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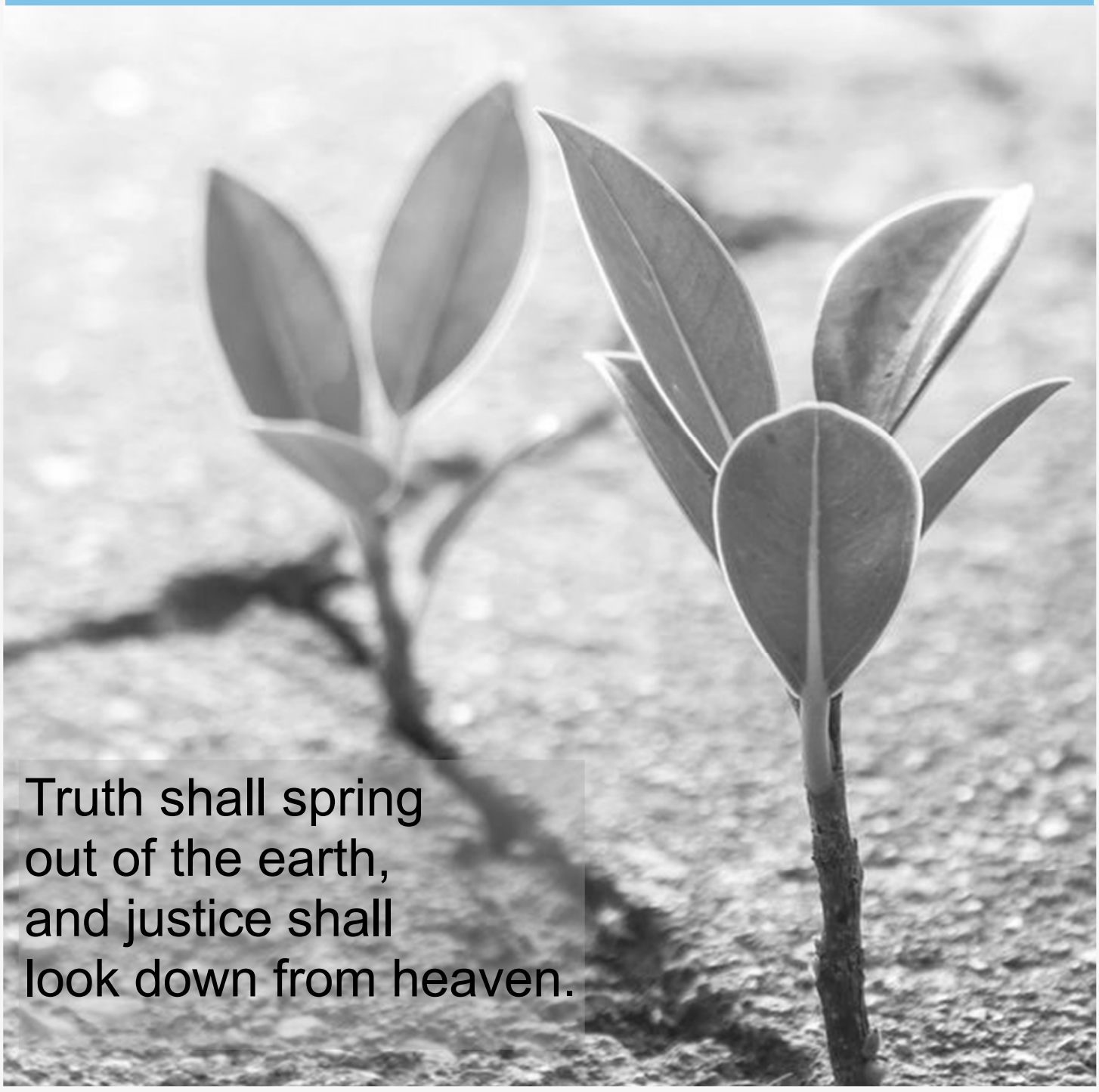
14th & 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bulletin for July 8 & July 15, 2018



From the Desk of Father Rich

July 8 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Post-Independence Day usually means most of us are fully into 'summer mode'! It's time to get out of the house - to the beach, on vacation, doing the things we put off until we had some free time to enjoy them. For those of us living in the Midwest, this time of the year is truly our recreation time. We get to spend lots of time outdoors, even able to eat outside! This time of recreation is so vitally important to being a healthy person. Beginning with the seventh day of creation when God rested from all the work he had done, taking some time off to renew, recharge, relax is not only a good idea, it is even a spiritual principle! The very notion of the Sabbath is built upon the need for this kind of downtime.

