

St. Gertrude

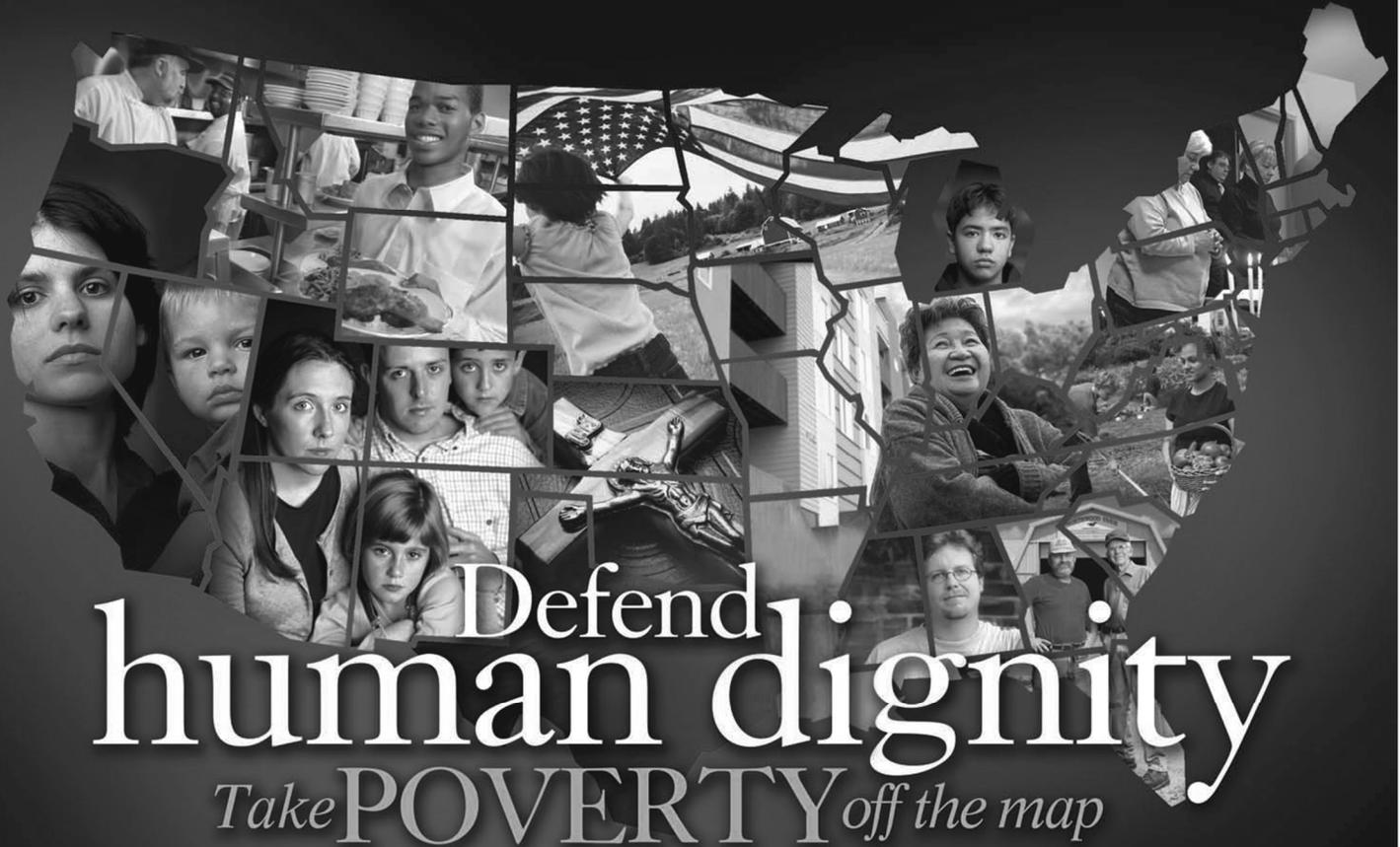
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Bulletin for November 11, 2018



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From Father Rich

Today we welcome Ed Jacob, who will speak to us about the important work accomplished through our generosity to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be attentive to his message. Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Today is Veteran's Day. As we honor and pray for all the men and women who have served our nation in the Armed Forces throughout its history, let us join in prayers of thanksgiving for all the good their service has accomplished.

