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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. 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.





GOD IS STILL CALLING (AND OPEN HEARTS ARE STILL ANSWERING)

Generally speaking, when we look at the current state of our Catholic faith among the young, much of the data we see is not good. The general level of religious identification and religious practice has been declining for decades. Catholicism used to be the single largest religious denomination in the country. As of a few years ago, another “denomination” surpassed us: those who identify as having no religious affiliation at all (sometimes called the “nones”).

However, the news is not all bad. In the past few weeks, our province of Dominican friars welcomed 10 young men to our novitiate right here at St. Gertrude to begin their discernment with us. On August 8, the feast of St. Dominic, they received the Dominican habit and their religious names. Over the next year they will live the life of a Dominican friar (as novices) and, if they still feel called and are judged worthy by the community, they will make their first profession of vows (temporary vows) next August and then move on to our “seminary” (or as we call it in Latin, *studium generale*) in Washington, D.C., at the Dominican House of Studies to begin their academic formation in preparation for the priesthood. This continues a trend we have seen over the last decade or so, where the number of vocations we are receiving each year are at levels we hadn’t seen in the prior 40+ years. Similarly, I just heard that our wonderful Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia received an incoming postulant class of 21 women just weeks ago as well.

In recent years, many of our Dominican monasteries of cloistered nuns, some of our communities of active Dominican sisters, and certainly our own province of Dominican friars have seen increases—even explosive growth—in new vocations. While this is not true of all dioceses and religious orders, it is certainly true of some outside our Dominican charism as well. Groups like the Franciscan Friars (and Sisters) of the Renewal, the Sisters of Life, some of the monasteries in the Benedictine and Norbertine traditions, and others have seen similar trends. Even in the midst of a younger generation that seems to be “losing the faith,” God is calling—and open hearts are hearing and answering the call. This news ought to be a great joy for all of us and is a sign that, even in our day, God continues to bring a spiritual fruitfulness to our Church.

I ask every person reading this to please pray for these young men and women who have embarked upon the beginning stages of priestly or religious life. Pray for their continued discernment and (if it be God’s will) their perseverance. Please

also pray for the young men and women out there whom God is still calling, that they might answer the call.

This weekend, we are excited to have Father Michael Willig, the vocations director for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, speaking to us at all the Masses. We are blessed that our archdiocese here has had a solid stream of vocations and strong ordination classes of priests. I know I’m looking forward to hearing Father Willig share his homily with us this weekend.

And for any of the young out there reading this, let me simply say this: if you think you may be feeling God calling you to this vocation . . . listen. Don’t ignore his call or pretend you aren’t hearing it. I tried that myself for several years. Trust me: It won’t work! (Haha.) Please know that if he is calling you to this life, then to say “yes” will put you on the greatest adventure and bring you a greater joy than you can possibly imagine. It is an *amazing* thing to follow him in a priestly or religious vocation. All he needs is your open heart. He will do the rest.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN GAZA

The USCCB has requested that dioceses throughout the country organize voluntary special collections 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. **At all Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection to support those suffering in Gaza and the efforts of these agencies.**

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son’s path.”

- St. Louis De Montfort

CANONIZATION CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY

This 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.

2025 PARISH CENSUS & SURVEY—PAPER COPIES AVAILABLE

On Thursday, August 7, we emailed all parishioners the St. Gertrude Parish 2025 Census & Survey. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the census and survey. This weekend at all Masses, physical copies of the census and survey will be available for those who prefer to complete this on paper rather than online. If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive an email about the census and survey, please contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org.

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. If you have questions please contact Jeff Shafer at shafersport@gmail.com (girls) or Robert Franer at franersports@gmail.com (boys).



NEW ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST EPISODE

Do you have a loved one who has fallen away from the practice of the faith? Listen to Father John Paul's homily from the Surrender Initiative Mass on Tuesday, August 26, in which he addresses the sorrow many of us feel for those who no longer practice the Catholic faith and several ways the devil tries to deceive us and rob us of our hope in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who lovingly runs in search of the lost.



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LADIES OF CHARITY LIFE FORWARD COLLECTION

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this 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.



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

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones



ST. ANNE & THE CHILD MARY GUILD—NEXT MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13

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@gmail.com.



FUN BUNCH RETURNS

Everyone aged 55+ is invited to join us on Tuesday, September 16, at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby for the first Fun Bunch meeting of the fall. Our theme is Oktoberfest. There will be fun games, prizes, and a lot of time for fellowship. Lunch will be pork loin, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, and bratwurst. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink, and sign up at bit.ly/funfall25 to let us know what you are bringing. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at mkennedy06@aol.com or (513) 791-6075 so we have an estimated headcount for food. As usual, walk-ins are welcome. We hope you will join us, and bring a friend!



