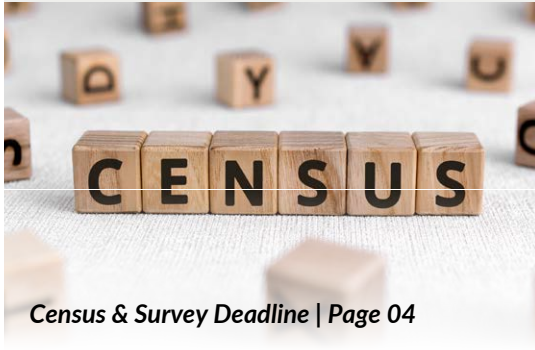


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Church Hours

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 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.

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. Paper 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 or scan the QR code.





WHY ARE THE BELLS
SILENT? AND OTHER
UPDATES

Some of you have asked me in recent weeks why we aren't hearing the bells ring like they usually do. The answer is that, during a bad thunderstorm earlier this summer, our bell tower endured a direct lightning strike. As a result, the electronic panel that controls the operation of the bells was completely fried.

There is good and bad news in light of this. The good news is that it is possible to get a replacement control panel. The bad news is that it is going to be approximately two more months before it is delivered and installed. The panel has been ordered, so, with any luck, we should have the bells operational again around mid-November . . . perhaps in time for our parish celebration of St. Gertrude's feast day.

Parish Feast Day

Speaking of the feast day of St. Gertrude, this year's big parish Mass and celebration of her feast will happen on Saturday, November 15. The Mass will be at 4:30 p.m., immediately followed by the celebration in the gym. Please mark your calendars now so that you'll be around for this important celebration of our parish's patronal feast.

Father John Paul Away on Retreat

Finally, I will be away on my annual retreat from Thursday, September 25, to Thursday, October 2. Once again, I will be going to a retreat house for priests that is northwest of Dayton. It is a week for me to be away in silence, prayer, and reading. Please know that I will keep all of you and the parish as a whole in my prayers while I am away, and I ask your prayers for me as well. If you need any priestly assistance during my absence, Father Luke and Father Reginald will be ready to assist you in whatever might be needed. I look forward to returning back to the parish after my retreat, right in time for the various big activities happening here in October, including St. Gertrude School's Carnival FUN-raiser, our annual rosary procession for the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, the popular Ladies of Charity Craft Fair, the crosses of the holy innocents for October (Respect Life Month), the school's Trunk-or-Treat, and our parish celebration of the All Saints' Day Vigil, among others. October will be a busy place around St. Gertrude Parish!

God bless,

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

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NEW PARISH PODCAST EPISODE

On Wednesday, September 17, our parish held a special Holy Hour to pray for peace for our country. Father John Paul preached at the beginning of the Holy Hour. Check out the newest episode on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast to hear the recording.

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FROM THE DIARY OF
ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"There is one word I heed and continually ponder; it alone is everything to me; I live by it and die by it, and it is the holy will of God. It is my daily food. My whole soul listens intently to God's wishes. I do always what God asks of me, although my nature often quakes and I feel that the magnitude of these things is beyond my strength.

I know well what I am of myself, but I also know what the grace of God is, which supports me."

- Diary, #652

2025 PARISH CENSUS & SURVEY DEADLINE—OCTOBER 6!

Thank you to everyone who has completed the 2025 St. Gertrude Parish Census & Survey. **The deadline to participate in the census and survey is Monday, October 6.** To complete the form online, visit stgertrude.org/census. Paper copies are available in the church and parish office. If you have any questions, please contact us at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954. Thank you!

NEEDS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) next weekend, October 4–5, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for NEEDS (North East Emergency Distribution Services) Food Pantry. NEEDS is an all-volunteer nonprofit that operates out of Kenwood Baptist Church. It is a registered 501(c)(3) coalition of area churches and civic organizations serving the poor in the community. In addition to the food pantry, NEEDS provides financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical expenses; school supplies; and holds an annual winter drive to collect items to keep needy students warm throughout the school day. Contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions.

Most needed items at this time of year:

- Canned/Packaged Goods: Collard greens, salmon, rice and pasta mixes (with and without meat), Vienna sausages, black beans
- Personal Care Items: Laundry and dish soap; baby wipes; men's and women's adult diapers, all sizes; sanitary pads and tampons; toilet paper and paper towels

Always needed: Grocery store gift cards (Aldi, Kroger, Walmart, and Meijer) and check/cash

BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Congratulations to Shelly Ralston, who received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the 12 p.m. Mass! Shelly's two children, Rosemary Ann and James Allen, were also baptized. Please keep Shelly, her children, and their whole family in your prayers as they begin their new lives as Catholic

Christians! May God bring to completion the good work he has begun in them.



