

*For to us a
Child is born,*

*to us a Son
is given.*

— Isaiah 9:6



**St. Gertrude
PARISH**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | DECEMBER 25, 2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH | DECEMBER 28, 2025



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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.





CHRISTMAS GREETING AND PRAYERS

On behalf of all the Dominican friars and the entire St. Gertrude Parish staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a very merry and blessed Christmas. We

are so happy that you are able to join us for the celebration of this most holy feast. And indeed there is so much to celebrate as we gather this Christmas. For “a child is born for us, a son is given us” (Isaiah 9:5), and this child is the hope of all the world. This is the day when we are called to hear anew the words the angels spoke to the shepherds in the field that first Christmas night: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:10-12).

By our presence here, all of us have heard the call to come to the manger to encounter the infant lying there. This baby changed the history of the world by his birth; he changed the course of eternity by his death and resurrection. And just as he came to a manger in the city of Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, he comes to us this day to again bring to our hearts and lives tidings of great joy. For, in the midst of a world that can be, at times, full of sorrows and suffering, Jesus enters in by the power of his love. His presence is always with us, most of all in those moments when life is especially challenging. Christmas is a beautiful reminder to us that he is always wanting to draw closer to us; all he needs is an openness on our part. We are called to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ.

It is my deepest prayer that this day and throughout the upcoming year your heart may be filled with all of the joy and peace, the truth and grace, the mercy and love that Christ came to the earth to bring. These past years have been difficult ones for many reasons, and in the midst of these challenges, so many people have struggled to keep as close to the Lord and their faith as maybe they had before. If perhaps that applies to you, then know that we at St. Gertrude Parish would love to help you draw closer to the Lord during this upcoming year. We have a parish community filled with amazing, wonderful, beautiful people and so many different opportunities to grow in knowledge of our faith, to develop a deeper life of prayer, and to give of ourselves in service to those in need. It is my hope that all our parishioners—indeed everyone who attends Christmas Mass with us—might grow in their faith, hope, and love during the upcoming year. If you are uncertain the best way to do that, please feel free to reach out and we will do

everything we can to help get you connected with us.

With the angels, let us all sing out this day, “Glory to God in the highest!”

Kneeling with you at the manger.

Merry Christmas,

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“When Mass began . . . I saw Our Lady with the Infant Jesus and St. Joseph standing behind them. The most holy Mother said to me, ‘Take My Dearest Treasure’ and She handed me the Infant Jesus . . . I said to Him, ‘I know that You are my Lord and Creator even though You are so tiny.’ Jesus stretched His little arms out to me and

looked at me with a smile. My spirit was filled with incomparable joy. Then, suddenly, Jesus disappeared and it was time for Holy Communion . . . After Holy Communion, I heard these words in my soul, ‘I am in your heart, I whom you had in your arms.’”

- Diary, #608

CAMPUS CLOSURES & SCHEDULE CHANGES

- **Adoration Chapel:** Closed December 24–January 1
- **Parish Office:** Closed December 24–26, open December 29–30 from 12:30 to 5 p.m., and closed December 31–January 2.
- **Confession:** No confessions December 24–26 and 31 or January 1–2
- **School Office:** Closed through January 4

HEALTHY MOMS & BABES COLLECTION

The weekend of January 3-4, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Healthy Moms & Babes, an organization that serves at-risk women of childbearing age and their children. Needed items:

For Babies and Toddlers

- outfits (sizes 0-3, 3-6, 6-9, and 12 months) and booties/socks
- sleepers and onesies (sizes 0-3, 3-6, and 6-9 months)
- diaper bags and wipes
- infant car seats (pumpkin seats with handle preferred)
- Pack 'n Plays
- receiving blankets
- baby lotion and body wash
- rattles, educational toys (0-3 years), coloring books, crayons, and books

For Moms

- gift cards (increments of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, etc.) to Walmart, Kroger, and dollar stores
- lotion, body wash, body spray, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes
- feminine hygiene products
- journals

Thank you! If you have any questions, call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.



