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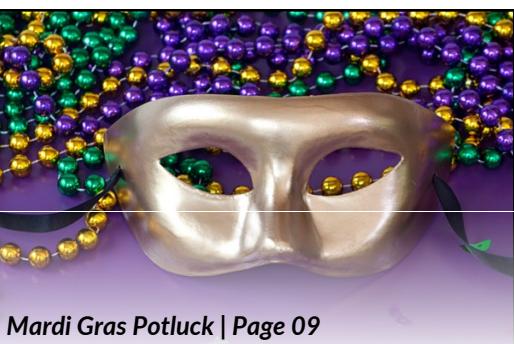
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# WELCOME

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](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.



## From Our PASTOR



### THE POWERFUL IMPACT OF THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Last weekend, January 17 and 18, was the kick-off for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). As you

prayerfully discern how you will contribute to the 2026 CMA, I want to share the following letter from an inmate at the Lebanon Correctional Institution—just one person (of hundreds) who has been directly impacted by the CMA. Note: The inmate mentions Marty Arlinghaus, who is director of Prison Ministries for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and founder of the Serenelli Project, a monastic-style Catholic prison re-entry program based in Sedamsville, Ohio.

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Dear Reader,

I am a prisoner in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and we have a Catholic instructions class within the prison put on by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Recently, the Christmas Season came upon us, and as inmates, it is simply just another day of the week/year.

Marty Arlinghaus got some volunteers to change that mentality and help us celebrate the birth of Jesus with a feast and prayer. All the food they provided was either donated by their families or purchased by volunteers.

We had a lot of food—good food made with love and hope from the community of fellow Catholic believers from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati!

To celebrate, we had pizza, chips, soda, cheese balls, cookies, and sloppy joes. There were goodie bags of candy and sweets donated by a fellow parishioner, and fruit and veggie trays, all purchased and/or prepared by somebody within the Catholic churches in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This was the best day I've had in years, especially since being incarcerated. And all I had to do was learn about God and the Catholic Church! Wow!!

I wanted to bring a little awareness and appreciation to light and thank all the parishioners and Catholic churches of Cincinnati from all of us inmates here at Lebanon Correctional

Institution.

We appreciate all the volunteers and the nameless individuals who donated their money, time, and effort to help make us fellow parishioners feel so warm this Christmas. Thank you.

I speak for all the men at the Lebanon Corrections Catholic instructions classes. This worldly deed they did is the best show of love, charity, and devotion we have ever experienced.

May God continue to bless you!



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



"Although I was very tired today, I nevertheless resolved to make a Holy Hour. I could not pray, nor could I remain kneeling, but I remained in prayer for a whole hour and united myself in spirit with those souls who are already worshipping God in the perfect way. Toward the end of the hour, I suddenly saw Jesus, who looked at me and said with ineffable sweetness, 'Your prayer is extremely pleasing to Me.' After these words, an unusual power and spiritual joy entered my soul."

- Diary, #691

## NEW PARISH PODCAST EPISODE

At the 4:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. Masses last weekend, January 17 and 18, Father John Paul preached a powerful homily about immigration. Check out the newest episode on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast to hear his message—and share it with a friend.



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## Help Make an SGS Education More Affordable

### Donating to CEF-SGO is simple!

Visit [bit.ly/stgsgo](http://bit.ly/stgsgo) or scan the QR code to make your online gift.

For your tax credit to be applied to the 2025 tax year, please make your gift before April 15, 2026.



## YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went all around Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people." This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the Good News of the kingdom to the poor by assisting eight families—providing means to stay in their homes, assisting with groceries, and helping with utilities. We thank you, and ask God to bless you each day! To learn more about our work with the poor or to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please call Jennifer Mansfield at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2112.

## BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026



Child: Clayton Grace Hamm  
Parents: David & Jacqueline Hamm



Child: Margaret Lloyd Timmerding  
Parents: Christopher & Hannah Timmerding

## 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, Dave Whang

### 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, 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

† Robert L. McCullough

# Parish NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All children in K-8th grade are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish track and field team for the 2026 season! Practices begin the week of March 2 for grades 5-8 and the week of March 16 for K-4th grade. All practices will be at Moeller High School (9001 Montgomery Rd.). The season runs through May 16. Visit [teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home](http://teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home) for more details and to register. Registration ends March 1. We are also in need of assistant coaches and parent helpers for K-4th grade and a long jump and high jump coach for 5th-8th grade. If you would like to help (no track experience needed), contact Cameron Simoneau at [cameron@tristaterunning.com](mailto:cameron@tristaterunning.com).



## 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. Regular registration of \$110 closes January 31. Practices begin around February 16 with the 10-game season starting March 9. Visit [teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home](http://teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home) for more information and to register. If you have any questions, please email Dan Wanstrath at [wanstrathfam@gmail.com](mailto:wanstrathfam@gmail.com).



## NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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 this 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).



## WHY LIGHT A CANDLE?

People light votive candles in churches to represent the prayers they are offering to God through the intercession of the saints. At St. Gertrude Church, we have votive candles for Mary (blue) and for St. Joseph (amber), which can be found on either side of the sanctuary. In order to make more candles available, we sourced new candle racks for the church and are undergoing a trial period with these new racks. We would love your feedback on the new system. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/votivefeedback](http://bit.ly/votivefeedback) to share your comments. Thank you!



## 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the CMA. Join us in supporting these ministries and reaching our parish goal of \$116,500! You should have received a CMA mailing from Archbishop Casey. You can mail your pledge card to the archdiocese or bring it to Mass with you next weekend. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

## This WEEK

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 6:30 p.m. | Cub Scout Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (St. Joseph Room)
- 7 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7 p.m. | Sacred Music Series: Harpsichord Concert (Church)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 9 a.m. | Rosary Sales (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 11 a.m. | Rosary Sales (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 11:30 a.m. | Baptism Class (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 1 p.m. | Rosary Sales (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Adoration Night (Parish Center)



## BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

Eucharistic guardians are people who sign up for and commit to a weekly Holy Hour in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and overnight on Wednesday. **We need at least two people signed up for every hour; many spots are available.** To learn more or sign up, scan the QR code, or visit [stgertrude.org/adoration](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 [heavengain.org](http://heavengain.org). We also encourage you to contact one of our parish priests so we can help you along your grieving journey.



## JOIN US FOR DINNER

to Kick Off Catholic Schools Week and Support SGS!

### Ferrari's Little Italy & Bakery

7677 Goff Terrace, Madeira, OH 45243

**Sunday, January 25 | 4-9 p.m.**

**Dine in or carry out.**

A percentage of sales will go back to SGS if you mention St. Gertrude School or bring in your Sunday church bulletin. Reservations are encouraged. Children 10 and under eat free!



## 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.

# JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

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6-8 P.M. | PARISH CENTER.

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to gather for fun, fellowship, and faith at our February Junior High Youth Ministry Night!

Join us for an evening of competition in Minute to Win It games. No RSVP required.

### ATTENTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The archbishop requests that extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) be trained and commissioned every year. Whether you currently bring Holy Communion to the sick or serve at Mass, or you would like to become an EMHC, please plan to attend one of these upcoming mandatory training sessions:

- Thursday, February 12 | 6:45-8:45 p.m.
- Saturday, February 28 | 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21 | 12:30-2:30 p.m.

At the trainings, we will distribute newly published materials for visits to the sick and introduce a few procedure changes for Mass. Please register for one of the trainings at [bit.ly/emhc](http://bit.ly/emhc) or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for serving our parish. We look forward to seeing you at a training session.



### SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' UPCOMING TRIP TO ENGLAND

This summer, our Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum will embark on a once-in-a-lifetime 10-day musical pilgrimage to England—by special invitation from some of the most distinguished liturgical choirs in the world. It is an unprecedented honor for our parish, a defining moment in the life of our music program, and it places St. Gertrude Parish on the international stage as ambassadors of the Catholic faith and beauty.

