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Bulletin for

Sunday, November 20, 2022

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*



From Fr. Rich

Happy Thanksgiving! Everyone is invited to join in our special Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 24th at 10:00 am. As we pause for

our national day of gratitude for our many gifts, we also take a moment to thank all our ministers and volunteers here at St. Gertrude Parish. As we do each year, we present the St. Gertrude Parish Service Award to some of the outstanding parishioners who devote to much of their time and energy here. Thank you for all you do! (The list of this year's Service Award winners will be in next week's bulletin.)

The Giving Tree(s) is now up in the back of church, reminding us of the invitation to help those in need this Christmas season. Once again this year, the Giving Tree organizers are requesting gift cards. Complete information can be found in the article in today's bulletin. The boxes for depositing your donated gift cards are in the front of church -- on the table in front of the Blessed Mother's shrine. Reminder: Giving Tree gifts are due back by noon on Sunday, December 18th.

Today's Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings to a close this liturgical year as we celebrate our Savior gathering all souls to himself. We anticipate the end of all time as we also are ware of our own "end-time", and ask Our Lord to keep us from sin and lead us to loving service in His name.

Next Sunday we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent -- preparing us for the great celebration of Our Lord's Birth at Christmas.

Spirit of St. Gertrude Award

At the 10:30 am Mass on our parish Feast Day last weekend, the Spirit of St. Gertrude Award was presented to Dick & Nancy Merrill for their continual service to the parish. This is also the parish Dick has grown up in, and in which they raised their family.

Congratulations to a well-deserving couple on this award!



Pastor Column *(continued)*

Children in Church

A note about young children in church. Recently some parents reported that someone had complained to them because their young child was walking around in the back of church. They were told, "Fr. Rich wouldn't like it."

In fact, I DO like it!

I have oftentimes told parents who are worried about their kids making noise in church that, unless their child has a penetrating scream, mostly their noises blend into the ambient sound of church. I also always encourage parents to try to sit closer to the front because youngsters like to watch what is going on.

As for walking about in the back of church, I'm fine with that as well. These are, after all, children.

Generally speaking, it is counter-productive to make our future parishioners feel they are not welcome in church!

I do realize I have a bias -- I have nine siblings. Although my memory is fuzzy, I kind of doubt we were perfect angels every Sunday at Mass!



Thank You for Coming Out to Celebrate our Feast Day With Us!

Last weekend, we celebrated the Feast of St. Gertrude with an International Dinner and the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses.

Thank you to all who celebrated with us by sharing food at the dinner and the many others who attended our Masses. We are grateful you are a part of our faith community!

Special thanks to Rita Elue, who organized the International Dinner!

St. Gertrude's Thanksgiving Day Mass/Office Hours

Our parish Thanksgiving celebration will be at the 10:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. It will be live-streamed on our parish's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/>.

As part of our Thanksgiving celebration, the recipients of the Parish Service Awards will be recognized.

Please note, the Rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day **and** Friday, November 25.

There are no Religious Ed classes on Sunday, November 27.



St. Gertrude Parish
FOOD DRIVE
for Care for Real



**Saturday, November 19
& Sunday, November 20**



Food Drive Organized by Parish Teens on November 19 & 20

On Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20, our parish teens will host a food drive for Care for Real! Parishioners are asked to donate peanut butter, nuts, tuna, canned chicken and fruits, soups. You can also check out Care for Real's full list of needs at <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/> or by scanning the QR code in the attached image.

Donations should be dropped off in the baptistry. All donations will be received after Mass. Confirmation candidates and members of our parish youth group will sort the items prior to dropping them off at Care for Real. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

All are Invited to the Annual ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 20

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) is an interfaith association of religious organizations who work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths, nurture a thriving and just neighborhood, and create solutions to local problems.

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 Hindi faith.

All are invited to attend this service on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 pm, hosted this year at Northshore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Ave.

Attendees are encouraged to share their bounty with the food insecure in our neighborhood. Scan the code above to see Care for Real's wish list! A reception will follow the service.

ECRA Edgewater Community Religious Association

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a collection for Care For Real - scan the code to see their wishlist!

3:00 PM **Sunday November 20**

North Shore Baptist Church 5244 N Lakewood Ave

Letter from Cardinal Cupich: Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is This Weekend

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,


In his message for the Sixth World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father calls us to renew our commitment to working to break the cycle of poverty: "Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated." As followers of Christ, our active concern for those on the margins is not a responsibility that can be delegated. Instead, the individual call to amplify the voices that go unheard is uniquely written on each of our hearts.

For more than fifty years, organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and to act against injustice. ChiFresh Kitchen, a worker cooperative owned by formerly incarcerated Chicagoans, is one of many CCHD grant recipients. The purpose of ChiFresh is to create economic security and a thriving work environment for its worker-owners. It also seeks to improve the health of its community by offering individually packed meals to schools, community groups and government agencies.

