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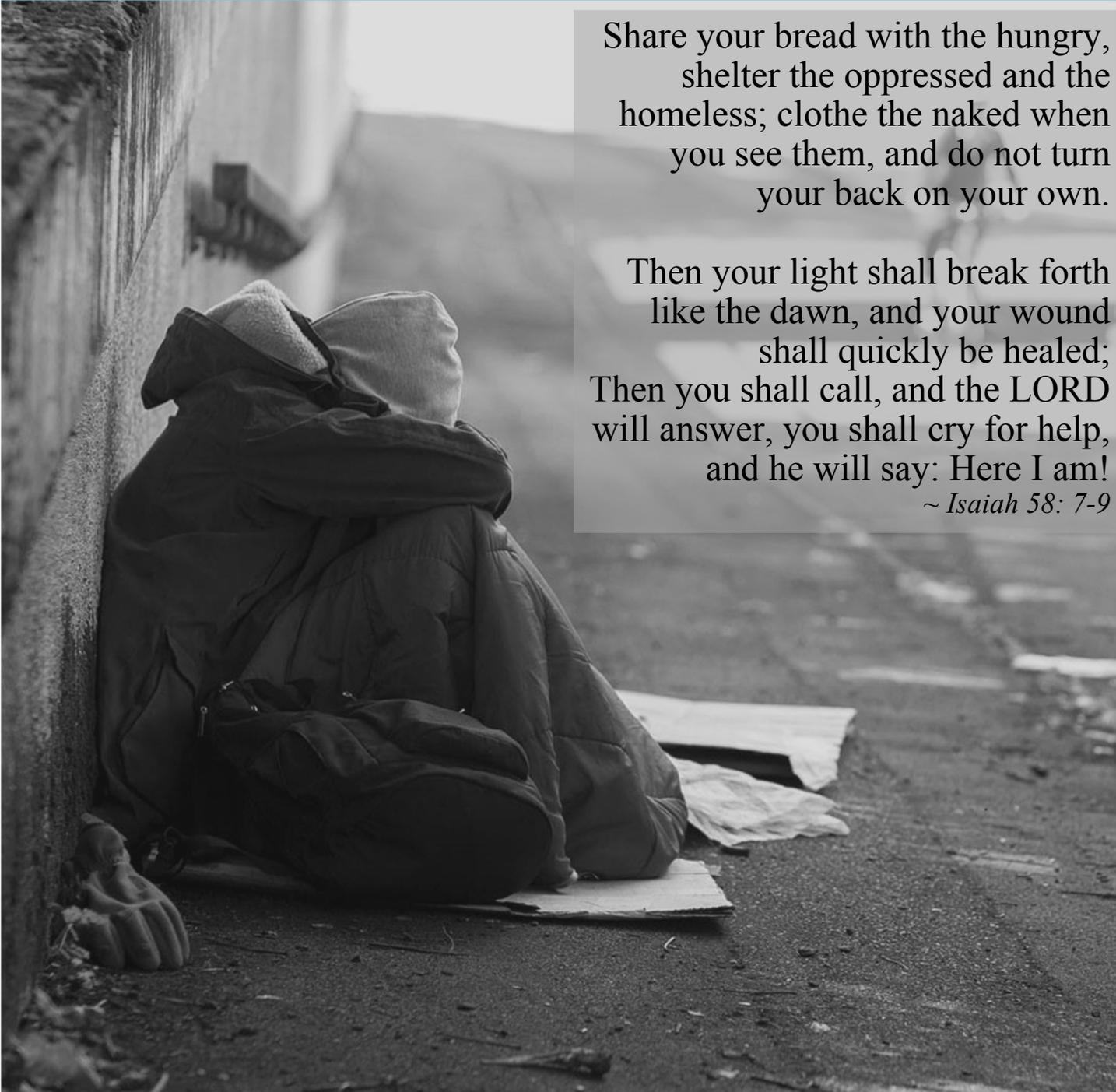
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for February 9, 2020



Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the
homeless; clothe the naked when
you see them, and do not turn
your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth
like the dawn, and your wound
shall quickly be healed;
Then you shall call, and the LORD
will answer, you shall cry for help,
and he will say: Here I am!

