

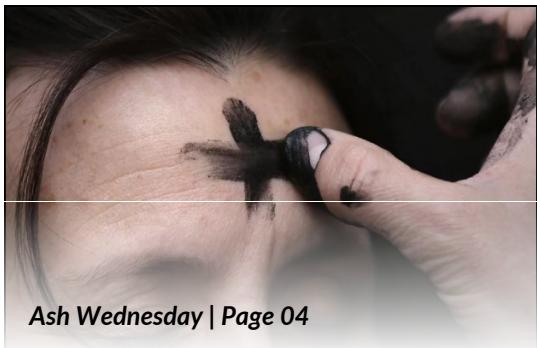
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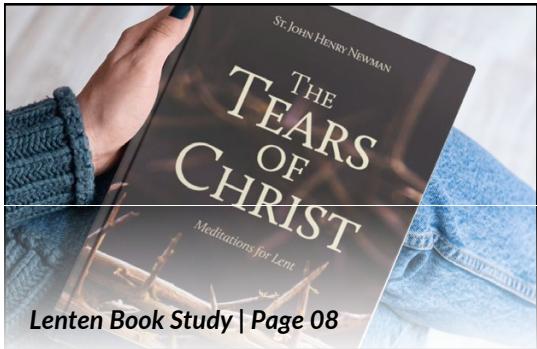
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### Church Hours

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.

## 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.



### 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 about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, scan the QR code or contact Tyler Castrucci [tcastrucci@stgertrude.org](mailto:tcastrucci@stgertrude.org).





*Last Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass, I blessed our new solemn Marian vestment set, which was also displayed at the other Masses, before we begin using it. In place of my regular pastor letter this weekend, I asked Christopher, our director of music, to share more about this stunning vestment set, as he worked with the friars to design the set and coordinated its commissioning with the atelier, Sacra Domus Aurea in Rome.*



### A SOLEMN MARIAN VESTMENT SET

As you may recall, one of the items that our 2024 Giving Tuesday campaign funded was a new, solemn Marian vestment set. I am excited to share that we have

received the vestments—a project that took many months to design and complete—and the friars and I are deeply satisfied by the results.

The set was commissioned for Marian feasts, especially for the annual profession of our Dominican novice brothers. Every element weaves together Marian theology and the patrimony of the Dominican Order. The vestments are white and blue, colors long associated with Marian devotion: white for festal joy and purity, blue for heavenly grace and maternal care. The principal fabric is a custom Venetian silk damask, woven specifically for this commission, with the Dominican cross and the eight-pointed star of St. Dominic integrated directly into the cloth.

The blue banding carries a restrained symbolic language. Lilies of the valley and crowns refer to Mary's humility and queenship. Quatrefoils, drawn from the Gothic tradition, evoke the ordered harmony of creation—the four corners of the earth and the fullness of the world gathered toward God. In Marian theology, they recall Mary's unique role as the one through whom the Creator enters creation, and through whom creation is offered back to him.



On the shield of the cope (a liturgical cape for non-Eucharistic liturgies), six-pointed stars appear alongside other Marian symbols like the white rose and fleur-de-lis. In the Church's medieval visual vocabulary, such stars signify divine order and heavenly light.

There are 24 of these stars, which recalls the fullness of the people of God, traditionally understood as the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles together, situating Marian devotion within the whole arc of salvation history. The cope shield also includes white roses and fleur-de-lis, rendered in a restrained Gothic idiom inspired by the work of the Gothic revival ecclesiastical architect and designer Augustus Pugin. The shield's white background is watered silk, the same type traditionally used for the papal fascia. On the back of the cope, the chasuble, and the humeral veil, there is a single Marian monogram, the letter "M," referencing the ancient *Auspice Maria* tradition by which the Church places worship "under the protection" of the Blessed Virgin.



The cope and the dalmatic (deacon's vestment) include tassels, a detail with biblical and liturgical resonance. In the Book of Numbers, Israel is commanded to wear tassels "that you may look upon them and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them" (Numbers 15:37-41). In Christian vesture, this is received typologically as a visible remembrance of God's law, while the movement of the tassels also underscores the dynamic, service-oriented character of the diaconal ministry.

Vestments, like sacred music and architecture, belong to the Church's way of teaching through form. This beautiful set was commissioned not for novelty, but for longevity, and is intended to serve St. Gertrude Parish for many generations to come, placing our common prayer, quite literally, *auspice Maria*—under the protection of Mary.





