

# St. Gertrude

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**Youth Missionaries head off for a service project in Mobile, Alabama:  
Laurie Hasbrook, Jenny Keyes, Kate Jasper, Francie Salinger, Nathan Inserra Mousin,  
Allie McRaith, Steven Hasbrook Guardino, Shane Smith, Brendan O'Connor, and Jim Manzardo**

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## How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

~ John 6: 53

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In the late 1960's, the United Farm Workers Association organized a boycott of all table grapes as a way to gain better working conditions and wages for the pickers. Eventually the boycott was successful and the UFWA was able to call off the boycott. The thing was, for a lot of folks it was hard to start eating grapes again. It was tough to feel comfortable buying wine again. Grapes are a terrific food – refreshing, sweet, festive...and symbolic. When folks decided to join the boycott, they were willing to put aside their craving for grapes on behalf of a higher good. Their “hunger” for grapes was satisfied by something greater – solidarity with the hard-working, yet vulnerable farm workers. People discovered that grapes could fill a deeper hunger when left un-eaten. This same solidarity is at play for our WOW teens as they go off to serve strangers on the complete other side of our country. They discover a fullness that isn't the result of a Big Mac and fries. Rather, they encounter an experience so rich that they “eat it up” (and it returns the favor)! “I am the living bread come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51)

Come out for the Parish Picnic!!  
St. Scholastica High School and Priory  
7416 N. Ridge Blvd.  
TODAY!!

## *From Father Grassi*

So much depends on our perspective, how we look at things. Last Sunday afternoon I spent time with some of my great nieces and nephews. There were four of them all under the age of six. Grace, Faith, and Little Dom are my niece Gina's children. And, J.D. is my niece Lisa's son. His baby sister stayed home with Dad because it was just too hot for her to be out so long. They went to the beach at Bryn Mawr and were having a great time until Faith came out of the water smiling and holding a dead seagull. To her it was no different than a stuffed animal that would lie across her arms just as immobile. Imagine the stir that caused her parents. They did a lot of washing and sanitizing of her hands and arms after they called a lifeguard over to dispose of the dead bird. May it rest in peace in that great aviary in the sky. Poor Faith wasn't at all sure of what had transpired and the fuss she had caused.

Sometimes when things seem out of perspective in our lives we need, not so much a "reality" check as we do a "Faith" check. Like Faith, my great niece, we need a simpler faith in our lives that just might help us to see something beautiful where everyone else is looking at something that appears gross. Our perspectives sometimes become too analytical, too calculating, too defensive, even too jaded. When that happens, we need to take the time to reconnect with the simpler faith that animated us when we were younger. I plan on doing that by enjoying a nice day at St. Scholastica High School with parishioners at our parish picnic today. No meetings, no work, no fund raising, no administrating, it'll be just a good time celebrating each other and summer and the many blessings God has given to us. I'm looking forward to that perspective.

DJG



"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD." (from the Responsorial Psalm)

When I sing, particularly with a large chorus, the praise is inside me and every other chorister as well. When the orchestra complements our singing, it is as though the release of 200 or more souls resounds within each pew of the church, each stained glass window, each crucifix. The conductor motions us to rise to our feet, and then sometime shortly after the downbeat, I always know why I am there, standing more than sitting for the next two-three hours, singing as if my life depends on it. And it does.

In the second reading from Ephesians, we are asked to "try to understand what is the will of the Lord." Having spent too many years of my life trying to "see" God's will, I have discovered that with singing, this will chooses to announce itself, and that our human voices are needed for this announcement. Somehow, in powerful unison, we stand there, letting our voices be invaded by a Spirit. Call it Holy. We are told to address "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." I see this as a good definition of a concert performance where suddenly, an unmistakable bond grows between chorus and congregation, a melding of all of us into one body.

Morten Lauridsen says it better than I in these three lines from the fourth movement of his *Lux Aeterna*:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus  
Et emitte coelitis  
Lucis tuae radium

Come Holy Spirit  
Send forth from heaven  
The ray of thy light

A ray that arrives as a blessing, an unexpected gift when I sing--far better, I might add, than applause.

Margie Skelly for *Growing in Faith*



## Spiritual Nourishment. Community. The Word of God. Service.

*These are the answers. Do you have the questions?*

If you have found yourself asking questions for which you have no answers, consider joining others like you on a journey of faith called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. It uses Scripture, the tradition of the Catholic Church, prayer and service to help a person reflect on his or her own journey of faith. The opening session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 pm in the rectory. It's your opportunity to meet the RCIA team members, other adults interested in RCIA, and have your questions answered. For further information, please call Ann O'Connor at the rectory ~ 764-3621.



## What's Happening? Take a Look!

*"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." ~Sydney J. Harris*

**Religious Education, CCD** resumes Sunday, September 20. Ensuring that your children know the essentials of our faith and helping them to develop their relationship with God is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. Classes for children in grades 1-8 are on Sunday mornings from 8:45 am to 9:45 am. For further information, please call Ann O'Connor at the rectory ~ 764-3621.

**September Baptismal Class:** Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7, the September class will be held on Monday, August 31 at 7pm in the rectory. For information, please call the rectory: 764-3621.

**Check out the Legion of Mary** ...by stopping by our hospitality table after mass next weekend. The Legion was established to help its members grow in holiness and to minister to the Body of Christ. We do this mainly through our devotion to Mary and by visiting and bringing communion to residents at nursing homes in the parish. For more details, call Martine Monney, 592-9210.