~ *Isaiah 58: 7-9*

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

(Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal. In anticipation of the Appeal, here are reflections on today's scriptures from Fr. Cameli of the Archdiocese of Chicago's ACA team.)

The theme of the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal is "Come follow me... and heal our world." We receive and treasure God's life-giving Word. We enthroned that Word and renewed our commitment to it two weeks ago. And last week, we began a special cycle of readings from Matthew's Gospel drawn from the Sermon on the Mount. Those Gospel readings are special, because they represent the charter for the Kingdom of God and for the disciples who belong to that Kingdom. The words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount give us both a sense of our identity as disciples and our mission to foster the coming of the Kingdom of God. We come to know who we are and what our purpose is.



In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) In today's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples in a way that perhaps ought to startle us, "You are the light of the world...(and) your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." The disciples who follow the Master, the light of the world, are themselves His radiance in this world. That is indeed striking.

Still, we might ask ourselves, "How exactly are we light in the world? What does this mean? How is it shaped?" There are clues in the Gospel itself. Somehow, there is a connection between being a light and doing good deeds. Jesus says, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds..." The prophet Isaiah spells it out in greater detail: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed..."

When we, the disciples of Jesus, bring a healing presence to our wounded and broken world and humanity, we reflect the very light of Christ and share him with others. Our proclamation of Jesus, our presentation of him to a world in need, is not only a matter of words. Saint Paul seems to be aware of this, as we heard in the second reading from his letter to the Corinthians: "When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom." In our deeds, especially in our work for the healing of others and the world, we bring and share the light of Christ.

Next weekend is commitment Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. And we will have an opportunity to extend our healing mission through the ministry of the Church. The theme for this year's appeal is "Come follow me... and heal our world." Our financial support, our prayerful support, and our direct involvement in the Church's outreach in parishes, education, religious and ministerial formation, initiatives for justice, peace, and respect for life – all these bring healing and light into our world.

Across this next week, reflect, pray, and ask yourself questions about the meaning of following Jesus and how, in a very specific way, you can carry his healing into the world. Consider what you might contribute from your time, talent, and treasure to make a healing difference. In this way, you will answer His call to follow Him, to bring His healing, and to be His light in our world. The Eucharist we are now celebrating summons us once again to follow Jesus. His death and resurrection celebrated here are the source both of our own healing and our empowerment to carry forward healing for others.

~ Fr. Louis J. Cameli

Growing in Faith

Today's readings say to me: share. Isaiah exhorts us to share our food, our homes, our kindness. Paul shares his faith. Jesus urges us to share the light of our good example.

Scriptures teach generosity and I learned it in real life from my mother. She was an orphan at nine and a widow at 27. She raised two children with almost nothing, but she was generous. She ran a little grocery store and had her children take hot evening meals to elderly people in the rooming house across the street. She gave credit to people who didn't always pay her back. She sent us to Catholic school even though she was not welcome in the Church. Her faith was in God and in her family. Let us share our faith, our bread, and our kindness, humbly and generously.

Growing in Faith, this column, has been a source of blessing for me. I love reading the reflections of my community members. So thank you all for sharing with the rest of us. And thank you to people of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East community who make it happen. Your light shines.

~ Myra Johnson
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 9

- 10:30 am ~ Family Mass in Church hosted by sixth graders and their families/hospitality provided by the parish's Boy Scouts
- There is no Gym Mass.
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW get-together in the Gym balcony

Monday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 12

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Knitting Group in the Ministry Center

Sunday, February 16

- There are no Religious Ed classes.
- 10:30 am ~ Kids Word at Mass in Church

Monday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 22

- 9:30 am ~ Lenten leaders' *New Wine, New Wineskins* training in the Ministry Center (Registration is required.)
- 6:00 pm ~ NCA Soiree at Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Wednesday, February 26 *Ash Wednesday*

- 7:30 am ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 10:00 am ~ NCA's Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 6:00-6:45 pm ~ Ashes distributed.
- 7:00 pm ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)

Friday, February 26

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, February 29

- 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass ~ PreCana class (Registration is required.)

