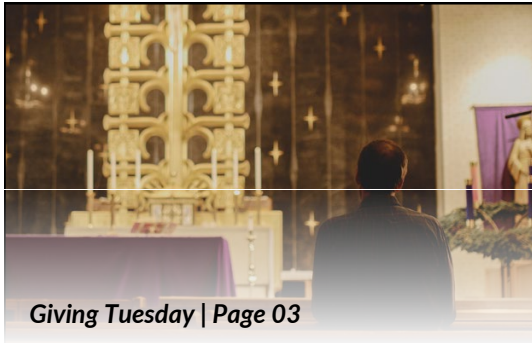




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Church Hours

Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

School Office Hours

M-F, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



WELCOME

Welcome to St. Gertrude Parish—it is good that you are here!

Whether this is your first time worshiping with us, you have been here many times and want to become a parishioner, or you have questions about the Catholic faith and want to learn more, the information on this page is a great place to start.

We look forward to getting to know you and accompanying you on your faith journey.

MISSION

Who We Are

We are a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that is shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

VISION

Who We Aspire to Be

To be a community of disciples united in our Eucharistic Lord and sent to transform the world in the light of the Gospel.

CORE VALUES

What We Cultivate

Reverence, Humility, Magnanimity, Generosity, Intentionality

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Ready to join our vibrant parish of missionary disciples?

Register as a parishioner at stgertrude.org/register. Paper copies of the registration form are also available in the parish office.



Been away for a while or curious about Catholicism?

WE WOULD LOVE TO WALK WITH YOU.

To connect with us, get your questions answered, and learn more about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or scan the QR code.





THE MULTIPLICATION OF . . . SIGNS (AND NOT THE SUPERNATURAL KIND)

We are moving through the time of year when many high schools are having their open house, preview days, and so forth. A

couple of weeks ago when I was taking a walk around the church property, I realized how many signs we had in our lawn. It struck me that the sheer number of signs made the church property look tacky, like a big advertising billboard, rather than dignified, as is fitting for a parish property. In addition, our own St. Gertrude Parish signs were getting lost in the sea of other signs advertising outside institutions.

In light of that, I had a discussion with our parish Family Leadership Team (FLT)—the top-level parish and school staff—and we decided to institute a new policy regarding lawn signs. Since the majority of these signs promote various high schools, **moving forward, we will no longer permit high school signs on our property.** Any signs other than those produced by our parish (including our school) will only be allowed on a very limited basis and will require the personal approval of the pastor before being placed on our church lawn. Anyone wishing such approval will need to drop off your signs at the parish office, where (if approved) they will be marked as such before being placed on the lawn. Our facilities and maintenance staff, as they do their usual rounds around the property, will be directed to remove any signs not marked as having the pastor's approval. Again, the point of this is to keep our parish grounds looking dignified and to allow the signs we produce to truly stand out and attract attention so as to best promote what we are doing here at Saint Gertrude Parish.

One final note about lawn signs. In past years, I've received a number of angry phone calls or emails regarding various signs put on the grass right at the corner of Miami and Shawnee Run, promoting or advertising things not compatible with our Catholic teachings. Please realize that triangular section of lawn right at the intersection is *not* church property; it is owned by the City of Madeira. Thus, we have no control over what might be placed there. So if you ever see something there that you take offense to, please direct your calls or emails to the city, not to me.

A Brief Word of Thanksgiving

Before closing my letter this week, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge all those people who made our celebration of St. Gertrude's feast day so special. The music at the Mass was stunning with the combined Parish Choir and children's Schola—

they truly sounded outstanding together. And the party was a huge success, thanks to the leadership of Brian Farwick, who was this year's chair, and the rest of the pastoral council. For all who had any role in the weekend's festivities, please know of our gratitude for making it such a special celebration!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

GIVING TUESDAY
December 2, 2025

GOAL: \$100,000

To upgrade our church kneelers and
improve everyone's experience at Mass.

Give at bit.ly/kneelers2025
or scan the QR code.



*All gifts made between now and the end of the day on
December 2 count toward our Giving Tuesday goal!*





Join Us

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 27 | 10 a.m.
Followed by coffee & doughnuts in the gym.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting nonperishable food items and financial donations at the doors of the church. These items will be used to stock our SVdP food closet, and excess donations will be given to the Food Pantry at St. William Parish.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD DRIVE

The Ladies of Charity extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone for helping make this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive a success. The Ladies of Charity wish you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

NEW PARISH PODCAST EPISODE—ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

This past weekend, we celebrated St. Gertrude the Great's feast day. Check out the St. Gertrude Parish podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts to listen to Father John Paul's homily about our patroness, recorded at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.



