

# St. Gertrude

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**The Leadership Summit gathers movers, shakers, planners, doers, Marthas, Marys...and YOU!**

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## Plan 2012:

### *St. Gertrude Parish Poised for a New Century*

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After 10 months of conversation, reflection, consultation, crafting, debate and revision, we are ready to unveil ***Plan 2012: St. Gertrude Parish, Poised for a New Century***. In the year 2012 we will celebrate one hundred years of ministry as a parish to the Edgewater neighborhood. Through the years we have become renowned for our progressive approach to being Catholic, our quickness in responding to the needs of our neighbors, our creativity and fun-making, attentiveness to cultural diversity and solidarity with people who struggle against unjust structures. Plan 2012 is a collection of ideas for how we can arrive at our Centennial Celebration with a sense of appreciation for what has gone before, an awareness of the challenges that we face now, and a hope for fostering faith in future generations! On Tuesday, June 10, we will present the entire plan at the Parish Leadership Summit in the social hall from 7-9:15pm. Everyone is invited to come hear the particulars and then respond with ideas, questions, observations and suggestions.

Check out Plan 2012 on our website: [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)

## *From Father Grassi*

More and more I grow to appreciate the connectedness in life. That is certainly true in our life here at St. Gertrude Parish. By now you should have received our mailing requesting your financial help so that we can end the year in the black. I will be speaking to you next week at all the Masses specifically about our financial challenges as the fiscal year ends. I know your generosity will make the difference because I know how important St. Gertrude Parish is to all of us.

Next Tuesday evening at our parish summit meeting, I will present the "State of The Parish" and we will unveil the long range plans that we are setting in motion to coincide with our parish centennial in 2012. This milestone in our parish's history will also be an opportunity to prepare us to be a vibrant, healthy, inclusive, welcoming parish community no matter what the future holds. I hope you share my optimism that in the very uniqueness of our parish rests our strength. You are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Northside Catholic Academy ended a strong school year this past week on a positive note with numbers on the increase for next school year. A plan to erase its debt and develop an endowment fund to guarantee its future viability is in the works.

Meanwhile, this past week, meetings continue to take place to plan our new parish fund raiser, the **GRalley**, scheduled for Saturday, September 13. What I find so encouraging is the fact that these preparatory meetings are bringing so many parishioners together to work on the event who didn't know each other. That is about as positive an indicator as I can imagine of its potential. Its anticipated success will take some of the pressure off our budget and help us to more handily reach our budget goals the next fiscal year.

I hope you are as excited and as challenged by all this as I am.

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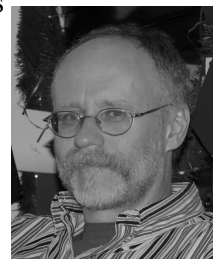


It's a little different writing about fathers and Father's Day today than it was 20, 30 or 40 years ago. Things have changed, some for better, some for worse. Families have taken different forms, different meanings. So let's look at the father in a broader sense of the term and skip the ESPN watching, barbecue grilling stereotypes. I myself am a father, and I'd just as soon get my teeth cleaned than have to sit through a football or basketball game. But there are some things that are definitely fatherly, as someone who loves and guides and forgives. Moms do that too, of course, but there is -- the "father's touch."

Fathers, like Father's Day, are usually pretty low-key, almost boring affairs. Kind of like plumbing. Mothers are the shiny new faucet, fathers are the unassuming, grungy pipes hidden away, quietly doing their job. Yeah, certainly not glamorous, but try living without it.

Fathers will say to a child, "good job," but only if it really is a good job, and if it's not, fathers will take time and patiently show how to do it right, so next time when they say "good job," it will truly mean something. You see, fathers don't put up with delusions, they're a practical bunch. And because of that, sometimes they may appear gruff, or mean. But that's OK, they really don't expect much in return. The father looks out for the child, guiding but not interfering, showing that there are such things as consequences. However, above all, the father, like Jesus, loves and forgives. No matter what.

Jim Szmurlo for *Growing in Faith*



## Looking Back with Thanks

**Environmental Committee:** Many thanks to Charlotte Kovacs who led a crew of ace volunteers, Sarah Durio, Carolyn Law, Terri MacKenzie, Wes Dorr, Suzan Cibulskis and George & Sandy Bowen, in cleaning the social hall kitchen. Over the summer we will be drafting some policies to help keep the kitchen *clean & green* and user-friendly for all!



**The NCA Confirmation Class of 2008:** Thank you to everyone who bought something at the eighth grade bake sale on Mother's Day. We made \$181.50! An anonymous donor contributed an extra \$200. For our service project, the money will be used to make and distribute 200 sack dinners for The Night Ministry, an organization that serves homeless and runaway youth in Chicago. We appreciate your support!

## What's Happening? Take a Look!

**Senior Connection:** Please join us on Thursday, June 12 at 1:00pm in the social hall. Mr. Burns from the Chicago Department on Aging will speak regarding "Changes and Fraud in Medicare." Following the talk and discussion, we will play bingo. All are welcome.

