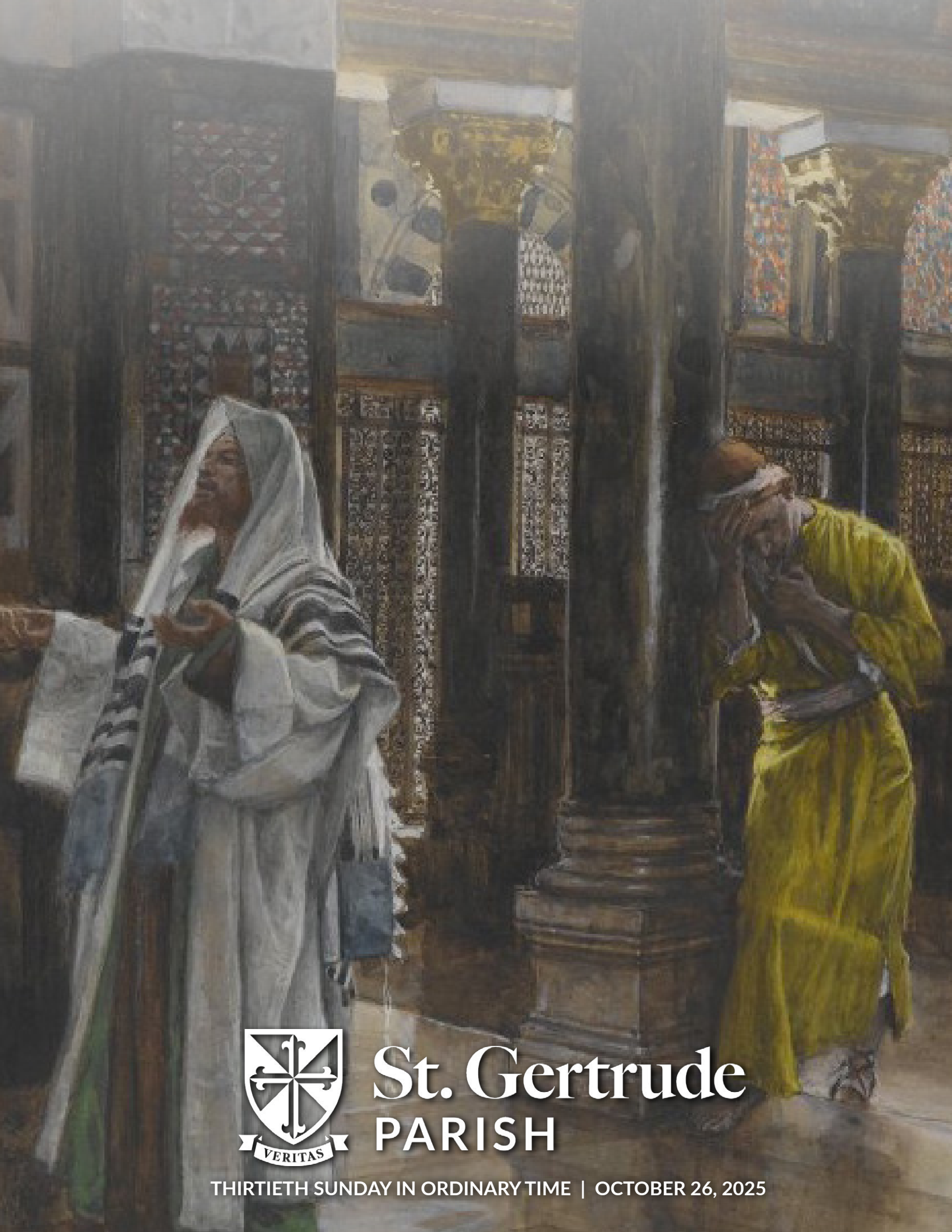
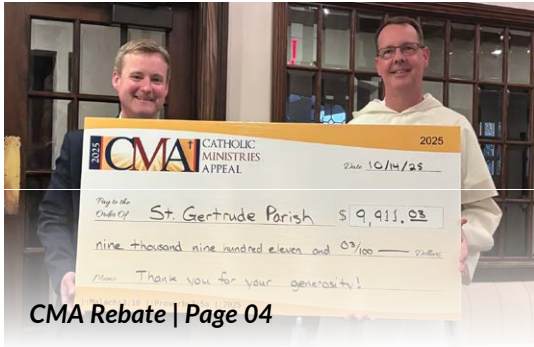




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Church Hours

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.



