

St. Gertrude

All Are Welcome

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for October 20, 2019

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



On October 20, we join with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world.

Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid poverty and turmoil, addressing all forms of material and spiritual need. On World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with them through prayerful and financial support.

For more information and to donate, please visit WeAreMissionary.org.

From Father Rich

This Sunday, we wrap up our annual Stewardship Awareness weekends. Please place your completed commitment cards inside the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. If you haven't yet filled out a card, they are available in the pews and on the tables in the back of Church. The completed commitment cards help us make solid plans for the remainder of this fiscal year. Many thanks to all those who have filled out and returned theirs!

If you are reading this on Saturday, don't forget the Cabaret in the Gym this (Saturday) evening from 7:30 - 10:00 pm. Come join fellow parishioners in a celebration of good music and friendship which also raises funds for the Heart to Heart outreach ministry.

Today (Sunday) at the 10:30 am Mass in Church, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for the young women and men preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for the girls and boys preparing for their First Holy Communion. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their preparation for the reception of these sacraments.

Don't forget to nominate fellow parishioners for the Parish Service Awards which will be presented at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The form for nominations is below. Please drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory.

Tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7:00 pm, the first meeting of the Development Council will take place. The Development Council will be looking at both short and long-term approaches to fund-raising for the ongoing vitality of St. Gertrude Parish. If you are interested in helping out in this new Council, please give me a call and join us!

A few years ago, I was on a sabbatical at the School of Applied Theology in Oakland, California. One of the joys of the experience was meeting religious women and men from Ireland who were missionaries in various parts of the world, along with some priests and sisters who were from countries that were still receiving missionaries. It was a wonderful experience to see how grateful and respectful the native vocations were towards those who had moved from their own country to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to other parts of the world. This is World Mission Sunday. I encourage you to be generous in your prayers and in your contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which assists missionary outreach all over the world. This is one of the ways we can join in that missionary spirit—even if we can't move to a nation or a people awaiting the proclamation of the Gospel.

Do you know someone whose ministry and service deserves recognition? On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, at the 10:00 am Mass, we will recognize outstanding parishioners in six different areas:

- Youth
- Human Concerns
- Education
- Parish Life
- Prayer & Worship
- Lifetime Service.

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, mail it, or bring it to the Rectory (1420 W. Granville). Nominations forms are also located on the homepage of our parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, October 28.

I nominate _____ for a St. Gertrude Parish Service Award in the category (circle one):

Prayer & Worship Education Human Concerns Youth Parish Life Lifetime

for the following reason(s): _____

Name: _____ Phone or email: _____

Growing in Faith

From the Scripture Scholar's Desk: Lk 18: "A Feisty Widow and a Threatened Judge" or "You Can't Put a Good Woman Down"

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about the courage needed to face down corrupt systems. Trying to achieve justice from inside a truly evil system will fail. We need to pursue it outside its silencing controls.

In Jesus' day, a widow or any woman was not supposed to come to court, but send a man to present a petition for justice. Jesus presents us with a feisty widow who has no lawyer or any man to present her case but will not let her or her case be invisible and silent. She keeps going to the judge, demanding justice, but this judge, not caring about God or people, refuses her over and over. After a while, however, he becomes nervous. She will not accept a "no" and keeps coming back, ordering him to take the case.

How is this going to end? He worries whether one of these times she may lose her temper altogether. Translated from the Greek, his reasoning reads: "Even though I don't care about God or people, I'm going to give this widow justice, lest, in the end, she might give me a black eye!" Now, how will that look! He imagines himself in public, in all his robes but with a shiner!

So the same self-centeredness that kept him from giving her justice, now explains his finally granting it to her. It takes courage, conviction, and determination against evil to bring about God's justice.

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D. for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 20

- Second collection for World Mission Sunday at all Masses
- There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass.
- 10:30 am ~ Confirmation (year two) Rite of Acceptance

Monday, October 21

- 6:00 pm ~ First Reconciliation/First Communion parent meeting in Church
- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

Friday, October 25

- 12:00-2:30 pm ~ Rescheduled Powers of Attorney/Living Wills workshop in the Social Hall (Registration is closed.)
- 7:00 pm ~ Women's club Halloween gathering at Laurie Jacob's house

Sunday, October 27

- 10:30 am ~ Rite of Acceptance for First Reconciliation/First Communion
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted at the Social Hall
- 3:00-5:30 pm ~ Commonweal Community in the Ministry Center

Monday, October 28

- Nomination deadline for Parish Service Awards

Wednesday, October 30

- Christmas Bazaar vendor application deadline

Friday, November 1

- All Saints Day (Mass at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.)

