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Bulletin for
Sunday,
October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Weekend, Fr. Mike to Run the Marathon for Heart to Heart!

Many thanks for all the words of encouragement and support for my taking part in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 11. I'm also very grateful for all the donations to St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Outreach Ministry. The Saint Gert's Marathon Crew T-shirts have been very popular! Thanks to everyone who purchased a T-shirt and supported Heart to Heart.

There are still a few T-shirts available in large, X-large, XX-large and even XXX-large! Please let me know if you'd like one at mbradley2222@yahoo.com.

Please also send me your prayer requests. I'll write them down on a piece of cardboard that I'll wrap around my arm and carry with me during the marathon. I'll be praying for you, so please pray for me!

I'm grateful to Father Sergio for his wonderful support. Finally, I want to say thanks to all the medical staff who will be stationed along the marathon route. They are heroes!

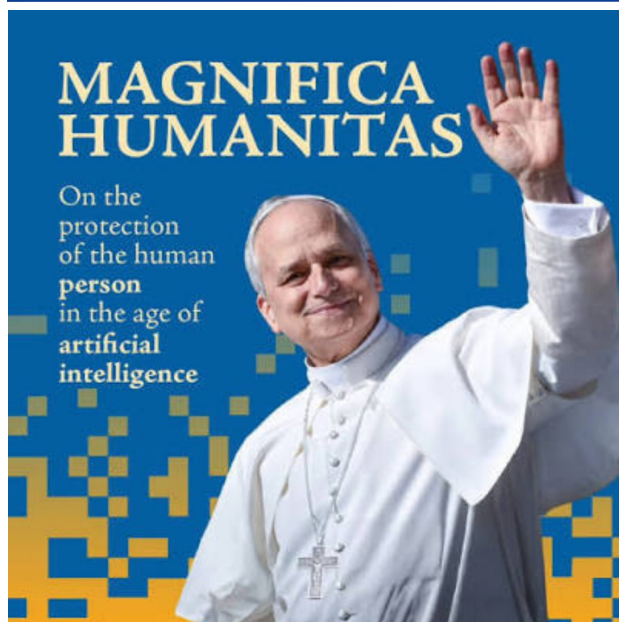
My prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: *O Jesus, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble and patient. Grant that I may in some small way give You praise. Bless all those who seek Your mercy and love.*

Fr. Mike Bradley

How to Support Fr. Mike and Heart to Heart: Donate online at bit.ly/4yV4JXF, using the QR code above, or via a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory. Please add Fr. Mike's name in the memo line.

Special Blessing for Fr. Mike and All Chicago Marathon Participants! Join us next Saturday, October 10, at the 5:00 pm Mass for a special blessing for everyone participating in the Chicago Marathon! Fr. Mike will celebrate the Mass, and Fr. Sergio will offer a special blessing for Fr. Mike and all marathon participants as they prepare for race day.





Save the Date: 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.

Please read *Magnifica Humanitas* before the forum: <https://bit.ly/3tf00Pi>

Pizza and wine will be served. Contributions are welcome.

Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership 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.



Growing in Faith

Last weekend's Gospel features two sons, one whose no eventually became yes, the other whose yes always meant no. The story brings to mind my mother's late cousin, Fr. Ted Schmitt, pastor at St. Monica's Parish and later St. John the Evangelist in Streamwood. An industrious leader, he turned around shaky schools and breathed new life into both parishes.

You might think he was on board with God's will for him from the start. But he was a latecomer to priesthood, ordained at the spry young age of 58. Before that, he led a colorful life, holding such varied roles as University of Michigan football scout, sports

memorabilia store owner, Hollywood executive, and, my personal favorite, longtime friend of actor Chuck Norris.

One day, during his Hollywood years, he was invited to a Frank Sinatra concert, but only given fifth row seats. "Who do they think they are, putting me here!" he'd thought. And then: "What's happened to me, that I care about this?" And so began the slow turn toward, in Ted's words, "paying attention to the whispers" that had long been telling him maybe he was meant for something else.

God works through unexpected people: prostitutes, tax collectors, even Hollywood executives. He whispers in our ear, always offering the chance to be like the first son and change our minds. Will it be enough? Was it enough for Ted Schmitt? I like to think so. As today's psalm says: "The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me...O Lord."

Mary Kate Cahill

Info About Gym Mass

Join us Sundays at 10:30 am for our Gym Mass at 1401 W. Granville Ave. Due to the priest shortage, the Gym Mass schedule is planned one week in advance. Please check the e-bulletin for the most current schedule, or contact the parish office at 773-764-3621, Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, or email news@stgertrudechicago.org to be added to the Gym Mass email list.

Financial Report from September 26-27

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,853.00
Loose Checks: \$470.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$750.60
Online Donations: \$3,381.01
Total Collected: \$6,454.61

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$3,545.39
YTD Collected FY 2027: \$116,753.17
YTD Budgeted FY 2027: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$433,246.83
Seminar Collection: \$1,388.19

Thank You, Gardening Team!

These are the final photos from our last harvest, and what a wonderful gardening season it has been! A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who worked so hard throughout the season to plant, tend, harvest, and share the fruits of your labor.

Care for Real has thanked us many times for the generous donations, and they are SO appreciative of everything our gardening team has provided. Your hard work has made a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you for a great season!



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!

Update on Parish Directory

Please know that there has been a slight delay in printing the Parish Directories. Rest assured, they will be made available as soon as early November.

Thank you for your patience!

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 3 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln, Millie Slane
- Sunday, October 4 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Rose Karasti

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 3 at 5:00 pm - Steven Monti
- Sunday, October 4 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Patrick Robinson

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 3 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Raiden Cruz
- Sunday, October 4 at 8:00 am - Bradley Phelps
- Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Adaobi Okoli; acolytes: Daniel Cunningham, Kora Cunningham

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 |
| • Mary Herbin-Horan | • Dealina Peon | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Rochelle Hernandez | • Claude Poulsen | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Tricia Hernandez | • Brad Rice | |
| • Maria Hertl | • Pam Rice | |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, October 5: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 6: 7:30 am
- Wednesday, October 7: 7:30 am - Sergio Romo Sr.+
- Thursday, October 8: 7:30 am - Florence & Marie Sebia+
- Friday, October 9: 7:30 am
- Saturday, October 10: 5:00 pm - Theresa Cenar+
- Sunday, October 11: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Joseph & Michael Laczkowski+; Gym Mass

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.

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.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached 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

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events, bulletins, and news, go to stgertrudechicago.org.