ENCOUNTER JESUS. TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

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.





HALLOWEEN: TAKING BACK WHAT IS OURS

We're rapidly approaching the end of October, which means it is time for me to address a topic that is close to my heart: Halloween. That creepy, spooky night filled with

pumpkins and ghosts and goblins and witches. It is the devil's night, mischief night, the night of the dead. Right?

WRONG!!!

Halloween is a *Catholic* holiday! The name comes from the phrase All Hallows' Eve—the eve (the night before) All Hallows' Day (i.e. All Saints' Day). Halloween's origins are in the Catholic tradition of liturgically celebrating major feast days (like All Saints' Day—which is a Holy Day of Obligation*) the evening before the actual feasts. For Holy Days of Obligation and a few other major feast days, we have vigil Masses the evening before that fulfill the obligation (much in the same way the Saturday vigil Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation). The idea that we begin the celebration of a major feast day starting the evening before is one of the many things Catholicism adopted from Judaism, where sundown the evening before always marks the beginning of the following day.

So, Halloween as a holiday emerged from the Catholic practice of people gathering together on the evening of October 31 to begin their festive celebrations of All Saints' Day.

And then something happened. Something very strange, and very sad.

We let Halloween go. We, as a culture—and even to a large degree as Catholics—lost sight of Halloween's true identity. We let "identity thieves" come in and steal our holiday away from us. Over the course of time, the meaning and significance of Halloween got lost. Instead of a night when we festively celebrate the great legacy of all the wonderful saints throughout history, Halloween somehow became a night that belongs to the weirdos and the wackos, the pranksters and the troublemakers, the pagans and the satanists. Instead of an evening celebrating light—the brightly burning lights of all the saints arrayed in heaven—it became a night of darkness and dread, of damage and destruction, of wicked creatures . . . rather than saintly examples.

Enough is enough. It is time to change this. It is time to take back the night for what it truly is—a **Catholic** holiday. It is time to refocus and remind everyone—beginning with ourselves—of the true meaning of Halloween. It is time to take the Catholic flag and once again firmly plant it in the soil of October 31 and

reclaim Halloween for its original and beautiful purpose.

While there are many ways to do this, I wish to emphasize one in particular. **I invite everyone who is able to attend our All Saints' Day Vigil, which will be held in the church on Halloween night beginning at 7 p.m.** This beautiful liturgical service (which is not a Mass) is our parish's way of putting the focus of Halloween night where it belongs. We will pray together in the presence of the relics of many saints, listen to their writings and the stories of their lives, invoke their aid upon us, and chant the night prayer of the Church. After our time of prayer, we will gather for a festive social to enjoy each other's company and some wonderful refreshments. Feel free to bring friends and family as well, even if they are not Catholic. Halloween doesn't belong to the forces of evil . . . it belongs to us. Let's gather and proclaim that message loud and clear. I hope to see you all there!

God bless,

Rv. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

****This year, All Saints' Day falls on a Saturday and is not a Holy Day of Obligation.***



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

"Say the rosary every day . . . pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners . . . I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you. . . In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

- Our Lady of Fatima

AN EXTRAORDINARY SECOND COLLECTION—THANK YOU!

The weekend of August 2–3, we held a second collection for the 2025 Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal to support the missions in the Archdiocese of Tororo in the eastern part of Uganda. **Thanks to your incredible generosity, our parish contributed \$18,173.50 to the appeal!** That's an extraordinary amount! Thank you for your powerful witness of stewardship.

