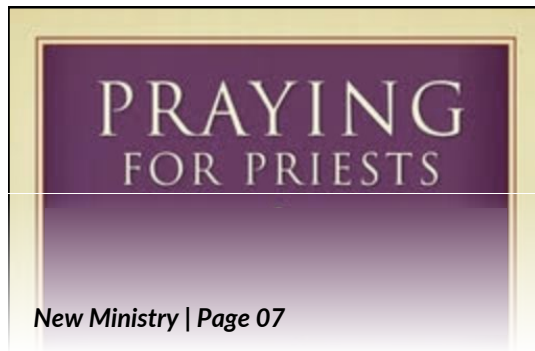





St. Gertrude PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 7, 2025



Listen to our parish podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts!


Spotify


Apple

02 WELCOME

Become a Parishioner
Mission, Vision, Core Values
Become Catholic

03 FROM OUR PASTOR

Letter from Father John Paul

04 PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Tuesday Update
Wedding Anniversary Mass
Baptisms
Let Us Pray

05 PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Giving Tree
Helping the Poor
Parish Library
Do Your Littles Need a Break?
Christmas Novena

06 PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Parish Theme
Become a Eucharistic Guardian
Miscarriage Kit Box
Create Your Will for Free
Are You in Need of Forgiveness?

07 PARISH EVANGELIZATION

Rite of Entrance/Welcoming Recap
New Ministry to Pray for Priests
Advent Wreath Making Recap

08 PARISH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Immaculate Conception Masses
Advent Lessons & Carols
Caroling in Madeira
Youth Ministry Christmas Skate

09 PARISH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Handel's Messiah
Christmas Masses
In the Footsteps of St. Dominic
Swing into Spring

10 SCHOOL NEWS

11 AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Retirement Fund for Religious
Closing of the Jubilee Year
Christmas in Bethlehem
Christmas Light Display
Sacred Heart Radio
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Solemn Vespers
Fresh-Cut Christmas Trees

12 PARISH INFORMATION


Liturgical Schedule & Intentions
Care for Sick and Homebound
Prayer Ministry for the Dying

13 PARISH INFORMATION

Directory & Support Ministries
Financials & Bulletin Deadline

ST. GERTRUDE **PARISH**

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243

 (513) 561-5954  stgertrude.org

 parishoffice@stgertrude.org

 [stgertrudechurch](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechurch)

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 MOTHER OF THE FAITHFUL PEOPLE OF GOD

A little over a month ago, the Vatican Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Leo XIV, issued a document entitled *Mater Populi Fidelis* ("Mother of the Faithful

People of God," MPF). The primary goal was to address the role of Mary's cooperation in the work of salvation while also addressing the use of some titles for Mary that have been emphasized in popular Marian devotion, especially over the past decades. Two of these titles are Mary as "Co-redemptrix" and Mary as "Mediatrice of All Graces." Since at least the pontificate of Pope St. John Paul II, there have been calls and petitions to Rome to define these as dogmas of the faith via papal infallibility. Rather than do that, the document did much the opposite, banning these two titles from official Church documents. I'd like to explore why this document was issued and clarify what it says, and doesn't say, about these two titles and about Our Lady more generally.

The document is rather long for a dicastery document (80 paragraphs; about 20 pages if printed on standard letter-sized paper) and contains 197 theological footnotes. What follows is my best attempt to distill the document to its most central points.

First, it is important to understand that there is a pastoral, more than a theological, motive for the document. "Yet, these titles—some of which already appear in the writings of the Church Fathers—are not always employed precisely, and their meanings are sometimes altered or misinterpreted. Beyond terminological issues, some titles pose significant difficulties regarding their content because they can often lead to a mistaken understanding of Mary's role, which carries serious repercussions at the Christological, ecclesiological and anthropological levels" (MPF, 2). It continues, "The present document, without intending to be comprehensive or exhaustive, seeks to maintain the necessary balance that must be established within the Christian mysteries between Christ's sole mediation and Mary's cooperation in the work of salvation, and it seeks to show how this is expressed in various Marian titles" (MPF, 3).