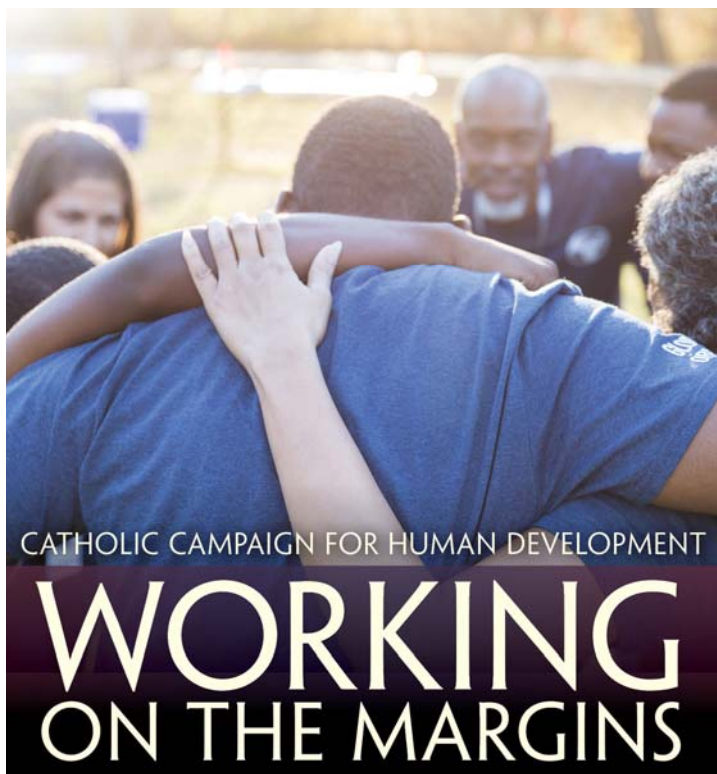
The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud that CCHD has its roots here in Chicago, led by the efforts of Bishop Michael Dempsey during the years he served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on the West Side. By emphasizing empowerment, participation and solidarity, CCHD continues the initiatives of Bishop Dempsey as it works to support resilient communities during continued adversity and struggle. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org.

Please consider contributing generously to CCHD through the second collection this weekend. Together, we must continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins in Chicagoland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago





Order Your Christmas Trees, Wreaths, & Garland From St. Gertrude's Greenery Sale!

Our annual Christmas greenery sale is back, with a limited number of balsam pine trees, wreaths, and garland available for purchase. Each 6' Christmas tree is \$45. Three different sized wreaths are available—the 18" wreath is \$20, the 24" is \$22, and the 36" is \$30. Garland is also available for \$35 per 5' length.

Orders can be placed online at <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery>. A paper order form is available at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery> and on the next page.

The order form, along with cash or a check, can be dropped off at the Rectory office, 1420 W. Granville Ave. Forms and funds can be placed in the mail slot on the west side of the Rectory (red door) if the office is closed. Orders can also be sent to NCA to the attention of Eduardo

Soto. Checks should be made out to St. Gertrude. Please note "Greenery" in the memo line.

Delivery Available

Deliveries will be offered for a \$3 fee. Deliveries will take place from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturday, December 3, Sunday, December 4, Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11. 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 Greenery Sales Begin Next Sunday

Greenery will also be sold on Sunday, November 27, Sunday, December 4, Sunday, December 11, and Sunday, December 18 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue. Only cash and checks will be accepted for in-person purchases.

Proceeds go to support St. Gertrude ministries. Questions? Contact St. Gertrude Business Manager Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Greenery Deliveries

One benefit parishioners enjoy about the greenery sale is the delivery service. This service will continue, but in order to be successful, we need volunteers. Help is needed on Saturday, December 3, Sunday, December 4, Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

If you are available to volunteer your time, email Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.



ST. GERTRUDE GREENERY ORDER FORM

Name:

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Phone:

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Email:

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Delivery address:

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Payment: Cash/Check (circle one)

| QUANTITY | ITEM | PRICE | TOTAL |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|
| | 6' Balsam Tree | \$45.00 | |
| | 18" Wreath | \$20.00 | |
| | 24" Wreath | \$22.00 | |
| | 36" Wreath | \$30.00 | |
| | 5' of Garland | \$35.00 | |
| | Delivery Fee | \$3.00 | |
| TOTAL | | | |

DELIVERY DATES RANK YOUR PREFERRED DELIVERY DATES (1-4)

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| Saturday, December 3 | |
| Sunday, December 4 | |
| Saturday, December 10 | |
| Sunday, December 11 | |

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Thank You to our Heart to Heart Volunteers

As we approach Thanksgiving, we want to share our deep appreciation to the volunteers that serve Heart to Heart.

From driving our seniors to Mass, the store, or to medical appointments to calling to check in or offering prayers for their well-being, their generosity of spirit is so kind and loving. Our volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

We are also so grateful to everyone who has donated medical equipment to the Lending Closet. It is amazing how many individuals and families we can lend a helping hand to with the loan of medical equipment like wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, toilet risers, shower chairs, etc.

Thank you!

~ Pat Sullivan & Laurie Hasbrook



Tax Credit Scholarship Program

Do you have income that is subject to Illinois state taxes? Would you like to REDUCE your state taxes or see a BIGGER refund?