Saturday, November 2

- 9:00 am ~ Green Team clean-up

Sunday, November 3

- 8:00am -1:30 pm ~ Blood drive in the Social Hall
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted at the Social Hall

Monday, November 4

- Baptismal prep class (Registration required.)



St. Gertrude Feast Day Events

Friday, November 16

"International Night" Dinner

Saturday, November 16

"All are Welcome" Concert

Sunday, November 17

Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

Parish News

Thank You to Supporters of our Cabaret! We are so grateful to the performers in Saturday's Cabaret, to Mike Tobin and Mary Clare Barker for their hard work organizing it, to the many people that volunteered at the event, and those that came out to enjoy the music. Thanks for supporting the work of Heart to Heart!

Children's Choir Forming: I would like to start a children's choir that would sing a couple of pieces for the All are Welcome concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm. It would also be nice to have the children's choir sing something at the monthly family Masses at 10:30 am in Church.

If your child or children are interested, please email me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays at 3:00-3:45 pm in Church. If you can't make this time on a regular basis, you should not consider being part of the children's choir. I will also need at least one parent present at every rehearsal as Archdiocesan rules mandate the presence of two adults when in the company of children on Church property.

~ Mary Clare Barker

First Reconciliation/First Communion: Parents of children making their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year are asked to attend a parent meeting on Monday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in Church. The Rite of Acceptance for First Communion and First Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church. On Saturday, November 16, children making their First Reconciliation are required to attend a retreat in the NCA cafeteria from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Poetry Pilgrims: On Monday, October 21, the poetry group will gather at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Date for Powers of Attorney/Living Wills Workshop: The Powers of Attorney/Living Wills Workshop that was postponed in September has been rescheduled for Friday, October 25 from 12:00-2:30 pm in the Social Hall. Attendees must have registered in September with the Heart to Heart office in order to attend this event.

St. Gertrude's Women's Club: Join us for some fall fun on Friday, October 25 beginning at 7:00 pm at Laurie Jacob's house, 1821 W. Farwell. Bring a dish or a drink to share. Costumes are optional!

November is the Month of Remembrance: In November, we will celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These Holy Days mark the start of a month-long celebration of remembrance. The Remembrance Altar will be available; everyone is invited to bring a picture or a memento of a loved one to place on it. On All Saints Day, Friday, November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be held at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Vitalant will hold a blood drive on Sunday, November 3 from 8:00 am-1:30 pm in the Social Hall. To schedule an appointment, please visit donateblood.lifesource.org.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space at 773.764.3621.

Feast Day Celebrations

Feast of St. Gertrude, Our Patroness: We will celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude with an International Night Dinner on Friday, November 15 and the All are Welcome Concert on Saturday, November 16. The feast day of St. Gertrude is on Sunday, November 17.

All are Welcome Concert is November 16: Please come to our annual All are Welcome concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in Church as we celebrate our parish feast day. This year's concert will address social justice issues and propose solutions through various choral songs by noted Americans composers. The center of our concert will focus on children and those with no political voice. The Resounding Wayves will also perform a few pieces. The concert is free, but there will be an opportunity for a free will offering. Donations will go to support our music ministry programs.

Anointing of the Sick: The weekend of the Feast of St. Gertrude, November 16-17, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick at all Masses. 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 Anointing has always been understood to be about comfort and healing of both body and spirit, and every kind of distress—physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and psychological.

Christmas Bazaar

Donations for the White Elephant Begin Next Week: Contributions for the White Elephant areas will be accepted on Sundays from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Gym, 1401 W. Granville Ave., beginning Sunday, October 27 through Sunday, December 1. Please note, no clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Slots Now Open: To volunteer to help at the Bazaar, visit signupgenius.com. Under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and choose how you'd like to help.

Christmas Greenery Coming Soon: It's (almost) the most wonderful time of the year! Christmas greenery forms will be available in Church and online beginning next weekend, October 26-27.

