

St. Gertrude

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 3, 2019



Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

~ *1 Cor 13:4-7*

From Father Rich

Winter has returned with a vengeance! So just a reminder in these extreme temperatures: please use your own prudential judgement in deciding what and when and how to go outside—including coming to church! If you are elderly or feeling ill or simply feel weak these days, do not risk your health by forcing yourself to go out when it is so bitter cold. God certainly understands when we are unable to get to church for a good reason! The television mass can be a good alternative. As can daily mass some other day of the week when it is not such an extreme temperature being dealt with.

As was mentioned last weekend, today (Sunday) is February 3rd, the feast day of St. Blase. The Final Blessing at all the masses this weekend is the Blessing of Throats—which is also for good health.

An update on *Renew My Church*. As you may remember, *Renew My Church* is the Archdiocesan-wide process which will involve every Catholic parish and institution in preparing us for the Mission of the Church here in Chicagoland in the coming years. This process was initiated by Cardinal Cupich to help us re-evaluate our current situation in terms of facilities, personnel and resources. This re-evaluation is needed to meet the current and future needs of the Archdiocese. The majority of our facilities and personnel were placed in the locations and needs of the church in bygone years. The shift in populations and church membership and vocations has significantly changed in the past forty to fifty years.

In *Renew My Church*, each parish or institution is part of what is called a “grouping.” This is a small collection of local parishes/institutions that share some common boundaries and concerns. We were recently informed about two decisions that will affect our participation in *Renew My Church*. The first is our grouping. We will be working with St. Gregory the Great, St. Ignatius, St. Jerome, and St. Ita. Our neighbor grouping is St. Margaret Mary, St. Timothy, St. Henry, and Cardinal Stepanic Croatian Mission. Our neighboring grouping will be going through the *Renew My Church* process this year, and our grouping will be going through the process in 2020.

As we move toward that process, there will be gatherings of various groups within the parishes to share ideas, get to know each other and share concerns and visions for the future. Some of these will be leadership groups (e.g. Parish Pastoral Councils, Pastoral Staffs, Finance Councils, etc.) and some will be broader, involving any interested parishioners.

What will drive the entire process is the question of Mission. How can we come together and form the strongest faith communities for the future of spreading and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What are the facilities we will need, what personnel will we need, what other resources will be necessary?

As you can imagine in just the two groupings that touch upon our boundaries, there is huge diversity in ethnicity, age and language populations. There are sizeable Spanish-speaking, Vietnamese, Croatian, and Filipino populations, along with smaller groups of more recent immigrants and the sizeable Anglo population. How can we come together to respect and maintain this rich diversity as we move towards the future?

Certainly the getting to know each other better is a key component to making this process possible...as is the opening of our hearts and minds to change! While we might all agree that we have to do something, it is the actual doing of something—especially something different than we have been used to—that will provide the great challenge. And that will be a matter of our hearts and souls! So prayer will be the essential component of *Renew My Church*.

I will continue to provide periodic updates as we move forward. As many of you know, originally we were led to believe this was going to begin this past fall, and then this fall. But the complexity of the process throughout the Archdiocese has proved a huge challenge. But we now have both our grouping identification as well as our start date.

I encourage you to keep *Renew My Church* in your daily prayers. It will only be with the good will of all involved, and the grace of God, that we can move forward together to be the Church Jesus summons us to be.

