

BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 5, 2025

27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

A Big Thank You!

Our parish extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the reception after Fr. Sergio's installation last Sunday such a warm, welcoming, and delicious event!

We are grateful to all who contributed baked goods and fruit, and to those who arranged the beautiful flowers. The set-up crew—Jen Reyes, Leigh Holzman, Mary Ellen Rapp, and Carol Clennon—worked hard to make the Social Hall look beautiful. Tim Love and his daughters served coffee and helped wherever needed.

Special thanks to Steven Patzche and the *Brewed at St. Gertrude* team for providing wonderful hospitality!

We also deeply appreciate the clean-up crew—Dorothea Tobin, Laurie Jacob, and everyone who pitched in to clear tables.

Most of all, thank you to each of you who came together to celebrate Fr. Sergio's installation. Your presence made the day especially joyful.



Fr. Sergio & family



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Events & Activities at St. Gertrude



Thank you!

Thank You for Looking out for our Neighbors in Need

St. Gertrude has its Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers this weekend! Please place donations in the bins at the back of church before and after mass times.

Missed it? Donations can be dropped off between 12:00-3:00 pm every Monday-Saturday at the entrance of their new home, 5840 N. Broadway, between 1:00-3:00 pm Sunday through Friday.

Care for Real also has an Amazon, Target, and a Chewy wish list for pet food that are updated

regularly with their most needed items. Links can be found at <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/>. Our asylum seekers' collection is always the first weekend of the month and the regular collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month.

Friendship Club is Thursday, October 9

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

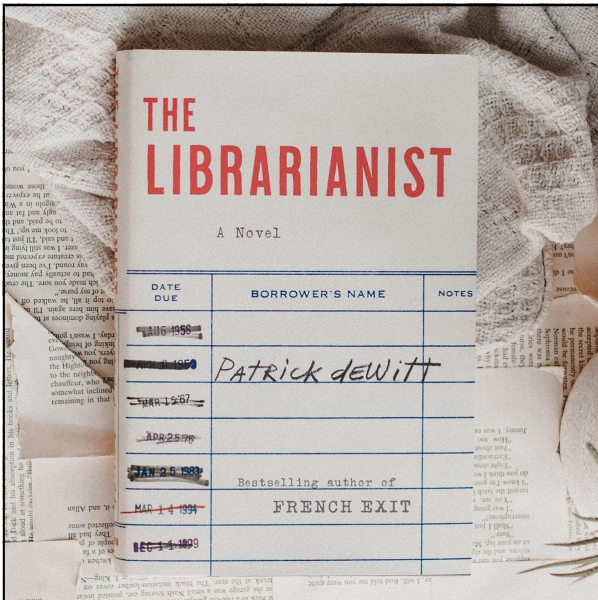


Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings

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.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass

Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Saturday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!



Book Club Gathering is Tuesday, October 14

Join us for a discussion of *The Librarianist* by Patrick DeWitt on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave.

New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).

A Play for Heart to Heart is Planned for November!

All are invited to attend a play benefiting Heart to Heart! For one night only, Saturday, November 8, the St. Gertrude Parish Players will perform a Mike Tobin production, *Nazareth Revelation*, a Canadian cowboy love story with bandits, train robbery, and Native People.

The performance will take place in the Gym, located at 1401 West Granville Avenue, at 7:00 pm. More information about ticket prices will be shared closer to the event date.



We hope to see you at this festive event featuring the many talented parishioners of St. Gertrude!

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.

Wondering about some of our [social activities](#) or [prayer groups](#)? Our *Parish Ministries* page, found under our *Get Involved* heading, shares various ways to get involved in the parish, and our [Contact Us page](#) has details on each member of our staff.

Growing in Faith

The Via di Francesco is an ancient path in Italy linking Rome and Assisi, following the steps of St. Francis. My husband, Bob, and I, along with friends from our parish, spent five days on a pilgrimage, following markers painted on fences, trees, and posts leading to Assisi.

We climbed rocky paths through olive groves. We discovered an awe-inspiring waterfall and walked beside a soothing mountain stream. We walked on ankle-straining cobblestones into villages on hilltops overlooking mountains. We encountered snails, lizards, lots of barking dogs, and an occasional chicken or goose. The sunsets were magnificent.