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm ~ Boy Scouts pancake breakfast in the Social Hall

Monday, March 2

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal prep class (Registration is required.)

Mark your calendars!

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26.



Parish News

TODAY—Family Mass: Today, Sunday, February 9, there will be a Family Mass in Church at 10:30 am, hosted by sixth-grade students and their families.

The Boy Scouts will provide hospitality after Mass in the back of church. There is no Gym Mass.

TODAY—WOW Get-Together: WOW teens and any teen in high school, are invited to gather today, Sunday, February 9 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym balcony.

Good Books: The book club will meet on Monday, February 10 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, February 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Upcoming Day Off—Religious Education Classes: There will not be Religious Education classes next Sunday, February 16 due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Kids Word will be held at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, February 17 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please email Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com for a list of poems.

Women's Friendship Club: The group will not be meeting in February. Their activities will resume on the usual Thursday in March.

Ash Wednesday is February 26: Our schedule for Ash Wednesday is:

- 7:30 am ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 10:00 am ~ NCA's school Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 6:00-6:45 pm ~ Ashes distributed.
- 7:00 pm ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)



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, February 29, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm in Church beginning Friday, February 28. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, featuring teens from the parish.

If you haven't prayed the Stations in a long time—or maybe ever—why not give it a try.

The Stations were meant to be a way for those who could not make the pilgrimage to the holy places in Jerusalem to reflect on the momentous events that brought us salvation. This is one of the few prayers that invites us to not just bring our minds and hearts, but our actual physical movement into the prayer as the participants are invited to walk with the minister from station to station.

Pancake Breakfast: Boy Scout Pack 3822 will host their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 1 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Social Hall. Tickets are available for pre-sale or at the door, \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors and kids under 12. Proceeds help pay for events, outings, and operational expenses.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Supporters of our Parish Cabaret! We are so grateful to the performers in Saturday's Cabaret, especially Mary Clare Barker and the St. Gertrude choir and musicians for their hard work organizing it, Dick Merrill, who designed the event's flyer, the many people that supported the event, and those that came out to enjoy the music. We are very thankful for your help in making the evening a success and for supporting the good work of our parish.

Domestic Violence Resources

St. Gertrude is partnered with the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach to help and empower victims of domestic violence and their loved ones.

Our website, <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help>, offers a list of are resources for those experiencing domestic violence. A quick link to the resources is also available on our home page.

Information includes:

- Where to start
- Organizations that provide housing
- Legal help
- Spanish-speaking assistance
- Asian, Arabic, and Korean assistance
- LGBTQ help
- Help for teens and young adults
- Help securing the safety of pets

Additionally, the page reviews signs of what abuse looks like, what emotional abuse is, why people stay in abusive relationships, and how friends and family

members can help their loved ones in difficult relationships..



Please note, if you are concerned that your computer use may be monitored, the Chicago Public Library system is an excellent resource to access online websites and materials for help.

Help Needed for Lenten Faith Groups

Looking For a Few Small Group Leaders—Six Weeks, 90 Minutes Each Week, No Pay, but Great Fringe Benefits!

As part of our Lenten program this year, and in preparation for the *Renew My Church* process we will be starting this fall, we will be inviting parishioners to join already existing faith-sharing groups, or to form new faith-sharing groups. These small groups will use the *New Wine, New Wineskins: A Faith-Sharing Resource for Restructuring Parishes* as a guide to gather together as a faith community and reflect on our identity as missionary disciples, the meaning of Church, and how change is a constant part of our lives.

