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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



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.





IT'S NOT THE BOAT THAT KEEPS US ABOVE WATER

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:22-33).

I have to admit, I sometimes have a hard time connecting with some of the events of Jesus' life and the parables that he used because, at least at the literal level, they are so far away from my own experience. I've never raised sheep nor had to go off after a lost one. I've never been a wealthy landowner with a vineyard. I've never seen a full-grown mustard plant or drawn water from a Samaritan well or been a merchant in search of fine pearls. Nor have I built a tower in my olive field, witnessed a legion of demons enter a herd of swine, eaten dinner at a tax collector's house, or been asked to feed a crowd of 5,000 with a few loaves and fish.

But I have been in a boat out on the water when the weather started turning, the sky was going dark, and the winds were starting to pick up. It was definitely a very scary experience. Thankfully, we made it back to shore before the storm really hit, but I can at least imagine the sheer terror of being in a small boat being tossed about by large waves and lashed by whipping winds. I can also imagine in that situation clinging to that boat for dear life, realizing it was the only thing keeping me from ending up in the maelstrom of the stormy sea.

Except . . . it's not the only thing keeping me from the stormy sea. Nor is it even the most effective thing keeping me from the stormy sea. When Jesus calls to Peter, Peter steps out of the storm-tossed boat and walks on the water. Often we focus (too much) on the fact that, after a while, Peter became afraid and

began to sink. Don't forget—at least for a little while, **Peter was** actually walking on the water!!!

So often in the stormy periods of our own lives, we find ourselves clinging more and more to our "boat" (whatever our boat may be). We may even find ourselves capsizing and struggling with all of our might to repair the leaks in the boat. This Gospel passage reminds us that true stability, true safety from the storms of life, is never to be found in any boat, but only in Christ. Indeed, like Peter, sometimes what we most need to do is forget the boat entirely, fix our gaze directly on Jesus, and follow his voice as he calls us out of the boat entirely. As long as our gaze is fixed on him, then there are no waves, no winds, no storms that have the power to drag us under.

When facing the storms of life, our typical first reaction is to ask Jesus to calm the wind and the seas. And indeed, sometimes he does exactly that. But other times, he refuses to calm the storms—because he knows what we most need is to trust that he will give us the power to step out and walk on the water.

May our gaze be always fixed on Christ and Christ alone.

God bless.

Rev. John Paul Walder, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



When the confessor started talking to me, I did not understand a single word. Then I saw Jesus Crucified and He said to me, "It is in My Passion that you must seek light and strength." After the confession, I meditated on Jesus' terrible Passion, and I understood that what I was suffering was nothing compared to

the Savior's Passion . . . Then my soul was filled with very great contrition, and only then I sensed that I was in the sea of the unfathomable mercy of God. Oh, how few words I have to express what I am experiencing! I feel I am like a drop of dew engulfed in the depths of the bottomless ocean of Divine Mercy."

- Diary, #654

YOU'RE INVITED: PARISH LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

We're excited to share that the St. Gertrude Parish Library is reopening, beginning with an Open House on Sunday, November 9. Stop by the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass to see the refurbished library and our remarkable treasure of Catholic books on a wide range of topics and for all ages and interests. As a bonus, the Open House will feature free books and magazines (in both English and Spanish).



BULLDOGS WRESTLING REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All boys of St. Gertrude Parish in grades K-8 are invited to join the Bulldogs wrestling team for the 2025-2026 season, which runs November 4, 2025, through February 13, 2026. The state qualifying season runs February 16, 2026, through April 1, 2026. Registration is \$125 through October 31. Late Registration of \$175 begins November 1 and closes on Monday, December 1. For details and to sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs. Contact Alex Linz at



NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

linzal1982@gmail.com with questions.

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers (or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher) are invited to our next altar server training this Friday, October 24, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church.

ROOTED: Family Baptism Formation

Are you interested in having your baby or child baptized? Join us for Rooted, our new Baptism program. One-time sessions are typically on the first Sunday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Lunch is included. The next session is Sunday, November 2.

Visit bit.ly/baptismdetails, scan the QR code, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954 for details and to sign up.





Let Us — PRAY

THE SICK

Johnny Burns, Vicki Calonge, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Mark Doran, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, John Holden, 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

† Carol Borcher, mother of Sherry Green † Lindsey Collett



FUN BUNCH GATHERING | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Everyone age 55+ is invited to join us on Tuesday, October 21, at 12:15 p.m. for the second Fun Bunch meeting of the fall. Our theme is Celebrating Pope Leo XIV! There will be games, prizes, and a talk by Father John Langlois, O.P., on the significance of Pope Leo XIV and the history of Leonine popes. Lunch will be Chicago-style hot dogs and all the fixings. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink, and sign up at bit.ly/octoberfun25 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. Walk-ins are welcome. We hope you will join us, and bring a friend!



