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School Office Hours

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 about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, scan the QR code or contact Tyler Castrucci tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.



From Our PASTOR



OUR PARISH MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

A week from Tuesday, our parish will be having its fourth annual Mardi Gras Potluck dinner. We will have lots of food, New Orleans-style jazz music, plenty of

decorations and fun for the whole family. This gathering has quickly become one of the “parties” that the parish is known for. However, I realize people might have some questions about Mardi Gras, so I put together a little Q&A on the topic.

Why is a Catholic parish celebrating Mardi Gras? Isn't that some raunchy night of drinking and debauchery that happens each year in New Orleans?

Certainly, the manner in which Mardi Gras has been celebrated in New Orleans in recent decades is both infamous and, well . . . not exactly within our Catholic understanding of proper moral behavior. But Mardi Gras is celebrated in many countries, especially the traditionally Catholic countries of Western Europe and South America. In most of these countries, Mardi Gras (literally “Fat Tuesday,” i.e., the day before Ash Wednesday and thus the fasting of Lent) is simply the final day of what has been several weeks of celebration of Carnival, a time of rejoicing and festivity that begins on the feast of the Epiphany in early January and runs until Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras is a Catholic celebration through and through!

Why a parish potluck?

The celebration of Carnival and Mardi Gras takes different forms in various countries, but there is always an emphasis on food. Since Lent is a season of fasting and abstinence, and many Catholics choose to “give up” one or more food items they particularly enjoy as a form of special Lenten penance, the weeks (and especially the final day) before Ash Wednesday are naturally a time to enjoy such foods before the time of fasting begins. In the context of our parish, what better way to have a “celebration of the goodness of food” than through a potluck? A potluck is a wonderful way for people to share a little bit about themselves with their fellow parishioners through the food they make for the purpose of sharing it with others.

What if I am not a good cook, don't like cooking, or don't have time to cook?

It doesn't matter! Come anyway. Bring something. Anything. Heck, stop off at a KFC and bring some fried chicken. Stop at a bakery and buy a package of nice dinner rolls. I don't want anyone to avoid coming just because he or she is self-conscious about his or her cooking. If you can't or don't want to cook, stop at the store and buy something to bring. Just come! I hope that everyone in our parish comes to enjoy this evening.

What if I don't know anyone in the parish? Am I going to be sitting at a table by myself, feeling awkward and out of place? Absolutely not!!! One of the purposes of a parish event like this is to help people get to meet and know each other. Along those lines, I encourage everyone in the parish to take advantage of the potluck to get to know some new people. Don't just sit with the same friends that you see all the time. Branch out. Sit at a table with someone you don't know. Introduce yourself. Hear his or her story of being at St. Gertrude (however long or short he or she has been here) and share your story. The more we all get to know each other, the stronger our parish will become.

Is the event “kid-friendly”?

Absolutely! Bring all the little ones. We'll have ways of helping even the smallest of our parishioners share in the fun. Also, it starts early (5:30 p.m.) so that families with small children can enjoy the celebration for a while before running into bedtime.

For more details and to sign up to bring a dish and/or volunteer, please see page 9. I hope to see everyone on February 17!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODE

On Wednesday, February 4, we had a special Holy Hour for Peace. Listen to the newest episode of the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts to hear the opening prayer and a short reflection from Father John Paul, and then join in praying the Litany of the Most Precious Blood.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

“O Jesus, I understand that Your mercy is beyond all imagining, and therefore I ask You to make my heart so big that there will be room in it for the needs of all the souls living on the face of the earth. O Jesus, my love extends beyond the world, to the souls suffering in purgatory, and I want to exercise mercy toward them by means of indulged prayers. . . . O Jesus, make my heart sensitive to all the sufferings of my neighbor, whether of body or of soul. O my Jesus, I know that You act toward us as we act toward our neighbor. . . . Jesus, help me to go through life doing good to everyone.”

- Diary, #692

HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio. Here are the Center's greatest needs:

- laundry pods, dish liquid, paper towels, and toilet paper
- men's and women's deodorant, razors, shampoo, and conditioner; bar soap; toothbrushes and toothpaste
- sheets, blankets, and bath towels
- crock pots, handheld can openers
- air mattresses with the pumps built in
- peanut butter and canned tuna, chicken, pork, or beef

Cash or check donations are also gratefully accepted. If you have any questions, call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Your donations are very appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY LUCAS!