There are no qualifications for volunteering as a small group leader. There will be a one-time training session on Saturday, February 22 at 9:30 am in the Ministry Center to familiarize all leaders with the *New Wine, New Wineskins* booklets and how each of the sessions is structured. Leaders will be participants in the groups, have already read through the materials being used, make sure the space is set up, and will keep the small group focused and on track.

The faith-sharing groups will begin meeting the weekend before Lent starts (Ash Wednesday is February 26. The first group meetings will be the weekend of February 22-23). And they will be completed before Holy Week begins.

No experience is needed, nor is anyone expected to be an expert in anything. Please consider making this commitment. It will not only be a great Lenten program, but also a great introduction to *Renew My Church* and the future of our parish.

Groups will meet after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses in the various meeting spaces on the parish campus, and on evenings that works with most people's schedules.

Contact Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, by email at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call her at the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 if you are willing to volunteer as a group leader for this short-term process.

Thanks for your consideration.

~ Fr. Rich

Tickets Available for the NCA Soiree

Come join us for the 2020 NCA Soirée on Saturday, February 22 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. The Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund helps to ensure that a quality Catholic education is available to all families in our community. This fund, and many school improvements, cannot be sustained without this essential fundraising event!

In addition to a great cause, it’s a time to celebrate our community with family and friends. Tickets are \$125 per person and must be purchased by Saturday, February 14. Information and ticket sales can be found at ncasoiree.com.

Parish Stewardship Report

“Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed.” ~ Isaiah 58:7-8

For thousands of years, the powerless have been oppressed. Isaiah condemns those who neglect, abuse, and exploit the poor and subjugated. This condemnation comes not from Isaiah, but from God. Yet condemnation is not enough; it is our call to actively support those who are in need. Then we fulfill the prophets’ charge; then we perform the work of the Lord.

Sunday Collection February 1-2	\$5,922.50
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Variance	(-) \$1,802.50
Online Collection January 2020	\$19,464.23
Budgeted Electronic Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
Variance	(+) \$ 976.23

Ministry of Care Training

St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston will be conducting Ministry of Care training on two consecutive Saturdays in 2020—February 29 and March 7. The training will be held from 8:30 am-3:30 pm in St. Nicholas parish’s Oldershaw Hall, 806 Ridge Avenue in Evanston. The cost is \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch.

Each session will focus on a particular aspect of the Ministry of Care and will be given by experienced facilitators accompanied by group discussion and/or exercises to help you practice a particular skill. Completion of this course qualifies you to receive the Archdiocesan mandate to bring Communion to the sick, homebound, and hospitalized of your parish.

If you would like to participate in this training, please contact Jane Moore-Callahan, Director of Parish Social Services at heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.973.5464. A brochure with more information is available on the tables in the back of church.

Green Team Tips

Below are more tips from our parish’s Green Team about small changes you can make in your home to shrink your carbon footprint:

- **Keep Your Dryer's Exhaust Clean:** Cleaning the exhaust will extend the life of your dryer and help use less energy. Use dryer balls to cut down on drying time and eliminate dryer sheets.
- **Clean Refrigerator Coils:** Cleaning the coils underneath your fridge every six months.
- **Raise Refrigerator Temperature:** You can save a huge chunk on energy by raising your fridge temp by just a few degrees. Be mindful of safe temperatures for food but factory settings are often unnecessarily low.
- **Unplug Rarely Used Appliances:** Sometimes referred to as “phantom load,” some appliances continue to suck energy even when not in use. Some studies show homes could save between 15 -20%.
- **Smart Strip Power Strips:** Smart Strip power cut power to devices not in use. Your TVs and computers can still suck up lots of energy while plugged in but turned off.
- **Skip Laundry or the Dishwasher During a Storm:** The city’s drainage system is old! When it has to handle storm and household water it leads to breaks, flooding, and contamination.

Teen Domestic Violence Discussion

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and an opportunity to learn about what makes a healthy and unhealthy relationship.