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BAPTISMS – NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025



Child: Lucy Marie Greve
 Parents: Emma & Jacob Greve
 Priest: Father Jacob Lindle



Child: Monica Lynn Crayner
 Parents: Emma & Will Crayner



Child: Marigold Bernadette Staples
 Parents: Kari & David Staples



Let Us
PRAY

THE SICK

Joy Belperio, 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, Charles McCown, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo & Maria Pelle, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, 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



OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND—THIS WEEKEND

Bethlehem Christian Families from the Holy Land will be in the Parish Center after all Masses next weekend, November 29–30, selling olive wood carvings to support Christians in the Holy Land. These beautiful hand-carved items make great Christmas gifts. Cash, credit card, and check accepted. Learn more and view items at theholylaneshop.com or call (810) 394-5291.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This weekend, November 22-23, the Ladies of Charity kick off their annual Christmas Giving Tree project, supporting Hope Emergency, Life Forward, St. Bernard Parish, Ivy Woods Nursing Home, and many local families. Please stop by the white van in the parking lot after any Mass this weekend or next weekend to get the list of needed items. Additionally, a Giving Tree will be placed in the church—please take a gift tag. Please bring all the requested items to the Parish Center the weekend of December 6–7. For more information, contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your generosity!



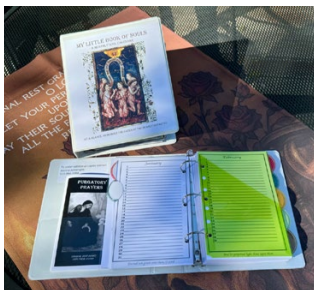
DISCERNMENT DAY WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia will host a discernment retreat day on Saturday, December 6, at St. Gertrude Parish from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to single Catholic women ages 17 to 30, the event includes Mass, prayer with the sisters, adoration, spiritual talks, and lunch. For more information or to RSVP, please email vocation@op-tn.org. Come spend time with the Lord, and get a glimpse of the beauty of religious life!



PREGNANCY LOSS ADVOCATE TRAINING

Heaven's Gain Ministries, a national pregnancy loss nonprofit headquartered in Cincinnati, is hosting a virtual pregnancy loss advocate training January 12–13, 2026. The Advocates for Parents of Perinatal Loss (APPL) Certification Program is a 12-hour course designed to instruct advocates in non-medical methods of supporting parents experiencing the loss of a baby in any trimester. If you are interested in this training and serving as an APPL for St. Gertrude Parish, please contact Lisa Campbell at lisaredig61@gmail.com or visit heavensgain.org/appl. Scholarships may be available, and there is a discount for serving as an APPL for St. Gertrude Parish. **Registration ends December 1.**



MY LITTLE BOOK OF SOULS

Praying for your departed loved ones just got easier with My Little Book of Souls. Created by St. Gertrude Parish parishioner Jeanne Johantges, My Little Book of Souls is a 9.5" x 8" monthly organizer with dated pages for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones and contains pockets where you can keep their holy cards. Then, on their anniversaries, you can pray for your dearly departed in a special way. Each book is \$45, and \$5 from each purchase goes toward a Mass said for the holy souls in purgatory. Stop by the parish office to see a sample and purchase your own book, or contact Jeanne at (513) 984-3688 (home) or (513) 800-8928 (cell).

This WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

After 10 a.m. Mass | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 p.m. | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings
(St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9 a.m. | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings Sale
(St. Dominic Lobby)
11 a.m. | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings Sale
(St. Dominic Lobby)
12 p.m. | Advent Wreath Making (Gym)
1 p.m. | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings Sale
(St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings Sale
(St. Dominic Lobby)

SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- **School Office:** Closed November 26–28
- **Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel:** Closed November 26–30.
- **Confession:** No confessions on November 27.
- **Parish Office:** Closed November 27–28

DO YOUR LITTLE ONES NEED A BREAK DURING MASS?

We are now live streaming the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Sunday Masses to the Parish Center lobby. The intention is to provide parents who need to take their children out of church during Mass a place where they can give their children a break and still see and hear what is happening at Mass.

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS AND CHECKOUT PROCESS

The St. Gertrude Parish library (located in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center) is open 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. All are welcome to spend time in the library and browse our collection of books when parish groups are not using the St. Joseph Room. To check out a book, use the black self-checkout kiosk. To sign up for a library account and browse our online catalog, visit stgertrude.library.site/. Email parishlibrary@stgertrude.org with questions.

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.

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, November 15, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, our parish celebrated the feast of our patroness. As in past years, the evening included authentic German food, live polka music, dancing, and plenty of fun!



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

This past weekend, November 14–15, the seventh and eighth graders of St. Gertrude Parish who are currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, had a wonderful retreat at Woodland Lakes Retreat Center in Amelia, OH. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they continue their formation!






ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us for fellowship, fun, refreshments, and activities for the children as we kick off the new liturgical season by making Advent wreaths! We provide all the materials; you bring your pruners and a tray to transport your wreath home.

Sunday, November 30 | 12-2 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym
\$25 per Wreath Kit

To register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/adventwreath2025.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PRESENTS:
THE VIGIL PROJECT


WAY OF THE STAR

A one-night Advent mission experience of Scripture, music, art, and Eucharistic encounter

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2025 // 7:00 PM

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 6543 MIAMI AVE, CINCINNATI, OH 45243

THEVIGILPROJECT.COM




2025 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

All men ages 18+ are invited to the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, "I Thirst: A Message of Hope from the Cross."

WHEN & WHERE
 December 5-6, 2025
 Jesuit Spiritual Center (Milford)

Scan the QR code or visit catholicmensretreat.org to learn more and register!



Father Louis Bethea, O.P.
 Retreat Master



L'alto: High School

2025 ADVENT RETREAT

Find your reason for the season

All 9th-12th graders are invited to step away from the busyness of life to reflect and prepare their hearts to journey with Christ this Advent season.

Saturday | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
12.06.25

Jesuit Spiritual Center
 Milford, OH

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/LaltoRetreat to learn more and sign up!





Advent Lessons and Carols

In celebration of the Advent season, the St. Gertrude Parish Capella, Novitiate Choir, Schola Cantorum, and Parish Choir present a contemplative service of readings that trace salvation history from creation to the Annunciation, interwoven with profound musical meditations from the Church's treasury of sacred music for Advent.

December 14 | 3 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church


JOIN US FOR

Christmas Caroling in Madeira

Saturday, December 20
After 4:30 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Pizza dinner (gym)
6:15 p.m. Head out for caroling
7:15 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies (gym)

Visit bit.ly/2025carols or
scan the QR code to RSVP.



Handel's *Messiah*



As the annual choral prelude to our Christmas Midnight Mass, the St. Gertrude Parish Choir presents excerpts from the Advent-Christmas portion of Handel's beloved oratorio The Messiah with orchestra, culminating in the famous Hallelujah Chorus. Free admission.

DECEMBER 24 | 11:30 P.M.



JOIN US FOR

Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Day Thursday, December 25
3 p.m. Vigil Mass	8 a.m. Mass at Dawn
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	10 a.m. Mass During the Day
12 a.m. Midnight Mass	12 p.m. Mass During the Day

50 Years

CLASS REUNION
CELEBRATION

St. Gertrude School's Class of 1975 is invited to celebrate 50 years on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The evening will begin with 4:30 p.m. parish Mass, followed by a private tour of the SGS campus. Then, enjoy a four-course dinner catered by Maggiano's as you reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the friendships that have endured across the decades—or catch up with classmates you haven't seen in years! To learn more or reserve your seat, please contact Julie Fentress at jfentress@stgertrudesch.org



TRACING OUR PARISH ROOTS: ST. CECILIA, ST. GERTRUDE, AND THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

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

Earlier this week, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Cecilia, a third-century martyr and the heavenly patroness of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Since St. Gertrude School opened its doors in 1934, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have joyfully served at SGS. Many parishioners have asked over the years: "Neither St. Gertrude nor St. Cecilia were Dominicans, so how did they become the patronesses of a Dominican parish and a Dominican congregation of sisters?"

The answer beautifully takes us back to our beginnings. In 1923, the Catholics of the small Village of Madeira had no parish to call their own. With only a few families owning cars, traveling to the nearest church was difficult. One providential conversation at Harry Brinkcroger's hardware store on Camargo Road led a group of 35 local Catholics to petition Archbishop Henry Moeller for permission to celebrate Sunday Mass in a local home. He granted this request on November 25, 1923. Desiring a heavenly patron close to that original historic date, the founders chose St. Gertrude.

Just two years later, Archbishop John Timothy McNicholas, O.P., was appointed to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Wanting to bring the charism of the Dominican Order to this young parish, he invited Dominican friars to staff St. Gertrude Parish. The first Dominican pastor arrived in 1927. Seven years later, the parish opened its school and welcomed the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee.

The story of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia stretches further back to 1860, when Bishop James Whelan—also a Dominican—invited four sisters from Somerset, Ohio, to establish an academy for girls with a special focus on music and the fine arts. St. Cecilia, the patroness of sacred music, was a fitting guide for this new congregation. Her connection to the early life of the Dominican Order makes her an even more cherished intercessor for us.

From their founding, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have held a profound love for beauty and the arts, knowing that the fine arts awaken wonder, elevate the mind, and draw the soul toward God. Here at St. Gertrude School, we see this truth daily in the work of Mrs. King and Ms. Pugliano in music and art, Mrs. Brizendine in theater, and in the thoughtful way our classroom teachers introduce students to inspiring poetry and literature.

