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Church Hours

Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

School Office Hours

M-F, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



# 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.

## BECOME A PARISHIONER

Ready to join our vibrant parish of missionary disciples?

Register as a parishioner at [stgertrude.org/register](http://stgertrude.org/register). Paper 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 about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, scan the QR code or contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at [tcastrucci@stgertrude.org](mailto:tcastrucci@stgertrude.org).







### THE WISDOM OF ONE OF THE GREAT SAINTS

Earlier this week, we celebrated the feast day of St. Augustine, bishop and Doctor of the Church. All Catholics owe a great debt to St. Augustine, as he is one of the

greatest teachers and theologians in the Church and one of the four “fathers of the Western Church.” He also holds a special place in the lives of Dominicans, as St. Dominic chose the Rule of St. Augustine as the foundational rule for our religious life. This year, our attention is specially drawn to this saint because Pope Leo XIV is an Augustinian priest and religious. Rather than writing a full letter this week simply telling you about this great saint, I thought it would be better to let St. Augustine himself do the talking. So, without further ado, let me share some of my favorite passages from the writings of this amazing saint.

*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”*

*“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new! Late have I loved you! And, behold, you were within me, and I out of myself, and there I searched for you.”*

*“Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and the times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times.”*

*“I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are very wise and very beautiful; but I never read in either of them, ‘Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest...’”*

*“For God loves saving, not condemning, and therefore He is patient with bad people, in order to make good people out of bad people.”*

*“What is love’s perfection? To love our enemies, and to love them to the end that they may become our brothers.”*

*“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”*

My wish for every one of you is that you live this “greatest romance,” pursue this “greatest adventure,” and attain more and more every day this “greatest human achievement.” May the wisdom of this extraordinary saint bring each of us inspiration and guidance, this day and throughout the year, as it has shaped and guided Pope Leo for decades.

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN GAZA

With great concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza, the USCCB has requested that dioceses throughout the country organize a voluntary special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support to those suffering in Gaza and the surrounding areas of the Middle East. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association is providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. Catholic Relief Services is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people’s emotional well-being. **Next weekend, September 6-7, we will have a special collection to support those suffering in Gaza and the efforts of these agencies.**

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



O my Jesus, my Master and Director, strengthen and enlighten me in these difficult moments of my life. I expect no help from people; all my hope is in You... Enlighten my mind that I may know Your will. O God, You who pervade my soul, You know that I desire nothing but Your glory. You are the delight of my heart, the food of my soul, the light of my intellect, the omnipotent strength of my will; for when I unite myself with Your will, O Lord, Your power works through me and takes the place of my feeble will.

*Diary, #650*

## CANONIZATION CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, September 7, Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P., and Blessed Carlo Acutis. To celebrate the canonization of these two young Italian saints, the parish will provide coffee and doughnuts after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Please join us in the gym to commemorate this joyous event. Prayer cards for both saints will be available at the celebration, as well as in the church.



Blessed Pier Giorgio



Blessed Carlo Acutis

## JOIN THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel of Luke (14:1,7-14), Jesus tells us to invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" when we hold a banquet. Jesus says, "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." What is not said is how blessed one feels when, through the generosity of our parishioners, we are able to help our neighbors with fundamental needs when there is a bump in their road. We at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank you and invite you to join us! For more information, call Jennifer Mansfield at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2112.

## BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All boys and girls of St. Gertrude Parish in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the 2025-2026 Bulldogs basketball program! Early bird registration is open for girls until September 23 and for boys until October 3. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/stgbulldogs](https://bit.ly/stgbulldogs). If you have questions please contact Jeff Shafer at [shafersport@gmail.com](mailto:shafersport@gmail.com) (girls) or Robert Franer at [franersports@gmail.com](mailto:franersports@gmail.com) (boys).



## LADIES OF CHARITY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Ladies of Charity will have an organizational meeting on Saturday, September 13, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. We will make our plans for upcoming fall activities, including the Craft & Gift Show, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Giving Tree, as well as make plans for 2026. All women age 18 and older who are practicing Catholics are welcome to attend and join the Ladies of Charity. Meet new friends, and enjoy serving fellow members of our community. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

## LADIES OF CHARITY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

Calling all crafters! Showcase your homemade craft or small business products in the St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity Craft & Gift Show on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are a limited number of crafter booths available, so RSVP now to hold your spot. For more information, contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or Marilyn Scherpenberg at (513) 831-4467.