ROSARY SOCIAL | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invites everyone to its next Rosary Social on Tuesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. The event will begin with a group rosary in the church, followed by a presentation from Father Tom Wray entitled, "Our Baptismal Identity: Sharing in Christ's Ministry as Priest, Prophet, and King." Father Tom is the parochial vicar at St. Vincent Ferrer and All Saints churches and Catholic chaplain for the Cincinnati Bengals. Refreshments will be provided.



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE | OCTOBER 18-19 & 25-26

St. Gertrude Parish Cub Scout Pack 555 and Boy Scout Troop 555 are selling Christmas wreaths/sprays and other decorations from Mickman Brothers. Order your wreaths/sprays after any Mass this weekend, October 18–19, and next weekend October 25–26. The wreaths are scheduled to be delivered the weekend of November 22–23, which is the weekend before Thanksgiving. Payment (cash or check) is due when you place your order. If you have any questions, please contact a Troop 555 cub or scout you know or Mary Jo Schuette at Mjschuette2@gmail.com or (513) 207-1836.



2025 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Married couples from St. Gertrude Parish who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th—every five years up to 75 years) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, November 22, to receive a special blessing. Reserved seating will be available for couples and their families. To reserve your spot and ensure you receive your certificate from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, please contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org by November 11. We look forward to celebrating with you!



WE'RE HIRING

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve our parish—and get paid while doing it? We're hiring a part-time administrative assistant for our Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. The administrative assistant will ensure a healthy and high-functioning office environment and serve as administrative support for the evangelization efforts of the parish. To view the job description, visit stgertrude.org/employment. If you are interested in applying for this role, please email your resume and a brief letter stating your interest to our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

– This – WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

7 p.m. | Become Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)
7 p.m. | Seasons of Hope (Church Vestibule)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:15 p.m. | Fun Bunch (St. Dominic Lobby)7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)7 p.m. | Rosary Social (Church, St. Dominic Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Fall Preview Day (School)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7 p.m. | Bourbon & Books Kickoff Event (St. Dominic Lobby)7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (St. Joseph Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

3 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria) **12:15 p.m.** (Following **11:30 a.m.** Mass) | Pro-Life Reception (Gym)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | Pancake Breakfast (Gym)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)



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.



EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

Tyler Castrucci Director of Evangelization

Two weeks ago, we released our parish's FY 2024-2025 Annual Report, which detailed the financial

and spiritual health of our parish. Included in that report was a quick snapshot of a few significant things that happened in the realm of evangelization and faith formation. But what exactly is the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation? What do we do? Who are we? To put it very simply, our office exists to make disciples and equip others to do this important work.

At St. Gertrude Parish, we are incredibly blessed to have a team of evangelists to direct, coordinate, and shepherd the ministry of evangelization and catechesis across all age levels. Here are some highlights from this past fiscal year.

ADULT EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION Pathway of Discipleship

Evangelizing adults is a key parish priority. Led by the Holy Spirit, we continually work to revitalize and renew our efforts to bring more people into the Church and nourish those who are already here. To that end, we have developed a pathway of discipleship as a clear and simple way for adults to know, love, and serve the Lord. The pathway has four stages: Start, Encounter, Nourish, and Transform. Together, these stages form the acronym **SENT**, which speaks to the fundamental missionary nature of Christian discipleship. Start offerings, such as Bourbon & Books, focus on community and building relationships. Encounter initiatives, such as Alpha, are designed to introduce someone to the basic message of the Gospel. Nourish offerings, such as Omega, seek to help Catholics grow -intellectually and spiritually-in intimacy with Jesus. Transform offerings, such as Called and Gifted, are designed to help adults recognize their gifts and be commissioned to use them to evangelize and build up the Church.

There is still much work to be done to continue to develop and refine this pathway and call forth more leaders to help with these efforts. It is my dream that St. Gertrude Parish will have a spiritual army of parishioners ready, willing, and able to joyfully embrace their baptismal call to be a missionary and a disciple and to participate in the ministry of evangelization. In particular, we hope to significantly grow in our outreach efforts to non-Catholics and equip more parishioners to form apostolates and develop skills to evangelize more effectively. Both our Hospitality Team and Evangelization Team are important components in this effort, and we hope to continue to grow

them both and increase their impact.

