

St. Gertrude

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Celebrating The Feast of St. Gertrude

From Father Rich

Happy Feast Day! This weekend we celebrate our parish feast day of St. Gertrude. We welcome Bishop Bartosic who is the presider at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

Each year on this feast day, we honor one parishioner who has shown by a tireless example of service to the community, that he or she carries within the spirit of St. Gertrude. I am very happy to announce that this year's Spirit of St. Gertrude Award recipient is Joe Donnelly! Joe has been a founder of the Refugee Committee, active in Helping Hands making sandwiches, a general helper at



funerals, including acting as our 'go-to' altar server, Eucharistic Minister, Minister of Care, Heart to Heart volunteer, and has provided service in a wide variety of ways and occasions to the parish community. Congratulations, Joe, on a great example for all of us! Thank you for your outstanding service!

I am, again this year, reflecting on St. Gertrude's image of the beating heart of Jesus which she experienced in her mystical visions. As we all know, you only hear another person's heartbeat when you place your head against their chest. That she heard the Lord's heartbeat indicates how closely she had come into contact with him; how closely Jesus had drawn her to himself. Each of us is invited into this same kind of intimacy with the Lord. The second part of this image that I found powerful was its great message of hope. In a vision in which St. John was present, Gertrude asked John if he, too, felt the beating of Jesus' Divine Heart on the night of the Last Supper. He told her he was saving this revelation for a time when the world needed it to rekindle its love. How might each of us rekindle Christ's love in the world?

As we celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at Mass this weekend, just a reminder that this sacrament is for anyone suffering from any serious illness or any chronic condition which limits their ability to live a full and vital life. This can be a physical, spiritual, mental, or emotional condition. In this sacrament, we are promised the healing grace of God's love, including the forgiveness of our sins. Each time we are anointed, all our sins are forgiven. Let us keep in our prayers all those who are ailing.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be in the back of church after Mass today to gather input from parishioners about your experience with the weekend Mass schedule -- its convenience, different styles of music, etc. Please take a moment to speak to one of the Council members and fill out one of the short questionnaires. This is part of our year-long exploration of the schedule.

Today is also the World Day of the Poor. This is a great opportunity to search out ways to help people on their path **out** of poverty -- perhaps by a donation to a scholarship fund designed to help poor students, or doing some "homework" to investigate which items in your regular grocery cart can benefit the rise **from** poverty, which ones may be contributing to holding people **in** poverty, and adjusting regular shopping habits accordingly. Let us pray for changing hearts, for concern for our sisters and brothers throughout the world who survive every day on so much less than we can possibly imagine.

Next weekend, we will have a speaker on behalf of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD.) The annual collection also will be taken up next weekend after Communion. We welcome speakers from the Jane Addams Senior Caucus and parishioners Ed Jacobs and Mary Ann O'Connor. So much of what CCHD helps make possible is ministry "Working on the Margins." Please be generous to this very important work being accomplished by sharing our financial resources and our prayers.

~ Father Rich

We are St. Gertrude

We are a caring, compassionate faith community bringing the Gospel of the Lord into the world as we gather to worship God, serve others, are educated in our faith, and work for justice. Our ministries include:

- **Care for Real:** St. Gertrude helped start this food, clothing, and pet pantry, and our parish continues to actively support its mission to serve the Edgewater community.
- **Committee Against Domestic Violence:** This group works to raise awareness about this issue and participates in supply drives for area shelters.
- **Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Greeters, Counting Teams, and the Environment Committee:** Volunteers welcome people, read at Masses, distribute Communion, coordinate and count the collection, help prior to and during Mass, and decorate the Church.
- **Growing in Faith:** Parishioner-written reflections on the Sunday readings, their lives, or current events are shared in the weekly bulletin.
- **Gym Mass:** Music and short parishioner reflections after the homily engage participants in the celebration of our faith. Fellowship, coffee, and refreshments follow this 10:30 am Mass held in the Gym.
- **Heart to Heart:** Serving seniors in Edgewater, volunteers provide friendly visits, well-being phone calls, assistance with grocery shopping, and transportation to church, events, and medical appointments. Heart to Heart also oversees the Lending Closet of durable medical equipment.
- **Helping Hands Ministry:** Under the umbrella of the Heart to Heart ministry, volunteers provide their time and donations of food to make sandwiches for a local homeless shelter.
- **Kids Word:** During the 10:30 am Mass, children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to participate in age-appropriate activities, reflections, and lessons from the Bible.
- **Knitting Club:** This group knits prayers into blankets and gifts them to those suffering from illness, loss, or experiencing painful life events.
- **Music Ministry:** Saint Gertrude's incredible music adds praise through song to each Mass and help us strengthen our social bonds through concerts and programs.
- **Ministry of Care:** Coordinated by the Heart to Heart Ministry, the homebound of our parish receive a visit and are given Holy Communion.
- **Ministry of Praise:** Homebound parishioners unable to participate in parish life contribute their gift of prayer for the intentions of the parish.
- **NCA Green Team:** The group's goal is to provide opportunities to become more environmentally active and aware, using Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical as a guidepost. The group also organizes area clean-ups.
- **Parish Advisory Groups:** Our Development Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and Buildings and Grounds Committee help manage parish funds, our buildings, and plan for St. Gertrude's future.
- **Religious Education:** Children from grades 1-8 nourish and deepen their relationship with God through prayer and reflection, learn about being a disciple of Jesus, and what it means to be part of a community of faith.
- **R.C.I.A.:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults guide men and women interested in exploring the meaning and traditions of our faith and prepare them to become Catholic.
- **Sacramental Preparation for Children:** Sacramental prep programs are available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- **St. Gertrude Presents:** This group organizes plays and our cabaret to fundraise for our parish.
- **St. Gertrude Refugee Ministry:** Working with Catholic Charities, this group sponsors newly-arrived refugees, providing both financial and emotional support as they settle into their new lives in Chicago.
- **United Power for Action and Justice.** The group is currently working on issues related to gun violence, health care, affordable housing, immigration, and violence prevention.
- **Women's Friendship Club:** This senior women's group meets monthly for socialization and parish activities.
- **Women's Club:** The mission of the club is to build community among women of all ages from the parish, have fun, and address parish needs.
- **WOW Youth Group:** Teens of the parish gather to hang out, talk about what's important to them, and do service projects, including mission trips.
- **Youth & Family Ministry:** We offer a number of programs that are focused on developing and nurturing a deep relationship with God and encourage children to appreciate what it means to be part of a welcoming, loving, diverse community.

Growing in Faith

Working toward the Kin-dom of God

We are in the “end times” of our liturgical year during which we hear bible passages that are “eschatological.” *The Catholic Study Bible* defines that 25-cent word as “**eschatological, eschatology** (Gk *eschata*, “last things”), a concern with the end time, or the end of the world as we know it, whether that involves a new historical era radically discontinuous from this one, or an entirely new cosmos after the destruction of the current one.” (1788)

In last week's Gospel passage from Luke, we heard reference to “the coming age.” (Lk 20:38) In this week's Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and warns of false prophets who will misinterpret natural and political disasters as signs of the end times. Next week, we celebrate the feast of Christ, King of the Universe, but the Gospel passage is of the end of Jesus's time on earth as he is crucified “King of the Jews.”

Pay attention, and you will discover that eschatological passages about the coming of the kingdom of God continue into the opening weeks of Advent. While we await that time when justice and peace will reign, we need to remember also that the kingdom of God erupts each time we choose to love and care for one another, each time we are peace makers and work for justice.

Theologian Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz calls this “the kin-dom of God,” when all of creation will know itself as kin. I am wondering...How might we all, through our individual and communal actions, work toward the coming of this “kin-dom”?

Eileen D. Crowley for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 17

- St. Gertrude Feast Day
- Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym

Monday, November 18

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

Saturday, November 23

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Please take photos from the Remembrance Altar home after Mass.

Sunday, November 24

- Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at all Masses
- Please take photos from the Remembrance Altar home after Mass.
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym
- 3:00 pm ~ ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway Ave.

Thursday, November 28

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

Friday, November 29

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

Saturday, November 30

- 9:00 am ~ Service opportunity: switching old mis-salettes out with new ones in Church

Sunday, December 1

- After the 10:30 am Mass ~ rehearsal for the Christmas pageant
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym

Monday, December 2

- 6:30 pm ~ Sacrament of First Reconciliation in Church (Please arrive by 6:15 pm.)
- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal prep class in the Rectory

**Save the Date! Our Annual
Christmas Bazaar is coming up!**

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am-2:30 pm



Parish News

TODAY—How is the New Mass Schedule Working for You? The Parish Pastoral Council would like to hear about your experience with the new weekend Mass schedule.

This weekend, there will be members of the Parish Council in the back of church to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the new schedule. There will also be a simple questionnaire available to fill out.

We would like to hear from you about the qualities, charms, and features you especially appreciate about the weekend Mass you typically attend. We would also like to discern if the changes that have been made continue to meet the scheduling needs of St. Gertrude parishioners. We look forward to hearing from you after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16 and after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, November 17.