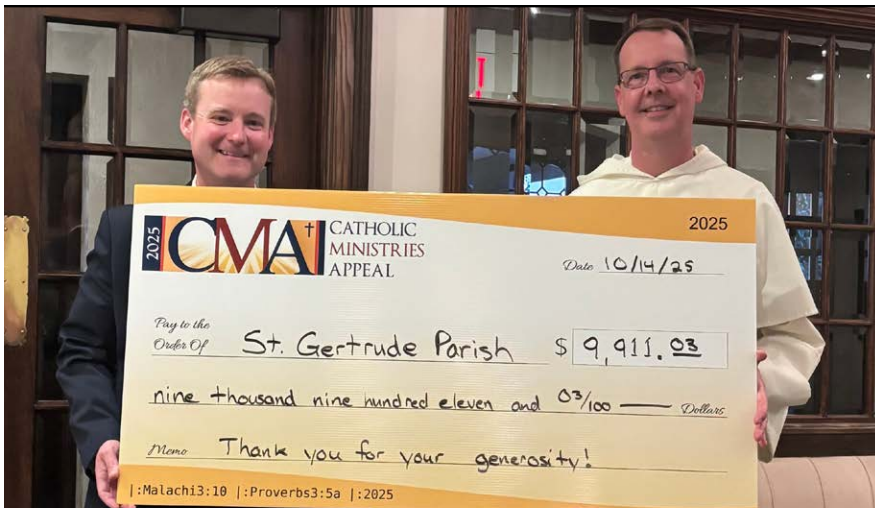
YOU'RE INVITED: PARISH LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

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).



2025 CMA REBATE

Thanks to your outstanding generosity, we went over our 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal goal and received an initial rebate of \$9K! In this photo, David Kissell, director and chief development officer for the archdiocese's Department of Stewardship, is presenting Father John Paul with a larger-than-life check.



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

† All Our Beloved Deceased



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE | THIS WEEKEND

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 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.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—GOD'S MERCY

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God, letting God pour mercy into his heart. When you pray and give alms to the poor, you allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts. Your generosity to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a special prayer that allows us to help families in need. We thank you, pray for you, and ask you to join us in this mission! For more information, call Jennifer Mansfield at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2112.



ROOTED: FAMILY BAPTISM FORMATION | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Are you interested in having your baby or child baptized at St. Gertrude Parish? Join us for Rooted, our new family 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.** To fill out the interest form and sign up, visit stgertrude.org/sacraments/baptism or scan the QR code. If you have questions, contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954.



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!



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 linzal1982@gmail.com with questions.



This WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 10:15 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)
- 6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (St. Joseph Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 7:30 a.m. | Crosses of the Innocents Removal (Parish Center Lawn)
- 8 p.m. | All Saints' Day Vigil Reception (Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)
- 6:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society Social (School Cafeteria)
- 9 a.m. | Respect Life Ministry Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 10 a.m. | Las Guadalupanas Reception (St. Joseph Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 9 a.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside)
- 11 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Gallery of Saints (Gym)
- 11 a.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside)
- 1 p.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside)
- 7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

CHURCH AIR HANDLING UNIT

On Monday, October 21, we began repairs on the church air handling unit (AHU), which will take roughly two weeks. Please dress accordingly when coming to church for Mass, confession, or anything else. We anticipate the AHU will be fixed by the week of November 3. Thank you for your patience.

THE LADIES OF CHARITY THANK YOU

The Ladies of Charity express their gratitude to St. Gertrude Parish for supporting the Annual Craft & Gift Show and extend a special thanks to all parishioners who helped with the baked goods. The show was a great success, and all proceeds will benefit charities near our parish.

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.



MEET THE TEAM:
PAM CHMIEL
*Office of Worship
Administrative Assistant*

This past August, Pam Chmiel joined the St. Gertrude Parish staff as the Office of Worship administrative

assistant—and has been a wonderful addition to our team! Here, Pam answers a few questions to help you get to know her better.

Q: Would you please tell us a little bit about yourself?

A: I grew up in the Akron area and converted to Catholicism during college. I've been married to my husband, Justin, for 15 years, and we've welcomed five children: Sebastian (12), Regina (deceased), Crispin (8), Sophie (6), and Dominic (3). We have been parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish for over a decade, and our two oldest boys attend St. Gertrude School.

Q: What drew you to this position, and what most excites you about being St. Gertrude Parish's Office of Worship administrative assistant?

A: When I first read the job description, I knew it was right up my alley. Since the beginning of my conversion, the beauty of the liturgy drew me in and became an anchor of my faith life. At St. Gertrude Parish, we enjoy a beautiful and reverent liturgical life. An enormous amount of preparation goes into making this a reality. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to use my gifts in support of this important work at our parish.

