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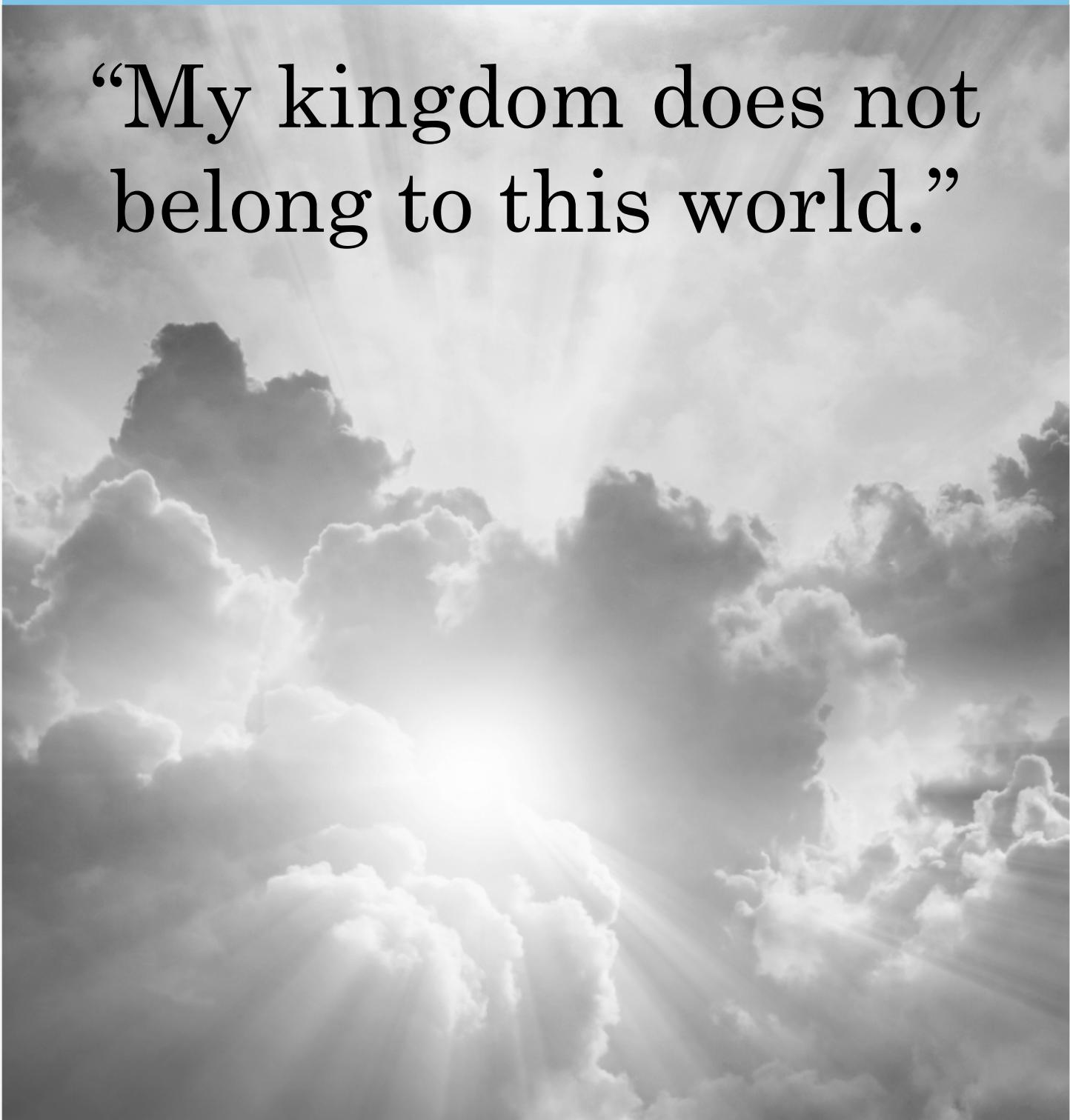
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Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Bulletin for November 25, 2018

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.”



From Father Rich

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend!

This is the Feast of Christ the King, which is the triumphant completion of the Church's liturgical year. Today's feast reminds us that all that we have and are comes to us as a gift from God, and one day God will gather everything back unto Himself. Let us continue our celebration of giving thanks this weekend by taking some time to reflect upon our many blessings, especially that God loves us!



