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Daily, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

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M-F, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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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.

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.



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



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.



From Our PASTOR



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.

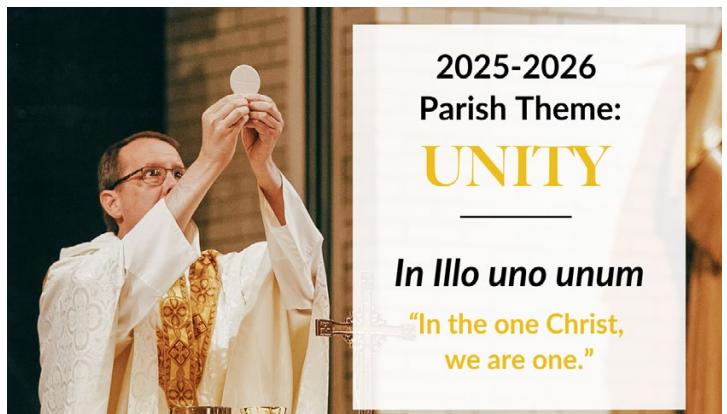
The heart of diaconal ministry is service—to the Word, the liturgy, and charity. I'm especially involved as a chaplain at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, performing funerals outside of Mass and interments. I am also a procurator advocate, working with those who need annulments. As a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, 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



2025-2026
Parish Theme:
UNITY

In Illo uno unum
"In the one Christ,
we are one."

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.



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



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

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

Parish NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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. 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. If you have any questions, please email Dan Wanstrath at wanstrathfam@gmail.com.



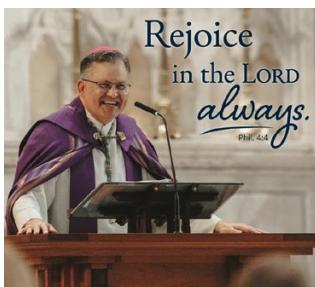
WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

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. 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 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 mkennedy06@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



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 heavengain.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.



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 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/.
- Contact Hope Ramundo, St. Gertrude Parish director of stewardship, at 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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P., St. Gertrude School vice principal, at 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.



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

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 to learn more and buy tickets!



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.



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.

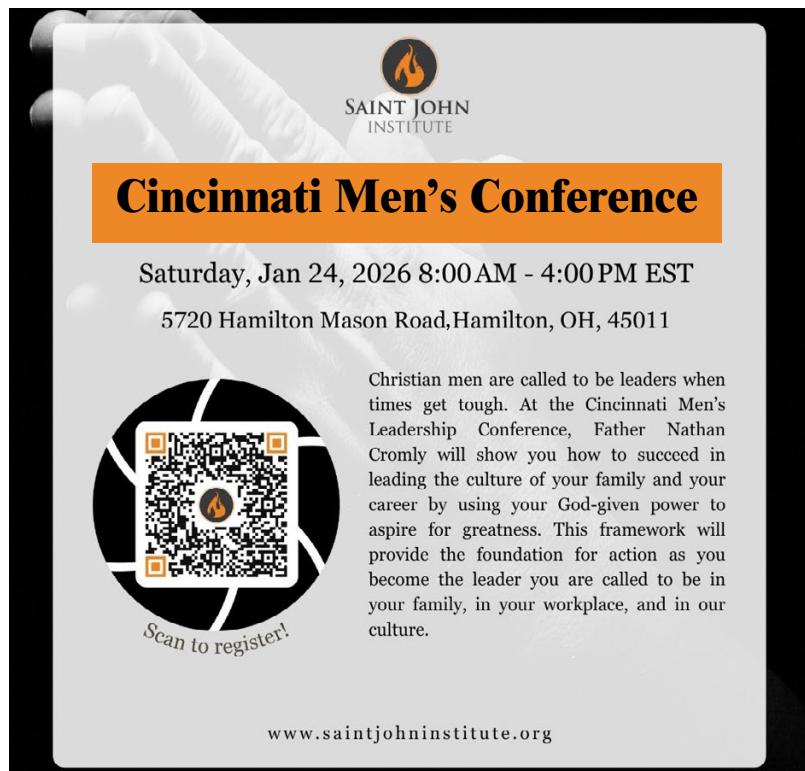
We look forward to welcoming you into your parish school and sharing the life and mission that have formed generations of St. Gertrude Parish families.



Around the ARCHDIOCESE

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.



The poster features a large image of a hand holding a small object. The Saint John Institute logo (a flame inside a circle) is in the top right corner. The title "Cincinnati Men's Conference" is in a large orange box. Below it, the date "Saturday, Jan 24, 2026 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST" and location "5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Hamilton, OH, 45011" are listed. A QR code with the same logo is in the center, with the text "Scan to register!" below it. The website "www.saintjohninstitute.org" is at the bottom.



The poster for the 11th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference features a background of classical columns and a golden sunset. The title "Four Pillars for Godly Men" is prominently displayed. Below it, the pillars are labeled: FAITH, INTEGRITY, WITNESS, and SACRIFICE. Five speakers are shown in small portraits: Fr. Jonathan Meyer, Tim Francis, Ryan Olohan, Devin Schadt, and Kevin Wells. The event details are: "8AM TO 3:30PM FEBRUARY 21 Saturday 2026 EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER". A QR code is provided. The address is: "35 minutes NW of Cincy 60 minutes SE of Indy 1 Trojan Place St. Leon, IN 47022". The website "WWW.E6CATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM" is at the bottom.

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.

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.

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!

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

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Bulletin: January 25

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Please send bulletin information and Mass announcements to bulletin@stgertrude.org.

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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