New Family Baptism Formation

Also in the adult evangelization realm, we recently implemented a new group-style Baptism formation called Rooted: Family Baptism Formation. This new initiative seeks to build community among parents who are seeking to have their first child baptized at St. Gertrude Parish and offers them encouragement and practical advice for fulfilling their role as the primary formators of their children.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Preparation

Our director of children and youth evangelization, Walter Plummer, introduced a new overnight retreat experience for 7th and 8th graders preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Additionally, we introduced a new small group-based method of Confirmation preparation that is inspired by Montessori principles. We have already seen great fruit from this and are excited to see the Holy Spirit at work.

Family Faith

Our Family Faith program, which is a whole family catechesis experience for parents with children in grades 4-6, has been refreshed using *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* curriculum for children by Ascension Press. Families look at the story of salvation history and have special time to talk together about faith in Jesus Christ.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program coordinator, Mary Beth Thiemann, together with Lauren Mays, our CGS assistant, and a team of volunteers, worked diligently to create a new atrium in the Parish Center. In addition to Level 1 and Level 2 classes, we now offer two Level 3 classes for older children (grades 4–6). CGS has been a great blessing to our parish and something for which we are in need of more catechists to help sustain into the future. If you feel called to this ministry, I encourage you to be on the lookout for information about the upcoming CGS Seed Planting Workshop on November 15. This is a great opportunity to learn more about CGS and what it means to be a catechist for the program.

Youth Ministry

Shannon Loughrey, our coordinator of youth ministry, **restarted our junior high youth ministry program with three successful summer events.** We are excited to see this program return to St. Gertrude Parish and look forward to how it will grow and evolve in the months and years to come. Additionally, Shannon has been collaborating with St. Gertrude School to help build

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community among 8th-grade students as they prepare to enter high school and has invited them into L'alto: High School Youth Ministry.

BECOME CATHOLIC

Of course, one of the cornerstones of what we do in the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation is work with individuals who are seeking to become Catholic. We have seen a significant increase in the number of individuals (both adults and children) reaching out to become Catholic. This growth is a great blessing and a grace of the Holy Spirit—and also presents real challenges in terms of our resources. Over the coming year, we will be thinking of new and creative ways to continue to meet inquirers where they are and accompany them through the process of becoming Catholic.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our director of communication, Michelle Dushensky, worked tirelessly with a small team of staff to redesign our parish website and refresh our branding to make it more welcoming, engaging, and evangelizing. Also in the past year, we redesigned the layout of our bulletin with the aim of making it more engaging and welcoming, particularly for new parishioners or visitors to St. Gertrude Parish.

PARISH DATABASE

Behind the scenes, our office coordinator, Kristen Eggers, continues to be the glue that holds all of the pieces of the puzzle together. She has worked incredibly hard to help us better leverage our new parish database system, which enables us to improve registration processes for programs and events, keep more accurate records, and also integrate more fully with our new website.

As you can see, our Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation team is doing incredible work for our parish. Nevertheless, we know we have much to do to improve our adult evangelization efforts and refine how we assist parents in forming their children. We no longer live in the age of Christendom, when Christian values drove the wider culture. This new "missionary moment," as Archbishop Casey calls it, requires greater creativity and trust in the Lord Jesus. Systems and structures that might have worked in the past are no longer relevant. To this end, our office is working very intentionally to strategize about new ways to do things. Trying new ideas can be messy and will involve failures, but it's what we are being called to in this new apostolic age. I'll be sharing more about our plans for the future in the months ahead, but for now, please continue to pray for all of our parish evangelization efforts.

2025 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

All men ages 18+ are invited to the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat the weekend of December 5-6, 2025, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Father Louis Bethea, O.P., will be the retreat master. This year's theme, "I Thirst: A Message of Hope from the Cross," will guide you to greater intimacy with Jesus and the Eucharist. For details and to register, visit catholicmensretreat.org. If you have any questions, email info@catholicmensretreat.org or call (513) 289-5268.



BOURBON & BOOKS EVENT

Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 7 p.m. St. Gertrude Parish Center

Are you looking to develop community with other men of the parish? All men interested in Bourbon & Books—and existing members—are invited to join us as we celebrate the first year of this ministry and kick off year two. Expect good bourbon, great conversation, a talk from Father John Paul, and an opportunity to learn more.

Visit stgertrude.org/bourbonandbooks or scan the QR code to learn more.









