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*Bulletin for
Sunday,
October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Support Fr. Mike and Heart to Heart This Weekend!

For years, Fr. Mike Bradley has used his marathon running to support Heart to Heart, turning the challenge of 26.2 miles into an opportunity to help others. Heart to Heart serves older adults and shut-ins in the Edgewater community by providing practical assistance, transportation, companionship, pastoral care, and access to medical equipment through its Lending Closet.

As Fr. Mike runs, he carries the prayers and intentions of others with him—a beautiful reminder that we all have our own “marathons” to run, and that we are stronger when we support one another along the way.



Follow Fr. Mike During the Marathon

Want to follow Fr. Mike's progress during the Chicago Marathon? Download the Bank of America Chicago Marathon app and use the tracking feature to follow his progress. His bib number is 61102.



How to Support Fr. Mike and Heart to Heart

Want to cheer Fr. Mike on while supporting Heart to Heart? There are several easy ways to contribute! Donate online at bit.ly/4yV4JXF, scan the QR code, or make a check payable to St. Gertrude Heart to Heart and drop it in the collection basket at church or at the Rectory.

Please write “Fr. Mike” in the memo line so your gift can be properly credited to his Marathon fundraiser. Every donation helps Heart to Heart continue its ministry of serving those in need in our community.



Thank You for a Pawsitively Wonderful Pet Blessing!

A big thank-you to everyone who joined us last Saturday for our annual Pet Blessing! We were delighted to welcome so many beloved four-legged (and perhaps a few feathered and finned) family members to St. Gertrude. It was wonderful to see some of our parish families' "other" family members—and please let them know they were very good!

We hope they enjoyed their special blessing as much as we enjoyed having them with us!

Parish Events & Activities



**CSPL
LISTENING
SESSIONS**

St. Gertrude is a member of CSPL, a Chicago-based organization that ministers to migrants detained at the Broadview Detention Center and empowers people to put their faith into action.

A small team of St. Gertrude parishioners is holding one-on-one conversations to learn which social justice issues matter most to our parish community and identify ways we might respond together. To participate, please contact Jeanne Rattenbury at jeanne.rattenbury@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

This month, we will discuss "Once There Were Wolves" by Charlotte McConagh.

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 pm

Ministry Center



Next Weekend is World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, focusing on the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: One in Christ, united in mission. He invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ, and how our baptismal identity overflows into our shared mission to bring all into communion with God.

Through this second collection, we are in solidarity with 1,130 mission territories who are dependent on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church.

Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries wherever we are.



Next Sunday is *Brewed at St. Gertrude*

Make plans to stay after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 18 for "Brewed at St. Gertrude," our monthly gathering for coffee and community in the Social Hall. It's a wonderful chance to slow down, connect, and enjoy some time together.

We'll have a selection of pastries along with coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Everyone is welcome—whether you've been part of the parish for years or are just getting to know the community, we'd love to have you join us!

Poetry Pilgrims Meeting is Monday, October 19

Poetry Pilgrims will meet on Monday, October 19, at 7:30 pm via Zoom to read and discuss the poetry of Wendell Berry. New members are always welcome, and no literary expertise is necessary. We learn from the poets and poems selected for each session, as well as from one another's observations and insights. For more information, please contact Rose Marie Anichini at irma71@aol.com.



Save the Date: Forum on *Magnifica Humanitas*

Join Commonweal Action/Commonweal Dialogue on Friday, October 23, from 6:30–8:30 pm in the Social Hall for a discussion of Pope Leo's recent encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, which explores humanity and artificial intelligence.

Professor Joseph Vukov of Loyola University Chicago will lead the discussion and explore the encyclical's implications as we navigate the rapidly changing world of AI.

Please read *Magnifica Humanitas* before the forum: <https://bit.ly/3Tf0Opj>.

Pizza and wine will be served. Contributions are welcome.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence affects millions of people in the United States each year. Abuse can take many forms, including physical, emotional, sexual, and financial control.

Warning signs of an abusive relationship may include:

- Constantly criticizing, insulting, or shaming you
- Extreme jealousy or controlling who you see and where you go
- Preventing you from spending time with family or friends
- Controlling your money or preventing you from working or attending school
- Pressuring you to have sex or use drugs or alcohol
- Threatening you, your children, or your pets
- Intimidating you with weapons or destroying your belongings

MYTH	VS.	FACT
Domestic violence only happens to women.	→	1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of (some form of) physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. 30-50% of transgender people will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.
Drugs, alcohol, stress, and mental illness are the causes of DV.	→	While drugs, alcohol, stress, and mental illness can be factors in an abuser's life and can certainly make an abusive situation more complicated, these things do not cause domestic violence.
Abusers are just out of control and need anger management.	→	Abusers use many deliberate tactics to maintain power and control in a relationship. Sometimes these tactics can include physical violence and aggression, but there are many other ways that control is established.
Domestic violence is always physical abuse.	→	While physical abuse can be one way of maintaining power and control, it does not occur in every abusive relationship and is usually not the only form of abuse if it is occurring. Emotional abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, isolation, threats, and intimidation are all forms of domestic violence.
If a victim doesn't leave, it must not be that bad or they are ok with how they are being treated.	→	Leaving an abusive relationship is extremely difficult. On average, a victim will try to leave an abusive relationship at least 8 times before leaving successfully. Some of the things abusers do to make leaving hard can include: creating financial dependence, using children as a coercion tool, making threats of violence or legal retaliation, or using the court system to keep control of a victim even after they leave.