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, Heather Pfeiffer, 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

† William E. Santen Sr.



### PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Beginning this Wednesday, September 3, the St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life ministry will be sponsoring our regular Wednesday Holy Hours on the first Wednesday of every month. Each sponsored Holy Hour will focus on a specific intention. The intention for the September 3 Holy Hour is, “For all pregnant moms who go into labor during the month of September, that delivery of their babies brings unforgettable joy and love.” All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this dedicated time of prayer and adoration. As usual, priests will be available for confessions.



### 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](http://stgertrude.org/dominicanrite).



### CANA SMALL GROUPS FOR DADS & MOMS

This fall, St. Gertrude Parish is offering the following programs to help men and women 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



### ST. ANNE & THE CHILD MARY GUILD—A GROUP FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 5-8

All girls in grades 5-8 are invited to our first St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild meeting of the 2025-2026 school year on Saturday, September 13, from 9 to 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will enjoy breakfast together, care for the church, listen to a short talk, engage in a fun activity or craft, and have time to socialize. No registration is required. The purpose of the St. Anne's Guild is to help girls grow in prayer and faith, learn about various vocations for women, serve the parish community, and develop deep friendships with other girls and women mentors. If you have any questions, please contact Ann McCormick at [ann.mccormick@ymail.com](mailto:ann.mccormick@ymail.com).



### WALKING WITH PURPOSE NEEDS TWO BABYSITTERS

Do you love children? Do you want to give back to others? Serve as 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.



## This WEEK

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)

9 a.m. | Las Guadalupanas (St. Joseph Room)

9 a.m. | Respect Life Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9 a.m. | Coffee and Doughnuts (Gym)

11 a.m. | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)

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

## CAMPUS CLOSURES & SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

- **Adoration Chapel:** The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed through Monday, September 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2, at 7:30 a.m.
- **Parish & School Offices:** The parish and school offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.
- **Mass & Confessions:** There will be one Mass at 8 a.m. and no confessions on Monday, September 1.

## LADIES OF CHARITY LIFE FORWARD COLLECTION

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) next weekend, September 6–7, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Life Forward, an organization that supports women and their families in making life-affirming decisions regarding pregnancy. Most frequently collected items include Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow label) and Enfamil Gentlease Formula (purple label); diapers size 1–4; wipes (hypoallergenic/fragrance free); sleepers size preemie–6 months (unisex); and pack 'n plays. If you have any questions about Life Forward or Ladies of Charity, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

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

 MyCatholicWill

## BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

Eucharistic guardians are people who sign up for and commit to a weekly Holy Hour in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and over-night on Wednesday. We need at least two people signed up for every hour; many spots are available. To learn more or sign up, 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. Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can pass on your Legacy of Faith and plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics in an incredible way. Scan the QR code or visit [MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude](http://MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude) to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code **STGERTRUDE**.



## 2025 PARISH CENSUS & SURVEY

If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive an email about our 2025 Census & Survey, please contact the parish office at [parishoffice@stgertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgertrude.org) or (513) 561-5954. There will be paper copies of the census and survey available the weekend of September 6-7.

### RITE OF ENTRANCE AND WELCOMING

At the 12 p.m. Mass this past Sunday, August 24, our parish joyfully witnessed seven men and women complete the Rite of Entrance and Welcoming. This is the first formal step toward being baptized, or received, into the full communion of the Catholic Church. In this rite, the candidates are formally welcomed into our parish community and make a commitment to continue in their formation. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to journey through the process of becoming Catholic.

*Pictured: All seven of the candidates and six of the candidates' sponsors.*



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

**INVITE HIM OR HER TO BECOME  
CATHOLIC.**

#### **COME & SEE DINNER**

**Monday, September 8 | 7-8:30 p.m.  
St. Gertrude Parish Center**

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.

