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Sunday, November 21, 2021

*Solemnity of our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe*

From Father Rich

Spirit of St. Gertrude Award

Last Sunday, at the celebration of our Parish Feast Day, at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass, the

Annual Spirit of St. Gertrude was awarded to Therese Schreiner. As the inscription read, it was given, *"In grateful recognition of many years of service to the parish and the school in liturgical music, the play production, counseling, service to the senior & ailing communities through Heart to Heart, and your constant, positive addition to every aspect of parish life."*

Therese taught at NCA for 22 years, then at Loyola Academy for 25 years, then back to NCA for two years. Along with time spent at other Archdiocesan schools, she was in Catholic education a total of 51 years! And that is just one of her many, many activities and services here at St. Gertrude.

Thank you, Therese, for your extraordinary example of service and the amazing spirit alive in everything you do!

St. Gertrude's Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our parish Thanksgiving celebration will be at the 10:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. As part of our Thanksgiving celebration, the recipients of the Parish Service Awards will be recognized. Please join us in giving thanks to God for our many blessings!

2021 CCHD Collection - November 20-21

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will take place this weekend, November 20-21. For 50 years, CCHD has been working in partnership with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States.

CCHD promotes organizations that help people help themselves. Their mission to break the cycle of poverty is now more important than ever, as the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the disparities in resources experienced by the poor and vulnerable. CCHD organizations are responding promptly in this time of extraordinary need. CCHD grantees create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children, and raise leaders of the future right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

We are so thankful for your support. Click here for more information and to donate: <https://bit.ly/CCHD2021>. We are most fortunate that our own parishioner, Ed Jacob, will be presenting the needs of CCHD at Masses this weekend.



ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21

3:00 pm

**The Church of the Atonement
5749 N. Kenmore Ave.**

*The service will
be live-streamed
on YouTube.*

You're Invited to the Annual ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 21

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 21 at 3:00 pm, hosted this year at the Atonement Episcopal Church, 5749 N. Kenmore. Those who attend in person are encouraged to be vaccinated and must wear a face mask. The event will also be live-streamed on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/OAEoF0HjbRI>.

Attendees are encouraged to share their bounty with the food insecure in our neighborhood and bring fresh produce to donate to Care for Real. A reception will follow the service.

Thanksgiving Week Office Closures

The Rectory office will be closed on Wednesday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day, November 25, and Friday, November 26.

Please note, morning Mass will be at 10:00 am on Thanksgiving Day and 7:30 am on Wednesday, November 24 and Friday, November 26.

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

For the past 50 years, CCHD has continued to work on the margins of the Archdiocese of Chicago to...

- Encounter Christ in the poor
- Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- Amplify voices with vision
- Break down walls of indifference
- Transform hearts and communities
- Support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Please support the second collection in your parish on November 20 – 21.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or donate, please visit CCHDchicago.org.

Scan here to donate



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In his message for the Fifth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis observes that the COVID-19 crisis, "continues to affect millions of people and, even when it does not bring suffering and death, it is nonetheless a portent of poverty." Yet, he continues, "poverty is not the result of fate; it is the result of selfishness.

It is critical, therefore, to generate development processes in which the abilities of all are valued, so that complementarity of skills and diversity of roles can lead to a common resource of mutual participation."

For the past 50 years since the inception of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), organizations funded by CCHD 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. For example, the main purpose of the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), whose membership includes parishes, institutions and communities, is to address injustice in the vision of the Gospel. In its promotion of economic justice, CSPL builds and incubates worker-owned cooperatives. One such co-op involves the worker-owners of Living La Fiesta, who shifted during the Coronavirus pandemic from preparing food to making masks for the public.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud that CCHD has its roots in the efforts of a Chicago priest (and later Bishop) Michael Dempsey, during the years he served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on the West Side. By emphasizing self-help, participation and solidarity, CCHD continues the initiatives of Bishop Dempsey as it works to support resilient communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. 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 on November 20 and 21, and thereby continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins in Chicagoland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Card. Cupich".

- Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

St. Gertrude's Giving Tree

This Advent, St. Gertrude Parish's Giving Tree will once again support people in need in our community this Christmas season. Gift cards to Target, Jewel, and Aldi will be collected in support of Care For Real and the Refugee & Immigrant Ministry.



The gift cards may be brought to church or dropped off/mailed to the Rectory, 1420 W.

Granville, Chicago, IL 60660. (Even if the Rectory office is closed, you can always put mail through the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard.

Please be sure all gift cards are delivered by Wednesday, December 15. You can note if you prefer your donations to go to Care for Real or the families sponsored by Refugee Ministry. Collections start this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Care for Real is collecting \$20 gift cards to Target to give to their clients with children. Last year, they were able to give one gift card for every child so that parents/guardians could purchase a gift for the child.

