

*I have come to set
the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were
already blazing!*

- Luke 12:49



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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.

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School Office Hours Monday-Friday, 7:30 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. 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 or scan the QR code.





GIFT-GIVING AND GIFT-RECEIVING

It may seem an odd time of the year to bring this up, but I remember our friars' community Christmas party way back when I was a novice here at St. Gertrude Priory (1995–

1996). We all gathered together in the rec room and proceeded to open gifts from our Secret Santas among the brethren, as well as any gifts from our family members. I remember, at one point, our prior at the time, Father Bill Holt, was opening a gift from his brother. It was a box that contained a dress shirt. As he held up the shirt, a card fell out from it. Thinking it was a card from his brother, he opened it and began to read. At that point, he discovered it was a card addressed to his brother from his sister—dated to the previous year's Christmas!

The conclusion was inevitable: his brother didn't appreciate the shirt his sister had given him the year before, so this Christmas he decided to re-gift it to Father Holt. The whole community erupted in laughter when the truth became apparent. I can only imagine what the conversation was like next time Father Holt spoke to his brother on the phone!

In the secular world of Christmas gifts, such re-gifting is definitely a social faux pas. But in the world of our faith, not only is it *not* a faux pas, it is actually something commanded to us by God.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1Peter 4:10-11).

The first part of that Scripture passage is often paraphrased, "What you have received as gift, give as gift." Under my direction, our parish director of stewardship, Hope Ramundo, is designating this weekend as a special time of renewal of our parish Stewardship of Talent. It is a weekend where we are inviting every single parishioner to do a few things:

1. Spend some time truly **recognizing** the gifts, abilities, and talents that God has blessed you with.
2. Be intentional about **thanking God** for all of those gifts.
3. Seriously discern how God might be asking you, at this moment in your life to **share** those gifts with our parish and

wider community.

No matter how old or young, whether you are a cradle Catholic or a new convert, whether your faith is super strong or you are just dipping your toes into the world of Catholicism, you have been given gifts from God. And God is asking you to share those gifts.

If you are looking for where to start, consider stopping by our Parish Ministry Expo in the gym after the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Mass this weekend. If you can't attend that, reach out to Hope either by email at hramundo@stgertrude.org or by calling the main parish office number at (513) 561-5954 and asking to be put through to Hope. Believe me, you will not be "imposing" on her at all—quite the contrary! This is (literally) why we hired her: to help match up parishioners and their gifts with the needs and ministries of St. Gertrude Parish. So whether you have been at our parish forever or you are brand new and trying to "find your place" in our very big and busy parish, Hope is the person to get you connected.

"What you have received as gift, give as gift." Those words are addressed to you. I pray that, this weekend, you take those words to heart and make the decision to share your gifts with the rest of us. Our lives will all be richer as a result.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I saw the Mother of God, who said to me, "Oh, how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His grace! I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge... Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for granting mercy."

- Diary, #635

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

David & Kathleen Bartish
Andrea Blanz
Randel & Mary Clark
John & Patricia Couzins
Celestina Curiel-Robb
Damon & Jennifer Davis
Joseph & Emma Delworth
Ryan & Anne DeNome
Conner Duté
Steven & Sydney Erbeck
Nory Gonzalez

Ryan & Tiffany Grafton
Patrick Hollin
Michael & Rosemary Keiser
Tao & Jessica Lei
Laura Moser
Randy & Carolyn Olson
Antonino & Lilibeth Serran
Nicholas Singlar
Michael & Angela Thoms
Chandler & Heather Trennepohl



Let Us PRAY

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

† Rick Dowling
† Donna Schlake
† Frank Hamilton

2025 ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENSUS & SURVEY

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

CONGRATULATIONS, TYLER!

Our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, recently had an article published in the July 2025 issue of Catechetical Review, an international quarterly publication by Franciscan University of Steubenville. Tyler's article, entitled "Becoming a Channel of Grace in Catechesis," is a beautiful witness of how powerfully God can use us when we are open to being his instruments. To subscribe to Catechetical Review, visit franciscanathome.com/CR.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers (or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher) are invited to our next altar server training next Friday, August 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church.

BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025



Child: Gwendolyn Catherine Hoskin
Parents: Tashia & John Hoskin



TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY STUDY

Join us in studying St. Louis de Montfort's spiritual classic, True Devotion to Mary. Biweekly meetings will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the St. Gertrude Parish Center lobby from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, August 26, and continuing through May 2026. Consecration to Jesus through Mary will be on May 30, 2026. During the meeting, participants will watch a video presentation of the book. For more information, visit stgertrude.org/tdm. To receive email updates, please contact Anne Collins at stgertrudetdm@gmail.com.



NEXT DOMINICAN RITE MASS—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Please join us on Friday, September 5, at 7 p.m. for a low Mass in memory of the deceased familiars and benefactors of the Order of Preachers. There won't be any music for this Mass. Here is the Dominican Rite schedule for the rest of 2025 (all Masses are at 7 p.m.):

- October 7 | Solemn High Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary
- November 13 | Low Mass for the Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Preachers

To learn more about the Dominican Rite, visit stgertrude.org/dominicanrite.



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



SOUP KITCHEN SIGNUPS THIS WEEKEND

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, August 31, and Sunday, October 5. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up this Sunday, August 17, at the Parish Ministry Expo after the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Mass. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.



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.stgertrude@gmail.com for more details.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

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

7 p.m. Healing Rosary (Church)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7 p.m. K of C Rosary Social (Church; St. Dominic Lobby)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

6:30 p.m. Building a Eucharistic Marriage (St. Dominic Lobby)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30 a.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)

5:30 p.m. St. Gertrude Parish Picnic (Parking Lot)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

7 p.m. L'alto: High School Night (Parish Center)

REASONS TO BECOME A PARISHIONER

Are you engaged (or getting engaged) and want to have your wedding at St. Gertrude Church? Have you been asked to be a godparent and need an eligibility form from the parish? Have you been coming to St. Gertrude for a while but haven't officially become a parishioner? These are all great reasons to get registered! Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org/register to become a parishioner today!



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



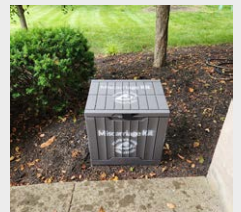
BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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.



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/. 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 or scan the QR code to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code **STGERTRUDE**.





CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The shopping has begun (and maybe finished), schedules are being arranged, sports are underway, nerves or excitement levels are ramping up, plans for first day

pictures are somewhere in the back of mom's mind—it's back to school time. Here at St. Gertrude Parish, that means our children and youth Faith Formation programs are about to begin as well! Whether you're a seasoned veteran with your third or fourth child in Confirmation prep or a brand new family wondering what in the world a "CGS" is, this article is for you!

What Is Children & Youth Faith Formation at Our Parish? Who Is It For?

Faith Formation is a group of ministries from pre-K through 8th grade that focuses on assisting parents in forming their children in the faith, also known as catechesis. It includes:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre-K–Grade 6) – A Montessori-influenced style of faith formation, using prepared environments, hands-on materials, and prayerful direction from trained adults.
- Sacramental Formation (Typically Grade 2) – A parent-and-child experience of sacramental formation for those preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation.
- Family Faith (Grades 3-6) – A parent-and-child formation

experience on Sundays that supports parents as the primary formers of their children's faith, connects parents, and shares the story of how God is forming a people to be his own.

- Confirmation Preparation (Typically Grades 7-8) – A two-year preparation ministry that mostly focuses on small group discussion and mentorship from adult and teen leaders to foster fruitful reception of Confirmation. Includes clear and relevant teaching about Confirmation and the Christian life.

All children and families of the parish are invited to participate in Faith Formation! For those also enrolled in other Catholic education (Catholic school, homeschooled), enrollment is not expected for participation in sacramental initiation.

Where Do I Start? / How Do I Learn More?