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, followed by a conversation on two to three principles that are directly relevant to being a husband and father, and concludes with a resolution to implement. Use discount code GERTRUDE25 to get \$30 off registration. If you have questions, contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.



CALLED TO MOTHERHOOD—A SMALL GROUP FOR WOMEN

A new Cana Called to Motherhood group is forming for 2025-2026! 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. Visit canafamilyinstitute.com or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up. Use discount code GERTRUDE25 to receive \$30 off registration! If you have any questions, please contact Anita at cana@stgertrude.org.



EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Do you want to share the joy of the Gospel with others? Do you have the 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! The Evangelization 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. We come together—typically from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month between September and April—for prayer, formation in evangelization and discipleship, and discernment for forming apostolates and ministries. To learn more or join, contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

This WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 p.m. | Become Catholic Come & See Dinner (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

12:30 p.m. | True Devotion to Mary (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal (Knights Hall/Choir Room)
7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (Holy Family Conference Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7 p.m. | Bach's *Mass in G Major* (Church)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
9 a.m. | St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild (St. Dominic Lobby)
10 a.m. | Ladies of Charity Organizational Meeting (St. Joseph Room)
6 p.m. | Ladies Bunco Night (Gym)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

BAPTISMS NEXT SUNDAY

There will be baptisms at the 12 p.m. Mass next Sunday, September 14. Mass will be a little longer than usual, so please plan accordingly.

LADIES OF CHARITY UPDATES

- **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 booths, so RSVP now to hold your spot. For more information, contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or Marilyn Scherpenberg at (513) 831-4467.
- **Organizational Meeting:** The Ladies of Charity organizational meeting is Saturday, September 13, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room. We will make plans for our upcoming fall activities, include the Craft & Gift Show, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and more, as well as for 2026. All women age 18+ who are practicing Catholics are welcome to attend and join the Ladies of Charity. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

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.



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.



I HAD EVERYTHING I WANTED, YET DIDN'T FEEL COMPLETE

Jordan Yehnert, Parishioner and Become Catholic Participant

My Christian faith and gradual journey to the Catholic Church began as a young child. My paternal grandfather was a Baptist preacher, and he baptized me in Texas when I was eight years old. Both my father and mother are devout believers, and we attended church semi-frequently in my youth. I went to vacation Bible school with Grandma and Grandpa, and we often read Scripture at the dinner table. Nevertheless, as I grew older, I gradually stopped practicing my faith, particularly during my young adult years.

Flash forward to three years ago when my son, Julian, was born, I became instantly aware that he was a gift to me from God. This reality was unshakable in my heart. Following my wife, Jessica's, pregnancy, I began to focus on healthy eating and exercise, and I was able to get into fantastic physical shape. I was so elated! I looked good, my family was growing, and our careers began to take off. During my running, I felt something was missing—I didn't feel complete—but I had everything I ever wanted. I had financial security, physical fitness, close family and friends, but still a hole in my heart. I felt like I wanted to offer sacrifice to God for these gifts. Through time and talking with Jessica, I realized I wanted to go to church. I began to watch a few Catholic evangelizers online, such as Bishop Robert Barron, Scott Hahn, and Peter Kreeft. Learning about the faith from these people increased my excitement and desire. I soon expressed interest in going to a Catholic church, "just to see what's up."

First, we went to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in downtown Cincinnati. It was so beautiful, and we were very intrigued. The next Sunday, on a whim, we visited St. Gertrude and have never left! I was fascinated by the architecture, liturgy, music, and reverence. The parish was clearly booming; standing room only at most Masses and tons of families. I was blown away.

In addition to attending Mass every week, we started reading our Bible again. After about six months of regularly attending Mass, my whole family (including my mother, Sharla) signed up for the Become Catholic program. It was so, so good. In addition to getting to know other people interested in becoming Catholic, sponsors and supporters regularly showed up in abundance, offering great support and friendship. The parish helped us find sponsors of our own within the community who turned out to be *amazing* mentors for us. We

met and grew a relationship with the person who would become Julian's godmother—a life-changing relationship! Along the way, we learned a ton about the faith, ate great food, and had direct access to priests. The experience was educational, the discussion was vibrant, and the environment was family friendly—even with a one-year-old. The topics were interesting, well-rounded, and deep, with thoughtful theological examination.

I learned so much, but above all, I was able to understand the connection between Christ's sacrifice and my own desire to give thanks to God. I could *participate*! The Mass, in all its history and beauty, had been there the whole time. I started to better understand the commitment of the consecrated religious; how special their role is. I started taking moral inventory and was supported to complete my first confession. This experience alone was life-changing for me.

My whole family, including my mother, was received into the Church on Easter in 2024. It was simply one of the most joyous moments of my life. There were so many experiences that season that were so wonderful! The late-night Easter Vigil Mass with all our friends and sponsors in attendance was just amazing! Revisiting the basilica for the Rite of Election with every candidate in the whole city was incredible. One day during that spring, Father Luke convalidated our marriage, baptized our son, and beat me soundly in the annual Laetare Classic 5k race—all in a day's work!

