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13th & 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for June 30 & July 7, 2019

Will you come and follow me if I call
your name? Will you go where you don't
know, and never be the same?

~ *The Summons* by John L. Bell



From Father Rich

On Monday, July 1, Fr. Mike Gabriel joins us as a part-time associate Pastor. Welcome Fr. Mike! As mentioned earlier, Fr. Mike will be here for at least a year, working half-time here, and continuing in some of the ministry from Holy Family which was recently consolidated with other parishes through the Renew My Church initiative. Because Fr. Mike is celebrating so many weddings at the former Holy Family, it may be a while before the Saturday 5:00 pm congregation gets to meet him.

Thursday is Independence Day! Happy July 4th! Enjoy the holiday, the food, the fireworks, the family, the freedom! Like so many others, I have always lived in this country and the basic, foundational structure of our great nation is something I too easily take for granted. What an extraordinary group of founders came together 243 years ago to throw off the yoke of oppression by a foreign king and managed, at the same time, to create both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution!

These documents are the framework for our nation's strength and health to this very day—tested time and time again throughout our history, by those inside of as well as outside of our country. The principles enshrined in those documents have been held to be of such value that they have formed the basis for welcoming many people of every nation to this land and have even been adopted by other countries around the world. Although we will always struggle to truly reflect these values in how we treat one another and how we treat those who are not yet part of this nation, we do not collapse under the weight of that responsibility.

Our nation's "original sin" of slavery and the racism that persists today, institutionalized in so many ways, continues to exert a huge cost on our national psyche. The fight for women's suffrage anticipated the movement for women's equality. And the recent success of marriage equality for same-sex partners can only be fully appreciated when we recognize as well the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. These more highlighted struggles for freedom reflect the constant struggles every group has faced coming to this land—whether they identified their need to flee their home because of lack of employment, poverty, their race, creed, nationality, or gender identity. In some cases, natural and man-made catastrophes forced so many to flee their own nation. All came here seeking a better, safer life with opportunity. Yet in almost every case, they were first met with resistance, disdain, even violent hatred. Unfortunately, this pattern continues today.

A fair reading of our history indicates that we are far less than perfect. But also true in that history is that we do not abandon our core values, nor do we relinquish our responsibilities to the freedoms we enjoy and eventually even embrace those who have arrived more recently, seeking those same freedoms. Most often our better and more gracious and hospitable instincts win out and we remain true to the vision of our founders.

As a community of faith, we celebrate in a special way our freedom to practice our religion as we choose. Our government does not impinge upon our faith and its practices. There is not a "right" religion and a "wrong" religion in our nation. We respect all faith and all peoples who practice their faiths. Where many other nations see this as a weakness, we know it is one of our greatest strengths!

Please join us for our special 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, July 4 as we give thanks to God for the gift of our freedom and our nation. And stay for hospitality afterwards in the back of church, generously provided by Phil and Nancy Bujnowski.

~ Father Rich



Father Mike Gabriel will be our new, part-time associate Pastor as of July 1!

Growing in Faith

As we approach the patriotic July 4th holiday, many are aware of the significant anniversaries that are being honored this year—the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the Liberation of Paris, etc. These events began the western front's actions to defeat Nazi Germany.

My father was part of the subsequent waves of U.S. Army troops who came to northern France after the D-Day invasion forces successfully secured the area. Dad rarely talked about his experiences there, but his devotion to his Signal Corps fellow soldiers lasted until his death. In his later life, he would travel bi-yearly, to destinations throughout the U.S. where soldiers from his division would gather together and remember their experiences and connection to one another. From the horrors of that war came a lasting devotion, attachment, and love for each other.

When I read Paul these weeks, he writes to the Galatians of “serving one another through love” and living “by the Spirit.” Paul knew and experienced the

demands Jesus placed upon his followers—we create ourselves anew in Christ...and it also comes at a cost. Paul admonished the Galatians (and us) that we live fully the words: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

As one Pauline commentator said, “Peace is attained not through our actions but through Christ’s actions in changing us.” Let us honor the sacrifice our past generations have made by allowing ourselves to be truly changed through Christ, and work tirelessly to stop war and bring love into our personal life and the world at large.