Q: What does being St. Gertrude Parish's Office of Worship administrative assistant entail?

A: I work behind the scenes on a variety of projects in support

of the Office of Worship. On any given day, I could be working on the worship aid for our weekend liturgies or maybe a wedding or funeral. I also assist with scheduling liturgical ministers and supporting our Sacred Music Series. My goal is to assist Father Luke and Dr. Holman and support the liturgical life of the parish, so that all who enter our doors may know and love Jesus Christ.

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: Our family enjoys going on hikes, watching football, and playing board games together. When I have free time, I enjoy reading, especially anything by Sigrid Undset. Cooking and baking are also a big part of our family culture.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

SEED PLANTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 15 | 8:30–11:30 a.m. | School Cafeteria

Get an introduction to The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) principles and experience CGS presentations that will give you a taste of the program and what it offers to children and families.

Perfect for those who . . .

- already have CGS up and running.
- want to improve their efforts in CGS.
- are considering implementing CGS.
- anyone interested in learning more about CGS.



Scan to register!



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

THIS SUNDAY!
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.



MOVIE NIGHT

*Saint Margaret of Castello:
Seeing Through God's Eyes*

Join us to watch the extraordinary story of a saint who, despite physical limitations and rejection, is a shining example of kindness and charity to the sick and dying.

A reception with light refreshments will follow. Hosted by the St. Gertrude Parish Parents of Precious Pearls Ministry.

Tuesday, October 28
7 p.m.
St. Dominic Lobby

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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY VIGIL

The Young and the Holy

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

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



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saturday, November 1



This year, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday and is **not a Holy Day of Obligation**. You are still encouraged to join us for our regular daily Masses at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 2 | 12 p.m.

This year, our solemn Mass in remembrance of all the faithful departed, the souls in purgatory, and particularly those from our parish who have passed away this year, will be the 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, November 2. All are invited to attend this special memorial Mass.

An Evening of Prayer, Song, and
Conversation Across Traditions

United in Hope

6 p.m. Panel Discussion | Gym

Featuring Father John Paul Walker, O.P., and Reverend Darren Elin, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church
On the important work of healing divisions within Christianity.

7 p.m. Evensong Prayer Service | Church

Performed by the St. Gertrude Parish Schola Cantorum and the Choir School of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.
Evensong is a combined form of Vespers and Compline (evening and night prayer) and the only Christian liturgy in which the Catholic and Anglican texts are identical.

Reception to Follow | St. Dominic Lobby

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243

All are invited to join us for this free event!

St. Gertrude the Great Feast Day Celebrations

MASS

Saturday, November 15
4:30 p.m. | Church

Join us for a special Mass in our of our patroness, St. Gertrude the Great.

PARISH CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 15
5:30 p.m. | Gym

Join us for authentic German food, drinks, live music from our favorite German polka band, and plenty of fun!



Father Louis Bethea, O.P.
Retreat Master

CONTACT

If you have questions, email
info@catholicmensretreat.org
or call (513) 289-5268.

REGISTER TODAY!

Scan the QR code or visit
catholicmensretreat.org.
Ends November 29 or
until the retreat is sold
out. Space is limited!



2025 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

All men ages 18+ are invited to the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, sponsored by the St. Gertrude Parish Catholic Men's Fellowship. Father Louis Bethea, O.P., will be our 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 Holy Eucharist as the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope draws to a close.

WHEN & WHERE

December 5–6, 2025

Begins 6 p.m. Friday and concludes 4 p.m. Saturday

Jesuit Spiritual Center

Arrupe Building

5361 S. Milford Road | Milford, OH 45140

COST

\$160 - Overnight option

\$115 - Days only option (includes three meals)

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

A Month with
Our Blessed Mother**HONORING OUR LADY
THIS OCTOBER**

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

We are more than halfway through the month of October, and fall weather has arrived!

October is my favorite month of the year because of not only the beautiful fall leaves and crisp air, but also the saints we celebrate, especially our Blessed Mother. For centuries, Catholics have honored Our Lady and the prayer of the rosary during this month, in large part due to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The Dominican Pope St. Pius V instituted this feast after the miraculous victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, recognizing that prayer, especially the rosary, is our greatest weapon in the battle against sin and evil.

