

St. Gertrude's Marathon Weekend



Saturday, October 7

Register to participate, buy
t-shirts, and volunteer at
<https://bit.ly/StGerts3K>

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Next Weekend is our Chicago Marathon Weekend Fundraiser!

There are two events that make up our Chicago Marathon Weekend. Our Soles of St.

Gertrude parish 3K fun run and walk (and a pep rally to show our support of Fr. Mike Bradley's run!) will take place on Saturday, October 7.

Then on Sunday, October 8, Fr. Mike Bradley will lace up his running shoes for his 50th marathon, raising funds for Heart to Heart!

Please consider being a part of these fundraisers! Information on how to help is below.

Soles of St. Gertrude Parish 3K Fun Run and Walk

We extend an invitation to all parishioners and Edgewater residents to join us next Saturday, October 7 as we gather for a morning of fun, community, and generosity. Our schedule is:

- 8-8:45 am - Warm up and stretch exercises.
- 8:55 am - Opening prayer
- 9:00 am - Runners will take off
- 9:30 am - Walkers will take off
- 9:45 am - Those who will be doing a walk around the block.
- 10:30 am - Pep Rally to show our support for Fr. Mike Bradley.
- 5:00 pm Mass - There will be a blessing at Mass for all those participating in the Chicago Marathon.

We truly need all the support we can get to make this event a success. I encourage all of you to unite in support of St. Gertrude Parish and its mission to serve those in need.

Sign up in the back of church using a paper registration form or register online at <https://bit.ly/StGerts3K>.

Event T-Shirts

Those who have already registered for the Soles of St. Gertrude parish or purchased a t-shirt can pick them up after Mass.

And those who are interested in purchasing one can still get one for \$15.

Fr. Mike's Chicago Marathon Efforts

Please consider supporting Fr. Mike's efforts by donating to Heart to Heart online at <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns> or via a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory.

If you are writing a check, please add Fr. Mike's name in the memo line.

Thank you to Kathy Osberger!

Special thanks to Kathy Osberger, parishioner and author of *I Surrender: A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975*, for her talk last week at St. Gert's (pictured).

We are so grateful that she shared her very personal reflections on her memoir of Chile's dictatorship and her account of the many heroic acts of faith by religious and laity.

We still have a few copies of her book available in the rectory if you like to get one.



This Week's Marathon Minute by Fr. Mike Bradley

Have you ever come in last – in a classroom election? When being chosen for a basketball team? In anything? Let me tell you about my last place finish in a marathon.

Some years ago, I signed up for a marathon traversing rural roads through several villages in central Wisconsin. The race organizers and other participants were so friendly and welcoming.

In fact, there were only 50 of us signed up, and so there were opportunities to interact with other runners as we ran the 26.2 miles. I struck up conversations with several runners who ran at my pace.



One of them was an amazing young lady who was very athletic and enthusiastic throughout the run – and she was 5 months pregnant!

After running 22 miles I “hit the wall” and had to slow down considerably. Eventually, I crossed the finish line, but I was the very last runner to do so! I was pleasantly surprised that my new friend and her husband (and other runners) were waiting at the finish line to greet me! I was reminded of Ecclesiastes 9:11 - the “race is not always to the swift or the battle to the strong... but time and chance happen to them all.”

Coming in last place taught me to laugh at myself!

~Fr. Mike Bradley

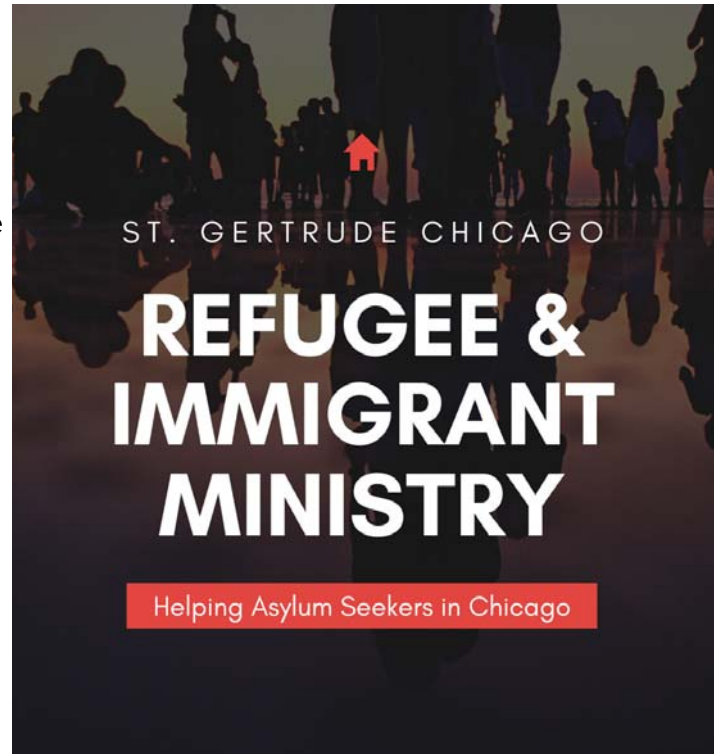
Donations for Asylum Seekers

A collection for asylum seekers is this weekend. These donations will be sent to Care for Real, who is providing support to families sheltering at the Broadway Armory in addition to feeding neighbors in need.

