

GO, SELL WHAT
YOU HAVE,
AND GIVE TO
THE POOR AND
YOU WILL HAVE
TREASURE IN
HEAVEN. THEN

come, follow me.

MARK 10:21



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

October 10, 2021

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, October 11, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Lynn Lindhorst/Patty & Jack Norris
8:00 a.m. †Beverly Oscar/Dan & Ronnie Jurkowitz
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 12, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Jack Hearn/Sherry Schuler
8:00 a.m. †Patti Coit/Rita Gehring
11:30 a.m. The Blanchard Family/The Runk Family

Wednesday, October 13, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Lorelei Goila/Dick & Paula Maxwell
8:00 a.m. †Ed Wolf/Bill & Gerri Stoffregen
11:30 a.m. †Lisa J. Miller/Tricia Speicher

Thursday, October 14, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Theresa Condit/Jeanne Johantges
8:00 a.m. †Cecilia Tejada/Jeffrey & Robin Laub
11:30 a.m. †William Clark/Marian Clark

Friday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Dorothy Denniston/The Jennison Family
8:00 a.m. †Ray & Irene Woll/Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
11:30 a.m. †Dick Hartmann/Judy Hartmann

Saturday, October 16, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Robert J. McCarthy/Molly & Bruce Vollmer
11:30 a.m. †Joan Hegge/Ray & Marylyn Clark

October 16-17, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Bob Volz/Peter Bertoli

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10:00 a.m. †The Kohus & Bough Families/John & Hilda Bough
12:00 p.m. Maryl Smith/The Schmid Family
6:00 p.m. †Marlene Tisher/Martha Coors

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Office Info

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

All Souls Day Solemn Mass

Tuesday, November 2 | 7:00 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

All parishioners are invited to our All Souls Day Mass, which will be offered for the souls in purgatory. We will celebrate this beautiful Mass with traditional music, prayers, and preaching. There will also be a special sign with the names of those who have passed away this year. Stay tuned for more information.



REVITALIZE

Do you sense that God has something more planned for you, but you don't know what it is—or how to find it?

Join us for Revitalize, an invigorating 7-week formation program that will deepen your friendship with God and invite you to profoundly open your life to his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Program begins October 14!

Visit stgertrude.org/revitalize for more information and to register. Space is limited.





BEACONS OF LIGHT

Last week, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati released the draft plan of Families of Parishes, the first phase of the *Beacons of Light* pastoral planning process. As I announced at all the Masses, St. Gertrude is a family of one parish. We have not been joined with another parish at this time. There is now an open comment

period wherein all the faithful of the archdiocese are invited to review the entire draft plan for the Families of Parishes and provide input regarding strengths, concerns, and ideas for improvement. Access to all information and maps of the draft Families of Parishes is found at www.beaconsaoc.org. I strongly encourage everyone to look at the website.

The draft Families of Parishes was created based on analysis of demographic data and data collected from all parishes and schools, along with consultation with priests and lay leaders from across the archdiocese. The current reality has been stated as follows:

General Demographics

- Since 2010, the percentage of Catholics vs. overall population in the archdiocese declined from 14.2% to 11.9%.
- Our 65 and older population is the fastest growing age group at 32.2% over the last 10 years and 14% over the next five years. Retiring Boomers' giving and liturgy attendance are significant sources of stability.
- Flat to declining birth rates for the last decade will impact the archdiocese and society for the next 25 years.

Parishes

- Mass attendance declined 22.5% over the last 10 years.
- Church facility utilization declined from 47.7% to 37.0%.
- Catholicity has declined in households (-5%), Sunday Mass attendance (-22.5%), and Sacraments (-19.4%) from 2010 to 2019.
- High number of churches located in areas of lower Catholicity, which is typical of older cities in the United States.

Schools

- Live birth and student populations have declined and are projected to be flat.
- Student enrollment has declined (-14%) in the past 10 years and is projected to continue (-5%) yet be moderate in the next five years.
- Largely, schools are not located close to areas of high potential.

Priests

- The archdiocese may not be able to support more than 60-65 pastor assignments to a parish region/family over the next 10 years; pastors of a single parish will be an anomaly.
- Currently, 26 (15.9%) pastors are eligible to retire, and 10 (6.1%) pastors are at mandatory retirement.