On Saturday, January 17, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to thank and honor our 500+ volunteers. Each year at the dinner, one volunteer receives the St. Martin de Porres Award for Outstanding Service in our parish community. Congratulations to Nancy Lucas, this year's recipient. Nancy is a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Ladies of Charity, the Fun Bunch leadership team, the Helping Hands ministry, and the prayer ministry for the dying. She is also a Third Order Dominican, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a homebound minister, and a Eucharistic guardian. Nancy is fondly known as the Energizer Bunny and lives by the phrase, "A smile and a hello go a long way." Thank you, Nancy, for all that you do!



BAPTISMS – SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026



Child: Jonathan Lee Ferguson
Parents: Jeremy & Joani Ferguson



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

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

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones

Parish NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The next St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry-sponsored Holy Hour will be Wednesday, February 11, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The specific intention for this Holy Hour is, "For an end to in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and a deeper understanding among all people regarding the great harm it causes by commodifying children." All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this dedicated time of prayer and adoration. As usual, priests will be available for confessions.



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 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!



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.

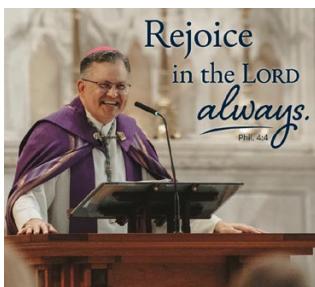


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

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, please plan to attend one of the upcoming mandatory training sessions:

February 12 | 6:45–8:45 p.m. February 28 | 12:30–2:30 p.m. March 21 | 12:30–2:30 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 \$39,431 in pledges—that's 34 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 9

St. Gertrude School No School

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 10

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

7 p.m. | Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Joseph Room)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:15 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:45 p.m. | Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training (Church)

7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (St. Joseph Room)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

St. Gertrude School No School

6 p.m. | Junior High Youth Ministry Event (Parish Center)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)

9 a.m. | St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild (St. Dominic Lobby)

2:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Players Play (Madeira High School)

7:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Players Play (Madeira High School)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Players Play (Madeira High School)

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.



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.



Help Make an SGS Education More Affordable

Donating to CEF-SGO is simple!

Visit 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.



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.

Parish NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' 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. 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 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.)



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
6543 Miami Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45243

Formation Leader
Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.

Level 1, Part B

Teaching children ages 3-6

June 14-19, 2027

St. Gertrude School
6543 Miami Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45243

Formation Leader
Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.

To register, visit bit.ly/CGStrainingL1 or scan the QR code. 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.



2025-2026
Parish Theme:
UNITY

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

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



 APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION
afc.org | (740) 567-7700 | info@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

To RSVP, visit bit.ly/familyworkshop2026 or scan the QR code by March 26.

Contact Brian at brianfarwick@gmail.com with questions.





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.

LENTEN MISSION

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

MARCH 7-11, 2026



with Father Leo Camurati, O.P.

Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, penance, dying to self, the desert . . .

Sometimes it can seem that Lent is a season of endurance and deprivation. But the penitential and spiritual practices of Lent are not ends in themselves. Lent is a time for living—a time for renewal of mind and heart.

We invite you to join us for our 2026 parish Lenten mission to rediscover the unity of all creation, the unity of Christians, and your unique role in the redemptive mission of Jesus, so you can LIVE LENT for the full 40 days.

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

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

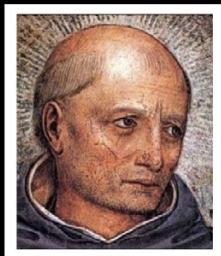
Registration: \$90



Learn more and register at
bit.ly/EverythingHSRetreat.

Dominican Rite Mass

Solemn High Mass in honor of
Blessed Jordan of Saxony, O.P.
Patron of Vocations



**FEBRUARY 14 | 9 A.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH**

Music: Novitiate choir, Dominican chant
Guest Celebrant & Preacher: Father Charles Rooney, O.P.

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 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*

A purple graphic for the Mardi Gras Potluck. It features a purple background with gold and green Mardi Gras beads. There are also small icons of a mask and a star.



The St. Gertrude Parish Fish Fry is the place to be on Fridays during Lent! Serving hand-dipped fried haddock loins, Nashville Hot fried haddock, roasted lemon dill salmon, many in-house made sides, pizza, and beer and wine, we have plenty of options for the whole family—even those who do not enjoy fish. Dine-in, carry out, and online ordering for drive-thru pickup available.

February 20, March 6 & 20

**5-7:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym**



THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK REFLECTION

*Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P.
SGS Vice Principal*

Last month, we joined with other communities across the United States celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This celebration traditionally falls around the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the great Dominican theologian and philosopher whose teachings have made such a deep impression on the whole Church that, 800 years later, he is still considered the Universal Doctor. Our school library is named for him and, along with St. John Henry Newman, he is the patron saint of all Catholic schools and students.