~ Claire Conley
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 30

- Second collection at all Masses for Peter’s Pence
- 8:00am-1:30pm ~ LifeSource blood drive in the Social Hall (Walk-ins welcome.)

Monday, July 1

- Father Mike Gabriel begins at St. Gertrude
- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal preparation class in the Rectory (Registration required.)

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day

- 9:00 am ~ Mass (Hospitality to follow.)
- The Rectory will be closed.

Friday, July 5

- The Rectory will close at 5:00 pm.

Monday, July 8

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, July 10

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

Monday, July 15

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

Friday, July 26 - Sunday, August 4

- Teen summer service trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Saturday, July 27

- 10:00 am ~ PreCana (Registration required.)

Sunday, August 25

- Renew My Church presentation/ice cream social at St. Gregory Parish’s Social Hall (1609 W. Gregory Ave.)

- Meetings in the Ministry Center are subject to relocation.
- Bulletins will be printed on a bi-weekly schedule through Labor Day weekend. Information about deadlines and issue dates is available on our website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

Parish News

Second Collection on Saturday, June 29 & Sunday, June 30: The Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis, will take place on the weekend of June 29 and 30. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Blood Drive on June 30: LifeSource will hold a blood drive on Sunday, June 30 from 8:00 am-1:30 pm in the Social Hall. Walk-ins are welcome!

Summer Mass Schedule: Every Sunday through Labor Day weekend, we will celebrate a 10:30 am Mass in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. Our Mass schedule is:

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am – Sheridan Road
- Sunday: 10:30 am

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, July 1 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required, call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up.

Independence Day Closing/Early Closing on July 5: The Rectory will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Mass will be held at 9:00 am with hospitality to follow in the back of Church. The Rectory will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 5.



Good Books: The next gathering of the book club will be Monday, July 8 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover for book information at mary@marsgrover.com.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center and continue to gather on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, July 15 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. For a list of poems that will be read, contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com.

PreCana Classes Offered: If you are an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude, or a parishioner planning on getting married anywhere else, attendance at a PreCana is part of the marriage preparation process for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

Renew My Church: The very first gathering for our grouping (the parishes in our area who will be working together) for the Renew My Church initiative has been scheduled. Parish leadership and anyone who is interested is invited to a presentation/ice cream social on Sunday, August 25 at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall, 1609 W. Gregory Ave. At the gathering, updates will be shared about how we will be proceeding in Renew My Church. The time will be announced later, but it will be in the afternoon.

Catechists Needed: We are in need of men and women to serve as catechists and Kids Word leaders for the 2019-2020 year. Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. If you are interested in helping us either as a catechist or as a substitute catechist, email our Youth & Family Minister, Jim Potthast, at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org.

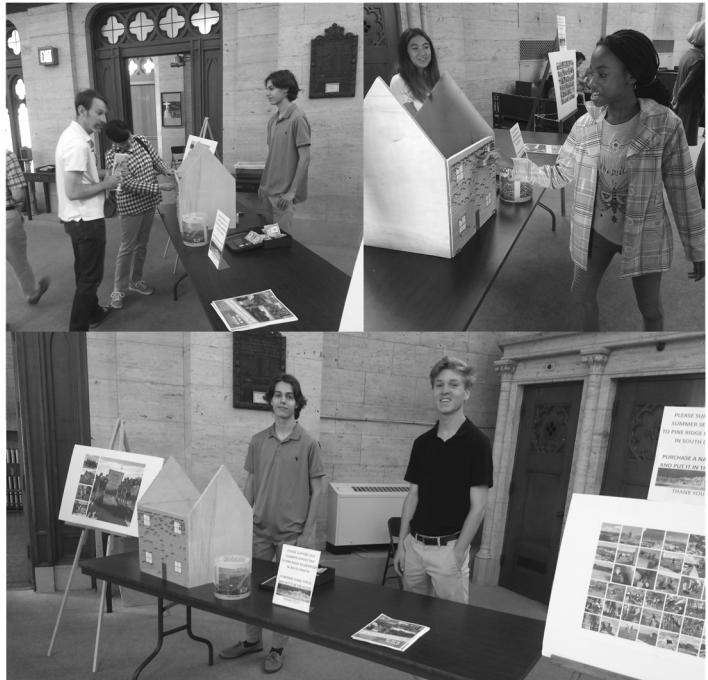
Teen Summer Mission Trip 2019

Twelve teens and two adult chaperones will leave on Friday, July 26 for a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and return home on Sunday, August 4. The reservation is home to the Oglala Lakota, a tribe that is part of the Sioux people, and one of the poorest areas in the United States. The group plans to work hard around the reservation, learn about the Lakota people and their history, and explore South Dakota.

On Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23, teens from our parish who will be going on the mission trip had a fundraiser. For every dollar given, donors could add a nail to our "House of Nails." The group raised \$850 over the two days!

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser for the teen summer mission trip. We so appreciate the generosity shown to us and hope you will keep us in your prayers as we get ready to go.

~ Jim Potthast, Youth & Family Minister



Donations are still being accepted for the mission trip! They can be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the brown box in the back of Church.

Reducing Gun Violence in Chicago

Community and civic leaders are partnering to contribute to a comprehensive violence reduction plan for Chicago. All are invited to join a conversation on promising solutions to reducing gun violence. The free event will be held on Thursday, July 11, with the panel discussion beginning at 3:00 pm, and a reception and continued conversation taking place at 4:15 pm. It will be held at Target Area DevCorp AFC Center, 7859 S. Ashland Ave. in Chicago.



The discussion will be moderated by Julia Stasch, President, MacArthur Foundation, a founding member of the Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities, a coalition of more than 40 foundations and funders supporting proven approaches to reducing gun violence.

Please RSVP to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/promising-solutions-to-reducing-gun-violence-in-chicago-tickets-63121781949>.



Panelists for the event include:

- William "Billy" Moore, Green ReEntry Program
- Teny Gross, Institute for Nonviolence Chicago
- Tanya Woods, West Side Justice Center
- Jorge Matos, Alliance of Local Service Organizations

Parish Stewardship

"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."
~ Galatians 5:1

We are truly free in Christ, a gift freely given. Yet it is up to us to cherish and maintain this freedom. For freedom is like silver; beautiful when polished, yet easily tarnished through exposure and neglect. Let us keep ourselves free, standing firm in the freedom of Christ.

Sunday Collection June 15-16	\$6,392.08
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$1,332.92

Sunday Collection June 22-23	\$7,211.70
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$513.30

Second Collection for Retired Religious **\$5,348.00**
June 8-9



~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish
Management
and Facilities

Neighborhood News**Edgewater Glen**

Garden Walk: The annual Edgewater Glen Garden Walk will be held Sunday July 14 from 12:00-5:00 pm, starting at 1420 W. Glenlake. Admission is \$5 per adult and includes a raffle ticket for Gethsemane gift certificates. There is no charge for children.



This year, the gardens in the 1200 & 1300 blocks of W. Norwood, W. Glenlake, W. Hood, and the south side of Granville will be featured in this easily-walkable route. All of the gardens are beautiful, and many of them are grown without pesticides or herbicides. For more info, please visit edgeglen.com.

Saints Ita & Thomas of Canterbury's Tastes of Summer: On Sunday, July 21, all are invited to celebrate America through the food of its immigrants from 9:30 am-8:30 pm. The festivities will take place at 5500 N. Broadway and will also feature live entertainment, art, and children's games. Admission is free.

Parish Development Council

We are establishing a Development Council to oversee planning for the financial resources of the parish—both immediate and long-term. If you are interested in this parish ministry, please email Father Rich at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or drop off the form below in the collection basket or at the Rectory. An application is also available for download on the home page of our website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

NOMINATION FOR PARISH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

I am interested in joining the newly forming Parish Development Council.

I nominate _____ for the newly forming Parish Development Council. I (please circle one): have/have not spoken with this person about this nomination.

