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Sunday, October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Can you believe that we are already in the month of October? Every October is *Respect Life* month. All around us, we see an epidemic of violence. Almost every day, another shooting on a street or in a mall or

school. Wars all over the world, like the Ukraine. So many other ways of life are being disrespected, from the moment of conception to death. Pray especially this month for all life.

Thank You for Your Support of our Chicago Marathon Weekend Fundraiser

Let me stop and not go another moment forward without saying to all of you, "Thank You!" There are so many who do so much for St. Gertrude. A special thank you to all who were able to support our Soles of the Parish Fun Run and/or Fr. Mike's participation in the Chicago Marathon.

This weekend benefits our Heart-to-Heart ministry. We truly are at our best when we put ourselves into action to show God's love and mercy.

2023 Synod

Last Sunday, we used special prayers for the 2023 Synod. What is the Synod? It is a gathering of clergy and laypeople held October 4-29 to discuss hot-button issues ranging from sexual abuse to LGBTQ inclusion and female ordination. The emphasis of the synod is on communion, participation, and mission.

The synod is the result of a two-year process that started in September 2021, when the Catholic faithful from all around the world met in their parishes to discuss the questions posed by the synod. The syntheses of those conversations were then sent to their respective bishops' conferences.

There will be 464 participants at the synod and 365 will have the right to vote. For the first time, laypeople will be full voting members of the synod, compared with earlier synods where only bishops had the right to vote. An unprecedented number of women, 54, will also attend.

It is impossible to predict what will emerge from the synod, but we pray it will be guided by the Holy Spirit. But the process that led to the event offers some insights into the expectations of participants and observers.

This Week's Marathon Minute by Fr. Mike Bradley

It was great to be with many of you during the "Soles of Saint Gertrude Parish" fun run in the neighborhood around Saint Gertrude. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful experience!

I'm grateful also for all the support you have given to Saint Gert's Heart to Heart program, our parish's outreach to the senior citizens and shut-ins of the Edgewater community. During the "Bank of America Chicago Marathon," you are running at my side.

Whenever I take the first steps of a marathon, I pray -- certainly for a safe and enjoyable time for the runners, volunteers, and spectators -- but I also ask that my running may somehow give glory and praise to God.

Throughout the 26.2 miles, I try to unite my experience with the experiences of those in our community who are suffering physically, mentally, and spiritually. Many people are "running their own personal marathons" filled with illness, doubt, or fear. My little sacrifices during the 26.2 miles are nothing compared to the sacrifices of those who are hurting.

It's been said by others, but it's true that being a follower of Jesus is like running a marathon. There is a destination we all seek – but we take only one step at a time. During the 26.2 miles, there are times when a runner struggles, but the people calling out our names cheer us on and lift us up in spirit so that we can move forward.

The community of Saint Gertrude is so supportive! Thank you!

~Fr. Mike Bradley



Fr. Mike is on the Run for Heart the Heart!

Today, Fr. Mike Bradley is running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, raising funds specifically for our parish's Heart to Heart ministry. And it's not too late to support his efforts!

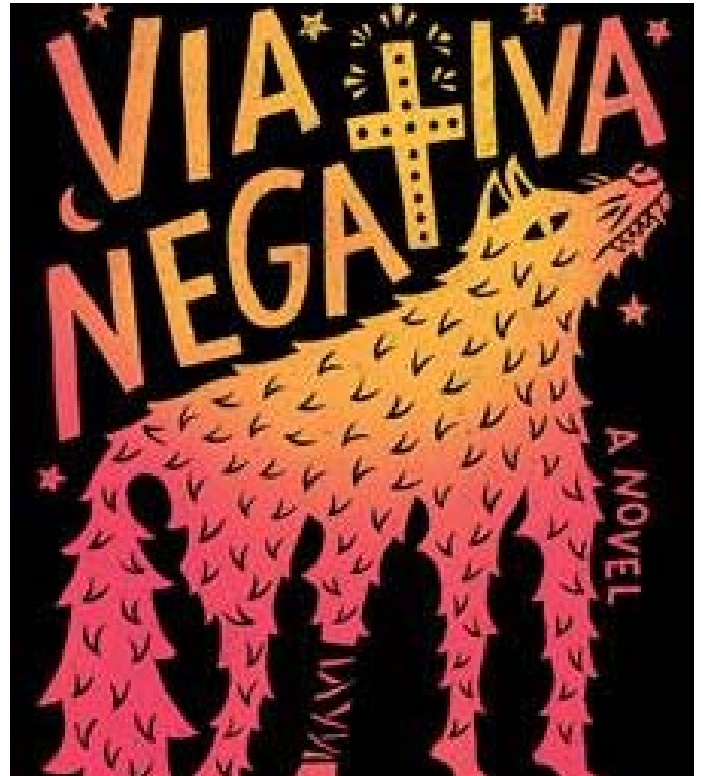
Donate online at <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns> or via a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory. (Add Fr. Mike's name in the memo line if you are writing a check.)



