

TAKE CARE TO GUARD AGAINST ALL GREED,  
FOR THOUGH ONE MAY BE RICH,  
ONE'S LIFE DOES NOT  
CONSIST OF POSSESSIONS.

– LUKE 12:15



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

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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-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12 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 worshipping 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.

### 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

## 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.



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.





### SOME LATE-SUMMER PARISH UPDATES

As the calendar turns from July to August, I want to share some of the highlights that this last month of summer will bring to our parish.

We're just about a week away from August 8, which is the solemnity of St. Dominic. That morning, in a private ceremony in the priory, our new group of novices will receive their Dominican habits and their religious names. Our normal 11:30 a.m. Mass that day will be the community's celebration of our patronal feast day, with the novices providing the music for the Mass.

A week later, on Friday, August 15 (the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation), the novices who have been with us this past year will be making their simple profession of vows at 11:30 a.m. Mass. We warmly invite anyone who is free to join us for this solemn and joy-filled occasion.

Then, the weekend of August 16-17 is going to be BIG, with a lot of things happening. First of all, this will be the first of several special stewardship renewals happening in the parish this year. The focus of this first one is on our stewardship of talent. We will be inviting everyone to reflect upon the talents, gifts, abilities, and experiences of your lives; to thank the Lord for those talents; and to discern whether there might be a way God is calling you to share those talents in serving him and your brothers and sisters. Our director of stewardship, Hope Ramundo, will be present after all Masses that weekend to assist in matching up your gifts and talents with the needs of the parish. (By the way, Hope just got married this summer . . . congratulations, Hope!) That Sunday will also be our annual parish ministries fair. Select ministries will have tables set up after Masses with information about their ministries.

And to top it all off, that will be the final weekend that Father Titus, our summer priest "help," is with us. Since he is newly ordained and there are special indulgences associated with getting a first priestly blessing from a newly ordained priest, he will be the celebrant for the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 17, and then bestow blessings in the Parish Center after Mass.

Finally, two announcements related to our music program. First, after many, many years of providing music for funerals at our

parish, our Resurrection Choir is drawing to a close. I am profoundly thankful for all those who sang in that choir throughout its existence. We will probably never know the full extent of the comfort that ministry brought to grieving families. On behalf of all of us at St. Gertrude Parish, THANK YOU to all of the past and current Resurrection Choir members.

The other announcement is that our director of music, Dr. Christopher Holman, has been appointed director of music and assistant professor of music at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. No worries though, he will still continue in his role here at St. Gertrude Parish. Congratulations, Christopher, on your new appointment!

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

### MASS OF SIMPLE PROFESSION

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.

### FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"When I arrived at Warsaw, I went into the small chapel for a moment to thank the Lord for a safe journey, and I asked the Lord to give me the assistance and the grace necessary for everything that was in store for me here. I submitted myself in all things to His holy will. I

heard these words, 'Fear nothing; all difficulties will serve for the fulfillment of My will.'"

- Diary, #634



## HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m. Mass) this weekend, collecting donations for Hope Emergency Center. Hope is an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poorest people in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties, serving approximately 250 families who are struggling to make ends meet. The Center has asked that this year's August Back-to-School collection be focused on their greatest needs: donations of glue sticks, pens, one-subject notebooks, loose leaf paper, 24-pack crayons, 8- and 10-pack colored pencils, and folders. In addition, Hope is in great need of new underwear in sizes 2 through adult small for both girls and boys. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions. Please consider picking up extra items for this collection when you do your family's back-to-school shopping. Your donations are so very much appreciated!

## 2025 MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN APPEAL

This weekend at all Masses, a priest from the Archdiocese of Tororo will be speaking about the missions in Uganda. The Archdiocese of Tororo, found in the eastern part of Uganda, has 47 parishes. Like most low-income countries, the average annual income of parishioners is about \$1,000/family, which is mainly from small-scale farming. But they have far more needs than local income is able to support. The speaker will share more about their needs and how your prayers and financial support can bring Jesus to the people of Uganada. To give online, visit [tororoarchdiocese.org/index.php/mcp/mission-support-for-the-archdiocese](http://tororoarchdiocese.org/index.php/mcp/mission-support-for-the-archdiocese).

