

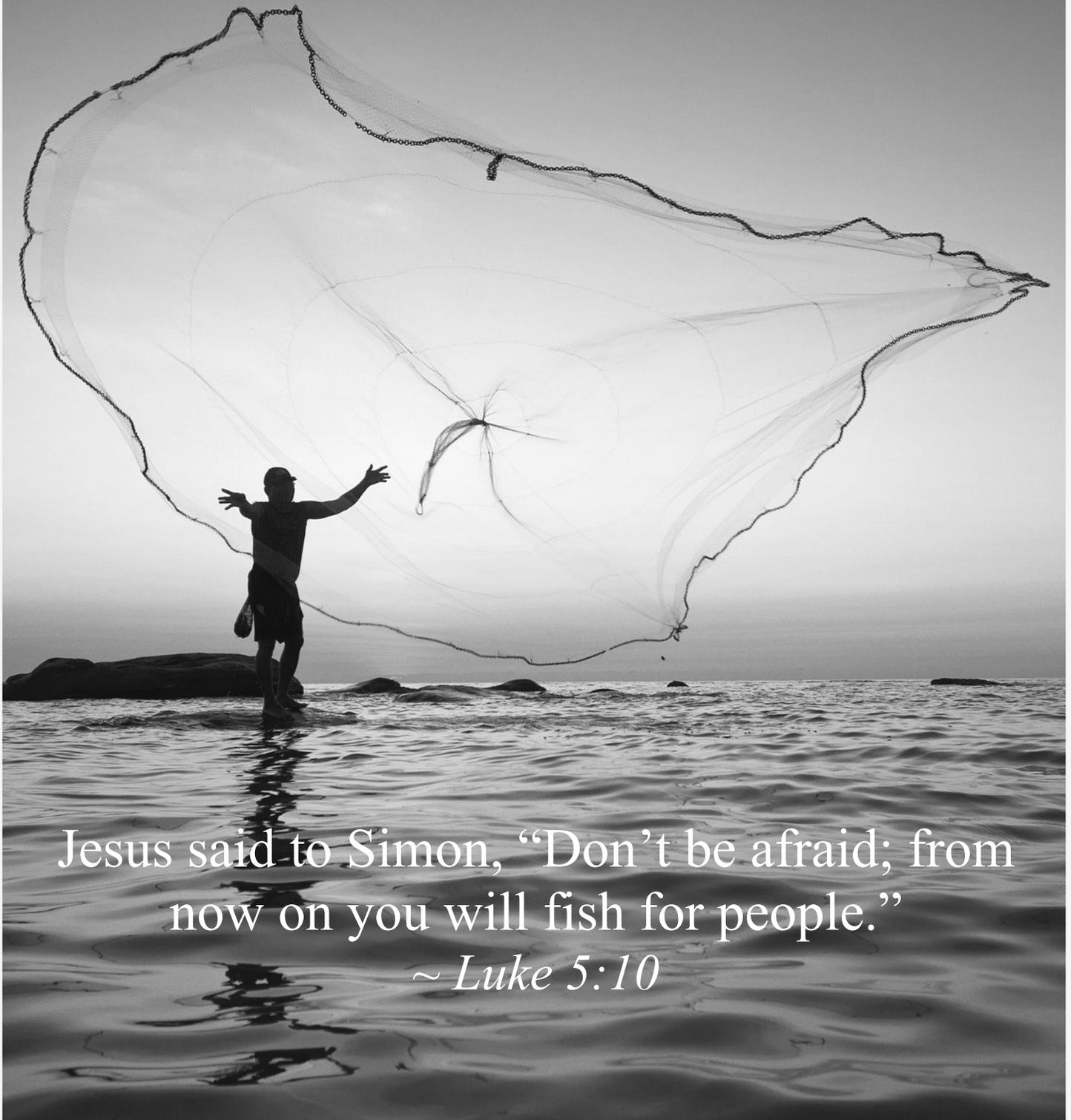
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 10, 2019



Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”

~ *Luke 5:10*

From Father Rich

Last weekend, Cardinal Cupich sent a recorded message to every parish in the Archdiocese to share a message on the world-wide meeting which will take place in Rome later this month, bringing together the heads of all the national bishop's conferences throughout the world. (I am sorry our audio system had a bad component making it impossible to play the audio message. But printed copies of the one-page message were available in the back of church and we also sent in a blast email to any parishioners whose email addresses we have.)