## 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.

*"Remember, you are dust and to  
dust you will return."*

- Genesis 3:19



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, Jim Lydon, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Charles McCown, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo & Maria Pelle, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, Fran Pishotti, Paula Scalo, Pegge Schuermann, Nancy Silvers, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Dave Whang



### TIME IS RUNNING OUT—PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17!

This summer, our Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum will embark on a once-in-a-lifetime 10-day musical pilgrimage to England. To support choir members in need of funding for this trip, we invite you to purchase 50/50 Raffle tickets and Prize Raffle tickets. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/ChoirRaffleTickets](http://bit.ly/ChoirRaffleTickets) to learn more and get your raffle tickets. Tickets will be available until our Mardi Gras Potluck on Tuesday, February 17; winners will be drawn at the end of the evening. (You do not need to be present to win.)

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Nicolas Alvarado	Collin & Morgan Finn
Jack Beiting	Chad & Anna Lape
Andrew & Nicolette Burke	Patrick & Ali McMahon
Matthew & Stacey Casci	Joseph & Julia Oakes
Mark & Savannah Dunn	Michael & Danielle Schrenk
Genine Fallon	Lauren Szymczak

### 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

† Paul Blom, father of Ann Cordier

# Parish NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## NEXT FUN BUNCH GATHERING—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Everyone age 55 and up is invited to join us on Tuesday, February 17, at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby for another Fun Bunch gathering! We will play an exciting game of BUNCO and celebrate Valentine's Day! Lunch will be "breakfast for lunch" with sausage, bacon and egg casserole, and French toast. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Please sign up at [bit.ly/funfebruary26](http://bit.ly/funfebruary26) 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](mailto: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!



## HELP MAKE A ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL EDUCATION MORE AFFORDABLE

Ohio taxpayers who donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) can claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 for joint filers). The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is a certified SGO, and St. Gertrude School is a participating school. That means that if you pay Ohio income tax, you can choose whether you pay taxes to the state or donate to our school. To make your gift online, visit [bit.ly/stgsgo](http://bit.ly/stgsgo) or scan the QR.



## 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).



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) are to be trained and commissioned every year. Whether you currently bring Communion to the sick or serve at Mass or would like to become an EMHC—and missed the training on February 12—please plan to attend the upcoming mandatory training session on February 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. or on March 21 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

You will receive newly published materials for visits to the sick and learn a few procedure changes for Mass. Please register for one of the trainings at [bit.ly/emhc](http://bit.ly/emhc). Thank you for serving our parish.



## 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Archbishop Casey sends his thanks to everyone from St. Gertrude Parish who has pledged to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. As of this week, **we have received \$66,656 in pledges—that's 57 percent of our \$116,500 parish goal**. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For your convenience, there are extra pledge envelopes on the tables near the entrances to the church. To make an online donation or to learn more about the CMA, visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).

## This WEEK

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Parish & School Offices Closed

**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, FEBRUARY 17

**12:15 p.m.** | Fun Bunch (St. Dominic Lobby)

**5:30 p.m.** | Mardi Gras Potluck

**7 p.m.** | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**6:30 p.m.** | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**5 p.m.** | Fish Fry (Parish Center)

**7 p.m.** | Stations of the Cross (Church)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**9 a.m.** | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)

**11 a.m.** | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)

**7 p.m.** | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

## BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

Eucharistic guardians are people who sign up for and commit to a weekly Holy Hour in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and overnight on Wednesday. **We need at least two people signed up for every hour; many spots are available.** To learn more or sign up, scan the QR code, or visit [stgertrude.org/adoration](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.



## 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](http://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.



## Mardi Gras Potluck

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

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

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



## 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.



The St. Gertrude Parish Fish Fry is the place to be on Fridays during Lent! Dine-in and carryout available.

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



View the menu, or sign up to volunteer!



**REGISTER TODAY**  
 for the  
**ST. GERTRUDE BOOSTERS'**  
**THIRD ANNUAL HALF-COURT SHOT!**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



## EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS

L'ALTO: HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT

*Do you wonder: Am I good? Am I enough? What is my purpose? Where do I belong? Can I make a difference?*

Spend a weekend with other high schoolers rediscovering who you are, who you belong to, and the reality that everything God has is yours. You will grow in community with peers, in your relationship with God, and in conviction of the inheritance promised to you at your baptism.

**MARCH 13-15, 2026**



**Woodland Lakes Christian Camp**

3054 Lindale-Mt. Holly Rd, Amelia, OH 45102

**Registration: \$90**



Learn more and register at [bit.ly/EverythingHSRetreat](http://bit.ly/EverythingHSRetreat).



## 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**

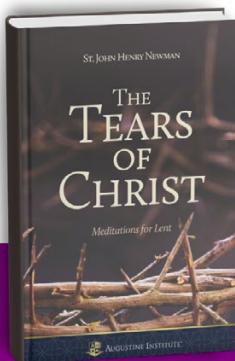
\$75/person or \$390 for a team of six players.  
 Registration ends April 11, 2026.



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/2026swing](http://bit.ly/2026swing).

# LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Prepare your heart and mind for the glorious Resurrection of Christ at Easter with a special Lenten book study of *The Tears of Christ: Meditations for Lent* by St. John Henry Newman. This study meets on four Wednesdays for lunch (bring your own) and discussion. Limited to 15 adults!



Cost is \$11, which includes a copy of the book.

**February 25,  
March 4 & 18,  
April 1  
12:15-1:15 p.m.  
St. Joseph Room\***

\*First meeting will be in the St. Dominic Lobby

Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/TearsOfChrist](https://bit.ly/TearsOfChrist) to sign up



# Turning Sorrow into JOY!

How can we experience consolation while we suffer?

Join author and national speaker Carl Brown as he discusses his powerful book, *Something You Can Count On: The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary*, and helps you reframe your suffering.

**Tuesday, March 24  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
St. Dominic Lobby**

## ST. GERTRUDE PARISH 2026 LENTEN MISSION MARCH 7-11, 2026

Join us for our parish Lenten mission to rediscover the unity of all creation, the unity of Christians, and your unique role in the redemptive mission of Jesus.



with Father Leo Camurati, O.P.

# Unity & Mission: Your Role in the Redemptive Work of Christ

## SCHEDULE

March  
7-8

Father Leo Will Preach at All Masses

Each Night of the Mission

6:40 p.m. Group Rosary | 7 p.m. Talk + Confessions | 7:40 p.m. Exposition  
8:10 p.m. Benediction | 8:30 p.m. Closing Reception on March 11

March 9

Day 1: God's Unity and the Unity of Creation

March 10

Day 2: The Unity of Faith

March 11

Day 3: The Unity of Baptism



APOSTOLATE FOR  
**FAMILY CONSECRATION**

afc.org | (740) 567-7700 |

nfo@afc.org



# Family Consecration Workshop

March 28 | 8:45-11:20 a.m.  
St. Gertrude Parish Gym

- 8:45-9 a.m. – Coffee and Doughnuts
- 9-9:25 a.m. – Rosary
- 9:30-11 a.m. – Talk by AFC, Q&A, Roundtable
- 11:20 a.m. – Wrap Up & Prayers

*The workshop is for all family members—parents, teens, and kids. Childcare will be provided for children who may not be able to sit through the full workshop.*

To RSVP, visit [bit.ly/familyworkshop2026](https://bit.ly/familyworkshop2026)  
or scan the QR code by March 26.

Contact Brian at [brianfarwick@gmail.com](mailto:brianfarwick@gmail.com) with questions.



# *Faithful Educator Wanted—Help Form the Next Generation of Disciples*

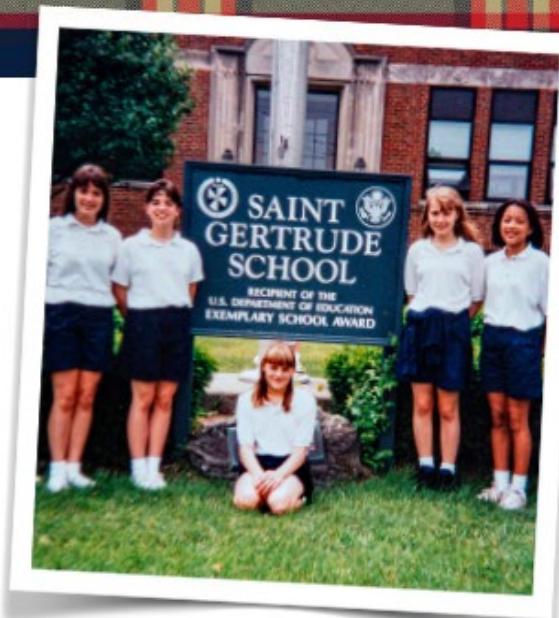


At St. Gertrude School, we are seeking passionate, mission-driven educators to join our community as kindergarten, middle school history, and middle school language arts teachers. These roles offer the unique opportunity to shape young lives, guiding them in both faith and knowledge. We are looking for candidates who view teaching as a ministry and are eager to help nurture the next generation of disciples.

If you or someone you know is called to this sacred work, we invite you to apply at [stgertrudesch.org](http://stgertrudesch.org)

## SGS CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

The St. Gertrude School class of 1975 is invited to a special evening to celebrate 50 years of friendship and memories. We invite you to attend 4:30 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner—catered by Maggiano's—at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The evening will also include a private tour of the school. Bring memorabilia or pictures to share. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Please RSVP by February 27 to [jfentress@stgertrudesch.org](mailto:jfentress@stgertrudesch.org) and include any dietary restrictions. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Siebert at (513) 253-4020 or Beth Pohlman at (513) 309-4659 (both are members of the planning committee).