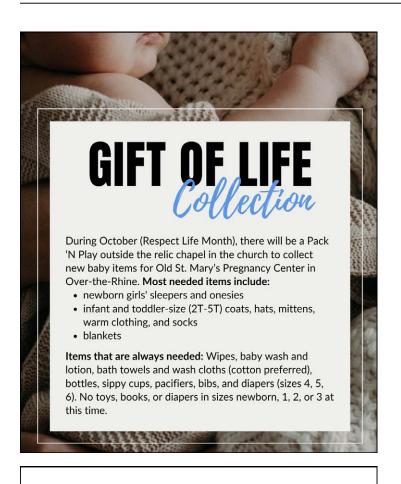
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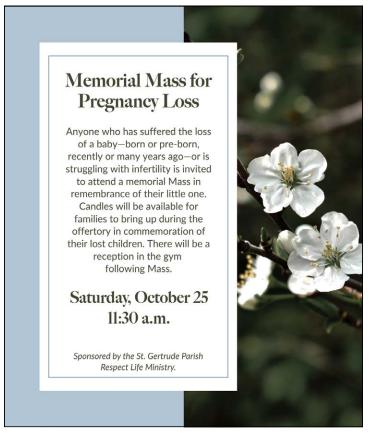
"The Young and the Holy"

Join us for a prayer service honoring St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Gemma Galgani, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and Blessed Chiara Luce Badano.

OCTOBER 31 | 7 P.M. ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Reception in the Parish Center to follow.





ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fellowship with your St. Gertrude Parish family! (Gluten-free pancakes and dairy-free scrambled eggs available.)

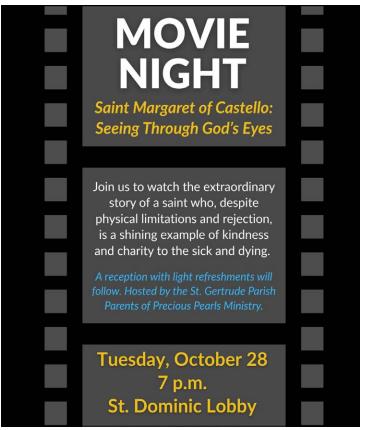
Children 5 and Under FREE
Children Grades K-8 ...\$5
Adult \$10
Family \$35

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 8:30 A.M.-12 P.M. GYMNASIUM

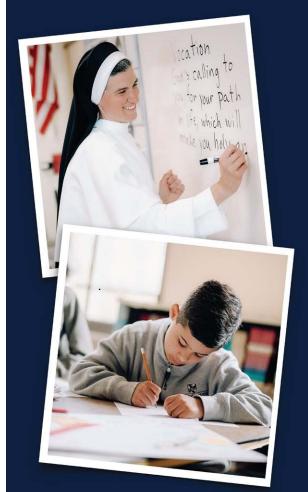
All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program, an initiative that provides new winter coats for needy children.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195.





Now accepting applications Secure Your Spot—Apply Today!



Parishioner priority applications for the 2026-2027 school year at St. Gertrude School are open through October 21. This is a wonderful opportunity to secure your child's place in a school marked by academic excellence and rich faith formation.

For nearly 100 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have dedicated their lives to forming young Catholics here in our parish. Beginning with just 40 students in 1934, St. Gertrude has grown into one of the premier Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is one of only two schools in the country where Dominican friars and sisters serve together. The Dominican difference permeates every classroom, where students are formed in mind, heart, body, and soul, growing in wisdom, virtue, and devotion to Christ.

If you have yet to tour our school, we warmly invite you to schedule a private tour or attend one of our Fall Preview Days on **October 22** or **November 5**. Explore classrooms, experience the curriculum, and hear from families who already call SGS home.

Reserve your child's place today! To apply, please visit stgertrudesch.org.

PRESCHOOL PUPS ALL SAINTS STORYTIME - OCTOBER 29

Families with children ages 18 months–5 years old are invited to join us in the St. Gertrude School library on **Wednesday**, **October 29**, **at 10:15 a.m**. for a special All Saints' Day celebration! Come dressed as your favorite saint, and enjoy joyful stories read by our beloved Dominican sisters and friars. This will be a special morning of faith, fun, and friendship for our youngest saints in the making!



MUSICA SACRA 2025 FALL CONCERT

Musica Sacra, a Cincinnati-based choral ensemble that performs sacred choral masterworks in sacred spaces, has commissioned a new work in honor of its 60th anniversary season. Directed by Dr. L. Brett Scott, Musica Sacra will perform the world premiere of *Receiving* by award-winning composer Jessica French, on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption (1140 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011). This free concert includes Haydn's *Harmoniemesse* and is open to the public. Please join us for this special performance!

MEDICAL ETHICS TALK

Father Eric Wood, professor of moral theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, is offering a series of talks with discussion, reviewing some basic principles of medical ethics and considering special areas of focus. The last talk in the series is Saturday, November 15, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's in Hyde Park (Marion Room), and the focus will be reproductive care. If you are a Catholic nurse, doctor, medical student, therapist, or other healthcare worker, this is for you! Coffee and bagels will be provided. RSVP to Tricia Rahner at rahner@fuse.net or (513) 482-1265. Sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association of Cincinnati.