The Cardinal also spoke at an all-day meeting of the priests earlier that week. The morning part of that session was devoted to the sexual abuse crisis, and the afternoon to the ongoing work of the *Renew My Church* process. In the morning, the Cardinal explained that he has focused his own thoughts and directions on three concerns: Responsibility, Accountability and Transparency. He also continues to be clear that all bishops must be held to task for the way in which they have handled or mishandled the crisis. And that this is not a local or even national problem, but is indeed universal.

In the midst of some major headlines in the past months, it can sometimes seem like nothing has happened and nothing has changed since this horrible crisis first became apparent more than twenty years ago. And quite honestly, in some dioceses and countries that is true. But that is not true here in Chicago. It was the late Cardinal Bernardin who first called attention to this crisis, who developed first for Chicago, then shared with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the program for training all adults working in the Church on how to recognize and report cases of suspected abuse, as well as removing all clergy with credible accusations. Cardinal George was the head of the Bishops' Conference when they adopted what is referred to as the "Dallas Charter" which formalized how accusations would be dealt with and how all adults who had any contact with children would need to be trained, undergo criminal background checks, and continue an ongoing formation/education process on recognizing abuse and providing safety and protection for all minors.

Cardinal Cupich has a long record of dealing with this head-on not only here in Chicago, but in all the diocese in which he has served. I am guessing his own record is the reason Pope Francis has made him one of the key people planning the upcoming meeting in Rome. Cardinal Cupich has also made it very clear that Pope Francis is determined to do whatever is necessary to hold everyone accountable and ensure this is being dealt with in every diocese throughout the world.

Correcting a problem is only possible when the problem is recognized and acknowledged. This meeting in Rome is doing just that for every diocese in every nation in the world. As Pope Francis has said, this will not be the end, but is a major step in confronting the sexual abuse crisis and taking steps to ensure the safety of all minors and holding all the responsible authorities to task. Please pray for this meeting, that the Holy Spirit guide all these church leaders and lead us to a new and better place. And continue to pray for all those who have suffered from abuse, that they may find healing and peace.

~ *Father Rich*

<https://heal.archchicago.org/>

This website was created to share the actions the Archdiocese of Chicago has taken to address clergy sexual abuse, ensure leadership accountability, and protect and support victim-survivors and their loved ones. It includes detailed information, including resources for victim-survivors, instructions for reporting a sexual abuse allegation, frequently asked questions about the independent review of our policies, procedures, and practices, as well as public statements made by Cardinal Cupich and other church leaders.

Growing in Faith

When Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected Pope, he accepted the job this way: “I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Take Pope Francis at his word. He’s a sinner. This isn’t false modesty. He sins. He’s told us enough times, such as in 2015: *“I am a sinner ... I am sure of this. I am a sinner whom the Lord looked upon with mercy. I am, as I said to detainees in Bolivia, a forgiven man. ... I still make mistakes and commit sins, and I confess every fifteen or twenty days. And if I confess it is because I need to feel that God’s mercy is still upon me.”*

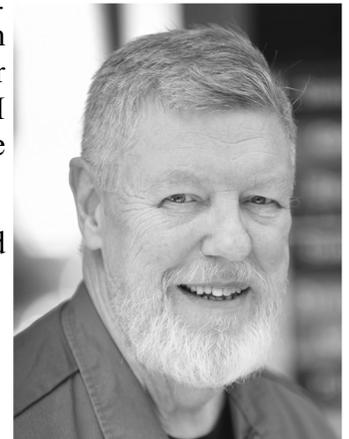
This weekend’s readings are all about sinners. After witnessing a miracle, Peter tells Jesus: “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Paul writes that he “is not fit to be called an apostle, because [he] persecuted the church of God.”

In a vision, Isaiah stands before the Lord’s throne, quaking at his unworthiness because he is “a man of unclean lips.” An angel flies to him with an ember from the fire on the Lord’s altar and purifies those lips. “See...your sins are purged.” Then, the Lord says he needs a prophet to preach his message. “Send me,” Isaiah responds.