**GLOS :** The faith-sharing group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 7pm in the first floor parlor in the ministry center. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17. For more information contact: Rob Sierzega at 338-0436 or Bob Dwyer at 919-5557.

**Hey Teens!!** Don't Miss the last WOW event of the school year! Saturday, June 14 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

All 9 through 12 graders are invited to meet at Foster Beach for a few hours of fun in the sun! See the flyers in church for more information, or call Ann O'Conner at the rectory, 764-3621. See you there!

**Final Gym Mass for the Summer:** Sunday, June 15th is the final 10:30am mass until fall. Many thanks to all who have helped create worship space in our athletic hall week after week, especially coordinators Marc Loveless, Mark and Michelle Hanafee. And welcome Steve & Theresa Laslo, next year's leaders. Blessings, all!!

**Care For Real:** Join Care For Real and the Greater Chicago Food Depository 23rd Annual Hunger Walk on Saturday, June 14, Montrose Harbor. Help CFR in the fight against hunger in our community. For additional information please contact Thomas Robb: 769-6182.

### New Parishioners

Maria Cunningham and her daughter Maria Elena

Michael and Leslie Conforti and their twins Magdalena and Samuel



### We Are God's Family

Nearly twenty St. Gertrude parishioners attended the May 29<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan celebration to support immigrant families and immigration reform. The power of the event resonated most with me when a father from Good Shepherd parish spoke about his pending deportation and the wrenching "decisions" he, his wife and children are facing. He asked for our prayers not only for his family, but for all immigrant families filled with worry and fear. Even in the little group gathered from St. Gertrude such concerns are real. Two teachers in our group, Bricia and Kevin, came motivated to seek change in the law because of the hardships their immigrant students and their families endure. Processing with a painting of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* in their arms, parishioners Mary Jude and her husband Luis, from El Salvador, Sandra and her infant daughter, from Guatemala, and close friend Laurie, reminded me of the special kind of family solidarity we so often see at St. Gertrude's. We were all happy to meet a new Nigerian parishioner, who seemed buoyed by the message of the evening---God's Spirit and power endures, filling all of us with courage and hope in the face of fear and doubt.

Kathy Osberger for SJHC-Immigration Committee



### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, JUNE 9

7:00am Michael White †

9:00pm Lana Muso †

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 10

7:00am James Hosna †

9:00am Seamus O'Toole †

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

7:00am Gert Just †

9:00am Glen E. and Mary Jo Martin

*53rd Wedding Anniversary*

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 12

7:00am *Communion Service*, Helen M. Schmidt †9:00am *Communion Service*, Anna White †

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

7:00am Marion White †

9:00am Ann and Hugh Conway †

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

8:00am Olga Davis †

3:00pm *McNamara and Kemp Wedding*

5:00pm Tom Heidkamp, 4th Anniversary †

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:00am Maria Liem T. Nguyen †

9:30am *Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)*

Weronika Kwiatkowska †

10:00am Jaime Jeyusm †

10:30am Last Gym Mass

The Family of St. Gertrude †

11:30am Betty McKee †

† Indicates Mass is being said in memory of the individual  
Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

5:00pm Maeve O'Brien, Conor Bell, Cora Byrne

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

10:00am Kaylene Champagne, Lucienne Devitt,

Hannah Rapp

11:30am Stephen Guardino-Hasbrook, Claude Allen,

Randolph Cruz

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

5:00pm Jennifer Kiedaisch, Joan Steinbrecher

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

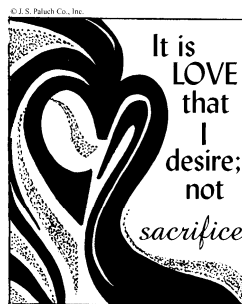
8:00am Jon Anderson, Sr. Kathryn Stimac

10:00am Rafael Melendez, Barbara Zeman

11:30am Matt Kolar, Elizabeth Hartman

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37  
**Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11;  
 Mt 9:36 - 10:8



*“Go and learn  
 the meaning of the  
 words, ‘I desire  
 mercy, not sacrifice.’  
 I did not come to call  
 the righteous but  
 sinners.”  
 (Mt 9:9-13)*

### Wedding Banns

III James McNamara and Lauren Kemp  
 II Eric Ahlstrom and Carrie Forsythe  
 I Max Tan and Nancy Qualter

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

5:00pm Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington,  
Mickey Resch, Pat Mann, Manny Eckert

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Sara McCarthy,  
Julie Dorger, Chris Phillips,  
Rodolfo Magadan10:00am RoseMarie Anichini, Beth Siegel,  
Fran Glowinski, Robyn Maynard,  
Eileen Quinlan, Rosita Nordgren,  
Rob Sierzega10:30am Therese Laslo, Steve Laslo  
11:30am Steve Monti, Anthony Long, Claire O'Brien,  
Molly O'Hara, Bernard Ndiwe

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

5:00pm Eileen Schragar, Cathie Moorhous

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:00am Joe Lepkowski, Glenn Sieverson, Barb Daly

10:00am Jeff Clennon, Walter Pophin, Matthew Foran,  
Dana Johnson

11:30am Nancy Bujnowski, Susan Lersch



