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Bulletin for Sunday, September 28, 2025

26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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**All are
Welcome!**
Sunday,
Sept. 28
10:30 am

Installation Mass of Fr. Sergio as Pastor of St. Gertrude Parish

Please join us in the Social Hall
afterwards for our *Brewed at St.
Gertrude* parish hospitality!

The Latest Parish News

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the official installation of Fr. Sergio as pastor of St. Gertrude at the 10:30 am Mass in church this Sunday.

We are truly delighted to have them with us for this special occasion and to share in the joy of celebrating Fr. Sergio's ministry together.

Following Mass, all are invited to the Social Hall for our monthly hospitality gathering, *Brewed at St. Gertrude*.

Thank you to everyone who has already brought items or lent a hand in preparing for today's event—especially the *Brewed* team! And to those helping this afternoon, your support means the world. Every contribution makes this event special, and we're so grateful for your help.



Next Weekend is our Annual Pet Blessing: Please Note it's Planned for Saturday, October 4 (Not Sunday!)

Just a quick reminder that this year, we are celebrating our Pet Blessing next Saturday! We'll gather on the church steps at 11:30 am for a short blessing on the actual Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

Tag Us on Social Media!

Attending the Installation Mass, *Brewed at St. Gertrude*, or our Pet Blessing? We'd love to see your photos and stories! Tag us on [Instagram](#) (@stgertrudeinchicago) or [Facebook](#) (@stgertrudechicago).

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude



Care for Real Collection Drive is September 27-28

Our next collection for Care for Real is in next weekend - September 27 and 28 - before and after masses.

Please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> for information about donating and links to their Facebook and Instagram pages to see what they are specifically looking for at this time.

Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

The Gym Mass is Back on the Mass Schedule

This weekend, the Gym Mass returns to our mass schedule, resuming its regular 10:30 am time!

This more relaxed Mass is held in the Gym at 1401 W. Granville Avenue.

A schedule, including when there are combined masses in church and no Gym Mass, will be posted online in the near future.



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

All are warmly invited to take part in our weekly Rosary group, held every Friday evening at 7:00 pm.

This bilingual gathering takes place in the Ministry Center dining room at 6214 N. Glenwood Ave.

Whether you're new to the Rosary or have prayed it for years, you're welcome to join us in this peaceful time of prayer and reflection.

Save the Date! This Year's Pet Blessing Planned for Saturday, October 4

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4, which falls on a Saturday. This year, we will celebrate it with a Blessing of the Pets on the actual saint's day, Saturday, October 4 at 11:30 am on the church steps.

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



Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership Meeting Planned for Saturday, October 4

St. Gertrude is a member of CSPL, a faith-based organization that brings together people of different ages, ethnicities/races and socio-economic backgrounds across the Chicago area to transform racial, economic, social and environmental systemic structures through grassroots coalition building, community organizing, and liberative formation.

The group meets the first Saturday of each month. Come together with other parishioners on Saturday,

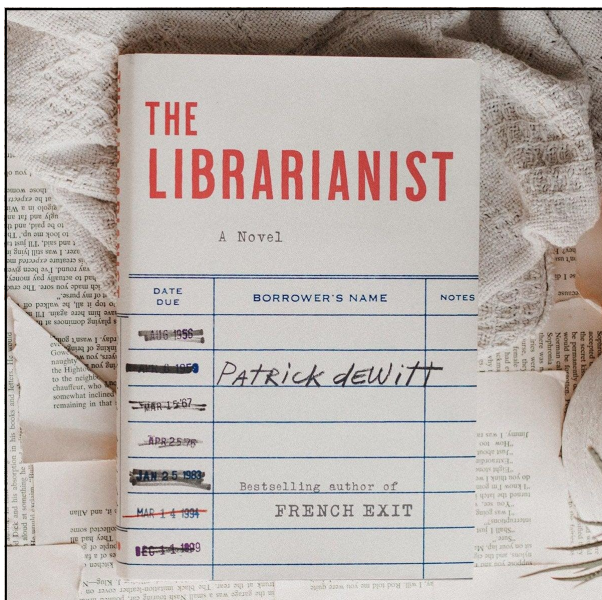
October 4 from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Ministry Center to build community and discuss how to help advance our parish's commitments to social justice, human concerns and faith formation through our participation in CSPL. Learn more about it at csplaction.org.