To support choir members who are in need of funding for this landmark pilgrimage, we invite you to purchase 50/50 Raffle tickets and Prize Raffle tickets (choose from an array of luxurious gourmet baskets). Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/ChoirRaffleTickets](http://bit.ly/ChoirRaffleTickets) to get your raffle tickets today! Raffle tickets are available through Tuesday, February 17, and winners will be drawn at the end of our Mardi Gras Potluck on February 17. (You do not need to be present to win.)

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!



### GET YOUR PIZZA FOR THE SUPER BOWL!

On February 7 and 8, the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council 1195 will be selling Krimmer's Italianette Take 'n' Bake Pizzas outside after 4:30 p.m., 8 and 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Mass—or until they run out.

**Large Cheese Pizza - \$13**  
**Large Pepperoni Pizza - \$15**

*Credit cards accepted*





### MEET THE TEAM: APRIL DEOCARIZA

*This past November, April Deocariza joined the St. Gertrude Parish staff as our evangelization administrative assistant. To help you get to know her, we asked April to share a little*

*about herself and her new role here at the parish.*

**St. Gertrude Parish:** Would you please tell us about yourself?

**April Deocariza:** I am a Southern California native, born and raised in Los Angeles. My husband, Venancio, is also from SoCal and served in the U.S. Air Force (he retired in October 2025). Our military life brought us to Oklahoma City, Germany (where our son was born), back to Oklahoma City, and then to Cincinnati in 2022. We have been parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish since we moved here, and our son, Joseph, is in third grade at St. Gertrude School. A couple fun facts:

- The church around the corner from our home in Germany was also called St. Gertrude, and we would often run into the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, who have a convent in neighboring Sittard, Netherlands.
- I first heard about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)—offered here at St. Gertrude Parish and School—back when we were still living in Germany. It's so exciting to see how worlds have collided for us here!

**SGP:** What drew you to the evangelization administrative assistant position, and what excites you about this role?

**April:** From the moment we arrived in Cincinnati, St. Gertrude Parish has been the focal point of our family's life. We are so grateful to have a life centered around the church. Each of us has experienced the fruits of the work being done at the parish: my son through his Dominican formation at school, my husband

through his men's group and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and me through the Walking with Purpose Bible study. This job has offered me the opportunity to continue to deepen my own formation while also giving back to the parish that has given my family so much.

**SGP:** What does your role entail?

**April:** There is so much going on at the parish, and that makes my role working in the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation (OEFF) very busy and fun. It includes maintaining the parish database (especially as we prepare for the busy sacrament season), coordinating parish events and programs, sending funeral notification emails, updating social media, and running around campus posting communications and marketing materials—if you see me, please say hello!

**SGP:** What do you like to do for fun?

**April:** Our family loves to travel, and we've enjoyed getting to know all the different places our Air Force life has brought us. We have especially enjoyed exploring our new home here in Cincinnati and its surrounding areas, including attending FC Cincinnati games and the Cincinnati Open, catching shows at the Aronoff and Music Hall (I was a dance writer in a past life), and trying out new restaurants with friends. I also enjoy volunteering at St. Gertrude School and with my Walking with Purpose Bible study—shout out to my Wednesday night group!



## Family Consecration Workshop

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Forming families so that they can prepare for, make, and live out Family Consecration at home. To register, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/familyworkshop2026](https://bit.ly/familyworkshop2026).



 APOSTOLATE FOR  
FAMILY CONSECRATION



# 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  
[bit.ly/harpsichord26](https://bit.ly/harpsichord26) to  
learn more and buy tickets!



# Mardi Gras Potluck

Join your fellow parishioners for food,  
fun, and fellowship!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
**5:30-8 P.M.**  
**ST. GERTRUDE GYM**

Scan the QR code or visit  
[bit.ly/2026mardigras](https://bit.ly/2026mardigras) to sign  
up to bring a dish and view  
volunteer opportunities.



# Ash Wednesday

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

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

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

# LENTEN PARISH MISSION

with Father Leo Camurati, O.P.



