

St. Gertrude

All Are Welcome

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for November 10, 2019

May our Lord Jesus Christ
himself and God our
Father, who has loved us
and given us everlasting
encouragement and good
hope through his grace,
encourage your hearts and
strengthen them in every
good deed and word.

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



From Father Rich

Next weekend, we will celebrate our parish Feast Day honoring St. Gertrude the Great. As we have done for the past few years, we will use this celebration as an opportunity to have the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses that weekend. Please extend an invitation to anyone ailing in your family or down the street to join us. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone suffering from any serious illness or any chronic condition which limits their ability to live a full and vital life. This can be a physical, spiritual, mental, or emotional condition. This sacrament reminds us that we are embodied spirits and the fullness of who we are can be compromised for so many reasons. In this sacrament, we are promised the healing grace of God’s love—that includes the forgiveness of our sins. Each time we are anointed, all our sins are forgiven. As we prepare for this celebration next week, please keep in your prayers in a special way all those who are ailing for any reason and ask for God’s mercy to be present to them directly and through all those they encounter.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the other events on our Feast Day weekend: the International Dinner on Friday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall, and the All Are Welcome Concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in Church. Our episcopal vicar, Bishop Mark Bartosic, will be here to celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16. It’s going to be a great Feast Day weekend!

It is not too late to nominate fellow parishioners for the Parish Service Awards which will be presented at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The form for nominations is below. Please complete it and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory.

Two updates on the weekend Mass schedule. As a fuller article in the Parish News section explains, the Parish Pastoral Council is going to be in the back of church after Masses next weekend to gather input from parishioners about your experience with the weekend schedule—its convenience, different styles of music, etc. Please take a moment to speak to one of the Council members and fill out one of the short questionnaires. This is part of our year-long exploration of the schedule.

Last week, I met with some members of the 9:30 am Sheridan Rd/Sacred Heart Sunday Mass congregation to inform them that, with the October Count now completed, it seems clear their efforts to substantially increase the number of people attending that Mass have not been able to achieve the desired goal. My thanks to all those who were engaged in those outreach efforts and the generous hospitality of Sacred Heart throughout all those years.

Monday is Veteran’s Day. Remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces!

Next Sunday is not only our Parish Feast Day, it is also the World Day of the Poor. This is a great opportunity to search out some ways to help people on their path out of poverty—perhaps by a donation to a scholarship fund designed to help poor students, or doing some “homework” to investigate which items in your regular grocery cart can benefit people as they rise from poverty and which ones may be contributing to holding people in poverty and adjusting shopping habits accordingly. And all of us can say some prayers for God’s help, for changing hearts, for concern for our sisters and brothers throughout the world who survive every day on so much less than we can possibly imagine.

I nominate _____ for a St. Gertrude Parish Service Award in the category (circle one):
Prayer & Worship Education Human Concerns Youth Parish Life Lifetime

for the following reason(s): _____

Name: _____ Phone or email: _____

Growing in Faith: Reflecting on Maccabees

In the last couple of weeks, from Habakkuk to Sirach to the Psalmist to Paul there has been a crying out to the Lord. The bad guys are winning. Hear the cries of the sick, oppressed, poor, dying. Today we confront the story of the sons of the Maccabees—a luridly gruesome account of torture, humiliation and viciousness. They remain faithful and resolute to the point of accepting pain and death. They are heroes. How many of us could follow their example? Could any of us?

We consider them heroes because they could have finessed their predicament but didn't. Most of us are not heroes. We bear the suffering that cannot be finessed—the cruel logic of biology, the humiliation of abilities degraded, the inevitable course of corruption and injustice, the grief for those taken from us. There is nothing to finesse.

Where is our God? Surely, He filled the hearts of the Maccabees with hope and resolve. They claimed their own resurrection and celebrated the course they chose.

Where is our God? We who are not heroes also claim the resurrection. Martha, the sister of Lazarus says, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." And Jesus responds, "I am the resurrection and the life." Acceptance that we are a resurrection people, then, must be critical—not as comfort or a palliative. To claim our own resurrection is to claim our birthright and our death right.