Pet Blessing Planned for TODAY, Sunday, October 8

Our annual Blessing of the Pets is Sunday, October 8 at 11:30 am on the steps of the church.

Please join us with your furry (or feathered/scaly) loved ones!



Book Club, Monday, October 9

On Monday, October 9, the book club will discuss *Via Negativa* by Daniel Hornsby at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.

NCA's Boosterthon, October 10-19

We are hosting a fundraiser to raise funds for NCA, and we need your help! At the finale of our fundraiser on 10/19/23, students will complete 30-35 laps in the NCA Wildcat Fun Run to help our school. Proceeds will go towards a new gym floor at the Primary Campus.

Please consider making a donation to support NCA at <https://bit.ly/3thcF9b>.



BOOSTERTHON

OCTOBER 10—19, 2023
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM FLOOR



SCAN HERE TO DONATE



AND LEARN MORE!



Parish Pastoral Council October Meeting Date

The Parish Pastoral Council welcomed three new members: Ed Butler, Gordon Hannon, and Krista Chinchilla-Patzke.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

If you have anything to discuss with the PPC, email stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.



Next Women's Friendship Club Gathering is Thursday, October 12

St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center. The gathering begins at 11:30 am, attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

Dessert is provided!

Altar Server Training Session Planned for Thursday, October 12

Students in 5th grade and up are invited to become altar servers! There is a training session planned for Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 pm.

Please note, serving as an altar server does qualify for Confirmation service hours.

Contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with questions.





Youth Group Movie Day Planned for Sunday, October 22

All teens in 7th grade and up are invited to come to a movie day!

The group will gather in the rectory after the 10:30 am Mass to watch *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem*.

Pizza, popcorn, and pop will be served.

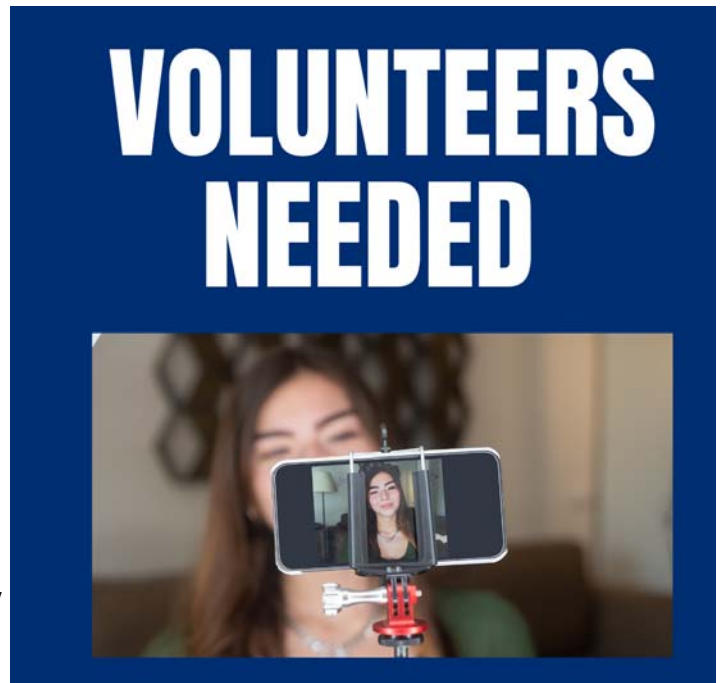
Questions? Please email Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Help Needed with Baptismal Classes and with our Live-Streaming Team

We are looking for help with our monthly pre-baptismal sessions, held for new parents and guardians planning to have their child/ children baptized at our parish. The classes are typically held on a Monday evening and last around 45 minutes.