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, Mark Holland, 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 Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

December 26 | St. Stephen (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Christmas Novena

8 a.m. | Mass – † Barbara Dugan by The Collins Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Joyce Meiners by St. Gertrude Parish

December 27 | St. John the Apostle & Evangelist (F)

8 a.m. | Mass – Christmas Novena

9 a.m. | Mass in Hebrew – For Peace in the Holy Land

11:30 a.m. | † Carmen Conlin by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mike O'Connell by Anne Spaeth

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This WEEK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Adoration Chapel Closed
Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Adoration Chapel Closed
7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Adoration Chapel Closed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Adoration Chapel Closed
9 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Blood Drive (Parish Center)
12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
12:30-5 p.m. | Parish Office Open
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Adoration Chapel Closed
12:30-5 p.m. | Parish Office Open

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Adoration Chapel Closed
Parish Office Closed

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Adoration Chapel Closed
Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)
9 a.m. | Las Guadalupanas (St. Joseph Room)
9 a.m. | Respect Life Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)
5:30 p.m. | Healthy Moms & Babes Collection (White Van - Parking Lot)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9 a.m. | Healthy Moms & Babes Collection (White Van - Parking Lot)
9 a.m. | Rosary Sales (St. Dominic Lobby)
11 a.m. | Healthy Moms & Babes Collection (White Van - Parking Lot)
11 a.m. | Rosary Sales (St. Dominic Lobby)
1 p.m. | Healthy Moms & Babes Collection (White Van - Parking Lot)
1 p.m. | Rosary Sales (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

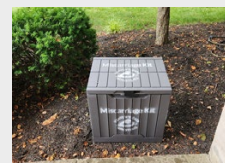
BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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.

A VISUAL RECAP OF 2025

St. Gertrude Parish is a growing and very active community. We are incredibly blessed to have so many families, more than 50 ministries for people of all ages, beautiful and reverent liturgies, and numerous opportunities to get involved, receive the sacraments, and attend events.

It's been a full year! Enjoy these photos from 2025, compliments of our Photography Ministry.





SPIRITUAL ECUMENISM: SEEKING UNITY IN TRUTH

By Nathan Smith

Two years ago, Glenmary Home Missioners, where I serve as the director of ecumenism, hosted an event at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Rather crassly

entitled, “How Is One Saved?”, the event brought together Lutherans, Baptists, and Catholics to discuss the topic of justification. Theologians from the aforementioned communions presented papers on the topic. We prayed together, listened to conversations between the presenters, and took questions from the audience, which numbered over 150 people—greatly exceeding our expectations and our space!

Following the event, many guests lingered to continue the conversation. For many Baptists I spoke with, this was the first time they had ever entered a Catholic church. For the Catholic seminarians present, this was the first time many of them had heard the theology of another tradition presented in this way. Judging by the fact that we had to ask people to leave at the end of the night, it was clear that both the topic—the original theological debate which has separated the Church in the West for 500 years—and the conversation were important, urgent, and of deep interest. I recall speaking to a young Catholic man who thanked me for the evening. He shared that this topic is one he and his Reformed Protestant parents talk about often, except with more yelling! He was glad to see how we modeled this conversation of truth-seeking on a topic that has divided both the Church and his family. In this way, there was a kind of conversion that happened for this man and for his parents, who were also present at the event.

In my role, I often get asked, “What is the goal of ecumenism? If it is full structural and sacramental unity, which it is, then how do we get there? Isn’t this issue so big and complex that others should deal with it—theologians, clerics, heads of communions?” The thing about ecumenism is that it is a ministry most Catholics engage in every day but rarely in the spaces that get the attention. Instead, it happens regularly in the workplace, in schools, at sporting events, in neighborhoods, and, like the example I provided above, in families. In this way, ecumenism is the ministry of every baptized believer for whom Christ prayed that we might be one as he and the Father are one (John 17:21). So, what does this ministry look like for those who unknowingly engage in it every day?