This weekend, we honor Mary Ann Collins for her 30 years of service to our Heart to Heart ministry, reaching out to the elderly and infirm in our parish and our community. Throughout her ministry, Mary Ann has been the contact, the connector, sometimes the lifeline, and often the shoulder for those struggling with the limitations of age or illness. Seeing to it that people got to their doctor's appointments, enjoyed a visit, found the correct medical equipment, and in hundreds of other ways, she has been the loving face of God among us. Thank you, Mary Ann, for your outstanding service and ministry here at St. Gertrude! May God continue to bless you as you move into retirement, still caring for those in need, especially in your own family. Everyone is invited to stop by at the conclusion of the 11:30 am Mass today in the Social Hall to share hospitality and gratitude for Mary Ann's service and ministry!

Tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm in church, the girls and boys who have been preparing for this moment will gather to celebrate their First Reconciliation. Please keep them all in your prayers as they make this big step and continue on in their preparation for First Holy Communion this coming spring.

Next Sunday, we begin the season of Advent, preparing us for the wonderful feast of Christmas. It also means next weekend is the Christmas Bazaar! Be sure to mark your calendar to stop by the Social Hall and Gym next weekend to check out all the great bargains in time for your Christmas shopping and in support of St. Gertrude parish!

~ Father Rich

Growing in Faith**Pope Francis Reflects on the Meaning of Christ as King:**

"The power of Christ the King, is not power as defined by this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things."

Loving like Christ loves us, means constantly seeking the grace to forgive others, forget the offenses committed and be instruments of reconciliation in the world.

Following Christ the King also means accepting 'the scandal of his humble love,' which can be difficult because it unsettles and disturbs us. Christ's love, the love Christians are called to imitate, is concrete and tangible and is not concerned with personal comfort, power and superiority.

Even in evangelization the lure of power and success seems an easy, quick way to spread the Gospel. In

the Year of Mercy, we were called to rediscover the youthful, beautiful face of the church, the face that is radiant when it is welcoming, free, faithful, and poor in means but rich in love, on mission.

Christ the King, our King, went to the ends of the universe in order to embrace and save every living being. He did not condemn us, nor did he conquer us, and he never disregarded our freedom, but he paved the way with a humble love that forgives all things, hopes all things, and sustains all things."



~ Pope Francis' homily on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016, as he closed the door of S. Peter's Basilica at the end of the Year of Mercy.

A Tribute to Mary Ann Collins

Please join us for a celebration of Mary Ann Collins

as she begins the next chapter of her life!

Today at the 11:30 am Mass, we will honor our long-time Heart to Heart director, Mary Ann Collins for her faithful service, and wish her a very happy, active, and peaceful retirement.

Hospitality will be offered after Mass in the Social Hall, 6214 N. Glenwood Avenue.



St. Gertrude's Christmas Bazaar



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.

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.

Parish Calendar

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 - Christmas Bazaar

- 9:00 am ~ Help needed to switch out missalettes in church
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Kids games and wreath-making (\$25 per family) in the Social Hall
- 10:00 am-4:00 pm ~ Christmas Bazaar in the Gym

Sunday, December 2 - Christmas Bazaar

- First Sunday of Advent
- 8:30 am-1:00 pm ~ Pancake breakfast in the Social Hall
- 9:00 am - 2:30 ~ Christmas Bazaar in the Gym
- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by 3rd graders and their families.
- 10:30am ~ Gym Mass held in the NCA Cafeteria

Monday, December 3

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

Friday, December 8

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Mass will be held at 7:30am.

Sunday, December 16

- 3:00 pm ~ Advent Reconciliation in Church

The Christmas Bazaar is Coming!

Save the Date! Our Bazaar is Next Weekend! Our annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2! We hope to see you there enjoying our terrific vendors, great food, activities for kids, and more! Our hours on Saturday, December 1 are from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 2, we'll be open from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. On Sunday, we'll also have our pancake breakfast from 8:30 am-1:00 pm. This is our biggest parish fundraiser of the year and a LOT of fun! We hope to see you there.

Donations for the Bazaar: Contributions for the White Elephant areas are welcome today, Sunday, November 25 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

The Giving Trees: Our Giving Trees are 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.

Parish News (continued)

Gertrude, and other refugee families in our community. We hope you join us as we share our St. Gert's generosity with our neighbors!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held tomorrow, 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 Chears if you can help at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.764.3621.

Family Mass Scheduled for Sunday, December 2: Third graders and their families will host the 10:00 am Family Mass next Sunday, December 2. Families are encouraged to enjoy the Pancake breakfast in the Social Hall that morning.

Gym Mass in the NCA Cafeteria on Sunday, December 2: The Gym Mass will be held in NCA's cafeteria the weekend of the Bazaar.

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.