**Job Seekers:** Looking for work can be an isolating experience...don't let it happen to you. St. Gertrude's support group meets on Mondays at 10am. The next meeting will be Monday, August 17 at 10-11:30am in the rectory. Contact Peter Buttitta at 764-3621.

**Medical and Social Services Clinic:** On Saturday, August 22, First Free Church is hosting a free, one-day medical and social services clinic for the Andersonville and Edgewater communities. The clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be located on the church campus at 5255 N. Ashland. For information, call 561-4175 X121 or careclinic@firstfree.com

**Poetry Pilgrims:** Meet on Monday, August 17 at 7:30pm in the rectory to continue with poems related to Abraham Lincoln. Please join us! For more information, please call Mary Grover at 338-3564 for further information.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society:** The economic downturn is having an increased impact on our parish as more and more families are turning to us in need. Please consider giving or increasing your donation via your pink, *Sharing Parish* envelope, or use the St. Vincent DePaul boxes at the all the entrances to church ~ *the small boxes with the big impact!* For more information on how you can help, call Mary Ann Collins at 973-5464.

**Come on and Bowl!** St. Ignatius Parish is sponsoring a mixed bowling league at 6:30pm on Thursday nights at Waveland Bowl, 3700 N. Western. They are looking for full-time and substitute bowlers. Contact Ray Bower at 761-3453 for more information.

**Gertie's Group:** This open Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm on the second floor of the ministry center. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18.

### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †

9:00am Daniel Geraty †

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00am The Connery Family †

9:00am Dr. Rose Greco †

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am Spirituality and Liturgy Committee

9:00am Art and Environment Committee

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am Communion Service - Altar Servers

9:00am Communion Service - Sullivan Schragger †

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am Dance Troupe

9:00am Eucharistic Ministers

4:00pm Grill &amp; Kozlowski Wedding

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00am The Family of St. Gertrude †

5:00pm George and Dolly Heintz †

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00am William Netler †

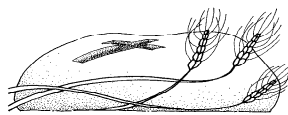
9:30am St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)

Paul Depondt †

10:00am Diane C. Heidkamp †

11:30am Susie Werner †

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



### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00pm Daniel Cancilla, Henry Jacob,  
Peter Zajakowski-Uhll

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00am Rosa Ott, Sergio Ott, Sarah Dundas-Gulley

11:30am Francis Garcia, Morgan Hastings,  
Emilia Vidal

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00pm Marian Shaw, Elizabeth Sterling

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00am Mary Stachura, Sara Millar

10:00am Heather Anichini, Bob Backis

11:30am Matt Kolar, Debra Kite

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;  
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

### Wedding Banns

III Mark Yoon and Laura Wimbiscus

I Paul McGee and Valerie Radek

### Baptisms

Robert Walter Muller,

son of Robert Muller and Gretchen Kraus

William Michael Boland,

son of Thomas Boland



### New Parishioners

Mazin and Raneen Khosho and their son Rami  
Lorenzo and Lisa DeGregorio

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00pm Marian Shaw, Mary Ellen Thomas,  
Tim and Joan Harrington, Laura Pelehach

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00am Mary Stachura, Julie Dorger, Sara McCarthy,  
Roman Reyes, Chris Phillips10:00am Gail Smith, Kathy Dunne, Anthony Myers,  
Mousumi Mary Mukherjee, Eileen Quinlan,  
RoseMarie Anichini, Linda Orellana11:30am Bernard Ndiwe, Anthony Long,  
Steve Monti, Mary Pat Hartung

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00pm Maggie Howell

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00am Kate Flynn, Lisa Torres, Chris Phillips

10:00am Heidi Schlumpf, Kim Wagner,

Gwen Arnold, Edmund Butler

11:30am Steven Mitchell, Tracy Mitchell

## Financial Highlights

### St. Gertrude Parish Fiscal Year 2009 (July 2008 through June 2009)

#### Income

Sunday Giving	\$643,620
Christmas and Easter Collections	77,185
Fundraising	33,509
Misc. (sacramental, stipends, activity fees, etc.)	73,664
Balance the Budget Campaign	46,470
FY 07/08 monies held over (for building repairs)	<u>40,750</u>
<b>Total Income</b> .....	\$969,459

#### Expenses

Payroll, operations, building repairs, etc.	\$870,007
Additional Building Repairs	<u>93,010</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	\$963,017

**Surplus**.....+\$6,442

# Thank You!

### NCA Adopts New Administrative Software System

In an effort to streamline our databases and enhance the overall ability to communicate and collaborate, NCA is adopting a new software system called "Power School." This system will allow us to most effectively manage student data, manage the classroom information (homework, grades), analyze and cross-reference data, and involve parents in a technology-rich way that they've become accustomed to. The staff are being trained...some over the summer months during their vacation time! We are excited to put this technology into practice. Please bear with us this fall as we begin to implement the system and perfect our ability to use this new technology. A little patience in the beginning is really going to pay off for us all in the end. We hope to be fully integrated so that parents can access and utilize the program within this school year.

Enjoy Summer Now!  
Enjoy School!  
Classes begin:  
August 27: 1/2 day  
August 28: 1/2 day  
August 31: full day



## ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

#### STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor  
Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident  
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus  
Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate  
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation  
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music  
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director  
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services  
Marge Butzen, Business Manager  
Jayne Deiters, 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: Monday - Wednesday, 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 the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made 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 Phone 773/973-5464

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register.. You can also register with one of the parish Greeters before or after any Mass."

#### 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  
Open AA - Gertie's Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center  
Caris Pregnancy Center - Pregnancy Support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help, ~ 773-338-8311.

Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.