

# *St. Gertrude*

Pentecost - May 27, 2007

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[Above] Dorothy and friends seek gifts of the Holy Spirit -- Wisdom, Mercy, Belonging, Fortitude.  
[Below] Friends of St. Gertrude make cookie baskets for the homebound

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## **HOLY SPIRIT, GUIDE US ALONG THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

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The Yellow Brick Road is *The Way*: Jesus. Though we long to follow Jesus, there are perils along the Way, wickedness that knocks us off the path. The Holy Spirit is an inner inclination that moves us to link arms with some very unlikely partners (like Dorothy and her crew, or the friends of St. Gertrude pictured above). Though we all sense a certain lack within ourselves, together we move forward, ultimately discovering that our lack is made whole in the context of community. The Feast of Pentecost is a celebration of community (i.e. Church), where we discover reservoirs of virtue planted deep within us by God's Holy Spirit, to be used on behalf of those most in need.

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4 May it be so!*



**Congratulations Sister Kathryn Stimac** - Sr. Kathryn will celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of profession with the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate on Saturday June 16. Sr. Kathryn ministers to us in so many ways at St. Gertrude - as lector, Eucharistic minister, through her work with the ministry of praise and finally as an established actor in our annual parish plays. We appreciate how you continue to give of yourself to us and the larger community in so very many ways.

### ***Wednesdays with St Gertrude!***

Our final celebration of prayer and learning is this Wednesday, May 30.

Taizé Prayer will begin at 7pm and the Institute Classes will run from 8-9pm. Feel free to join us.

- **Justice for Immigrants and Catholic Social Teachings: Bringing St. Gertrude's into the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform.** Location: Ministry center chapel
- **Experiencing Prayer.** Location: Rectory parlor
- **Praying the OUR FATHER.** Location: Social hall

Any questions please call 764-3621 or email [stgertbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stgertbulletin@yahoo.com)



As summer approaches, we know that some of our families will be on vacation or away. Please be sure to remember your parish and drop off or mail in your contribution. Parish pay is a great way to make a donation to the parish each month without fail.

Details/Questions? Call Walter at the rectory or e-mail him at [wpgert@juno.com](mailto:wpgert@juno.com).



I always associate the Holy Fire of Pentecost with St. Vincent DePaul: "When we cease to burn with love, others will die of the cold."

In high school physics, I learned about something called kindling temperature. It is the lowest temperature at which a substance will catch fire. The kindling temperature is determined by the structure of a substance: the looser the molecular structure of a substance, the lower the kindling temperature; the tighter, harder more rigid a structure, the higher the kindling temperature. Becoming a hard and cold person can feel like a wise defense against a world that seems hard and cold. Grief, fear, trauma, and disappointment can chill us and tighten us up. Rigid, protective layers of scar tissue create barriers between our wounds and the memories of pain.

The gospel describes the disciples as grieving and terrified. They are trying to shut out, close down, and tighten up against any intrusions from a hostile and dangerous world. The risen Christ blows their defenses wide open and does something crazy. He confronts them with the very pain they are hiding from in his open wounds. Then, he fills them with the Spirit to forgive the world that inflicted those wounds. That is the kindling temperature for the Holy Fire that renews the face of the earth. To burn with love we need our open wounds, our open hearts, and the generosity of spirit to remain in love and engaged with a world that hurts us.





**Save the Date!** The St. Gertrude Parish Block Party is Saturday, June 30. We are looking for volunteers to help with grilling the brats, dishing up the burgers, organizing the games and of course, helping with the clean up. Please call Joe Glueckert at 743-1475 if you would like to help out. It is a great way to get involved in the parish!

### *What's Happening? Take A Look!*

**Genocide in Darfur** - Please stop in the vestibule at the Pax Christi table for information on how you can help stop the genocide in Darfur.

**Market Day** - Forms are due Sunday, May 27. Pick up date will be Saturday, June 2 in the school cafeteria.

**Reminder:** We are still in need of a new leader for Market Day. Eileen Jasper, who is stepping down after many years of service, raised almost \$5,000 last year which went towards maintaining our school buildings. Help us retain this important resource. It requires a time commitment of about 10 hours a month. For more information please call the rectory ~ 764-3621.

**First Friday of the Month Social** - Please join us in the ministry center after the 9am Mass on Friday, June 1. Freshly brewed coffee, delectable pastries, and the finest conversation! All are welcome.

**Daily Mass Forum** - A discussion will be held Saturday, June 2 at 9am in the Church to discuss the daily (Monday through Friday) Mass time as we move to having only one weekday Mass.

**All are Welcome** - The Catholic Campaign for Immigration invites all to a Mass on Sunday, June 10, at St. Stanislaus Kostka (1300 N. Noble) to *Welcome the Stranger* - immigrants past and present united as one Body of Christ. Information: Joyana Jacoby ~ 312-751-7991.

**Be Joyful. Again!** - Widowed and looking to become whole again after your loss? Looking to meet others and bring hope to days ahead? June 10 & 11 there will be a retreat at Old St. Pat's. For information or to register call Madge at 708-354-7211.

**Annual Hunger Walk** - Saturday, June 16, the Greater Food Depository will hold their annual which provides for much of the food provided by Care for Real, our neighborhood food panty. The walk begins at Montrose Harbor at 9:30am For information on how to participate please contact Tom Robb ~ 769-6182.

### *Summit 2007*

In April we held our annual Leadership Summit and after various leaders in the parish reported on the *State of the Parish*, parishioners were given an opportunity to discuss the issues raised. Much lively discussion ensued and a summary of the small group discussions is now available. The report is available on-line at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org), a limited number of copies are at the back of the church, or you can contact the rectory ~ 764-3621.



