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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](http://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](mailto:tcastrucci@stgertrude.org) or scan the QR code.







### WELCOME, DEACON MIKE!

If you regularly attend our 7 a.m. daily Mass, you have probably noticed that we have had a deacon assisting with the liturgy—and if you came to our St. Gertrude feast day celebration back in November, you may have even met him! I am

very happy to announce that Archbishop Casey has recently assigned Deacon Mike Muse, a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, to our parish. He will be assisting at weekday and weekend Masses and will be involved in other parish ministries, which will be determined in the near future.

I asked Deacon Mike to write a short introduction for the bulletin, which you can read below. When you see him, please give him (and his family) a warm welcome to St. Gertrude Parish.

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

*My name is Deacon Mike Muse, and it's a great joy to return to serve the people of St. Gertrude Parish as a permanent deacon. I was ordained on April 27, 2019, and was honored to have Father Paul Keller, O.P., celebrate my first Mass here at St. Gertrude Parish. I have been married to my wife, Carrie, for over 30 years, and together we have a daughter, Lauren, who is a cardiac ICU nurse at Christ Hospital.*

*The heart of diaconal ministry is service—to the Word, the liturgy, and charity. I'm especially involved as a chaplain at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, performing funerals outside of Mass and interments. I am also a procurator advocate, working with those who need annulments. As a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, I am a member of the Fr. O'Donoghue Assembly, chaplain for the District 15 Degree Team, and chaplain for SMOY Council 13429.*

*In nearly seven years as a deacon, I have performed numerous marriages outside of Mass and 130 baptisms; done marriage and baptism preparations; assisted with OCIA; trained altar servers and led the altar servers ministry; done funerals and interments; and assisted at daily and weekend liturgies.*

*I am very grateful to God for the gift of my ministry as a deacon and for the opportunity to return to St. Gertrude and to serve this parish. I look forward to meeting you all!*



Pictured: Carrie Muse, Lauren Muse, and Deacon Mike Muse



### FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"Thank You, O God, for Holy Baptism, which engrafted me into Your family, a gift great beyond all thought or expression which transforms my soul... Thank You, O God, for all the inspirations that Your goodness lavishes upon me, for the interior lights given my soul, which the heart senses, but words cannot express. Thank You, O Holy Trinity, for the vastness of the graces which You have lavished on me unceasingly through life. My gratitude will intensify as the eternal dawn rises."

- Diary, #1286



## ALTAR SERVERS: CHRISTMAS PARTY & UPCOMING TRAINING

On Friday, January 2, our altar servers enjoyed their annual Christmas party, which included playing dodgeball, eating pizza, and the very popular white elephant gift exchange. The party was a great opportunity for our servers to grow in fraternity.

Interested in being an altar server? All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers (or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher) are invited to our next altar server training on Thursday, January 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Hoffmann at [pxaw@hotmail.com](mailto:pxaw@hotmail.com).



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, 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

## BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025



Child: Julietta Naomi Fiore  
Parents: Jordan & Lexie Fiore



Child: Evelyn Joan Kaminsky  
Parents: Caleb & Joanie Kaminsky



Child: Patrick James Pohorence  
Parents: Louis & Kim Pohorence



Child: Theodore John Trennepohl  
Parents: Chandler & Heather Trennepohl

### THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Conner Duté, 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

† John Condit Jr., brother of Jen Giroux and Eileen Ramstetter  
† John Holden





### 2026 DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE NOVENA

You're invited to join the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph, your fellow parishioners, and people across the country in praying a nine-month novena for the fourth annual Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 26, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The novena will be prayed on the last Saturday of each month, starting January 31. You do not need to go on the pilgrimage to pray the novena. To receive a monthly email with the prayer, please sign up at [bit.ly/drpnovena2026](https://bit.ly/drpnovena2026). Novena cards will be available at the entrances to the church closer to January 31.



### BOYS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The St. Gertrude Parish Athletic Boosters invites all boys in grades 3-8 who are St. Gertrude Parish parishioners or attend St. Gertrude School to register for the spring boys volleyball season. Early bird registration of \$85 ends January 20, and regular registration of \$110 closes January 31. Practices begin around February 16 with the 10-game season starting March 9. For more information and to register, please visit [teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home](https://teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home). If you have any questions, please email Dan Wanstrath at [wanstrathfam@gmail.com](mailto:wanstrathfam@gmail.com).



### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on Walking with Moms in Need, a national outreach of the Catholic Church to promote better communication of available resources to pregnant and parenting moms facing difficult circumstances in our communities and to accompany those women on their journeys. We are looking for core team members to help discern our parish's unique role and for volunteers to walk with moms in our community. For more information and to learn how you can get involved, please email [wwmin@stgertrude.org](mailto:wwmin@stgertrude.org). May Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us to become instruments of God's love and compassion to all mothers in need.



### NEXT FUN BUNCH GATHERING—TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Everyone age 55 and older is invited to join us on Tuesday, January 20, in the St. Dominic Lobby at 12:15 p.m. for the next Fun Bunch gathering. There will be fun games, prizes, and a lot of time for fellowship. Lunch will be baked ziti and garlic bread. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Please sign up at [bit.ly/funjanuary26](https://bit.ly/funjanuary26) to let us know what you plan to bring. As usual, walk-ins are welcome. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at [mkenedy06@aol.com](mailto:mkenedy06@aol.com) or (513) 791-6075 so we can have an estimated headcount for food. We hope you will join us and bring a friend!



### 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Next weekend, January 17-18, the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) will kick off throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The CMA supports six local ministries, including archdiocesan seminarians at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology; St. Rita School for the Deaf; Catholic Charities and social services; our retired archdiocesan priests; campus, hospital, and prison ministries; and new evangelization programming. Look for more information and our 2026 CMA parish goal in future bulletins, and please pray about how you will support the CMA this year.



## This WEEK

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

**12:15 p.m.** | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)  
**7 p.m.** | Healing Rosary (Holy Family Conference Room)  
**7 p.m.** | Become Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

**6:30 p.m.** | Return Night (St. Joseph Room)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

## THANK YOU FROM HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER

St. Gertrude Parish Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous food, Giving Tree, and monetary donations to Hope Emergency Center for our Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions. Special thanks to John and Marilyn Scherpenberg and Brad and Nancy Brockhoff for delivering the donations and to the Ladies of Charity for their ongoing support and partnership. This holiday season we were able to serve 425 families for Thanksgiving food and 383 families for Christmas food. We served 150 families/498 kids through our Christmas Barn and another 264 kids through collaborations with other agencies in our area.

Gratefully,  
 Amanda Widmeyer, Marketing & Social Services Coordinator, and  
 Kathy Hutchens, Director

*Choir & Gala*  
**VARIETY SHOW**  
**JANUARY 31 | 6:30 P.M.**  
**ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL**

Purchase Tickets

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.





**THIS TAX CREDIT COULD  
BE A WIN-WIN FOR YOU  
AND ST. GERTRUDE  
SCHOOL FAMILIES!**

*By Noel Nieto  
Parishioner & Finance Council Chair*

As I hope many of you are aware, Ohio taxpayers who donate to a certified Ohio Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) are eligible for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit\* up to \$750 per taxpayer, per tax year. (There is a maximum credit of \$1,500 for married couples who are filing jointly when each spouse makes his/her own gift of \$750.) Notice that this is a tax *credit*, not simply a tax deduction. For many taxpayers, a credit is more valuable!

Now, you may be wondering, *What is an SGO, and how does it impact St. Gertrude School?*

An SGO is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that receives contributions from donors and grants educational scholarships to eligible students in Ohio. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Foundation for Catholic Education has been certified by Ohio as an SGO and provides an easy way for you to make a donation that will benefit St. Gertrude School families. That means that you make a donation to a cause you believe in, and it doesn't cost you an extra dime!

**Making a donation is simple! Visit [bit.ly/stgsgo](https://bit.ly/stgsgo) or scan the QR code to make your online gift.**

If you want your tax credit to be applied to the 2025 tax year, you need to make your gift before April 15, 2026 (Ohio's unextended tax filing deadline).

Shortly after your gift has been received and processed, the Foundation for Catholic Education will mail a letter to you that can serve as documentation for the Ohio tax credit when you prepare your Ohio income tax return. (You will also receive an email receipt after you make your online gift. Be sure to check your spam/junk folder if you don't see the email in your inbox.) In addition, the Foundation will notify St. Gertrude School of your gift. You benefit from the tax credit, and St. Gertrude School can provide more tuition assistance to families! It's a win-win!

We don't know how long the state will continue this program, so let's make the best of this opportunity by promoting it to friends and family!

If you would like more information, you can . . .