Child: Vincent Gabriel Solimine
Parents: James & Kelsey Solimine



Let Us
PRAY

THE SICK

Johnny Burns, Vicki Calonge, John Castrucci, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Mark Doran, 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, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo & Maria Pelle, Heather Pfeiffer, Paula Scalo, Pegge Schuermann, Nancy Silvers, Patricia Strauss, 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

† Susan Collett, wife of Lindsey
† Jack Holt, father of Andy Holt



PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

The next St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry-sponsored Holy Hour will be this Wednesday, October 1, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The specific intention for this Holy Hour is, “That those who labor for justice for the unborn do not get discouraged, and that the Holy Spirit ignites them each day with new energy to persevere in this noble work.” All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this dedicated time of prayer and adoration. As usual, priests will be available for confessions.



SIGN UP FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE—THIS WEEKEND

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood to end abortion. The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign is September 24 through November 2. St. Gertrude Parish will participate in the campaign on Sunday, October 12, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue). Sign up after any Mass this weekend to participate. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Campbell at lisaredig61@gmail.com or (865) 455-4795.



BASKETBALL REGISTRATION DEADLINES

All boys and girls of St. Gertrude Parish in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the 2025-2026 Bulldogs basketball program! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs for details and to sign up.

- **Girls:** Regular registration ended September 23; late registration closes September 30 and is \$160. Contact Jeff Shafer at shafersport@gmail.com with questions.
- **Boys:** Regular registration is \$110 and open until October 3; late registration ends October 17 and is \$160. Contact Robert Franer at franersports@gmail.com with questions.



DO YOU PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY? JOIN THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY!

The St. Gertrude Parish Chapter of the Confraternity of the Rosary will be enrolling new members after the 12 p.m. Mass on Rosary Sunday, October 5. At the ceremony, new members will receive a blessed medal, rosary, and candle. (To help offset the cost of these items, please consider making a \$35 freewill offering.) Please visit stgertrude.org/rosaryconfraternity to learn what is expected of members and for more details. If you would like to be enrolled in the St. Gertrude Parish Chapter, please RSVP to bit.ly/rosaryrsvp. If you have any questions, please email rosary@stgertrude.org.



BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, a man who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of St. Gertrude Parish’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission. In the month of September, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor” by assisting with food and utility and rent bills for neighbors in our area and across the city. We thank you for your support and invite you to join us. For information, please call Jennifer Mansfield at (513) 569-5954, ext. 2112.

This WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7 p.m. | Become Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Parents of Precious Pearls (St. Joseph Room)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:30 p.m. | Cub Scout Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Stewardship Committee Meeting (St. Joseph Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (Holy Family Conference Room)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)
9 a.m. | Las Guadalupanas (St. Joseph Room)
9 a.m. | Respect Life Ministry Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

9 a.m. (After 8 a.m. Mass) | Rosary Sales (Outside)
11 a.m. (After 10 a.m. Mass) | Rosary Sales (Outside)
1 p.m. (After 12 p.m. Mass) | Rosary Sales (Outside)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

SEASONS OF HOPE

Mourning the loss of a loved one is never easy. To comfort you in your sorrow, St. Gertrude Parish offers Seasons of Hope, a unique, adult support group for the bereaved. This free program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflection, faith sharing, and fellowship. Anyone who has suffered a loss, whether it be recent or years ago, is invited to join us for our next session of Seasons of Hope, beginning Monday, October 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Here is the full schedule for the session (all meetings are from 7 to 8:30 p.m.):

- October 6 (Parish Center, St. Joseph Room)
- October 13 (Church Vestibule)
- October 20 (Church Vestibule)
- October 27 (Church Vestibule)
- November 3 (Parish Center, St. Joseph Room)
- November 10 (Parish Center, St. Joseph Room)

For more information and to sign up, visit stgertrude.org/seasonsofhope, or contact Cindy Hertzal at (513) 368-8941.

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 overnight 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.



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. 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 to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code **STGERTRUDE**.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

God is always ready to forgive. Experience his merciful love through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests are available to hear confessions Monday–Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 3:30 p.m., or by appointment.

