

If the master of the house had known the hour  
when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.

*You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.*

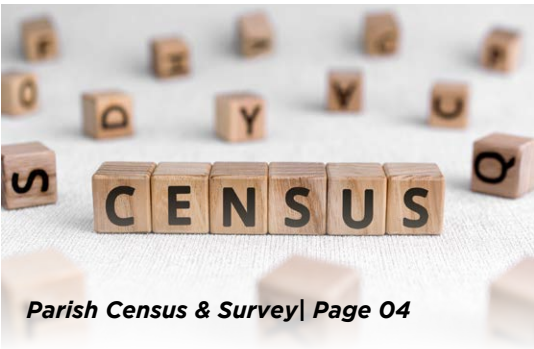
Luke 12:39-40



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**St. Gertrude Catholic Church**


6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243

**Parish Office Hours** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.


**Church Hours** Every day, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

**School Office Hours** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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ENCOUNTER JESUS. TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. Gertrude Parish—it is good that you are here!

Whether this is your first time worshiping with us, you have been here many times and want to become a parishioner, or you have questions about the Catholic faith and want to learn more, the information on this page is a great place to start.

We look forward to getting to know you and accompanying you on your faith journey.

### BECOME A PARISHIONER

Ready to join our vibrant parish of missionary disciples?

Register as a parishioner at [stgertrude.org/register](http://stgertrude.org/register). Copies of the registration form are also available in the parish office.



### MISSION

#### *Who We Are*

We are a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that is shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

### VISION

#### *Who We Aspire to Be*

To be a community of disciples united in our Eucharistic Lord and sent to transform the world in the light of the Gospel.

### CORE VALUES

#### *What We Cultivate*

Reverence, Humility, Magnanimity, Generosity, Intentionality



Been away for a while or curious about Catholicism?

**WE WOULD LOVE TO WALK WITH YOU.**

To connect with us, get your questions answered, and learn more about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, contact Tyler Castrucci at [tcastrucci@stgertrude.org](mailto:tcastrucci@stgertrude.org) or scan the QR code.





### DOMINICANS: GOING AND COMING

It's hard to believe that next weekend, August 16-17, will be the final weekend that our two "summer help" friars will be with us. Both Father Titus and our

deacon, Brother Raphael, will be departing next week to return to Washington, D.C., for their academic studies. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank both of them for their ministry here this summer. Please keep in your prayers Father Titus, as he works to complete his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) graduate degree, and Brother Raphael, as he finishes his academic studies for the priesthood in preparation for his expected priestly ordination next May.

To give everyone an opportunity to say goodbye to them, we will have coffee and doughnuts after the 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday, August 17, with both of them present. In addition, during that time Father Titus will be offering his first priestly blessings to any individuals or families who would like to receive his blessing. There are special indulgences in the Church associated with receiving a blessing from a priest in the first year of his ordination, so this is a spiritual opportunity not to miss out on!

We are also happy to welcome to our St. Gertrude Priory a new friar, Father Vincent De Lucia, who has been assigned to us. Rather than introduce him to you, I asked him to write his own introduction, which you can find in the next column. He'll be helping out with Masses and confessions in the parish, so please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



Dear St. Gertrude Parishioners,

After a long period of time, 37 years to be exact, I am once again assigned to St. Gertrude Priory. It's a joy to be back! To be sure, I was a novice way back then. I've returned as a "priest in residence." I'm not

sure what that means, but I'll let you know when I know.

A little about myself: My name is Father Vincent De Lucia, O.P. I was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut. My university education in Connecticut was followed by several years in the business world. Ten years after graduation, I entered the novitiate. My priestly ordination on May 20, 1994, at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C., was presided by His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.