Thank You for Celebrating Our Feast Day with Us! We are so grateful to the many parishioners who celebrated this weekend with us! We are so thankful to those that made food for and came to our International Dinner this past Friday, those who coordinated, performed at, and enjoyed our All are Welcome Concert on Saturday, and to Bishop Bartosic for presiding over our 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday Evening. Our parish is better and stronger because of our active and supportive members.

New Parish Hymn Board:

Hopefully, you have noticed the large new hymn board standing on the altar next to the cantor's podium. Our primary reason for getting this was so that everyone would know where the hymns of the day can be found, and most importantly, the current Mass parts that we are using. The first line of our hymn board reads **MSEL**. This is an abbreviation

for **MASS SELECTIONS**. The number following this will refer to where the Gloria can be found, and then subsequently the rest of the Mass parts. The next line reads **HYMNS** and then the hymn numbers for the Processional, Psalm, Offertory, Communion, and Recessional will be listed below. We hope this hymn board will make it easier for everyone to participate in joyful song.

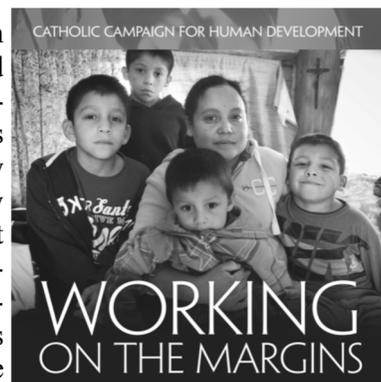


Poetry Pilgrims: Poetry Pilgrims will gather on Monday, November 18 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please contact the coordinator, Mary Grover, at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Upcoming Second Collection: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (CCHD) is scheduled for the weekend of November 23-24.

More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. CCHD identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as

they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be as generous as you can.



The Month of Remembrance Makes Way for Advent: Thank you for sharing your loved ones with us as part of the St. Gertrude communion of saints. Please pick up your photos up from the Remembrance Altar after Mass on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24.

Thanksgiving Day: This year, Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28. 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 29. Mass will be held at 7:30 am on Friday, November 29. There will be no Religious Ed classes or Kids Word that weekend.

Looking for a Service Opportunity?

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am to help switch out the old missalettes for the new ones as we get ready for Advent. Please contact Kevin Cheers if you can help at 773.764.3621 or kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.

Christmas Bazaar Information



It's Our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

**Saturday, December 7
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 8
from 9:00 am-2:30 pm**

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, and pictures with Santa.

A pancake & sausage breakfast with music provided by St. Gertrude parishioners will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

Contributions for the White Elephant areas at the Christmas Bazaar are being accepted on Sundays until December 1 from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Gym, 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. Sign-up sheets are also available in the back of Church.

St. Gertrude's Annual Balsam Pine Sale

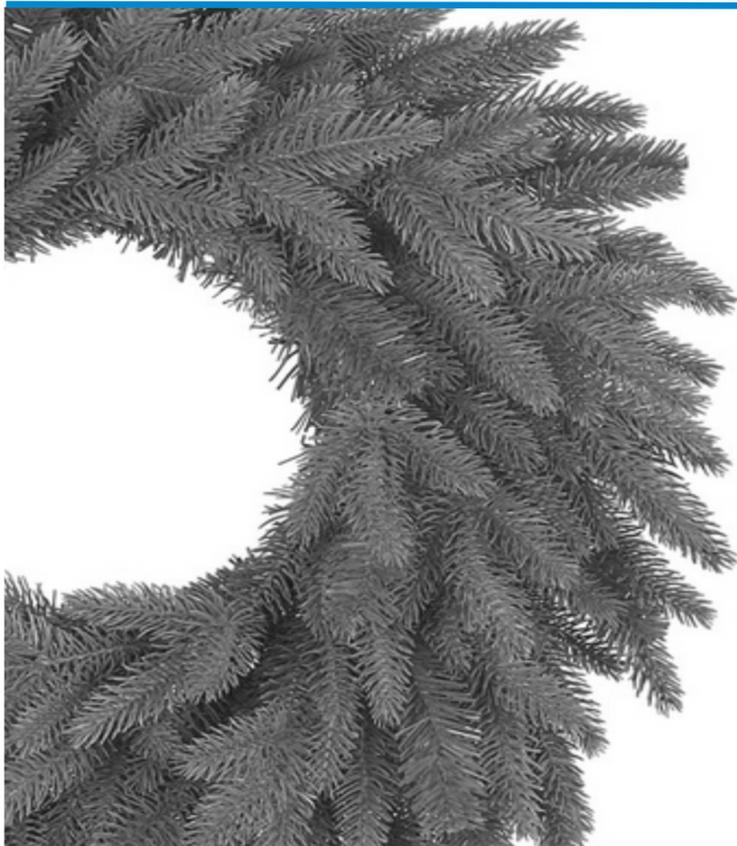
A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries.