Every Sunday, our 10:30 am Mass in church is live-streamed by volunteers. Team members using a phone provided by St. Gert's, as well as a camera stand. We'll show volunteers how to go live on Facebook and troubleshoot any issues during the service.

Please reach out to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with questions or if you can help.



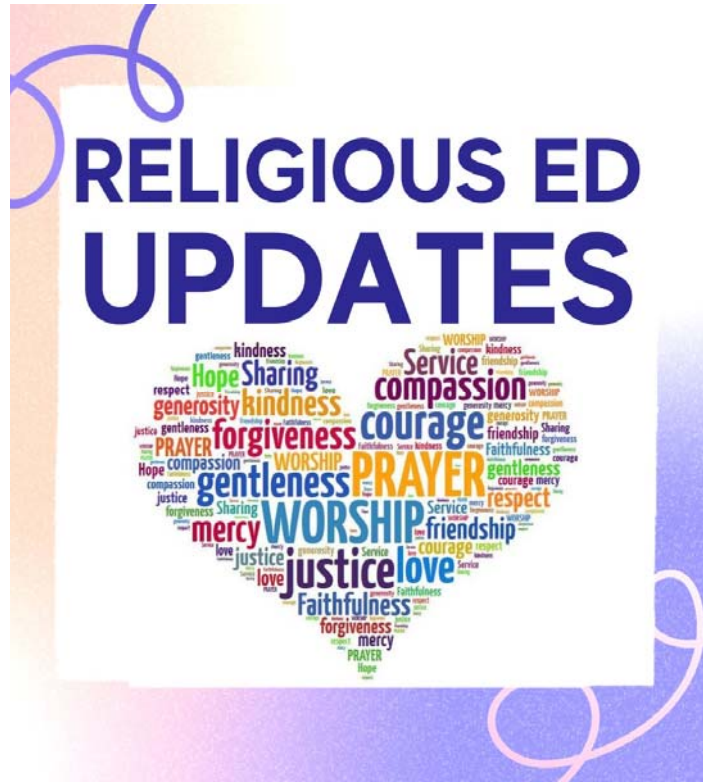
St. Gert's Parish Garden: The parish garden keeps on giving! We've continued to be able to share the bounty from our garden with St. Thomas of Canterbury's soup kitchen and food pantry and Care for Real.

Special thanks to Mary Clare Barker, Max Schweikert, and his team for their hard work this summer (and fall!) caring for the garden.

Important Religious Ed Info

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

- **Sunday, October 8** - No Religious Ed classes.
- **Sunday, October 15th** - Presentation of the First Communion Candidates. All those who will make their First Communion in May 2024 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.
- **Sunday, October 22nd** - Presentation of the Confirmation Candidates. All those who plan to be confirmed in March 2024 should attend the 10:30 am Mass in church with a parent/guardian after their regular Sunday class. During the Mass, the priest will call forward all the candidates to be acknowledged by the whole community.
- **Sunday, October 15th and Sunday, October 22nd** - *Think First & Stay Safe* sessions. These two informative sessions are mandatory for all our students.



WE'RE HIRING!

Seasonal Bakery Position

From Oct. 30 to Dec. 22, 2023

Starting Pay is

\$18.25 an hour



Contact Human Resources
at (773) 273-3038 or
scan the qr code
to apply



A recruitment poster for the St. Gertrude Choir. The top half has a dark background with musical notes and a treble clef. The middle section has a teal background with the text "JOIN THE St. Gertrude CHOIR" in large, bold, black letters. Below this is a grey box with the text "REHEARSAL | THURSDAYS, 7-9 P.M. (IN MAIN CHURCH) WEEKEND MASS | SINGS ON SUNDAY @ 10:30". The bottom of the poster features a white piano keyboard graphic.



