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Sunday, October 15, 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Once again, heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Mike Bradley, for his successful marathon run, and to all those who participated in the parish Fun-Run-Walk, "Soles of St. Gertrude, and all who sponsored Fr. Mike and the Heart to

Heart ministry.

We had about 65 people who ran the race, helped with the logistics, and cheered on Fr. Mike and the rest of the runners and Sunday's marathoners at our post-race pep rally.

It has been a whirlwind these last two months around here, with so much energy and activities I thought I'd take a moment to share with you how the Spirit is alive and well in the young people of our parish community. Here are a couple things that have been going on and a few upcoming things to come.

I'll start with the Children Liturgy of the Word. After the opening prayer at the 10:30 am church mass, the young children are dismissed and are given handouts filled with beautiful stories of God, prayers, and faith activities sheets connect to each weekend scripture. We are grateful to our catechists and confirmation students who help with each class on Sunday.

At the 10:30 am mass in church today, we will have the Presentation of the First Communion candidates, and next Sunday at the same time, we will have the Presentation of the Confirmation candidates. Please keep our students in your prayers.

The Youth Group had a few weeks ago a trip to Great America's Fright Fest. Next Sunday after the 10:30 am masses is movie time.



From Fr. Mike Gabriel (continued)

Next week, I will continue to share other ways the Spirit is Alive here at St. Gertrude's.

Coming up soon is our Mass of Remembrance, planned for Saturday, November 4 at the 5:00 pm mass.

As in past years for the month of November, we will have the Altar of Remembrance.

All are invited to bring a picture or a memento of a loved one and place it on the } remembrance altar. (We asked that you put a name and phone number so we can contact you if you forget to pick up. We have a box overflowing with past pictures that no one ever picked up.)



Fr. Mike's Marathon Minute

Many thanks to everyone for making the Marathon Weekend at Saint Gertrude so amazing! You made this a memorable 21st Chicago Marathon and 50th overall Marathon. The weekend was filled with many moments of great joy:

All the donations from you, my family and friends, to support the important work of Heart to Heart (very generous!)...The amazing fun run and walk on Saturday, and the pre-run work-out led by Father Mike Gabriel (inspiring!)...The pep rally afterwards (energizing!)... the blessing for us runners at the 5:00 pm mass (uplifting!)...Running and walking the 26.2 miles of the marathon on Sunday morning (realizing that you were praying for me during the Masses – reassuring!)...The cheers and support of many parishioners along the marathon route, especially when I most needed a lift (very encouraging!)...Being able to reach the finish line (with a grateful heart)....



And most of all, I was entrusted with your prayer intentions, which I attached to my arm on a piece of cardboard, and which I referred to often. During my 6 hours, 14 minutes of this marathon, I prayed four rosaries for you and your loved ones, and all the good people of Saint Gertrude Parish.

During each moment of Marathon Weekend, I felt the presence of God – because of you!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you! And may our dear God be praised!

~ Father Mike Bradley

It's not too late to support Fr. Mike's efforts for Heart to Heart! You can still donate online at <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns> or via a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory.





Thank you for Coming to Our Pet Blessing!

Thank you to those neighbors and parishioners who came out this past Sunday for our annual Pet Blessing!

We were so happy to see those family members who don't usually attend Mass.



NCA's Boosterthon, October 10-19

We are hosting a fundraiser to raise funds for NCA, and we need your help! At the finale of our fundraiser on 10/19/23, students will complete 30-35 laps in the NCA Wildcat Fun Run to help our school. Proceeds will go towards a new gym floor at the Primary Campus.

Please consider making a donation to support NCA at <https://bit.ly/3thcF9b>.



BOOSTERTHON

OCTOBER 10—19, 2023

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM FLOOR



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TO DONATE



AND LEARN
MORE!

October is Domestic Violence Month: An excellent resource for getting help and learning about domestic violence is the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Their hotline is 800-799-7233. The organization also supports a text chat, get help by texting *START* to 88788. They also have a very in-depth website, thehotline.com, with resources, safety plans, and more.



World Mission Sunday is Next Weekend, October 21-22

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday and unite with fellow Catholics around the globe. We will renew our call to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ by reflecting on the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

We will also offer our support for the Church's missionary activity in the most remote and resource-limited areas of the world through the annual collection.

Prepare to support the work of the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith with your prayers and generosity.

Thank you for your daily witness to the Love of Christ!