Upon completion of my formative theological studies, I was assigned to Providence College in 1995, serving primarily as campus minister. During this period in Providence, I also served for a time as pastor of our parish, St. Pius V. After eight years in Rhode Island, I moved down the Interstate 95 corridor to New York City. There, I was part of the founding Dominican community at St. Joseph Church in Greenwich Village, serving as parochial vicar and later as director of the Catholic Center at New York University. In 2010, I was elected prior of our Dominican community at St. Mary Priory in my hometown of New Haven. It was great to be back and ministering in the place of my birth! In 2016, I left New England and moved to Youngstown. There I served as prior and pastor of St. Dominic Church and Priory for much of the past nine years.

Well, that's a cursory glance of the past 37 years! And now I've come full circle, to where it all began—St. Gertrude Priory. I look forward to the new opportunities that the Lord has in store for me as I continue this amazing journey toward him.



### THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

"Finally, when people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him. He can often overcome the prayer of an individual, but if this prayer is joined to that of other Christians, the devil has much more trouble in getting the best of it."

- St. Louis De Montfort



## PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

The parish and school offices will be closed on Friday, August 15, for the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025**

**MASS TIMES**

**Thursday, August 14**  
7 p.m. (vigil)

**Friday, August 15**  
7, 8, or 11:30\* a.m., 7 p.m.  
*\*Mass of Simple Profession (see information below).*

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

## 2025 ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENSUS & SURVEY

On Thursday, August 7, we emailed all parishioners the St. Gertrude Parish 2025 Census & Survey. Thank you to everyone who has completed the census and survey. Your participation will help us not only update our records but also make informed decisions based on parishioner feedback. If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive an email about the survey and census, please contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org.

## MASS OF SIMPLE PROFESSION—AUGUST 15

In August 2024, a group of men began their formation as Dominican friars at St. Gertrude Priory. These novices have completed their year of formation and will make their simple profession of religious vows at 11:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, August 15. All are invited to attend this special Mass. (August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.) Mass will be around 90 minutes. Please pray for these brothers as they begin their formal seminary education and formation at the Dominican House of Studies.

## BAPTISMS - JULY 27, 2025



Child: Georgia Magdalene Valin  
Parents: Abigail & Nicholas Valin



## THE SICK

Johnny Burns, Vicki Calonge, John Castrucci, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Robert Lantz, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Joseph Nanista, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo & Maria Pelle, Paula Scalo, Pegge Schuermann, Nancy Silvers, Judy Sullivan

## THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Seth McGann, 2nd Lt. Miles Mayer, PFC Charles Mayer, John Murdock Jr., John Oscar, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Michael Stein, Ian Tester, Jack Thornton, and Gus Voto

## THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Edward Larkin, Father of Kelly Woodward  
† Tom Brown, brother of Pat Brown  
† Mary Jean Alf, mother of Marianne Castrucci  
† James Louis, husband of Angie Louis



**BECOME CATHOLIC SUMMER SERIES—LAST FORMATION NIGHT**

This summer, St. Gertrude Parish is hosting free formation nights for adults preparing to become Catholic. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please join us to learn more about the faith, pray together, and build community. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, invite him or her and offer to attend! Our last meeting is Wednesday, August 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby, and the topic is Catholic morality.



**REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION**

Registration for our 2025-2026 children and youth faith formation programs is now open:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - For children age 3–grade 3; limited enrollment for grades 4–6.
- Family Faith - For families with children in grades 4–6.
- Confirmation Preparation - Sacramental prep for youth in grades 7 and 8.

Visit [stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth](https://stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth) or scan the QR code to sign up!



**CANA SMALL GROUPS FOR MOMS & DADS**

This fall, St. Gertrude Parish is offering the following programs to help couples build strong Catholic marriages and families:

- Becoming Provider – A small group for husbands and fathers.
- Called to Motherhood – A small group for wives and mothers.

Scan the QR codes to learn more about each program, and use discount code GERTRUDE25 to get \$30 off registration.



Becoming Provider



Called to Motherhood



**BACKPACK BLESSING**

All students—whether they attend St. Gertrude School, another grade school or high school, or are homeschooled—are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday, August 17, for a special blessing. At the end of Mass, right before the final blessing, the celebrant will bless the backpacks, entrusting the new school year to the Lord and praying for God's protection, peace, and guidance for all students, teachers, and families.



