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15th & 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for July 14 & July 21, 2019



Feed the Hungry



Give Water to the Thirsty

“Go and do likewise.” ~ *Luke 10:37*



Clothe the Naked



Shelter the Homeless



Visit the Sick & Imprisoned



Bury the Dead

From Father Rich

Please keep our parish teens in your prayers as they head out to Pine Ridge, South Dakota on their summer mission trip from July 27 - August 4.

These are, hopefully, the mid-summer days of rest and relaxation. I hope everyone is finding some time to slow down, get out in the fresh air and sunshine, and enjoy summertime!

While things are quieter, I'd like to take this opportunity to give you an update on our ongoing Sunday Mass schedule plans. As you know, during this past (school) year we increased the number of "Combined" Masses to about one per month. This



was to try out this schedule to see how well it accommodated everyone. The parish staff, in evaluating this experiment, found it was a great improvement in a number of areas, including: a better level of participation when there were more people gathered in church at one time; a more robust musical experience enhancing people's involvement and adding an additional, positive dynamic to our worship; a better opportunity for hospitality after the 10:30 am Mass because we didn't have to have everyone cleared out before the 11:30 am Mass; and the possibility of more ministers regularly available for all the Masses.

We found the schedule to be so effective that we are going to try it out in the regular (school) year after Labor Day. Which means our current "summer" schedule will continue as our regular schedule for weekend Masses (Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am, and the 10:30 (Gym) Mass.) In preparation, I recently informed the 9:30 am (Sheridan Road) Mass that their last Mass will be on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. For some years, their attendance has veered downward so there are rarely even thirty-five people at that Mass. Also, while its original intent was to provide a local Mass for seniors, especially those with any physical limitations, most seniors and persons with disabilities come to the church for Mass. We will have a special celebration at their final Mass to commemorate the many years of worship at that site. The other change is that there will be no 11:30 am Mass as we move forward. And we hope to have the 10:30 (Gym) Mass come to the 10:30 am Mass in church once a month.

During the (school) year, we will also invite every parishioner to reflect and share their own thoughts, opinions and ideas on the Sunday schedule. At the June Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting, the members unanimously adopted a proposal which will begin after Labor Day, in which individuals members of the PPC will invite conversations with individuals and small groups to gather data about people's experiences at the Masses and what they feel is most important about scheduled times for Masses, the various charisms or unique dimensions of various Masses, and how we might better incorporate those positive elements into more Masses.

Among the input we hope parishioners will share with the PPC members are considerations such as whether or not the schedule meets not only the question of convenience, but also the question of necessity. What would the ideal schedule look like? Which Mass do I want to attend, AND which Mass do I need to attend because of work or other considerations? Along with that data, the slightly more difficult information about what are the characteristics, charisms, etc. in any of the particular Masses and how those can be sure to be continued in whatever the schedule ends up being. For example, some Masses offer hospitality on a fairly regular basis: the 9:30 am has once a month hospitality, the 10:30 am (Gym) Mass has weekly hospitality, and the monthly

Father Rich (continued)

10:00 am Family Mass has offered hospitality. This is a very positive value and therefore one we want to be sure we respect and maintain as we go forward. Besides these smaller conversation with members of the PPC, we also will have one or more town halls offered to gather people's thoughts and opinions on the schedule.

Finally, a word about "rules" for these conversations. It is important for this be a positive discussion. Everyone knows change is difficult. That's the given. But how we approach the change makes all the difference! That we have to change to better reflect our present reality is not a punishment on anyone. It is simply a reflection on reality. Intransigent, non-negotiable points aren't helpful. And no bullying will

be allowed. Of course there is often a lot of emotion around certain topics. But civility is requested and required for the conversations. This is as true for the individual and small group conversations as it will be for the town hall gatherings.

From a slightly broader picture, I think this is a good practice for all of us as we anticipate the Renew My Church process coming in the fall of next year. As I consider what all this will mean, it seems only fair that both the pain and the good that comes from the change(s) should be equally distributed, as much as is possible.

~ Father Rich

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 18

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm ~ VIRTUS training session in the Social Hall (Registration required.)

Thursday, July 25

- 6:30 pm ~ Women's Club summer potluck picnic in the Rectory yard

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.)

Monday, August 5

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal preparation class in the Rectory (Registration is required.)

Monday, August 12

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

Wednesday, August 14

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

Saturday, August 24

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm ~ VIRTUS training session in the Social Hall (Registration required.)

Sunday, August 25

- Renew My Church presentation at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall (1609 W. Gregory Ave.)

Mission Sunday

On Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, we will celebrate Mission Sunday at St. Gertrude.