## BAPTISMS - JULY 20, 2025



Child: Annie Katharine Betsch  
Parents: Mary & Rick Betsch



Child: Liam Patrick Murphy  
Parents: Kristen & Tyler Murphy



Child: Laylah Kay Phillips  
Parents: Meredith Stradley & William Phillips



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, Ed and 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

† Patricia Mitchell, mother of Karen Mitchell



### 2025 DOMINICAN RITE MASSES

Our Dominican Rite Masses will be resuming this week. Please join us on Monday, August 4, at 7 p.m. for a solemn high Mass in honor of our holy father St. Dominic. The music will be Misa Caça by Cristobal Morales. Here is the schedule for the rest of 2025 (all Masses are at 7 p.m.):

- September 5 | Low Mass for the Deceased Familiars and Benefactors of the Order of Preachers
- 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



### 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!



### YOU'RE INVITED: NEXT STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Are you passionate about living out the theology of stewardship and deepening your Catholic faith? Join our parish stewardship committee! Our third open meeting will be Wednesday, August 6, at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. Come learn more about the committee's mission and goals and how you can get involved. Light refreshments and desserts will be provided. For more details, please contact Hope Ramundo, director of stewardship, at [hramundo@stgertrude.org](mailto:hramundo@stgertrude.org).



### SCHOLA CANTORUM REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Children ages 8-13 are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish Schola Cantorum. In this mixed-voice ensemble, children sing soprano alongside our parish's professional adult staff singers who sing alto, tenor, and bass. Most Sundays during the school year, the choir sings at 12 p.m. Mass. The children also learn the great music of the Church, develop skills in sight reading, receive individual voice lessons, and more. Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. To learn more and sign up, visit [stgertrude.org/schola](https://stgertrude.org/schola).



### 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.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

**6:30 p.m.** Alpha (St. Dominic Lobby)  
**7 p.m.** Healing Rosary (Rosary Garden)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

**12-6 p.m.** St. Gertrude School Uniform Sale (Cafeteria)  
**7 p.m.** Summer Jubilee Book Study (St. Joseph Room)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**7 p.m.** Stewardship Committeed Meeting (St. Joseph Room)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

**7:30 a.m.** Catholic Men's Fellowship (Cafeteria)  
**9 a.m.** Respect Life Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)

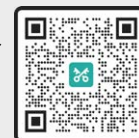
## BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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).



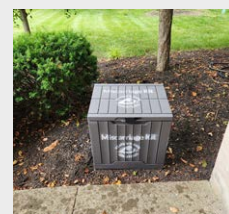
## CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

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.



## 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.



## Cana for Mothers

Are you looking for ideas on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? A new Cana Called to Motherhood group is forming for fall 2025!

We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, the *Catechism*, and Pope St. John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. We also share stories and advice on how to raise faith-filled children and be better wives and mothers.

Scan the QR code or visit [canafamilyinstitute.com](http://canafamilyinstitute.com) to learn more and sign up. Use discount code **GERTRUDE25** to receive \$30 off the registration fee!

If you have questions, contact Anita at [cana@stgertrude.org](mailto:cana@stgertrude.org).



## NEW PODCAST EPISODE

Father Reginald Hoeffler's Drinking with Dominicans talk from July 30 is now on the St. Gertrude Parish podcast. Take a listen!



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### ROOTED

By Tyler Castrucci

Director of Evangelization

“Looks like it never took root.”

My wife and I have come to this unhappy realization several times in

our attempt to have a home garden. Whether it be tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, or cilantro, the foundational key to planting vegetables and herbs is establishing healthy roots in good soil. There are many other reasons why a plant might fail to thrive (such as deer!), but it all begins with being rooted. Outside of gardening, we often hear this word used in everyday conversation. For example, when someone gets married or buys a house, we often say they are “putting down roots.” Likewise, when searching for a solution to a complex problem or situation, we often hear people say they want to get to the “root” cause of the problem.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary provides several definitions for the word “rooted,” including this one, which I think broadly covers many of the different uses of the word: “something that is an origin or source (as of a condition or quality).” In the context of our journey of discipleship with Jesus, we can think of our need to be firmly rooted in him, who is the “source and summit” of the Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324). Our relationship with Jesus is foundational: he is the one who leads us to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

The need to be rooted in Christ Jesus is also true within the context of family life. Through the sacrament of Matrimony, the bond between husband and wife is elevated by the grace of Christ. The Catechism beautifully echoes this truth, saying, “Christ dwells with (the couple), gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to ‘be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ,’ and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1642). Christ, then, is at the heart of the marital bond, supplying all the grace needed for the couple to grow in love with him and each other. This grace redounds to the offspring of the married couple, who are called to be the “first heralds” of the Gospel for them (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1656). It is within the context of the family, the domestic Church, that the evangelization of children begins, is sustained,

and is brought to maturation. Finally, married couples do not walk this journey alone; the parish is called to be a family of families, a place of authentic Christ-centered community accompanying each other on our pilgrimage through this life.