2025 MINISTRY LEADER SUMMIT RECAP

On Tuesday, September 16, we held our annual Ministry Leader Summit, an opportunity for all of our ministry leaders to come together for fellowship, inspiration, and formation. Father John Paul announced our 2025-2026 parish theme of unity—*In illo uno unum* (“In the one Christ, we are one”)—and a few members of our parish’s Family Leadership Team gave talks. The goal of the night was to help our ministry leaders feel commissioned to lead, supported by the parish clergy and staff, and part of a community of leaders. Please pray for all of our parish leaders as we venture through this upcoming year.



REIGNING IN LIFE: BECOMING PROVIDER—A SMALL GROUP FOR MEN

Do you have what it takes to lead your family in faith? This fall, join other men for Reigning in Life: Becoming Provider, a Catholic small group for husbands and fathers. The group meets twice per month between October and April. Sessions include a reflection on a Gospel passage and Church teachings, conversation on two to three principles that are directly relevant to being a husband and father, and a resolution to implement. Use discount code GERTRUDE25 to get \$30 off registration. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.



JOIN THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Do you want to share the joy of the Gospel with others? Do you have a desire to lead family, friends, and colleagues to be disciples of Jesus Christ but aren't sure how to do it? Join

the Evangelization Team! This team consists of parishioners who have a desire to embrace the call to be missionary disciples and invite others to be disciples of Jesus Christ in his Church. Between September and April, we come together—typically from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month—for prayer, formation in evangelization and discipleship, and discernment for forming apostolates and ministries. To learn more or join, contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

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

Invite him or her to Become Catholic.

Our Become Catholic program is for adults interested in exploring the Catholic faith. If someone is interested in learning more or being part of the program, have him or her scan the QR code to get on the email list or contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2108, or tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

**Every Monday | 7–9 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center**





HAYDN'S NELSON MASS

Part of the 2025-2026 Sacred Music Series

The St. Gertrude Parish Capella and a rich orchestra of strings, flute, oboes, trumpets, and timpani present **three Viennese masterpieces:**

Dixit Dominus, a spectacular and rarely heard setting of Psalm 110 by Marianna Martines.

Mozart's euphoric ***Exsultate, jubilate***, a virtuosic cantata sung by British soprano Caitlin Harrison.

Haydn's ***Mass in Time of Tribulation***, revered for its dramatic energy and solemn grandeur and widely regarded as Haydn's finest sacred work.

**7 P.M. | FRIDAY
OCTOBER 10**

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

TICKETS

General Admission \$25,
Student \$10, Children <12 free
(maximum \$60 per family)

**To buy tickets, scan the QR
code or visit bit.ly/nelsonmass.**



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 or scan the QR code to sign up.



BIBLE STUDY

The Bible and the Church Fathers

Who were the early Church Fathers? Why are they important? How did they read and interpret the Bible? How are they relevant to us today?

The Bible and the Church Fathers will teach you everything you need to know about the lives and times of the Early Church Fathers. Created by the St. Paul Center, this Bible study will teach you powerful tools for reading Scripture like the Fathers and help you understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and the sacraments.

September 27-March 28
2nd & 4th Saturdays | 9:30-11 a.m.
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria
\$25 for Participant Workbook

Contact Bob Endorf at rjendorf@gmail.com with questions.



Learn more at bit.ly/churchfathers

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?

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.

Visit stgertrude.org/sacraments/baptism, scan the QR code, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954 to sign up.



GIFT OF LIFE

Collection

During October (Respect Life Month), there will be a Pack 'N Play outside the relic chapel in the church to collect new baby items for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine. **Most needed items include:**

- newborn girls' sleepers and onesies
- infant and toddler-size (2T-5T) coats, hats, mittens, warm clothing, and socks
- blankets

Items that are always needed: Wipes, baby wash and lotion, bath towels and wash cloths (cotton preferred), bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, bibs, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). No toys, books, or diapers in sizes newborn, 1, 2, or 3 at this time.

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR PARISHIONERS

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year opens October 1 for parishioners, with priority registration available through October 21. This is a wonderful opportunity to give your child the gift of a Dominican education, marked by academic excellence and unparalleled faith formation.

To secure your child's place, please visit stgertrudesch.org.

PARISHIONER
PRIORITY

OCTOBER 1-21



Discover The *Dominican* Difference



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

**NOW ENROLLING
K-8TH GRADE**

ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE FOR THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN

All married couples, family, and friends are invited to the annual St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the Blessing of Children from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 16 (the feast of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers), at St. Bartholomew Church (9375 Winton Road, Cincinnati). Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this free event provides an opportunity for prayerful support for married couples experiencing infertility or pregnancy loss. It includes Mass and a reception with fellowship, hors d'oeuvres and resources. For more details, contact Deacon David Ulmer at dulmer@catholicaoc.org.