That’s the thing about sin. I need to realize I’m sinful and ask for forgiveness — but, then, I also have to go and do the Lord’s work.

Like Peter, Paul and Isaiah. And Francis.

~ Patrick T. Reardon for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 10

- 8:00 am - 1:30 pm ~ Blood drive in the Social Hall
- Last day for NCA Soiree Online Auction

Wednesday, February 13

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitting group in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm ~ Refugee Committee meeting in the Ministry Center

Sunday, February 17

- No Religious Ed classes today
- 3:00-5:00 pm ~ Commonwealth Conversation in the Ministry Center

Saturday, February 23

- NCA Soirée at the Ravenswood Event Center (4021 N. Ravenswood Ave.)

Sunday, February 24

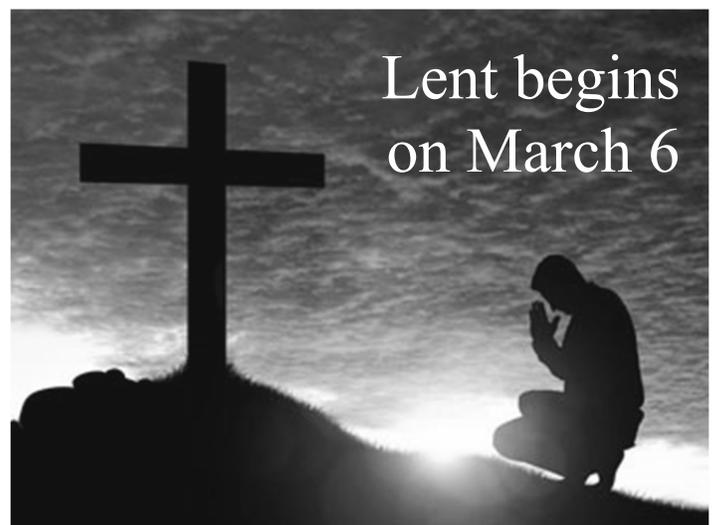
- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by fifth-grade parishioners and their families

Thursday, February 28

- Deadline for *Empower Illinois*’ two-for-one matching gift program
- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Council meeting in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, March 6

- Ash Wednesday



Parish News

TODAY—Blood Drive on Sunday, February 10: On Sunday, February 10, LifeSource will be in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave., from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome!



Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00pm 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!



Refugee Committee News: The next meeting will be this Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Please contact Denise Goodman at dmg321@comcast.net if you have any questions.

No Religious Ed over Presidents Day Weekend: There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, February 17.



Upcoming Family Mass: There will be a Family Mass at 10:00 am hosted by fifth-grader parishioners on Sunday, February 24. We encourage parishioners to bring unused warm socks, new or used hats, gloves, and/or scarves to Church. They will be donated to Care for Real.



Parish Council Meeting Minutes: The St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday, January 24 at the Ministry Center. After beginning with prayer and a reflection on the gospel from Luke for January 27, the group took up old business. The Council discussed recent updates across ministries such as ECRA and the Refugee Committee, as well as welcoming of Jane Callahan-Moore to Heart to Heart. Gail Smith will check with Parish staff to see about sponsoring one simple supper this Lenten season combined with a prayer service. Fr. Rich updated the Council that St. Gertrude will be part of the Fall 2020 Archdiocesan activity related to Renew My Church.

Following these updates, the Council took up new business including the process of building a renewed vision statement. Donna Whalley took the Council through these first steps. Suggestions are being assembled and will be distributed prior to the next meeting. Colleen Fulkerson then asked the Council to review the various parish ministries and sort them by the four parish commissions: Parish Life, Education, Prayer and Worship, and Human Concerns. The next outcome of this will be that Council members will sign up to champion a commission, to engage in one-on-ones, and to increase communication between the commissions and the Council.

The Council closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting is Thursday, February 28.

~ Colleen Fulkerson

Heartbeats: Heart to Heart News

If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a church staff member, please call us as hospitals are no longer allowed to contact us with this information.