Summing this all up, we can say that couples are called to be rooted in Christ for each other, for their families, within the parish community. Beginning this September, we are launching a new program called Rooted: Family Baptism Formation, which seeks to help couples grow in this rootedness as they prepare to have their young children baptized. Rooted will happen once a month, typically on the first Sunday, and include:

- lunch,
- catechesis on Baptism and the role of parents and godparents in building the domestic Church,
- witness talks from married couples, and
- workshopping practical suggestions and ideas.

While designed primarily for parents desiring Baptism for their first children (whether their first overall children or their first children being baptized at St. Gertrude Parish) or those who haven't had a child baptized in five years, this program is also open to any couple desiring Baptism for a child who is seeking more formation and community. It is our hope that providing a deeper understanding of the grace of the sacraments of Matrimony and Baptism, along with a greater sense of community and connection, will help couples cultivate authentic Christian homes, becoming a sign of God's love, which will transform the world.

## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO LEAD YOUR FAMILY IN FAITH?

REIGNING IN LIFE:  
**BECOMING PROVIDER**  
A Catholic Small group for Husbands and Fathers

Join with other men to become a courageous leader for your family and in your workplace.

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up. Use discount code GERTRUDE25 to receive \$30 off the registration fee! If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Castrucci at [tcastrucci@stgertrude.org](mailto:tcastrucci@stgertrude.org)

 THE CAVA EXPERIENCE



SCAN TO REGISTER





Do you ever feel stuck in your journey of faith? Are you wanting more?

## TRY OMEGA!

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

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



### Who Is This For?

Adult Catholics who want to get more out of their lives of faith.

### Who Teaches Omega?

Tyler Castrucci, director of evangelization, and Father Reginald Hoefer, O.P., parochial vicar.

### What Will We Be Learning?

This is not a book study, but we'll gradually read Frank Sheed's *To Know Christ Jesus* and Father Anselm Moynihan, O.P.'s, short spiritual work *The Presence of God*. Through the 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.

### What Do I Get By Signing Up?

A copy of *To Know Christ Jesus*, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *The Presence of God*, and other materials used throughout the program.

## Come as you are.

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

### Make authentic connections with other women.

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts—and we invite you to join us for one of our three Bible studies beginning this fall!



Visit [bit.ly/wwp2025](https://bit.ly/wwp2025) or scan the QR code to learn more and register by August 29, 2025!



walking with purpose

[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](https://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

## Building a Eucharistic Marriage

Marriage is a gift—and, at times, a challenge. When it gets difficult, it's hard to find the time to make your marriage better and even to know where to turn.

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

**August 21–October 2**

**6:30–8:30 p.m.**

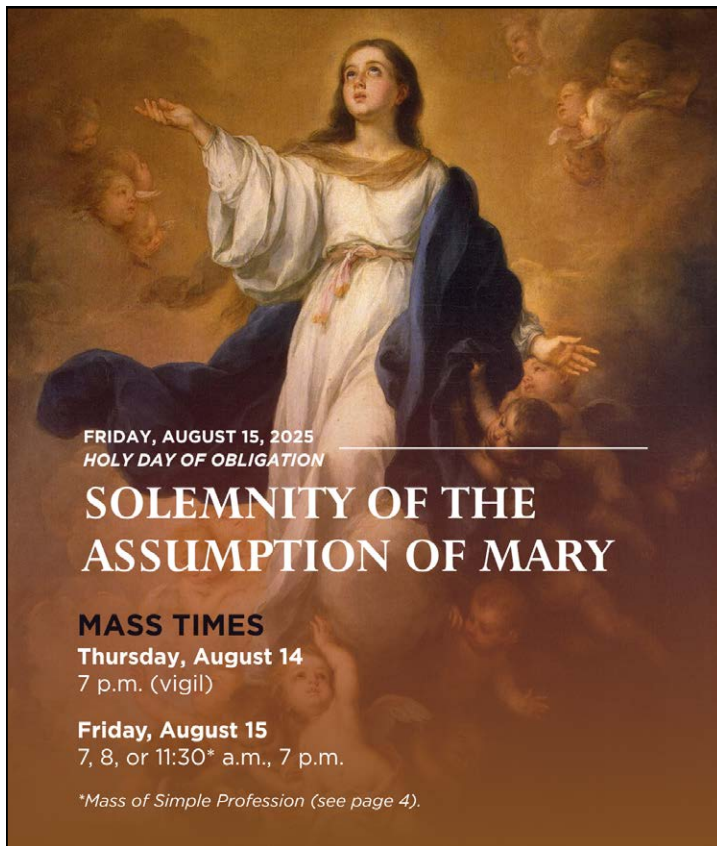
**Parish Center**

Child care available

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







**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
 ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

**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 page 4).*

**ANNUAL FATHER/SON EVENT**  
**#UNBREAKABLE 3.0**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**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](https://bit.ly/2025unbreakable)  
 to register.