Deadline Approaches for Christmas Bazaar Vendors: Applications to be a vendor at our Christmas Bazaar are due by Wednesday, October 30. Applications are on the home page of the parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org, in the back of Church, or at the Rectory. Email Victoria Healy at stgetsbazaar@gmail.com for more info.

Green Team Clean-up Planned

On Saturday, November 2, all are invited to help clean our walkways and streets while enjoying the autumn beauty of our neighborhood. We'll meet in front of NCA, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. at 9:00 am. Children are welcome.

Refugee Ministry

The St. Gertrude Refugee and Immigration Ministry is overwhelmed and so very grateful for the generosity of this community of faith. We continue to receive contributions and to date, over \$12,000 has been donated to the Ministry. Combined with what we had in our account, we are now able to sponsor three more refugee families as they resettle. Thank you so much!

~ Denise Goodman

Thank you from Father Mike

Thank you to everyone for supporting me throughout the 26.2 miles of the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 13! Your prayers helped me get to the finish line in 5 hours, 51 minutes, 35 seconds.

A special thanks to those that came out to cheer me on and to the amazing volunteers who helped at the event.

As of Wednesday, October 15, more than 175 people have donated \$14,787.97 to Heart to Heart for my run! Thank you for your generous support and your contributions to Heart to Heart!

Gratefully,

Father Mike Bradley



If you would like to contribute to Father Mike's run for Heart to Heart, there is still time! Visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606> to make an online donation, use one of the envelopes in Church, or drop a check or cash off at the Rectory.

World Mission Sunday

October 20, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Love for God's people and the mission entrusted to us as disciples stands at the heart of Renew My Church. Each October on World Mission Sunday, we join with the Church across the globe in joyful response to the call to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

This year, the Holy Father, Pope Francis calls for an Extraordinary Mission Month throughout the month of October in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud which, "sought to give new impetus to the missionary task of proclaiming the Gospel."

In calling for this Extraordinary Mission Month, the Holy Father invites us to transcend national boundaries in these troubled times in our world, bearing witness "to God's saving will through the Church's universal mission." The World Mission Sunday collection, celebrated worldwide on October 20, supports the efforts of over 1,000 economically poor dioceses to provide spiritual and material aid to people across Africa, Asia, and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Recipient churches and congregations also bring hope to people facing poverty, violent conflict, and displacement in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

In honor of the Holy Father's call to renewed fervor for the Church's universal mission, every parish engaged in works of solidarity and charity with our global neighbors are invited to join the diverse community of Archdiocese of Chicago in a Mass of Thanksgiving for missionaries next Sunday, October 27 at St. Ferdinand Church beginning at 5:00 p.m. Together we will give thanks for the local parishes that are dedicated to the Catholic Church's world mission.

It is my prayer that each parish is inspired to embrace World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to join with the global Church in making disciples throughout our world, as we are called to do during the Renew My Church process. May our witness inspire others in our Chicago community, especially young people, to embrace the call to love and follow Christ. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

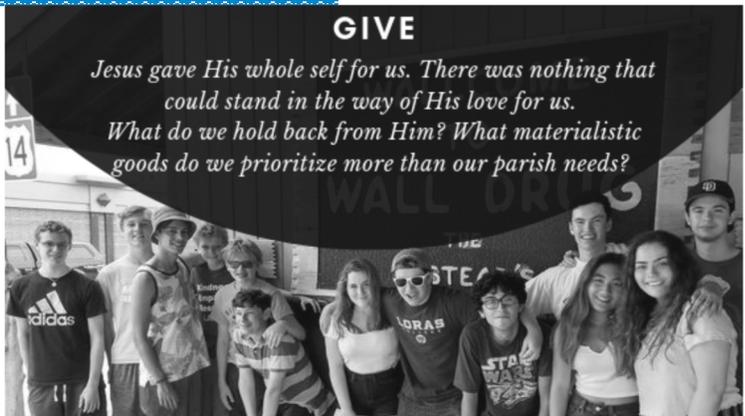
Archbishop of Chicago

Parish Stewardship

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus ... proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." ~ 2 Timothy 4:1-2

To proclaim the Gospel, to live the Gospel is easier when things are going our way. But when we are in tougher circumstances, it may make it much more difficult for us. So let's keep praying, let's keep pushing on.