We have been parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish now for over a year and have never been happier. We have not missed a Sunday Mass. Our family feels so blessed to be here. We have made amazing friends and family, reinvigorated our faith, and now have a way to practice it and live it.

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

INVITE HIM OR HER TO BECOME CATHOLIC.

COME & SEE DINNER

Monday, September 8 | 6:30 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 or scan the QR code to RSVP.





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! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/bachtickets. Tickets are also available at the door.

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?

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.

Scan the QR code, visit 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 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 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 or scan the QR code to learn more.





A SACRED START: CLASSROOMS AND STUDENTS BLESSED FOR THE YEAR

On Tuesday, August 26, Father John Paul blessed every classroom at St. Gertrude School and the students who will grow and learn within them this year. This blessing was a meaningful way to begin the school year—a reminder that while academic achievement is important, the formation of the soul matters most.

At St. Gertrude School, the health of the heart is regarded as equally essential as the health of the mind. Each day, students have the rare privilege of walking alongside the Dominican friars and sisters whose presence enlivens the halls. Their joyful witness reveals that a life of vocation is not only attainable, but also profoundly fulfilling.

In a world often shadowed by uncertainty and tragedy, Christ remains at the center of SGS, both in body and spirit. His presence offers courage, inviting trust in divine providence rather than surrender to fear.

Let us continue to pray for those who suffer from the evils of this world and take confidence in the Lord's gift of "a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).



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



From the pew to the classroom, discover how our Dominican tradition nurtures both faith and intellect. Schedule a private tour today!



Mums Sale!



The 8th graders are selling stunning 8-inch mums for just \$10 to fund their school-year events! Every purchase helps make their year unforgettable.

INVEST IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Support Catholic education at St. Gertrude School through a gift to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Education Foundation, a certified Scholarship Granting Organization. Your contribution directly benefits our students and qualifies for a dollar-for-dollar Ohio state tax credit, effectively reducing your state tax liability while supporting families pursuing a rigorous, faith-rooted education. To ensure your gift supports St. Gertrude School families, please designate our school when giving online or by check.



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.

PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE FOR CREATION

During the Season of Creation (September 1–October 4), the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is hosting four easily-accessible pilgrimages. With two pilgrimages in Dayton and two in Cincinnati, you can visit multiple nature and garden sites, learn of their history, and how God works through all Creation. For more information, contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org or (937) 281–4124, or visit resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-social-teaching/laudato-si-main/pilgrimages-of-hope-for-creation.

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.

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. If you have questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICKOFF RALLY

Christians throughout the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and surrounding areas are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from September 24 through November 2, 2025. Please join us at the Kickoff Rally on Sunday, September 21, at 2 p.m. in front of our vigil site, Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, 45219). Our speaker is Micaela Clay, who survived a failed abortion attempt and was abandoned with her two-year-old brother at a clinic in Minnesota. Help us close the Auburn Avenue facility through prayer and peaceful public witness. All are welcome. For more information, visit 40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.




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Monday, September 8 | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia & Norman Murdock by The Murdock Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Nicholas VanderMolen
by Ellie & Michael VanderMolen

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

Tuesday, September 9 | St. Peter Claver (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by Bo & Jennifer Burkhart & Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Nancy Carolyn Simmons by Michael & Mary Jo Voto
10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, September 10 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † George G. Leckie by The Dieckman Family

8 a.m. | † Paul Arling by The Arling Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Viktor Wilhelmy by The Stuebbe Family
4 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, September 11 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Maria Lee by The Isaacs Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Louise & Jack Book by Joan Mackey & Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Bill & Ruth Stuebbe by David & Ann Stein
4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, September 12 | The Most Holy Name of Mary (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Pete & Marilyn Sorrentino
by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Nichwits by Nancy DeBrunner

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Grace Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini
4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, September 13 | St. John Chrysostom (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Donald & Mildred Busson by Robert & Joan Ragusa

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Teresa Thompson by Jim & Anne Collins
3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Michael McHale by Pat & Terry Baute

Sunday, September 14 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)

8 a.m. | Mass – People of St. Gertrude

10 a.m. | Mass – Healing of the Church and Victims of Abuse

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

6 p.m. | Mass – † Mary Susan Imbus by Kathleen & David Bartish



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.**

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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.

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 DEADLINE

Bulletin: September 21
Materials Due: September 10

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, August 31, 2025	
Collection	\$38,910
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$8,149)
Second Collection - Fifth Sunday	\$4,576
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$368,858
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$423,529
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$54,671)

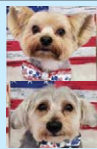


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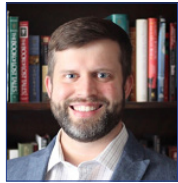


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