As we reflect on St. Cecilia's feast, the sisters and I are filled with deep gratitude for our vocations, the privilege of serving in this parish, and the gift of forming young hearts and minds in the Dominican tradition. May St. Cecilia powerfully intercede for our entire St. Gertrude Parish and School community.

WEIHNACHTS KONZERT

The Catholic Kolping Saengerchor presents its Weihnachts Konzert (Christmas Concert) on **Sunday, November 30**, at the Kolping Center (10235 Mill Road, Cincinnati, OH). The concert will feature carols and traditional songs in German and English and the Kinderchor (children's choir). Dessert, coffee, and tea will be served. There will be a cash bar, homemade cookies for sale, a basket raffle, and split-the-pot. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.; concert begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Please RSVP to Bonnie Campbell at (513) 675-0571 by November 24 to reserve your tickets.

TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

You're invited to Gate of Heaven Cemetery on **Friday, December 5, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.** for a special Advent evening of fellowship and sacred music, featuring performances by several local parish choirs, including St. Margaret of York and Our Lady of Hope parish families. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and refreshments as we gather in the spirit of the season. During the evening, Gate of Heaven will be accepting donations to help provide car seats for Pregnancy Center Plus. In the spirit of giving, Gate of Heaven will joyfully match your contributions, doubling the blessing for young families in need. Your generosity will make a lasting impact. No RSVP is required.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is hosting its annual Christmas in Bethlehem on Saturdays during December:

- December 6 (Family Fun Day), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Enjoy an interactive town of Bethlehem, shopping, live animals, crafts, food trucks, and St. Nicholas.
- December 13 & 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Enjoy an interactive town of Bethlehem and shopping.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Visit olhsc.org/events for more information and to sign up.

MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

All men are invited to attend an Advent retreat the weekend of December 5–7, either in-person or via Zoom. The theme for the retreat is, "St. Joseph, Our Model for Living in this World." Although Joseph never utters a word in Scripture, he is known as the Terror of Demons. His role as husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus makes him an important model to follow. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles, OH 45660), and is sponsored by Presentation Ministries. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the trails, rock formations, and wooded hillsides. Guest rooms are available, and meals will be provided. The cost of the retreat is a freewill offering. For more information and to pre-register, visit presentationministries.com or call (513) 373-2397.

TASTE OF LEBANON MEDITERRANEAN FOOD FESTIVAL

This **Sunday, November 23**, the St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Catholic Church community invites you to its 10:30 a.m. liturgy, followed by its renowned Taste of Lebanon Mediterranean Food Festival from 12 to 7 p.m. Festival highlights include Mediterranean cuisine (carryout and dine-in options), traditional dancing, religious items and souvenirs, and more. Admittance and parking is free. A detailed menu is available at TheTasteOfLebanon.com, where you can easily place pre-orders. St. Anthony of Padua is located at 2530 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206.



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Pre-Planning
Seminar

Tuesday, November 25th

11:00am, 2:00pm, or
6:00pm



RSVP to 513-489-0300



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 24 | Sts. Ignatius Delgado, O.P., Vincent Liam, O.P.,
Dominic An-Kham, O.P., and Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (M)**

7 a.m. | Mass – † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

8 a.m. | Mass – † Sharon Williams Frisbie by The Wainscott Family

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, November 25 | St. Catherine of Alexandria (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – Dave & Kari Staples by Kevin & Kathy Baker

8 a.m. | Mass – Brett Barlow by The Isaacs Family

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Charlie Grau by Dolores Brandstetter

4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, November 26 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Donald Beimesche by Nancy Beimesche

8 a.m. | Mass – † Dave Loder by Steve Leverone

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Viktor Wilhelmy by Ken & MaryJane DeHanes

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

Thursday, November 27 | Thanksgiving Day

10 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

Friday, November 28 | Weekday

7 a.m. | † Marian Scherpenberg by Sue & Jeff Normand

8 a.m. | Mass – † Rob Steier by Bill & Becky Karlak

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Dino Pelle by Mike & Ellie Kenny

4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, November 29 | Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Eugene Pierce by Linda Bukvic

11:30 a.m. | † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family
by John & Hilda Bough

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes

by Harold & Coleen Glorius and Family

Sunday, November 30 | First Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. | Mass – † Harold Noble by The Noble Family

10 a.m. | Mass – OCIA Catechumens Seeking Baptism & Candidates
Seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church

12 p.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by Julie & Brian Ross

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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Sunday, November 16, 2025

Collection	\$42,429
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$4,630)
Second Collection – SGS	\$5,004

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$847,503
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