Next weekend is our Parish Feast Day celebration! We begin with the International Dinner this Friday evening, then celebrate St. Gertrude at all the weekend masses, including the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick at every mass, and also the All Are Welcome Concert on Saturday evening. At the 10:00 am Mass, we welcome the girls and boys preparing for the celebrations of their First Reconciliation later this month, and their First Holy Communion in the spring as we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with them. While this makes for a packed weekend, it also reflects the vitality of St. Gertrude Parish.

Don't forget the annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service which is also next Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Ismaili Community Center at 6259 North Broadway. Members of St. Gertrude will be participating in this wonderful annual gathering. Please join us as we unite the prayers of our varied faiths in thanking God for our many blessings.

At the 10:00 am Mass next weekend, we will present the annual *Spirit of St. Gertrude Award* to **Sr. Terri MacKenzie, SHCJ**. Sr. Terri has been a wonderful and positive presence in the St. Gertrude Parish community for many years. She is a native Chicagoan, from St. Ignatius Parish, and has been a member of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus for 66 years. Sr. Terri's particular interest in care for our home planet has led her to be the force behind so many of our parish "Green" activities. She organized the first Earth Day celebration in 2005 and co-chaired the Green Team with Sandy Bowen for many years. This past year, she handed the reins of the Green Team over to George Tully to ensure it would continue once she moves back to her religious community next year. She has been part of the Growing in Faith group, often writing articles for the bulletin; helped with the organic garden at the Rectory; has participated in the Poetry Group, Refugee Committee, and the Green Team; and is the current author of the Care for our Common Home weekly bulletin blurbs referencing the *Laudato Si'* encyclical of Pope Francis. Sr. Terri is a 10:00 am Mass regular and has also served as a Greeter at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. She has led many Lent and Advent reflection groups, using original material found on her website, ecospiritualityresources.com. (These resources are used throughout the world.)

She loves St. Gertrude's welcoming spirit, liturgies, homilies, traditions, music, activities, emphasis on Gospel values in these challenging times, and is awed by the spirit and participation of so many gifted parishioners. She is dedicated to increasing awareness that divinity lives and acts in all creation; that "the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." (*Laudato Si'* par.12); that we have a responsibility to do all in our power to enhance the well-being of our interconnected and interdependent Earth.

It is with great joy we will present the Spirit of St. Gertrude Award to Sr. Terri MacKenzie, SHCJ, next Sunday at our Feast Day celebration at the 10:00 am Mass. Congratulations, Sr. Terri, and thank you for your faithful witness!



Growing in Faith: All That They Had

Today is Veterans' Day. Let us pause to recognize those who were drafted or those who with "wide-eyed optimism" willingly signed-up to serve their country. Few wars are fought for a heavenly cause; nonetheless, men and women, who served whether for a past war or during relatively peaceful times, left their worldly persona behind. They gave it their all, and for some, that meant their very lives. So, we remember and honor them.

At a recent charismatic prayer service, a veteran implored Jesus for the healing of his wounded arm and leg. It was a privilege to join with others to pray and ask in Jesus' name for healing. Paul writes in Hebrews to put our faith in Jesus, as our High Priest who intercedes before God on our behalf, and in doing so, that trust yields to our salvation.

Juxtapose this with today's two widow stories: the first is a poverty-stricken widow who Elijah

approached requesting the last bit of food that she had. Because she wasn't lacking spiritually, she quickly surmised that he was a man of God and thus, felt compelled to share *all that she had* in order to feed him. She was immediately blessed to experience that "you can't out give God!"

In Mark's gospel, the poor widow obediently *gave all that she had* to the temple treasury. Her offering, although meager, was exalted by Jesus. Could there be any doubt that God subsequently blessed her, and will for us, too, when we act in faith?

~ Suzanne Stryczek for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 11

- Speaker from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at all Masses
- 1:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall

Monday, November 12

- 7:00pm ~ RCIA gathering in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, November 14

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

Friday, November 16

- 7:00 pm ~ International Night dinner in the Social Hall

Saturday, November 17

- 5:00pm ~ Anointing of the Sick & second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at Mass
- 7:30 pm ~ All are Welcome Concert in Church

Sunday, November 18

- Feast of St. Gertrude
- Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
- Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at all Masses

Sunday, November 18 (continued)

- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass & Rite of Acceptance for children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 1:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym
- 3:00 pm ~ ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Ismali Center, Broadway & Rosemont)

Monday, November 19

- 7:00pm ~ RCIA gathering in the Ministry Center

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day

- The Rectory is closed.
- 10:00 am ~ Mass (Parish Service Awards given)

Friday, November 23

- The Rectory is closed. Mass is at 7:30 am.