Fr. Maximilian Francis Buluma, originally from the Archdiocese of Mwanza, Tanzania in East Africa, will speak at all the Masses. He will discuss the needs of this East African diocese and the many challenges the community it serves faces.

A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses that weekend for the Archdiocese of Mwanza. Funds collected will go to the building of a new kindergarten, the construction of a secondary school for girls, the training of more seminarians, water projects for rural communities, and the biggest issue facing the diocese—the care and nourishment of the overwhelming numbers of orphans they are looking after.

Please be as generous as you can to help our brothers and sisters in Mwanza.



Parish News

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.

Calling all Heart to Heart and Helping Hands Volunteers! Volunteers that are active in Heart to Heart or Helping Hands ministries must receive VIRTUS training in order to continue with these ministries. For those volunteers that still need to attend training, we will offer two sessions. (Attendees need to attend only one of the sessions.)

The trainings will be on Thursday, July 18 and Saturday, August 24 in the Social Hall. Sessions will start promptly at 10:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. No latecomers will be admitted. Please call the Heart to Heart staff at 773.973.5464 to reserve a space.

Women's Club Potluck Planned: The St. Gertrude Women's Club annual summer potluck picnic is scheduled for Thursday, July 25. Please bring a dish, side, dessert or drink to share (and a yard chair if you have one.) We'll gather from 6:30-9:00 pm in the Rectory yard.

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.

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. Please keep our teens and their chaperones in your prayers as they prepare to leave!

PreCana Classes Offered: 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.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, August 5 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

Registration is required. Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up.

Good Books: The next gathering of the book club will be Monday, August 12 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, August 14 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!

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.

New Start Time for Religious Education: The Religious Education program for the 2019-2020 school year begins on Sunday, September 8, 2019 and concludes on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Because of the shift in Mass times, classes will now be held from 9:00-10:15 am. A registration form is available at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education>. Forms should be emailed to Jim Potthast at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org or dropped off at the Rectory.

Growing in Faith

Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan to answer the question, “And who is my neighbor?” In Jesus’ own life, he demonstrates that the answer is, everyone, by being in relationship with every type of person one could despise in his day: drunks, prostitutes, a dishonest tax collector for an oppressive empire, an officer in the occupying army, and thoughtful women like Mary Magdalene and the woman at the well. With the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows what being a neighbor costs.

Both the priest and the Levite recoil at the sight of a naked, bloody, half-conscious man left on the road to die. The Samaritan, by contrast, recognizes a shared humanity with this victim of a violent crime, about whom he knows nothing except his evident need, and immediately springs into action. He cleans and binds the wounds with his own hands. He picks the broken man up in his arms, finds shelter for them

both, and takes care of him all day, disregarding his travel plans. He pays the innkeeper and says as he leaves, “take care of him.” The innkeeper must trust that he will return.

Being a good neighbor means facing the reality and consequences of there being bad people in the world



who do horrible things, and taking the risk that the person in need before you is himself another bad person. For that matter, your fellow helpers might be bad people, too. Jesus tells us, take the risk and heal the world.

~ Ruth Ott
for *Growing in Faith*

Parish Stewardship

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”
~ Luke 10:27

Simple. Love God. Love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet too often we pick and choose who we consider our neighbors to be. But that’s wrong. All persons are made in the image of God—all persons are our neighbors.

Sunday Collection June 29-30	\$5,910.16
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$1,814.84
Sunday Collection July 6-7	\$7,211.70
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$513.30
Online Collection June 2019	\$21,472.50
Online Budgeted Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
Overage	(+) \$2,984.50

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

Interested in Being Catholic?

If you are an adult seeking answers to questions about becoming Catholic, or are Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, you are invited to take part in the journey of faith which is RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that provides a special time either to begin your Catholic faith journey or to complete the sacraments of initiation.

The RCIA process is for:

- People who have never been baptized.
- People who have been baptized and have had faith formation in another denomination.
- People who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation—Eucharist and Confirmation.
- People who have received Baptism and Eucharist, but who have not received any formation since that time.

Our first gathering will be in the fall. Contact Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org for more information.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

On Thursday, July 25, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps is hosting a Morning of Reflection at St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 Roosevelt Rd., from 9:30 am-1:00 pm. The event will celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola and offer an opportunity to spend some time considering spirituality amid the hustle and bustle of the summer months.

Father Michael Rossmann, SJ, will present *Sharing Our Spirituality: A Look to the Future*, followed by Mass and lunch. Father Michael, the former editor in chief of *The Jesuit Post*, joined the Jesuits in 2007 after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. He was ordained a priest in 2017. He lives in Chicago and serves as the vocation promoter for the Jesuits.

The cost is \$25 per person. Register online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago or contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald at jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org or 312.961.6206.