"REQUIEM FOR THE FORGOTTEN"

The professional singing ensemble, Ensemble Con Fuoco, will sing the "Requiem for the Forgotten" in a concert at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church (48 West Sharon Avenue), at 7 p.m. on November 1. On All Souls Day, November 2, they will join singers from the Most Holy Eucharist Family of Parishes to sing "Requiem for the Forgotten" at Saint Martin of Tours Church (3720 Saint Martin Place) at 7 p.m., as part of a Requiem Mass. They will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and organ at both performances. The "Requiem for the Forgotten" was composed by Frank La Rocca to pray for the repose of the souls of the homeless, the marginalized, the displaced, and refugees. It combines the beauty of sacred music with concern for people who were forgotten in life. Please join us for one or both of these special memorial events.

HEAVEN'S GAIN MINISTRIES IS HIRING

Heaven's Gain Ministries needs a part-time supplies manager in our Cincinnati office. This is a middle management position, responsible for managing inventory and e-commerce order fulfillment. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with an option to add up to five hours each on Tuesday and/or Thursday. View the job description at heavensgain.org/our-team. If interested, email our office director, Kate Hein, at kate@heavensgain.org. Heaven's Gain provides for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss—before, during, and after the delivery of their precious babies.

YOUNG ADULT SACRAMENTAL HUB

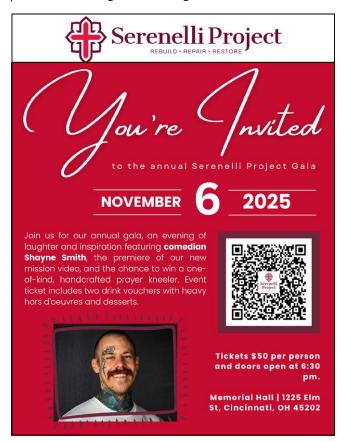
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Young Adult Evangelization team is hosting adoration, Mass, and confessions every other Tuesday night starting at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Join us for the next event on October 21. Visit queencitycatholic.org/sacramental-hub to learn more and view the full schedule.

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood on Wednesday, October 22. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with the rosary, followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

VOCATION NIGHT

Single men ages 18-35 are invited to a Vocation Night at Mount St. Mary's Seminary on October 29. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour, and a social with the seminarians. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the event ends at 8:30 p.m. To register, visit catholicaoc.org/vocation-night.



Liturgical

SCHEDULE &

Mass

INTENTIONS

Monday, October 20 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass - † Wade Baker by Kevin & Kathy Baker 8 a.m. | Mass - † Owen Hughes by Jim & Anita Pappalardo 11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, October 21 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass - † Steve Blum by The Wright Family
8 a.m. | Mass - † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family
10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Ray Neusch by Jack & Nancy-Carolyn Smith
4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, October 22 | Pope St. John Paul II (M)

7 a.m. | Mass - † Rosanna Humility Lopane by The Lopane Family
8 a.m. | Mass - † Sheila Clanton by The Clanton Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass - Father John Paul Walker, O.P.,
by St. Gertrude Parish Staff
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, October 23 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass - † Bill Hoffman by Marj Hoffman 8 a.m. | Mass - † Martha Ragland by Nan Cahall 11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Dolores Spille by Rita Johantges 4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, October 24 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass - † Marlin Lloyd by Kevin & Anne Lynch 8 a.m. | Mass - † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family 11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Kim Caswell by The Bentley Family 4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, October 25 | Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

8 a.m. | Mass - † Janet Webster by Bill & Tish Shefcik

11:30 a.m. | Memorial Mass for Pregnancy Loss - † Frank O'Neill
by Joseph & Linda Macke

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass - † Stephanie Conlon Hall by The Conlon Family

Sunday, October 26 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. | Mass - † Ted Leugers by Pete & Donna Marcello
10 a.m. | Mass - † Ronald Nieto by The Nieto Family
12 p.m. | Mass - The People of St. Gertrude Parish
6 p.m. | Mass - Bill & Carol Mackey Family by Joan Rizzo Mackey



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: November 2 Materials Due: October 22

Please submit your bulletin information and Mass

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Collection \$42,035 Weekly Budget \$47,059 Weekly Deficit (\$5,024)Second Collection: St. Gertrude School \$4,405

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026

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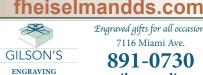
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