Sunday, November 25

- 11:30 am ~ Celebration of Mary Ann Collins at Mass and afterwards in the Social Hall
- 1:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym

Monday, November 26

- 6:30 pm ~ Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- 7:00pm ~ RCIA gathering in the Ministry Center

Celebrating the Feast of St. Gertrude



We will celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude with a dinner, a concert, and the Anointing of the Sick.

An International Night Dinner will take place on Friday, November 16 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall, with food from Eritrea, Nigeria, Austria, and Kenya. If you are interested in bringing an entrée, side dish, or dessert to share, please email Rita Elue at ritaelue@gmail.com.

All are invited to attend this year's *All are Welcome*

concert celebrating our parish feast day on Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 pm in Church. This free program will feature a selection of choral music highlighting our ethnic diversity and songs of unity and peace. In addition to music by noted Catholic composers Marty Haugen and David Haas, we will also feature arrangements by three female American composers, and close our program with beautiful arrangements of spirituals by Mark Hayes and British composer Bob Chilcott.

We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, November 17 and at all Masses on Sunday, November 18.

Parish News

Christmas Bazaar Donations Accepted on Sunday Afternoons: Contributions for the White Elephant areas at St. Gertrude's Christmas Bazaar will be accepted on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave. (Beginning next Sunday, November 18, donations will be put in the Gym.) No clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

Volunteer at the Christmas Bazaar: Help is needed for our Christmas Bazaar! To volunteer, visit signupgenius.com. Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and you can choose how you would like to help.

Upcoming Second Collection: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection is scheduled for the weekend of November 17-18.

There are over 43 million people in the United States living in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. Additionally, 25% of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

Knitting Group: All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us for fun and blanket square-making on Wednesday, November 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Thanksgiving Day: This year, Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 22. Mass that morning will be held at 10:00 am, with the Parish Service Awards given out during the service. The Rectory will be closed on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 23. Mass will be held at 7:30 am on Friday, November 23. There will be no Religious Ed classes or Kids Word held that weekend.

ECRA Thanksgiving Service: The Edgewater Community Religious Association's (ECRA) Interfaith Thanksgiving service and celebration will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 3:00pm. This year's service takes place at the Ismaili Center, located at Broadway and Rosemont. Community members from all faiths will be collecting donations on Care for Real's behalf. Following the service, join ECRA and Care for Real for a small reception where snacks and drinks will be served.



Parish News (continued)

Mary Ann Collins to Retire:

Our long-time Heart to Heart director, Mary Ann Collins, will retire in November. Please join us at the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 25 to celebrate and bless her. Hospitality will be offered after Mass in the Social Hall.



Preparing for the Christmas Pageant: As is our tradition during the gospel of the Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Family Mass, children from St. Gertrude parish will act out the Christmas story.

I will need a narrator, Mary, Joseph, an archangel (with one line to read), shepherds, three kings, and lots of angels. If your child was an angel during the

recent parish play, *California Schemin'*, why not get one more use out of that beautiful angel outfit that they wore? I also need parents to come to the rehearsals and assist with organizing the kids. Parents need to attend the rehearsal so that when the rehearsal is over, the kids have a ride home. This will count as NCA service hours if you are in need of them. I am hoping to have two rehearsals in the Ministry Center after the 10:00 am Mass in early December for 30 minutes each and then one final rehearsal on December 23 after the 11:30 am Mass in church.

If you and your child are interested in participating in the Christmas pageant this year, please contact me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.

~ Mary Clare Barker

A Letter from Cardinal Cupich

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In Pope Francis's message regarding the Second World Day of the Poor, which will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018, the Holy Father proclaimed that we must come together to hear the cry of the poor, to answer their cry, and to lift the hearts of those on the margins. He emphasized that "we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come."

Organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call to the marginalized in their communities to take heart, rise, and act against injustice on behalf of themselves, their families, and their communities. The Chicago Housing Initiative is, for example, one such organization. With support from a CCHD grant, the Chicago Housing Initiative can work directly with families who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness to create more fair, inclusive, and effective housing and land development policies in Chicago. This, in turn, helps address the lack of affordable housing available to low-income individuals and families.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and cooperation, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development's holistic approach leads to increased human dignity and stronger, more economically viable communities. To learn more about CCHD's impact in our communities or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org.

Your generous support of the CCHD Annual Collection, which will take place on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, is the primary source of funding for over twenty organizations working to address root causes of poverty and injustice in Cook and Lake Counties. It is my prayer that you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection and outstretch your hands to those on the margins. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

St. Gertrude's Christmas bazaar



It's Our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

**Saturday, December 1
from 10:00am—4:00pm
Sunday, December 2
from 9:00am—2:30pm**

This annual event features handmade, fair-trade arts and crafts, plus a fabulous used book sale, Christmas greenery for sale, a White Elephant table, complimentary gift wrapping, a *Split the Pot Raffle*, and pictures with Santa.

A pancake & sausage breakfast with musical talent from St. Gertrude's will be held on Sunday from 8:30am-1:00pm.

Contributions for the White Elephant areas at the Christmas Bazaar are being accepted on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave. No clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

Help is needed for our Christmas Bazaar! To volunteer, visit signupgenius.com. Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and you can choose how you would like to help.

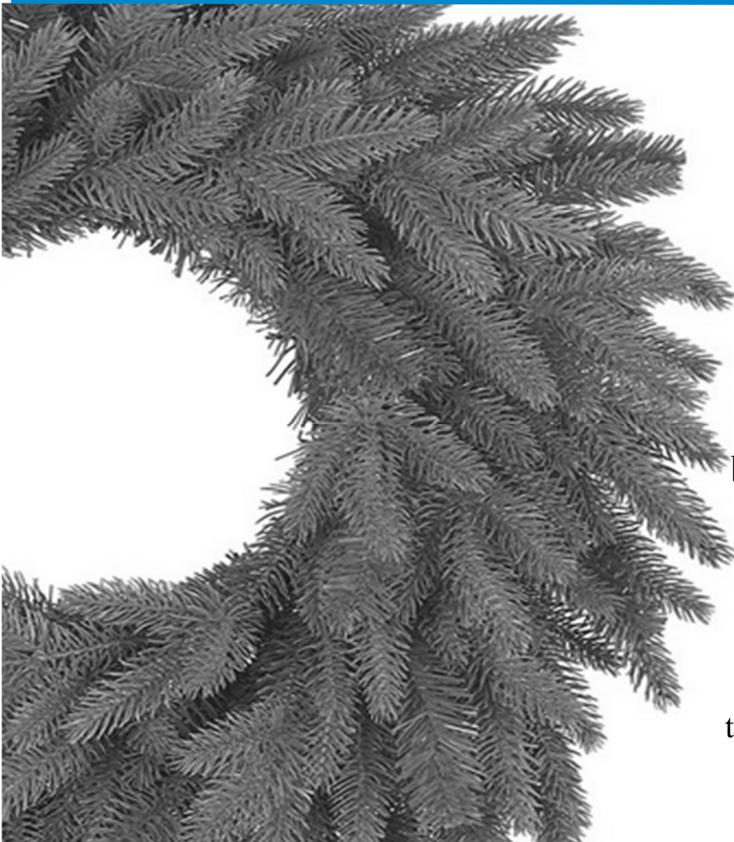
St. Gertrude's Annual Balsam Pine Sale

A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries.

Prepay and save! Advanced orders must be placed by Sunday, November 25. Free tree deliveries for orders paid by November 25! There will be a \$10 charge for deliveries after November 25.

Items can be picked up at our Christmas Bazaar.

Orders may be placed via the forms available at the back of the Church and dropped off at the Rectory (cash or check), or ordered online through GiveCentral (www.givecentral.org/location/8).



Anointing of the Sick

On the weekend of November 17-18, we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day. (St. Gertrude's actual feast day is November 16th, but we are moving it to the weekend so we can all do this together.)

We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses that weekend. This sacrament is for anyone suffering from any illness or condition, temporary or chronic, and even for those who simply are feeling the effects of aging. The sacrament is one of the oldest rituals in our Christian tradition.