Our lives today can be busy from sun-up to sun-down and beyond. The same electronic devices which make so many things so much easier for us, can interfere in our being able to rest, that often we lose track of just when it was we became electronically-available most hours of every day of the week. Which brings me back to the practice of the Sabbath. While I doubt any of us want to go back to a time when no stores were open on Sunday, etc. there is a great wisdom in the practice of the Jewish Sabbath. Rather than being a punitive time when people were not "allowed" to do so many tasks considered work, it is actually, when properly practiced, meant to be a time that frees us from the daily burdens of our work life. And that freed time is meant for very specific purposes: worshipping God and spending time with family and friends. In other words, getting our lives back into a healthier balance instead of always being weighed down by the responsibilities of our work—no matter how much we might enjoy it!

Please consider how you can slow down your life during this wonderful time of the year. What "tasks" might you put aside, delay, relinquish so that you have "nothing time"—time in which there is absolutely nothing that HAS to be accomplished? Nothing can be, literally, sitting in your favorite chair, or lying in a hammock until you fall asleep—no matter what time the clock happens to indicate. Nothing time can be reading a whole book all the way through in just a few hours or days—a luxury many of us forget. Nothing time can be when you do any project—from baking cookies or making potato salad to trimming the bushes and planting some flowers with your young children who will delight in having this time with you.

Summertime is the best renewal time for lots of us. It is re-creation time. Give yourself and your family permission to enjoy it, to back away from "must-do" projects, to revel in the stuff that is fun, that brings laughter and renews our minds and hearts and souls!

July 15 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel passage ends with this line: "The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." The harsh consequences of life out of balance is often revealed in physical and mental and spiritual ailments that afflict us. While we might have clinical names for certain disorders or life patterns (OCD, Type A Personality, etc.), these same disorders and patterns can have a devastating effect on our well-being. Insofar as they rob us of enjoying life and of a full and positive relationship with God, others and ourselves, they are the demons of our lives. They steal from us the freedom to make our own decisions. And they rob us of the healthy relationships which remind us in every way possible we are loved and loveable. Perhaps this is an opportune time to consider if there are parts of my life I have discovered in which I am not in control of myself, but these patterns or disorders seem to be in charge, and explore what steps I could take, by myself or with professional help, to reclaim my life that I may be healthier physically, emotionally, spiritually?

Growing in Faith

How to feel part of a community is one of our current preoccupations; many self-help books and articles deal with ways to get along with work colleagues and neighbors. The Rule of St. Benedict, written for those who seek spirituality in community, shows clearly and simply that a good community member respects the individuality of others, genuinely cares about people in the community, and welcomes the stranger.

I have felt drawn to the Benedictines by their welcoming spirit and concern for others. At St. Scholastica Monastery, where I am an Oblate (an associate who tries to practice the Benedictine Rule while living in the world), I hear often the opening words of the Prologue, "Listen. . .with the ear of your heart," and consider how listening helps to create community.

The feast of St. Benedict is celebrated July 11. Benedict's Rule, written ca. 547 C.E., is "advice from a father who loves you." It is practical and humane, indicating that those who live by his rule are human beings who need sufficient clothing, blankets, and food in order to work, pray, and rest well.

Though monastic life originated in Egypt, Benedict (480-547), the great abbot of Monte Cassino, is the father of Western monasticism. The six centuries after he died are known as the "Benedictine Centuries." During that time, the monasteries were a stable and influential part of community life and by copying and creating both sacred and non-religious manuscripts, kept the culture alive. Though adapted because of changing times, the Rule is still followed by contemporary Benedictines.