To answer this question, the Second Vatican Council and its Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) are instructive. Catholics (actually all Christians) are encouraged to engage in what they call Spiritual Ecumenism, which is an emphasis on a continual “change of heart and holiness of life” along with a commitment to “public and private prayer for the unity of Christians” (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 8). This Spiritual Ecumenism, the Council Fathers say, is the “soul of the whole ecumenical movement.” Of course, we are seeking a unity in truth, who is the person of Christ, so we must avoid a false peace. But in highlighting the centrality of prayer and holiness, we see that, at the root, our unity as Christians is a gift of the Spirit. It is this gift that will allow us to be recognized as what we are, Christians. And, as Christ reminds us, others will know we are his disciples when we love one another, which, as anyone has experienced, requires much prayer.

Nathan Smith is a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner, the director of Ecumenism for Glenmary Home Missioners, and a consultant for the USCCB. He and his wife have one son and live in Loveland.

SAVE THE DATE

Family Consecration Workshop

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Forming families so that they can prepare for, make, and live out Family Consecration at home. More details to come!





UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29
9-11 A.M. | 12:15-3 P.M.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym

To schedule your appointment, scan the QR code, visit hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude, or call Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910.

Appointments suggested, but walk-ins welcome.

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

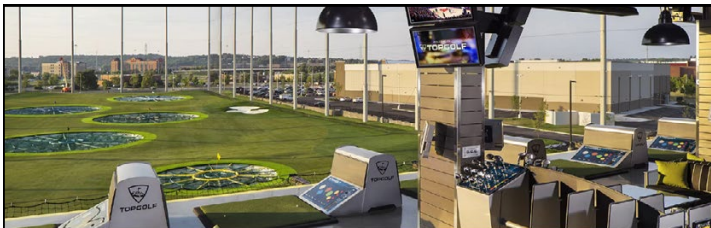
JANUARY 1, 2026

Join us for Mass to honor our Blessed Mother and kick off the New Year.

Wednesday, December 31
 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Thursday, January 1
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m.

***This is a Holy Day
 of Obligation.***



SWING INTO SPRING

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

*Elder Council will donate a portion of the funds to
 The American Wheelchair Mission*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TOPGOLF

9568 Water Front Drive
 West Chester Township

Christmas Discount

\$70/person or \$375 for a team of six players (ends December 31)

Regular Rate: \$75/person or \$390 for a team of six players.

Registration ends April 11, 2026.



**For more information and to register, scan
 the QR code or visit bit.ly/2026swing.**

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, JANUARY 18

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.





2025–2026
**SACRED MUSIC
SERIES**

St. Gertrude Parish presents its second annual Sacred Music Series. Over the course of the 2025–2026 program year, this rapidly-growing initiative brings together world-class artists from across the United States and Europe to share the Catholic Church's vast treasury of sacred music in concerts, musical meditations, and liturgies.

NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 30!
Scan the QR code to learn more, buy tickets,
and view all upcoming events.



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Ashes will be distributed at 7 a.m.,
8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m. Masses.

*"For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
– Genesis 3:19*



Lenten
FISH FRY

The St. Gertrude Parish Fish Fry is the place to be on Fridays during Lent! Serving hand-dipped fried haddock loins, Nashville Hot fried haddock, roasted lemon dill salmon, many in-house made sides, pizza, and beer and wine, we have plenty of options for the whole family—even those who do not enjoy fish. Dine-in, carry out, and online ordering for drive-thru pickup available.

February 20, March 6 & 20
5-7:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym

**LENTEN
PARISH
MISSION**

with Father Leo Camurati, O.P.



MARCH 7–8
Preaching at all
Masses

MARCH 9–11
Conferences | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church



MARCH 7-11, 2026



A SACRED YEAR: CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

As we enter the holy season of Christmas, I write with a heart full of gratitude. This sacred time invites us to pause, give thanks,

and marvel at the quiet and holy ways God has been at work among us.