A few weeks ago, our school community celebrated this feast with a Rosary Procession, entrusting our students and families to Our Lady's care. I have no doubt that the graces from that evening extend far beyond our classrooms and into our parish community. The statue of Our Lady carried in the procession now rests in the church sanctuary for the remainder of October, a beautiful reminder to all of us of her constant protection.

Each week, I take a few minutes with our students to reflect on a piece of sacred art depicting the Blessed Mother and connect what they see to the truths of our faith. This beautifully ties into our school theme this year, "Under Mary's Mantle."

As we end this month dedicated to Our Lady, may each of us—whether in the school, parish, or both—find ourselves more deeply drawn beneath her mantle and into the heart of her Son.

I encourage you to take a moment this month to pause to offer a prayer for your family, our children, and our parish community, and join with us in entrusting ourselves to Mary's loving care.

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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: FAITH & FORTITUDE

All women are invited to a one-day retreat on Saturday, November 8, focused on how faith strengthens spiritual resilience and encourages women to trust in God. The retreat will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. James of the Valley (411 Springfield Pike, Wyoming, Ohio, 45215). The cost is \$65 per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, coffee, tea, and water.

The day will begin with Mass, followed by inspiring talks by Father Nathan Cromley, the rosary, adoration, and confession. To register, scan the QR code or email frcwomensretreat@gmail.com.



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); the focus will be reproductive care. All Catholic nurses, doctors, medical students, therapists, and other healthcare workers welcome! 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.

CISE LAUNCHES \$35 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Catholic Inner-city Schools Education (CISE) officially launched its transformative Securing Their Future Capital Campaign. Since 1980, CISE has been empowering students and strengthening communities by providing access to a high-quality, values-based Catholic education. This campaign, the largest in the organization's history, will invest in people, places, scholarships, and student opportunities to ensure CISE can continue its mission for generations to come. The campaign will focus on four pillars: Recruiting and Retaining Great Educators, Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure, Funding High School Scholarships, and Expanding Career and Technical Education. Learn more at CISEKids.org/campaign or (513) 263-3473.

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.

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to the annual Serenelli Project Gala

NOVEMBER 6 2025

Join us for our annual gala, an evening of laughter and inspiration featuring **comedian Shayne Smith**, the premiere of our new mission video, and the chance to win a one-of-kind, handcrafted prayer kneeler. Event ticket includes two drink vouchers with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.





Tickets \$50 per person and doors open at 6:30 pm.

Memorial Hall | 1225 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, October 27 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Father Robert Altier by Martha Hanna

8 a.m. | Mass – † Terry Foote by Pat & Don Schoo

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, October 28 | St. Simon & St. Jude (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Doug Daughetee & Kathy Veino by Brian Zappia

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Ortiz by The Stein Family

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Kate Kasselmann by Nancy DeBrunner

4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, October 29 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Marilyn Rumbin by Thien Cao

8 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by The Wahl Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Billy Wiebe by Mo Dunne

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

Thursday, October 30 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Thomas Valerius by Charlene & Jim Swingle

8 a.m. | Mass – † John Gregory Hoetker by Harry & Peggy Robinson

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Al Castrucci by Knights of Columbus

4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, October 31 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † June Herschede by Mary & Terry Smithers

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marlin Lloyd by Stan & Nicole Lloyd

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Scottye A. Anderson by Michael & Mary Jo Voto

4 p.m. | Confessions

7 p.m. | All Saints' Day Vigil Prayer Service

Saturday, November 1 | All Saints' Day (S)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Patsy Scalco by The Wainscott Family

9 a.m. | Confessions (in Spanish)

9:30 a.m. | Spanish Mass – Intention of the Celebrant

11:30 a.m. | † Gerald DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Betty Kitz by Gertrude Patterson

Sunday, November 2 | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

8 a.m. | Mass – † For All the Faithful Departed

10 a.m. | Mass – † For All the Faithful Departed

12 p.m. | Mass – † For All the Faithful Departed

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 DEADLINE

Bulletin: November 9
Materials Due: October 29

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, October 19, 2025	
Collection	\$32,898
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$14,161)
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	\$5,375
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$649,697
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$752,941
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$103,244)

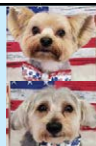


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