St. Gertrude Catholic Church

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2026



Next Sunday is Our Parish's Feast Day!

Join us on Sunday, November 15, for a joyful celebration of the Feast of St. Gertrude! It's a day to come together as a parish family, enjoy good food and fellowship, and give thanks for the community we share.

CUB SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Start your morning with breakfast hosted by Cub Scout 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 local 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 that *Brewed at St. Gertrude* will not take place this month.

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

We'll gather for Mass at 8 am and again at 10:30 am for a combined parish celebration in the church. There will be no Gym Mass that Sunday.

We hope you'll join us for this special day of fellowship and celebration as we honor St. Gertrude and the vibrant parish family we are blessed to share!

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.

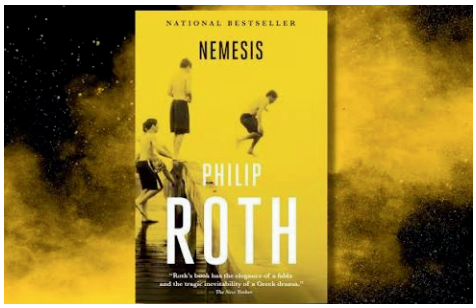
Scan the QR Code or visit us online at **www.stgertrudechicago.org/donate** to learn more information

LISTENING SESSION: CATHOLIC TEACHING, PRACTICE AND TRADITION

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 11:30 AM IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

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 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.



Book Club

Tues., Nov 10 | 6:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of *Nemesis* by Philip Roth at the Ministry Center, 6214 W. Glenwood. New participants are always welcome! For questions, contact Lea Cloninger at 773.213.0509.



Friendship Club

Thurs., Nov. 12 | 11:30am

The Friendship Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Ministry Center. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch for conversation and fellowship.



Gym Masses

November Schedule

Next Sunday, we will have a combined 10:30 am Mass in Church. There will be a Gym Mass on November 22 and November 29 in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville.

Youth Christmas Card-Making

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

Youth in 7th grade and up are invited to join us on Saturday, November 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center to make Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners. Snacks will be provided.



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 STARTS SOON!

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: November 29 and December 6, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the playlot west of the Social Hall (1401 W. Granville Avenue). Cash and checks only.

Online Orders: Online ordering and paper forms will be available soon.

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.



OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

On Friday, November 13, ComEd will temporarily shut off power to the Rectory, Church, and Ministry Center throughout the day to allow for tree removal along the alley next to the parish buildings. This work is being done to prevent future damage to the Rectory and parish garage. Power is expected to be restored sometime in the afternoon. The Rectory office will be closed for the day.

CSPL DELEGATION MEETS WITH POPE LEO AT THE VATICAN

A yearlong effort to restore pastoral care for immigrants detained at the Broadview ICE facility recently reached the Vatican. A delegation from the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), including St. Gertrude parishioner Jeanne Rattenbury (pictured last row, second from the left), traveled to Rome and met with Pope Leo to share the stories, struggles, and prayers of detained immigrants and their families.

CSPL has been instrumental in ensuring that detainees at Broadview receive spiritual and pastoral care. Since mid-May, a rotating team of 75 volunteer ministers has made daily visits inside the facility, without missing a single day. To date, they have completed more than 135 visits, providing comfort, prayer, and pastoral support to more than 725 detainees. This interfaith ministry continues to advocate for lasting access to those who are detained and separated from their families.

The delegation thanked Pope Leo for his support of human dignity, immigrant rights, and religious freedom, bringing the voices of those often unseen and unheard directly to the Holy Father.

GROWING IN FAITH

Our readings this Sunday are infused with the theme of keeping vigil: watching, waiting, being attentive, being patient, being expectant. The Old Testament passage speaks of Wisdom and comforts us with the words, “Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.”

How lovely an image! Holy Wisdom is sitting by our gate at dawn, waiting for us, keeping vigil for us, just as we are beginning our day and rushing past our gate with our coffee.

Just the mere sound of her name, Holy Wisdom, (in Greek, Hagia Sophia) brings me peace. My affinity for her I believe began when I discovered Thomas Merton’s poem “Hagia Sophia.”

I read it for the first time while visiting Gethsemane Abbey, Merton’s monastic home. I recall walking in silence up the steps to the Abbey at 3:15 am and being awed by the bells for Vigils as they began ringing through the morning’s darkness. Once inside the Abbey church, the monks were chanting by candlelight, just as in our Psalm, “...and through the night-watches I will meditate on you...” And there we were together at Vigils keeping vigil. Waiting, listening for our God.



In his poem “Hagia Sophia,” one of Merton’s many descriptions of Wisdom suggests, “She is in all things like the air receiving the sunlight.” She is always with us, in all places and at all times, guiding and helping us keep vigil for our God. Perhaps the way we can keep our lamps filled and trimmed, and with oil to spare is by striving to live our lives lovingly, truthfully, and abundantly, infused with the light and counsel of Holy Wisdom.

Beth Nelson



Pictured: Fr. Mike and other Chicago Marathon runners receive a blessing from Fr. Sergio on Saturday, October 10 at the 5:00 pm Mass.

THANK YOU FROM FR. MIKE BRADLEY FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to everyone for your support as I took part in the Chicago Marathon. Knowing that you were praying for me and supporting me by donating to St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart ministry kept me moving forward to the finish line.

As I ran and walked the 26.2 miles, I prayed three rosaries for the intentions of those who requested prayers.

Your support for Heart to Heart makes a difference! Thus far, we've raised over $8,060.20, all of which helps Sister Susan Quaintance, the Director of Heart to Heart, and her volunteers, who provide pastoral care for elderly and homebound neighbors, along with loaning durable medical equipment to those who are in need.

Fr. Mike

ECRA INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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.



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Educating minds that think, hearts that love, and hands that serve.

CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES WELCOME

Bright Futures Start Here



Join our next Open House November 17

www.resources.northsidecatholic.org/enrollment

THE ROSARY AT ST. GERTS

AFTER 7:30 AM SERVICE & FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

The bilingual Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos)that meets weekly in the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Friday in the church right after the 7:30 am Mass/Communion service.

Please consider joining us —we would love to have you!



Parish Information

NEW PARISHIONER
Daniel Weber

REST IN PEACE
Joseph P. Canepa

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, November 9: 7:30 am - Communion Service
Tuesday, November 10: 7:30 am
Wednesday, November 11: 7:30 am
Thursday, November 12: 7:30 am - Michael Signa+
Friday, November 13: 7:30 am
Saturday, November 14: 5:00 pm - George Cenar Sr.+
Sunday, November 15: 8:00 am - Maggie Callaway+;
10:30 am - Lillian McCall+

FINANCIAL REPORT OCT 31-NOV 1
Sunday Collection Envelopes: $2,461.00
Loose Checks: $685.00
Loose Cash/Coins: $801.25
Online Donations: $3,397.57
Total Collected: $7,344.82
Budgeted: $10,000.00
Difference: -$2,655.18
YTD Collected FY 2027: $163,565.40
YTD Budgeted FY 2027: $550,000.00
Difference: -$386,434.60



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
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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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