Our wonderful parish of St. Gertrude has not been immune from many of these current realities. Here is some general information:

- ❖ The number of active, registered households has decreased over 500 during the last 10 years.
- ❖ The number of people attending Sunday Masses has decreased so

much that we are still able to accommodate everyone with one less Mass on Sundays.

- ❖ Enrollment in our parish school has declined to 306; we have a capacity for 400+.
- ❖ Since last October, we have been unable to resume perpetual eucharistic adoration in our adoration chapel because of a lack of volunteers to make a regular commitment to an hour of prayer.
- ❖ If you are watching the bulletin, we do not meet the budgeted amount for the offertory collection on many weekends.

Some parishioners have expressed to me a sigh of relief that we were not included in a family of multiple parishes. While I share the initial relief, this news does not exempt the parish from the *Beacons of Light* pastoral planning process like all other Families of Parishes in the archdiocese. The goal is to attain a new dynamism in every parish of the archdiocese where the mission of encountering Jesus, growing in faith, worshipping in community, and sharing the message with others is vibrant—like a beacon of light. As Archbishop Schnurr said in a meeting with the priests: “The status quo will not sustain us.” Everyone is asked to pray for the archdiocese in this time of discernment and evaluation. Consider reviewing your own commitment and level of participation in the life of our parish. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can be part of the renewal of our parish and the entire Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

On a more personal note, I will be out of sight for a couple of weeks. I am having minor surgery on my left foot (scheduled for this coming Wednesday) and need time for recovery. I will return as soon as I am able.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



When I was in church waiting for confession, I saw the same (red and white) rays issuing from the monstrance and spreading throughout the church. This lasted all through the service. After the Benediction, the rays shone out to both sides and returned again to the monstrance. Their appearance was bright and transparent like crystal. I asked Jesus that He deign to light the fire of His love in all souls that were cold. Beneath these rays a heart will grow warm even if it were like a block of ice; even if it were hard as a rock, it will crumble into dust. (*Diary, #370*)

COVER IMAGE: *Christ and the Rich Young Man*, H. Hoffman (1889)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Picture Retake Day** – Tuesday, October 12
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Wednesday, October 13, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 14, from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. To sign up, please use the link in the Bulletin Board section of the weekly Bulldog Bulletin.
- **Early Dismissal** – On Thursday, October 14, students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. due to parent/teacher conferences.
- **No School** – Friday, October 15
- **Monthly Meeting with Sister Maria Christi** – Parents of junior high students are invited to meet with Sister Maria Christi on Tuesday, October 26, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

EDIFY \$10K GRANT RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who nominated St. Gertrude School for CatholicVote's EDIFY \$10K grant contest! The results are in . . . **We got second place out of 2,477 other Catholic organizations!** That's incredible and a testament to all the support we receive from our school and church community and friends.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Junior High History Teacher – St. Gertrude School is looking for a full-time, professional junior high (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) history teacher. Specific content areas include world geography, Eastern hemispheres, world history, early ages, and American history (beginnings to 1877). Candidate will be required to obtain a valid Ohio License, fingerprints, a background check, and SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé, and contact information for three references to Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P., Principal, at smchristi@stgertrudesch.org. Catholic Candidate: Required

St. Gertrude School is a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and offers academic excellence in the Dominican tradition.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of October 11 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Where students gather in Faith, are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.



For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

"We are building up our students in every way—teaching them to build intellectual and moral virtues so that they can go forth to build a culture of hope marked by freedom and peace that will radiate out to the whole world."

– Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

Fall Open House: November 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m and 7-8 p.m.

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MEET THE MINISTRY – L'ALTO: CONFIRMATION

Once in a while, we want to utilize this Evangelization page to highlight some great ministries in our parish. This month, we're taking a look at L'alto: Confirmation, our parish's new way of preparing young men and women to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

What is L'alto: Confirmation?

L'alto: Confirmation is St. Gertrude Church's new model of formation for young men and women preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in eighth grade. We have a two-year track that focuses on formation of the whole person so that young people will be as open as possible to receiving the grace of this sacrament.

Who is L'alto: Confirmation for?

L'alto: Confirmation is for any young person in seventh and eighth grade. Those who wish to be confirmed at St. Gertrude and who are not part of the formation program at St. Gertrude School need to be enrolled in this program—but we also welcome any young person in seventh and eighth grade to join us.

What does *L'alto* mean?

