

# *St. Gertrude*

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**NCA students attended a rally last fall  
celebrating our universal yearning for Peace**

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## School's In Session

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We join Northside Catholic Academy principal Debbie Sullivan, her wonderful faculty and staff in welcoming our NCA families back to school! Of course we look forward to the new year with a sense of expectation and hopefulness. That's why we operate a school in the first place. We expect our students to learn specific content and reach certain benchmarks of academic achievement. And we hope that they will discover the faith that glues us all into a community of belonging along the way. In today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus isn't looking for them to simply repeat back to him what the book says. He wants to know what they feel in their guts – what do you believe to be true, based on what you've seen and heard? That's our hope for our students, too, that having witnessed faithful living and having been presented with the teachings, they will come to believe that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," the Sacrament of divine love and the person I will give my all to follow.

## *From Father Grassi*

Daniel Harrington, S.J., writing in *America* magazine this week tells us that the correct translation of the Greek word *Petro* is closer to “Rocky” than “rock.” I like that distinction. He points out Peter’s rocky start. Jesus identifies him as one of little faith and even calls him Satan. Last week we read how he began to sink into the water when he lost faith. Peter would deny Jesus three times on Good Friday. He only becomes the “Rock” when he professes his love for Jesus three times after the Resurrection.

To me this is a reminder that power when it is genuine and legitimate springs from love. I remember that when my parents grounded me for something I didn’t do, that I should have done, or did do that was wrong, it was out of concern and love (and sometimes complicated their lives more than mine).

If power grows out of love then nothing or no one has power over us unless we allow it. This was and continues to be the message of brave martyrs everywhere, the message of Gandhi and Mandela and King. The implications of this are staggering. Love can only be love in relationship. I allow someone power because I love that person and that person loves me and there is a natural reciprocity flowing both ways. We are both empowered. We do ourselves and the church a disservice when we feel that power comes only from the top down in a hierarchy. The church has always taught that power comes from the people as well, the “*sensus fidelium*” that John Henry Newman championed, from the bottom up so to speak.

This reciprocal love in the church can be named. It is the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit is present power becomes liberating, life giving, challenging, and growthful. When love is not present power becomes demeaning, hurtful, and self-serving. It becomes tyranny or anarchy. The Gospel today lets us ask the question: “How loving is our church?” “How loving am I?”

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I was always one of those kids who loved going back to school. I loved getting new school supplies and new school shoes. I loved finding out who my teacher was and who was in my class. Later I realized that what I really loved the most was learning.

So I guess it’s not surprising that after 20 years as a journalist I recently made a career transition to teaching. While initially attracted to the flexible schedule of academia, it turns out that what I love most about teaching are my students. It is truly an honor to witness and even occasionally facilitate their learning.

At Aurora University, our mission statement says we are “an inclusive community dedicated to the transformative power of learning.” We are *inclusive*, doing our best to offer this learning to as many different people as possible. And we are *transformative*, or more accurately the process of learning is. As teachers, we do more than prepare students for careers. And as students, they do more than take tests and pass courses. Lives truly are changed, both theirs and mine.

But school isn’t the only place we learn. Jesus reminds us that if we follow him, our lives will be transformed. We learn from the gospels, from the example of Jesus and his followers, from our church and our community here at St. Gertrude’s. We learn from the people in our lives, our families, our children, our friends and neighbors, even from our enemies and from strangers.

“Everything that happens to you is your teacher,” says author Polly Berrien Berends. “The secret is to learn to sit at the feet of your life and be taught.” Transformation is not always neat or easy. It takes hard work, commitment and flexibility—and sometimes a Number 2 pencil.

Heidi Schlumph for *Growing in Faith*



### The GRalley is just around the corner...Saturday, September 13!

It's going to be a wonderful event for young and old alike with activities for just about every interest: the kids' area, the outdoor concert, celebrating with friends.

Don't forget to invite fellow classmates, old friends, and former neighbors.

**REMEMBER:** Buy your GRalley admission ticket today and you can still be included in the "early bird" drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from *uncommon ground*. The drawing will be held at the parish picnic after all 11:30 mass sales have been turned in.



## What's Happening? Take a Look!

**Labor Day Mass:** Labor day is Monday, September 1. There will be one mass at 10am.

**CCD:** The teachers in our religious education program are committed to the children in our faith community. If you haven't already, consider registering your grade school aged-child for CCD classes, which begin on Sunday, September 21 at 8:45 am. For further information, please call Ann O'Connor ~ 764-3621.

**Interested in joining the Catholic Church (or know someone who is)?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a powerful and enriching process to explore membership in the Catholic Church. The opening session is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17 from 7:30 to 9 pm** in the rectory. For further information or to RSVP, call Ann O'Connor at the rectory, 764-3621.

**Monthly Taizé Prayer:** Beginning September 3rd, Taizé Prayer will be offered on the first Wednesday of every month through the fall, 7:00pm in church. Taizé Prayer uses simple, repetitive, sacred songs and extended silence to draw worshippers into the deep place of spirit, where the oneness of all being is recognized. Adults and children alike seem to appreciate the simplicity of structure and beauty of music and candle-lit surroundings. Come worship with us!

*Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve.*

*You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.*

*You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.* Martin Luther King Jr

**Market Day.** Market Day over the years has provided many of you with wonderful and nutritious meals while raising money to help make needed repairs to the primary campus. In order to continue offering Market Day we need a chairperson to step forward and oversee the delivery and collection of order forms, coordinating the volunteers and overseeing distribution day. Please consider volunteering. It is a great way to be involved in parish life. For information contact Marge Butzen ~ 764-3621.

### New Parishioners

Deirdre Harrison and her daughter Beatrice Tabacchi  
Peter Morin  
Anthony Myers and Alexander Manuel  
Janice Robinson



## ATTENTION MUSIC MINISTERS

If you would like to be a **MUSIC MINISTER** at the 5:00, 8:00 10:30 or 11:30 mass, please contact Mary Horan at the rectory, 764-3621. We have something for everyone. Don't be shy.

**CHOIR:** Practice for the 10:00 mass begins Thursday evening, September 18 at 7:00 in the rectory.

**CANTORING:** If you would like to consider cantoring contact Mary at the rectory before September 20.

A cantoring workshop will be held on October 8 at 7:00 p.m in the rectory.

**MUSICIANS:** Your gifts are needed for all masses, especially the 10:30 gym mass.

**TEENS:** Singing and playing talent is needed. Contact Mary to obtain a schedule.

**CHILDREN:** If you are interested in joining Kate Kzeski's children's choir, also contact Mary.



### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00am Lois Gormaly †

9:00pm Irene Hallinan †

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00am Joseph Allgaier †

9:00am Harry Osterman Sr. †

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00am Anna White †

9:00am Austin Conway †

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00am *Communion Service*

Art and Environment Committee

9:00am *Communion Service*

Sarah and Paolo Callini †

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †

9:00am Edward Stich †

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00am The Family of St. Gertrude †

5:00pm John Patrick O'Connor †

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00am Louis Fulgaro †

9:30am *St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)*  
Connery Family †

10:00am Tassone/Emanuele/Pitaro Families †

11:30am Lester and Cecilia May †

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

### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:00pm Morgan Hastings, Megan McDonnell,  
Samantha English

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00am Emma Ellis, Elizabeth Dwyer, Eileen Lamble

11:30am Erika Medina, Ryan Smith, Kevin Wicklin

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:00pm Jennifer Kiedaisch, Jeff Seitzer

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00am Ed Futa, Mary Stachura

10:00am Barbara Zeman, Rafael Melendez

11:30am Elizabeth Hartman, Matt Kollar

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

May she rest in peace....

*Jean Barsanti*

### Wedding Banns

II *David Chan and Tiffany Simons*  
II *James DeGiulio and Shannon Murray*

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:00pm Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington,  
Mary Jo Bowers, Pat Norcik,  
Sr. Katherine Heffernan

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00am Mary Stachura, Judy Coswell, Hallie Burhoe  
Paula Rodriguez, Don Nyderek10:00am Robyn Maynard, Cathy Chester,  
Tiffany Simons, Rosita Nordgren,  
David Chan, Gail Smith, Linda Orellana11:30am Mary Pat Hartung, Bernard Ndiwe,  
Anthony Long, Emily Williams, Lina Peon

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:00pm Sr. Terri MacKenzie

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00am Ona Kozar

10:00am Rafael Melendez, Jeff Clennon,  
Matthew Foran11:30am Melinda Benehene, Steven J. Mitchell,  
Tracy Mitchell

## Financial Highlights

### Monthly Sunday Offering

Budgeted Goal for July	\$	55,157.08
Amount Received Through Parish Pay		14,936.50
Amount Received From Envelopes		30,759.38
Amount Received From Loose Contributions		5,308.62
Total Amount Received July		51,004.50
<b>July Deficit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-4,152.58</b>

### Fiscal Year to Date - Sunday Offerings

Sunday offering goal through 07/31/08	\$	55,157.08
Fiscal Year to Date Sunday Offering Total		51,004.50
<b>YTD Deficit (Sunday Offering only)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>4,152.58</b>

Through your generosity, countless lives may be touched. Please consider making a bequest to St. Gertrude in your will.

Any questions may be directed to Rich Goode,  
640 N. LaSalle Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, 60610.  
Phone: 312/655-7848.



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6216 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago

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

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## Welcome Back to School

We welcomed over 450 students to school last week. You might remember that last year our enrollment was at 450. So once again, we've exceeded our budgeted goal number and are at a stable enrollment (we've actually grown slightly). Stability and balanced budgets are great accomplishments which allow us to grow and develop as a top-notch Catholic school on the north side of Chicago. We have every supporter of NCA to thank for getting us to this point.

Here's to looking to the future for NCA and our community as a whole.



## 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  
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 4:30-4:45 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 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](mailto: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

Gerie's Group - Open AA - 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.