Forgot to bring items to mass today? Care for Real is looking for these items:

- Baby wipes
- Diapers size 4-6
- Pull-ups
- All toiletries
- Menstrual pads
- Ready-to-eat items like granola bars, tuna or chicken salad cracker packs, individual milk boxes

You can drop off these items at 5341 N. Sheridan Road from Monday-Friday from 12:00-3:00 pm, or make a donation on their website, <https://careforreal.org/wishlist>.



2023 Feast of St. Francis: *The Way of St. Francis: Seeking Peace and Justice for All Creation*

St. Scholastica Monastery
7430 N. Ridge Boulevard, Chicago or Zoom
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm

For more information or to register in person, contact Sr. Patricia Coughlin, OSB, at patcoughlinosb@sbcglobal.net.

To register for the virtual event, email web-coordinatorosb@osbchicago.org.

Kids Word: Kids Word has resumed during the 10:30 am Mass in church. This program offers children aged 4-7 years-old an age-appropriate Gospel message and do fun, scripture-based activities such as coloring or crafts in the Rectory.

Children are invited by the celebrant to come to the altar before the readings and are returned to church before the petitions.



Pet Blessing Planned for Sunday, October 8

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is Tuesday, October 4. As we do each year, there will be Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 8 at 11:30 am on the steps of the church.

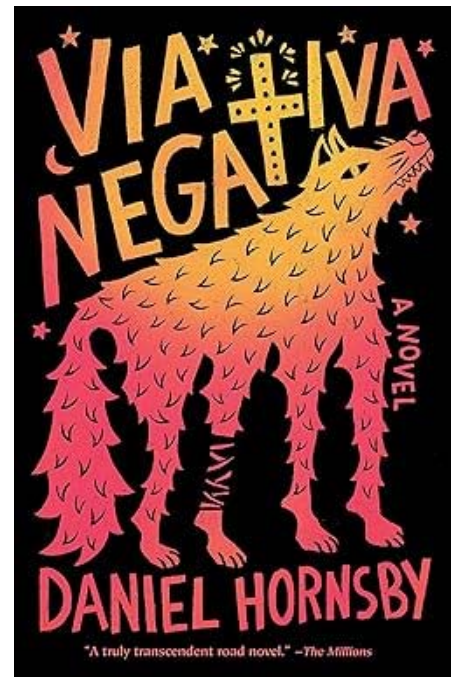
Please join us with your furry (or scaly!) loved ones!

Book Club, Monday, October 9

On Monday, October 9, the book club will discuss *Via Negativa* by Daniel Hornsby at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

The premise of the book centers around a priest who embarks on a fateful journey with a pistol in his pocket and an injured coyote in his backseat.

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.



Parish Pastoral Council Member News; October Meeting Date Announced

The Parish Pastoral Council welcomed three new members:

- Ed Butler
- Gordon Hannon
- Krista Chinchilla-Patzke

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

If you would like to discuss anything with the PPC, please email us at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.





Next Women's Friendship Club Gathering is Thursday, October 12

St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center. The gathering begins at 11:30 am, attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

Dessert is provided!

Altar Server Training Session Planned for Thursday, October 12

Students in 5th grade and up are invited to become altar servers! There is a training session planned for Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 pm.

Please note, serving as an altar server does qualify for Confirmation service hours.

Contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with questions.



Financial Report from September 23-24

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,167.00
Loose Checks: \$550.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$764.94
Online Donations: \$4,792.06
Total Collected: \$8,274.00

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: \$1,726.00

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$122,792.46
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00
Difference: -\$263,607.54

Thank you for Supporting Care for Real; Our Next Food & Supply Drive is October 21-22

Thank you to the many people that brought supplies for Care for Real last weekend!

Our next supply drive is October 21-22.

You can give to Care for Real! Make a donation on their website, <https://careforreal.org/wishlist>, or drop off items at 5341 N. Sheridan Road from 12:00-3:00 pm Monday-Friday.



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Growing in Faith: *May we all be Channels of Peace*

Remember what it was like when you were asked, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" Did you know, could you answer? Did it change from grade school, high school, college? Have you worn many hats, changed careers, or are still open to new possibilities? Who and where are you now? What's life like?

Today's readings give us some answers to living life today. St. Paul tells us to have the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus. Be obedient, trusting, humble, caring, thoughtful, loving person. St. Francis of Assisi was that.

