



BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 12

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 12, 2025

28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

The Latest News From St. Gertrude

Fun at our Pet Blessing Last Weekend

Thank you to those parishioners who came out last Saturday for our annual Pet Blessing!

We were so happy to see these very cute family members who usually don't attend at Mass or our special events.

Please let them know they were very good!

Special thanks to Carolyn Backis and Anne-Marie St. Germaine for the photos. Additional images are available on the home page of our website, stgertrudechicago.org.

World Mission Sunday is October 18-19

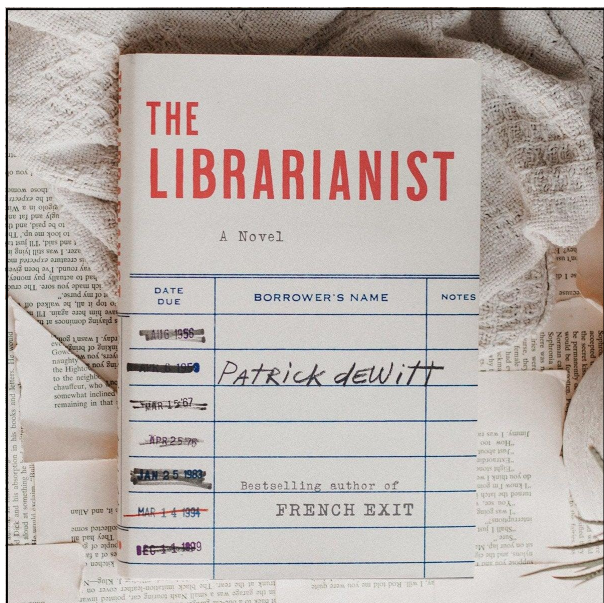
World Mission Sunday will be celebrated at masses next weekend. This annual event unites Catholics worldwide in supporting the Church's universal mission to spread the Gospel and serve those in need and is a powerful reminder of our shared call to be missionaries of Christ's love.

It also serves as the primary fundraiser for The Pontifical Mission Societies, which support activities like building churches, training priests and catechists, and providing healthcare and education in mission areas.

There will be a second collection taken at all masses.



Events & Activities at St. Gertrude



Book Club Gathering is This Tuesday, October 14

Join us for a discussion of *The Librarianist* by Patrick DeWitt on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave.

New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).

Second Collection Next Weekend for World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday and our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. This year's theme, *Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*, reminds us of the message of this Jubilee Year.

Let us reflect on our shared call, as a community of the baptized, to share the love of God with everyone. Your generous contributions to the World Mission Sunday collection will support the efforts of countless missionaries in 1,124 areas where the Church is young, poor, or persecuted. Together, let us build a communion of prayer and action.

There will be second collection at all masses. Donations can also be made online at bit.ly/worldmissionsunday2025.

The poster for World Mission Sunday 2025 features a priest in purple vestments holding a small object, looking at an elderly man. The text 'MISSIONARIES OF HOPE among the Peoples' is at the top. Below the image, it says 'World Mission Sunday 2025 October 19th'. There is a QR code and a 'SHARE: GIVE NOW' button. At the bottom, a table shows 'YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:' with icons and numbers for various categories.

| YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT: | 62,498 | 8,749 | 1,992 | 843,785 | 258,540 |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Parishes | Orphanages | Health Centers | Catholics | Protestants | Muslims |

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings

All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass

Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Saturday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!

Care for Real Collection for Asylum Seeker Drive is October 25 & 26

Our next collection drive for Care for Real is October 25 and 26 before and after masses.

Please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> for information about donating and links to their Facebook and Instagram pages to see what they are specifically looking for at this time.

Our collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month, and our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of each month.



We are so grateful for your help supporting Care for Real as they work to provide food and much-needed supplies to our neighbors who are struggling.



October "Brewed at St. Gertrude" Information

Please join us on Sunday, October 26 for another "Brewed at St. Gertrude", our monthly parish hospitality event!