The word *L'alto* is Italian for *the heights*. It is based upon a famous phrase from Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a lay Dominican who lived in the early 20th century. Blessed Pier Giorgio lived a life of courageous faith, seeking to go to the heights of holiness and Christian maturity. In his own words, "The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ." We have renamed all of our junior high and high school ministries with the word *L'alto* in the hope that we can invite our young people to live with that same goal: a life to the full (cf. John 10:10).



L'alto: Confirmation 7th Grade Retreat, August 2021



What is the difference between L'alto: Confirmation and the previous Confirmation formation?

L'alto: Confirmation is based on the model of the Mass (which also happens to be the model for all great relationships). We begin by **gathering** our young people through engaging activities (like blowing up watermelons with rubber bands) that spark their desire for adventure and joy. We then transition into a **proclamation**, essential to the Gospel message for the coming weekend. We split off into small groups to **break open** the proclamation and apply it to daily life. Then, we spend some time in prayer. Finally, we end **sending** them out with an exhortation and concrete action step for each young person to take in the following weeks.

Why did we change to this model of formation for Confirmation?

Our desire with this new model is to better mentor and disciple young people in the Christian life. The National Study of Youth and Religion, research from the Fuller Youth Institute, and numerous other anecdotal and sociological studies have found that after relationships with faithful and practicing parents, mentoring relationships with Christ-centered adults are the most prominent factor in developing a lifelong faith in the lives of young people. We hope that through fostering those relationships, as well as giving solid catechesis, we can foster lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ who live in communion with his Church.

Is this different from the L'alto: Junior High ministry?

Yes. In an effort to still have the great social events and fun junior high ministry of the past, we are hosting quarterly events under the name L'alto: Junior High. Any young person in grades seven and eight is welcome!

**L'ALTO: JUNIOR HIGH
FALL FEST**

All current 7th and 8th graders are invited to the L'alto: Junior High Fall Fest!

It's the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, play fall games, chill around a bonfire, and eat roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. Bring a snack or dessert—and a friend!

Please RSVP at my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list. For more info about this and other fun junior high events, visit stgertrude.org/jh.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
6:00-8:00 P.M.
\$5/PERSON**

**FINDLEY FAMILY FARM
6332 Pine Lane
Loveland, OH 45140**

CONTACT
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BROTHER PATRICK STUCKER - EXCITING NEWS!

This past July, Brother Patrick Stucker, a native of Blue Ash and a former parishioner at St. Gertrude Church, professed his third temporary vows in The Brotherhood of Hope, a Catholic organization of Brothers who are involved in campus ministry on six college campuses. Brother Patrick is serving as a campus minister at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT



The annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, sponsored by the St. Gertrude Men's Fellowship, will be Friday evening, December 3, through Saturday, December 4, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45212). Father Peter

John Cameron, O.P., who served as a parochial vicar at St. Gertrude in 1992-1993, will be the retreat master. Themed "Revealing Man to Himself," the retreat will focus on how being human is both a mystery and a challenge and will show how Jesus Christ, "the new Adam fully reveals man to himself." Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Stay tuned for more details.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Clyde Dorn, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Peter Fox, Dick Gelhaus, Matt Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Samuel C. Bascom, Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Higgins – husband of Judy
Timothy Mack – father of Lisa
Mary Dianne Simon

FALL PRAYER SHAWL WEEKEND

The St. Gertrude Prayer Shawl Ministry will be offering prayer shawls and lap blankets before and after the 4:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses **this weekend**, October 9-10. If you or someone you know is in need of being wrapped in prayer, stop by our table for a wide selection of cozy, comforting items made with love.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RESUMES

The St. Gertrude Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting on the third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Parish Center in the St. Joseph Room. Our first meeting will be October 20. Sewing, knitting, and crocheting skills welcome—or come learn something new! Materials for knitting/crocheting can be provided. If you have any questions, please email stgertrudeprayershawl@gmail.com.

NORMAL AGING VS. DEMENTIA PRESENTATION

The St. Gertrude Parish Health Ministry invites you to join Teresa Youngstrom, RN, on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Center Lobby for a dynamic and informative presentation entitled Normal vs. Not Normal Aging/Dementia. Teresa, Dementia Care Specialist and Founder of A Better Approach to Memory Care, will share incredible insights that will help you decipher whether your memory problems—or a loved one's memory problems—may be due to normal aging or dementia. Caregivers will also learn new techniques that will empower them to better care for someone with dementia. All are welcome, and there is no cost to attend. To register, please contact Jeanie Naumann at jmnaumann@yahoo.com or (816) 786-0831 by October 24. (This event is sponsored by Tony Wright, publisher, Parish Neighbors Magazines.)