Our human experience tells us that "Co-redemptrix," is a confusing title. For example, if I am in a summer softball league and my team and another team are co-champions, what does that convey? That we are equally champions. In this sense, someone hearing the assertion that Mary is "Co-redemptrix" could easily get the mistaken (and heretical) impression that

she and Christ are equally responsible for our redemption! The document states: "This title risks obscuring Christ's unique salvific mediation and can therefore create confusion and an imbalance in the harmony of the truths of the Christian faith, for 'there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved' (Acts 4:12). When an expression requires many, repeated explanations to prevent it from straying from a correct meaning, it does not serve the faith of the People of God and becomes unhelpful."

Regarding the title "Mediatrice of All Graces," the document points out that, "Some titles, such as 'Mediatrice of All Graces,' have limits that do not favor a correct understanding of Mary's unique place. In fact, she, the first redeemed, could not have been the mediatrice of the grace that she herself received. This is not a minor point since it reveals something central: even in Mary's case, the gift of grace precedes her and comes from the absolutely free initiative of the Trinity in view of Christ's merits. Like all of us, she did not merit her justification by a preceding action of her own, nor did she do so by any subsequent action" (MPF, 67). The document instead repeats the formulation used by the Second Vatican Council, which called Mary "Mother in the order of grace" (MPF, 71; citing *Lumen Gentium*, 61).

It is important to note that there are ways these titles can be properly understood. Mary as "Co-redemptrix" is theologically sound if, by "co-," we understand her not in any way equal to, but instead as "uniting herself with" her Son in his work of divine redemption. Her title as "Mediatrice" can accurately be understood if it is acknowledged that her "mediation" with respect to us neither takes away nor adds anything to Christ as the sole mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5), but that she, being the recipient of a special gift from her Son, accompanies the Lord's work by her special maternal intercession (cf. MPF, 65). However, going back to the pastoral aim of the document, it is rare that such nuances of these titles would be understood by many, thus leading to the potential for great confusion.

Mary, Mother of the Faithful People of God, pray for us!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

GIVING TUESDAY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2025 Giving Tuesday campaign! We are waiting on a few gifts from parishioners' donor advisory funds (DAF) before announcing the final Giving Tuesday amount. Look for an update in the coming weeks! We are very grateful for your generous support!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

We celebrated our annual wedding anniversary Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 22. The following couples received a special blessing for reaching significant wedding anniversaries. Congratulations!

- James & Diane Tomaszewski (55 years)
- John & Janet Cremons (50 years)
- Steven & Jane Overbeck (50 years)
- Harry & Peggy Robinson (50 years)
- James & Barbara Swift (45 years)
- Roger & Barbara Silbersack (40 years)
- Mark & Julie Faust (35 years)
- James & Sandy Smith (30 years)
- Scott & Susan Bentley (25 years)
- Raymond & Jane Butschie (25 years)



BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Child: Josephine Harlee Hester
Parents: Ryan & Darcie Hester



Child: Hannah Catherine Peters
Parents: Wesley & Rachel Peters



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 Krumb, John Krumb, 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

† Rita Johantges, mother of Cindy Hertzell
Jeanne Johantges, and Kate Werner



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE—BRING ITEMS THIS WEEKEND

If you took a tag from the Ladies of Charity Giving Tree in the church or have purchased a gift from the list of needed items, **please bring your gifts to the Parish Center this weekend.** The Ladies of Charity annual Christmas Giving Tree project supports Hope Emergency, Life Forward, St. Bernard Parish, Ivy Woods Nursing Home, and many local families. For more information, contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your generosity!



HELPING THE POOR

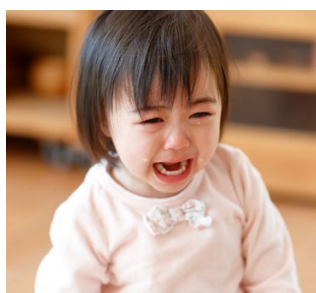
There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves, for we long for the coming of the Lord. When you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering, poor, and longing for the coming of the Lord. Thank you for your generosity!

Interested in joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Call Jennifer at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2112.



PARISH LIBRARY

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/ or scan the QR code. Email parishlibrary@stgertrude.org with questions.