- Consult your tax advisor to determine if a gift to the SGO is appropriate for you. The information provided here is not meant to serve as tax advice.
- Read up on Ohio Revised Code Section 5747.73.
- Search "Ohio Department of Taxation Scholarship Donation Credit" online.
- Visit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Foundation for Catholic Education website at [CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO/](https://CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO/).
- Contact Hope Ramundo, St. Gertrude Parish director of stewardship, at [hramundo@stgertrude.org](mailto:hramundo@stgertrude.org).

*\*This tax credit is nonrefundable; if your donation is greater than your tax liability, the difference is not refundable to you.*

*Noel Nieto has been a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner for more than 10 years and is currently our finance council chair and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Ida, have two daughters. The Nietos reside in Indian Hill.*

**Help Make an  
SGS Education  
More Affordable**

**Donate to the  
SGO today!**





## Have you fallen away?

*We invite you to return.*

Whether you have been away from the faith for a few months or many years, you are here today for a reason—and we invite you to *return*. The St. Gertrude Parish community is ready and eager to welcome you and accompany you on your journey.

### RETURN NIGHT

Join us for Return Night on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will include dinner, conversation, and prayer. Visit [bit.ly/ReturnNight](https://bit.ly/ReturnNight) or scan the QR code to RSVP and learn more.



## Are you interested in being a catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

### Register Now for CGS Level 1 Courses!

#### Level 1, Part A

Teaching children ages 3–6

**June 28–July 3, 2026**

**St. Gertrude School**

#### **Formation Leader**

Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.

#### Level 1, Part B

Teaching children ages 3–6

**June 14–19, 2027**

**St. Gertrude School**

#### **Formation Leader**

Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.



To register, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/CGStrainingL1](https://bit.ly/CGStrainingL1). If you have any questions, please contact Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P., St. Gertrude School vice principal, at [smariana@stgertrudesch.org](mailto:smariana@stgertrudesch.org) or (513) 561-8020, ext. 1102.

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.



**HARPSICHORD  
RECITAL**

Christopher Holman presents a solo harpsichord recital exploring the expressive depth and exuberant brilliance of baroque keyboard music.

**FRIDAY | 7 P.M.**  
**JANUARY 30, 2026**  
**St. Gertrude Church**

Scan the QR code or visit  
[stgertrude.org/sacredmusic](http://stgertrude.org/sacredmusic)  
to learn more and buy  
tickets!



*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*



**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

**Pricing**  
\$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](http://bit.ly/2026swing).





# Discover the *Dominican* Difference



**OPEN HOUSE | JANUARY 25 | 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

For more than 90 years, St. Gertrude School has been an integral part of the life of St. Gertrude Parish, forming children in truth, virtue, and joy through a Catholic education rooted in the Dominican tradition. If you have never walked through the doors of the school or if it has been some time since your last visit, we invite you to our upcoming Open House to experience a school that—first and foremost—exists to serve its parishioners.

At the Open House, parishioners are able to tour the school campus, experience live classroom demonstrations, meet our mission-driven and ministry-focused faculty, and speak with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, who enliven our school each day. This is an opportunity to encounter a school where prayer shapes the rhythm of the day, study is ordered toward truth, community is intentional, and service naturally flows from a life

rooted in Christ.

At St. Gertrude School, faith and reason are united, children are known and loved, and the goodness of God's creation is joyfully proclaimed. The beauty of the classrooms, the clarity of the curriculum, and the warmth of the community all point to a singular goal: forming students to become saints.


Whether you are actively discerning education options for your family or simply wishing to see the life and mission of your parish school firsthand, you are most welcome. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Open House following the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on January 25, 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you into your parish school and sharing the life and mission that have formed generations of St. Gertrude Parish families.



### ORGAN RECITAL WITH DR. CHRISTOPHER HOLMAN


Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (MTSM) invites you to an organ recital performed by Christopher Holman, DPhil, the director of music at MTSM and St. Gertrude Parish, this Sunday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great. Admission is free. Dr. Holman's program, "Visions of Eternity," features works spanning the past 700 years, from the earliest surviving keyboard work to a world premiere by British composer Caitlin Harrison. The evening will also feature pieces by Bach, Frescobaldi, Buxtehude, and more.



SAINT JOHN  
INSTITUTE

## Cincinnati Men's Conference

Saturday, Jan 24, 2026 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST  
5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Hamilton, OH, 45011



Scan to register!

Christian men are called to be leaders when times get tough. At the Cincinnati Men's Leadership Conference, Father Nathan Cromly will show you how to succeed in leading the culture of your family and your career by using your God-given power to aspire for greatness. This framework will provide the foundation for action as you become the leader you are called to be in your family, in your workplace, and in our culture.