Thank You for Celebrating Our Feast Day With Us! Last weekend, we celebrated the Feast of St. Gertrude with an International Dinner, our annual All are Welcome concert, and the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses.

Thank you to all who celebrated with us by sharing their talents at the dinner and the concert, those who turned out to support our events, and the many others who attended our Masses.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic teaching maintaining that from the moment she was conceived, the Blessed Virgin Mary was kept free of original sin and was filled with the sanctifying grace normally conferred during baptism.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 7:30 am.

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 today, Sunday, November 25.
Free tree deliveries for orders paid by today! There will be a \$10 delivery fee for orders placed 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



The King we celebrate today “was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in this world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder.” (par.97) “The

New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship.” (par.100)

For Advent, consider joining the NCA Green Team — we welcomes everyone. For information about it, contact George Tully at georgetully82@gmail.com.

Midwest Workers Association

Since 2011, St. Gertrude parish has had a relationship with the Midwest Workers Association (MWA), an all-volunteer membership organizing drive of service, temporary and other low-paid workers, joining together to end poverty.

Members of St. Gert’s have helped MWA save lives through their Winter Survival Campaigns—and block over a billion dollars in rate increases for Peoples Gas!

Right now, MWA needs volunteers and support for their Holiday Campaign:

- volunteers to make phone calls and canvass door-to-door to reach low-income workers;
- donations of turkeys and other holiday foods for Christmas distributions on Friday, December 21;
- crews to run a Family Holiday Party and toy distribution to members for their children on Saturday, December 15;
- collections of toys for all ages—and more!

Please call 773.285.0485 and ask for Virginia to work out how you can participate.

Parish Stewardship Report

“Jesus answered, ‘You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’” ~ John 18:37

What is the truth? That God loves each one of us. It may be hard to discern in our world today, but nevertheless, it is true. It is up to us to reflect God’s love and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This is our call, this is our hope as we prepare for Advent.

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

NCA News

Preschool Enrollment for Next Year has Begun!

Northside Catholic Academy is now enrolling three and four-year-olds for the 2019-20 school year. NCA is an award-winning academy that has half and full-day preschool.



For more information, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org or call 773.743.6277 ext. 207 and schedule a private admissions tour!

Save the Date for the NCA Soiree! The NCA Soiree is planned for February 23, 2019, at the Ravenswood Event Center.

Town Meeting on Medicare for All

Concerned about health insurance? Learn more at a Townhall Meeting sponsored by ONE Northside on Monday, November 26.

Speakers include Rep. Jan Schakowsky. The event will be held at 6:00 pm at Sullivan High School, 6631 N Bosworth. Please RSVP and call Ellie with questions at 773.769.3232 ext. 12.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:30 am James McKee †

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:30 am Ellen Ryan †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 am Communion Service - Lydia Cruz †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 am Carol McRaith †

8:30 am NCA Mass—Margaret Martin †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 am John Bagley †

5:00 pm Mary Heidkamp †, Pat Conway †, &
Kathleen O'Toole †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am Isabelle † & Michael Laczkowski †

9:30 am Bill Irwin †

10:00 am Living & deceased mothers & fathers of
St. Gertrude parishioners †

10:30 am Billy Tobin †

11:30 am Mitchell Bennett, Sr. †

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Steve Matre

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Marty McDermott

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

10:00 am Brad Mulick, Debra Novak

10:30 am* TBA

11:30 am Victoria Healy, David O'Donnell

*The 10:30 am Gym Mass will be held in the NCA
cafeteria.

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 pm M. Reynolds, N. Reynolds, F. Reynolds

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00 am G. Cashman, T. Curry, L. Kaufmann

11:30 am J. Berry, S. Dean, N. Bhutia

Readings This Week

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps
100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28,
34-36

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Joan Harrington, Tim
Harrington, Patricia Norcik, John Sullivan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, Mary
Wyler, Johnny Outlaw, William Mitchell

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

10:00 am Carlos Barragan, Gail Smith, Brad
Mulick, Patrick Robinson, Rose Marie
Anichini, Brad Koch, Candace Koch

10:30 am* TBA

11:30 am Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck, Steven
Monti, Karen Griebel, Sharon Brown

*The 10:30 am Gym Mass will be held in the NCA
cafeteria.

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Your online donation is secure and
flexible. You can choose the amount
you wish to give and how you wish to
have the funds designated. Donations
may be made at
[https://www.givecentral.org/
location/132/event/12645](https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645).

Milestones



**Please Keep
These
Parishioners
and Friends
In Your
Prayers**

Sarah Filler

Larry Swoboda

Wally Koegler



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 Chears, 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

PARTH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidedatholic.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