Walking a mountain path can be quite challenging. Each day, I had moments when I complained, groaned, and hoped the mountains heard—especially before a seemingly endless uphill climb in the hot sun.

Then I would hear a bird singing, and that sweet sound encouraged me to take another step. Or a friend offered to carry my too-heavy backpack. I learned that small steps were easier and got me to the top faster. Somehow, I made it to Assisi.

Each day, I imagined Saint Francis walking this same path. How his constant companionship with nature must have renewed and strengthened him: Mother Earth, Sister Water, Sister Moon, Brother Sun. I walked with wonder, each step an encounter with the immense generosity of the divine displayed in nature.

St. Francis lived in nature, and for his Feast Day, I want to enrich my connection with creation by paying attention to the trees I pass daily without noticing. Using a plant identification app, I wrote the names of the trees around our parish on paint sticks and hung them gently from branches. Look for them, and let's learn about the trees that are our constant companions: Sister Tree, Brother Tree.

Take small steps, and listen for the birds singing.

~ Carolyn Backis

September 27-28 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,825.00

Loose Checks: \$290.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,151.00

Online Donations: \$3,299.37

Total Collected: \$7,565.37

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$2,434.63

YTD Collected FY 2026: \$ 119,179.39

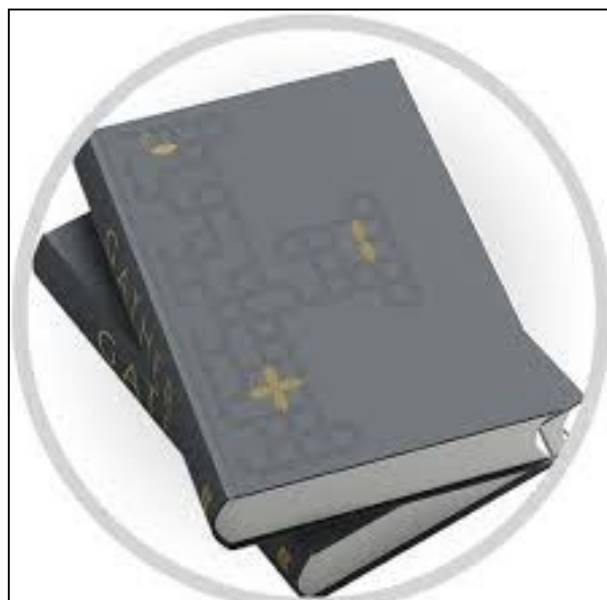
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$ 550,000.00

Difference: -\$430,820.61

Seminarian Education: \$1,150.85

Music Ministry Announcement: Hymnals Update

The music ministry of St. Gertrude's has an exciting announcement! After much thought and careful consideration, we have decided to transition to GIA's Gather, 4th Edition hymnal. Not only is this hymnal more sustainable and aligned with our mission to care for the planet, but it is also one of the most diverse and inclusive hymnals available—qualities that best reflect St. Gertrude's dynamic and eclectic community. We are thrilled to begin using this new resource at the start of the new liturgical year on November 30, the First Sunday of Advent.



Now, we need your help and support! Outfitting the congregation with a complete set of new hymnals and musical resources is a significant investment, but it is one that will serve us for many years to come. We have purchased 315 hymnals to replace the current ones and are asking for your generosity in helping us cover the cost.

Each hymnal costs approximately \$26, and you may donate as many as you wish. Every hymnal you give can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or in honor of your family or friends. To donate, visit <https://bit.ly/StGertsHymnals>, or send a check payable to St. Gertrude's. (Please be sure to note that your donation is for hymnals, whether giving online or by check.)

Your generosity and commitment to St. Gertrude's are vital to our success, and anything you contribute toward the purchase of these new hymnals will be deeply appreciated.