~ Kay McSpadden for
Growing in Faith

Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 8
- 3:00pm ~ Commonweal Discussion Group in the chapel of the Ministry Center

Monday, July 9
- 7:30pm ~ Book group in the Ministry Center

Monday, July 9-Friday, July 13
- NCA summer camp, week 4

Tuesday, July 10
- 7:30pm ~ Refugee Ministry meeting in the Ministry Center

Monday, July 16-Friday, July 20
- NCA summer camp, week 5

Thursday July 26
- 7:00-9:00pm ~ St. Gertrude's Women's Club: summer potluck in the Rectory side yard

Monday, July 23-Friday, July 27
- NCA summer camp, week 6

Monday, July 30-Friday, August 3
- NCA summer camp, week 7

Saturday, August 4
- 10:00am ~ Pre-Cana in the Ministry Center (Advance registration is required.)

Monday, August 6
- 7:00pm ~ Baptismal prep class in the Rectory (Advance registration is required.)

Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12
- Mission appeal weekend
- Second collection for missionary work

Wednesday, August 15
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Mass held at 7:30am and 7:00pm

Monday, September 3
- Labor Day

Parish News

Good Books: The July choice is the best-selling book about the famed Irish-American Thomas Francis Meagher, The *Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero* by National Book Award winner Timothy Egan. All are welcome to attend on Monday, July 9 at 7:30pm in the Ministry Center. Any questions? Contact Mary Grover at773.338.3564 or at mary@marsgrover.com.

Refugee Ministry: What are we up to? We are sponsoring a new Afghan couple. We have already provided material support and an offer of accompaniment, although the family is adjusting to this new culture and may wish a little time before engaging. Meantime, Brother Joe from Catholic Charities told us there is a new Rohingya family (mother, father, and three kids) and we are still working out what role we can play in their resettlement.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30pm in the Ministry Center. There, we will continue to explore whether/how to engage immigrants/migrants beyond the initial 3-6 month resettlement period.

~ Denise Goodman

St. Gertrude Women's Club Potluck Planned: The St. Gertrude Women's Club Annual Summer Potluck is back! All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend our July meeting, which is a summer potluck. Please bring a dish, side, dessert or drink to share (and a yard chair if you have one.) We'll gather on Thursday, July 26 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Rectory yard.

PreCana Classes Offered: If you are an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude, or a parishioner planning on getting married anywhere else, attendance at a Pre-Cana is part of the marriage preparation process for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our parish -based Pre-Cana will be held on Saturday, August 4, beginning at 10:0am through the 5:00pm Mass. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, August 6 at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Registration is required, call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up.

Mission Appeal: On August 11-12, we will have a guest speaker at all the masses for the annual mission appeal for the church's many-faceted missionary activities throughout the world. The speaker will be from the Diocese of Zaria in Nigeria. We encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken that weekend.

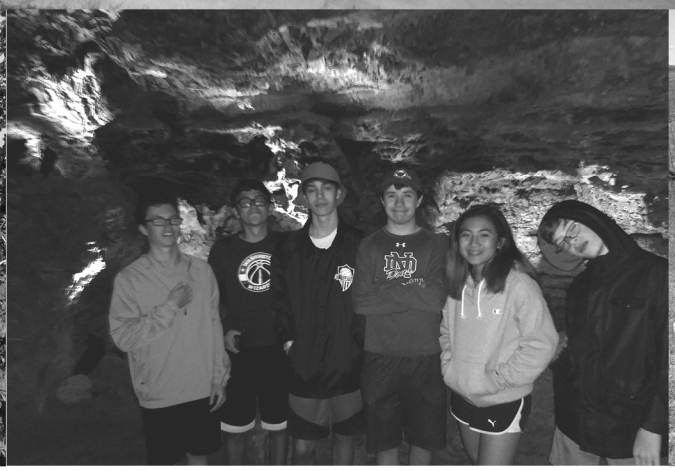
Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary: This holy day of obligation is celebrated on Wednesday, August 15. Mass will be held at 7:30am and again at 7:00pm.

Labor Day: The Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 3. Mass will be held at 7:30am.

Summer Service Trip

From Friday, June 22-Sunday, July 1, six teens and two chaperones from our parish went on a service trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The reservation is home to the Oglala Lakota, a tribe that is part of the Sioux people, and one of the poorest areas in the United States.