St. Gertrude Parish Refugee & Immigrant Ministry

We are also collecting gift cards for the refugee families sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish. For these families, we are requesting gift cards from Target, Jewel or Aldi for gift items, household needs, and groceries.

Your contributions are most appreciated! Participation in our St. Gertrude Parish Giving Tree is a blessing for all, gift givers and receivers, in this holy season of Advent, and makes the lives of all those who are touched truly filled with Christmas joy!



The Season is Over for our Resurrection Compost Garden!

St. Gertrude's Resurrection Compost Garden has come to the end of a successful first season! We thank all of our composting program participants who leased a bucket and contributed materials to fertilize our garden.

We are so grateful for the many hands that made our composting program and our vegetable garden a success! From building the composting bins, to preparing a space for them and digging up part of the Rectory yard for the garden, to planting seeds, weeding, watering, and harvesting produce, our volunteers were so generous with their time and talents.

The coordinators at Care for Real and St. Thomas of Canterbury's soup kitchen also expressed their gratitude for the donations of fresh vegetables and herbs from our garden to feed their clients.

We look forward to another successful program and harvest next year!

~ Mary Clare Barker



Second Collection for the Refugee & Immigrant Ministry Next Weekend

As the Syrian refugee crisis unfolded in the fall of 2015, our parish stepped up in partnership with Catholic Charities to start the Refugee and Immigrant Ministry. Since then, we have officially sponsored nine families, helping with rent support, housewares, and accompaniment.

Most recently this fall, we assisted a Syrian family, a single mom with three kids. That's a total of 18 adults and 17 children with an opportunity at a new life. We have also been able to help four more households who have benefited from the ministry with interim

rent support and/or friendship. Your generosity has made all this happen.

We've been privileged to sponsor speakers, links to others in the community working with refugees, and opportunities for broader partnership to amplify this ministry.

Thank you for your support! We can only do this work because of the support of this loving community. We also need your continued help to continue to provide rent and resettlement support.

Next weekend, November 27-28, there will be a second collection at each of the Masses to help fund the work of this ministry for the coming year. Donations made by check should be written to St. Gertrude with 'Refugee Ministry' in the memo line. Donations can also be dropped off at the Rectory or made electronically via GiveCentral here: <https://bit.ly/RefugeeandImmigrantMinistry>.

Over the past six years, we've seen crisis and conflict throughout the world, most recently with events in Afghanistan. In our small corner, the St. Gertrude community has been and is a source of blessing and a light of healing. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers.

~ The Refugee & Immigrant Ministry

Heart to Heart Request: Wheelchairs Needed

St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Ministry is looking for wheelchairs to loan to those who need them. Currently, there are none to share.

Contact Laurie Hasbrook at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 or lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595.9992 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.





Growing in Faith

“Walking into our worship space at St. Gertrude, my eyes have often been drawn to the depiction of Christ the King in our beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. At times, reflecting on the image of Christ being literally “on top” of everything has brought me comfort; at other times, that image has seemed so distant and far removed from my everyday life.

Who is this Christ the King for you? I’m drawn to the One who reveals God’s unconditional love, as advocate for all who are broken, marginalized, or excluded. This Servant-King’s reign embodies the truth which makes our hearts sing – that all of creation is unconditionally loved by God.

These days, the truth seems to have taken a beating. Pilate’s question to Jesus reverberates in our political and religious communities. Malcom Gladwell writes: “The holy fool is a truth-teller because he is an outcast.” Jesus, the “holy fool”, is one to whom we can give our hearts, precisely because his truth is found not in power, prestige, or possessions, but in the invitation that compels us to pour out our lives in service and in love, holding tight and giving witness to the belief that death does not have the last word.

As we come to the close of this year of grace, this is my song: “In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You can take all this world, give me Jesus.”

~ Bob Backis

Essay Contest for 7th & 8th Graders

Students in 7th and 8th grade are invited to submit essays based on this prompt: *We have been experiencing a lot of different catastrophes all over: the pandemic, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, war, etc. What we also see on the news are “bad news” stories that tell of people expressing hatred, violence, discrimination, and other evils demonstrating the worst of humanity. But there are many people who are making the world a better place...you!*



The essay should focus on where the good news can be found within the bad news and explain how the good news you are sharing in your essay reflects the message of Jesus

Entries should be 500–650 words. Spelling and grammar count. Students may send their essay entry to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or mail/drop it off at the Rectory at 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660.

Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by Monday, December 13, 2021. The three best essays will receive a gift card and will appear on our website.



Place Your Orders! Our Annual Balsam Pine Tree & Wreath Sale Has Begun

A limited number of balsam pine Christmas trees and wreaths are available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries.

For sale are 6' trees for \$45; 18" wreaths for \$20; 24" wreaths for \$22; and 36" wreath for \$30. Online orders can be placed now at <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery>.

Next week, a paper order form will be available in church with the ability to pay for items with a check or with cash and details of where to send it or drop it off.

