

St. Gertrude

April 29, 2007 - 4th Sunday of Easter



A scene from Father Dominic's Installation Mass. Can our rituals still draw our children toward deeper belief?

“THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE”

Word from last Tuesday's Leadership Summit: A record number of NCA graduates will attend select enrollment high schools next fall, and our 8th grade basketball team won a conference championship! With such obvious academic and athletic talent among us, the question arises: How are we doing at fostering our children's accompanying spiritual selves? Are we communicating the foundational stories of faith in such a way as to capture the adolescent imagination? Are we bringing our children to drink from the well we call church? Does the well still whet? Ann O'Connor and the Youth Synod have made amazing strides with our kids this past year stirring faith talk into *doing* for others. With the help of some great young adults, who knows? Perhaps when they graduate high school they'll ask not for a car but for a ticket to Darfur.

Although drop-ins are always welcome, we would *really* appreciate knowing if you are planning on attending a class so that we can assign rooms and make sure that we have enough chairs set up for everyone.

Thanks for your cooperation!



This May, back by popular demand: ***Wednesdays with St Gertrude!***

Mark your calendars now! Our parish celebration of prayer and learning returns with a five-week session from May 2 to May 30. Taizé Prayer will begin at 7pm and the Institute Classes will run from 8-9pm. These five Wednesdays in May will provide an enriching spiritual springtime for our parishioners. Here's the line-up:

- **Justice for Immigrants and Catholic Social Teachings: Bringing St. Gertrude's into the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform** by the Social Justice Committee. An examination of the Bishops' letters and social teaching to understand our response in light of our call to respect human dignity.
- **Experiencing Prayer** by Ann O'Connor and Bob Backis. How do we pray? To whom do we pray? What are the different prayer experiences of the group?
- **Praying the OUR FATHER for the First Time** by John Horan. To "hear it for the first time" is to glimpse the very consciousness of Jesus and to let the Master's spirituality rework one's own.

Sign up at tables in the back of church after each Mass.

Any questions? Call 764-3621 or email stgerbulletin@yahoo.com



Shaking the Dust of Busy-ness

In today's first reading Paul and Barnabas are "out there" spreading the good news to decidedly mixed reviews. In the end, they "shook the dust from their feet" in protest against those who expelled them from their region and went on to the next stop. The blessings for us, as Christians, is that Paul, Barnabus, and all the apostles did exactly that. They indeed 'kept on truckin' and thanks to their efforts we know Jesus today.

Okay. But I'm in a mood lately, feeling - yet again - overwhelmed and overcommitted. I suspect that what I need to "shake off" is the busy-ness of doing so much, so I have a chance to let Jesus in, personally. A friend gave me a book recently that I recommend to those who may be experiencing similar angst. It is Wayne Muller's Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in our Busy Lives. Here's a tidbit from that book:

As Brother David Steindl-Rast reminds us, the Chinese pictograph for "busy" is composed of two characters: heart and killing.

Thomas Merton:

There is a pervasive form of contemporary violence...[and that is] activism and overwork. The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of its innate violence. To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to violence. The frenzy of our activism neutralizes our work for peace. It destroys our own inner capacity for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of our own work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful.

So I offer a suggestion that I have made to myself this week. Let's, as much as we can manage, "shake the dust" of the overwhelming to-do's and see if we can carve out some small modicum of daily respite in which we can be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Claire Conley for ***Growing in Faith***



Best Wishes to our Pastoral Intern -- This is the last week here for Chris Sikora, who has worked side-by-side with our staff and Social Justice Synod since last August. Chris, who came here as part of his degree studies through the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, has distinguished himself as a persistent organizer, a pastoral jack-of-all-trades and a spiritually-centered source of support. He will be missed by the many who have had the pleasure of working with him on issues of justice which are clearly dear to him and to our parish. All the best to you, Chris. Go with the blessing of our grateful community.

What's Happening? Take A Look!

Market Day - Market Day forms are due today, April 29. The pick-up date is Saturday, May 5, in the cafeteria.

What Makes Us Catholic - The topic for Wednesday, May 2, is Catholic Social Teaching. The group meets at 7:30pm in the rectory dining room. All are welcome.

First Friday of the Month Get-Together - Join with fellow parishioners for coffee and danish in the ministry center following the 9am Mass on Friday, May 4.

Benefit/Fundraiser - for Pat Stich will be held in the social hall on Saturday, May 5, 6-10pm. Refreshments will be served along with a cash bar. Raffles and prizes will be plentiful. \$25 Admission tickets will be available at the door. Contact Marty Stich for details at 848-0859, or mestich@gmail.com

Target the Hero in You - Donate blood and you could be eligible to win one of the Target gift cards! The blood drive will be held Sunday, May 6, 8:30 - 1pm in the social hall. Information: Ken Ziganto ~ 784-5047.

Senior Connection - Welcome Spring at a luncheon at the Misericordia Greenhouse on Thursday, May 10, at 11:30am. Paid reservations of \$13 are due at the rectory by May 6.

Musical Magic - The Edgewater Singers present a free concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church (1500 W. Elmdale) on Saturday, May 12, at 7:30pm.

"Then let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream" - Explore the challenge of Christian faith and social justice both globally and locally at *Justice Day* on Saturday, May 12, 8am - 3pm at St. Giles Parish (Oak Park) Information ~ 312-751-8390 or email jjacoby@archchicago.org

Great Books - The selection for Monday, May 14, is The Giver by Lois Lowry. The group meets at 7:30pm in the rectory dining room. All are welcome. For information contact Mary Grover ~ 338-3564.