## Around the ARCHDIOCESE

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### MINI RETREAT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

All healthcare professionals are invited to a mini retreat on Saturday, February 21, to reflect on Christ's life, our own lives (including our clinical experiences), and how our Lenten practices can aid us in growing in holiness. The day will begin with Mass (optional) at 8 a.m., followed by a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The retreat, led by Father Luke Van Berukum, O.P., will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant. The suggested donation to attend the retreat is \$10, paid on the day of the event. Students are free. Scan the QR code to register. If you have questions, contact [cmacincy@gmail.com](mailto:cmacincy@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association of Cincinnati.



### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Parents, teachers, and anyone interested in catechesis for children are invited to an introductory workshop on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) at The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori School (4460 Berwick St., Cincinnati) on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop will present core principles of CGS, sample presentations and children's responses, and opportunities and challenges for implementing CGS in a parish or school setting. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. To sign up, please email your name to [gscm@gscmontessori.org](mailto:gscm@gscmontessori.org) and use the subject line, "CGS Workshop." To learn more about CGS, visit [stgertrude.org/cgs](http://stgertrude.org/cgs)

### COMPLIMENTARY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Learn how Catholic pre-planning offers peace of mind for you and your family by attending a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday, February 24, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. RSVP to (513) 489-0300.

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)

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICKOFF RALLY

Join pro-life supporters at the 40 Days for Life Spring 2026 Campaign Kickoff Rally on Sunday, February 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Ave.) The guest speaker is Brian Gibson, founder of Pro-Life Action Ministries, an organization that has built one of the most comprehensive sidewalk counseling programs in the country.

### PRAYING FOR PRIESTS AND BISHOPS

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group of women who commit to offering a regular Holy Hour of prayer for a specific priest or bishop within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Learn more and contact the local coordinator at [sevensistersapostolate.org/](http://sevensistersapostolate.org/).

### "COME AND SEE" LIVE-IN WEEKEND

March 20-22, the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus will be hosting a "Come and See" live-in weekend for young men interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood. The weekend includes presentations on community life and seminary formation. If interested, contact the director of vocations, Father Michael Willig, at [vocations@catholicaoc.org](mailto:vocations@catholicaoc.org) or (513) 263-3390.

### RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse had when you were first married? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can do just that! The next weekend is March 13-15 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio. To register, visit [esharing.org/applyWeekend.php](http://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php). If you have any questions, visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org) or contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org).

### BETHANY BRUNCH

All women ages 16 to 35 are invited to the next Bethany Brunch on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center, featuring the **Nashville Dominican Sisters**. Mass is at 9 a.m., followed by brunch, fellowship, and a talk from the sisters. Bethany Brunches are designed to support young women as they listen for God's call and to connect them with joyful, faithful religious sisters. Learn more and RSVP at [tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25](http://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25).

## Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 16 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass - † James Louis by Elizabeth Beinke  
8 a.m. | Mass - † Bob Green by The Stines Family  
11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Tuesday, February 17 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass - † Nick Bloom by Mike & Elaine O'Connell  
8 a.m. | Mass - † Edward Larkin by The Bursa Family  
10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour  
11:30 a.m. | Mass - For All Trafficked Children by Nadia Zogbi  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Wednesday, February 18 | Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. | Mass - † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family  
8 a.m. | Mass - † Donna Schlake by Doug & Robin Postler  
11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Mary Grace Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini  
4 p.m. | Confessions  
7 p.m. | Mass - † Rick Dowling & Family by The Family

### Thursday, February 19 | Thursday After Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. | Mass - Claire Boone by The Boone Family  
8 a.m. | Mass - † Bill & Rosemary Stucker by Bob & Dorothy Stucker  
11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Joe Hollmann by Rita Johantges  
4 p.m. | Confessions  
7 p.m. | Young Adults Group Adoration

### Friday, February 20 | Friday After Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. | Mass - Andrew Watson by The Pachuk Family  
8 a.m. | Mass - † Madge Alf by Molly & Bruce Vollmer  
11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Dino Pelle by Donna & Pete Marcello  
4 p.m. | Confessions

### Saturday, February 21 | Saturday After Ash Wednesday

- 8 a.m. | Mass - Margaret Williams  
11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Hilda Bough by Pat & Jan Brown  
3:30 p.m. | Confessions  
4:30 p.m. | Mass - † Al Castrucci by St. Gertrude Parish

### Sunday, February 22 | 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. | Mass - Maria Sunnenberg by Steve Leverone  
10 a.m. | Mass - † Ronald Nieto by The Nieto Family  
12 p.m. | Mass - † Owen Hughes by Lisa Kelleher & Ann Kelleher  
6 p.m. | Mass - The People of St. Gertrude Parish



### 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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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

Collection	\$46,982
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$77)
Second Collection - Music	\$1,412

**Fiscal Year-to-Date**

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,543,075
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,555,882
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$12,807)

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