In his abundant goodness, the Lord has blessed our parish with nearly one hundred years of academic excellence and faithful witness. Since 1934, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have poured out their lives in service to our community, forming generation after generation of young Catholics. Their vocation as teachers is not simply a profession, but a mission: to hand on the fullness of our faith, to shape minds and hearts for Christ, and to help children discover their dignity as sons and daughters made in the image and likeness of God.

We are also profoundly grateful for the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph, whose spiritual fatherhood, preaching, and sacramental ministry animate the life of our parish and school. Together, the friars and sisters offer a rare and beautiful witness. St. Gertrude School (SGS) is one of only two schools in the entire country where Dominican friars and Dominican sisters serve side by side. Their living presence breathes into our parish the four great pillars of Dominican spirituality: prayer, study, community, and preaching. This is the Dominican difference.

This year, we found language for something our community has lived for generations: the Dominican difference. It is not a slogan or a strategy, but a reality that has long shaped the rhythm of life at St. Gertrude School. It is woven into the very fabric of our school and quietly revealed in the ordinary, faithful moments of each day. At St. Gertrude School, education is never reduced to academics alone. It is the formation of the whole person: mind, heart, body, and soul, ordered toward what is true, good, and beautiful—and ultimately to Jesus Christ.

We see this formation most clearly lived in our students. This year, many of our middle school boys chose to gather each morning in the chapel before class began, kneeling side by side, to pray the rosary. There is no program requiring it, no announcement drawing attention to it—only the simple desire to place their days in the hands of Our Lady and her Son. In

moments like these, we witness something sacred taking root. What our children hear proclaimed from the altar on Sunday surely finds a home in their daily lives during the week. And in quiet, faithful ways, they learn to carry Christ with them, into their families, their friendships, and the world entrusted to their care.

This year, we have been blessed with a record number of applications for the 2026–2027 school year, a powerful reflection of the trust families place in the formative education their children receive at St. Gertrude School. We also introduced our Preschool Pups Storytime program for parish families with little ones ages 18 months to five years old. This Christ-centered alternative to secular storytimes allows children to encounter a foretaste of SGS rhythms through story, song, and friendship.

It has been a particular joy to welcome parish families who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to step inside these school walls. To walk with them, to listen to their stories, and to share in prayer has been a quiet and beautiful gift. In God's providence, these encounters have begun to bear visible fruit, and we are grateful to see new life and renewed trust reflected in the growth of our enrollment.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with hope and confidence, not in ourselves, but in the Lord who has been so faithful to our parish for nearly a century. St. Gertrude School exists first and foremost to serve the families of this parish—to hand on the faith, to form disciples, and to ensure that the light of Christ continues to burn brightly in this community for generations to come. This mission endures only through the prayerful and generous support of our parishioners, who so faithfully uphold this work as their own. We entrust our students, our families, and our future to the Christ Child born in Bethlehem, asking him to bless our parish, sustain our school, and make St. Gertrude Parish a lasting sign of his truth, his goodness, and his love.

God bless,

Mr. Travis Johnson
St. Gertrude School Principal



E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE—DISCOUNT

Give the gift of faith this Christmas! Throughout December, E6 Catholic Men's Conference tickets are \$10 off with the promo code CHRISTMAS. The conference is February 21, 2026, at East Central High School in St. Leon, IN, and offers powerful speakers, fellowship, Confession, Adoration, and incredible formation for men.

