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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.



ENCOUNTER JESUS. TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Gertrude Parish—it is good that you are here!

Whether this is your first time worshiping with us, you have been here many times and want to become a parishioner, or you have questions about the Catholic faith and want to learn more, the information on this page is a great place to start.

We look forward to getting to know you and accompanying you on your faith journey.

MISSION

Who We Are

We are a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that is shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

VISION

Who We Aspire to Be

To be a community of disciples united in our Eucharistic Lord and sent to transform the world in the light of the Gospel.

CORE VALUES

What We Cultivate

Reverence, Humility, Magnanimity, Generosity, Intentionality

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Ready to join our vibrant parish of missionary disciples?

Register as a parishioner at stgertrude.org/register. Paper copies of the registration form are also available in the parish office.



Been away for a while or curious about Catholicism?

WE WOULD LOVE TO WALK WITH YOU.

To connect with us, get your questions answered, and learn about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, scan the QR code or contact Tyler Castrucci tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.





POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE TO US

A few days ago, Pope Leo XIV released his message to the Catholic faithful for Lent 2026. The title of the message is, "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of

Conversion." In this letter, he highlights the important role that Lent ought to play in the lives of believers. He describes Lent as a time of invitation, where we hear, once again, the Church's call to "place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives." As we all know, it can be so easy to let our worries, stresses, and anxieties surround and overwhelm our hearts and overthrow our interior peace. Lent is the perfect time of year to recognize that temptation and very intentionally recenter ourselves on Christ.

In his message, the pope discusses two particular areas, the first of which is **listening**. And what are we to listen to? The Word of God. "Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today, he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the Word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality," says the Holy Father, recognizing there are so many voices and messages pummeling us from all directions in our modern society.

"Even today he shares with us what is in his heart." I found that line especially beautiful, and I must admit that is a perspective on prayer that I had never heard before and has really got me thinking. While I've always understood prayer as a conversation with God, I've never thought of it as God sharing with me what is resting in his Divine heart.

The second aspect of Lent the pope chose to focus on this year is **fasting**. He reminds us how bodily fasting from food is a very ancient ascetic practice. Even more, he shares that, "[fasting] helps us to identify and order our 'appetites,' keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor." Here, the pope is referencing the Beatitudes, where Jesus calls blessed those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matthew 5:6). He also encourages other forms of fasting besides simply fasting from food, reminding us that "fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since 'austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic,'" (a quote from Pope St. Paul VI).

Finally, Pope Leo throws out a recommendation that I think is especially relevant for us in the United States today, where dehumanizing language is far too often a part of our political

and societal conversation. "In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media, and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

May we all heed our Holy Father's encouragement to make this a Lent of listening and fasting.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"I began Holy Lent in the way that Jesus wanted me to, making myself totally dependent upon His holy will and accepting with love everything that He sends me. I cannot practice any greater mortifications, because I am so very weak. This long illness has sapped my strength completely. I am uniting myself with Jesus

through suffering. When I meditate on His Painful Passion, my physical sufferings are lessened."

- Diary, #1625

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODES!

We have added two new episodes to our parish podcast—Father John Paul’s homily from Sunday, February 15, and a homily from Ash Wednesday, February 18. Listen now on Spotify or Apple Podcasts—and share them with a friend.



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Let Us
PRAY

Giving Back to SGS

“It’s a challenge to raise children to become strong Catholics. As new St. Gertrude Parish parishioners, we are grateful to the religious, laity, and families who have brought the authentic joy of the faith into our lives. How can we say thank you for such a beautiful gift?

Give back.

The archdiocese’s Catholic Education Foundation—a scholarship granting organization (SGO)—made it very easy to redirect our state tax dollars to St. Gertrude School. We were initially skeptical, but in less than five minutes, we were able to reroute funds we already owed to the State of Ohio to instead bolster the Dominican mission here at our parish school. And since the parish funds the school through general donations, money going to the school supports our entire parish mission.

Our parents were able to do the same thing with their tax dollars—and so can you!