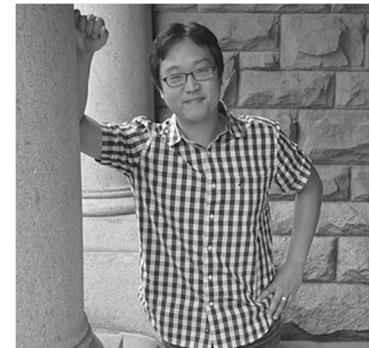
Growing in Faith

There was a married couple I once heard about who attended a 20 year high-school reunion together. They had attended the school as sweethearts and looked forward to seeing some old classmates and catching up with them. They ended up sitting next to a man at the dinner table. It turned out that the man was George, whom they knew as students. But George was now unrecognizable, due to the fact that he had become very obese, hovering around 400 pounds. The night ended after a nice dinner, drinks and conversation. On the ride home, the husband exclaimed to his wife, "I can't believe how George turned out! He is disgustingly obese, and I could barely look at him. I noticed you talked to him for a long time—how could you even stand to talk to him?" The wife replied, "I think you and I saw him very differently. George turned out to be a lovely man. He works with disabled students and spends much of his time volunteering. What a beautiful character."

The moral philosopher Iris Murdoch claimed that the process of moral cultivation was the process of coming to *really see* someone. But it's an incredibly hard process. Our vision is blurred by our own biases, insecurities, selfishness, and pride. To really see someone requires a heart enriched by love, and the ability to see each person as bearing the image of God.

What keeps you from seeing others as Christ sees them?

~ Richard Kim
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 3

- Blessing of Throats at all Masses
- 8:30 am ~ Religious Ed classes resume
- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by fourth-grade parishioners and their families

Monday, February 4

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal parent preparation class in the Rectory

Thursday, February 7

- 7:00-8:30 pm ~ United Power delegates assembly (Lawndale Community Church, Agape Chapel, 3827 West Ogden Ave.)

Saturday, February 9

- 10:00 am ~ Valentine's play date for kids ages 2-5 at NCA

Sunday, February 10

- 8:00am - 1:30pm ~ Blood drive in the Social Hall

Wednesday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 17

- No Religious Ed classes today
- 3:00-5:00 ~ Commonweal 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—Blessing of Throats/10:00 am Family Mass: Today, Sunday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blasé, which gives us the opportunity to use the newly blessed candles for the Blessing of Throats. Because the feast falls on a Sunday this year, the final blessing at all the weekend masses will be the Blessing of Throats. Fourth-grade parishioners and their families will host today's 10:00 am Mass, with hospitality afterwards in the back of Church.

TODAY—Midwest Workers Association Superbowl Sunday Tamale Benefit: Parishioners who ordered tamales to benefit the Midwest Workers Association can pick them up in the back of Church. The table will be staffed at all Masses, however, at the 8:00 am Mass, MWA staff will not arrive until the end of Mass.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

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. Appointments can be scheduled by calling LifeSource at 877.543.3768. To book an appointment online:

- Visit Lifesource.org
- Choose *Make an Appointment* and create a donor login or search for group code 591

Appointments are recommended, but 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!

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.

At our Family Masses, 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. Items may also be dropped off at the Rectory.

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

Thank You from the Refugee Committee: The Refugee Committee thanks everyone who turned out for the screening of *One Border, One Body* last Sunday, January 27. There was a good crowd and a lively discussion, despite the cold and ice.

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 me at 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.

COME, FOLLOW ME...
and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

annualcatholicappeal.com

Parish Stewardship Report

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous ... it does not seek its own interest ... it bears all things, believes all things, hope all things, endures all things. Love never fails."
~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, 7-8

How many times have we heard these verses at weddings? They certainly are appropriate. But Paul is calling us to selflessly love all people—not just a chosen few. Without love, we are just going through the motions. With love, all things are possible.

Sunday Collection January 26-27	\$4,502.87
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$ 3,222.13

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

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.

United Power

United Power is a non-partisan community organization composed of forty religious congregations, not-for-profit groups, hospitals, health centers, and civic organizations from across Cook County. Our volunteer leaders are the backbone. We are concerned citizens who consult with neighbors, shape goals and strategy to address pressing social problems, and pressure people in power to seek positive, creative solutions.

This Thursday, February 7 from 7:00-8:30 pm, United Power will hold the first delegates assembly of 2019 at Lawndale Community Church, Agape Chapel, 3827 West Ogden Ave.

