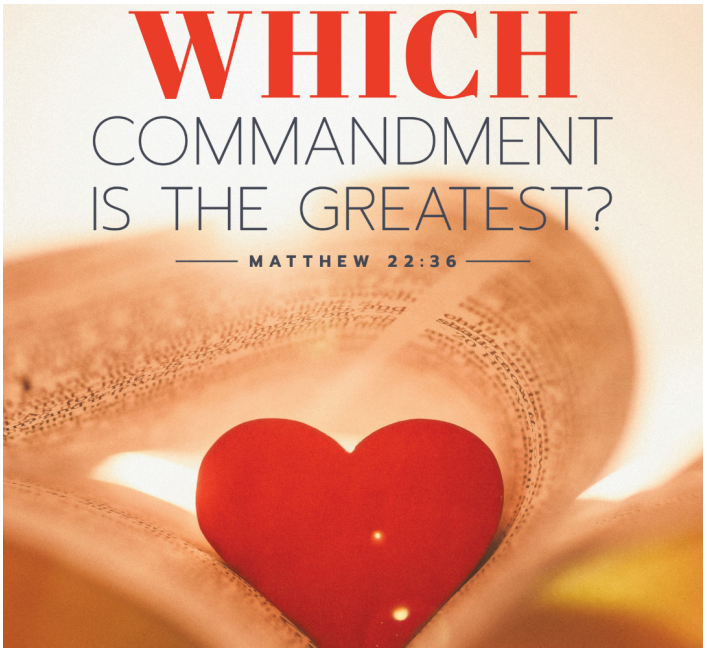

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

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.

Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day

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. We will pray for everyone inscribed in the Book of the Dead, as well as for those who have died in the past year (from November 2025 to the present).

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 CHICAGO GYM MASS

THE GYM MASS SCHEDULE IS DETERMINED WEEK BY WEEK AS WE WORK TO SECURE ADDITIONAL PRIEST COVERAGE.
PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY E-BULLETIN OR OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE.

10:30 AM
1401 W. GRANVILLE

COALITION FOR SPIRITUAL AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP (CSPL)

MONTHLY MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:30-3:00 PM

MINISTRY CENTER

Curious about Events and Activities at St. Gertrude?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page and in our events calendar, found under the *News/Programs* heading! The calendar also lists mass times and weekly activities.

You're Invited: A Listening Session on Catholic Teaching, Practice, Tradition

The Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee invites you to a Listening Session on Sunday, November 8, at 11:30 am in the Ministry Center. Join fellow parishioners to share ideas for deepening our understanding of Catholic faith, tradition, and practice as we explore opportunities to grow together in our faith.

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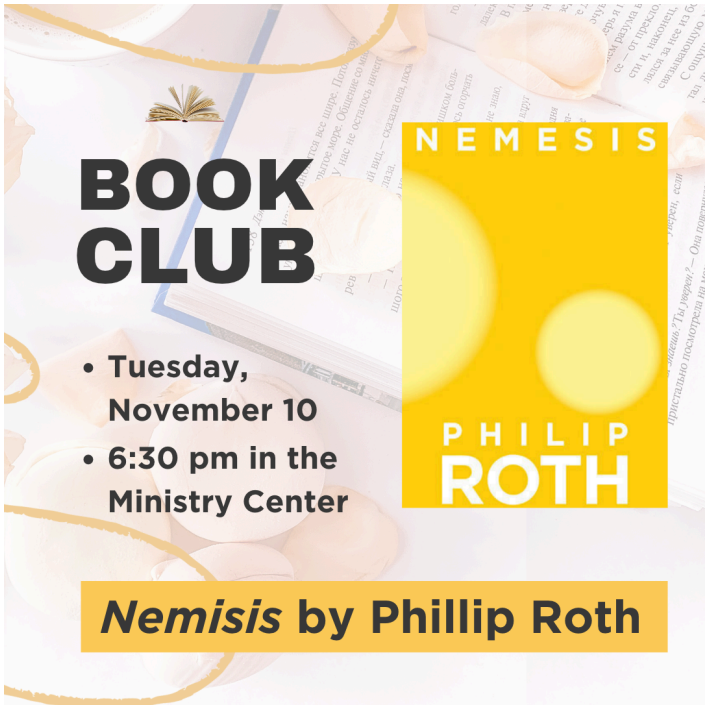
Not sure what to bring? For Care for Real's current wish list and links to its social media pages, visit linktr.ee/cfrchicago



Feast of St. Gertrude Festivities

Join us on on Sunday, November 15 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude! Like any family gathering, we'll come together to share food, connect with one another, and look with hope toward the future.