YWCA Spokane's #EndTheSilence campaign goal is to stop victim blaming and entreat the community to stand alongside victims and survivors of domestic violence as safe allies and remind them that they are not alone. [Learn how you can End The Silence at ywcaspokane.org](https://www.ywcaspokane.org).
Call YWCA Spokane's 24 Domestic Violence Helpline at 509-326-CALL(2255)

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, visit thehotline.org for confidential support, safety planning, and resources.

Parish News

Upcoming Changes to Our Parish Bulletin

St. Gertrude will soon transition to a new bulletin printing company, LPI. As part of this change, the back page of our bulletin will feature advertisements from local businesses, helping offset printing costs.

Own a local business? Consider advertising in our bulletin and supporting St. Gertrude while reaching our parish community. For more information, email news@stgertrudechicago.org and we will connect you with LPI.

Thank you for supporting our parish bulletin!



Come to the Gym Mass

Due to the priest shortage, the 10:30 am Gym Mass schedule is planned one week in advance. There is no Gym mass this weekend, but there WILL be Gym Masses on October 18 and October 25 at 1401 W. Granville.

Please check the e-bulletin for the most current schedule, or contact the parish office at 773.764. 3621, Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, or email news@stgertrudechicago.org.

We look forward to gathering with you!

Update on our Parish Directory

Please know that there has been a slight delay in printing the Parish Directories. Rest assured they will be made available as soon as early November. Thank you for your patience.

New Parishioner

Barbara Burgess



Growing in Faith

Two days before writing this reflection I returned from spending a week in Italy walking on a 60+ mile pilgrimage through the hills of Tuscany with my husband, Bob, and friends. We enjoyed lavishly beautiful vistas with every turn on the trail. Much of the land was covered with olive groves and vineyards on the hillsides, with cultivated plots of kale and butternut squash as well. Sheep and horses were grazing. Hilltop towns could be seen in a distance. Absolutely breathtaking!

As we walked, I felt gratefulness for the blessings that God bestows on us. Today's first reading describes

God's generosity in terms of a sensuous bounty – "a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure choice wines." It is not a big leap for me to associate the beauty of the Tuscan landscapes as the source of the rich foods, choice wines and fattened cattle. Viewing nature alone can be nourishing. It can bring a smile, wipe tears from your face, lessen distress. To be privileged to walk amid such abundance fed my spirit, just as later the fruit of the fields literally nourished my hunger and thirst.

The pilgrimage filled me with a heightened sense of life's blessings.

Elaine Cerny

Financial Report from October 3-4

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,830.00
 Loose Checks: \$1,520.00
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,038.26
 Online Donations: \$7,156.44
 Total Collected: \$11,544.70

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
 Difference: \$1,544.70
 YTD Collected FY 2027: \$128,297.87
 YTD Budgeted FY 2027:
 \$550,000.00 Difference: -\$421,702.13

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Upcoming dates
October 13 & November 17



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Northside Catholic Elementary Schools Expo

Connect with local schools to find the best fit for your family — all in one place!

**Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026
 9–11 a.m.**

DePaul College Prep
 3333 N. Rockwell St.

Scan to learn more! 



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¡Escanee para obtener más información! 



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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 pm - Steven Monti, Janie Carrillo
- Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 am - Joseph Tomasello, Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 am - Robert Backis, Edie Sheridan

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln
- Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 am - Mary Clare Barker, Ellen Pierce, Maria Luisa Ugarte

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Raiden Cruz; acolyte: Bradley Phelps
- Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Mathios Paulos; acolytes: Angel Garcia, Jason Ameyaw

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Robert Actaboski | • Patricia White Holmes | • Delphine Richert |
| • Susan Actaboski | • Gertrude Huisman | • Joan Ross |
| • Victor Ayes | • Tony Hunter | • Rosa Ott Sandoval |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Forrest Ingram | • Sherwin |
| • Patrick Barton | • John Kahoun | • Willy Spalla |
| • Zara Bradley | • Mary E. Kelley | • Floret Spalle |
| • Maggie Callahan | • Marilyn Klein | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Jim Laczkowski | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Cavicke Family | • Joseph Lambin | • Marie Tarallo |
| • Mary DeBois | • Carleen Lorys | • Christopher Thomas |
| • David Denegas | • Roland Mady | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • River Malik | • Joe Touchstone |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • James Mann | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Theresa McMahon | • King Wallace |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Nancy Michael | • Christian Wallace |
| • Marie Galoney | • Steve Monti | • Kevin Walsh |
| • Thomas Hajduch | • Hilda Mora | • Leon Ward |
| • Anne Marie Hamde | • John Nardella | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Anne Hasselbeck | • Patti Paul | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Rochelle Hernandez | • Dealina Peon | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Tricia Hernandez | • Claude Poulsen | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Maria Hertl | • Brad Rice | |
| | • Pam Rice | |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, October 12: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 13: 7:30 am - Patricia Meade+
- Wednesday, October 14: 7:30 am - Cecilia Onyibor+
- Thursday, October 15: 7:30 am
- Friday, October 16: 7:30 am
- Saturday, October 17: 5:00 pm - Marian Shaw+
- Sunday, October 18: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Bill O'Toole+; Gym Mass

Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (determined week by week if a priest is available); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; Saturday: 5:00 pm; The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

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Heart to Heart/Lending Closet 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. To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

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- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevments

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