These gathering are held following the 10:30 am church and gym masses in the Social Hall and feature pastries, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

All are welcome: new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors!

"Brewed at St. Gertrude" parish hospitality events have been scheduled through 2026! The dates are:

- November 16th
- December 21st
- January 18th, 2026

Help Needed with our Brewed at St. Gertrude

Brewed at St. Gertrude, our monthly hospitality following the 10:30 am Mass, is seeking additional volunteers who can help with one or more of the following: set up, serve, bring food, and/or clean up. Those who are interested in giving a little bit of their time each month are asked to reach out to Steven Patzke at stevenjcpatzke@gmail.com with interest or questions.



Save the Date—Catholic Social Teaching in the Past and the Present Moment Discussion on November 5

All are invited to a special event discussing *Catholic Social Teaching in the Past and the Present Moment* on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm in St. Gertrude's Social Hall.



This engaging program will feature two of our own parishioners—Heidi Schlumpf and Michelle Nickerson (pictured above)—both professors at Loyola University, published authors, and past speakers at St. Gertrude's.

Join us for an evening of reflection, dialogue, and inspiration as we consider how the Gospel's call to justice continues to shape our Church and our world today.

Parish Play Planned for November 8 to Benefit Heart to Heart

All are invited to attend a play benefiting Heart to Heart! For one night only, Saturday, November 8, the St. Gertrude Parish Players will perform a Mike Tobin production, *Nazareth Revelation*, a Canadian cowboy love story with bandits and a train robbery.

The performance will take place in the Gym, located at 1401 West Granville Avenue, at 7:00 pm. More information about ticket prices will be shared closer to the event date.



We hope to see you at this festive event featuring the many talented parishioners of St. Gertrude!

Tag Us on Social Media! Attending any of our social events? Tag us on Instagram ([@stgertrudeinchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stgertrudeinchicago)) or Facebook ([@stgertrudechicago](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago)) so we see your great posts!

Growing in Faith

In ancient times, it was common practice to ostracize lepers from their communities. On his own journey, Jesus encounters ten lepers, but he does not heal them immediately. Instead, he instructs them to “go show themselves to the priest,” and they are healed along the way.

Jesus is basically instructing the lepers to trust God and push societal boundaries where God's grace awaits to “reroute” the direction of their lives and change their destinies.

We, too, can learn from this lesson. Is our stream of consciousness permeated with faith, or with self-limiting attitudes? Have there been times in your life when a challenge required you to push a boundary, take a stand, change careers, perform a difficult solo, start a new business, or face cancer, addiction, conflict, or another unexpected turn of events? Have you ever done anything acting on faith alone, without knowing what outcome to expect? Faith must become a habit—a natural part of our stream of consciousness.

More importantly, like the one leper out of ten who returned to thank Jesus, how often do we pause to reflect on our gratitude for those who have helped us along the way—our family, teachers, healthcare workers, police officers, friends we often take for granted, or even a stranger who performs a kind deed?

Today, in our community, let's increase that percentage of grateful lepers from 10% to 100%. Look around. Reach out to someone you may have taken for granted. Say thanks to your parents and your children before time and circumstance separate you.

And in addition to “faith,” let our stream of consciousness be infused with “gratefulness.”

THANK YOU, GOD—for this fantastic gift of life, for everything!

~ Mary Herbin-Horan



October 4-5 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,177.00
Loose Checks: \$650.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$894.46
Online Donations: \$5,068.55
Total Collected: \$8,790.01

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$1,209.99
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$127,969.40
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$ 550,000.00
Difference: -\$422,030.60



Music Ministry Announcement: Hymnals Update

The music ministry of St. Gertrude's has an exciting announcement! After much thought and careful consideration, we have decided to transition to GIA's *Gather, 4th Edition* hymnal. Not only is this hymnal more sustainable and aligned with our mission to care for the planet, but it is also one of the most diverse and inclusive hymnals available—qualities that best reflect St. Gertrude's dynamic and eclectic community. We are thrilled to begin using this new resource at the start of the new liturgical year on November 30, the First Sunday of Advent.

