

St. Gertrude

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 29, 2007



St. Gertrude Summerfest, 2007, photo courtesy of Roy Lipscomb

All Are Welcome

As a guiding theme for being parish, *All Are Welcome* sounds like a pretty good one. But what does it mean, really? One way to understand it is to say that all of ME is welcome. Look at the picture above, taken at our parish block party back in June. You can believe that every manner of conversation is happening there -- recounting the shocking death of our school principal and three parishioners, a birth announcement, a family folding under financial debt, a hopeful new job, prostate cancer diagnosis, summer camp starting up, pastor hustling to get back to work, triathlon training, the waste of war, blessed bratwurst. All our stories are welcome in hopes that by sharing, our terrors will be calmed and our joys prolonged.

Many thanks to Joe Glueckert and the countless volunteers who made our Summerfest *gab-fest* possible. Lots of planning and effort went into creating a welcome space for parishioners and neighbors, young and

From Father Grassi

The weather this summer has been incredible, hasn't it? Maybe that is one of the reasons it seems to be going by so quickly. It is hard for me to believe that we will be entering the month of August this week. If you are like me, there are probably many things you dreamed you would do this summer as you trudged through the snow and bundled up against the cold during the past winter. And, if you are like me, you may not have accomplished a lot of them. I haven't made it to a Grant Park concert. I haven't grabbed a mystery story and read it by the lakefront. I haven't (and this really shocks me) tasted the Italian ice at Mario's on Taylor street yet. Time just has a way of getting away from us.

We can use our being busy as an excuse. Or we can point to our many responsibilities. Or maybe we blame our health or something else that we feel is out of our control. But more and more I am beginning to realize that there is something sinful about squandering the precious time that has been given to us. I used to live with a pastor that took three hours everyday to read his mail. He read every piece of junk mail he received, put everything in piles and categories, and then ultimately threw most of it away. It was really an excuse not to do anything else.

Are we really that busy, or that important not to take the time we need to pray or reflect or just be still and not do anything at all? Is it possible to be as effective as we should be without taking a moment here or there to enjoy and appreciate life around us? A frog thrown into a pan of boiling water will jump out to save its life. Put that same frog into a bowl of tepid water and it will die not realizing how hot the flame under the pot is raising the temperature. Arthur Rubenstein the great pianist, when told by an admirer what beautiful music his playing the notes created, responded by saying the beauty was not in the notes but in the pauses between them.

Please take some time and pause this August, Enjoy what remains of summer.

DJG



In today's Gospel we hear, "Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him 'Lord, teach us to pray'." Here is where, in Jesus' response we hear what we know as the "Our Father," a communal prayer which is part of our Eucharistic celebration and also included in the recitation of the rosary. If we search the Gospels, we will find other examples of how Jesus prayed.

In the Gospel of Mark we learn that Jesus went up to a mountain to pray after saying farewell to his disciples. A mountain can be a very solitary place and it takes great effort to get there. At times prayer takes effort and frequently we need solitude to center ourselves as we listen to the Lord in the Holy Spirit. At times we need to be alone to sort out the events and people in our lives before the Lord.

Jesus tells us, "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in Heaven may also forgive you." Forgiveness heals us of holding on to our hurts that eat away at the soul.

In Gethsemane as Jesus prayed, he began "to be distressed and agitated." He told Peter, James, and John, "I am deeply grieved even to death." It seems Jesus' anguish was resolved by praying, "Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want." That's a tough prayer of letting go in times of our deepest sorrows. Jesus even taught us a prayer to say at the moment of our death, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

In our Sunday Liturgy at St. Gertrude-on-the-Lake, Robert Bireley, S. J. encouraged us to let the love of God "wash over us" as we begin to pray. He also suggested that we set some time aside in the evening to be thankful, to look back on the day and recall that for which we are grateful.

Carole Hegarty for *Growing in Faith*





We are updating our database system to include everyone's email address. Whenever possible we would like to email out various schedules (i.e., lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, etc.). Please email your address to us at stgertbulletin@yahoo.com or write it on your Sunday giving envelope!

Parish Directory Updates - Once again we are updating our data base in anticipation of publishing our parish directory. Please let us know if there have been any changes in your address, phone number or household make-up. If you would like to call and verify that we have your correct information that would be great ... or just correct it on your giving envelope! Should you not want your name or phone number published, please let us know. If you have any questions/concerns please call Marge at the rectory, 764-3621.

What's Happening? Take A Look!

Daily Mass Schedule - The daily mass schedule has changed slightly in that a communion service is now offered on Thursday morning at 7am instead of at 9am. (Thursday at 9am is a Mass).

Don't forget: Stained Glass Windows Tour today! - Have you ever looked at the exquisite stained glass windows in our church and wondered when and where they were created? or What those symbols under the four evangelists behind the altar mean? or Why Mary is always dressed in blue? Ann O'Connor, , will answer these and many more questions this Sunday, July 29 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

First Friday of the Month Social - Please join us in the ministry center, Friday, August 3 after the 9am Mass for coffee, danish, and some grand conversation with your fellow parishioners!

Good Books - The selection for Monday, August 13, is True Confessions by John Gregory Dunne. The group meets in the rectory dining room at 7:30pm and all are welcome. Information: Mary Grover ~ 338-3564.