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 a place where they can take their little ones during Mass and still see and hear what is happening during the liturgy.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Christmas with our annual Christmas novena of Masses, offered here at St. Gertrude Parish. The novena will begin on Christmas Day, December 25, 2025, and go through January 2, 2026. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office. Please return your novena offering envelope in the collection basket or to the parish office before Christmas. All proceeds go to support the St. Gertrude Priory.

This WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Become Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7 p.m. | Parents of Precious Pearls Meeting (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (St. Dominic Lobby)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 a.m. | Reception for Our Lady of Guadalupe (Parish Center)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
9 a.m. | St. Anne & Child Mary Guild (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 a.m. | Parish Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
11 a.m. | Parish Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
3 p.m. | Advent Lessons and Carols (Church)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Night (Parish Center)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Please join us on Friday, December 12, at 6 a.m., for a special candlelight Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be in English with Latin chants and take place at the main altar in the church. There will be a reception in the Parish Center following Mass; we encourage you to bring a treat or simple breakfast item to share.



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.

RITE OF ENTRANCE/WELCOMING RECAP

On November 30, the First Sunday of Advent, 23 men and women completed the Rite of Entrance/Welcoming as part of the Become Catholic process. There are a handful of others in formation who couldn't attend the rite, totaling a little over 30 men and women who are currently journeying toward full Communion with the Church at St. Gertrude Parish. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

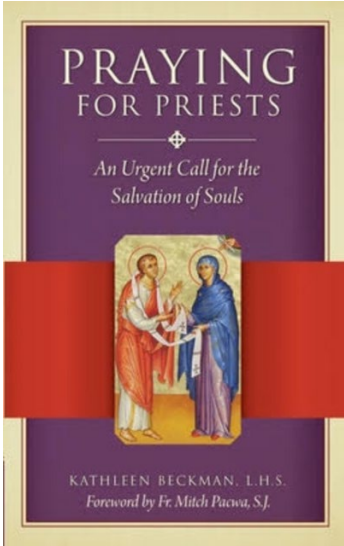


NEW MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to join the St. John Vianney Group, a new St. Gertrude Parish ministry that is dedicated to praying for our priests and the holy souls in purgatory. The group will meet every Monday after Midday Prayer from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room. This is such an important ministry because without our priests, there is no Eucharist.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Maria Ivonne Resendiz at mivonneresendiz@gmail.com or (513) 260-8055.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT RECAP

Last Sunday, November 30, the First Sunday of Advent, we held our annual Advent Wreath Making event. As in past years, we sold out of wreath kits, and over 90 families participated either on-site or at home. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped set up, clean up, and make this beloved tradition possible.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On Thursday, December 8, we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a **holy day of obligation**. Please join us for Mass at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 7 p.m.



Mary, Blessed Mother, pray for us.



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.



Christmas Skate

All 7th–12th graders are invited!

 **December 21 | 5:15–7:15 p.m.**
Arrival starts at 4:45 p.m. Pick up at 7:15 p.m.

 **Queen City Sportsplex**
10765 Reading Rd

\$15 online, \$20 at door
Online registration ends December 19

Contact Shannon Loughrey, coordinator of youth ministry, at sloughrey@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954 with questions.



SCAN TO SIGN UP

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 *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

3 p.m. Vigil Mass
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
12 a.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25

8 a.m. Mass at Dawn
10 a.m. Mass During the Day
12 p.m. Mass During the Day



In the Footsteps of St. Dominic

with Father John Langlois and Father John Mark

MAY 11-22, 2026

Travel to Spain, France, and Italy with two of our Dominican friars on a very special pilgrimage. You will visit St. Dominic's birthplace, Toulouse, Rome, Bologna, and the Marian shrine of Lourdes. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will introduce you to places, churches, and landscapes that most American tourists never see!

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/footsteps2026 to learn more and sign up!



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.



2025-2026

SGS Annual Fundraiser



St. Gertrude School has been a vital part of parish life for 90 years, forming students academically, spiritually, and morally in the Dominican tradition. Each year, the SGS Annual Fund helps ensure this mission remains strong and accessible to families within our parish community.

The Annual Fund bridges the gap between tuition, parish subsidies, and the true cost of providing a Catholic education. While most students are able to attend at little to no cost through Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Education Foundation, these programs do not cover every essential need.

