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Bulletin for
Sunday, October 20, 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Please welcome Jonathan Hannau, our new Music Director! Jonathan will introduce himself

at all the masses this weekend.

Congratulations to Father Michael Bradley, who successfully completed another marathon in 6 hours and 8 minutes. Also, thank you to all of you who sponsored Father Mike. All the money raised goes to the Heart to Heart ministry.

A special welcome to our First Communion candidates this Sunday at the 10:30 am mass in church. We recognize as a community that these candidates are spending more time in prayer and preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. They ask everyone to pray for them during this time.

This weekend is Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection. We join this Sunday with churches all over the world to donate some of our treasure to support missions across the globe.

During the month of November, we remember in a special way all those who have died in our parish, as well as our other family and friends. Our annual Mass of Remembrance is coming up on Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day, at 5:00 pm. During the mass, we will have the Rite of Remembrance. In this simple ritual, the names of each of those who have died in each month is called out and a candle with their name is lit. After the mass, families and loved ones are encouraged to come forward and take the candle with their loved one's name on it.

If you have a family member or friend who died in the past year, but was not buried from St. Gertrude, email Sheryl at spatterson@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773-764-3621. Please give us their name and their date of death so they can be added to the list.

We will also have the Altar of Remembrance, which will be in front of the Blessed Mother's Shrine. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved one as we pray especially for them during the month of November. Please put your phone number on the back, and we ask that you pick them up over Thanksgiving weekend.



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Backis

Congrats to Fr. Mike Bradley on Completing the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart!

Many thanks to everyone for your wonderful support as I took part in the "Bank of America Chicago Marathon." It was a pleasant day for a run, with comfortable temperatures and so many supportive spectators. Thank you to all those parishioners who cheered me on.

I finished the marathon in 6 hours, 8 minutes, and 27 seconds. Six minutes faster than last year.

During the marathon, I prayed four rosaries for all the intentions that were asked of me. Your intentions were written down on a piece of cardboard I carried.

I'm grateful for your contributions to St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart ministry. I am proud to run for such a great cause and great people (Sister Susan Quaintance, OSB, Laurie Hasbrook, and the generous volunteers.) I'm very grateful also to Father Mike Gabriel for his support for my running.

From the bottom of my heart, many thanks to all of you!

~ Father Mike Bradley

It's Not Too Late to Donate to Fr. Mike's Run for Heart to Heart!

Fr. Fr. Mike Bradley ran the Chicago Marathon, raising funds specifically for our Heart to Heart ministry. Donations are still welcome!

Please consider supporting his efforts by donating online at <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns4Heart2Heart>, scanning the QR code, or via a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory.

Please add *Heart to Heart* in the memo line if you are writing a check.



World Mission Sunday 2024

October 20th

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet (MT 22:9)

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

- 38,140 Seminarians
- 8,750 Shelters and Orphanages
- 12,000 Health Centers
- 844,000 Catechists
- 258,540 Religious sisters

TEXT "MISSIONS24" TO 44384

SHARE THE FEAST: *Give now*

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
a Pontifical Mission Society

WWW.ONEFAMILYINMISSION.ORG/WMS

World Mission Sunday is This Weekend!

Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics around the globe in supporting the mission of the Church in places where the faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generous contributions today will make a significant impact on the lives of many and help spread the Gospel message to all corners of the world.

It's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

Interested in learning more about World Mission Sunday? Visit onefamilyinmission.org, and you can hear stories from missionaries on their podcast, *Frontiers of Faith*.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness 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, <https://thehotline.com>, with resources, safety plans, and more.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE



Religious Education Info

Below are some important dates for Religious Ed students, particularly for those making sacraments this school year:

Think First & Stay Safe

Sunday, October 20 & Sunday, October 27

This Sunday and next Sunday, two mandatory sessions, *Think First & Stay Safe*, will be held for Religious Ed students.

Presentation of First Communion Candidates

Sunday, October 20

All those who will be making First Communion in May 2025 should attend the 10:30 am Mass in church after their regular Sunday class. During the Mass, the priest will call forward the candidates to

be acknowledged by the whole community. All Communion candidates must be accompanied by an adult.