Theology on Tap - The speaker series for adults in their 20's and 30's concludes today Sunday, July 29, at St Gregory (5545 N. Paullina). This evening's topic focuses on how Ignatian spirituality informs our decision making process. Barbecue at 6pm and with the speaker and discussion to follow
Information: 561-3546.

St. Jerome annual Kermes family festival - Delicious food, games, raffles, clowns, a jumping jack, and fun for the entire family. Saturday, August, 4, 10am until 6pm, admission free. Admission for the dance party with live music is \$5 and runs from 6pm to midnight. Information ~ 773-262-3170.

Senior Fest - Mayor Daley's Senior (60 and older) Fest is Thursday, August 23, from 9:30am - 2pm at McCormick Place (north Building at 24th and Martin Luther King Drive). If you would like to reserve a bus seat please call Heart to Heart by Wednesday, August, at 973-5464.

Mercy High School 50th Reunion - Saturday, October 20, at the Oak Lawn Hilton. If you are a classmate or could help locate classmates, contact Patricia Lawler Meyers ~ 630-964-691 /pattimeyers76@att.net



Conserving Energy = Saving Dollars - Refrigerators use more energy than any other household appliance. Purchase an *energy star* refrigerator and save. Increase your savings by vacuuming the coils on the back of the refrigerator on a regular basis; keeping the door open only as long as necessary; and finally making sure the rubber seal around the door is tight (if you close the door on a dollar bill and it slides out easily, you are leaking cold air from the inside).



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JULY 30

7:00am Deceased of Connery Family †
9:00am Phyllis Miller †

TUESDAY, JULY 31

7:00am Raymond White †
9:00am Barbara Smith †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00am Peggy and John Collins †
9:00am Fred Diaz †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00am *Communion Service*
Michael White †

9:00am Mae Cunneen †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00am Deceased of Connery Family †
9:00am Samuel & Margaret Maranto †
5:00pm *Facer & Pettengill Wedding*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00am John Grogan †
5:00pm Jim and Patty McDermott †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Marie Adler †
9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*
Loretta Kator
10:00am Mary Ann Schmidt,
Jeremy & Cassidy Smith †
11:30am Agnes Lenahan . †

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

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

Wedding Banns

III Chelli Pettengill and Darin Facer
II Mary Rubino & Tom Fitzpatrick
II Jules Murray and Corina Lainez

Altar Servers

SATURDAY AUGUST 4

5:00pm Allie McRaith, Francie Sallinger, Carol Isaac

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00am Jennie O'Donoghue, Rachel Nelson,
Samantha Evans
11:30am Alani Vargas, Ryan Smith, Thair Thompson

Lectors

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00pm Norman Bowers, Elizabeth Sterling

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Jon Anderson, Sr. Kathryn Stimac
10:00am Rob Sierzega, Barbara Zemen
11:30am Susan Lersch, Steve Monti

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12:13-21

*Through the mercy of God
may they rest in peace ...*

**Phil Corso
Mary DeGiulio**

Sunday Offering

July 15, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (175)	\$ 4,722.25
Loose Checks (36)	\$ 1,308.00
Loose Cash	\$ 951.62
Total Collected	\$ 6,881.87
Budget *	\$ 10,378.00

Difference \$ - 3,496.13

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 43,760.52

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 53,512.00

Difference \$ - 9,751.48

* Does *not* include parish pay budgeted amount

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00pm Peter Mulcrone, Colleen Mulcrone,
Manny Eckert, Pat Mann, Ken Ziganto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Roman Reyes, Ester Bugler, Ed Bugler
Judy Coswell, Sr. Kathryn Stimac
10:00am Dana Sullivan, Cathy Chester, Bob Dwyer
Nancy Merrill, Rosita Nordgren
Fran Glowinski, RoseMarie Anichini
11:30am Claire O'Brien, Molly O'Hara, Susan Lersch
Anthony Long, Steve Monti

Greeters

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00pm Ann Pacatte, Helen Banta

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Joe Donnelly, Theresa & Jasmine Ibrahim,
10:00am Rafael Melendez, Linda Orellana,
Ray Seitz, the Ott Family
11:30am Crissie Bolan



Welcome to Our Community
New Parishioners
 Ann Puetz

Baptisms

Samuel Donald Berlinghof, son of Tim Berlinghof and Jen Pavlik
William Casey Clark, son of Adam Casey Clark and Elizabeth Cain
James Potocny Passe, son of James Passe and Jana Potocny
Sebastian Quintero, son of Carlos Gerardo Quintero and Florangel Gonzalez
Emmanuelle Hope West, daughter of Michael West Jr., and Leah Hammer

News From Northside Catholic Academy

NCA Gets a New Computer Lab

This summer NCA purchased **25 new dual-core computers with flat screen monitors** to replace all the computers in the Middle School Computer Lab. This will allow the computers that were formerly in that lab to be distributed throughout the school. Our entire school will be up to date technologically, the Primary Campus Computer Lab will have high performing equipment (even though the computers are not brand new) and many of the classrooms will have two computers instead of one. We also purchased firewall and virus protection for all the computers at both campuses. This is a wonderful addition to our computer technology curriculum, enrichment and resource programs as well as classroom research possibilities.



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
 Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident
 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

<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.