Are you looking for activities for seniors? Mather LifeWays sponsors monthly senior luncheons at St. Andrews (Hollywood and Sheridan Rd.) with ample parking, music, and dancing at a minimal cost. The next luncheon is Monday, February 11. In early March, Mather is also hosting a trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum, lunch at a German restaurant, and the Milwaukee Public Market. Additionally, Chicago Methodist Senior Services hosts on-going weekly computer classes with topics such as using Skype, Spring Computer Clean-up, Organizing Files and Folders, and The Cloud. Classes are held in Edgewater.

Please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 for further details and information about other upcoming events.

~ Jane Callahan-Moore

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to “Come, Follow Me...and share the Word.”

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial

Commonweal Conversation

Commonweal Conversation's next gathering will be on Sunday, February 17 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Ministry Center. We will re-visit the problem of political polarization in light of the media and other responses to the Covington Catholic High School encounter with Native American demonstrators after the recent March for Life in D.C. Even if this hot issue cools off by the time of our gathering, the entire episode is a case study of the dangers of polarization.

Chuck Stone of Better Angels, a non-profit that seeks to unify our divided nation by teaching citizens new ways to talk to one another across the political divide, will lead our discussion.

Please contact me with any questions at 312.305.5499 or ddebelle@gmail.com.

~ Denise DeBelle

support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$39,124.80 in paid pledges, all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our parish.

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and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Parish Stewardship Report

*“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.”
~ 1 Corinthians 15:10*

“Not been ineffective.” What a wonderfully offhand and understated way for Paul to describe his conversion and his mission as he transformed from a persecutor of Christians to an advocate for Christ. Who knows what kind of a Church we would have if not for Paul.

How open are we to God’s grace? Can we too, accept this grace so that we can say that it has “not been ineffective?”

Sunday Collection February 2-3	\$8,209.32
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Overage	(+) \$484.32

Online Sunday Collection Jan. 2019	\$21,272.00
Online Budgeted Sunday Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
Overage	(+) \$2,784.00

Reporting Child Abuse

Victim-survivors of clergy sex abuse have the right to report their stories. We are here to help, listen, and connect them with the right services. Report all allegations concerning the abuse and/or neglect of minors to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline (1-800-25-ABUSE) and/or the local police department first before reaching out to the Archdiocese of Chicago Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY).

To report historical abuse in the Archdiocese of Chicago, please contact OPCY at 312.534.5254. We also encourage victim-survivors to connect directly with leaders from the Office of Assistance Ministry, a division of the OPCY that provides care, support, and resources to victim/survivors of clerical sexual abuse, and their loved ones, in their efforts to achieve psychological, emotional, and spiritual healing.

Catholic Dads Needed

A doctoral candidate at Catholic Theological Union is looking for dads within the Archdiocese of Chicago who are willing to share their experience of faith formation in the Catholic Church.

His thesis explores the current adult faith formation programs offered to dads in the Archdiocese to understand how their spiritual needs are being met. He hopes to capture their experiences to make recommendations for new faith formation programs specifically designed to meet their needs.

The interview consists of answering a series of questions and participating in a discussion with other fathers and should take less than two hours. The thesis is particularly focused on three groups of dads: those who personally identify as African-American and/or gay, or dads with bi-racial children.

If you are interested in sharing your experience of faith and fatherhood, please contact Willie Cobb, Jr. at wcobb3033@gmail.com or 773.558.1495.

Office of Assistance Ministry

This office provides pastoral care, support, and resources to victim-survivors of clerical sexual abuse and their loved ones in their efforts to achieve psychological, emotional, and spiritual healing. Since its creation as one of the first victim assistance ministries in the United States, the Office of Assistance Ministry has provided services and support to more than 400 victims-survivors and their family members.

After an allegation is made, the office offers a variety of services including counseling, spiritual direction, support groups, and other social services to support them with their healing process.

Please visit www.protect.archchicago.org to learn more or contact Director Thomas P. Tharayil, LCSW, BCD at 312.534.8267 or ttharayil@archchicago.org, or Assistant Director Ruth Robinson, BSW at 312.534.8256 or rurobinson@archchicago.org.

Northside Catholic Academy

Come join us for the 2019 NCA Soirée on Saturday, February 23 from 6:00-11:00 pm at the Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood Ave. The evening will feature live and silent auctions, raffles, games, food, drinks, music, and dancing! We invite our friends, family, and community members to join us in the spirit of giving and fun!