**MARCH 7-8**  
Preaching at all  
Masses

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



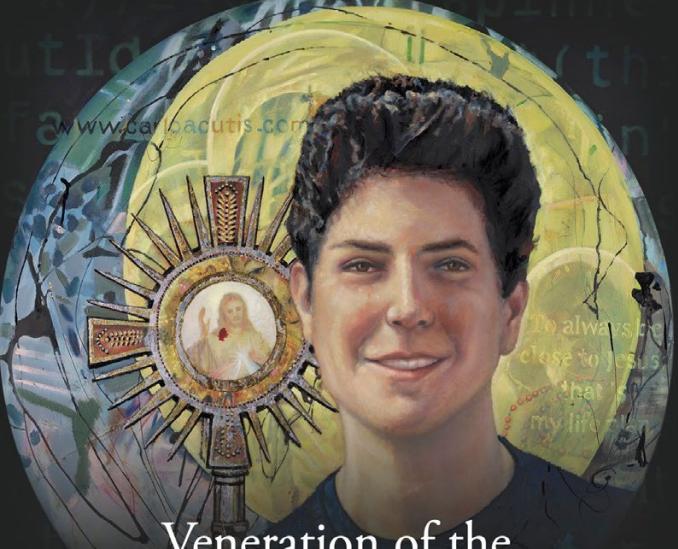
**MARCH 7-11, 2026**

# Please join us after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses for the St. Gertrude School 2026 Open House!

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

9 a.m. Cafeteria	<b>DOORS OPEN</b> Join us in the cafeteria for doughnuts and coffee.	Ongoing Room 20	<b>MEET A PROGRAM MASTER</b> <b>Mr. Matt Schlotman</b> Learn about our households program for grades 2–8.
9:15 a.m. Cafeteria	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b> Hear a welcome address from SGS principal and vice principal, watch the SGS Players perform a sneak peek of <i>Beauty and the Beast Jr.</i> , and listen to Latin recitations from SGS students.	Room 153	<b>Sister Rosaria Bermejo, O.P.</b> Learn about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and second grade sacramental preparation.
9:45 a.m. Room 141	<b>KINDERGARTEN PANEL</b> Meet the kindergarten team and explore the curriculum that shapes our youngest learners.	Room 17	<b>Mr. Jacob Dummermuth</b> Learn about our globally renowned Singapore Math and algebra programs.
10:15 a.m. Library	<b>LIBRARY STORYTIME</b> Join Mrs. Naumann for a storytime designed especially for 4- to 6-year-olds.	Room 16	<b>Mrs. Joan Ratajczak</b> Learn about the Excellence in Writing program.
11:15 a.m. Cafeteria	<b>DOORS OPEN</b> Join us in the cafeteria for doughnuts and coffee.	Room 19	<b>Mr. Philip Locke</b> Learn about the Latin program for grades 3–8.
11:45 a.m. Cafeteria	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b> Hear a welcome address from SGS principal and vice principal, watch the SGS Players perform a sneak peek of <i>Beauty and the Beast Jr.</i> , and listen to Latin recitations from SGS students.	Room 15	<b>Sister Sophia Lopez, O.P.</b> Learn more about the 8th grade experience.
		Cafeteria	<b>Mrs. Anne Schueler</b> Learn about our theatre program for grades 4–8.
		Ongoing	<b>INTERACTIVE STATIONS</b>
		Room 28	STEM with Mrs. Emalee Ridgway
		Room 02	Music with Mrs. Allicyn King
		Room 25	Art with Miss Amy Pugliano
		SGS Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## Around the ARCHDIOCESE



### Veneration of the Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT PETER IN CHAINS:  
FEBRUARY 10 - 12, 2026

Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11	Thursday, February 12
11:30 AM Opening Mass, Reception of the Relic - Archbishop-Emeritus Dennis M. Schnurr, celebrant	9:00 AM Veneration begins	9:00 AM Veneration begins
12:15 PM Veneration begins following Mass	10:00 AM Talk by Holly Schapker - "The Art of Modern Sanctity"	10:00 AM Talk by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo - "I will give you signs that I am with God"
1:30 PM Talk by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi - "Saint Carlo Acutis: An Ordinary Life Turns Extraordinary"	11:00 AM Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	Graces and Miracles through Saint Carlo's Intercession
3:00 PM Talk by Holly Schapker - "The Art of Modern Sanctity"	1:30 PM Talk by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo - "You too can be a saint!" Carlo's Five Steps to Being a Saint	11:00 AM Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
4:00 PM Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	3:00 PM Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	1:30 PM Talk by Holly Schapker - "The Art of Modern Sanctity"
6:00 PM Veneration ends	5:00 PM Veneration ends	3:00 PM Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7:00 PM Youth and Young Adult Gathering with Fr. Kevin Scalp - Prayer with Saint Carlo		4:15 PM Veneration ends
		5:15 PM Closing Mass - Archbishop Robert G. Casey, celebrant