Visit [bit.ly/comeandsee2025](https://bit.ly/comeandsee2025) or  
scan the QR code to RSVP.



## 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**

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

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



### THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS

St. Gertrude Parish has signed up for a subscription to *The Word Among Us*, a monthly publication that combines the daily Mass readings, daily meditations and articles, and the parts of the Mass into one convenient and easy to use booklet for every day of the year. Each month, we will receive a limited number of copies of the booklet, which we will place in the church for parishioners to take on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope this resource helps deepen your experience of Mass and your faith life. To learn more about *The Word Among Us* or sign up for your own subscription, visit [wau.org](https://wau.org).





## 2025-2026 SACRED MUSIC SERIES KICKS OFF IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS!

*Dr. Christopher Holman*  
Director of Music

One of the great joys of serving at St. Gertrude is welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds into

the beauty of the Church's musical tradition. Our second Sacred Music Series begins in just a few weeks, giving us the chance to gather as a parish family to experience works of faith that have inspired Christians for centuries. I warmly invite each of you to the opening program on **Friday, September 12, at 7 p.m.**, featuring a work especially dear to me: Johann Sebastian Bach's *Mass in G Major*, sung by the Capella with an orchestra of virtuoso specialists playing instruments from Bach's time.

Bach composed this masterpiece around 1738—not as a concert piece, but as sacred music for the liturgy. In it, extended settings of the Kyrie and Gloria come alive with soaring lines, joyful rhythms, and the profound reverence that marks all of his sacred music. Remarkably, it is one of his only choral-orchestral works written (most likely) for the Roman Catholic liturgy, weaving together prayer and praise in music that is at once humble and exalted.

I am especially delighted to welcome back as lead first violin, **Zachary Carrettin**, whose artistry so moved us last season. Alongside Zachary, we have invited extraordinary historical instrument players from across the United States—from New York City, Seattle, Charlotte, Pittsburgh, and beyond. Many of them are musicians I first worked with as an undergraduate. It's not an exaggeration to say I learned how to play baroque music from working with these artists, and it is a special joy to bring them together again under one roof—most especially, here at my spiritual home.

And this is only the beginning. The rest of the Sacred Music Series will carry us through a wide range of sacred masterpieces, including the captivating melodies of French grand opera adapted to the Church, the elegance of Haydn and Mozart, the poignant contrasts of two settings of the *Stabat Mater*, and a harpsichord recital that will challenge every preconceived notion of the instrument. Each program is an opportunity not only to hear beautiful music but also to pray, reflect, and lift our hearts to God.

I warmly encourage you to consider a season subscription. Subscribing not only saves you 25 percent compared to individual tickets, but also ensures you won't miss any part of this journey. More importantly, your subscription helps make it

possible to continue offering concerts of this caliber here at St. Gertrude—a true gift of beauty for our parish and the wider community. We are also offering family tickets: For just \$60, your entire household can attend together—less than the cost of a single ticket to most concerts at Music Hall.

Please mark your calendars, invite a friend, and join us as we begin this year's Sacred Music Series with Bach's joyful *Mass in G*. Together, let us give thanks for the gift of sacred music and, through it, give glory. As Bach so often wrote, *Soli Deo gloria*—to God alone be the glory.

### 2025-2026 SACRED MUSIC SERIES OPENER!



## BACH'S *MASS IN G MAJOR*

**Friday, September 12 | 7 p.m.**  
**St. Gertrude Church**

A radiant expression of glorious praise! Performed by St. Gertrude Parish's Capella and an orchestra of virtuoso specialists from all over the United States. Featuring Bach's *Concerto for Oboe and Violin in C Minor*, BWV 1060R, with dazzling solo writing performed by baroque oboist Kristin Olson and baroque violinist Zachary Carrettin.

Get your tickets today! Visit [bit.ly/bachtickets](https://bit.ly/bachtickets) or scan the QR code. Tickets also available at the door.