BAPTISM



September 26, 2021

Child: Carson Jeffrey Deckelman

Parents: Amanda & Jeffrey Deckelman

MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR INFERTILE COUPLES

All infertile married couples on the fertility journey are invited to attend the St. Gerard Morning of Reflection for Infertile Couples at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Cincinnati on October 16 (St. Gerard's feast day) from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Beginning with Mass, this free event will offer couples the opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Gerard, enjoy refreshments, and hear presentations in Loyola Hall after Mass. Featured speakers include Kimberly Henkel of Springs in the Desert and Dr. Jason Mattingly. No RSVP required.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. This year's 40 Days for Life is September 22 through October 31. St. Gertrude Church will participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign on Wednesday, October 13, at Planned Parenthood from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Sign up after Mass this weekend, October 9 and 10, to participate.** If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252, or visit stgertrude.org/news/40daysforlife.

DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

The St. Gertrude Ladies of Charity are calling all bakers to help provide baked goods for the Bake Sale at their annual Craft & Gift Show on October 16, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off in the Parish Center beginning Friday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. Items may also be dropped off the day of the event. All proceeds go to help charities in the Cincinnati area. If you have any questions about the Ladies of Charity or any of our events, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER'S BANQUET

Please join us for a lovely evening of food and inspiration on Thursday, October 14, as we raise support for moms and babies! Elizabeth's New Life Center's 2021 South Partnership Banquet will be at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio, and feature guest speaker Kirk Walden of Heartbeat International. To register, visit www.ElizabethNewLife.org, or contact Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414, ext. 430 or lernerst@ElizabethNewLife.org.

ORGAN DONOR NEEDED

A parishioner's brother is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are or someone you know is interested in being an organ donor for this man, please contact Barb at (513) 315-4251. Thank you!

ST. GERTRUDE LADIES OF CHARITY
2021 CRAFT & GIFT SHOW
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
9 A.M.-3 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENTER
6543 Miami Ave.
Madeira, Ohio 45243
Unique, handmade crafts • Gift and vendor showcases
Items in all price ranges • Bake Sale • Concessions

CINCINNATI RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Evening for Life, Thursday, October 21, at the Sharonville Convention Center. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., and a program featuring emcee Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio and speaker George Dennehy. Reservations required. Visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org, or call (513) 728-7870 to reserve your spot.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S
**Eucharistic
Procession**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021
The Seventh Annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession in Downtown Cincinnati is on Saturday, October 16. It begins with an 8am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. The Eucharistic Procession begins at 9am and moves through downtown Cincinnati streets with a spirit of reverence and prayer. Father Jon-Paul Bevak will lead the 2-mile procession concluding with a final benediction at Old St. Mary's Church at 11am. We welcome **ALL CATHOLIC MEN** to participate in this great witness of our Catholic faith and in this wonderful blessing to our city.
CONTACT: DAVE WILLIG (513) 305-6719 or DOUG JAEGER (513) 417-2503
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THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING

FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

Part six in an 8-part series.

The Songs We Sing: The Texts We Live

I think there would be universal agreement that music is one of the most tangible, if not the greatest, way through which we experience beauty in the Mass. Music can draw people to a particular parish, and it can also drive people away from another parish. Painting with a very wide brush, since the beginning of the liturgical renewal, music has become one of the major issues of the so called “liturgy wars,” and it is one of the top two areas of the liturgical renewal in which there has been much more failure than success.

What does the Church want?

The first decree of the Second Vatican Council was *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Within this decree, the reader will find *Musicam Sacram*, the Instruction on the Proper Implementation of Music within the Sacred Liturgy. *Musicam Sacram* is filled with such great wisdom and directions that it is impossible to open its riches in this brief column. However, the following may serve as a facile synopsis:

1. The true purpose of sacred music is the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful.
2. The patrimony of the Church’s music is to be carefully preserved, i.e. Gregorian Chant, the dialog responses between the priest and the faithful, and the primacy of the pipe organ above all other instruments.
3. The building up of the religious and joyful song of the ministers and faithful make the celebration more solemn and fulfilling.

How do we achieve what the Church desires?