11TH ANNUAL

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Put on the Armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. -Ephesians 6:11

Four Pillars for Godly Men

FAITH INTEGRITY WITNESS SACRIFICE

Fr. Jonathan Meyer Tim Francis Ryan Olohan Devin Schadt Kevin Wells

8AM TO 3:30PM

FEBRUARY 21 Saturday 2026

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60 minutes SE of Indy
1 Trojan Place
St. Leon, IN 47022

WWW.E6CATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM

CONSIDER LAY MISSIONARY MINISTRY

There are dozens of Catholic lay missionary programs seeking volunteers ages 17-75 for short- or long-term service in the United States or overseas. For more information, please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office director, Dr. Mike Gable, at mgable@catholicaoc.org or catholicvolunteernetwork.org/begin/. Thank you for your interest in serving!

FREE! DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY

EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH - JANUARY 4TH
6PM - 10PM (CLOSES 9PM SUNDAYS)

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www.brightlightsindiana.com 513-788-2326

NOV. 28TH FREE CONCERT MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

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Christmas is truly the most wonderful time of year. As you celebrate the Christmas season, be sure to tune in to Sacred Heart Radio—your home for faith, inspiration, and community. It's the way to grow in your faith every day. Let us be your peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, and remember to keep Christ's birth at the heart of it all. Listen on 740 AM or 910 AM, and don't forget to download our app at sacredheartradio.com or from the app store so you can listen anytime, anywhere.

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CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY

All are invited to join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates Mass for the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, December 28, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. At the request of the Holy Father, a collection for the poor will be taken.

SAVE THE DATE: CATHOLIC DAY AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK

The second annual Catholic Day at Great American Ballpark will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will host the Milwaukee Brewers that evening. More details will be announced soon.

FOLLOW & PRAY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him on Instagram at [@archbishopcasey](https://www.instagram.com/archbishopcasey) and Facebook at [facebook.com/archbishopcasey](https://www.facebook.com/archbishopcasey). By following Archbishop Casey, you can pray with him throughout the Christmas season—and beyond.

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

December 28 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (F)

- 8 a.m.** | Mass – Christmas Novena
- 10 a.m.** | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
- 12 p.m.** | Mass – † Kim Caswell by The Caswell Family
- 6 p.m.** | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude

December 29 | 5th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 7 a.m.** | Mass – Christmas Novena
- 8 a.m.** | Mass – † Tom Huber by Rick Sammons
- 11:30 a.m.** | † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
- 4 p.m.** | Confessions

December 30 | 6th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 7 a.m.** | Mass – † Matthew Haney by Marie & Grant Foreman
- 8 a.m.** | Mass – † Hilda Bough by Sherry Huddle
- 11:30 a.m.** | Mass – Christmas Novena
- 4 p.m.** | Confessions

December 31 | 7th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 7 a.m.** | Mass – Christmas Novena
- 8 a.m.** | Mass – † Patricia Varner by Jeanne Johantges
- 11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Colin Hu by ARA
- 4:30 p.m.** | Edna & Harry Clavin by The Isaacs Family

January 1 | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (S)

- 8 a.m.** | Mass – Christmas Novena
- 10 a.m.** | Mass – People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m.** | Mass – † Rocco Jude Hester by St. Gertrude Parish

Friday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (M)

- 7 a.m.** | Samuel Schroeder by Kevin Breslin
- 8 a.m.** | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
- 11:30 a.m.** | Mass – Christmas Novena

Saturday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus (M)

- 8 a.m.** | Mass – † Cynthia Khoo-Robinson by The Stines Family
- 9 a.m.** | Mass in Arabic – For Peace in the Holy Land
- 11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Brigitte Vielhauer by St. Gertrude Parish
- 3:30 p.m.** | Confessions
- 4:30 p.m.** | Mass – John & Elaine Mackey Family
by Joan Rizzo Mackey

Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m.** | Mass – People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m.** | Mass – † Aida Gort by The Nieto Family
- 12 p.m.** | Mass – † Kim Caswell by The Caswell Family
- 6 p.m.** | Mass – † Frank Senich by Elaine & Jeff Parker



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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.

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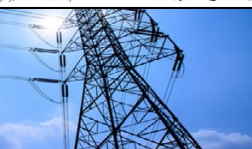
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