[www.saintjohninstitute.org](http://www.saintjohninstitute.org)

### PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Gate of Heaven Cemetery, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is here to help you understand Church teachings so that planning end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Pre-planning is truly a gift to your loved ones. Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Saturday, January 17, at 9 a.m. in the main office. Coffee and pastries will be served. Please RSVP to Jeanne Young at (513) 927-6971.

### FUNDRAISER FOR PCP

American Legion Post 484 in Mt. Washington (Cincinnati, OH) invites you to its 3rd Annual Live Music Fundraiser, benefitting Pregnancy Center Plus, on Thursday, January 22, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion Post 484 Bar (1837 Sutton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230). There will be live music, food, and a bar. There is no cover charge to get in, and all donations will be matched by the American Legion Post 484. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Cook, American Legion Post 484 commander, at [484commander@mail.com](mailto:484commander@mail.com).

### JANUARY RETREAT AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER

Do you want to learn how God is present even in the messy or wounded areas of your life? Sacred Story Retreat, a silent retreat for women who seek healing and renewal in Christ, will be held January 16-18 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Eileen Wieck will guide you through the process of seeing your life through God's eyes, reconciling your past, and finding peace and freedom through God's love. For details, visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/iwr](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/iwr).

### YOUNG ADULTS SACRAMENTAL HUB

Queen City Catholic is hosting a Sacramental Hub on Tuesday, January 13, in the chapel at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, starting at 7 p.m. The evening will include the opportunity for confession, adoration, Mass, and connecting with other young adults. To learn more, please visit <https://queencitycatholic.org/sacramental-hub>. We hope to see you there!

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



8AM TO 3:30PM  
**FEBRUARY 21 Saturday 2026**

EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



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

[WWW.E6CATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM](http://WWW.E6CATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM)



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

### Monday, January 12 | Weekday

**7 a.m.** | Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family  
**8 a.m.** | Mass – † Debbie Johnson by Kathy & David Miller  
**11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order  
**4 p.m.** | Confessions

### Tuesday, January 13 | Weekday

**7 a.m.** | Mass – † Roger Fries by Diane & Jim Tomaszewski  
**8 a.m.** | Mass – † Carol Beech by Jay Beech  
**10 a.m.** | Moms & Littles Holy Hour  
**11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Dino Pelle by Jo Anne Nordloh  
**4 p.m.** | Confessions

### Wednesday, January 14 | Weekday

**7 a.m.** | Mass – † Donna Schlake by Sherry Schuler  
**8 a.m.** | Mass – † Marlin James Lloyd by Pete & Donna Marcello  
**11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Tom Frank by The Grumbley Family  
**4 p.m.** | Confessions  
**7:30 p.m.** | Holy Hour & Confessions

### Thursday, January 15 | Weekday

**7 a.m.** | Mass – † Lee Badinghaus by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus  
**8 a.m.** | Mass – † Mary Louise Hackman by Tom & Christin Spurr  
**11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Gruber Family  
 by Jack & Susan Green  
**4 p.m.** | Confessions  
**7 p.m.** | Young Adults Holy Hour

### Friday, January 16 | Weekday

**7 a.m.** | Mass – † Eileen Gruber by Dan & Maureen Teller  
**8 a.m.** | Mass – † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family  
**11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Dick & Alberta DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner

### Saturday, January 17 | St. Anthony (M)

**8 a.m.** | Mass – † George Ceolin by Gwen & P.J. Arling  
**11:30 a.m.** | Mass – † Owen Hughes by The Goslee Family  
**3:30 p.m.** | Confessions  
**4:30 p.m.** | Mass – † Jerome Weingartner by St. Gertrude Parish

### Sunday, January 18 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8 a.m.** | Mass – † Ted Leugers by Knights of Columbus Elder Council  
**10 a.m.** | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Kohus & Bough Family  
 by John & Hilda Bough  
**12 p.m.** | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish  
**6 p.m.** | Mass – William & Katherine Pappalardo & Family  
 by Jim & Anita Pappalardo



### **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](http://stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying) to learn more.

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Bulletin: January 25                      Materials Due: January 14

Please send bulletin information and Mass announcements  
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Collection	\$48,554	Christmas	\$49,251
Weekly Budget	\$47,059	Solemnity of Mary	\$10,742
Weekly Surplus	\$1,495		

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Collection	\$73,247	Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Weekly Budget	\$47,059	Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Weekly Surplus	\$26,188	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,295,249
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