To learn more about the 2025-2026 Sacred Music Series and view the full schedule, scan the QR code or visit [stgertrude.org/sacredmusic.html](https://stgertrude.org/sacredmusic.html)



The Sacred Music Series is funded largely through individual giving in our freewill offerings, Catholic organizations, businesses, and individuals. If you are interested in supporting the series, consider making a tax-deductible gift. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go toward welcoming incredible guest artists from all over the country and abroad. For more information, please speak with Dr. Christopher Holman or email him at [cholman@stgertrude.org](mailto:cholman@stgertrude.org).

## 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 [tcastrucci@stgertrude.org](mailto:tcastrucci@stgertrude.org).

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



**Sign up now!**

## LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

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



### SATURDAY

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



### ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

6543 Miami Ave., Madeira

Visit [bit.ly/ladiesbunco2025](https://bit.ly/ladiesbunco2025) or scan the QR code to sign up!



### 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.*



## BOURBON & BOOKS KICKOFF EVENT

**October 2025 | Date and Time TBD**

**St. Gertrude Parish Center**

Are you looking to develop community with other men of the parish? Do you have an existing group of friends with whom you want to grow?

**All men are invited to join us for good bourbon, great conversation, and an opportunity to learn about this ministry.**

Visit [stgertrude.org/bourbonandbooks](https://stgertrude.org/bourbonandbooks) or scan the QR code to learn more.







## THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF DOMINICAN EDUCATION

*Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P.  
Vice Principal of SGS*

This year, St. Gertrude School welcomes Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P., as vice principal.

She brings a thoughtful perspective on education and faith and a steadfast dedication to forming students in intellect, character, and virtue. In the conversation below, she shares her vision for the school and what most excites her about serving at St. Gertrude.

**Q: As a Dominican sister, you bring the 800-year-old tradition of St. Dominic into our school. How do you see that heritage shaping the daily life of our students?**

**A:** Dominican life rests on four pillars, each shaping the hearts and minds of our students. Prayer – The Eucharist is the heart of both Dominican life and St. Gertrude School, and our centrally located chapel invites students to pause, reflect, and encounter Christ throughout their days. Study – By our very nature, we seek truth, and our teachers inspire a love of learning that reaches beyond the classroom. Community – Students discover the value of true friendship and grow in virtue together, especially within the school's vibrant household system. Service – Created in God's image, our students are taught to honor and serve their classmates, teachers, families, and the broader community with reverence and generosity.

**Q: St. Gertrude is one of only two schools in the country blessed with the daily presence and partnership of Dominican sisters and friars. What difference does that make for our students and families?**

**A:** Two distinctions stand out. First, through the presence of the sisters and friars, students and families witness the profound joy that flows from trusting in God's providence, a joy that is both beautiful and transformative. Second, the friars and sisters are united in heart and mind in God, creating a space in which the Holy Spirit can abundantly pour out grace upon our school and community.

**Q: Many schools promise strong academics and good values. What is it about a Dominican education at St. Gertrude that forms the whole child in a uniquely Catholic way?**

**A:** Strong intellectual formation is essential, but a Dominican education extends beyond the mind. It shapes the will, the emotions, the senses, and the body, all within the light of a Catholic worldview. Our aim is to cultivate in students a love of truth in every aspect of life, a pursuit that ultimately draws them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, the source of all truth.

**Q: What most excites you about stepping into the role of vice principal here, and what would you say to a parish family that hasn't yet considered St. Gertrude School for its children?**

**A:** From my first visit to St. Gertrude last May, it was clear that faculty, staff, and parents are dedicated to helping students become who God has created them to be. They understand that the most important question is not, "What will you be when you grow up?" but, "Who will you be?" I am thrilled to join this community. For any parish family considering St. Gertrude School, I warmly invite you to reach out. I would be delighted to meet you and answer your questions.



Have you considered  
giving your child the gift of  
a *Dominican* education right  
here at your parish school?



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### 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 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. **Father John Paul Walker, O.P., will be one of the speakers at the service.** Please bring a folding chair or blanket and an umbrella for your comfort. For more information about this national event, please visit [nationaldayofremembrance.org](http://nationaldayofremembrance.org).