The earth can only sustain 1.5 tons of CO<sup>2</sup> per person per year. The average American's annual carbon footprint is 19 tons of CO<sup>2</sup>. As Christians, as a parish, what are we doing and what more can we do to use only our fair share of the earth's resources and to curb greenhouse gas emissions so that others won't suffer because of what we do?

### Our Parish at Prayer

**MONDAY, MAY 28**

10:00am John Konitzer †

**TUESDAY, MAY 29**

7:00am Marion White †

9:00am Donald North †

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**

7:00am Raymond White †

9:00am Helen Long †

**THURSDAY, MAY 31**

7:00am Paul Depondt †

9:00am *Communion Service*

Deceased of Connery Family †

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1**

7:00am Jimmy Upp †

9:00am Katherine Gibbons Arvidson (birthday) †

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

8:00am Briceida Ariza

1:00pm *Phan – Do Wedding*

5:00pm Jennifer Wyman †

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**

8:00am Peggy and John Collins †

9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*

Loretta Kator †

10:00am Maria Xuyen Nguyen †

10:30am *Gym Mass in Kealy Center*

Deceased Members of Wilson Family †

11:30am John Duda †

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

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

### Altar Servers

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

5:00pm Cora Byrne, Clare Harper, Carol Isaac

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**

10:00am Adrian and Marcus McVane, Rachel Nelson

11:30am Gloria Ellis, Andrew Wicklin, Oscar Martinez

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

5:00pm Elizabeth Sterling, MaryJo Bowers

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**

8:00am Matt Kollar, Jon Anderson

10:00am Bob Backis, Jeff Seitzer

11:30am Elizabeth Hartman, Susan Lersh

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

### Wedding Banns

**III Cammy Phan and Hulbert Do**

### Sunday Offering

May 20, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (197)	\$ 6622.50
Loose Checks (31)	\$ 845.00
Loose Cash	\$ 589.99
Total Collected	\$ 8,057.49
Budget *	\$ 9735.00

<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ - 1,317.51</b>
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Year-to-Date Collected	\$ 582,295.00
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Year-to-Date Budget	<u>\$ 561,706.72</u>
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<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ - 20,588.28</b>
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\* Does *not* include parish pay budgeted amount

### Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**5:00pm Mary Jo Bowers, Colleen Mulcrone  
Ken Ziganto, Mickey Resch, Peter Mulcrone**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**8:00am Julie Dorger, Sara McCarthy, Roman Reyes  
Hallie Burhoe, Don Nyderek10:00am Ruth Ott, Beth Siegle, Theresa Resch,  
Tere Zdunek, Eileen Quinlan, Gail Smith  
RoseMarie Anichini

10:30am Ann Collins-Dole, Lu Radzicki

11:30am Susan Lersch, Karen Billock, Bernard Ndiwe  
Molly O'Hara, Claire O'Brien

### Greeters

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

5:00pm Ann Pacatte, Helen Banta

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**8:00am Joe Donnelly, Theresa Ibrahim,  
Jasmine Ibrahim10:00am Rafael Melendez, Linda Orellana, Ray Seitz  
Sergio Ott, Ruth and Steve Ott

11:30am Crissie Bolan, Amy Ballard



### New Parishioners

Lucas and Carol Mesia and children Andre and Gianluca, and Mirian Pines  
Barbara Zeman

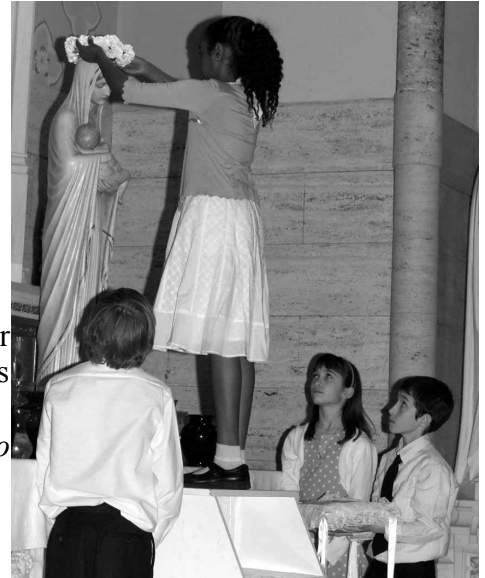
### Baptisms

Zachary John O'Donovan, son of Michael O'Donovan and Ellen Talsky  
Jean Marie Rosenmayer, daughter of Daniel Rosenmayer and Sheila Moore

### NCA Reports Impressive Test Scores

We are thrilled to report that, once again, NCA students tested high above the national averages on the Terra Nova testing. For example, in reading the average 6th grader at NCA ranked better than 73% of the six grade students who took the test nationally. This is not to be confused with test the Chicago Public Schools use. The Terra Nova test is used by many private schools throughout the country. One main difference in the test is that within every section the students must generate their own written answers to open-ended questions. This allows students to demonstrate their creative problem solving skills and proficiency at expressing their thoughts in writing.

*As we look at NCA's scores over the past five years, we are also thrilled to report that overall every year our averages have gone up!!!*



Allison Wall, Paul Kevorkian, and Forest DeCaluwe look on as Nina Mesfin crowns Mary at the annual NCA May Crowning

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](http://www.northsidecatholic.org)**

### ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

#### STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor  
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus  
Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate  
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 4:30-4:45 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](mailto: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 - 338-4334

John Neafsey

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION—764-8884

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme

#### 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.