This form will also be available for download on the parish website, stgertrudechicago.org and included in the November 28 print and e-bulletin. We will also share dates and times when trees and wreaths can be purchased in-person at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall.

Deliveries of items are available for a \$3 fee! Available delivery dates and times will be posted next week too.

Email Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 with any questions.

Youth Group Field Trip

Members of the parish youth group and parish teens making their Confirmation this spring went to the Cultural Center on Saturday, November 14. The students enjoyed seeing a wide range of diverse and engaging exhibitions devoted to the visual arts and contemporary culture.

All teens in middle and high school are invited to consider joining the parish youth group for other fun and enriching activities, including a mission trip this summer!



For more information, contact Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Caring for our Common Home: Adopt a Simple Lifestyle

A *Laudato Si* goal we can all relate to: the adoption of simple lifestyles. Here are a few simple things that make a big difference: avoid single-use plastic, adopt a more plant-based diet and reduce meat consumption, increase your use of public transportation, and avoid

polluting modes of transportation. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/CareforOurCommon-Home4>.

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.*

Pope Francis published this prayer in his Laudato Si' encyclical, and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator.

Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Remember Our Priests

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including the Priests' Health and Retirement Fund in your will. Your donation will support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please contact Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's Business Manager, at 773.764.3621 or

esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or visit <https://www.archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/priest-health-and-retirement>.



NCA Event: Primary Campus Open House/Milk & Cookies with Santa

NCA will host an open house on Thursday, December 2 at 9:00 am. The event will be at the primary campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. Come hear about NCA's curriculum and enjoy a visit with Santa, milk, and cookies!

Please RSVP to Leigh Holzman at lholzman@ncaweb.org.



Primary Campus Open House
Thursday, December 2nd, 9:00am
6216 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago 60660

Milk and Cookies with Santa!

Northside Catholic Academy provides students in grades PK-8 with a challenging, well-rounded curriculum that inspires curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. NCA's curriculum aligns with the Common Core Standards and includes Spanish, Technology, Art, Music and Physical Education. We also implement a STEAM philosophy into our technology curriculum across all grade levels in science, math and art.

Come and check us out, and enjoy milk and cookies with Santa!

R.S.V.P. to lholzman@ncaweb.org

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS
2021-2022

Six-minute reflections
on the Advent/Christmas Season
Weekday Gospels

Little Blue Books Available

The Little Blue Book - Advent and Christmas Season are available in the back of church. These booklets provide a six-minute reflection each day. The readings are a great way to slow down, focus, and dedicate some time to God during this holy season.

There is a suggested donation of \$1.

No Christmas Bazaar This Year: Given the uncertainty of the COVID variants, as well as concerns about social distancing and the safety of our staff and volunteers, the Christmas Bazaar will not be held.

This Weekend's Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, November 21 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 am in church - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 in the Gym - TBA

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 pm - Steve Monti
- Sunday, November 21 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 am in church - Troy McMillian, Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 in the Gym - TBA

Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, November 20 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, November 21 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 am in church - Rob Schroeder; Tona Palomino, 1st trumpet, Jim Szmurlo, 2nd trumpet, Nicholas Bussey, tenor trombone, and Amir Ghazaleh, bass trombone
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 in the Gym - TBA

Mass Intentions

- Monday, November 22: 7:30 am - Maria Yen T. Nguyen +
- Tuesday, November 23: 7:30 am - Grace Cabrera +
- Wednesday, November 24: 7:30 am - Kathleen Keable +
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25: 10:00 am - St. Gertrude parishioners
- Friday, November 26: 7:30 am - Ethna Nolan +
- Saturday, November 27: 7:30 am - Jacqueline White +; 5:00 pm - James McKee +
- Sunday, November 28: 8:00 am - Isabelle + and Michael + Laczkowski; 10:30 am - Galoney Strubbe Family+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Kevin Burke +

+ indicates the person is deceased

Rest in Peace

- Karen Conway
- Lucia Hall
- Peter McManamon
- Natasha Rodriguez

New Parishioners

- The Velazquez-Edge Family
- Michael & Janet Rinefierd
- Adriana Trespuentes & Dilan Martinez & Family

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Ann Collins Dole | • Tina Piemonte |
| • Helen Banta | • Christine Frisoni | • Charley Scantlebury |
| • Jean Bautista | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Richard Seitz |
| • Walter Bradford | • Gina Heidkamp | • Peggy Stoffel |
| • Sharon Brown | • Maria Hertl | • The Sullivan family |
| • Connie Bueck | • Daniel Hidalgo | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Lilly Buie | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Maggie Callaway | • Dean Mattoni | • Valerie Williams |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Molly Morris | • Ken & Vyes Yoza |
| • Connie Cool | • Karey Myers | |
| • Caloy Desembrana | • Massielle Ojeda | |

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/allevnts

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.

Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry
Laurie Hasbrook, Office/Heart to Heart Staff
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