

# St. Gertrude

*All Are Welcome*

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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bulletin for October 13, 2019**



Gratitude Clears the Path

## *From Father Rich*

This is week III of our stewardship awareness. Weeks I and II were about inviting everyone to consider how they might use their time and talents to enrich God's kingdom right here at St. Gertrude. This weekend, I am presenting the Annual Financial Report as the third part of our annual Stewardship weekends, reporting on the use of our "treasure"—the financial resources from your contributions which make all our activities possible. Please consider your own weekly gift through the offertory collection. Does that weekly gift reflect your commitment to the parish and your faith in God?

This afternoon at a special service at Queen of All Saints Basilica, Cardinal Cupich will present the Christifideles Award to Denise Goodman for her outstanding work with the Refugee Ministry, her membership in the Parish Pastoral Council, her involvement as a cantor and choir member, and her constant willingness to step up and help whenever and wherever she is needed. Congratulations, Denise, on this well-deserved recognition!

Don't forget to pray for Fr. Mike Bradley as he once again runs in the Chicago Marathon today (Sunday)! If you would like to sponsor Fr. Mike, there are forms on the table in the back of Church or you can donate online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>. All donations to Fr. Mike's marathon run go to Heart to Heart.

In lieu of the annual fall play, this year everyone is invited to the Fall Cabaret next Saturday, October 19 in the Social Hall. Join other parishioners for an evening of music, song, and fellowship, which also raises funds for the Heart to Heart Ministry.

The Rite of Acceptance for the young women and men preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass in Church next Sunday, October 20. And the Rite of Acceptance for the girls and boys preparing for their First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 27. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue in their preparation for the reception of these sacraments.

Once again this year, everyone is invited to nominate fellow parishioners for the Parish Service Awards which will be presented at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The form for nominations is on page 7 of this bulletin or on the homepage of our website, [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org). Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory.

Recently, I was listening to a performance by the Chicago Symphony of Aaron Copeland's Lincoln's Portrait on the radio. As I listened to the text which is part of the piece, I was struck by both Lincoln's eloquence and how applicable it is to the situation our nation is facing today. While I certainly hope our divisions today are not as damaging or destructive as the "original sin" of slavery which he was addressing, we are, nonetheless, a nation divided and much in need of healing. But as we move forward, we have to be aware of the same truths Lincoln was speaking about in 1862, "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves and then we shall save our country."

I was most of all struck by the notion that we must "disenthrall ourselves and then we shall save our country." Because the opposite of that is also true—if we will not disenthrall ourselves, we shall lose our country. Most of the parts of our nation that make us great are gifts from God: the extraordinary natural resources, the abundance of unbelievable beauty of every kind in every state, the climate, etc. What we human beings add or subtract to that greatness is in how we use those abundant riches, and especially our behavior toward others—our character. Being the richest, the strongest and most powerful, the most threatening militarily, all those things are the perishables. Throughout history empires have risen and fallen because that is what they depended upon. What made the greatest of them endure for longer periods of time was in their character—in how they treated their fellow human beings. Great nations that lifted up others became stronger, while those who tore others down quickly perished. Our true greatness today is not something that can be measured by



*Denise Goodman, recipient of the  
2019 Christifideles Award*



## *Growing in Faith (continued)*

dollars and bombs and production lines. Our greatness today is measured by the ever-expanding concern for all our sisters and brothers to live freely, to choose their own leaders, and to care for the weakest and most vulnerable among us.

We must disenthral ourselves of that terrible lie that we are great because somehow, we created the wealth that makes our standard of living possible! No, that is God's gift. Certainly, generations have worked extraordinarily hard to use those resources to lift themselves up, to provide their children with a greater possibility for their own lives, and to share from our abundance with those throughout the world who are starving, living in poverty, etc. The true greatness we claim as our own is the moral character which speaks truth, which does not tolerate bigotry of any kind, which recognizes our failings and seeks to build up the entire human family.

I am reminded of a quote I love—even though I have no idea who first said it, “Character is defined by

how we behave when no one else is looking.” It isn't in what we proclaim from the rooftops about how wonderful we are that will define us. It is in the quiet, often hidden way we treat one another, especially the weak, the broken, the sick and grieving, the poor, the prisoner, and the outcast.

Which is a very long way of saying the crisis we face as a nation today is not most of all political—although that is how this particular crisis will likely play itself out. But the real crisis is spiritual. Our souls, our spirits, are wounded and we are going to decide if we value the very things we also claim we treasure from the teachings of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Or are we going to follow a different way, a cheapened way that values only what can be bought and sold? That is why this needs to be a time of prayer. Power and money, influence and bravado will not deliver us. Only placing our trust in God and following what His Son has taught us can lead us safely home.