I have been blessed to study in Catholic institutions from kindergarten through high school, and also in graduate school. I am deeply convinced that the work of Catholic schools is a noble and holy work that truly changes the world—one life at a time.

For many families in the United States, choosing a Catholic education means choosing sacrifice. I remember a moment in high school when that reality came into focus for me. I asked my mom, almost casually, "If we didn't go to Catholic school, would we be able to travel more and go on vacations?" She answered simply, "Yes."

There was no disappointment in her voice and none in my heart. In that moment, we both understood the trade being made, and neither of us wished it were different. We would not exchange the transformative power of a Catholic education for fancier vacations. We would not trade a life formed around Jesus Christ at the heart of both our home and our school for something less.

Even then, I sensed something profound. My God-given gifts were able to take root and flourish because I was in a place where I was truly known, seen, and loved by people who recognized me not simply as a student, but as who I truly was, a beloved daughter of God the Father.

Thank you for entrusting your children to a Catholic school. You will not regret it. It is a privilege for us to partner with you in the formation and education of your children. May God help each of us become the saints we are called to be!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—FAITH RALLY

Catholic Schools Week (January 25–31, 2026) culminated in a beloved St. Gertrude School tradition: Faith Rally. Students knelt in a circle in the gym to adore the Blessed Sacrament. Their piety and love of the Eucharist was on full display as Father Reginald processed throughout the student body to offer Benediction to each student and teacher.



50 Years

CLASS REUNION
CELEBRATION

The SGS Class of 1975 is invited to celebrate 50 years on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Join us for Mass, dinner, and a private tour. To learn more and reserve your seat, please contact Julie Fentress at jfentress@stgertrudesch.org.

ST. GERTRUDE PLAYERS

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
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FEB 14-15

FOR TICKETS VISIT STGERTRUDESCH.ORG



Around the ARCHDIOCESE

ST. CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AT ST. PETER IN CHAINS

A relic of St. Carlo Acutis will be on display for veneration at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, February 10–12. Visit cathedralaoc.org/relic-of-st-carlo-acutis/ to learn more and view the full schedule.

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.

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 it 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

WALK IN HER SANDALS LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to the Walk in Her Sandals Lenten Women's Retreat on Friday, February 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Liberty Township, OH 45011). Friday evening will include Stations of the Cross, an introduction to the retreat, and a social. Doors open at 8 a.m. on Saturday, and the day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by talks. This retreat is a fabulous way to prepare to meet the Lord anew this Lent. Registration is \$75, and the deadline is February 11. Learn more and register today at bit.ly/WalkInHerSandals.

RETREAT WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse had when you were first married? Looking for a unique Valentine's Day gift? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can do just that! The upcoming 2025 Marriage Encounter weekend is March 13–15 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio. Weekends fill up quickly, so sign up early. Register today at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. If you have any questions, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.

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.



BEHOLD: EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

On February 13, 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 reading of the Gospel and a homily by one of our seminarian deacons. Rest in the presence of the Lord in the candlelit sanctuary, join in song and worship, bring your intentions to the prayer teams, and be healed by God's mercy 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.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, February 9 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Keith Noble by The Noble Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Muccino by Marian Clark

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, February 10 | St. Scholastica (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Vera Hays by Kim & Linda Burke

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jim Louis by Bill & Tish Shefcik

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jim Momper by Elaine & Jeff Parker

4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, February 11 | Our Lady of Lourdes (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – Laura Moser by The Isaacs Family

8 a.m. | Mass – The Henderson Family by Dina Henderson

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Dino Pelle by The Woodward Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | Pro-Life Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, February 12 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Kennedy by Mrs. Montgomery's 3rd Grade Class

8 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Arling by P.J. & Gwen Arling

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Margaret Halpin by St. Gertrude Parish

4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, February 13 | Blessed Jordan of Saxony, O.P. (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Riehle by Bill & Becky Karlak

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ed Larkin by The Pavloff Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Linda & Bob Smith by Mike & Diane Kennedy

4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, February 14 | Sts. Cyril & Methodius (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Roger Stafford by Monica Walker

9 a.m. | Dominican Rite Mass – Intention of the Celebrant

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Dominic Forlini by Margaret Hess

Sunday, February 15 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. | Mass – Melissa Schmetzer

by Jeannie Mueller & Dolores Brandstetter

10 a.m. | Mass – † Kim Caswell by Knights of Columbus

12 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

6 p.m. | Mass – † Madge Alf by Peggy Jackson



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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.

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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 to learn more.

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Sunday, February 1, 2026

Collection	\$62,889
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$15,830

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026	\$1,496,092
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,508,824
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$12,732)

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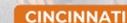


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