Your name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Our Parish at Prayer for July 1-7

MONDAY, JULY 1

7:30 am Mary McGahay †

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:30 am Joseph Hay V. Nguyen †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

7:30 am Timothy Czech †

THURSDAY, JULY 4 *Independence Day*

9:00 am Paciencia & Roberto Cabrera †

FRIDAY, JULY 5

7:30 am Lori Fitzgerald-Larson †

SATURDAY, JULY 6

7:30 am Deceased mothers & fathers of St.
Gertrude parishioners †

5:00 pm Greg Wall †

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00 am Helen Stryczek †

9:30 am Timothy Czech †

10:30 am Marjorie Feld †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

*Our summer Mass schedule will continue through
Labor Day weekend.*

Ministers of the Word for July 6-7

SATURDAY, JULY 6

5:00 pm Steve Matre, Pat Reardon

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Mark Kollar

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

10:30 am Ann White, Victoria Healy

Requests for Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a church staff member, please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464.

Because of government regulations, hospital, nursing homes, etc., cannot contact us with this information. Heart to Heart staff will then notify the Rectory.

Readings for July 1-7

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11;
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12;
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2;
Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9;
Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day,
any readings from the Mass For the
Country or a City, nos. 882-886, or
For Peace and Justice, nos. 887-891

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;
Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6;
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal
6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

Eucharistic Ministers for July 6-7

SATURDAY, JULY 6

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Tim Harrington, Patricia
Norcik, Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian
DeVarenne, Peter Morin, Sr. Kathryn
Stimac

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

10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Bob Backis, Debra
Novak, Ruth Ott, Sharon Brown, Karen
Griebel, Steven Monti

Altar Servers for July 6-7

SATURDAY, JULY 6

5:00 pm Joey Dunning, Katie Dunning, Luke
Kaufmann

SUNDAY, JULY 7

10:30 am Henry Villareal, James Casey, Jack Casey

Our Parish at Prayer for July 8-14

MONDAY, JULY 8

9:00 am Betty Nan Belote Cook †

TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

7:30 am Glenn Martin †

THURSDAY, JULY 11

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 12

7:30 am Maria Cristol †

SATURDAY, JULY 13

7:30 am Bartly McKee †

5:00 pm Galoney-Strubbe family

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

9:30 am Louis Barlock †

10:30 am Bruno & Vincenzina Tassone †

Ministers of the Word for July 13-14

SATURDAY, JULY 13

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro

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

10:30 am Bob Backis, Ruth Ott

Save the Date—Powers of Attorney and Wills Presentation Planned

Heart to Heart is sponsoring an outreach meeting for all parishioners on the topics of Powers of Attorney and Wills presented by attorneys from The Center on Disability and Elder Law. The date for the outreach meeting is Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00-11:00 am at the Ministry Center. On Friday, September 20 from 12:00-2:30 pm, attorneys will conduct a free workshop to assist participating parishioners with completing personalized Powers of Attorney and wills. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be available in August.

Readings for July 8-14

- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab;
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab,
8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps
105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19,
27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4,
6-7; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-
34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37

Eucharistic Ministers for July 13-14

SATURDAY, JULY 13

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Kathleen Dawson, Tim
Harrington, Michelle Kuehlhorn

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Peter Morin, Sr. Kathryn
Stimac, Mary Wyler, Stephanie Clark

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

10:30 am Carlos Barragan, Christine Curran, Kathy
Dunne, Rafael Melendez, Gail Smith,
Chris Lincoln, Lina Peon

Altar Servers for July 13-14

SATURDAY, JULY 13

5:00 pm Isabel Stoltz, Josephine Stoltz, Ephraim
Curenton

SUNDAY, JULY 14

10:30 am Nordon Bhutia, Kayla Malloy, Leah
Malloy

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Geraldine Clark

Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Maria Hertl
Irene Schmitz
Peggy Stoffel
Marilynn Wagner



New Parishioners

Eric, Gina and Elliot
Nikchevich

Laurie Seiwert

Baptisms

Charlotte Josephine
Fenton
Elliott Carter Luth

Bodie Mason O'Hara
Jonah Franklin Simonton
Augustin Wendkuuni
Dinobichukwu Wininga



Rest in Peace

Collette Bennett

Marjorie Feld,
mother of Carol Clennon
and Mary Ellen Rapp, and
sister of Libby Heintz

Bartly McKee,
brother of Dawn Wyman

John P. O'Malley

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Chears, 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, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
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
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
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 - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 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
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
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