## *Parish Calendar*

### **Monday, October 14**

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

### **Saturday, October 19**

- 10:00 am ~ PreCana (Registration required.)
- 10:00 am-1:00 pm ~ VIRTUS training in the NCA cafeteria (Registration required.)
- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for World Mission Sunday at Mass
- 7:30 pm ~ Heart to Heart Cabaret in the Gym

### **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.)

### **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

### **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.)

### **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



### ***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

## *It's Heart to Heart Month!*

This October, we celebrate the work of Heart to Heart, a ministry grown at St. Gertrude that serves some of our most vulnerable residents in Edgewater—our senior citizens. The outreach program works both to connect those in need with programs they may be eligible for, and to provide practical help.



Volunteers drive them to doctors' appointments, run errands, pick up prescriptions, pop in for a friendly visit to see how they are doing, check in with a phone call, or even walk the dog of a sick parishioner. With the help of these dedicated volunteers, we've been able to help hundreds of older persons live quality, dignified, independent lives in their own home.

Equally as important as tending to basic needs is the human connection that Heart to Heart provides to the lonely, poor, or those in need. Social services at St. Gertrude is about showing love and care through a listening ear, a smile, a kind word, a visit to break up a long day, or a helping hand. It's about putting faith into action by loving our neighbors and tending to their needs.

Heart to Heart depends on the generosity of the parish community to continue its work. Fundraisers, like Father Mike's participation in the Chicago Marathon and the Heart to Heart Cabaret, are wonderful ways to raise funds for this ministry, but we do need additional financial help. Please consider supporting our work by making a donation to Heart to Heart in Church, at the Rectory, or online at [givecentral.org/location/8](http://givecentral.org/location/8). Donations made with a check should be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish with Heart to Heart written in the memo line. Thank you for supporting our work!

*~ Jane Callahan-Moore*

## *Cabaret Night to Benefit Heart to Heart*

*St. Gertrude Parish Presents*

**A Cabaret Night**

*Saturday, October 19*

**7:30 pm - 10:00 pm**

**St. Gertrude's Gym, 1401 W. Granville Ave.**

**Join us for an evening of great music!**

***\$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors***

**All proceeds go to Heart to Heart !**

*Volunteers are needed! Please visit [stgertrudechicago.org/heart-to-heart-month](http://stgertrudechicago.org/heart-to-heart-month) for a link to sign up to help.*



## Parish News

**TODAY—State of the Parish:** At all Masses this weekend, the state of the parish annual financial report will be reviewed.

**Good Books & Poetry Pilgrims:** The book club will meet on Monday, October 14 and Poetry Pilgrims will gather on Monday, October 21. Both start at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com) with any questions.

**PreCana Class Offered:** Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

**VIRTUS Training Session:** Volunteers from Heart to Heart and other ministries that require VIRTUS training are invited to attend a training session on Saturday, October 19. It will start promptly at 10:00 am in the NCA cafeteria and end at 1:00 pm. Call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.973.5464 to sign up and for more information.

**No Gym Mass Next Sunday:** There is no Gym Mass next Sunday, October 20. All are invited to the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

**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.

**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 pre-registered in September with the Heart to Heart office in order to attend this event.

**Christmas Bazaar White Elephant Donations:** 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 on Sundays with the

White Elephant donations or at the Bazaar, visit [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). Under *Search for a Sign Up*, type [inevents@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:inevents@stgertrudechicago.org) and choose how you'd like to help.

**Applications to Become a Vendor at St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar Available:** This year, our annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Tables for vendors can be reserved for \$50 per day per table. Applications can be found on the home page of the parish website, [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org), in the back of Church, or at the Rectory. Applications are due by Wednesday, October 30. Email Victoria Healy at [stgertsbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:stgertsbazaar@gmail.com) for more info.

**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](mailto: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

**Sign-up to Serve:** Have you been thinking of a way to give back or make connections at St. Gertrude? There are sign up sheets in Church and online at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org) to join the various parish ministries. These include parish advisory groups, assisting at Masses, teaching roles, groups that address human concerns, and more.



### SERVE

*Stewards identify their gifts and talents from God and use those in service to God's people, the church.*

*How can you help this Parish live out the mission to make disciples?*



### Pet Blessing

We are grateful that so many people turned out for our Blessing of Pets last week! It truly is one of the most special and festive events in our parish calendar. Father Mike had a wonderful time meeting and blessing these treasured family members that bring so much joy to our parishioners. Special thanks to Laurie Hasbrook for the pictures. Thank you for coming!



### Parish Stewardship Report

*“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead... such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.” ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-9*

All over the world, Christians are being persecuted for their faith. Many are in prison, many have been killed. Let us take time to express our gratitude for our freedom to worship as we please. Let us also take time to pray for those who are suffering because they endure in their belief in the Gospel and in Jesus Christ.

Sunday Collection October 5-6	\$5,755.70
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$1,969.30</b>

Online Collection September 2019	\$20,512.50
Online Budgeted Collection	<u>\$18,488.00</u>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>(+) \$2,024.50</b>

**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. For more info and to donate, please visit [WeAreMissionary.org](http://WeAreMissionary.org).

### Growing in Faith

Two of the readings in today’s liturgy feature lepers who have been healed. But really, it is about how they reacted to their cure.