He was a joyful, fun loving, peaceful, loving man. Besides all the stories about the wolf, the leper, flowers, sun, moon, Francis found God everywhere and in everyone. His Church was all of creation, his school was the market-place, his need for a place for prayer was a cave, a hillside where his love, learning, following Jesus led him to the mystery of God. It is said he would look everyone in the face and be amazed at the face of God looking back at him.

His simple way of life is outlined in his Peace Prayer. May we all be channels of peace.

~ Sister Kathryn Stimac, OSF

Interested in Becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact pastoral associate Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Available Resources

For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary.

St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website has a Domestic Violence information page at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help> and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists information on abusive relationships, including where to start, organizations that provide housing, legal help, Spanish-Speaking assistance, Asian, Arabic, & Korean assistance, LGBTQ help, help for teens & young adults, help securing the safety of pets, what does abuse look like, how to help a friend or family member, emotional abuse, why people stay in abusive relationships, and more.

House of the Good Shepherd Fundraiser

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have been serving Chicago since 1859 and founded one of the city's first domestic violence programs in 1980.

The House of the Good Shepherd is unique among domestic violence shelters; beyond physical safety, mothers are immersed in a program that sets the foundation for their new lives. In an atmosphere of love and compassion, our families are connected with resources based on their needs, inclusive of legal assistance, education, medical services, childcare and employment. The majority of women who complete the program leave with permanent housing, savings, and employment and receive long-term support.

The House of The Good Shepherd Women's Board provides a vital source of funding through its annual event, "The Glow of Hope." Its fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy efforts have helped the House serve more than 6,000 mothers and their children.

Please consider attending or donating to this fundraiser. *An Afternoon in Paris* will take place on Sunday, November 5 at the Four Seasons Hotel. There will be cocktails and a silent auction at noon, with brunch and a live auction at 1:00 pm. Fr. Charles Dahm, the Archdiocesan Director of Domestic Violence Outreach, will be the keynote speaker.

You can also stand with the courageous women and children whom the House of the Good Shepherd serves by donate a gift certificate, an item, or an experience for our auction! Please email tina.abello@hotmailorlebermicloud@icloud.com or go to <https://www.hgschicago.org/glow-of-hope-event> for information.

Did You Know?

At least **1 in 4** women,



and **1 in 7** men, are victims of severe violence from a partner at some point in their life.



Interpersonal violence can be physical, sexual, or psychological, and also includes stalking.

Youth Group Outing to Great America

Last Saturday, September 23, St. Gert's youth group went to Great America! Thank you to chaperones and to the students that attended!

Interested in joining our parish youth group? Teens in grade 7 and up are welcome!

For more information, please email Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Registration Still Open for Religious Ed Classes



It's Not Too Late to Register for Religious Ed Classes! No Classes Next Weekend

Parents are still welcome to register their child/children for our in-person Religious Ed instruction, held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am.

Religious Ed registration forms can be found on our website at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>.

Please note there are no classes on Sunday, October 8.

Join the Choir!

Are you interested in joining St. Gertrude's choir? We'd love to have you!

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 pm in church. The choir sings at the 10:30 am Mass in church.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kathryn at kflynn@stgertrudechicago.org.

JOIN THE St. Gertrude CHOIR

REHEARSAL | THURSDAYS, 7-9 P.M.
(IN MAIN CHURCH)
WEEKEND MASS | SINGS ON SUNDAY @ 10:30

Parish Information

Baptisms

- Sophie Amaya Diaz
- Natalia Perez

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Hallie Burhoe
- Maggie Calloway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Denise DeBelle
- Ann Collins Dole
- Connie Engelmohr
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Nancy Michael
- Andy Mueller
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Claude Poulsen
- Richard Seitz
- Willy Spalla
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- Janice Wittenberg
- Yyes Yoza
- Joel Pozzi Zio

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for This Weekend

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, September 30 at 5:00 pm - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Millie Slane
- Sunday, October 1 at 8:00 am - David Sullivan, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Eric Ameyaw

Altar Servers

- Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 am - Mary Cashman, cross bearer; Jayson Ameyaw, Wyatt Dant, Acolytes

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, September 30 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, October 1 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, September 30 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, October 1 at 8:00 am - Kate Davis
- Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 am - Jon Blake

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 2:** 7:30 am - Sam Bethia
- **Tuesday, October 3:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, October 4:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Thursday, October 5:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, October 6:** 7:30 am - People of God
- **Saturday, October 7:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Hector Gancedo
- **Sunday, October 8:** 8:00 am - Richard J. Kerwer, Sr. +; Rosario Batungbakal (80th birthday); 10:30 am church - Joseph & Michael Lackowski +; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of God

Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude in various ways:

- 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

Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectorry 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 Rectorry at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectorry office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

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Heart to Heart Contact Info

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

To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464 or email her at lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org.