Care for Real Food & Supply Drive is Oct. 21-22

Our next supply drive is next weekend, October 21-22. Items needed for neighbors and asylum seekers include:

Ready to eat meals:

- Canned meals (pop-tops only) like chunky soup, pasta, chili
- Soft granola bars
- Protein bars
- Cheese & cracker packs (shelf stable)
- Juice boxes
- Protein shakes (shelf stable)
- Snack size chips and crackers
- Applesauce & fruit cups
- Peanut butter/jelly

Baby Care:

- Baby wipes
- Size 4, 5, and 6 diapers
- Pull Ups (all sizes)

Personal Care:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Body wipes

Pet Pantry:

- Dry/wet dog food
- Dry/wet cat food





Youth Group Movie Day Planned for Sunday, October 22

All teens in 7th grade and up are invited to come to a movie day!

The group will gather in the rectory after the 10:30 am Mass to watch *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem*.

Pizza, popcorn, and pop will be served.

Questions? Please email Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Help Needed with Baptismal Classes (Held on Zoom) and with our Live- Streaming Team

We are looking for help with our monthly pre-baptismal sessions for new parents and guardians planning to have their child/children baptized at our parish. The classes are typically held on Zoom on a Monday evening and last around 45 minutes.

Every Sunday, our 10:30 am Mass in church is live-streamed by volunteers. Team members using a phone provided by St. Gert's, as well as a camera stand. We'll show volunteers how to go live on Facebook and troubleshoot any issues during the service.

Please reach out to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with questions or if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our Parish Garden's Final Harvest This past week, Mary Clare Barker, Max Schweikert, and Gina Massa harvested the remaining veggies and cleared the space.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to a very successful gardening season!



Growing in Faith

Our first reading this Sunday, from the prophecy of Isaiah, is so comforting (which is probably one of the reasons it is often used at funerals). We hear that God will provide a feast with “juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” Even more miraculous, the Holy One will untangle “the web that is woven over all nations” and “destroy death forever.”

But the kicker is the phrase at the beginning of verse 9: “On that day.” That day . . . not this day. We know that while some enjoy feasts a plenty, others are dying of malnutrition or are chronically hungry. This vision of Isaiah has not been achieved yet.

This coming Tuesday, October 17, is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Promulgated by the United Nations since 1987, it is a day to acknowledge how many people live in poverty and destitution and, importantly, to hear from them about that experience. Then we must determine what part we can play in addressing this reality that is so counter to God’s plan for the human family.

Isaiah’s prophecy reminds us that God’s table is big enough for all, and that no one can be satisfied until everyone has found their place. This week let us watch for the ways that the table is – and isn’t – ready. How can I invite someone to the feast? Can I donate to Care for Real? Might I make some meals for A Just Harvest? Should I lobby for government programs like WIC and SNAP which seem perpetually in danger?

“On that day it will be said, ‘Behold our God to whom we looked to save us!’” Isaiah 25:9a

~ Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB



Financial Report from October 7-October 8

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,139.00

Loose Checks: \$785.25

Loose Cash/Coins: \$510.00

Online Donations: \$5,510.20

Total Collected: \$8,944.45

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$1,055.55

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$140,583.54

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00

Difference: -\$245,816.46

Parish Information

New Parishioners

- Timothy, Emily, and Declan McDonough
 - Halle Voos and Garrett Mogge

Rest in Peace

- Kevin Kirland
- Bernadine "Suzie" Sierzega
 - Roberta Zapata

Baptisms

- Samuel Taylor Herink
- William Felix Van Meter
- Lilia Dorothea Palomino
- Ailish Rose Keller

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
- Rochelle Hernandez
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Nancy Michael
- Andy Mueller
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Denise Plunkett
- 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, October 14 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, October 15 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 am - Eric Ameyaw, Susan McKean

Altar Servers

- Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 am - Henry Villareal, cross bearer; Jayson Ameyaw, Henry Jacobson, Acolytes

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 14 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, October 15 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Troy McMillan, Annie Hasselbeck

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, October 14 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, October 15 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 am - Kathryn Flynn; John Horan - guitar

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 16:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Tuesday, October 17:** 7:30 am - Kathryn Jane Winslow-Smith (birthday celebration)
- **Wednesday, October 18:** 7:30 am - Alex Janicijevic
- **Thursday, October 19:** 7:30 am - Communion service
- **Friday, October 20:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Saturday, October 21:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Hal Mann+
- **Sunday, October 22:** 8:00 am - Kathy Strubbe+; 10:30 am in church - Shirley Goeltenbodt Russ + (20th anniversary of death) ; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Michael Breen +

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/Rectory 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 Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory 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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