Sunday Collection October 12-13	\$6,590.30
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$1,134.70



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

During the month of October, St. Gertrude will partner with the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach and collect items needed by victims of domestic violence and their children living in local shelters. We will collect:

- diapers and pull-ups
- children's new pajamas and socks
- full-sized toiletries
 - ◆ shampoo & conditioner
 - ◆ deodorant
 - ◆ toothpaste & toothbrushes
 - ◆ feminine hygiene products

The collection drive donations will benefit:

- A Safe Place
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia
- Connections for Abused Women and their Children
- Family Rescue
- House of Good Shepherd
- Pillars Constance Morris House
- South Suburban Family Shelter
- WINGS Program, Inc.

A bin for donations is located in the back of Church.

Commonweal Community

The next gathering of Commonweal Community will be Sunday, October 27 from 3:00-5:30 pm in the Ministry Center. We will discuss the following:

- What do you believe makes an excellent parish?
- What kind of engagement from parishioners is needed to support and nurture parish life and the spiritual growth of its members?

Email Denise DeBelle at ddebelle@gmail.com for a list of readings that will be referenced, or visit the parish home page at www.stgertrudechicago.com for the complete list with links.

Please read them before our gathering, it will make our discussion more enjoyable and worthwhile for all of us. Commonweal Community provides a place and time for thoughtful and civil conversation and fellowship too.

Please arrive around 3:00 pm for informal talk and refreshments. We will begin formal discussion at 3:30 pm. Call Denise at 312.305.5499 with any questions or suggestions.

Chicago Area Domestic Violence Resources, Hotlines, and Support Groups:

City of Chicago Office on Domestic Violence

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/dom_violence/svcs/domestic_violencehelpline.html
1.877.863.6338

This service works with the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network to operate a hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This hotline is run by trained domestic violence advocates and provides general information and referrals to proper services. The staff can also provide information including community-based referrals on shelters, counseling, legal advocacy, civil legal services, supervised child visitation centers, and perpetrator services.

Chicago Battered Metropolitan Women's Network

<https://the-network.org/>
312.527.0730

The mission of the network is to improve the lives of those impacted by domestic violence through education, public policy and advocacy, and the connection of community members to direct service providers. The group also works in the legal community to help victims and survivors.

Illinois Coalition against Domestic Violence

<https://www.ilcadv.org/>
1.877.863.6338; TTY: 1.800.787.3224

Trained victim information and referral advocates are available 24/7, 365 days a year to answer your questions by phone or by text. A detailed map of victim service programs in Cook County is available on their website.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

thehotline.org
1.800.799.7233; TTY: 1.800.787.3224

This hotline has highly-trained advocates available all day (and night) every day to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship.

Additionally, their website is filled with articles on domestic violence, what a healthy relationship should look like, and helping those in deaf or hard of hearing, blind, disabled, LGBTQ, and immigrant communities.

**Our Parish at Prayer for
October 21-27**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 am John McCall †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 am Nancy Donnelly †

8:30 am NCA Mass

† Indicates person
listed is deceased.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 am Mary Heidkamp †

5:00 pm Patricia Fox Deiters †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 am Carlos Garcia Bucaro †

9:30 am Joe Shields †

10:30 am Karen Nass †

10:30 am Patricia Rose Deiters † (Gym Mass)

**Ministers of the Word
for October 26-27**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:00 pm Jayne Deiters, Bob Backis

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mark Kollar

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

10:30 am Steven Monti, Davis O'Donnell

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

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Elected Officials?**

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
October 21-27**

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75;
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8;
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77,
93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19,
23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**Eucharistic Ministers
for October 26-27**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:00 pm Bob Backis, Joan Harrington, Tim
Harrington, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Patricia
Norcik, Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian
DeVarenne, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Peter
Morin

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

10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Kathy Dunne,
Nancy Merrill, Debra Novak, Troy
McMillan, Ruth Ott, Lina Peon

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

**Altar Servers
for October 26-27**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:00 pm Ethan Vargas, Leila Vargas, Matthew
Medlock

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:30 am Jesse Devitt, Jack Sobczyk, Alise Veleta

**Medical Items Needed for Heart to Heart
Lending Closet**

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

Milestones



*Please Pray
for Our Parishioners
and Friends*

Walter Bradford
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Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Andrew Elwood
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Maria Hertl

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Karey Myers
Don Piven
Elsie Radtke
Dave Resch
Kyle Rutherford
Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray



New Parishioners

The Harvey Family

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.



Rest in Peace

Marilynn Wagner

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:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - 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.
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

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