The group, comprised of Jesse Devitt, Angelo Guzzo, Curran White, Liam Connors, Luke Kaufmann, Lauren Le, and chaperones, Emily Egan and Jim Potthast, worked hard around the reservation, had fun playing games and exploring South Dakota, and learned about the Lakota people and their history. We thank them for their time, energy, enthusiasm, and compassion!



Parish Stewardship Report

"(The Lord) said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' I will rather boast most gladly of my weakness in order that the power of Christ may dwell within me."

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Show weakness to others? Acknowledge one's own weakness? No way! We're not losers, we're winners! We're the best, we're number one!

Yet, in truth, we are weak, and when we think we are not, our arrogance, and pride betray us. Acknowledging our weakness should help us to pause, remind us of our humility in the presence of other human persons, in the presence of God.

Sunday Collection June 23-24	$8,568.40
Budgeted Collection	$7,600.00
Overage/Underage	**(+) 968.40**

Balance the Budget/Double Your Donation through June 24	**$20,820.25**

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

NCA News

Spots Still Available for School Year: Northside Catholic Academy is still accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. We offer flexible half-day and full-day preschool options, and a full-day kindergarten program. We have onsite extended care available from 6:30am to 6:00pm, as well as financial aid through the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund.

At NCA, we inspire our students to grow in character, intellect, and faith, while fostering a love of learning. Most important, NCA's small class size and individual attention will help your child thrive.

To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Melissa Soberanes at 773.743.6277 ext. 207 or visit www.northsidecatholic.org.

Commonweal Conversation

Please join us as we continue our conversation on topics at the intersection of our faith and the political issues of the day. In the very polarized political atmosphere we live in, the hope is that thoughtful and civil conversation will contribute to the strength of our democracy, as well as a salve for our souls and an inspiration too. So far, we have enjoyed several spirited but respectful conversations, one focusing on immigration, another on race, as well as one centered more broadly on political polarization itself. All are welcome to attend.

Our next gathering will be Sunday, July 8 at 3:00 pm in the chapel of the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Avenue. In this conversation, we will discuss selected articles from Commonweal and other publications focusing on Pope Francis' writings on issues of economic inequality in today's society. For a link to these articles, please email Denise DeBelle at ddebelle@gmail.com.

Edgewater Garden Walk

The 45th Annual Edgewater Glen Garden Walk will be held Sunday, July 8 from noon-5:00pm, starting at 1420 W. Glenlake (6100N). Admission is $5 per adult and includes a raffle ticket for Gethsemane Gift Certificate prizes. This year, the gardens in the 1400 & 1500 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood, and the south side of Granville will be featured in this easily-walkable route. All of the gardens are beautiful, and many of them are also 'poison free' with no pesticides or herbicides used. For more info refer to www.edgeglen.com.

New Area Seniors Group

Let's **G**et **B**runch **T**ogether is a lunch and social club which is being formed for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and accepting seniors in the Rogers Park/Edgewater area. If you are interested in joining or planning the first meeting contact Nikki Moustafa atNikkiM@HOMEseniors.org or 773.262. 3389.

Our Parish at Prayer July 9-15

✞ *Indicates person listed is deceased.*

MONDAY, JULY 9
7:30am Leah Gray ✞

TUESDAY, JULY 10
7:30am Glenn Martin ✞

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11
7:30am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

THURSDAY, JULY 12
7:30am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 13
7:30am Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude

SATURDAY, JULY 14
7:30am Joseph ✞ and Anna Shields ✞
5:00pm Alfredo Lukinskas ✞

SUNDAY, JULY 15
8:00am Evelyn Clark
9:30am Parishioners of St. Gertrude
10:00am Daniel Geraty ✞
11:30am Marion Volini ✞

Ministers of the Word July 14-15

SATURDAY, JULY 14
5:00pm Mary Jo Bowers, Clarisse Chonka

SUNDAY, JULY 15
8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Carol Ann Munro
9:30am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00am Rose Karasti, Patrick Robinson
11:30am Steven Monti, Victoria Healy

Altar Servers July 14-15

SATURDAY, JULY 14
5:00pm Brendan Moran, Norah Moran, Casey Cancilla

SUNDAY, JULY 15
10:00am Penelope Seitzer, Katherine Tentler, Luke Sharba
11:30am Sam Ingram, June Rutzen, Jean Rosenmayer