The NCA Soirée is Northside Catholic Academy's largest annual fundraiser. This multi-faceted event is dedicated to reaching a goal of raising over \$100,000 to support the NCA Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund and many academic and facility improvements. In addition to a great cause, it's a time to celebrate our community with family and friends.

Tickets are \$125 per person. Information and ticket sales can be found at ncasoiree.com.

Today is the last day to bid in the NCA Online Auction at www.ncasoiree.com today before 9:00 pm. This year's online auction features amazing items, including a vacation villa in Belize, Chick-fil-A catering for your block party, two tickets to Kelly Clarkson's February 22 concert in Chicago, an Ultimate Bulls Fan Experience, VIP Treatment at Theater on the Lake for the Air & Water Show, gift cards to local restaurants, and shops, theater tickets, and more.

Parishioner's Film Screened

Next Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 pm, parishioner Pamela Sherrod Anderson's documentary film, *The G Force*, will be screened at Chicago Filmmakers, 5720 N. Ridge Ave. With the rising trend of grandparents stepping in to raise their children's children, *The G Force* explores the challenges, concerns, and joys of two families headed by grandmothers.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased online at www.chicagofilmmakers.org or at the box office.

Catholic Matching Grant Program

A group of generous donors has agreed to pool their resources and offer a two-for-one matching gift program to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. For \$1 designated to a qualifying school through *Empower Illinois* between December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, the school will receive \$2 in matching funds. The donations are capped at \$100,000 per school.

After April 1, 2019, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.

For more information please call 312.534.2617 or visit www.archchicago.org/tcs.

Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity



On Sunday, February 17 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ, will speak about her award-winning book, *Crispina and Her Sisters*. The book explores visual imagery found on burial artifacts of

prominent early Christian women. It carefully situates the tomb art within the cultural context of customary Roman commemorations of the dead and provides an in-depth review of women's history in the first four centuries of Christianity. From this, a fascinating picture emerges of women's authority in the early church, a picture either not available or recognized, or sadly distorted in the written history.

Hosted by the Benedictine Oblates of St. Scholastica, this inspiring afternoon will explore scripture and its message for us today. The free event will be held at St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd.

For more information, visit www.osbchicago.org/programs or call 773.764.2413 x327.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30 am Jaime Jeyuson †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 am Patricia Stich †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 am Vic Milewski

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 am Vic Milewski

8:30 am NCA Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm Parishoners of St. Gertrude

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 am Isabelle Laczkowski †

9:30 am Living & deceased parents of parishioners

10:00 am Betty Taylor †

10:30 am Carol McRaith †

11:30 am Joseph Brennan †

† Indicates
person listed
is deceased.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:00 pm Michelle Kuehlhorn, Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington, Patricia Norcik, John Sullivan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 am Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Johnny Outlaw, Mary Wyler, William Mitchell, Bob Backis

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

10:00 am Gail Smith, Kathy Dunne, Rafael Melendez, Ruth Ott, Nancy Merrill, Sarah Millar

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Jana Ashbeck, Troy McMillan, Steven Monti, Lina Peon

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:00 pm Michelle Kuehlhorn, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 am David Sullivan, Marty McDermott

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

10:00 am Rafael Melendez, David O'Donnell

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Steven Monti

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:00 pm Bridget Fulkerson, Nate Fulkerson, Ellie Fulkerson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00 am Carter Dant, Henry Jacobson, Chris Agunloye

11:30 am George Hanafee, Lucas Ashbeck, Mark Ashbeck

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Your online donation is secure and flexible. You can choose the amount you wish to give and how you wish to have the funds designated. Donations may be made at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645>.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Carlene Lorys
Johnny Outlaw
Anthony Susin
Helen Stryczek



New Parishioners

The Van Meter
Family
Steven Sanchez &
Sarah Paskell
Marvin Rivera



Weddings

Interested in
getting married at
St. Gertrude? Call the
Rectory at
773.764.3621 to ask
for more info.

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of
our parish community, please consider registering.

Applications to register as a parishioner are available
in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at
www.stgertrudechicago.org.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
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Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

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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:

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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

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. 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.
Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy
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