Gifts to the Annual Fund support classroom excellence, spiritual formation, campus safety improvements, and ongoing care of our school facilities. It is the only fund entirely dedicated to sustaining the daily life and long-term strength of St. Gertrude School.

We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Fund, which runs through the end of January.

Your generosity, through prayer and financial support, helps ensure that St. Gertrude School continues to serve our parish now and for generations to come.

Scan the code to donate online today, or give by check (made payable to St. Gertrude School) with "Annual Fund" in the memo line.



50 Years
CLASS REUNION
CELEBRATION

St. Gertrude School's Class of 1975 is invited to celebrate 50 years on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Begin the evening together at the 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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend, December 13-14, is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, which supports more than 21,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. For decades, women and men religious have devoted their lives to service through countless Church ministries, often for little to no pay. Since 1988, the Retirement Fund for Religious has been a lifeline for our aging religious, but the need remains urgent. With your generosity, we can help ensure they are cared for with the dignity they so rightly deserve. Every gift makes a difference. Please prayerfully discern how you will contribute to this collection, and be generous next weekend. For more information, please visit retiredreligious.org.

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 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.

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), | 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.



FREE!
DRIVE-THRU
CHRISTMAS
LIGHT DISPLAY

EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH - JANUARY 4TH
6PM - 10PM (CLOSES 9PM SUNDAYS)
ST. TERESA BRIGHT, IN
23345 Gavin Lane, Bright, IN 47025
www.brightlightsindiana.com 513-788-2326

NOV. 28TH
FREE CONCERT
MY BROTHER'S
KEEPER

YOUR HOME FOR FAITH, INSPIRATION, AND COMMUNITY

Christmas is right around the corner! As you travel to family gatherings or finish up your shopping list, 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.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY
& SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

CINCINNATI + OHIO

Forming Worthy Leaders to
Serve Christ's Church

www.athenaeum.edu

SOLEMN VESPERS AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY—DECEMBER 7

Please join us for our annual solemn vespers on the eve of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Admission is free. The evening, featuring the Athenaeum Chorale and Mount St. Mary's Seminary Latin Schola, will include a solemn vespers program followed by carols and motets. This year, the choirs will be joined by musicians from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra to perform an extended offering from Mozart's Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Visit athenaeum.edu/sacred-music-institute/ to view the full season schedule and learn more about the Sacred Music Institute.

FRESH-CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

Boy Scout Troop 18 is selling fresh-cut Christmas trees through Christmas—or until they run out of trees. The Christmas Tree lot is located at St. Savior Church. Learn more at BoyScoutChristmasTrees.com. Buy a tree while they last!

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

Monday, December 8 | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity
by Ladies of Charity

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marvin Beck by Mary Petric

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

7 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

Tuesday, December 9 | St. Juan Diego (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – Catherine Pachuk by The Pachuk Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Joy Plummer by St. Gertrude Parish

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

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

Wednesday, December 10 | Advent Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Jared & Amy Beasley by Jim & Anita Pappalardo

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner
4 p.m. | Confessions

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

Thursday, December 11 | Advent Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Laura Tran by Thien Cao

8 a.m. | Mass – Steve Bay by Nancy Lucas

11:30 a.m. | † Tim Asbrock by Bill & Penny Cunningham
4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)

6 a.m. | Mass (Our Lady of Guadalupe) - Intention of the Celebrant

7 a.m. | † Deceased Members of the Shannon Family
by The Shannon Family

8 a.m. | Mass – Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Members of Las Guadalupanas by Dina Henderson
4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, December 13 | St. Lucy (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – Sister Sharon Rose, O.P., by The Morande Family

11:30 a.m. | † Andy Mueller by Dolores Brandstetter

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † James Momper by The Pavloff Family

Sunday, December 14 | Third Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ted Leugers by Pete & Donna Marcello

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

12 p.m. | Mass – † Kim Caswell by The Knights of Columbus

6 p.m. | Mass – † William Schmidter by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel



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.

PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

CLERGY

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., Pastor
frjohnpaul@stgertrude.org
Father Reginald Hoefer, O.P., Parochial Vicar
frrreginald@stgertrude.org
Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., Parochial Vicar
frluke@stgertrude.org

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Don Regan, Business Manager
businessmanager@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2102
Emma Golias, Admin Assistant & Safe Environment Coord.
egolias@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2103
Susan Kane, Parish Secretary
parishoffice@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954
Teri Forlini, Parish Secretary
parishoffice@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

Tyler Castrucci, Director of Evangelization
tcastrucci@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2108
April Deocariza, Evangelization Administrative Assistant
evangelization@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2109
Michelle Dushensky, Director of Communication
mdushensky@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2121
Kristen Eggers, Office Coordinator
kristen@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2109
Walter Plummer, Director of Children & Youth Evangelization
wplummer@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2122
Shannon Loughrey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
sloughrey@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954
Mary Beth Thiemann, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coord.
mbthiemann@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2110
Lauren Mays, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant
lmays@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2110

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP

Hope Ramundo, Director of Stewardship
hramundo@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2120

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., Director of Worship
Christopher Holman, Director of Music
cholman@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954, ext. 2213
Pam Chmiel, Administrative Assistant
worship@stgertrude.org | (513) 561-5954

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

Travis Johnson, Principal
tjohnson@stgertrudesch.org | (513) 561-8020, ext. 1103
Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P., Vice Principal
smariana@stgertrudesch.org | (513) 561-8020
Madeline McCauley, Dir. of Marketing & Community
Engagement
community@stgertrudesch.org | (513) 561-8020, ext. 1138

ATHLETICS

Jake Dummermuth, Athletic Director
jdummermuth@stgertrudesch.org

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Parents of Precious Pearls (Children with Special Needs)
Laura Nanista | laura_nanista@outlook.com
Seasons of Hope (Bereavement)
Cindy Hertzal | (513) 368-8941
St. Vincent de Paul
Jennifer Mansfield | (513) 561-5954, ext 2112

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, November 30, 2025

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Collection | \$40,366 |
| Weekly Budget | \$47,059 |
| Weekly Deficit | (\$6,693) |
| Second Collection – 5th Sunday | \$6,311 |
| Thanksgiving | \$2,611 |

Fiscal Year-to-Date

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Year Ending June 30, 2026 | |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$941,925 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$1,035,294 |
| Fiscal YTD Deficit | (\$93,369) |



To give online, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/GiveToSTG.

Thank you for your generosity!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin: December 21
Materials Due: December 10

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



STRAWSER & STALEY
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICE



Meet Eli and Bennett, our two fur-children! We understand how much pets mean to people, and we are proud to offer pet death care to the area with the same dignity that we show for all we serve!

Area's Oldest Death Care Leader

StrawserFuneralHome.com

513-791-7203



St. Gertrude Parishioner
Providing Legal Counsel for
Businesses and Individuals
TAX | TRANSACTIONS | ESTATE PLANNING

Nick Eusano

Partner, DBL Law
513-357-5292
neusano@dbllaw.com



DBL Law

**CALL US FOR
FREE NURSE
Consultation!**

WE OFFER:

- Meal preparation
- Light housekeeping
- Companionship
- Laundry
- Medication and therapy reminders
- Eating/feeding
- Bathing/Dressing
- Continence/toileting
- Dementia Care
- Transferring and Ambulation

CINCINNATI

(513) 321-4444

Right at Home
In Home Care & Assistance

All caregivers are highly screened, including drug testing, thorough background checks, continuous training, insured and supervised by nurses. We're here to help make care accessible. Our services are private pay, but we also honor VA benefits, long-term care insurance, and other aging benefit programs.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY

(859) 328-1647

Premier Pools & Spas

Largest pool builder in the country
In ground fiberglass...

concrete...

vinyl...