Poetry Pilgrimage - The poetry of Kenneth Rexroth will be read at the next meeting, Monday, May 21. The group meets in the rectory dining room at 7:30pm. For information contact Mary Grover ~ 338-3564.

Father Grassi's rehab started bright and early on Monday morning at Weiss Hospital and he is now walking about the unit and even taking the stairs. He continues to appreciate all your prayers and thoughts of encouragement as he moves through this stage of recovery.



Heart to Heart - Volunteers are needed to help low vision older adults read their mail. If you have a few hours a month to give please call Brenda or Mary Ann ~ 973-5464.

Maps? Atlases? - We are looking for old, out-of-date atlases. If you have any atlases that you no longer need, please drop them off at the rectory. Thanks so very much.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, APRIL 30

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †
9:00am Bonnie Burnham †

TUESDAY, MAY 1

7:00am Jill Lopez †
9:00am Bill Heidkamp †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

7:00am Anthony Signa †
9:00am Glenn E. Martin †

THURSDAY, MAY 3

7:00am Deceased of Richter Family †
9:00am *Communion Service*
Anna White †

FRIDAY, MAY 4

7:00am Deceased of Connery Family †
9:00am Robert Keller †

SATURDAY, MAY 5

8:00am Kathleen Blatz †
3:00pm *Lenahan & Yarashefski Wedding*
5:00pm Becky Cruz †

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:00am Art Clafford †
9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*
Paul Depondt †
10:00am Hugh and Ann Conway †
10:30am Deceased Members of Wilson Family †
11:30am Loretta Kator †

† Indicates the Mass is being said in memory of an individual

Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

Wedding Banns

III Mary Lenahan & Kevin Yarashefski
I Scott King & Courtney Rowland

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00pm Kate Jasper, Emily Volini, Mike Volini

SUNDAY, MAY 6

10:00am Adrian and Marcus McVane, Samantha Evans
11:30am Alani Vargas, Roger DeKind, Thair Thompson

Lectors

SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Elizabeth Sterling

SUNDAY, May 6

8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Stachura
10:00am Bob Backis, Rafael Melendez
11:30am Janine Denomme, DeLaina Ellis

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145;
Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sunday Offering

April 22, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (191)	\$ 4,943.00
Loose Checks (45)	\$ 1,250.00
Loose Cash	\$ 641.62
Total Collected	\$ 6,834.62
Budget *	\$ 9,375.00
Difference	\$ - 2,540.38
Year-to-Date Collected	\$ 514,678.85
Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 531,253.00
Difference	\$ - 16,574.15

* Does *not* include parish pay budgeted amount

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Tim Harrington, Mary Cook
Joan Harrington, Mickey Resch

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Rodolfo Magadan,
Julie Dorger, Judy Coswell, Sara McCarthy
10:00am Jeff Seitzer, Rob Sierzega, Kathy Dunne,
Kevin Kaufmann, Val Hastings, Ruth Ott
Dana Sullivan
10:30am Ann Collins-Dole, Lu Radzicki
11:30am Mary Pat Hartung, Karen Billock,
Dave Kasten, Chioma Okoli, Bernard Ndiwe

Greeters

SATURDAY, MAY 5

5:00pm Ann Pacatte, Helen Banta

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:00am Joe Donnelly, Theresa Ibrahim,
Jasmine Ibrahim
10:00am Rafael Melendez, Lina Orellana, Sergio Ott,
Ray Seitz, Jasmine Ott, Ruth & Steve Ott
11:30am Crissie Bolan, Amy Ballard



New Parishioners

Kevin Gallick and Bricia Puentes

Kevin Kent

Tony Sorgi

Barbara Zeiman

Baptisms

Elaine Chatman-Borowiec, daughter of Andrew Borowiec and Charlotte Chatman

Anna Sophia Barrett-Syrett, daughter of John Stanley Barrett and Kristen Liana Syrett



NCA is blessed to have an amazing art teacher in Margo Phillips who does a fabulous job of integrating classroom curriculum within her art class and introducing the students to art history. The halls are filled with our children's artwork creating an inspirational atmosphere. When praised about her teaching, Ms. Phillips humbly defers to her pupils as wonderful and talented. At last night's fundraiser, many of the most interested auction pieces were student artwork which Ms. Phillips spent many, many hours coordinating, instructing, and applying finishing touches. They were very popular with bidders and brought in large donations. Thanks, Ms. Phillips, for all your creativity and hard work!

Don't miss our Spring Musicals: May 2nd and 3rd!
We have amazing music teachers, too!



Primary School Campus
Preschool - 5th grade
6216 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago

Middle School Campus
6th - 8th Grade
5525 N. Magnolia Ave, Chicago

call 773.271.4310 or visit www.northsidecatholic.org

ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate
Chris Sikora, Pastoral Intern
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
Walter Pophin, Business Manager
Marge Butzen, Parish Secretary

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
9:30 AM Gertrude East (at Sheridan & Rosemont)
10:30 AM Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
MONDAY through FRIDAY: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

RECTORY HOURS

Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Drop off/pick up: Weekdays, 4:30pm to 8pm
Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday, 9am to 1pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 PM and by request
Communal: Consult bulletin for specific times and dates.

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A mandatory parent preparation meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor or associate. According to diocesan policy, preparations are to begin at least four (4) months prior to the desired date.

LOCATIONS:

RECTORY: 1420 W. Granville Ave. (60660)- Phone 773/764-3621
Fax 761-4164, E-mail stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood — 973-5464

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register.

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.

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.

COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy or spiritual direction, leave a confidential message.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

John Neafsey 338-4334

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme 764-8884

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center
Pregnancy Support — Free pregnancy tests, post-abortion help, Caris Pregnancy Center, 773-338-8311.
Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.