Visit bit.ly/stgsgo or scan the QR code to send your tax dollars, which currently fund a government that permits abortion and the death penalty, to our Catholic school, which actively helps us raise our children to respect the culture of life! Reach out to us if you have any questions—we are happy to walk you through it!" – Blake and Victoria Castrucci



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

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

BAPTISMS - FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2026



Child: Rosemary Elizabeth Prampero
Parents: Meagan & Christopher Prampero



Child: Margaret Therese Jacoby
Parents: Josephine & Benjamin Jacoby

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones



MOMS RETREAT

All St. Gertrude Parish moms are invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and enter into stillness with the Lord at the 2026 St. Gertrude School Moms Retreat, “Growing in Beauty, Truth & Goodness,” at the Bergamo Center in Dayton. Join us for a sacred weekend, led by Sister Gabriella Yi, O.P., as we discover that true beauty is not something we create, but something the Holy Spirit gently forms within us. The retreat includes prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, quiet reflection, and fellowship with other St. Gertrude Parish and School mothers. The cost is \$250, and space is limited. **Registration ends February 27!** Register at bit.ly/2026MomsRetreat.



MEATLESS RECIPES FOR LENT

Not sure what to cook on Fridays during Lent? Check out the St. Gertrude Parish Facebook page at facebook.com/StGertrudeChurch every Friday in Lent for a new meatless recipe, provided by parishioner Elizabeth Varga. Elizabeth is the founder of At Elizabeth’s Table, a plant-based recipe blog that explores the relationship between food and the Catholic faith. With a passion for healthy living, she is a full-time food blogger and food photographer. View more of Elizabeth’s recipes at atelizabethstable.com.



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 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.



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.** 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.

— This —
WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 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 24

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (Holy Family Conference Room)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 3 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)
- 7 p.m. | Sacred Music Series: A Mother's Sorrow Concert (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
- 10 a.m. | Scouts Pinewood Derby (Gym)
- 10 a.m. | Walking with Mothers in Need Meeting (St. Joseph Room)
- 12:30 p.m. | Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training (Church)
- 5:30 p.m. | Boosters Half-Court Shot Fundraiser (Gym)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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

DOMINICAN "NETFLIX"

This year, the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph launched their own dedicated Dominican Friars Media platform to help people easily engage with a wide variety of spiritually nourishing content. On the site, you can:

- watch episodes of *Contemplata*, *Godsplaining*, and *Aquinas 101*;
- listen to the Thomistic Institute Podcast;
- pray a monthly novena;
- hear talks about the rosary;
- listen to Dominican chant, the Hillbilly Thomists, and other music;
- read articles from the *Dominicana Journal* and *The Thomist*;
- tune in to major Dominican events, such as the annual priestly ordinations for the Province of St. Joseph and the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage; and
- listen to recordings of friars preaching from the pulpit.

This is a great resource, and we encourage you to check out this new digital platform—a real Dominican "Netflix"—at media.dominicanfriars.org.

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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



MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

Are you or someone you know facing a first trimester miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries has provided our parish with a box of free miscarriage kits to support your physical and emotional needs during your tragic loss. The box is located in the landscape bed to the left of the circle drive in front of the church. If you have questions about the kit, call Heaven's Gain at (513) 888-4200. Learn more about Heaven's Gain's services at heavensgain.org. We also encourage you to contact one of our parish priests so we can help you along your grieving journey.



CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

As a Catholic, your faith is your most valuable asset. Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can pass on your Legacy of Faith and plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics in an incredible way. Scan the QR code or visit MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code **STGERTRUDE**.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

God is always ready to forgive. Experience his merciful love through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests are available to hear confessions Monday–Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 3:30 p.m., or by appointment.



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

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



View the menu, or sign up to volunteer!



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.



ST. GERTRUDE *Half-Court Shot*

REGISTER TODAY

for the

ST. GERTRUDE BOOSTERS' THIRD ANNUAL HALF-COURT SHOT!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SCAN TO REGISTER



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.

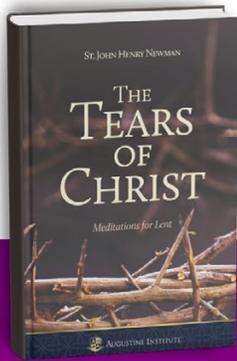
Registration ends April 11, 2026.



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2026swing.