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, October 27th

All students who plan to be confirmed in March 2025 should attend the 10:30 am Mass in church after their regular Sunday class. During the Mass, the priest will call forward the candidates to be acknowledged by the whole community. All Confirmation candidates must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

NCA Play Date Planned for Monday, October 21

Next week, Northside Catholic Academy has planned a special activity for parents and their toddlers, featuring stories, a craft, and songs. The event is planned for Monday, October 21 from 9:30-10:30 am at 6216 N. Glenwood.

Please RSVP to gmafatti@ncaschools.com.



An Invitation from the New Music Director: Choir Sing-a-Long and Potluck on Wednesday, October 23

We have to get the choir started again! In order to get to know you all a little better, and to see what you like to sing, I will be hosting a sing-a-long potluck party at my home on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

I hope to make a positive contribution to the legacy of this church! I'm looking forward to meeting you!

~ Jonathan Hannau, Music Director

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.





Collection for Care for Real is October 26 and 27

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.

Please place nonperishable items in the bins at the back of church before and after mass. Special needs this month include diapers in any sizes.

Visit www.careforreal.org/wishlist to shop Care for Real's Amazon or Target wish lists. Donations can be dropped off between 12:00-3:00 pm Monday-Saturday at the back entrance of 5339 N. Sheridan.

Parish Town Hall Planned for Sunday, October 27

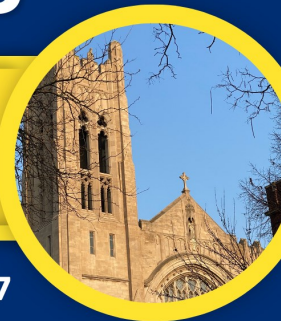
The Parish Pastoral Council asks that you reserve the date for a Call to Action Town Hall on Sunday, October 27 .

This meeting will be held in the Gym immediately following the 10:30 am masses and will discuss how to operationalize the strategic plan.

TOWN HALL MEETING

**Join the Parish
Pastoral Council
for a Town Hall**

**Sunday, October 27
after the 10:30 am
masses**



ST. ANDREW'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE
EDGEWATER TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FROM 1-3PM

— ST. ANDREW'S PARKING LOT —



Decorate your trunk & give candy, or do just one of the two.  This is a free event!

Listen With the Ear of Your Heart Heart to Heart Listening Session on Tuesday, October 29

That's the first piece of advice that St. Benedict gives in his Rule, and Heart to Heart is taking it to . . . heart.

Heart to Heart is the parish program that serves older adults in Edgewater with the goal of helping them remain independent in their homes.

Sr. Susan Quaintance, O.S.B. will be holding a listening session with volunteers about their experiences and reflections on the place of the program in the parish. While the Lending Closet is also part of Heart to Heart, that is not what will be discussed. We will focus on the outreach to seniors who need transportation and other services. If you would be interested in being a part of that conversation, please join us on Tuesday, October 29, at 11:30 am We will meet in the Ministry Center Dining Room.

Heart to Heart News



Youth Group Visit to the National Museum of Mexican Art on Saturday, November 2

Attention students in 7th graders and up! On Saturday, November 2, you are invited to join the youth group as they visit the National Museum of Mexican Art.

On this field trip, you will be able to visit exhibitions capturing the wide range of Mexican cultural expressions and art forms, from ancient to modern and on both sides of the U.S. - Mexican border. This is a very exciting cultural experience amidst of the Day of the Dead Celebration!

Email eecamilla@stgertrudechicago.org for more information.

Financial Report from October 12-13

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$3,609.00
Loose Checks: \$715.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$665.05
Online Donations: \$6,900.91
Total Collected: \$11,889.96

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: 1,889.96
Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$148,616.76
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$401,383.24



Fr. Mike Bradley and Laurie Hasbrook to be Recognized as 2024 Edgewater Treasures

On Saturday, November 2, Fr. Mike Bradley and Laurie Hasbrook, along Dr. Jamal Husain, will be recognized as 2024 Living Treasures of Edgewater! The event will be at 1:00 pm at the Edgewater Public Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Edgewater Living Treasures are residents of Edgewater who have made a difference, some in a profound, fundamental way, and others in a small but significant action that has affected the well being of the Edgewater community. Their deeds were not driven by personal gain, but to help the people of the community – whether generating beauty, fostering harmony, helping the less fortunate or encouraging grass roots activity.