If so, we would like to share an opportunity with you that will help reduce the amount you pay in Illinois state taxes while also providing scholarship funds for students at Northside Catholic Academy.

To learn more, please click here to review a letter from NCA Principal Christine Huzenis about the tax credit scholarship program at bit.ly/NCAPrincipalLetter, as well as other TCS information at bit.ly/NCAFlyers.

Please Pick Up Your Remembrance Altar Items

Thank you for sharing images and memories of your special someone with us during the month of November.

You are welcome to pick up your photo or memento from the altar after Masses this weekend.



Giving Tree Program

The Giving Trees are in the back of Church beginning this weekend. Like last year, we will again be asking for gift cards, rather than gifts. This allows flexibility for individuals to get what they need. The benefactors of the Giving Tree collections will be Care for Real and the St. Gertrude Refugee and Immigrant Ministry.



Care for Real is asking for gift cards in \$20.00 increments to Target, Jewel, and Walmart. They are also asking for Venra passes. The Refugee Ministry is requesting \$20 gift cards to Target. We are also asking for \$10 McDonald's gift cards to provide immediate meals for those who request them.

Beginning November 26, during each Mass, there will be two boxes at the back of church. One will be for Care for Real and one for the Refugee Ministry. Please place your gift cards into whichever organization you would like to support. The McDonald's gift cards can be placed in either box. The last chance to donate gift cards will be Sunday, December 18 at noon.

We hope that in this most joyous of seasons you will be able to support the Giving Tree program. Each gift card will allow others to be able to have a blessed and happy Christmas celebration. If you have any questions please reach out to the Giving Tree Program coordinator Joe McMahan at jpmgmu@aol.com or at 708.525.5051.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS IN 7TH & 8TH GRADE

ASSIGNMENT

Write an essay explaining what is the most important contribution that Christians can make to society.

Entries should be 500-600 words. Spelling and grammar count!

The top three winners will receive gift cards and have their essays published online and in the bulletin.

Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022.

Email essays (preferred method) to eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or mail them to Eloy Escamilla, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660.



Growing in Faith

Here in the U.S., our pioneers came to this country precisely to escape kings, so the title, Christ the King, is not one they or we would readily choose. But this ancient title for Jesus was given to him because unlike earthly kings, Jesus' use of power and authority is to bring about "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace", as the preface of the Mass today will tell us.

It would be precisely Jesus' challenges to the oppressive authorities of his day in defense of God's people, that they be treated with dignity, and fairness, as beloved children of God, that would bring him the cross. "He stirs up the people" the authorities accused him before Pilate. Yes, that was the fear, to stir hearts to a new vision of what God wanted for them. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" Jesus answered, "I am a king, but my kingdom is not of this world." Nevertheless Pilate would write to spite the accusers: "This is Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews".

Now the resurrected Jesus commissions us to use our authority and our power as his brothers and sisters, to break systems of oppression and establish laws to protect people, to transform not only our own lives, but to work for the transformation of our society and to bring about the full arrival of the kingdom of God.

- Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D



Baptisms

- Jensen Orion-Michael Strauch, son of Scott and Mallory Strauch

New Parishioners

- Alicia Borsa

Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 pm - Susan McKeon, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, November 20 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar, Westley Dingman
- Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti, Anthony Myers

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, November 20 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 am - Annie Hasselbeck, Steven Hasselbeck, Ray Sousa

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer - Ethan Craft; Acolytes - Clare McCarthy, Alise Veleta

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O' Connor
- Sunday, November 20 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 am - Michael Laus; Tona Palomino - trumpet; Jim Szmurlo - trumpet; Amir Ghazaleh - trombone; Fran Guenette - euphonium; Denise Goodman - clarinet; Jim Szmurlo - violin

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, November 21:** 7:30 am - Nathan †, Libby † and Noreen Waters †
- **Tuesday, November 22:** 7:30 am - Richard Kerwer, Sr. †
- **Wednesday, November 23:** 7:30 am - Grace V. Cabrera †
- **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24:** 10:00 am - St. Gertrude Parishioners
- **Friday, November 25:** 7:30 am - Ethna Nolan †
- **Saturday, November 26:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased Torreano family members+;
5:00 pm – James McKee †
- **Sunday, November 27:** 8:00 am - Isabelle & Michael Laczkowski †; 10:30 am - Betty Cunningham †; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Jeanne Hasbrook †

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (*No Gym Mass on December 18, December 25, and January 1*); Mon-Fri: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.); Sat: 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 Mon-Fri from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Sat from 9:00 am- 2:30 pm. **The office is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25.**

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Gina Heidkamp | • Karey Myers |
| • Ryan Bach | • Maria Hertl | • Ron Schlacter |
| • Zara Bradley | • Mary Horan | • Richard Seitz |
| • Sharon Brown | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Lilly Buie | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Steve Laslo | • Leon Ward |
| • KC Conway | • Sheila McGuire | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Larry McCauley | |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Names will remain on the list for three weeks. After that time, please renew the name using same contact information.

Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

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