In the earliest days of the Church, some members of the community were dismissed from the celebration of the Eucharist before mass was finished in order to bring the Eucharist and the blessed oil to those unable to attend because of some illness or infirmity.

The Anointing has always been understood to be about comfort and healing of both body and spirit, and so includes every kind of distress—physical, mental, emotional, psychological, and spiritual. It is also this comprehensive understanding that led those same early Christians to the conclusion that whenever anyone receives the Anointing of the Sick, all their sins are forgiven. And that remains true to

this day! (From the Epistle of James, 5:14-15: 14 “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.”)

The anointing takes place right after the homily and is in two parts. In the first part, there is a prayer for those to be anointed. Then those who wish to receive the sacrament come forward for the imposition of hands which signifies the calling down the Holy Spirit. In the second part, a Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed over the Holy Oil, and then those to be anointed come forward a second time when the priest will anoint their forehead and the palms of their hands. Once everyone is anointed, there is a Prayer of Thanksgiving and then mass continues as usual.

If you know anyone in your family or in the community who might want to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please invite them to any of our parish masses the weekend of November 17-18.

Care for our Common Home

Approaching Advent, we read about the Hebrew's expectations for the last days. Jesus would have shared these expectations; no one at that time would have understood “the naturally slow pace of biological evolution.” (par.18) What remains true is our call to remain vigilant, in Pope Francis' words, “To dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it.” (par.19)

Chapter One of *Laudato Si'* discusses many of these things and how they affect each of us. As we celebrate St. Gertrude and anticipate Thanksgiving, let us give thanks for the gifts of creation, but also “take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair.” Let us remain hopeful “that we can always do something to solve our problems.” (par. 61) The NCA Green Team strives to do this!

Parish Stewardship Report

“Christ offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin, but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.”
~ Hebrews 9:28

“Where there is sin, grace abounds.” God's grace surrounds us and is with us—as we approach Advent, can we cooperate with this grace? For if we can, we can spread this grace into a world that needs it so badly.

Sunday Collection November 3-4	\$8,012.35
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Overage/Underage	(+) \$287.35
Electronic Collection October 2018	\$18,875.00
Budgeted Electronic Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
Overage	(+) \$387.00

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 am Aileen † & Henry D’Elia †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30 am Ann & Tom Serb (60th wedding anniversary)

8:30 am NCA Mass

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 am Maria Yen Nguyen †

5:00 pm Lillian McCall †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 am
9:30 am
10:00 am
10:30 am
11:30 am

All Mass intentions on Sunday, November 18 - Families of St. Gertrude—past & present

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Steve Matre

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 am Carol Ann Munro, Rob Sierzega

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

10:00 am Rafael Melendez, Donna Whalley

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Troy McMillan, Steven Monti

Readings This Week

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 pm Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington, Kathy Wall, Patricia Norcik, John Sullivan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 am Brian DeVarenne, Peter Morin, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Wyler, Rob Sierzega

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

10:00 am Bob Backis, Brad Mulick, Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Ruth Ott, Nancy Merrill, Sarah Millar

10:30am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Jana Ashbeck, Karen Griebel, Troy McMillan, Steven Monti

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 pm Katie Dunning, Jesse Devitt, Joey Dunning

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00 am Emily Stecky, Anna Stecky, Miriam Itta

11:30 am Leah Malloy, Kayla Malloy, Jean Rosenmayer

Archdiocese of Chicago’s Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CCHD is working on the margins to...

- Encounter Christ in the poor
- Amplify voices with vision
- Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- Break down walls of indifference
- Transform hearts and communities

Your contribution to the second collection on November 17–18 provides direct support to emerging leaders and low-income communities in Cook and Lake Counties. To donate online or learn more about how to get involved, visit CCHDchicago.org or [Facebook.com/CCHDchicago](https://www.facebook.com/CCHDchicago).

Milestones



*Please Keep
These
Parishioners
and Friends
In Your
Prayers*

Larry Swoboda

Wally Koegler



Rest in Peace

Carole Hegarty



*New
Parishioners*

Omar & David
Rivera-Buzenberg

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 Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Mary Ann Collins, Director of Parish Social Services
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Amanda Kvasnica, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

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

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30am 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.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
tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the
Ministry Center