New, remodel, service

Call us for a free in-home consultation

513-416-4533



St. Columban Parishioners

**CASTRUCCI
COLLISION**



MILFORD

Body Shop Direct Call

831-5460

OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 26 & 27

Litwin
CUSTOM JEWELERS
(513) 621-1123 • litwins.com

KLEKAMP PAVING
Asphalt Paving
Patching
Asphalt
Sealcoating
513-561-4600
www.klekamp.com



McCord
Insurance Agency

Paul Stucker, Agent

513-746-9144

Home-Auto-Life-Business
Former Catholic Missionary

ERIC D. BENDER
Attorney at Law
Moeller (1984)
University of Notre Dame (1988)
U.C. Law (1991)
Family Law • Wills & Probate
Lawsuits • Guardianship
Adoption
(513) 891-5630
9764 Kenwood Road in Blue Ash
Visa/Mastercard Accepted

GEO. H. ROHDE & SON
Funeral Home Since 1910
STEVE ROHDE, DARRELL SCHNEIDER & BELINDA HARPER
115 Years of family
service to Eastern
Cincinnati & Beyond
3183 Linwood Avenue
Mt. Lookout Square
321-0404
ROHDEFUNERAL.COM

For all your real estate needs please contact
me, a faithful and hard-working St. Gertrude
parishioner and professional realtor.



CAROLYN TRAUTH
Realtor

SIBCYCLINE
513-706-4239

www.sibcycline.com/ctrauth

MEDICARE QUESTIONS? I HAVE ANSWERS!
Contact me for a no-obligation consultation.
Never a fee for services!

Bohlen Benefits
Insurance Agency
Your Trusted Insurance Teacher



SHARON BOHLEN
Your Medicare Resource
513-476-4062
SharonBohlen65@gmail.com



SCHUMACHER DUGAN
CONSTRUCTION, INC.
513-777-9800
General Contractors and Land Development Company

ROYALMONT ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE
Nov 13 | 5:00-7:30 PM
Preschool | High School
Royalmont.org | 513-754-0555

James M. Schirmer, DDS
The Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
at Countryside



513-932-9991

1726 Deerfield Rd. Lebanon OH, 45036
www.schirmeroralsurgery.com



American Association
Of Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgeons

Saving Faces | Changing Lives

www.aasoms.org

Fellow and Members of the AASOMS Treat Diseases, Injuries & Defects of the Jaw, Face, and Mouth (Removal of the Teeth, Dental Implants, Reconstructive Surgery, Facial Fractures)

T&J Electric and Controls
513-368-2700
www.TJElectric.com
7441 Shawnee Run Road
Madera, Ohio 45243



Thomas-Justin Memorial
Four Generations of Service
to the Community

7500 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

ThomasJustinMemorial.com

513-791-5353

Jay T. Justin and Jane M. Ludlow, Directors

Treating Your Home

Like Our Own

Roofing • Siding • Gutters
Windows • Storm Restoration

CALL TODAY!
513-755-ROOF
7663

10 Year Workmanship Warranty
Locally Owned & Operated

titan
SIDING AND ROOFING
TitanSidingAndRoofing.com
7100 Sennet Place
West Chester, OH 45069
0% INTEREST
for 24 months Financing Available

Hand made **table linens**
crafted for hospitality.

BAREFOOT HOME
TABLES & TREASURES

Tablecloths, napkins,
runners and much more..

Here in Maderia!
barefoothomemade.com



Dial ONE
Security, Inc.

(513) 527-4400 • DialOneSecurity.com

Servicing Maderia
and Indian Hill since 1979

TRADITIONS
AT CAMARGO
INDEPENDENT LIVING
ASSISTED LIVING • MEMORY CARE
7650 CAMARGO ROAD • MADEIRA, OH 45243
513-422-5499 • WWW.TRADITIONSATCAMARGO.COM

beatrice
HOME IMPROVEMENT
TIM BEATRICE
HANDYMAN
513-254-5620
timbeatrice5@yahoo.com

Dr. Frederick A. Heiselman
General • Implant
Dentistry
Parishioner
513-561-8600
7140 Miami Ave., Ste. 201
fheiselmandds.com

WCI
Woodward Construction, Inc.
Jeff Woodward,
Parishioner
513-247-9241
Celebrating 30 years in business
www.wciconstruction.com

WITTE
LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS, INC.
Hardscape Landscape
• Walkways & Patios • Installations
• Driveways • Renovations
• Retaining Walls • Maintenance
• Drainage Systems • Snow Clearing
Quality Service for Over 35 years
396-6400
Ed Witte, Parishioner

Kitchen & Bath Remodeling
Kinsella
561-5285
7880 Camargo Rd.
kinsellakitchens.com

