

St. Gertrude

Sign-Up Sunday 2021

Please consider how you can serve our faith community. There are many different ministries and groups that truly make our parish special, including some that can be done from home.

Check the boxes of those ministries you would like to learn more about and fill in your contact info on the back. Email this completed form to Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include any questions you have.

For we are
co-workers in
God's service.

1 Corinthians 3:9



Parish Advisory Boards *(working with Father Rich)*

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - The PPC meets about once a month (but usually takes the summer off). This is the group of parishioners who consider the pastoral direction of the parish. Members listen to parishioners to get a sense of where the overall direction should be focused. They bring this wisdom to the PPC meetings in order to determine how we might best respond to the needs and directions that are brought forward. The PPC goes through an annual discernment process to determine membership each year of both general members and then the PPC officers.

Parish Finance Council - This team meets about four or five times a year. Members review monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual financial reports to keep updated on the financial condition of the parish. With this information, they are able to make informed decisions about the annual parish budget and how we are staying on track or need to modify certain activities in order to stay within our budget. The Finance Council also approves the budget, and at the end of the fiscal year, also approves the Annual Report. Membership is open to any parishioner.

Parish Development Council - This group tries to anticipate upcoming financial needs and how they might best be met. This includes everything from considering if the Sunday Offertory collections are meeting the budget and, if not, what fundraising steps need to be taken. They also look at some extraordinary needs -- such as maintenance and repairs to the buildings.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry *(working with Eloy Escamilla, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Pastoral Associate)*

Catechist: Sign up to become a Catechist in the Religious Ed program on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am to help children to find the presence of God among us.

Kids Word Volunteer: On Sundays during 10:30 am Mass in church, volunteers share age-appropriate scripture readings with children ages 5-9.

Youth Group Volunteer: Help facilitate activities supporting our parish youth's faith and personal development.

Liturgical Ministries

(working with Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate)

- Eucharistic Ministers:** Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses.
- Lectors:** Proclaim the Word of God at Masses.
- Ushers/Greeters:** Welcomes parishioners to Masses, takes up the collection.

(working with Mary Clare Barker, Music Director)

- Cantors, Vocal Ensembles, Musicians:** Opportunities abound to cantor at weekend Masses, participate in small vocal ensembles at the 10:30 am Sunday morning Mass, or accompany our Masses on a string, woodwind, or brass instrument.

Social Services

- Heart to Heart Ministry for Seniors** *(working with Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services)*

Volunteers help their neighbors aged 60 and above who need support to sustain their independence by driving seniors to medical appointments, procedures, and more. Other volunteers are needed to call homebound seniors weekly to ensure their well-being, while others commit to praying for those who have requested prayers at least once daily using the Ministry of Praise letter mailed monthly.

Social Justice Ministries

- New! Social Justice: Peace and Justice Committee** *(working with Fr. Mike Gabriel)*

As people of faith, we are commissioned to call out many of the injustices in our world. There is an urgent need now more than ever for us to be a church not only of statements and prayers but one of action, where God's love, justice, and mercy can grow. We are looking for people who would be willing to be part of this committee, to help focus on specific injustices and to facilitate parish social justice activities.

- Refugee and Immigrant Ministry:** This group sponsors refugees and immigrants, providing both financial and emotional support as they settle into their new lives in Chicago.

- United Power for Action and Justice:** United Power works with faith communities, including St. Gertrude, to help them connect and put their power behind the issues that matter most to them. The group is currently working on issues related to gun violence, health care, affordable housing, immigration, and violence prevention.

Laudato Si': Care for our Common Home

- Resurrection Compost** *(working with Mary Clare Barker, Music Director)*

This seasonal project combines composting and a vegetable garden. Parishioners lease a composting bucket and deposit appropriate materials in the parish's compost bin. The compost is then used to fertilize our vegetable garden, tended to by volunteers, that feeds patrons of Care for Real and the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen.

Contact Form—Please Print

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____