**WALKING WITH PURPOSE NEEDS TWO BABYSITTERS**

Do you love children? Do you want to give back to others? Volunteer to be a child care provider so moms with young kids can attend our Walking with Purpose Bible study. We are in need of two babysitters on Mondays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. between Labor Day and Easter. Must be high-school-age or older. The position pays \$15/hour or an hour of community service each week. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Martha at [wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com](mailto:wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com) for more details.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

**6:30 p.m.** Alpha (St. Dominic Lobby)

**7 p.m.** Healing Rosary (Church)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

**7 p.m.** Summer Jubilee Book Study (St. Joseph Room)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

**6:30 p.m.** Become Catholic Summer Session (St. Dominic Lobby)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

**5:30 a.m.** Stewardship of Talent Renewal (Outside)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

**9 a.m.** Ministry Expo & Stewardship of Talent Renewal (Parish Center & Outside, respectively)

**10 a.m.** Backpack Blessing at the End of Mass (Church)

**11 a.m.** Farewell Reception for Father Titus & Brother Raphael; Father Titus First Priestly Blessings (Parish Center)

**11 a.m.** Ministry Expo & Stewardship of Talent Renewal (Parish Center & Outside, respectively)

**1 p.m.** Stewardship of Talent Renewal (Outside)

**7 p.m.** L'alto: High School Kickoff & Parent Session (Parish Center)

**7 p.m.** Stewardship of Talent Renewal (Outside)

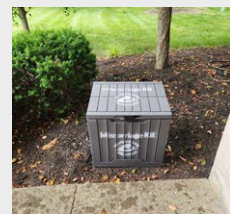
## BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

Eucharistic guardians are people who sign up and commit to a weekly one-hour slot in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday overnight. We need at least two people signed up for every hour, and there are many spots available. To learn more or sign up for an hour, scan the QR code or visit [stgertrude.org/adoration](http://stgertrude.org/adoration).



## MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

Are you or someone you know facing a first trimester miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries has provided our parish with a box of free miscarriage kits to support your physical and emotional needs during your tragic loss. The box is located in the landscape bed to the left of the circle drive in front of the church. If you have questions about the kit, call Heaven's Gain at (513) 888-4200. Learn more about Heaven's Gain's services at [heavensgain.org/](http://heavensgain.org/). We also encourage you to contact one of our parish priests so we can help you along your grieving journey.



## CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

As a Catholic, your faith is your most valuable asset—the way you live it out in your everyday life will have a lasting impact on future generations. Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can now pass on your Legacy of Faith and plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics in an incredible way. Visit [MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude](http://MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude) or scan the QR code to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code STGERTRUDE.



**AUGUST IS  
MAKE-A-WILL  
MONTH**



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### **SISTER ANNE CATHERINE BURLEIGH, O.P., CELEBRATES HER SILVER JUBILEE**

On Sunday, July 13, in Nashville, Sister Anne Catherine Burleigh, O.P., and nine other sisters

celebrated 25 years as Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. A native of Cincinnati and St. Gertrude Parish, Sister Anne Catherine is the daughter of Bill and Anne Burleigh and the sister of David Burleigh and Margaret Brecount.

Sister Anne Catherine made her first profession of vows on August 10, 2000. She has served in administrative and teaching roles at schools in Tennessee, Maryland, and Alabama, has served on the General Council for the Congregation since 2012, and has been the vicaress general of St. Cecilia Congregation since 2018. In addition to her role as vicaress general, she is currently the director of Mission Advancement for the Congregation.

In honor of this incredible milestone, St. Gertrude Bulletin asked Sister Anne Catherine's family to share how her vocation has impacted their lives.

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Looking back, can you recall any ways that you encouraged vocational discernment with your children?