Advance orders must be placed by Sunday, December 1. Delivery is free for orders placed by Sunday, December 1.

Items can be delivered or picked up at our St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Items may be ordered via the forms available at the back of church. Payment may be made with cash or check.

Or, to purchase online, go to stgertrudechicago.org and click on *Order Your Greenery Here* at the top of the home page to be taken to the items for sale. Click *View More* for large wreaths.



Preparing for the Christmas Pageant

As is our tradition during the Gospel of the Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Family Mass, the kids from St. Gertrude parish will act out the Christmas story.

I will need a Mary, Joseph, shepherds, three kings, and lots of angels. 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 church after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 1 and Sunday, December 15 for 30 minutes each and then one final dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 pm in the 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,
Minister of Music

Parish Stewardship

“But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.” ~ Malachi 3:20

Fear of the Lord may also be translated as “reverence and awe.” And this reverence and awe has been likened to gazing at a majestic mountain or being caught in a violent thunderstorm. We know that we are in the presence of something greater than our mortal selves. Experiences such as these should humble us.

Yet while neither a mountain nor a thunderstorm cares what happens to us, God does care. God loves each and every one of us—and that makes all the difference.

Collection November 9-10	\$7,164.11
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$560.89

Heart to Heart donations (Heart to Heart Cabaret/Father Mike’s run) to date	\$18,714.97
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ECRA Thanksgiving

This year, the annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the combined St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway, on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm. The general theme is compassion and gratitude for all we have received. An ensemble of violins accompanying Bridget Dunne singing “We Sing for the Children” will represent our parish at the event.

All are welcome to attend the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods to the service, which go to the food pantry at Care for Real.

Following the service, join ECRA and Care for Real for a small reception where snacks and drinks will be served.



The Christmas Bazaar is Coming!

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 12:00-3:00 pm in the Gym, 1401 W. Granville Ave. 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. Volunteers slots count as service hours for NCA!

Calling All Bakers! Donations of baked goods are needed for the bake sale table! Items can be dropped off on the morning of Saturday, December 7 and/or Sunday, December 8. Email Madaline Kiedysz at madkiedysz@hotmail.com to sign up.

Our Parish at Prayer for November 11-17

Monday, November 18

7:30 am Ted Miskowicz †

† Indicates person
listed is deceased.

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

7:30 am Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak †

Thursday, November 21 *Communion Service*

7:30 am Nathan Joseph and Libby Waters †
Noreen Ann Waters †

Friday, November 22

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

8:30 am NCA Mass

Saturday, November 23

7:30 am Grace Cabrera †

5:00 pm The deceased of the Johns-Davis family †

Sunday, November 24

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

9:30 am Charles Barranco (St. Gertrude Class of
1943) †

10:30 am David Kaufman † (Gym Mass)

10:30 am Florence and George Indelli †

Ministers of the Word for November 23-24

Saturday, November 23

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Bob Backis

Sunday, November 24

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Steve Matre

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

10:30 am Steven Monti, Debra Novak

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

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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 November 11-17

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,
15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk
20:27-40

Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

Eucharistic Ministers for November 23-24

Saturday, November 23

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (Mary Cook assisting),
Kathleen Dawson, Patricia Norcik, Bob
Backis

Sunday, November 24

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Barb Daly, Brian
DeVarenne, Peter Morin, Marty
McDermott

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

10:30 am Ruth Ott, Nancy Merrill, Patrick
Robinson, Mary Donlan, Lina Peon, Jana
Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

Altar Servers for November 23-24

Saturday, November 23

5:00 pm Aibhlinn Morrison, Adonai Agdubai,
Mariyam Agdubai

Sunday, November 24

10:30 am Jack Casey, James Casey, George
Hanafee

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet needs durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs and tub transfer benches. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Gina Heidkamp
Maria Hertl

Bernice Kiedysz

Karey Myers

Don Piven

Dave Resch

Kyle Rutherford

Charley Scantlebury

Richard Seitz

Peggy Stoffel

Elinora E. Tolentino

Norma E. Viray

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Andrew Elwood
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington



New Parishioners

If you are interested in joining our community of faith, please fill out a registration form.

They are located in the back of Church, at the

Rectory, and online at our parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.



Baptisms

Aiden Michael Beshku,
child of Hysen & Jacqueline

Minnie May Hashw,
child of Ameer & Hannah

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
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

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)
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:

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

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