Visit stgertrude.org/childrenand youth to learn more about these ministries (especially ones relevant for your children's ages), view the Faith Formation handbook, or contact the respective program coordinator (contact details can be found on the web page).

Is Anything Different This Year Compared to Last Year?

Yes! This year, we have more weekday CGS offerings and a new atrium in the Parish Center. We also changed our Confirmation Preparation meetings to weekly rather than twice a month.

How Do I Register My Children?

Visit stgertrude.org/childrenand youth and click the "Register" button at the top of the page, or scan the QR code.



WALKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRELAND

Nick DeLorenzo, Parishioner

A few years ago, I moved to Cincinnati and found myself surrounded by a strong Catholic community. Through the example

of incredible friends, I began to grow in my relationship with Christ. Their joy and love for God and others made me want that for myself—and I found I was called to share it with others, too. That calling is what led me to apply to serve with NET Ministries. This fall, I'll be heading to Ireland for a year of mission.

NET (National Evangelization Teams) sends young adults to minister to youth through retreats, parish outreach, and

discipleship. I learned about NET's efforts in Ireland through St. Gertrude Parish's youth minister, Shannon Loughrey. After a lot of prayer and conversations, I knew this was what God was calling me to do. What excites me most is the chance to walk with young people and be the kind of witness my friends were for me.

As a missionary, I'm responsible for raising a minimum of \$8,700, with my actual expenses during the year being \$19,000, which is what NET encourages us to raise. If you're able to support me financially or through prayer, I'd be incredibly grateful. Scan the QR code or visit netministries.ie/missionaries/nick-delorenzo to learn more. I am excited to go to Ireland and serve but can't do it alone. Thank you for your support and for being part of the community that formed me.



THIS SUNDAY!

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 church entrances.

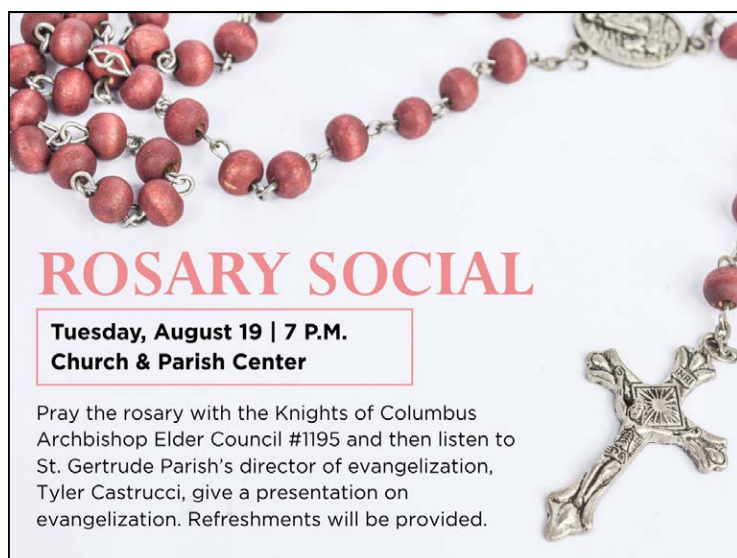
L'ALTO: HIGH SCHOOL

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.



ROSARY SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 19 | 7 P.M.
Church & Parish Center

Pray the rosary with the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 and then listen to St. Gertrude Parish's director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, give a presentation on evangelization. Refreshments will be provided.

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 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

Sponsored by
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH GLENMARY HOUSE MISSIONERS

ROOTED Family Baptism Formation

Interested in having your baby or child baptized? Join us for Rooted, our new Baptism program. You will meet other couples, learn about Baptism, and get helpful tips for cultivating the domestic Church in your home.

Who Is This For?

Parents seeking to have their first child baptized at St. Gertrude Parish or who have not had a child baptized here in the past five years.

When Does It Start?

The first program is Sunday, September 7. Sessions are typically on the first Sunday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is included.

Questions?

Contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2108, or email tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.



Scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/baptismformation, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954 to sign up.

Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

Invite him or her to **Become Catholic.**

Inquirers will enjoy an evening of food, drink, and fellowship with other adults who are interested in Catholicism and to discover what our Become Catholic program is all about.

COME & SEE
Monday, September 8
7-8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center



bit.ly/comeandsee2025

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 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 to sign up.

ANNUAL FATHER/SON EVENT #UNBREAKABLE 3.0

Dads and their sons (K-8th grade) are invited for an afternoon of Fowling, guest speakers, a pizza lunch, fun, and quality time! Why? To encourage dads to be in their sons' lives—always!

September 27, 2025

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fowling Warehouse

2940 Highland Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45212

\$20/person



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2025unbreakable to register.

SIGN UP EARLY BEFORE IT SELLS OUT!



Hosted by St. Gertrude Parish Boosters and Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195.

LADIES BUNCO

All ladies (16+) are invited to Bunco Night! Bring your mothers, daughters, and friends. No experience necessary.



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/ladiesbunco2025 to sign up!



SATURDAY
September 13, 2025
6-10 p.m.



ST. GERTRUDE GYM
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira



\$25/PERSON

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL *Welcoming the* New School Year

FROM THE DESK OF MR. TRAVIS JOHNSON, PRINCIPAL OF ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

It's hard to believe that in just one week, St. Gertrude School will open its doors for a new academic year filled with promise and opportunity! This summer, our school has been busy preparing to welcome students into an environment designed to support their growth in faith, knowledge, and community. We have created a new dedicated space where students can receive the extra help they need to succeed, staffed by caring specialists who work closely with our teachers to serve every child's unique needs.

Our beautiful new St. Isidore Garden is nearly complete and will be a special place where children can learn outdoors, experience God's creation, and develop a deeper sense of stewardship through hands-on discovery. This garden is part of an exciting expansion of our curriculum that connects learning with the wonder of the natural world. We have also made important updates to enhance the safety and comfort of our campus, along with improvements to the playground and parking areas to better serve our school community.

St. Gertrude School is one of the greatest blessings within our parish community—a vital ministry that plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our Church. Our school is more than just an educational institution; it is a place where the values of the Dominican tradition come alive, providing students with a rich foundation for a lifetime of discipleship and leadership.

We invite you to consider the unique opportunity St. Gertrude School offers. Catholic education fosters not only academic excellence, but also spiritual growth and a deep sense of community within our parish. The school is a source of great pride, as it cultivates both the minds and hearts of our young learners, helping them grow into faith-filled individuals ready to meaningfully contribute to the world around them.

As we embark on another exciting school year, we look forward to sharing this journey with you and preparing the next generation of leaders—young people grounded in faith, inspired to serve, and equipped to carry forward the mission of our Catholic faith.



MAKE A GIFT



Help advance key initiatives that enrich the quality and impact of an SGS education.



SCHEDULE A TOUR



Discover how the Dominican tradition nurtures both faith and intellect. Schedule a private tour today.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL



Care to peek inside an SGS classroom? Follow us on social media at [stgertrudeschool.org](https://www.stgertrudeschool.org).

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

All are invited to a prayer service on Saturday, September 13, at 9 a.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery's Baby Garden section 28 (near the bell tower) for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. This memorial service is to honor the memory of more than 63 million innocent lives lost to abortion and those who continue to feel the impact of this profound loss. On this same day, thousands of other prayer services will be held at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Please bring a folding chair or blanket and an umbrella for your comfort. For more information about this national event, please visit nationaldayofremembrance.org.

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 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. Use promo code PARISH25.

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you want to enrich your marriage and return to that newlywed feeling? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) is a time for you and your spouse to rediscover one another and strengthen your marriage. The next WWME Weekend experiences in Ohio are September 19-21 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood and November 7-9 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein. Sign up today at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. If you have any questions need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.