That morning, all are invited to our Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast in our Social Hall. More details about the the times and cost will be shared next weekend.

At 10:30 am, there will be a combined Mass in church. (There is no Gym Mass.)

Parish News

Growing in Faith

There are all kinds of cultural tropes about neighbors. Sitcoms from the 70s, 80s, and 90s often revolve around the dynamic between protagonist and neighbor: Mr. Roper. Urkel. Wilson. Rhoda. Kimmy Gibbler. Betty and Barney Rubble. They made us laugh and cringe, and they made us wonder: What would I do if my own neighbor acted like that?

This Sunday's readings share the theme of neighbor. In Exodus, God asks the Israelites to remember that they were once foreigners, aliens, and persecuted people, and to let that identity shape how they treat those around them: "you shall not act like an extortioner," and "you shall return [your neighbor's] cloak" when the sun goes down and the cool sets in. The psalm reminds us that God is our refuge, home base, and shield. Fortified by that stability, we can approach others with the compassion God shows us. Paul encourages the new disciples in Thessalonica to stay the course as they adjust to new ways of relating to old neighbors. And lastly, in the Gospel, Jesus names loving God as the greatest commandment and loving neighbor as the second-greatest commandment, the one on which "the whole law and the prophets" depend.

Why are God and sitcoms so concerned with neighbors? What do neighbors teach us? And what do they require of us? I believe God's kingdom is a neighborhood. God shows us, through God's protective action and steadfast love, how to be a good neighbor. In a neighborhood, you don't select who lives next to you, and you don't set the rules. We can't control Steve Urkel or Mr. Roper, and—at first, at least—we certainly wouldn't choose them! But nevertheless, with neighbors, we enact God's own generosity by extending compassion and hospitality, and even growing in intimacy with them.

Our neighborhoods are not so much "practice runs" for our future with God or tests of faith, but instead, they give us the opportunity to build God's kingdom right here and right now, at the corner of Granville or Glenwood Avenue—or at whatever intersection where we find ourselves.

Mara Brecht

The Rosary at St. Gertrude

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos): All are welcome to attend the weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. The bilingual gathering is held in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass/Communion Service: Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Saturday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass/Communion service.

CSPL - Faith in Action

We're delighted to share that parishioner Jeanne Rattenbury will represent St. Gertrude in Rome later this month as part of a delegation that will meet with Pope Leo XIV! St. Gertrude is a member of the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), which has organized the pilgrimage.

CSPL has been a leading voice in advocating for the spiritual rights of people detained at the Broadview ICE detention facility. Their efforts helped secure access to pastoral care for those detained, an important step toward upholding human dignity and religious freedom.

During their visit, the delegation will express gratitude to Pope Leo for his moral leadership and vocal support of migrants and will meet with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to discuss human rights and immigration issues.

We're proud of Jeanne and the entire CSPL delegation for putting Catholic social teaching into action and working to build a more just and compassionate world. Please join us in wishing them a meaningful and inspiring journey!

For more information about this, check out WGN's story: bit.ly/4jyPzTx

Thank You for Supporting World Mission Sunday

Jesus said, "I pray... so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, [and] the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17:21-22)

On behalf of the global network of prayer and charity known as the Pontifical Mission Societies, thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday last week. Our participation is a living sign of unity and missionary communion. Your prayers and contributions will make a difference in often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden and remote mission areas. Our faith community raised $1,198.10 to benefit the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith overseen by Pope Leo XIV.

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!

New Parishioners

- Patricia Gallagher
- The Kajah family
- Claire Rice, Piercey and Sully Horton

Financial Report for October 17-18

- Sunday Collection Envelopes: $2,446.00
- Loose Checks: $120.00
- Loose Cash/Coins: $609.60
- Online Donations: $7,107.42
- Total Collected: $10,283.02
- Difference: $283.02
- YTD Collected FY 2027: $148,824.25
- YTD Budgeted FY 2027: $550,000.00
- Difference: -$401,175.75
- World Mission Collection: $1,198.10

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

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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, October 26: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 27: 7:30 am - Mary Ellen Mellon+
- Wednesday, October 28: 7:30 am
- Thursday, October 29: 7:30 am - Greg Wall+
- Friday, October 30: 7:30 am
- Saturday, October 31: 5:00 pm - Fr. Dominic Grassi+
- Sunday, November 1: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Jerry Clark+; Gym Mass

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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- Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager—call 773.973.5464
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- 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 (The Gym Mass schedule is determined week by week as we work to secure additional priest coverage. Please check the weekly e-bulletin or our website for the most current schedule.); 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

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