All are welcome!



Join Our Parish Family! Our parish ministers to the diverse and evolving communities of Edgewater and Rogers Park, drawing upon the creativity, industry, generosity, and compassion of our members in the name of Jesus, teacher, and Lord.

To join our community of faith, scan the QR code and fill out our online form, or visit <https://bit.ly/4616GMI>.



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).

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.

friend

[frɛnd] noun.

a person known well to another and regarded with **liking, affection, and loyalty**. a friend is a person who knows all about you and still loves you



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

Terrible things are happening. We are assaulted hourly by heartbreaking images, while living with a visceral dread of what may come—more violence and starvation in Gaza and Darfur, more grief for the families of hostages, more abuse and terror for our immigrant brothers and sisters in this country. Our leaders seem more concerned with gilding buildings than feeding children.

Within this context, how do we hear the Gospel parable of Dives and Lazarus?

It's clear that prosperity itself is not the great sin. The great sins are indifference, miserliness, smugness, and cruelty—all of which are at play around us, though not present in most people I know. Most people I know are compassionate, moral, moved by the suffering of others, and willing to speak out against injustice. But they are tired. Fatigue is not indifference, but it can have the same effect. So, how do we stay in the fight?

First, we must forgive ourselves for never being able to do enough. We are not powerless, but we do have limits. Seek the good thing to do, rather than the perfect thing. Take small, good actions often: counter a lie with a fact, write a letter, send money where it can do good, show up when you can for demonstrations or town halls, be kind, and listen. Take heart, and “hearten” one another. And when tempted to blame and demonize, remember that Abraham, even when rebuking Dives, was gentle and called him “my child.”

~ KC Conway



St. Gert's Garden Harvest

Our parish garden produced a beautiful harvest this week—green beans, cucumbers, a colorful variety of tomatoes, and fresh peppers.

These homegrown goods were donated to Care for Real's food pantry, where they were shared with neighbors in need. We are proud to support this vital local organization and grateful for the chance to connect our parish's efforts with the wider community.

HELP NEEDED



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. Thrilled by the participation of so many parishioners in this gathering, we want to make it a regular event that continues into the near future.

Would you like to join our ministry team? We seek 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 stevenjcpatzke@gmail.com with interest or questions.

Substitute Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education

We are looking for catechists to be substitute teachers in our parish's Religious Ed program and Kids Word! Catechists don't have to be professional teachers.

Most are parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and are willing to help them grow in a personal relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith.



If you have any questions, please reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773.764.3621.

September 20-21 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,696.00
Loose Checks: \$385.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$657.00
Online Donations: \$4,740.51
Total Collected: \$7,478.51

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$2,521.49
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$111,614.02
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$438,385.98

Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, September 29: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, September 30: 7:30 am - James Nolan+
- Wednesday, October 1: 7:30 am - Sheila McGuire+
- Thursday, October 2: 7:30 am - Rodney Colin Manuel+ and Evanuela Manuel+
- Friday, October 3: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Saturday, October 4: 7:30 am - Alonzo Jackson+; 5:00 pm - Joseph and Michael Laczkowski+; Gilda Martinez+
- Sunday, October 5: 8:00 am - Audrey Mason+; 10:30 am - Joseph and Michael Laczkowski+; 10:30 am Gym - Billy Tobin+

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

- Santiago Quintana

Rest in Peace

- Mrs. Bernarda Gonzales

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, September 27 at 5:00 pm - Susan McKean, Roman Reyes
- Sunday, September 28 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Eric Ameyaw

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, September 27 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, September 28 at 8:00 am - Josephine Delgado
- Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, September 27 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Angel Garcia; acolytes: Ethan Craft, Owen Craft
- Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Dominic Rubino; acolytes: Camille Boquiren, Jason Ameyaw

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.