In addition to his work at the Archdiocese and St. Gertrude parish, especially the Heart to Heart ministry, Fr. Mike has raised funds for an AIDs clinic in Uganda, Catholic Charities in Chicago, Leukemia Society, and Northside Catholic Academy.

Laurie has worked diligently to improve the lives of others in Edgewater for more than 20 years. She has served as a support person for Iraqi refugee families, assisted

migrants, worked with various mutual aid networks and WhatsApp groups to distribute goods and services to help these new neighbors. And her work at St. Gertrude, especially with the Lending Closet, has been a blessing to so many!

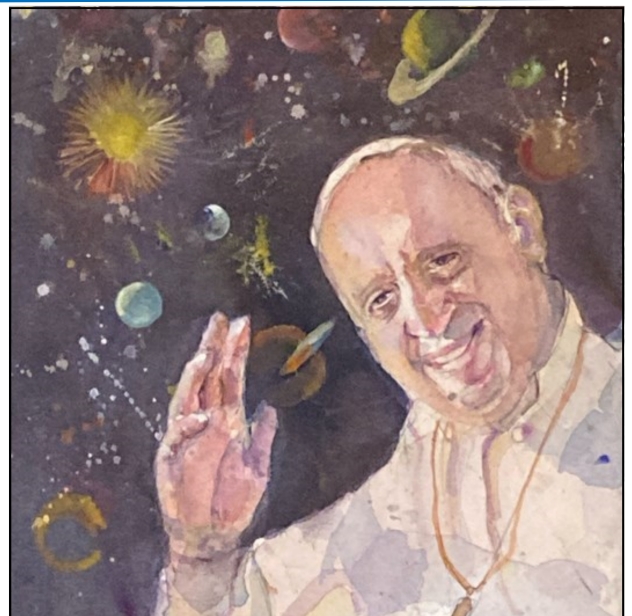
We hope you can join us to celebrate these amazing people!

Parish Play Planned for Saturday, November 2 to Benefit Heart to Heart

The St. Gertrude Players are staging a new musical play on Saturday, November 2nd, at 7:00 pm in the Gym.

The play, "Two Trillion At Least," tells the exciting tale of the Pope's trip to outer space! (The title refers to how many galaxies there are in the Universe.)

Please plan to be there!



Mass of Remembrance Planned for Saturday, November 5

We will have our parish's Mass of Remembrance on November 5 at the 5:00 pm mass. We will light a candle especially for those who died this past year.

If your loved one passed and was not buried from St. Gertrude's, please call the rectory with the name of the person and the date of their death.



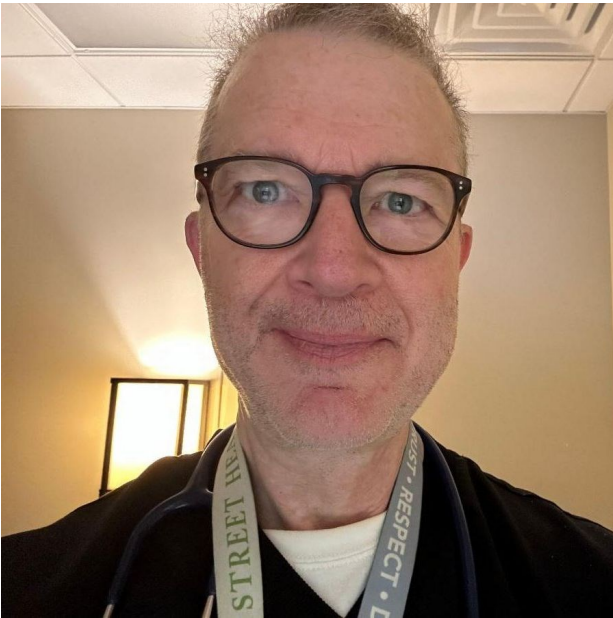
Thank you to our Parish Garden Volunteers

This week, I picked the last of our veggies and herbs. We finally got some carrots and the celery is as large as it is going to get this year. We were also able to harvest some herbs, basil, oregano, and rosemary, as well as several jalapeños, a few cucumbers, and tomatoes.