ANNUAL EVENING FOR LIFE

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Annual Evening for Life on Thursday, October 16, at the Sharonville Convention Center. The VIP Social begins at 5 p.m., followed by a reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature emcee Anna Mitchell from Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN; speakers Kaya Jones, recording artist and defender of life, and Michael Seibel, attorney and co-founder of Abortion on Trial. Reservations required. More details and to register, visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org or call (513) 728-7870.

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. If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Pluta at margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org.

THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD: THE STORY OF TOM VANDER WOUDE

Join the Queen of Apostles Family of Parishes on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7 p.m. at St. James of the Valley Church (411 Springfield Pike, Wyoming, OH 45215) to learn about the Tom Vander Woude story: A Father's Path to Sainthood. Chris, one of Tom's sons, is coming to Cincinnati to share the story of how his father gave up his life to save his brother. Tom's sacrifice could lead to the first possible canonization of an American husband and father. To learn more about Tom, visit twvguild.org/his-story/.

THE GIFT OF FERTILITY: MOTHER & DAUGHTER WORKSHOP



REGISTER

Speakers Include:

**Saturday,
October 4th 2025**

8:30 am to 2:00 pm
St. Bartholomew
Catholic Church
Cincinnati, OH



Mother Seraphina
Marie, FDM



Ann Stein



Abby Garcia

Co-hosted by Our Lady of Divine Providence Family of Parishes and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati The Gift of Fertility: Mother & Daughter Workshop is geared toward moms with their young daughters (ages 10-14), providing a beautiful context for strengthening their bond and learning about God's plan for growing up. The cost is \$30 per family and includes hand-outs, a light breakfast and lunch. Sign up online no later than September 28, 2025.

BECOME A TUTOR, TRANSFORM A LIFE

Whiz Kids, a literacy tutoring program at John P. Parker School in Madisonville is looking for tutors on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. from October 7, 2025, to April 21, 2026. (Must be 16 years of age.) The program engages elementary-aged students who are financially under-resourced and behind grade level in reading. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/whizkidstutor or contact Linda Davis at (513) 807-1850.

Do your loved ones
know your wishes for
your final resting place?
Here are Two Opportunities

**Gate of Heaven Cemetery
Open House**
October 11-12

- Understanding: Catholic Teaching on End of Life, Wills and Estate Planning, and Hospice Care
- Learn more at gateofheaven.org

Pre-Planning Seminars
October 21, November 25

Schedule for 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM, or 6:00 PM

Call (513) 489-0300 to plan today with a Family Service Advisor



Liturgical **SCHEDULE &** Mass **INTENTIONS**

Monday, September 29 | Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, September 30 | St. Jerome (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – Maria Resendiz by Rick Sammons

8 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by Shari Siebert

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Reed Grimes by Dennis & Shirley Ramenaden
4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, October 1 | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Katherine Moorman by Pat & Terry Baute

8 a.m. | Mass – † Frank Amberger by Kathy & James Finnegan

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Salvatore Forlini by Sal & Teri Forlini

4 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions (Respect Life Intention)

Thursday, October 2 | The Holy Guardian Angels (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family
by Pat Kehoe

8 a.m. | Mass – Jen Frost by Gena Bailey

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, October 3 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Tricia Leugers by The Shannon Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Shaun Glenn by St. Gertrude Parish

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Ellen Marrs by Marylyn Clark

4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, October 4 | Holy Father Francis of Assisi (F)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Cynthia Khoo-Robinson by The Stines Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Joan Wurtenberger by Jo Anne Nordloh

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Dick Jilek by Harold & Coleen Glorius & Family

Sunday, October 5 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. | Mass – † Richard Voegelé

by Knights of Columbus Elder Council

10 a.m. | Mass – Sister Mary Mediatrix of All Grace, SOLT
by Gertrude Patterson

12 p.m. | Mass – † Ted Leugers by Ruth & Paul Leugers

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:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

Is your loved one actively dying? Contact our Prayer Ministry for the Dying. Members of this ministry pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those approaching death. To request prayers for your loved one, please call Pat Collins at (513) 265-1897. If you would like to join this ministry, visit stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying to learn more.

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Bulletin: October 12
Materials Due: October 1

Please submit your bulletin information and Mass
announcements to bulletin@stgertrude.org.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, September 21, 2025	
Collection	\$30,362
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$16,697)
Second Collection - St. Gertrude School	\$3,353
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$476,376
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$564,706
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$88,330)



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