**Anne Burleigh:** If my husband and I had known years ago that one of our daughters would become a religious sister, we would have been grateful—and utterly astounded. Sister Anne Catherine would have been even more surprised. Although she anticipated being a teacher, her expectation was to marry and have children.

We were not what you would describe as a pious family. We prayed and attended Mass on Sundays, but our faith has taken a lifetime to emerge. We talked frequently about the Church and its relation to the world and met some fine priests, teachers, and friends who were pivotal in our and our children's formation, including Sister Anne Catherine.

**SGB** How has your relationship with your sister changed since she became a religious sister?

**Margaret Brecount:** Few things are as precious to me as my sister, who is my best friend. Offering her up was the hardest thing I've ever had to do. Over her decades of religious life, I've had to grieve at times and come to grips with the reality of our mutual sacrifice. Jesus has asked something hard of both of us,

but he promises fruitfulness with the sacrifice: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains but a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." Today our friendship is better than ever!

**SGB:** What has been the greatest blessing of your daughter/sister becoming a religious sister?

**Anne:** The blessings are countless, and none of them do we deserve. If I could encapsulate them, I would say that having a priestly or religious vocation in the family can prompt a deepening on all levels—a deeper immersion in asking who God is and what life is all about. It can lead family members to a greater love of Christ and an urgency to prioritize the essential things. For our family, the Dominican order, with its particular mission to proclaim the truth of Christ, is our anchor. Five of us are members of the Dominican laity. We simply cannot imagine our life apart from the Order of Preachers and our Dominican family of St. Cecilia sisters and Dominican friars and laity.

**Margaret:** I marvel at the work the Lord has done in my sister and could write a whole essay listing the incredible blessings that have flowed because of her vocation. Within six months of Sister Anne Catherine entering the convent, I met my husband, David. David and I are now lay Dominicans. As we've raised our five children, he and I have experienced profoundly palpable evidence of the Dominican sisters' prayers for our family. Sister Anne Catherine has introduced us to new friends and apostolates that have changed our lives. I meditate frequently on the sacred "presence of the habit" in my life, experienced most powerfully in Nashville at the motherhouse. What a precious gift her vocation has been to me!







## STEWARDSHIP: RENEWAL OF TALENT

*By Hope Ramundo*  
*Director of Stewardship*

A stewardship renewal is an invitation to all parishioners to reflect on how you use the gifts

God has entrusted to you—your time, talent, and treasure. More than a call to volunteer or give, this renewal is a spiritual challenge to offer your resources back to God as an act of love and gratitude, to take a step in trust, and to grow as a faithful steward and joyful disciple!

### What Does It Mean to Be Stewards of Our Talent?

God has given each one of us some kind of special gift, and it is our responsibility to use that gift for God's greater glory. It can look like cooking a meal for a friend in need, singing in the church choir, gifting handmade artwork you created, or using your talents in another way. God has a reason for giving you each of your gifts.

Being part of a ministry is another way God may be calling you to use your gifts. In our parish, we have a soup kitchen ministry that semi-regularly cooks meals and serves them to those in need. The Ladies of Charity and the Knights of Columbus run numerous fundraisers and activities that take planning and administrative skills, as well as directly serving and working with people in need. Every year at the Lenten Fish Fry, people cook, serve food, and bring together our parish community. Our Funeral Hospitality ministry consoles, coordinates, and bakes for those experiencing loss. There is a group that sews baptismal bibs for all the babies entering the Church. Our wonderful choirs use their gifts to provide beautiful and reverent music for our Masses. And that's just the tip of the iceberg of what our 50+ ministries do!

If you are interested in getting more involved and discovering where your gifts will have the most impact, please reach out to me, and we can work together to find where God is calling you to use your gifts!

### 12 Things You Can Do Today to Steward Your Talent

1. Check out our Parish Ministry Expo next Sunday, August 17, after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.
2. Read through our updated parish ministries booklet, and see if anything stands out to you. Copies will be at the Ministry

Expo and the entrances to the church next weekend.