~ Mark Kollar for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 10

- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall

Monday, November 11

- 5:00 pm ~ Friendship Club dinner at Broadway Cellars, 5900 N. Broadway
- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, November 13

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm ~ Refugee Ministry in the Ministry Center

Friday, November 15

- 6:30 pm ~ "International Night" dinner in the Social Hall

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00 am-11:00 am ~ First Reconciliation retreat in the NCA cafeteria
- 10:00-11:30 am ~ NCA playdate
- 5:00 pm ~ Anointing of the Sick at Mass
- 7:30 pm ~ "All are Welcome" Concert in Church

Sunday, November 17 *St. Gertrude Feast Day*

- Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
- Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in Church and 9:30 am at St. Gertrude East. (There will not be a 10:30 am Gym Mass.)
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym

Monday, November 18

- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

Saturday, November 23

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Sunday, November 24

- Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at all Masses
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym
- 3:00 pm ~ ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway Ave.

Thursday, November 28 *Thanksgiving Day*

- The Rectory is closed.
- 10:00 am ~ Mass (Parish Service Awards given)

Friday, November 29

- The Rectory is closed.
- Mass is at 7:30 am.

Save the Date! Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up!

Saturday, December 7
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, December 8
from 9:00 am-2:30 pm



Parish News

Today—Donations for the White Elephant:

Contributions for the White Elephant areas will be accepted on Sundays from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave., through Sunday, December 1. Please note, no clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

November is the Month of Remembrance:

During the month of November, the Remembrance Altar is available. Everyone is invited to bring a picture or a memento of a loved one to place on it.

Friendship Club: The Friendship Club will meet on Monday, November 11 at 5:00 pm at Broadway Cellars, 5900 N. Broadway. Members will pay for their own dinners.

Good Books & Poetry Pilgrims: The book club will meet on Monday, November 11 and Poetry Pilgrims will gather on Monday, November 18. Both groups meet at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, November 13 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Refugee Ministry: Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

International Night Dinner: If you are interested in bringing an entrée, side dish, or dessert to share at our International Night on Friday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall, please email Rita Elue at ritaelue@gmail.com. So far, we have food representing Nigeria, Congo, Eruthrian, Kenya, and India!

First Reconciliation Retreat: Children making their First Reconciliation are required to attend a retreat with a parent on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00-11:00 am in the NCA cafeteria. The children will make their First Reconciliation on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. Please arrive by 6:15 pm.

How is the New Mass Schedule Working for You? The Parish Pastoral Council would like to hear about your experience with the new weekend Mass schedule. After the Masses on our Parish Feast Day

weekend (November 15-17), there will be members of the Parish Council in the back of church to listen to parishioner's thoughts on the new schedule. There will also be a simple questionnaire available to fill out. We would like to hear about the qualities, charisms, and features you especially appreciate about the weekend Mass you typically attend. We would also like to discern if the changes that have been made continue to meet the scheduling needs of St. Gertrude parishioners. We look forward to hearing from you after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16 and after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, November 17.

No Gym Mass on Sunday, November 17: On Sunday, November 17, the Mass schedule is 8:00 am and 10:30 am Mass in Church and 9:30 am at St. Gertrude East. There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass.

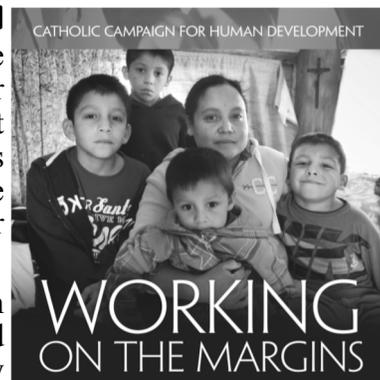
Upcoming Second

Collection: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (CCHD) is scheduled for the weekend of November 23-24.

More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. CCHD identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be as generous as you can.

Thanksgiving Day: This year, Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28. Mass that morning will be held at 10:00 am, with the Parish Service Awards given out during the service.

The Rectory will be closed on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 29. Mass will be held at 7:30 am on Friday, November 23. There will be no Religious Ed classes or Kids Word that weekend.



Feast Day Celebrations

St. Gertrude's Annual Feast Day Celebration!



Friday, November 15

International Night Dinner

There will be an International Night Dinner at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall with food from around the world.

Saturday, November 16

All are Welcome Concert

Our annual Feast Day concert is at 7:30 pm in Church. This year's concert will address social justice issues and propose solutions through various choral songs by noted Americans composers. The center of our concert will focus on children and those with no political voice. The Resounding Wayves will also perform a few pieces.

Sunday, November 17

Anointing of the Sick

We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all weekend Masses.

**Friday, November 15,
Saturday, November 16
& Sunday, November 17**

Thank You from A Safe Haven

During the month of October, our parish partnered with the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach and collected diapers and pull-ups, new children's pajamas and socks, and full-sized toiletries needed by victims of domestic violence and their children living in local shelters.

