

St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church 1420 W. Granville Chicago, IL 60660

All Are Welcome

Dear Parishioner,

As a family of faith, we continue to look for innovative ways of responding to the ongoing needs of our dynamic and diverse community. These are challenging times for us all and we're doing what we can to sustain daily operations. Our annual fundraising events have been cancelled due to Covid-19 and we need to adapt to this changing reality.

In response, we are going online to host our first annual **Virtual Auction!** The event will kick-off on Feb 12th and wind up with a fun virtual live event at 7:00 pm Feb. 21st. Please visit St. Gertrude's website and weekly bulletin to read the latest news and needs for the Auction!

We are asking, if you're able, to please donate an item or service for the auction. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Donation possibilities range from big to small:

- Tickets to sporting events (Bears, Bulls, Cubs, White Sox, Fire, etc.)
- Live auction vacation (vacation home or condo, hotel points, airline miles, etc.)
- Experiences (chef's tables, wine/beer tastings, gallery tours, show tapings, concerts, etc.)
- Services (landscaping, painting, interior design, catering, tutoring, language lessons, spa, etc.)
- Gift certificates
- Handmade items (quilts, paintings, pottery, etc.)
- Use your imagination!

There are pre-Covid and post-Covid possibilities for many of these ideas.

We're also asking for donations of bottles of wine for our Wine Cellar Spectacular (\$20 minimum value). You can drop your bottle off anytime at the rectory (during business hours) or you can purchase a bottle from Binny's in Evanston, either in person or over the phone. Binny's will give you a 15% discount and store the bottle for us.

Our current, **pressing need** is for people to solicit donations. You will be provided with business's contact information and a script. If you can help please email us at auction21@stgertrudechicago.org

If you're unable to donate at this time, you can support us by attending the auction, sharing our auction details with your friends, family and on your social media! In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we all are. Thank you for being part of our community.

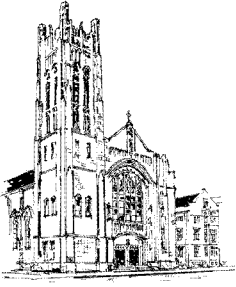
Gratefully,

The St. Gertrude Parish 2021 Auction Committee

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