3. Set up a meeting with me to discuss how you can best use your talents at St. Gertrude Parish.
4. Volunteer at a nonprofit with a cause you're passionate about.
5. Offer to make a meal for a friend or family member.
6. Clean up litter at a local park and appreciate the beauty of God's creation.
7. Join the Helping Hands Ministry to make a side dish, dessert, or snack for a funeral reception at St. Gertrude Parish.
8. Volunteer to serve with the St. Gertrude Soup Kitchen Ministry or a local soup kitchen or donate needed food items.
9. Pray for the sick or deceased listed in our parish bulletin.
10. Write a thoughtful letter to someone in your life.
11. Go out of your way to do a kind act for someone in your household.
12. Visit someone who is homebound or in a nursing home.

### St. Gertrude Stewardship Prayer

Generous and loving God, you call us to be disciples of your Son, Jesus, and good stewards of the many gifts you have given us. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings. Transform us, through the power of your Spirit, so that we may nurture a way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbors, and generous sharing of our time, talents, and treasure. With Mary's help, may we return tenfold the gifts you have bestowed on us. We pray with grateful hearts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Save the Date**

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH  
MINISTRY EXPO

Stop by our Ministry Expo to discover  
where you can share your God-given gifts  
with the parish.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17  
AFTER 8 A.M. & 10 A.M. MASS  
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

Learn about each ministry in our Parish Ministries & Sacraments booklet, available at the expo and the entrances to the church.

**L'ALTO: HIGH SCHOOL**

## 2025-2026 KICKOFF

**Sunday, August 17 | 7-9 p.m.**

**Front Lawn & Parish Center**

All 9th-12th graders are invited to our Fall Kickoff: Color Wars! Join us to reunite as a community, spend time together in prayer, and get messy! Bring a friend (or three) and snacks and drinks to share.

**Parents:** Join us in the Parish Center lobby for appetizers, an opportunity to meet the core team, and an introduction to our L'alto theme for the year.

## Building a Eucharistic Marriage

Marriage is a gift—and, at times, a challenge.

Join us this fall for Building a Eucharistic Marriage, a seven-part series which connects seven areas for therapeutically strengthening your marriage with seven areas of deepening your relationship with Christ through the Eucharist.

**Thursdays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**August 21-October 9**

*No meeting September 25*

**St. Gertrude Parish Center**

*Child care is available.*

Visit [bit.ly/thrivingcouples](https://bit.ly/thrivingcouples)  
or scan the QR code to register!



## ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PICNIC

Save the date for our annual picnic! The parish will provide hot dogs, burgers, buns, chips, and drinks.

We ask that parishioners with last names A-M bring side dishes and with last names N-Z bring desserts.

**Saturday, August 23**

**5:30 p.m. (After 4:30 Mass)**

**St. Gertrude Parking Lot**



## The Surrender Initiative

A special Mass to pray for those who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith.

**Tuesday, August 26**

Vigil of the feast of St. Monica

**St. Gertrude Church**

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation

**7:30 p.m. Mass**

Reception to follow in Parish Center

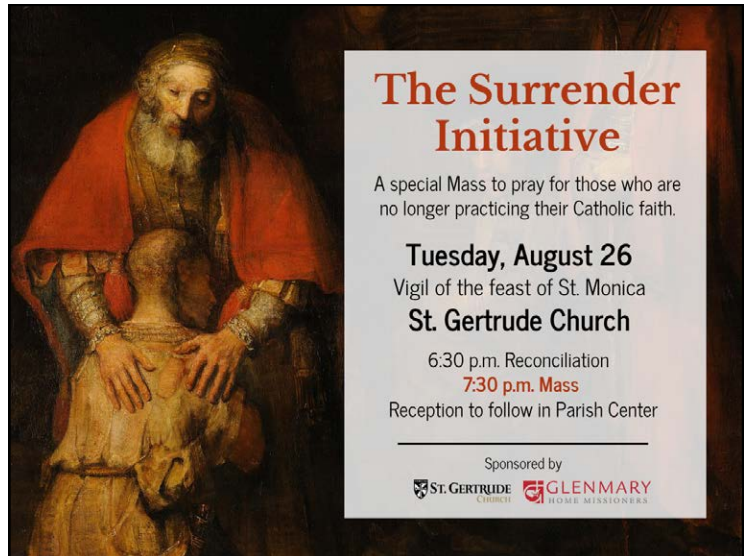
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## Come as you are.