The staff of A Safe Haven, one of the eight shelters that benefitted from the collection drive, recently wrote to us and the other parishes that participated, thanking parishioners for their generosity:

"WOW!! On behalf of The Safe Haven Network and our donation recipients, I cannot thank you enough for your unprecedented response to our annual Supply Drive! You helped us collect more donations than we have ever collected, and those donations will directly support domestic violence shelters and animal shelters in and around Chicago that serve YOUR friends, family, and neighbors. You are amazing!!"



Christmas Bazaar Information



Help is needed for our Christmas Bazaar! To volunteer, visit signupgenius.com. Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and you can choose how you would like to help. Sign-up sheets are also available in the back of Church.

It's Our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday, December 7
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday, December 8
from 9:00 am-2:30 pm

This annual event features handmade, fair-trade arts and crafts, plus a fabulous used book sale, Christmas greenery for sale, a White Elephant table, complimentary gift wrapping, and pictures with Santa. A pancake & sausage breakfast with music provided by St. Gertrude parishioners will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

Contributions for the White Elephant areas at the Christmas Bazaar are being accepted on Sundays until December 1 from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave. No clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

St. Gertrude's Annual Balsam Pine Sale

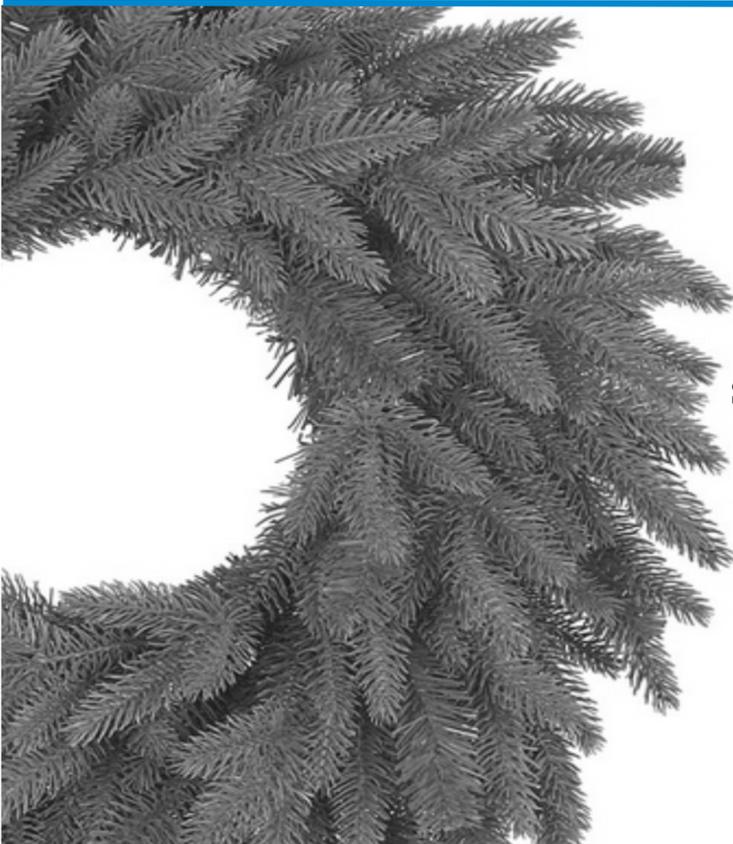
A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries.

Advance orders must be placed by Sunday, December 1. Delivery is free for order placed by Sunday, December 1.

Items can be delivered or picked up at our St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Items may be ordered via the forms available at the back of Church. Payment may be made with cash or check.

Or, to purchase online, go to stgertrudechicago.org and click on *Order Your Greenery Here* at the top of the home page to be taken to the items for sale. Click *View More* for large wreaths.



Refugee Ministry

Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director of the Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center, promised to share practical and concrete ideas on how a person of faith can respond to the current human rights violations impacting immigrants and refugees when she spoke to our Ministry last month. They are:

- Write letters to the editors expressing that we need to be a welcoming country and uphold the rights of immigrants and refugees
- Call members of Congress to express that we need to be a welcoming country and uphold the rights of immigrants and refugees
- Stay informed, see www.immigrantjustice.org
- Talk with members of your community
- Educate yourself—use NIJC’s Ambassador Program Toolkit available at <https://www.immigrantjustice.org/ambassadortoolkit>
- Provide financial support to groups providing immigration legal services to low-income individuals

~ Denise Goodman

Parish Stewardship

“But the Lord is faithful, he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one...May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ.” ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 5

To practice faith is not like waving a magic wand, erasing all of our troubles. We understand that our world is full of torment and strife. But we also have faith that the power of love will ultimately be triumphant.