**SIGN UP EARLY BEFORE IT SELLS OUT!**

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

**ST. GERTRUDE PARISH  
 PICNIC**

Save the date for our annual parish 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




**2025-2026  
 SACRED MUSIC  
 SERIES**

St. Gertrude Parish is delighted to present its second annual Sacred Music Series. Over the course of the 2025-2026 program year, this rapidly-growing initiative brings together world-class artists from across the United States and Europe to share the Roman Catholic Church's vast treasury of sacred music through the centuries in concerts, musical meditations, and liturgies.



Scan to view all events and learn more!





We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous individuals who contributed to the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF), a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) in the State of Ohio, in support of St. Gertrude School. These gifts, received between October 29, 2024, and April 22, 2025, reflect a shared commitment to the mission of Catholic education and the flourishing of our parish school.

As faithful stewards of these resources, we are pleased to report a current scholarship balance of \$199,413.94. This fund will be used to make a St. Gertrude School education accessible to more families, helping to form young hearts and minds in the Dominican tradition for generations to come.

## 2024-2025 DONORS

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### TREASURES IN CLAY: A RETREAT FOR ARTISTS

Artists of all mediums and abilities are invited to the Treasures in Clay retreat September 12-14 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center to reflect on the ways God the Creator makes us in his image. Sculptor Nancy-Carolyn Smith will lead attendees in three-dimensional bas-relief exercises and reflections on sacred art, and Father Thomas Flynn, L.C., will serve as retreat master. The weekend includes opportunities for art making, personal prayer, Mass, confession, and spiritual direction. The retreat begins 6 p.m. Friday and ends 12 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$230 per person, \$160 for day-only guests, and \$200 for students. Register at [cognitiforms.com/RegnumChristiCincinnatiLocality/TreasuresInClay](http://cognitiforms.com/RegnumChristiCincinnatiLocality/TreasuresInClay). No sculpting experience necessary! Sponsored by Called to Create (a Regnum Christi apostolate) and The Angelico Catholic Arts Guild

### JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE SILENT RETREAT

All Catholics ages 18 and over are invited to a silent retreat August 29-30 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein in Maria Stein, Ohio. The retreat includes Mass at the Shrine of the Holy Relics; 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.

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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating a jubilee wedding anniversary (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Saturday, September 6, at 5 p.m. at Church of the Incarnation (Centerville) or on Sunday, September 7, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Family members are welcome to attend as well. Visit [bit.ly/jubileemasses](http://bit.ly/jubileemasses) by August 25 to RSVP.



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### Monday, August 4 | St. John Vianney (M)

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Ted Leugers by The Bentley Family  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Alvin Rusche by Mike & Beth Stoll  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order  
 4 p.m. Confessions  
 7 p.m. Dominican Rite Mass – Intention of the Celebrant

### Tuesday, August 5 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Thomas Frank by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Catherine Burkhard by Rich & Janet Biegner  
 10 a.m. Moms & Littles Holy Hour  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † James Greve by St. Gertrude Parish  
 4 p.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, August 6 | The Transfiguration of the Lord (F)

- 7 a.m. Mass – William Wallace by Anne Schirmer  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz  
 4 p.m. Confessions  
 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions

### Thursday, August 7 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Dennis Imwalle by Anne Elise Smith  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Rosie Williams by Jim & Anne Collins  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † Vanessa Contreras by Christopher Holman  
 4 p.m. Confessions

### Friday, August 8 | Holy Father St. Dominic (S)

- 7 a.m. Mass – † Kim Caswell by Jeanne Johantges  
 8 a.m. Mass – † Charles Stalzer by St. Gertrude Parish  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – Novices Receiving the Habit  
 4 p.m. Confessions

### Saturday, August 9 | Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. Mass – † Patricia & Norman Murdock by The Murdock Family  
 11:30 a.m. Mass – † William Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Mass – † Heather Gilbert by Harold & Coleen Glorius & Family

### Sunday, August 10 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass – † Ruth Stuebbe by Pete & Donna Marcello  
 10 a.m. Mass – † Edward & Margaret Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter  
 12 p.m. Boosters Fall Sports Mass – † Michael Sexton by Tom & Kim Hahn  
 6 p.m. Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish



## PASTORAL CARE

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### 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 17 **Materials Due:** August 6  
 Please submit your bulletin information and Mass announcements to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org).

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Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for July 27, 2025	
Collection	\$25,959
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$21,100)

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
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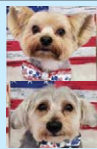


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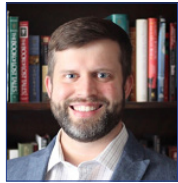


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