

St. Gertrude

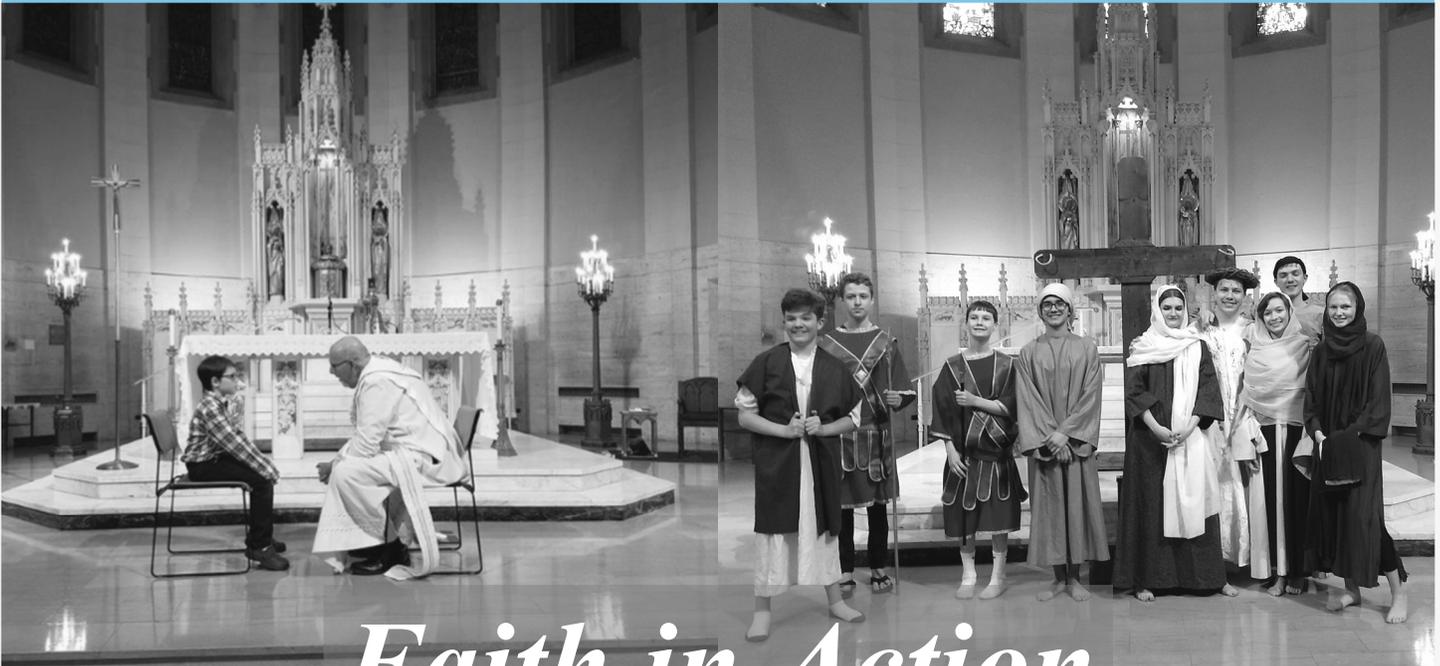
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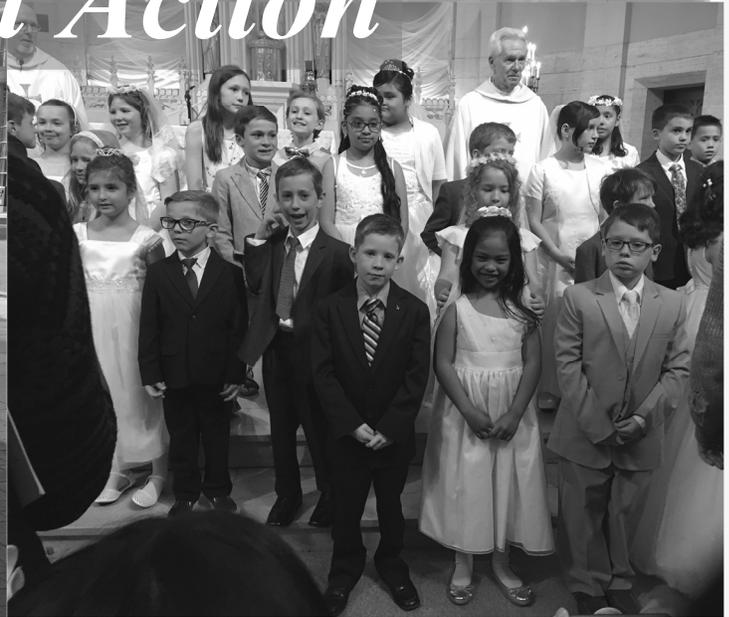
Bulletin for November 18, 2018



Faith in Action



Crime gun dealers: WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE!
The 10 gun stores listed for crime guns recovered in Chicago:
1. Chuck's Gun Shop (Riverdale, IL)
2. Midwest Sporting Goods (Evanston, IL)
3. Woodford Sports (Gary, IN)
4. Cabral's (Hammond, IN)
5. Source Galleria (Glenview, IL)
6. GAT Guns (East Dundee, IL)
7. Saturday Sporting Goods (Melrose Park, IL)
8. Patchers Shooter Supply (Lansing, IL)
9. Berke's Sport Shop (Griffith, IN)
10. Sporting Arms and Supply (Prosen, IL)



Celebrating The Feast of St. Gertrude

From Father Rich

Happy Feast Day! Today, we celebrate our Parish Feast Day and we remember and honor St. Gertrude the Great. Included in today's bulletin is an insert of a new (to us) biography of St. Gertrude. I encourage you to read about this amazing woman and her great influence in the Church over these many centuries. She is truly an inspiration for all of us in our contemporary world!