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts. Join us for one of our three Bible studies beginning this fall—new evening option added this year!

Visit [bit.ly/wwwp2025](https://bit.ly/wwwp2025) or scan the QR code to learn more and register by August 29, 2025.



walking with purpose

## Try Omega!

**DO YOU FEEL STUCK IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY? ARE YOU WANTING MORE?**

### What You Will Learn

Through readings, talks, discussions, and group prayer, you will deepen your knowledge of the faith, grow in personal prayer, and be guided in crafting a rule of life.



### When & Where

1st and 3rd Mondays  
7-8:30 p.m.  
September 2025-May 2026  
School Cafeteria



Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/2025omega](https://bit.ly/2025omega) to sign up.



## INVEST IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Support Catholic education at St. Gertrude School through a gift to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Education Foundation, a certified Scholarship Granting Organization.

Your contribution directly benefits our students and qualifies for a dollar-for-dollar Ohio state tax credit, effectively reducing your state tax liability while supporting families pursuing a rigorous, faith-rooted education. To ensure your gift supports St. Gertrude School families, please designate our school when giving online or by check.

SUPPORT YOUR  
PARISH SCHOOL

SCAN TO DONATE!



## Discover The *Dominican* Difference



At St. Gertrude School, our students are formed in rigorous academics, intellectual discipline, and an unshakable commitment to truth found in the person of Jesus Christ. Standing out in high schools across the region, our graduates are distinguished by their moral clarity, academic excellence, and a profound sense of purpose. For families seeking more than a Catholic education in name alone and for those who desire true formation in wisdom and virtue, St. Gertrude School stands apart.

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**K-8TH GRADE**

[STGERTRUDESCH.ORG/APPLY/](https://stgertrudesch.org/apply/)

### FATHER & SON WORKSHOP

Dads and their sons (ages 12–14) are invited to a workshop on Saturday, August 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Springboro, OH. This is an opportunity to spend time together learning about God's amazing plan for masculinity. Starting with Mass at 8 a.m., the workshop includes presentations on how God made it awesome to be a boy, male strengths, the power and grace of puberty, and how to respond and navigate our culture today. Resources will be provided to help dads talk with their sons about sexual topics and the marital act. Speakers are Father Henry Hoffmann, Dr. Jason Mattingly, and Samuel Vasquez. The cost is \$20/family. Contact Deacon David Ulmer at [dulmer@catholicaoc.org](mailto:dulmer@catholicaoc.org) with questions. RSVP by August 12 at [centerforthenewevangelization.org/events/father-son-workshop](http://centerforthenewevangelization.org/events/father-son-workshop).

### JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE SILENT RETREAT

All Catholics ages 18 and older are invited to a silent retreat August 29–30 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. The retreat includes Mass; confession; adoration; the rosary; quiet time to walk, reflect, and pray; retreat talks, and more. Cost is \$125 for single occupancy, \$200 for double occupancy, and \$75 for commuters. Breakfast and lunch provided. To register, visit [bit.ly/2025HopeRetreat](http://bit.ly/2025HopeRetreat) or call or text Teresa Vint at (937) 475-2338 by August 22.

### CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

Are you single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles from all over the United States (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado, August 22–24, 2025! (There is a virtual option with online socials and small group discussions.) The weekend includes talks, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship, and more. For more details and to register, visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com). Use promo code PARISH25.