The Domestic Violence Outreach ministries of St. Benedict and Queen of Angels Catholic Parishes invite you to *Love Shouldn't Hurt* on Tuesday, February 18 at Sulzer Library, 4555 N. Lincoln Ave. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm and the program will begin at 7:00 pm.

Jessica Caccavallo, MSW, LSW, Prevention Education Coordinator for Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault will be the featured presenter to discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships.

The discussion will include information about how to navigate dating, relationships, and break-ups, signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationship, and how to take action if you are in an unhealthy relationship.

Please come and bring a friend!

Donate to Tax Credit Scholarships

Illinois' tax credit scholarship program through the "Invest in Kids" Act provides strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools.

In 2019, more than 2,300 students were awarded scholarships, however more than 11,000 students remain on the wait list without a scholarship. Many more students could benefit from your generosity. The need is great. Your gift through a tax credit scholarship provides a high-quality, faith-based education for generations of students to come.

With the two-for-one matching program through Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools and Empower Illinois, a \$500 donation could easily turn into \$1,500 scholarship for a student in need. Learn more at archchicago.org/tcs.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me... and heal our world

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure included in this week's bulletin. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged campaign commitment where you can make a gift payable in installments. A pledge is a promise to make a gift over a span of time.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me... and heal the world."

Once we reach our parish goal of \$ 46,545.00 in paid pledges, any additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Bereavement Group

When a loved one dies we grieve and it can feel overwhelming. In many ways, grief work is the most difficult work we will ever do. Healing is an active process and it requires emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual energy. We all grieve in our own personal way, but we need not grieve alone. Others who are grieving are on a similar journey and we can all be uplifted by journeying together.

A new bereavement group is being formed at Queen of All Saints parish, with the first meeting today, Sunday, February 9. The meeting will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in Queen of All Saints' Benedict Center - Fireplace Room, 6275 N. Ionia Ave., on the second floor. Please enter through the north door at the back.

This introductory meeting will include a film, followed by a sharing of experience and insight. For more information or to register, please call Sheila Morrow at 773 383 4405 or send an email to smorrow@qasparish.org.

Our Parish at Prayer for February 10-16

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

7:30 am Glenn Martin †

Wednesday, February 12

7:30 am Susan Breen †

Thursday, February 13

7:30 am Communion service

Friday, February 14

7:30 am Jack Newhall †

8:30 am NCA Mass

Saturday, February 15

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm Ethel Heinz †

Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Isabelle Laczkowski †

9:30 am Rose Nugent †

10:30 am Betty Taylor †

10:30 am Mary Catherine Burke † (*Gym Mass*)

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, February 15

5:00 pm Bob Backis, Steve Matre

Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Rob Sierzega

9:30 am TBA

10:30 am Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak

10:30 am (*Gym Mass*) TBA

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 the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 15

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Kathleen Dawson, Bob Backis, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall

Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Marty McDermott, Peter Morin, Rob Sierzega

9:30 am Leon Ward, Forrest Ingram, Ruth Timmons, Rene Elhoumaidi

10:30 am Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Sarah Millar, Debra Novak, Gail Smith, Chris Lincoln, Lina Peon

10:30 am (*Gym Mass*) TBA

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 15

5:00 pm TBA

Sunday, February 16

10:30 am TBA

Do You Have Questions About Mass Times, Events, or Rectory Hours?

Visit our website at www.stgertrudechicago.org for a complete listing of events, Mass times, office hours, pictures from our celebrations, bulletins, and more.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

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

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Karey Myers
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Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
The Sullivan family
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray
Lorraine Walton



Rest in Peace

Raymond Thompson,
father of Bernadette
Mitchell



Weddings

Interested in
getting married at
St. Gertrude? Call the
Rectory office at
773.764.3621 to ask for
more information or visit
www.stgertrudechicago.org/marriage.

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
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Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
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Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
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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 and 10:30 am in Church
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am in the Gym (1401 W. 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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Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
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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. 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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