### 75TH VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON ROSARY RALLY

Everyone is invited to the 75th Venerable Patrick Peyton Rosary Rally on Sunday, September 7, at the University of Notre Dame. The event kicks off at 1 p.m. with pre-rally music provided by the St. Andre Singers. The rally officially begins at 1:30 p.m. and includes a keynote address from Alex Jones, praying the rosary, and a talk from Father Fred Jenga, C.S.C. For more information and to view the full schedule, visit [familyrosary.org/rosaryrally](http://familyrosary.org/rosaryrally).

### DATE WITH FATHER NATE: A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

All married couples are invited to take time out of their busy lives on the evening of Saturday, October 18, to celebrate their marriage and reflect on what is truly important. Using humor and inspiration, Father Nathan Cromly helps couples make sense of the ordinary struggles they face and gives them tools to renew and reenergize their marriages. Attire is Sunday best; dressy for a date. The event will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Memorial Hall (4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY, 41076) and includes 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (optional), a cocktail hour with live music, talks from Father Cromly, heavy appetizers, dessert, a marriage blessing, and dancing. Learn more and get your tickets at [brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/saint-john-leadership-network/609543](http://brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/saint-john-leadership-network/609543). If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Pluta at [margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org](mailto:margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org).

### 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 at [esharing.org/applyWeekend.php](http://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php). If you have questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org), or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org).

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**"Glorify God in your body." (1Cor. 6:20)**

### SEEKING VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

Pregnancy Center Plus is looking for volunteers to share their skills with our client community on a monthly basis. Do you have a teachable skill that you can share? Do you work in finance? Are you a trained health professional who knows about infant sleep, nutrition, or breastfeeding? Are you an artist? If you are a "people person" who would love to share your knowledge with a small group in a casual atmosphere, then this might be the opportunity for you! Contact Melissa Neidhard at [mneidhard@pcplus.org](mailto:mneidhard@pcplus.org) for details.




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**Monday, September 1 | Labor Day**  
8 a.m. | Mass – For All Who Labor

**Tuesday, September 2 | Weekday**  
7 a.m. | Mass – Samuel Schroeder by Kevin Breslin  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Nick Hahn by Mike & Beth Stoll  
8:40 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Kuehn Frederick by Pete & Donna Marcello  
4 p.m. | Confessions

**Wednesday, September 3 | St. Gregory the Great (M)**  
7 a.m. | Mass – † John Heywood by Monica Walker  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Severyn by The Holt & Pavloff Families  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Ruth Stuebbe by St. Gertrude Parish  
4 p.m. | Confessions  
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

**Thursday, September 4 | Weekday**  
7 a.m. | Mass – Father John Paul Walker, O.P.,  
by St. Gertrude Parish & School Staff  
8 a.m. | Mass – † John Fanning by Mike & Elaine O'Connell  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Rink by Marylyn Clark  
4 p.m. | Confessions

**Friday, September 5 | Weekday**  
7 a.m. | Mass – † Kim Caswell by Jim & Anita Pappalardo  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Bob Green by The Stines Family  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Benefactors and Familiars of  
the Order of Friars Preachers  
4 p.m. | Confessions  
7 p.m. | Dominican Rite Mass – Intention of the Celebrant

**Saturday, September 6 | Blessed Virgin Mary (M)**  
8 a.m. | Mass – Anne Pachuk by The Pachuk Family  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jim Momper by Elaine & Jeff Parker  
3:30 p.m. | Confessions  
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Don Beimesche  
by Harold & Coleen Glorius & Family

**Sunday, September 7 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8 a.m. | Mass – † J.R. Leasure by Kim & Linda Burke  
10 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family  
by John & Hilda Bough  
12 p.m. | Mass – † Richard Vogeles  
by Knights of Columbus Elder Council  
6 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish



### **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.

### **REASONS TO BECOME A PARISHIONER**

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Please submit your bulletin information and Mass  
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, August 24, 2025	
Collection	\$34,938
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$12,121)
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$327,723
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$376,471
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$48,748)



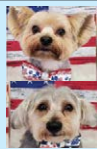
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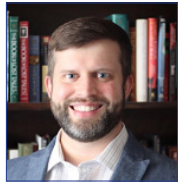


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