### CASEY ON THE MOUND

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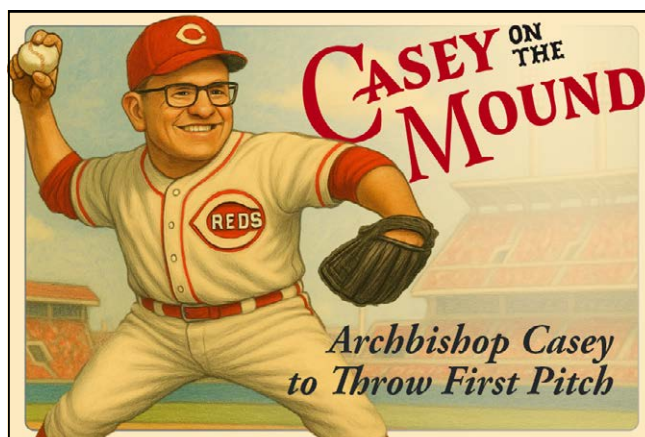
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### Monday, August 11 | St. Clare (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Tim Asbrock by Bill & Penny Cunningham  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Doug Desserich by Mike & Elaine O'Connell  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order  
 4 p.m. Confessions

### Tuesday, August 12 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Ron Williams by The Kenwood  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Herbert Overberg by Concetta Geraci  
 10 a.m. Moms & Littles Holy Hour  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – Julia Westendorf by Randy & Emily Westendorf  
 4 p.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, August 13 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mass – Michelle Pachuk by The Pachuk Family  
 8 a.m. Mass – † James Momper by Craig & Teresa Babcock  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Tom Williams by Nancy Lucas  
 4 p.m. Confessions  
 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions

### Thursday, August 14 | St. Maximilian Kolbe (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – Molly Castrucci by The Isaacs Family  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Cecile Berger by The Farwick Family  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Viktor Wilhelmy by Marylyn Clark  
 4 p.m. Confessions  
 7 p.m. Mass – † Suzanne F. Lykins by Michael & Mary Jo Voto

### Friday, August 15 | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

- 7 a.m. Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – Novices Professing Vows  
 4 p.m. Confessions  
 7 p.m. Mass – † William Wiebe by Gwen & P.J. Arling

### Saturday, August 16 | Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. Mass – † Mary Susan Imbus by Kathleen & David Bartish  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Mary Schutte by Imbus Family  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Mass – Ted, Kate, Brian & Heidi by The Shannon Family

### Sunday, August 17 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish  
 10 a.m. Mass – Father John Patterson, SOLT, by Gertrude Patterson  
 12 p.m. Mass – † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family by  
 John & Hilda Bough  
 6 p.m. Mass – † Brigitte Vielhauer by Reen Taylor



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Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass due to illness or being homebound? As a sign of Christ's love, our parish community earnestly desires to bring comfort and healing to these individuals. **Please call the parish office at (513) 561-5954, and we will direct you to the most appropriate ministry.** Here are ways we can help you:

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This healing sacrament is given to those facing serious physical or mental illness, advanced age, or surgery due to one of these. When one is near death, anointing is offered as part of the Last Rites, along with the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

### Communion to the Sick or Homebound

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### Prayers for the Sick or Deceased

Each week, our bulletin lists the names of individuals who are sick or recently deceased so that our entire parish community may pray for them. Simply contact the parish office to add yourself or a family member to this list.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

**Bulletin:** August 24 **Materials Due:** August 13

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Weekly Collection and Budget Report

<b>Collection for August 3, 2025</b>	
Collection	\$51,447
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$4,388
Second Collection – Archdiocese of Tororo	\$13,619

Fiscal Year-to-Date

<b>Year Ending June 30, 2026</b>	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$210,020
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$235,294
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$25,274)

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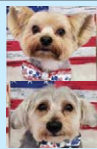


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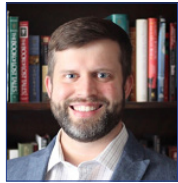


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