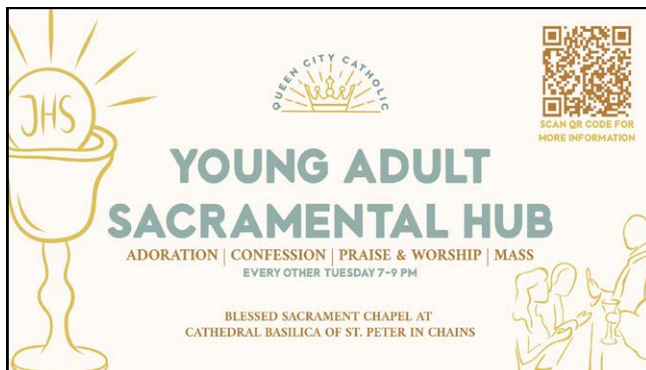
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CASEY ON THE MOUND

Join Catholics from across the archdiocese as Archbishop Casey throws the first pitch before the Cincinnati Reds take on the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, August 30, at Great American Ballpark. Archbishop Casey's pitch will be around 6:25 p.m., and the game begins at 6:40 p.m. The evening will include a celebration of archdiocesan Catholic schools, as Catholic school principals from all 87 grade schools and 24 high schools are invited onto the field around 6:20 p.m. to be recognized. Purchase discounted tickets at gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati2. For each discounted ticket bought through the website, \$5 will be donated to the archdiocese's Catholic Education Foundation (CEF).



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Monday, August 18 | Blessed Mannes, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – Samuel Schroeder by Kevin Breslin
 8 a.m. Mass – † Jo Ann Mertz by The Holt & Pavloff Families
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
 4 p.m. Confessions

Tuesday, August 19 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mass – Matthew Skiba by Hannah Pearson
 8 a.m. Mass – † Bob Green by Exodus Brothers
 10 a.m. Moms & Littles Holy Hour
 11:30 a.m. Mass – The Greve Family by The Well-Read Mom Group
 4 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, August 20 | St. Bernard (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Peg Demboski by Pam Chmiel
 8 a.m. Mass – † James R. Momper by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
 11:30 a.m. Mass – Nealy & Pat Mechley by The Stines Family
 4 p.m. Confessions
 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, August 21 | St. Pius X (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Dino Pelle by The Grumbley Family
 8 a.m. Mass – † Paul Aloysius Kennedy by Walking with Purpose Bible Study
 11:30 a.m. Mass – Beth DeJonckheere by Vicky & Terry Segrist
 4 p.m. Confessions

Friday, August 22 | The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – † James Scherrer by Pete & Donna Marcello
 8 a.m. Mass – † Victor Dosch by Knights of Columbus Elder Council
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Mary Grace Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini
 4 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, August 23 | St. Rose of Lima, O.P. (M)

- 8 a.m. Mass – Sophia Henderson by Dina & Alan Henderson
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Donald & Mildred Busson by Robert & Joan Ragusa
 3:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Mass – † Tom Frank by Patty Norris

Sunday, August 24 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass – † John Burke by Kim & Linda Burke
 10 a.m. Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
 12 p.m. Mass – † Bob Schneider by The Gonzalez-Proctor Family
 6 p.m. Mass – † John D. Kammerer by Megan Luiso & Jacob Heuker



PASTORAL CARE

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

Our priests and lay ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness or being homebound. This important ministry is a vital sign of the parish community's love and support for all of our members.

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 31 **Materials Due:** August 20
 Please submit your bulletin information and Mass announcements to bulletin@stgertrude.org.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Weekly Collection and Budget Report

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| Collection for August 10, 2025 | |
| Collection | \$34,913 |
| Weekly Budget | \$47,059 |
| Weekly Deficit | (\$12,146) |
| Second Collection – Archdiocese of Tororo | \$2,405 |

Fiscal Year-to-Date

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Year Ending June 30, 2026 | |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$244,933 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$282,353 |
| Fiscal YTD Deficit | (\$37,420) |

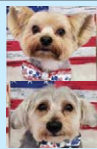
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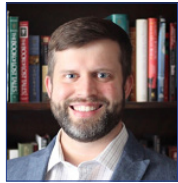


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