### CINCINNATI MINI MARCH FOR LIFE

Join hundreds of pro-lifers in prayer at the Cincinnati Mini March for Life on Saturday, January 31, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Holy Name Church (2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219). This event is sponsored by Cincinnati Right to Life.



HEAVEN'S GAIN MINISTRIES  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
FOR PREGNANCY LOSS SUPPORT

*Share the Love*  
DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026  
5:30 PM - 11 PM  
RECEPTIONS EVENT CENTER  
1379 DONALDSON HWY. ERLANGER, KY 41018



KINDLY RSVP TODAY  
AT [HEAVENSGAIN.ORG/DANCE](http://HEAVENSGAIN.ORG/DANCE)

**\$70 PER TICKET** *Valentine*

5:30 PM OPEN BAR  
6:30 PM DINNER  
7:30 PM PROGRAM  
8:30 PM DANCING & RAFFLES



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



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

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

### BEHOLD: EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Mount St. Mary's seminarians and Queen City Catholic invite all young adults to Behold, an evening of adoration, prayer teams, music, the opportunity for confession, and a social. Eucharistic adoration begins at 7 p.m., followed by the proclamation of the Gospel and a homily by one of our seminarian deacons. Let yourself rest in the presence of the Lord in the candlelit sanctuary, join in song and worship with the seminarian schola, bring your intentions to the prayer teams, and be healed by the loving mercy of God through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Then, join us for a social! We'll have music, snacks, cocktails, and other beverages for you to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to hang out, make new friends, and connect with local young adult groups and apostolates. The event will take place at St. Monica St. George near the University of Cincinnati campus. Learn more at [queencitycatholic.org/behold](http://queencitycatholic.org/behold).

# Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 26 | Sts. Timothy & Titus (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Ettore Minghetti by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Timothy & Marvin Petric by Mary Petric  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Tuesday, January 27 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Jim Minton by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Edward Larkin by The Chmiel Family  
10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by Andy & Nancy Zgutowicz  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Wednesday, January 28 | St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Helen & Robert Bosken by Charlene Bosken  
8 a.m. | Mass – Lizzie Clanton by The Clanton Family  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Al Castrucci by Pete & Donna Marcello  
4 p.m. | Confessions  
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

### Thursday, January 29 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Ryan Carraro by Ken & JoAnne Lacey  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Jean Alf by Doug & Robin Postler  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Dominic Forlini by Margaret Hess  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Friday, January 30 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Michele Barlow by Bob & Dorothy Stucker  
8 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Anne Saker by John & Jenny Ward  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Edward Marshall by Judy Bayer and Family  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Saturday, January 31 | St. John Bosco (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Rick Dowling by The Wenzel Family  
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Randy Westendorf by The Westendorf Family  
3:30 p.m. | Confessions  
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † James Momper by The Woodward Family

### Sunday, February 1 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish  
10 a.m. | Mass – † Kim Caswell by The Caswell Family  
12 p.m. | Mass – † Catherine Winkler by Michael & Mary Jo Voto  
6 p.m. | Mass – The Woodbury Family by The Runk Family



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#### Communion to the Sick or Homebound

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#### Prayers for the Sick or Deceased

Each week, our bulletin lists the names of individuals who are sick or recently deceased so that our entire parish community may pray for them. Simply contact the parish office to add yourself or a family member to this list.

### 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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**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Collection	\$49,692
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$2,633
Second Collection - SGS	\$5,260

**Fiscal Year-to-Date**

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,382,851
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,414,706
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$31,855)



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