If this is what the Church wants musically, how do we make this a reality in our celebrations? We fulfill this by the kind of music we sing. The Roman liturgy was never predicated upon the singing of hymnody; hymns were, and still are, particular to the Divine Office. The singing

of hymns during the celebration of the Mass, both before and especially after the Second Vatican Council, was to encourage the singing of the faithful *after* the proper parts (Entrance and Communion Antiphons, Responsorial Psalm, etc.) had been sung by the cantor or choirs.

So if not hymns, then what? First, the music of the Roman liturgy is built upon the singing of acclamations that are drawn from sacred Scripture, and particularly from the Psalms. (Think of the Entrance Antiphons [Introits] we are currently singing. They are all based on the Psalms.) In addition, the texts for the singing of the faithful can be drawn directly from the prayers found within the Roman Missal.

Secondly, the music of the Roman liturgy is built upon and flows from the singing of the dialogues between the priest and the faithful. For example, “The Lord be with you,” “And with your spirit,” etc. The music of the Roman Rite flows out of the texts of the Missal and leads us back into the text in one, seamless gesture.

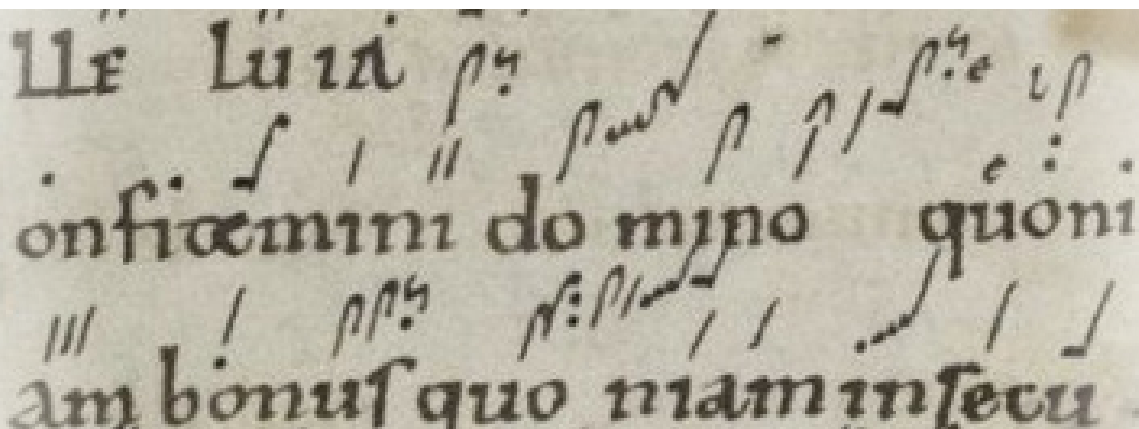
What have we done?

I believe we are just beginning to truly implement what the Council Fathers asked of us to achieve the genuine renewal of the sacred liturgy and its music. At long last, we have begun to “sing the Mass” and not *sing at* the Mass. To sing the Mass draws us ever more deeply into the depths of the prayers of the Missal (technically referred to as the euchology). Consider today’s Entrance Antiphon: *If you, O Lord laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?* That refrain is followed by the words of Psalm 129: *Out of the depths I call to you, O Lord...*! To sing the Mass draws us into a conversation with God, to which we respond with the words of God, and in which God has the final word.

Next week: the texts we live.

Do you have questions about the liturgy? Submit your question to parishoffice@stgertrude.org, and I will answer it in this column.

The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that will be featured in our bulletin over the next few months. The series strives to deepen our understanding of the Liturgy and strengthen our unity as a community who worships God in Spirit and in Truth.



Monday, October 11	Tuesday, October 12	Wednesday, October 13	Thursday, October 14	Friday, October 15	Saturday, October 16	Sunday, October 17
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Seasons of Hope 10:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Resurrection Choir 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Merciful Love 9:45 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		Ladies of Charity Craft Fair 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Parish Center	Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	True Devotion to Mary 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Lvl 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			Family Faith 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
	Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 4:30 p.m. Atrium II		Revitalize – Fall Series 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	Family Faith 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria					Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 p.m. Atrium I & II					L'alto: High School 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick 6:30 p.m. Church					
	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.					

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19.

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OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for October 3

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	32,742
Weekly Deficit	\$	(2,552)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	494,116
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	468,098
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(26,018)

2nd Collection: \$5,938 Respect Life Sunday

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
10/24/21

MATERIALS DUE
10/13/21

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