

# *St. Gertrude*

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 19, 2008**

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**Edgewater will soon be without 65 shelter beds when the Epworth overnight warming center closes November 1.**

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*Rendered Unto Caesar ... Matthew 22:15-21*

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For 30 years Epworth Methodist Church has housed our neighbors (men) who for one reason or another are homeless. Now, for a variety of reasons, Epworth is no longer able to do so. While blessing the congregation of Epworth for their years of ministry to the homeless, we are faced with the prospect of our neighbors being without shelter right as the weather turns wintry. And while it is true that any warm space is better than being out in the cold, doesn't it seem that we could do better than warehousing our neighbors (some old and sweet like grandpa) in a church basement to sleep on mats on the floor? The city provides funding for homeless services, but they expect us, local religious institutions, to provide the space for people to sleep overnight. Could we house 65 men in our social hall, from 9pm to 7am during the winter? Could we do it every night? Once a week? Each Edgewater congregation is asking itself the same question as the November 1 deadline for the Epworth closing approaches. What might it mean to "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's" in this situation? Should the city provide emergency shelter, just as it provides police and fire protection? What does the Gospel demand of us if the city is unwilling or unable to respond quickly enough?

## *From Father Grassi*

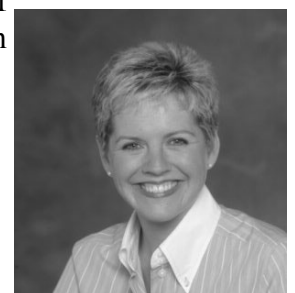
Last Sunday was one of those blessed days. The warm Indian summer weather provided the perfect setting for the day. It is such a privilege to be your priest when the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated together. The faith that you allow me to share with you at moments like that means as much to me as it does to you. After the Masses I was able to take some time to read and then to do some writing. I'm working on something called *The Cat Who Became a Bishop*. It's fiction, in case you are wondering. Later I sat with Fr. Mike who wore his marathon medallion around his neck proudly. Good for him! He worked hard and reached his goal. Then came the premier of *Hosea: A Revisionistic Tale*. What an incredible night of music and comedy. How good it was to see a full house in attendance and to see Fr. Bill looking so well with us. What talent this parish has and is willing to share! What beautiful little angels with their wings and halos! What fun music from the 60's and 70's! What a mind Mike Tobin has to create it all! What was that camel doing on stage? And the proceeds are going to support Heart to Heart, our ministry to the seniors 60 and older in the community. (I am now old enough to be a member). It is a wonderful cause and does incredibly good work. My night prayers included giving thanks to God for letting me part of the faith filled community and for everyone here and all they do and give to the parish. It was indeed a special day.

*DJG*



This weekend's gospel is quite timely. Considering the economic crisis we are in the midst of and the unveiling of so many corporate financial mishandlings, this is a difficult time on all of us. I have read or heard the word, "uncertainty" described as our nation's financial state, over and over again. I don't know about you, but I have had to reach deep this last month to make sense of what we are reading and hearing in the news. One approach that has been a saving grace to me, is recalling what IS "certain" in my life. I am a very optimistic person but find myself wondering, how can we see beyond the current economic trials we are facing as neighbors, as a community, as a nation, as a world? I think we can take stock in today's second reading by St. Paul. His phrases speak to me when he says, "...work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope..." these words are everlasting and ones to put into action. God asks us to work through Him during these hard times and turn to our faith for answers. We all have certain people whose lives are testimonials to faith, love and hope. I feel fortunate. I have many people who come to mind, but in particular my parents. You see, I am from a blended family....23 children in total. Yes 23 (15 and 8). As an adult, it is difficult to fathom the responsibility my parents took on to raise and financially support so many of us. I recall a conversation I had with my Dad at one of my nephew's christenings. I asked him, was he ever nervous during tough financial times, that he could support us? He confidently answered me, "No, Sara, because I had faith that God would provide." Honestly, it was so pure and simple and clearly heartfelt. Dad was a man of truth, hard work and faith. If he were with us today, he would say, "Sara, keep the faith and continue to work hard, because, at the end of the day, God DOES provide."

