## 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 is closed on weekends. **The office and Heart to Heart will be closed on November 28 & 29.**

## Donate to our Parish

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- 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)

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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## Heart to Heart 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 or email her at [lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).