Growing in Faith

"If we don't approach the word of God with humility, we historically make things horribly worse."

In the readings today, Jesus goes a little "Old Testament" on the priests and the elders. Both Isaiah and Jesus tell an effective story: bad guys, good guys, a story of violence and we know who the good guy is!

For Isaiah, in the first reading, it's the friend who plants the vineyard; for Jesus, it's the landowner. The good guy in both is generous, hardworking and creative. He provides a beautiful vineyard in which tenants can find work and fruit to share.

But, either the tenants refuse to care for the vineyard, or worse still, criminally attack the owner's son! What is the message? Both say: Don't think even for a minute that what has been given to you, can't be taken away from you. Even Jesus puts it very clearly and bluntly.

For generations now, and probably forever we hear these stories and don't realize we're the priests and the elders. We're the tenants. We're the ones who need to straighten up. No, we take it upon ourselves to figure out who the bad guys are so we can make things right: We'll be the instruments of God's justice and vengeance!

Jesus constantly reminds his disciples that we're not very bright. Sometimes gently as the father to the older brother of the prodigal son, sometimes more forcefully when he has to re-attach an ear severed in violence, Jesus teaches us: If we don't approach the word of God with humility, we historically make things horribly worse.

~ Mark Kollar



Financial Report from September 30-October 1

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,788.50

Loose Checks: \$980.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$758.13

Online Donations: \$4,320.00

Total Collected: \$8,846.63

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$1,153.37

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$131,639.09

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00

Difference: -\$254,760.91

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Available Resources

Domestic violence is common, affecting millions of people in the United States each year. Data from CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicate about 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of IPV-related impact.

Common signs of abusive behavior in a partner include:

- Telling you that you never do anything right.
- Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them.
- Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members, or peers.
- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.
- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you're not comfortable with.
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.
- Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.
- Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.
- Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- Destroying your belongings or your home.

Domestic Violence Resources: The Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach has a list of resources, available here: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignitysolidarity/domestic-violence-outreach>.

The St. Gertrude website has a domestic violence information page and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. Here is the link: <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help>.

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.



INFO

How can you help someone EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

LISTEN to them without judgement.
BELIEVE them. It takes courage to break the silence.
ENCOURAGE them to seek professional help.

ILLINOIS DV HOTLINE 800-799-7233

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH — ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS • SERVICES • PREVENTION

Parish Information

New Parishioners

- Timothy, Emily McDonough, and Declan McDonough
 - Halle Voos and Garrett Mogge

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Hallie Burhoe
- Maggie Calloway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Denise DeBelle
- Ann Collins Dole
- Connie Engelmohr
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Nancy Michael
- Andy Mueller
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Claude Poulsen
- Richard Seitz
- Willy Spalla
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- Janice Wittenberg
- 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.

Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for This Weekend

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, October 7 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahan, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, October 8 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Rose Karasti

Altar Servers

- Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 am—Carter Dant, cross bearer; Dominic Rubino, Henry Jacobson, Acolytes

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 7 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, October 8 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 am - Lisa Schneider, Bob Backis, Steven Monti

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, October 7 at 5:00 pm - Tim Dowling
- Sunday, October 8 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Flynn
- Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 am - Katherine Viviano

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 9:** 7:30 am - Richard Slowinski+
- **Tuesday, October 10:** 7:30 am - Jeanne Hasbrook+
- **Wednesday, October 11:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Thursday, October 12:** 7:30 am - Communion service
- **Friday, October 13:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, October 14:** 7:30 am - Pat & Ralph Veccie+; 5:00 pm - Theresa Cenar+; 7:00 pm - Hermandad Tridium+
- **Sunday, October 15:** 8:00 am - Amy Leagans +, Warren Walker+; 10:30 am in church - Bill O'Toole; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Patricia Meade

Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude in various ways:

- 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/allevants

Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory 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 Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

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