As was mentioned in last week's bulletin, at today's 10:00 am Mass we have two special celebrations—the Rite of Acceptance for the girls and boys entering into their final preparation for the celebration of their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and the presentation of the

Spirit of St. Gertrude Award to Sr. Terri MacKenzie. Congratulations to the boys and girls, and to Sr. Terri! Be sure to stop by after the 10:00 am Mass for hospitality in the back of church and congratulate them all!

This Thursday is Thanksgiving. Our parish Thanksgiving celebration will be at 10:00 am on Thanksgiving Day. As part of our Thanksgiving celebration, we will be honoring the parishioners who are recipients of this year's Parish Service Awards.

Here are those generous members of St. Gertrude Parish and the areas in which they are being recognized:

- Parish Life ~ Mary Grover, Brian Hupke, and Rich Martin
- Education ~ Kathy Wall
- Human Concerns ~ Shalimar Beekman, Denise Goodman, Laurie Hasbrook, and Renee Reilly
- Prayer and Worship ~ The Ashbeck Family, Hallie Burhoe, Peggy Dawson, Pat Riley, Ray (Ramon) Seitz, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, OSF, and John & Charlotte Sullivan
- Youth ~ Rachel Danna-Mulick
- Life Time ~ Mary Ann Collins and Connie Enghelmohr

Congratulations to all our recipients and thank you for your generous service to the St. Gertrude parish community!

Growing in Faith

I often attend the 10:30 am Gym mass. One aspect I appreciate at this smaller Eucharistic celebration is that members volunteer to bake the communion bread each week. I've done this myself many Sundays. It's a simple recipe with few ingredients that connect us to our Jewish heritage and the Passover meal. Baked as one large circle, the bread is offered up to be consecrated by us, the church. Then it's broken, torn and shared as we each receive communion. This [to me] is the mystical part—after being broken and torn apart, we each consume a piece, and become part of the Divine Body. We chew, swallow, take it in and become something bigger than ourselves.

The most striking part to me: the breaking of the bread. As a kid, when the large flat host was snapped in half, I was transfixed! Something resonated within me that “this is life.” Often our hearts are snapped

in half, cracked open, sometimes full of love and joy, and other times torn with sorrow or anguish. This is life: with its beauty and pain, each moment fragile and temporary.

We live an illusion that being whole and perfect is the goal, but each of us is broken and perfect in our imperfections. We need each other—a community: to offer the fragments from our own lives, to laugh and cry together, to smooth the edges of our brokenness, to celebrate, and to love and hold each other together - physically, emotionally and spiritually. We're called to be bigger than ourselves, and the Eucharist fortifies us, in whatever way we do this.

~ Carol McRaith for *Growing in Faith*

In thanksgiving and loving remembrance of Carol McRaith, we reprint her past column from Corpus Christi 2012 ~ The GIF Bulletin Committee

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.
- **Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Greeters, and the Environment Committee:** Volunteers welcome people, read at Masses, distribute Communion, coordinate 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:** Volunteers provide their time and donations of food to make sandwiches for a local homeless shelter.
- **Kids Word:** During the 10:00 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.
- **Mass at Sacred Heart (St. Gert's East):** In the intimate setting of the foyer of Sacred Heart School, Sunday Mass is celebrated at 9:30 am.
- **Music Ministry:** Saint Gertrude's incredible music adds praise through song to each Mass, and helps us strengthen our social bonds through concerts and programs.
- **Ministry of Care:** The homebound of our parish receive a visit and are given Holy Communion.
- **Ministry of Praise:** Homebound parishioners unable to participate in parish life are asked to contribute their gift of prayer for the intentions of the parish, sent to them monthly.
- **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 neighborhood clean-ups.
- **Religious Education:** Children from grades 1-7 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 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 women's 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 together.

St. Gertrude's Christmas Bazaar



It's Our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday, December 1
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, December 2
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, 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 Gym, 1401 W. Granville Ave. No clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

On Saturday, December 1, activities for kids will be offered from 10:00 am-3:00 pm in the Social Hall. There will be free games for kids, and families will have the opportunity to make a Advent wreath for \$25 per family.