If United Power and our allies want to move our major issues forward by engaging the top power people in Illinois in 2019, we need to stoke our power engine with new institutions, new money, and new leaders so we can't be ignored on the crucial issues of:

- Rebuilding Communities: Continued success in southwest Chicago and future work on the west

side of Chicago.

- Treating, not Incarcerating: Eliminating roadblocks for crisis stabilization so people facing mental health issues don't end up in jail.
- Reducing Gun Violence: Uniting law enforcement and investors to hold gun manufacturers accountable to making our communities safer.

Contact me at Reillyslp@yahoo.com to RSVP to join St. Gertrude Parish's delegation. Visit United Power's website to learn more at united-power.org.

~ Renee Reilly

United Power
FOR ACTION AND JUSTICE

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!

The NCA Soirée is Northside Catholic Academy's largest annual fundraiser. This multi-faceted event supports the NCA Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund as well as academic and facility improvements. Information and ticket sales can be found at ncasoiree.com.

Care for Real is Available to Help Federal Employees

Care for Real is suspending the usual requirements for service (income below federal guidelines and living in the neighborhood) for federal workers who might be experiencing hardship due to missing paychecks.

Furloughed employees should present a "legitimate authorities" ID to receive the groceries at 5339 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago. Families can receive grocery staples once a month and can come up to four times a week for fresh produce and bakery items. Visit CareforReal.org for more information.

Care for Our Common Home

Such a contrast in today's readings! Instead of love — "the greatest of these" — there is fury and the determination to "hurl [Jesus] down headlong." This, after first speaking highly of him! This disparity is sometimes echoed by people who "love" the beauty of Earth, yet who resist efforts to protect it. Pope Francis addresses the human roots of the ecological crisis in Chapter Three of *Laudato Si'*. Super Bowl fans will be busy this afternoon, but this chapter's 35 paragraphs deserve a thoughtful read sometime soon!

If you'd like to learn more about how you can help care for our common home, let us know! Contact George Tully at georgetully82@gmail.com.

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 4

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

† Indicates
person listed
is deceased.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 am Joseph Thu V. Nguyen **†**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 am Martin & Ellen Joyce **†**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 am Joe Shields **†**

8:30 am NCA Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

5:00 pm Glenn E. Martin **†**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am Wally Koegler **†**

9:30 am Jennifer Konopka **†**

10:00 am Bruno & Vincenzina Tassone **†**

10:30 am Billy Tobin **†**

11:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Pat Reardon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro

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

10:00 am Ann White, Christine Curran

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Jana Ashbeck, Victoria Healy

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.](https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-
14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4,
9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Brad Koch, Candace
Koch, Patricia Norcik, Roman Reyes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian De
Varenne, Mary Wyler, Johnny Outlaw

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

10:00 am Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Christine
Curran, Rose Marie Anichini, Mary
Donlan, Debra Novak, Teresita Zdunek

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Karen Griebel, Sharon
Brown, Chris Lincoln, Lina Peon

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:00 pm Julia Berry, Jean Rosenmayer, Haiden
Negrillo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:00 am Florence Szewczyk, Jesse Devitt, Zoe
Asnis

11:30 am Jayden Reyes, Nolan Reynolds, Miles
Reynolds

Milestones

**Please Pray
for Our
Parishioners
and Friends**

Anthony Susin

Helen Stryczek



Baptisms

Clayton Anthony, son of
Christopher Curry & Charmaine
Danguilan



**New
Parishioners**

The Bucchi
Family

The Lesak-Flener
Family

Mitchel Young

Monica Donnelly

The Woytus Family

Lynette Kucharski

Kelly Holme

Rachel Hermes

Nicole Dawson

Natasis Bongcas

Jennifer Bullet
Frost & Max

Haley Schrager

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
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Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
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Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
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:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
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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.northsdecatholic.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 tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.

Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center