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!**



**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 to sign up



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

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**

Family Consecration Workshop

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 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 learn more and register, scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/familyworkshop2026 by March 26!**



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH 2026 LENTEN MISSION

Unity & Mission:

Your Role in the Redemptive Work of Christ

Join Father Leo Camurati, O.P., for three talks that will help you rediscover the unity of all creation, the unity of Christians, and your unique role in the redemptive mission of Jesus.

MARCH 7-8: Preaching at Mass

Father Leo Camurati, O.P., will preach at all Masses.

MARCH 9-11: Mission St. Gertrude Church

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 (March 11)*



Father Leo Camurati, O.P.
Mission Preacher

Day 1: God's Unity & the Unity of Creation Mission

Explore God's creation and take stock of our common story amidst the varied roles we play.

Day 2: The Unity of Faith

Take stock of the Gospel and its proclamation of our new start in Christ.

Day 3: The Unity of Baptism

Each of us has a particular story—we were born in a certain time and place, but always downstream from Christ's redeeming work through our baptism into his life.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. GERTRUDE PLAYERS

Congratulations to the St. Gertrude Players on a spectacular production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*! Multiple nights of sold-out shows were a testament to the months of hard work, discipline, and dedication poured into every rehearsal. From the opening number to the final bow, the cast delivered a performance that was polished, joyful, and brimming with astonishing theatrical talent. What a triumph for our students—and what a gift to everyone who had the privilege of watching. Bravo to the entire cast and crew on an unforgettable run!



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 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).

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood on Wednesday, February 25. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with the rosary, followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

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 and use the subject line, "CGS Workshop." To learn more about CGS, visit 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.

MASS TO CELEBRATE PERSONS LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

On Saturday, March 7, at 4 p.m., Archbishop Casey and Father Kyle Schnipple will be concelebrating a sensory-friendly Mass to celebrate persons living with a disability and the family members and friends who accompany them. The Mass will take place at St. John the Baptist Parish (753 South Hyatt St., Tipp City, OH 45371), followed by light refreshments in the banquet hall. Parishioners with disabilities who are active ministers (altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) are invited to participate in the Mass. We are also in need of gift bearers, greeters, and volunteers to help with setup or cleanup for the reception. To sign up for any of these roles, please visit bit.ly/March7Minister. If anyone needs special accommodations (interpreters, Braille materials, large-print programs, or special seating), please contact Lisa Averion at laverion@catholicaoc.org.

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE AT THE SHRINE

Three times per year, Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics offers a prayer service for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or a caregiver. The next service will be Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. The event is free, open to the public, and includes veneration of the St. Peregrine relic. For more information, visit mariasteinshrine.org. To submit a prayer, contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or (419) 925-4532.

HOPE FOR COUPLES GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend experience and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning April 10-12, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call (513) 486-6222.

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.

"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 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. If you have any questions, visit esharing.org or contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or 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.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23 | Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Don Beimesche by Nancy Beimesche
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Kim Caswell by St. Gertrude Parish
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, February 24 | Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Kathleen Schirmer by Anne Schirmer
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Thomas Hemak by The Finnegan Family
 10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Veronica Joan Davis by Natalie Moore
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, February 25 | Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Lois Mirus by Mark & Sherri Holland
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rick Dowling by The Wenzel Family
 4 p.m. | Confessions
 7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, February 26 | Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Kevin Schrand by The Proffitt Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Donna Schlake by Diane & Jim Tomaszewski
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – Amy LeMieux by Jim & Anne Collins
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, February 27 | Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Dominican Friars & Nashville Sisters
 by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Cherry Bonifacio by The Deocariza Family
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † The Petric & Salyers Families by Mary Petric
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, February 28 | Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. | Mass – † Edward Larkin by Maureen Montgomery
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – Kurt Dannemiller by Ken & JoAnne Lacey
 3:30 p.m. | Confessions
 4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Thomas Valerius by Charlene & Jim Swingle

Sunday, March 1 | 2nd Sunday of Lent

8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
 10 a.m. | Mass – † John & B.J. Heling by Cathy Darnell
 12 p.m. | Mass – † Dino Pelle by Knights of Columbus Elder Council
 6 p.m. | Mass – † Hilda Bough by Phil & Gail Palermo and Family



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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

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Collection	\$58,437
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$11,378
Second Collection - SGS	\$4,606

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,601,512
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Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$1,429)



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