Naaman and the Samaritan both were transformed in body and in faith. Scripture scholars point out that both Naaman and the Samaritan were outsiders, not Israelites. And through their external healing, the outsider’s internal faith was transformed. Moreover, they both gratefully returned to the source and gave thanks.

I’m sure many have experienced a profound healing in your lives or in the lives of dear family or friends. It’s almost a cliché, that “people find God when they go through a time of suffering.” But suffering can, indeed, connect us to God. It can bring us in intimate contact with others and also connect us to those we don’t even know in an extraordinary way.

In 1996, I was in a car accident that should have killed me. It didn’t, but I had a long recovery to unscramble my brain. Even today, I deal with some hip and back issues that linger from that accident so long ago. Still, I’m profoundly grateful for what I went through to become who I am today. And, the opportunity that I had, we all have: the chance to cultivate a grateful heart.



When we go through hard times of suffering and difficulty, Jesus encourages us to experience a deepening of our faith and be truly grateful for God’s presence in our lives and the love and support that surrounds us.

~ Claire Conley for  
*Growing in Faith*

**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.

Emotional abuse is a very real and devastating weapon in unhealthy relationships. Manipulation tactics can include:

- Minimizing
- Lying by omission
- Denying
- Attending selectively
- Rationalizing/making excuses
- Diverting attention/keeping the other person on the defensive
- Evading detection
- Intimidating subtly
- Provoking guilt and blaming others/shaming
- Feigning innocence
- Feigning ignorance or confusion
- Brandishing anger
- Distorting what the other person is saying or withdrawing love and attention
- Indicating contempt for the other person/mocking, ridiculing, rolling eyes, laughing
- Acting as the final authority
- Criticizing in a harsh and uncalled-for manner
- Not listening, interrupting

Visit [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) for more information on the signs of domestic abuse and how to help.

**Parish Service Awards Nomination**

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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Parish at Prayer for  
October 14-20**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

7:30 am Thomas Joyce †

† *Indicates person listed is deceased.*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

7:30 am Jack Newhall †

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

7:30 am Communion Service

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

7:30 am Hanna Lovett †

8:30 am NCA Mass

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

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

5:00 pm Collette Bennett †

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

8:00 am Frances Sandrowski †

9:30 am Joe Shields †

10:30 am Timothy Czech †

*There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass on Sunday, October 20.*

**Ministers of the Word  
for October 19-20**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Pat Reardon

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

8:00 am Steve Matre, Marty McDermott

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

10:30 am Ruth Ott, Debra Novak

*There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass on Sunday, October 20.*

**How Do You Find & Contact Your  
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](http://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 14-20**

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

**Eucharistic Ministers  
for October 19-20**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (with Mary Cook assisting), Kathleen Dawson, Patricia Norcik, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, William Mitchell, Mary Wyler, Stephanie Clark  
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward  
10:30 am Carlos Barragan, Mary Donlan, Sarah Millar, Chris Lincoln, Christine Curran, Gail Smith, Karen Griebel

*There is no 10:30 am Gym Mass on Sunday, October 20.*

**Altar Servers  
for October 19-20**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

5:00 pm Miles Reynolds, Nolan Reynolds, Katie Dunning

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

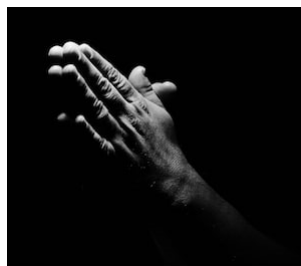
10:30 am Haiden Negrillo, Henry Jacobson, Nonso Okoye

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

Due to this summer's high demand for the Heart to Heart Lending Closet's durable medical equipment, we are looking for wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, and walkers to be donated. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.



## Milestones



### *Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends*

Bernice Kiedysz

Karey Myers

Don Piven

Elsie Radtke

Kyle Rutherford

Charley Scantlebury

Richard Seitz

Peggy Stoffel

Elinora E. Tolentino

Norma E. Viray

Marilynn Wagner

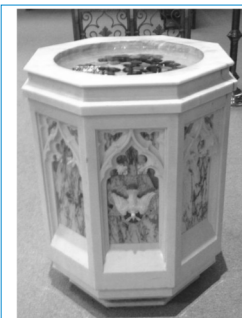
Walter Bradford  
Ed & Ester Bugler  
Maggie Callaway  
Aida Calvopina  
Geraldine Clark  
Andrew Elwood  
Mary Ferguson  
Mary Fitzgerald  
Joan Harrington  
Maria Hertl



### *All are Welcome*

Feruz Urazaliev  
& Alena Darazhei

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](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org).



### *Baptisms*

Keller Michael,  
son of Darren  
& Gabrielle Ruppert

## 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  
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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](mailto:heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org)

### PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277  
[www.northsidecatholic.org](http://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](http://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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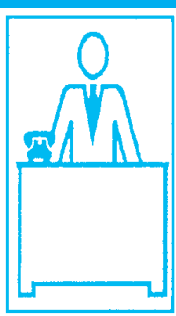


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