Readings for July 9-15

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Eucharistic Ministers July 14-15

SATURDAY, JULY 14
5:00pm Mary Jo Bowers, Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington, Roman Reyes, Patricia Norcik

SUNDAY, JULY 15
8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Brian DeVarenne, Johnny Outlaw, Mary Wyler, Peter Morin
9:30am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00am Patrick Robinson, Carlos Barragan, Christine Curran, Rose Marie Anichini, Ruth Ott, Debra Novak, Amy Bessette
11:30am Richard Ashbeck, Jana Ashbeck, Troy McMillan, Steven Monti, Chris Lincoln

Here are some organizations that are mobilizing to try and help children that have been separated from their parents at the US-Mexico border. Please consider supporting their efforts.

Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project
South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project
RAICES
CARA Project
Kids In Need of Defense
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
The Austin Bar Association Civil Right and Immigration Section
Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley
American Gateways
Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services
Justice for Our Neighbors
The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Our Parish at Prayer July 16-22

MONDAY, JULY 16
7:30am Juan Bucio, CFD ✞

TUESDAY, JULY 17
7:30am Paul Bauer, CPD ✞

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
7:30am Living and deceased mothers and fathers of St. Gertrude

THURSDAY, JULY 19
7:30am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 20
7:30am Andrea Losonczi ✞

SATURDAY, JULY 21
7:30am Joseph "Terry" Shields ✞
5:00pm Ann Willey ✞

SUNDAY, JULY 22
8:00am Quinn Bringas ✞
9:30am Giulia Nichele ✞
10:00am Bobby Udrow ✞
11:30am Bruno ✞ and Vincenzina Tassone ✞
✞ *Indicates person listed is deceased.*

Ministers of the Word July 21-22

SATURDAY, JULY 21
5:00pm Kathleen Dawson, Steve Matre

SUNDAY, JULY 22
8:00am Rob Sierzega, Marty McDermott
9:30am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00am Brad Mulick, Debra Novak
11:30am David O'Donnell, Amanda Robertson

Altar Servers July 21-22

SATURDAY, JULY 21
5:00pm Bridget Fulkerson, Nate Fulkerson, Ellie Fulkerson

SUNDAY, JULY 22
10:00am Alexandra Healy, Thomas Curry, Florence Szewczy
11:30am Anna Stecky, Adonai Agdubai, Nordon Bhutia

Readings for July 16-22

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Eucharistic Ministers July 21-22

SATURDAY, JULY 21
5:00pm Kathleen Dawson, Peggy Dawson assisted by Mary Cook), Brad Koch, Candace Koch, John Sullivan

SUNDAY, JULY 22
8:00am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Johnny Outlaw, Mary Wyler, Rob Sierzega
9:30am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00am Brad Mulick, Gail Smith, Mary Donlan, Nancy Merrill, Sarah Millar, Debra Novak, Teresita Zdunek
11:30am Karen Griebel, Sharon Brown, Chris Lincoln, Steven Monti, Lina Peon

Here are some organizations that are mobilizing to try and help children that have been separated from their parents at the US-Mexico border. Please consider supporting their efforts.

Together Rising
Comfort Cases
The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Tahirih Justice Center
Circle of Health International
Annunciation House
The Human Rights Initiative of North Texas
The Salvation Army of El Paso
La Posada Providencia
The Children's Immigration Law Academy
The Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee
The Migrant Center for Human Rights

Milestones

Baptisms

Caleb Red,
son of Redentor
& Fritzy Meneses

Noelle Catherine,
daughter of Ryan and
Katy Locklund

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized. Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class, held once a month.

Registration is required, call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up for the class.

New Parishioners

Lisa Erceg

Kristine Pfeifer

Jimmy, Cherry Jane & Jaylord Tormon

Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Jackson Davis

Koree Williams

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
Laurette 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: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am
9:30am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
Monday through Friday: 7:30am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30am and 5:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

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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 - Friday: 8:30am to 7:30pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am to 1:00pm

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 7:00pm.

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 4:15-4:45pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Ministry Center, and Thursdays at 7:00pm 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 10am in the Ministry Center

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