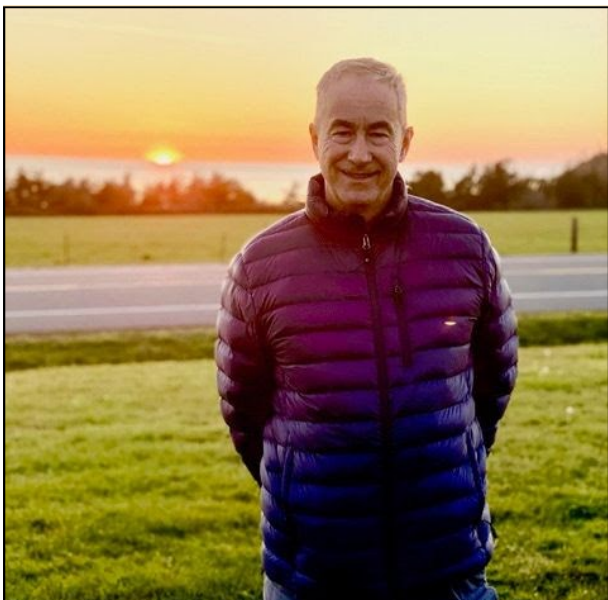
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering a donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact our Music Director, Jonathan Hannau, at jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.764.3621 ext. 22.



Helping Hands Needed with our Brewed at St. Gertrude Social Gatherings

Brewed at St. Gertrude, our monthly hospitality following the 10:30am Mass, is gearing up for the coming year.

We are seeking additional volunteers who can help with one or more of the following: set up, serve, bring food, and/or clean up. Our dedicated crew has been making each hospitality welcoming each month, but could benefit from some more hands! Reach out to Steven Patzke at steven-jcpatzke@gmail.com with interest or questions.



A Message from Father Mike Bradley

A few parishioners have asked if I'm running the Chicago Marathon this month. At the advice of my doctor, I will not be running this year because of a medical condition.

Thank you for all your support and prayers over the years. I wish the very best for all those participating this year! I'll be among the million spectators cheering you on!

~ Fr. Mike

Tag Us on Social Media!

Attending any of our social events? Have pics from the Pet Blessing or *Brewed at St. Gertrude*? Tag us on Instagram ([@stgertrudeinchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stgertrudeinchicago)) or Facebook ([@stgertrudechicago](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago)) so we can share the joy of our community together.



St. Gert's Garden: Sharing the Harvest

Last weekend, our parish garden offered another generous yield—fresh green beans, crisp cucumbers, colorful peppers, and ripe tomatoes.

Thanks to the care of our volunteer gardeners, this abundance was gathered and shared with Care for Real, helping provide healthy, homegrown food to our neighbors in need.

Events & Activities Around the Archdiocese

Choral Mass for the Feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 7**
6:30PM Rosary
7:00PM Mass

Palestrina's
Missa Ave Maria
Sacred Motets by
Kevin Allen

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KEEP HOPE ALIVE 2025

You are invited to join **Cardinal Blase J. Cupich** to support the Archdiocese of Chicago's local Immigration Ministry and National Pastoral Migratoria®.

Monday, November 3, 2025 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Saint Ignatius College Prep
1076 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608

Co-chairs: **Rev. L. Scott Donahue** and **Peter O'Brien**

Lifetime Achievement Award for his support of immigrants:
U.S. Senator Dick Durbin

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Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, October 6: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 7: 7:30 am - Sergio Romo, Sr.+
- Wednesday, October 8: 7:30 am - Manuel Glover+
- Thursday, October 9: 7:30 am - People of God
- Friday, October 10: 7:30 am - Donald Nyderek+
- Saturday, October 11: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Theresa Cenar+
- Sunday, October 12: 8:00 am - Bill O'Toole+; 10:30 am - Florence Savia+, Maria Savia+; 10:30 am Gym - John Staggs+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.

Donate to our Parish

- 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/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 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.

New Parishioners

- The Skakun family
- Martin Waide

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln, Pat Reardon
- Sunday, October 5 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Lily Benham

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, October 5 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Steven Monti, Carlos Barragan

Altar Servers

- Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano; acolyte: Raiden Cruz
- Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Diarmuid McKeown; acolytes: Kora Cunningham; Daniel Cunningham

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Marie Galoney | • Dealina Peon |
| • Victor Ayes | • Thomas Hajduch | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Anne Marie Hamde | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tricia Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Marta Carlson | • John Kahoun | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Paul Kapczuk | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Cavicke Family | • Mary E. Kelley | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mary DeBois | • Marilyn Klein | • Tayana Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Joseph Lambin | • King Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Carleen Lorys | • Christian Wallace |
| • Jasmine Drake | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • James Mann | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Alex Marks | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Steve Monti | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Hilda Mora | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.