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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

Thank You, Fr. Mike Bradley!

Congratulations to Fr. Mike Bradley on completing his 23rd Chicago Marathon in 6:57:22, running in support of Saint Gertrude Parish's Heart to Heart ministry!

A heartfelt thank-you to Fr. Mike for his dedication and generosity, and to everyone who donated, purchased a T-shirt, or cheered him on. Your support makes a difference!

It's not too late to donate! Heart to Heart serves residents in Edgewater and nearby neighborhoods, providing transportation to grocery stores, medical appointments, and church, as well as friendly phone calls and pastoral visits. The ministry also operates the Heart to Heart Lending Closet, providing durable medical equipment to individuals, families, and social service agencies throughout Chicagoland. This ministry couldn't exist without the support of people like you!



Donate today:
<http://bit.ly/4yV4JXF>

Thank you, Fr. Mike, for putting your faith into action! And thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success!

This Weekend is World Mission Sunday

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year marks the 100th celebration of World Mission Sunday, a day set apart for prayer, reflection and contributing to the Church's mission of evangelization. This year's theme—one in Christ, united in mission—was chosen by Pope Leo XIV and it invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism. Pope Leo explains, "The more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusted to us."

We also recognize that the Archdiocese of Chicago, through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, has been organizing global mission support for 100 years. We are proud to say that, over the past century, our communities have engaged in forming missionary awareness and promoting a network of prayer and charity that connects our local church with communities in need throughout the world.

On World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with ad gentes missionaries serving in 1,130 mission dioceses in areas that are often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden or remote. These missionaries depend on our prayers and financial support to continue proclaiming Christ and building His Church. Our donations generously given through this pontifical collection help missionaries share the greatest treasure we can offer: Christ himself and his Gospel.



Let us pray for the gift of young people and adults who will follow the example of our own Pope Leo XIV and leave everything behind to follow Christ, even to the ends of the earth. May we always place Christ at the center of our lives and our communities so that the whole world may believe. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

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.

ST. GERTRUDE
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- OCTOBER 18
- OCTOBER 25

10:30 AM
1401 W. GRANVILLE



BREWED AT ST. GERTRUDE

🕒 This Sunday After the 10:30 am Masses

📍 Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville



POETRY PILGRIMS

MONDAY, OCT. 19
7:30 PM ONLINE

Join us for our monthly online meeting as we discuss the poetry of Wendell Berry.

For more information, please contact Rose Marie Anichini at irma71@aol.com.

Care for Real Collection Next Weekend

On October 24-25, we invite you to help stock the shelves at Care for Real by donating nonperishable food and other essential items after all Masses. Every contribution helps support local individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Not sure what to bring? For Care for Real's current wish list and links to its social media pages, visit linktr.ee/cfrchicago. Thank you for your generosity!



Commonweal 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.

You are encouraged to read *Magnifica Humanitas* before the forum: <https://bit.ly/3Tf0Opj> Come

anyway if you don't have time to read it.

Pizza and wine will be served. Contributions are welcome.

November is the Month of Remembrance

Altar of Remembrance/Book of the Dead

Beginning next weekend, we invite you to bring a photo for the Altar of Remembrance, which will be located in front of the St. Thérèse Shrine at the front of the church. Photos may be placed at any time and can be picked up Thanksgiving weekend. Please include your phone number on the back of each photo.



The Book of the Dead will also be located there. Everyone is invited to inscribe the names of their deceased loved ones in the book. These names will be read during the Mass of Remembrance.

All Souls Day: Mass of Remembrance Planned

Each year, during the month of November, we remember in a special way all those who have died in our parish, as well as the deceased loved ones of our parishioners. On All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, we will celebrate a special Mass at 6:30 p.m. During the Mass, we will pray for everyone inscribed in the Book of the Dead, as well as the names of those who have died in the past year (November 2025 to the present).

Parish News



Growing in Faith: *The Beatitudes*

Each beatitude begins with the words “blessed are those...” But the Greek word behind that translation literally means to be “enlarged” or “fulfilled.” So perhaps the beatitudes make us “blessed” because they awaken our spiritual potential.

But what is our potential? Today’s reading from the first letter of John tells us: “We are God’s children now; what we shall be later has not yet been revealed...When it is revealed, we shall be like God.” It’s as if we have a latent seed of God in us! The beatitudes invite us to grow that seed till we

become “like God” as fully as we can.

Those “poor in spirit” are enlarging their capacity to receive God’s grace and share that grace with others. They let go of thinking they can “do it all by themselves.”

“Those who mourn” grieve the ways they have stunted the life that God offers. Their grief calls them to conversion and inspires them to serve others generously.

“The meek” have grown beyond aggression and violence by developing patience, humility and gentleness in their personal relationships and in society at large.

Those “who hunger and thirst for righteousness” seek both personal moral integrity and commitment to seek justice in the world.

The “pure of heart” have discovered God’s unconditional love and are learning to see God in all things.

The “peacemakers” cultivate peace in their own hearts and seek ways to foster peace with their neighbors, their country, and their world.

Jim Neafsey

Financial Report for October 10-11

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| • Sunday Collection Envelopes: | • Budgeted: \$10,000.00 |
| \$1,690.00 Loose Checks: \$1,255.00 | • Difference: \$243.36 |
| • Loose Cash/Coins: \$861.90 | • YTD Collected FY 2027: \$138,541.23 |
| • Online Donations: \$6,436.46 | • YTD Budgeted FY 2027: \$550,000.00 |
| • Total Collected: \$10,243.36 | • Difference: -\$411,458.77 |

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!



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Upcoming dates
October 13 & November 17



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Text: "START" to 88788
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24/7 | Free | Confidential
Support for anyone affected by relationship abuse.

New Parishioners

- Mikaila Chamblee-Barbaza and Roland Barbaza
- Kimberley Danna and Benjamin, Rachel, and Joel Mulick
- Margaret Gonzalez

Rest in Peace

- Kathleen DeNicolo, mother of Brian and the late Beth

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes, Joseph Tomasello
- Sunday, October 18 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 am - Arthur Lyons, Theo Fletcher

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, October 18 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 am - Mary Clare Barker, Michael Kowalsky, Lisa Schneider

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Carter Dant; acolyte: Wyatt Dant, Raiden Cruz
- Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Camille Boquiren; acolytes: Micah Boquiren, Diarmuid McKeown

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 19: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 20: 7:30 am - Bob Gallagher+
- Wednesday, October 21: 7:30 am - Emmanuel Onyibor+
- Thursday, October 22: 7:30 am
- Friday, October 23: 7:30 am - John McCall+
- Saturday, October 24: 5:00 pm - Fr. William Kenneally+
- Sunday, October 25: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Ramon Rosales+; Gym Mass - Joseph Terry Shields

Parish Staff and Contact Info

- Rev. Sergio Romo, Pastor—sromo@stgertrudechicago.org
- Patricia Branigan, Events/Room Booking Contact—pbranigan@stgertrudechicago.org
- Janie Carrillo, Parish Secretary—jcarrillo@stgertrudechicago.org
- Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate—eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org
- Jonathan Hannau, Music Director—jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org
- Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager—call 773.973.5464
- Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, Heart to Heart Director—squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org
- Tracy Shields, Communications Director—tshields@stgertrudechicago.org
- Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management—esoto@stgertrudechicago.org

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.

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

- Reach the Parish Council at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Donate to our Parish

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

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