Theology on Tap

The Archdiocese of Chicago has revitalized Theology on Tap for summer 2019! This year, Theology on Tap will help support and celebrate spiritual growth, exploring how God is present in our lives in a number of new and exhilarating ways. This summer's events will focus on learning about faith, growing in faith, serving through faith, and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ.

The nearest program locations to St. Gertrude are in Evanston at the Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church Street. The dates and topics are:

- Wednesday, July 17, 7:00 pm - *An Ecological Conversation: On Care for Our Common Home*
- Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 pm - *Catholics in the Political Realm*
- Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 pm - *Using Science to Bring Faith to the Margins*

For a complete list of all Theology on Tap presentations, please visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap>.

Neighborhood Events

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 West 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 and 1300 blocks of West Norwood, West Glenlake, West 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. Delicacies from Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela, Vietnam, the Philippines, Burma, Mauritius, U.S., Nigeria, West Africa and Poland will be for sale.

The festivities will take place at 5500 N. Broadway and will also feature live entertainment, art, and children's games. Admission is free. Early bird discounted tickets are available. Purchase one food ticket packet for \$20 and receive \$25 worth of tickets. Visit <https://www.saintita.org/tastes-of-summer-1> for more information and to place an order for tickets.

Thieves, Dreams, & Pilgrims Concert:

On Saturday, July 27 at 7:00 pm, Saint Gregory the Great Church, 5545 N. Paulina, will host the Stapelton's, a Pittsburgh-based folk duo, featuring music from their new album, *Thieves & Dreamers*. As a complement to the music, paintings by Chicago artist Patrick Lyne will be exhibited. The event is free. A freewill offering is asked. All are welcome.

Our Parish at Prayer for July 15-21

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:30 am Ethan Seitzer †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

THURSDAY, JULY 18

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 19

7:30 am Luciano Guzman †

SATURDAY, JULY 20

7:30 am Marjorie Feld †

5:00 pm Greg Wall †

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:00 am Evelyn Clark †

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

10:30 am Giulia & Matteo Nichele †

Annie Willey & Roger Joya †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Ministers of the Word for July 20-21

SATURDAY, JULY 20

5:00 pm Steve Matre, Pat Reardon

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:00 am Rob Sierzega, David Sullivan

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

10:30 am Christine Curran, Debra Novak

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. Then the Heart to Heart staff will notify the Rectory.

Because of government regulations, hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities cannot contact us directly with this information.

Readings for July 15-21

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28;
Lk 10:38-42

Eucharistic Ministers for July 20-21

SATURDAY, JULY 20

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Brad Koch, Candace Koch, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Rob Sierzega, Mary Wyler

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

10:30 am Sarah Millar, Nancy Merrill, Mary Donlan, Patrick Robinson, Sharon Brown, Karen Griebel, Chris Lincoln

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JULY 20

5:00 pm Brendan Moran, Norah Moran, Casey Cancilla

SUNDAY, JULY 21

10:30 am Ariella Gehl, Anna Stecky, Emily Stecky

**Our Parish at Prayer for
July 22-28**

MONDAY, JULY 22

9:00 am James McGanay †

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:30 am Nancy Crandall †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

7:30 am Baby Hiro Vignon Adjahi Agboton †

THURSDAY, JULY 25

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 26

7:30 am Maria Cristol †

SATURDAY, JULY 27

7:30 am Purgatorial Society
3:00 pm Pham/Nguyen wedding
5:00 pm Donato Tolentino †

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00 am Deceased of the Dorsey-Chears family †
9:30 am Nancy Tomaskovic †
10:30 am Bobby Udrow †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

**Ministers of the Word
for July 27-28**

SATURDAY, JULY 27

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Pat Reardon

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mark Kollar
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am David O'Donnell, Donna Whalley

**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 22-28**

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; | Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**Eucharistic Ministers
for July 27-28**

SATURDAY, JULY 27

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (Mary Cook assisting), Kathleen Dawson, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Roman Reyes, Patricia Norcik

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Wyler, Stephanie Clark
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Brad Mulick, Ruth Ott, Jana Ashbeck, Troy McMillian

**Altar Servers
for July 27-28**

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28

10:30 am Nadia Millar, Dominic Millar, Jesse Devitt

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

Barbara Grauel

Kris Rygrel
& Melissa Pino

Rest in Peace

Susan Spieske

Baby Hiro Vignon Adjahi
Agbot, son of Irma
Mundungu & Prudence
Agboton, younger brother of Enzo

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
 Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
 Brenda K. Arreola, 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 Cheers, Pastoral Associate
 Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
 Jim Potthast, Youth and Family Minister
 Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
 Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

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

SUMMER WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE (June 23-September 1)

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

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
 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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