Sara McCarthy for *Growing in Faith*



**Enjoy great music and support Iraqi refugees.** Saturday, October 25, at 7:00pm, in the social hall there will be a concert benefiting two organizations providing direct service to Iraqi refugees living in the Middle East. Then, Friday, November 7, at 7:30PM, in the Church we will celebrate the feast of St Gertrude with the *All Are Welcome Concert* with donations being accepted to provide assistance to Iraqi refugees living in our Edgewater neighborhood. For more information about supporting Iraqi refugees (e.g., work opportunities, housing) or to make a donation, call Jim Manzardo at 743-4632.



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

- “If we get used to life, that is a crime” ... Jean Garrigue** Explore the poetry of Jean Garrigue and Josephine Miles with the Poetry Pilgrims on Monday, October 20, in the rectory at 7:30pm. Newcomers are always welcome. For information contact Mary Grover at 338-3564 or [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com)
- Undecided about Voting For or Against a Constitutional Convention?** Monday, October 20, the Organization of the North East (of which St Gertrude is a member) is hosting a debate between State Representative Julie Hamos and Cook County Commissioner Larry Sufferdin on the merits of voting for or against a Constitutional Convention for the State of Illinois when we go to the polls on November 4. The ONE regular meeting begins at 7:00pm at North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood. The debate follows at 7:30pm.
- Women’s Group:** Discuss literature and a variety of issues through classic and current books, plays, short stories, and articles. The group meets Tuesdays in the Ministry Center parlor from 10-11:30am. For information contact Julie O’Donaghue at 338-8733.
- Retired Men’s Group:** The group meets from 9:30am to noon, Thursday, October 23, in the ministry center. All retired men who live in or near the parish are welcome to all the meetings.
- Pax Christi movie night:** *On the Line*, a film depicting the nonviolent movement to close the *School of the Americas*, a US army school which trains Latin American soldiers will be shown Friday, October 24, in the rectory. Light refreshments will be served. For information call Jim Manzardo at 743-4632.
- Oktoberfest: Chili Chow Down:** Family fun, live music, costumes, pumpkin carving. Friday October 24, from 6:00pm-12:00am. Chili will be provided, bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Hosted by the Open Hands Community in the Ministry Center. To RSVP contact: [community.openhands@gmail.com](mailto:community.openhands@gmail.com)
- What do you want to be true of you when you die? How can acknowledging the reality of your death affect the way you live your life now?** Please join us for a morning of reflection, writing and sharing around these fundamental questions. PICTURING DEATH - CREATING LIFE will be held on All Saint’s Day, Saturday, November 1, from 9 am to 12 noon in the rectory. Cost: \$15. RSVP by calling the rectory at 764-3621.
- Election 2008:** In preparation for Election Day, all are invited to an hour of prayer and meditation in the church on Monday, November 3, 7:00 - 8:00pm. Additionally, the church will be open after daily mass until 10pm the day of the election, November 4, for those who wish to pray. ***Give our nation and leaders wisdom and sound judgment, O God.***
- Last Change to enter Market Day Big Grocery Giveaway:** This week-end is your last chance to enter the Market Day Big Grocery Giveaway. Details are on the forms at the back of church ... but you must order to win! Paper orders are due this Sunday, October 19; on-line orders ([www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)) are due by noon on Wednesday, October 22. Pick-up is 9-10 am on Saturday, October 25 in the cafeteria. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated.
- WOW Youth Mass:** High school and middle school students, join your friends Saturday, November 1, at 5pm for our inaugural youth mass. Get together for pizza in the rectory afterwards. Then, sleep in on Sunday morning! For further information or to volunteer to help with the mass or pizza party call Ann O’Connor at the rectory ~ 764-3621.

### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00am Brinkman Family †  
9:00am Edward Stich †

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00am Silvana Rebughi †  
9:00am Dr. Rose Greco †

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00am Mary Clemons †  
9:00am Leona Lauricella †

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00am Communion Service - Connery Family †  
9:00am Communion Service - Luis Penolza †

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00am Ross Vetrano †  
9:00am Rroku Caushi †

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00am Lester and Cecilia May †  
5:00pm John M. McCall †

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00am Helen Mary Long †  
9:30am *St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)*  
The Family of St. Gertrude †  
10:00am George William Gerbe †  
11:30am Eugenio and Ocular Family †

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

### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00pm Kate Jasper, Allie McRaith,  
Francie Sallinger

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00am Ellen Buttitta, Zoe Crowe-Barnes,  
Michael Zajakowski-Uhll  
11:30am Adam Glueckert, Genevieve Glueckert,  
Fiona McNichols

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00pm Mary Jo Bowers, Elizabeth Sterling

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ed Bugler  
10:00am Bob Dwyer, Ruth Ott  
11:30am Steve Monti, Troy McMillan

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9  
**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;  
Mt 22:34-40

*Welcome to Our Community*



*New Parishioners*

*Kate Ward Lee Hubbell  
John James Collins Shawn Nugent  
Catherine McMillan*

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00pm Mary Jo Bowers, Joan Harrington,  
Tim Harrington, Pat Mann

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00am Ed Bugler, Ester Bugler, Barb Daly,  
Sr. Kathryn Stimac  
10:00am Kevin Kaufman, Rafael Melendez,  
Dana Sullivan, Kathy Dunne,  
Theresa Resch, Tiffany Simons,  
RoseMarie Anichini  
11:30am Steve Monti, Troy McMillan, Lina Peon,  
Bernard Ndiwe, Art Lyons

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00pm Maggie Howell

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00am Kate Flynn, Lisa Torres, Chris Phillips  
10:00am Kim Wagner, Heidi Schlumpf,  
Edmund Butler, Gwen Arnold  
11:30am Steve Mitchell, Tracy Mitchell

### *Congratulations Sr. Judith Murphy*

Sr. Judith Murphy and the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Leadership Team will receive the Daniel A. Lord, S.J. Award for Distinguished Service in the Cause of Youth at Loyola University's annual President's dinner. This award recognizes the impact that a Jesuit school with a novel formula for success has made, not only on the Hispanic community of the Pilsen area of Chicago, but now in similar Catholic high schools throughout the nation. Congratulations, Sr. Judith! We are so fortunate to have you as a part of our St. Gertrude community.

## Financial Highlights

### Monthly Sunday Offering

Budgeted Goal for September	\$	55,157.04
Amount Received Through Parish Pay		14,030.50
Amount Received From Envelopes		38,205.50
Amount Received From Loose Contributions		5,561.94
Total Amount Received September		57,797.94
<b>September Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>+ 2,640.90</b>

### Fiscal Year to Date - Sunday Offerings

Sunday offering goal through 09/30/08	\$	179,260.38
Fiscal Year to Date Sunday Offering Total		161,079.60
<b>YTD Deficit (Sunday Offering only)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>- 18,180</b>

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need.." -  
Philippians 4:19*

The secret to being a good steward is to trust that God will supply us with all that we need. However, we have to let go of the expectation that we should also have all that we want. Good stewards must learn to live differently. We must turn away from materialism, want less, share more and learn to be grateful for God's many blessings.

Chicago Archdiocese  
Office on Stewardship



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)

### What makes NCA different than other schools?

Many people will say it is our dedicated teachers who believe Catholic education is not just their job, it's their ministry. Our daily goal at NCA is to help children mature into Christ-like people – this is a very different goal than most any other school. Our teachers are personally committed to this community. Many of them have been at NCA for 15 years. Along with the obvious high academic expectations, they promote self-esteem, provide a safe and nurturing environment, and help our students gain internal, self discipline that will be an important tool for life. They attend the students' plays and sporting events. They visit students who have been hospitalized. They make it a point to work together with parents in a collaborative way to enable every child to achieve to the best of his or her ability. Ms. Carol Reed (originally from St. Jerome School) is photographed with some of her students.



## 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  
Marge Butzen, Business Manager  
Jayne Deiters, Parish Secretary  
Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident

### 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  
Gertie'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.