Collection November 2-3	\$8,693.87
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Overage	(+) \$968.87

Online Collection October 2019	\$21,115.00
Online Budgeted Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
Overage	(+) \$2,627.00

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services to help survivors of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas	\$1,608.81
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Heart to Heart donations (Heart to Heart Cabaret/Father Mike’s run) to date	\$18,529.97
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ECRA Thanksgiving

This year, the annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the combined St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway, on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm. The general theme is compassion and gratitude for all we have received. An ensemble of violins accompanying Bridget Dunne singing “We Sing for the Children” will represent the parish at the event.

All are welcome to attend the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods to the service which go to the food pantry at Care for Real.

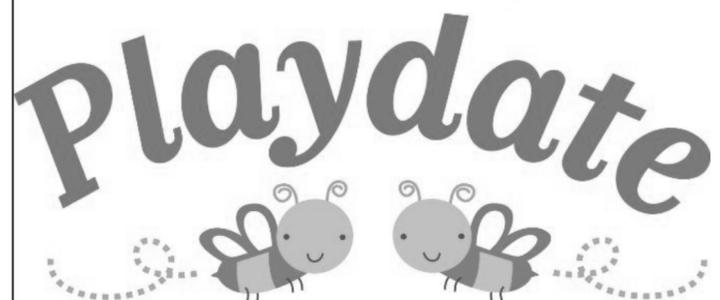
Following the service, join ECRA and Care for Real for a small reception where snacks and drinks will be served.



NCA Playdate

On Saturday, November 16, all are welcome to bring their children ages two to five years old to NCA’s playdate! Invite a friend and join us in a fun interactive puppet and clown show with live music and balloon art. The event will be held at NCA’s primary campus’ Early Learning Center, located at 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. from 10:00-11:30 am.

Please RSVP to the link below:
<https://forms.gle/simGx8ffdvd7UEdA>.



Our Parish at Prayer for November 11-17

Monday, November 11

7:30 am Jack Newhall †

† Indicates person
listed is deceased.

Tuesday, November 12

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, November 13

7:30 am Maggie Callaway †

Thursday, November 14

7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, November 15

7:30 am Lillian McCall †

8:30 am NCA Mass - Maggie Callaway †

Saturday, November 16

7:30 am Living & deceased mothers & fathers of
St. Gertrude parishioners

5:00 pm George Cenar, Sr. †

Sunday, November 17 *Feast of St. Gertrude*

8:00 am Maria Yen T. Nguyen †

9:30 am Past & present parishioners of St.
Gertrude

10:30 am Aileen & Henry D'Elia †

Past & present parishioners of St.
Gertrude

There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass.

Ministers of the Word for November 16-17

Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm Pat Reardon, Jayne Deiters

Sunday, November 17

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Marty McDermott

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Troy McMillan, Patrick Robinson

There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass.

How Do You Find & Contact Your Elected Officials?

Be a voice for change! Contact your elected officials and share your thoughts on gun control, immigration, and more. Visit usa.gov/elected-officials for a contact information for all of your elected officials, including your senators, U.S. representatives, governor, and state legislators.

Readings for November 11-17

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130,
135,175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Eucharistic Ministers for November 16-17

Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Kathleen Dawson, Brad Koch, Candace Koch, Roman Reyes

Sunday, November 17

8:00 am Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Peter Morin, Mary Wyler

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak, Gail Smith, Richard Ashbeck, Steven Monti, Karen Griebel

There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass.

Altar Servers for November 16-17

Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm Miles Reynolds, Nolan Reynolds, Jayden Reyes

Sunday, November 17

10:30 am Mark Ashbeck, Lucas Ashbeck, Grayson Sweeney

Medical Items Needed for Heart to Heart Lending Closet

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet needs durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs and tub transfer benches. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.

Milestones



*Please Pray
for Our Parishioners
and Friends*

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Andrew Elwood
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Gina Heidkamp

Maria Hertl
Bernice Kiedysz
Karey Myers
Don Piven
Dave Resch
Kyle Rutherford
Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray



New Parishioners

Crystel Agbodjelou, Yao
Kloutse & family

The Ruiz Hammond
Family



Rest in Peace

Daniel Cox

Ted Miskowiec,
brother of Judy Diaz

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Youth and Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
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E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. This schedule will change in the summer months. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and
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Parishioners

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