This season, we were able to share the bounty from our garden with St. Thomas of Canterbury's soup kitchen and the food pantry at Care for Real.

Our heartfelt thanks to our amazing volunteers who contributed to a very successful gardening season!

~ Mary Clare Barker



Growing in Faith

Today is World Mission Sunday, which brings to mind some medical missions that I have participated in: a violent hurricane in Texas; a catastrophic earthquake in Haiti; a chaotic border crossing in Venezuela; the jungles of Ecuador; a war zone in Syria. A tremendous amount of human suffering together with an equally tremendous amount of human courage, love, and sacrifice.

One may ask - why would anyone volunteer to go to these places and put themselves in uncomfortable and risky situations? In *The Empire of the Sun*, JC Ballard writes a fictionalized account of his experience of being a 12-year old boy captured and imprisoned by the Japanese forces in China

during WW2. The book is unrelenting in its depiction of human cruelty and suffering. The characters, including Jim, the young boy, are engaged in a brutal fight for survival that leads to all manner of self-serving behavior.

It is difficult to read as it seems that Ballard's experience has left him without hope for humankind. There then comes a scene where the prisoners have stopped for the night as they are being marched to death across an apocalyptic landscape. Jim has, reluctantly, taken on responsibility for a sick elderly man. As Jim is swatting away flies that are gathering on the dying man's face, he has an epiphany: Taking care of another person is the very same as having some other person take care of you. That's it.

From there on the story continues to describe the unending inhumanity. I think that whenever people engage to help others this simple truth, whether conscious or unconscious, is the motivating force: our belief that we are separate from others is a stubborn illusion. The realized truth of our underlying and fundamental unity is our only hope.

~ Fred Martin

Are you ready to shape the future of Loyola and your community? We are on a mission to elevate education and enhance student support for a brighter tomorrow. Your input as Rogers Park and Edgewater residents is vital as we chart the course for our campus. Let's join forces to create an exciting vision for the future!



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Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 21:** 7:30 am - Jean Brown+ and Helen Dillon+
- **Tuesday, October 22:** 7:30 am - Wm. & Lucila Meade+
- **Wednesday, October 23:** 7:30 am - John McCall+
- **Thursday, October 24:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, October 25:** 7:30 am - Ann and Adolph Gabriel
- **Saturday, October 26:** 7:30 am - Joanne Meade; 5:00 pm - Mary Ellen Mellon+
- **Sunday, October 27:** 8:00 am - Louise Rodriguez; 10:30 am - Peter Hertl; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of God

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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 Rector Office at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.

Donate to our Parish

- 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/allevnts

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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Heart to Heart 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 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

- Dolores Delaney
- Florence Sabia
- Patricia Signa

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, October 20 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, October 20 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti, Brynn Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, October 20 at 8:00 am - Josephine Delgado
- Sunday, October 20 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 pm - Carter Dant, cross bearer; Wyatt Dant and Esteban Campuzano, acolytes
- Sunday, October 20 at 10:30 am - Henry Villareal, cross bearer; Viviana Love and Xavier Lassus, acolytes

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse Victor Ayes | • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Andy Mueller |
| • Andrea Banicki | • Luke Fitzgerald | • Donald Nydereck |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Tim Giles | • Dealina Peon |
| • Patrick Barton | • Estelle Guardino | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Zara Bradley | • Thomas Hajduch | • Joan Ross + |
| • Lilly Buie | • Gina Heidkamp | • Willy Spalla |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • The Buttitta family | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Maggie Callaway | • John Kahoun | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Claire Conley | • Carleen Lorys | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Denise DeBelle | • River Malik | • King Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Matilde Manzardo | • Christinan Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Janet McCulley | • Leon Ward |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Nancy Michael | • Ron Whitfield |
| | • Hilda Mora | • 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.