GILSON'S
ENGRAVING
ELEGANT GIFTS
Engraved gifts for all occasions
7116 Miami Ave.
891-0730
www.gilsonsonline.com

Gilligan
Funeral Homes
Family Owned
& Operated
ESTABLISHED 1877

MRW INSURANCE
MORRISSEY RIES WINTER
Auto, Home, Business, Health
513-984-5565
mail@mrwinsurance.com
7713 Camargo Road Cincinnati, OH 45243
www.MRWinsurance.com

MADEIRA DENTISTRY
Keith D. Jackson DDS
Laura K. Jackson DDS
7113 Miami Avenue
Madeira, OH 45243
Tel: (513) 561-5318

KANE LAW LLC
small businesses • nonprofits
Contact@Kane.Law

8225 MONTGOMERY RD
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45236
513-891-8373
PETER J. GILLIGAN, SR.

Walter St. Clair Roofing
Serving Cincinnati Since 1923
Roofing & Sheet Metal Work
Slate & Tile Repair
Box Gutters & Seamless Gutters
JERRY ST. CLAIR, PARISHIONER
641-3265

REDDEN
FINE MEATS
(513) 407-8998

Certified Arborist OH-6592A
Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ)
Tree Care • Consultations • Diagnostics
513-675-0024 mcastator@gmail.com
Mark Castator, Parishioner

Howard Hanna
Real Estate Services
Largest Real Estate
Broker in Ohio
513-335-4039
charles.borchers@gmail.com
chuckborchershomes.com

Chuck Borchers
Parishioner
REALTOR SINCE 2009

Evans Funeral Home
Traditional Funeral & Cremation Services
Funeral Pre-Planning Available
www.evansfuneralhome.com
741 Center St., Milford 1944 St. Rt. 28, Goshen
513-831-3172 513-722-3272

Pendery
CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Remodeling by professionals
Kitchens • Bathrooms
Room Additions
Screen & Covered Porches
Lower Levels & Basements
513.492.8429
2321 West US Highway 22/3
Maineville, Ohio 45039
www.PenderyConstruction.com

CRISTINA GENUNG
REAL ESTATE
513-404-6011
Cristina@Genung.realtor

Comey & Shepherd
REALTORS
Contact me today for all
your Real Estate needs!

Secure the Future
Protecting your unique and special
needs loved ones with tailored
financial solutions.

Kristina Markiewicz, FIC
(513) 540-0329
kmarkiewicz@blackbulcapitalpartners.com
www.blackbulcapitalpartners.com

Castellum Financial Advice
Robert L. Franer III, AAMS®
513-434-3583 (C)
robert@castellumfinancialadvice.com
castellumfinancialadvice.com
Parishioner & Founding Member
of The Catholic Financial Planners Network
Securities offered through LPL Financial, a Registered
Investment Advisor, member FINRA/SIPC

LawnPhD • Donnelly Lawn Service •
Services Offered
• Mowing
• Herbicide Application
• Fertilizer Application
Madeira Resident - Contact Us Today
513-315-6648
Lawn PhD
lawnphd.donnellylawnservice@gmail.com

HALPIN
PLUMBING, INC.
"WE'LL MAKE IT HALPIN"
513-631-2001

AMADA
SENIOR CARE
Services we provide:
• Non-medical home care
• Dementia care
• Companionship care
• Long-term care insurance
claims management
We are experts in helping seniors use their long-term
care insurance to fund home care services.

Better Hearing is Better Living
As a proud member of Saint Gertrude Catholic Parish, I'm dedicated to helping
our community hear life's precious moments. Whether it's listening to Sunday
Mass or chatting with loved ones, better hearing can make all the difference.
Schedule your free hearing consultation today!
513-561-4327
10615 Montgomery Rd., Suite 202 | Cincinnati
Jennifer Katafiasz, Au.D. Doctor of Audiology

Schedule your
COMPLIMENTARY long-term
care insurance policy review.
513-548 5512
www.AmadaCincinnati.com

Monika DeRoussel
Get the latest market
scoop in MADEIRA
Scan here!
No.1 eXp Realtor in Ohio
+20 years of experience.
513-289-1039