Now, we need your help and support! Outfitting the congregation with a complete set of new hymnals and musical resources is a significant investment, but it is one that will serve us for many years to come. We have purchased 315 hymnals to replace the current ones and are asking for your generosity in helping us cover the cost.

Each hymnal costs approximately \$26, and you may donate as many as you wish. Every hymnal you give can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or in honor of your family or friends. To donate, visit <https://bit.ly/StGertsHymnals>, or send a check payable to St. Gertrude's. (Please be sure to note that your donation is for hymnals, whether giving online or by check. If you donate via Give Central and would like to make a dedication, please email Jonathan with that information.)

Your generosity and commitment to St. Gertrude's are vital to our success, and anything you contribute toward the purchase of these new hymnals will be deeply appreciated.

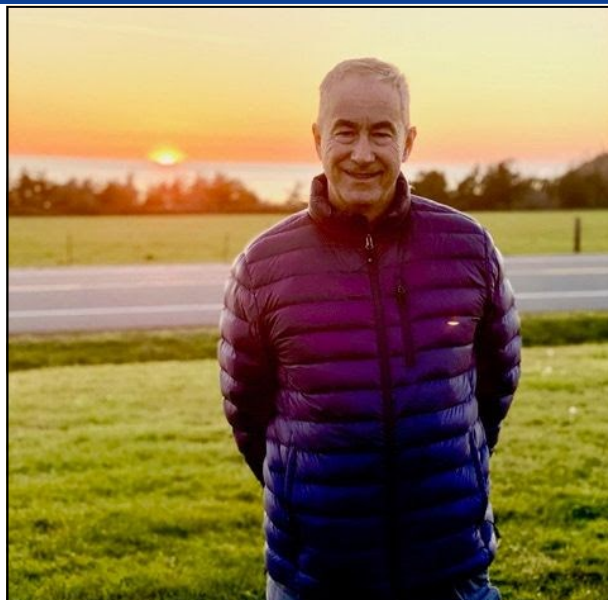
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering a donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact our Music Director, Jonathan Hannau, at jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.764.3621 ext. 22.

A Message from Father Mike Bradley

A few parishioners have asked if I'm running the Chicago Marathon this month. At the advice of my doctor, I will not be running this year because of a medical condition.

Thank you for all your support and prayers over the years. I wish the very best for all those participating this year! I'll be among the million spectators cheering you on!

~ Fr. Mike



Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, October 13: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 14: 7:30 am - Pat and Ralph Veccio+
- Wednesday, October 15: 7:30 am - Marilou V. Cruz+
- Thursday, October 16: 7:30 am - Joseph Avila+
- Friday, October 17: 7:30 am - Patricia Meade+
- Saturday, October 18: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Peggy O'Malley Riordan+
- Sunday, October 19: 8:00 am - John Staggs+ ; 10:30 am - Paulino Mora+; 10:30 am Gym - Estelle Ann Guardino+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

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

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at stgertrudechicago.org.

Rest in Peace

- Joseph Avila

- John McCormick

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 11 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, October 12 at 8:00 am - Tim Love, Jay Cook
- Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Anthony Myers

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 11 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, October 12 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 am - Ellen Pierce, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 11 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano; acolyte: Camille Boquiren, Micah Boquiren
- Sunday, October 12 at 8:00 am - cross bearer: Viviana Love
- Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Adaobi Okoli; acolytes: Mathios Paulos; Angel Garcia

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Marie Galoney | • Dealina Peon |
| • Victor Ayes | • Thomas Hajduch | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Anne Marie Hamde | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tricia Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Marta Carlson | • John Kahoun | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Paul Kapczuk | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Cavicke Family | • Mary E. Kelley | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mary DeBois | • Marilyn Klein | • Tayana Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Joseph Lambin | • King Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Carleen Lorys | • Christian Wallace |
| • Jasmine Drake | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • James Mann | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Alex Marks | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Steve Monti | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Hilda Mora | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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