Parish Calendar

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
- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass & Rite of Acceptance for children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Sr. Terri Mackenzie honored with Spirit Award
- 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)

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

Saturday, December 1

- 9:00 am ~ Help needed to switch out missalettes in church
- 10:00 am-4:00 pm ~ Christmas Bazaar in the Gym (Kids activities from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Sunday, December 2

- 8:30 am-1:00 pm ~ Pancake breakfast in the Social Hall
- 9:00 am - 2:30 ~ Christmas Bazaar in the Gym

Monday, December 3

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

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 1:00-3:00 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.

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 1 and/or Sunday, December 2. Email Madaline Kiedysz at madkiedysz@hotmail.com to sign up.

Parish News

TODAY—Second Collection: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection is this weekend.

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. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

Today's 10:00 am Mass: Children making their First Reconciliation will participate in the Rite of Acceptance during the 10:00 am Mass. Additionally, St. Terri MacKenzie will receive the Spirit of St. Gertrude award.

TODAY—ECRA Thanksgiving Service: The Edgewater Community Religious Association's (ECRA) Interfaith Thanksgiving service and celebration will be held today, Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 pm at the Ismaili Center, located at Broadway and Rosemont. Following the service, join ECRA and Care for Real for a small reception where snacks and drinks will be served.

Thanksgiving Day: This Thursday is Thanksgiving! Mass that morning will be held at

Parish News (continued)

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.

The Giving Trees: Beginning Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22 - Friday, December 14, we'll have our Giving Trees up in Church. Please help us make Christmas special for families in need. The process is easy!

- Choose an ornament from the basket near the trees in the back of Church.
- Remove the gift idea.
- Place the ornament on the tree.
- Purchase the gift.
- Bring it back unwrapped, and place it under the tree in Church.
- Gifts are due by Friday, December 14.

The items requested will go to support Care for Real, Heartland Alliance, Courage, Catholic Charities Toy Shower, the Refugee Ministry at St. Gertrude, and other refugee families in our community. We hope you join us as we share our St. Gert's generosity with our neighbors!

Next Sunday—Mary Ann Collins Honored: Our long-time Heart to Heart director, Mary Ann Collins, is retiring. 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on Monday, November 26 at 6:30pm. Families should arrive at 6:15 pm.

Looking for a Service Opportunity? Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 am to help switch out the old missalettes to the new ones as we get ready for Advent. Please contact Kevin Cheers if you can help at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.764.3621.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

Volunteer at the Bazaar/Greenery for Sale

Christmas Angels are Needed to Help with the Bazaar!

Our Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2, and we still need a lot of help to make this event a success!

There are lots of ways to contribute - from helping to set up, making baked goods, volunteering for shift in different areas, or donating items for the White Elephant!

To sign up to volunteer, visit signupgenius.com. Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and 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
next 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). Orders can also be placed online through GiveCentral at www.givecentral.org/location/8. Click *View More* for a selection of garland.

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!

Happy Thanksgiving!

We wish all of you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you for choosing to be a part of St. Gertrude. Great churches don't just happen, they are created and nurtured by active, generous parishioners. We are grateful to have each other as part of our community of faith! ~ *Father Rich and the Staff of St. Gertrude*

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities: for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, and offer us hope for the future.

Parish Stewardship Report

"[Jesus said] ... 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.'" ~ Mark 14:31-32

We often hear we are in the end times, that the apocalypse is at hand. But is it? No one really knows. Meanwhile, we can work for peace and justice for all peoples, just as Jesus calls us to. And we can do this work in joy and anticipation as we prepare for Advent.

Sunday Collection November 10-11	8,163.44
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Overage/Underage	(+) \$438.44

~ *Art Blumberg,*
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom to be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray.

~ *Prayer of Thanksgiving* by Vienna Cobb Anderson



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:30 am Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak †
8:30 am NCA prayer service (Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:00 am Herve † & Rose Pilotte †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:30 am Grace Cabrera †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude
5:00 pm The deceased of the Strubbe-Galoney
family †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am Stella † & Theodore Latala †
9:30 am Mary Koegler †
10:00 am The deceased of the Johns-Davis family †
10:30 am Nathan Loveless †
11:30 am Bruno † & Vincenzina Tassone †

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 pm Clarisse Chonka, Pat Reardon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am Mark Kollar, David Sullivan
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Patrick Robinson, David O'Donnell
10:30 am TBA
11:30 am Michelle Kuehlhorn, Steven Monti

Readings This Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Peggy Dawson (Mary
Cook assisting), Roman Reyes, Kathy
Wall, John Sullivan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Peter Morin,
Sr. Kathryn Stimac, William Mitchell
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Christine Curran, Kathy Dunne, Patrick
Robinson, Nancy Merrill, Mary Donlan,
Sarah Millar, Amy Bessette
10:30am TBA
11:30 am Steven Monti, Chris Lincoln, Michelle
Kuehlhorn, Lina Peon

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 pm E. Shepherd, J. Stoltz, I. Stoltz

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00 am Z. Asnis, A. Gehl, F. Szweczyk
11:30 am H. Negrillo, L.Vargas, E. Vargas

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
Sarah Filler
Wally Koegler



Rest in Peace

Margaret Martin,
mother of Tommy Martin
Patricia Stich
Sr. Clementine Kuehl, BVM



*New
Parishioners*

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
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org E-mail: stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net
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