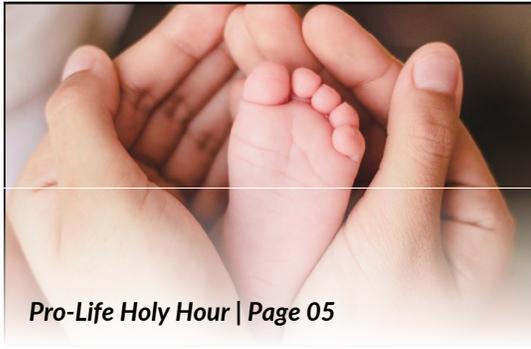


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Parish Office Hours
M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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.





A TERRIBLE FEW HOURS (AND WHY I HOPE ALL OF YOU EXPERIENCE IT, TOO)

Last Sunday afternoon, I spent a few hours at the Cincinnati Museum Center—my first time in that building since arriving at

St. Gertrude Parish four years ago. I went for a very specific reason: to attend the current temporary exhibition, *Auschwitz: Not long ago. Not far away.*

The exhibition was incredibly powerful. It begins with the ending of WWI, explaining how the groundwork was laid for someone like Adolf Hitler to rise to power so quickly and completely. It then chronologically progresses through the entire history of the camp, from its beginnings as a prison to house fellow German rival politicians, to its growth and transformation into the largest extermination camp the world has ever seen. Over 1.1 million men, women, and children of all ages were killed—most for simply being Jewish—and their bodies cremated. The exhibit also explains well the origins of Hitler's antisemitism and the catastrophic results when he created the apparatus to put his racial hatred into action.

The exhibit wonderfully blends informational videos about the history, interviews with survivors who, in their own words, tell what they experienced, and over 500 artifacts from the camp—everything from actual uniforms worn by those interred, to articles of clothing belonging to unknown victims who never made it out of there.

Walking through the exhibit and taking it all in was not fun. It was stomach-turning—which is exactly what it should be. And, it is exactly why I would encourage everyone to attend. It's one thing to read about what happened; it's another thing entirely to "see" it with one's own eyes through an exhibit like this. It shows how quickly people can move from hatred to violence when they dehumanize other human beings. It is a lesson from the past that helps us to safeguard the future. I found myself driving home in silence, my mind still working to process what I had taken in.

The exhibit is here in Cincinnati through mid-April. The curators say it is for ages 12 and up; if any of you have children right on the edge of that and want to hear from me more specifics about what might or might not be appropriate, please reach out to me directly.

The web page for the exhibition states, "An exhibition the world needs you to see." I completely agree. If you are able to, I truly encourage you to go.

On a Different Note: The Parish Mission Is Coming!

On a much more joyful note, we are one week away from our Lenten parish mission! Father Leo Camurati, O.P., is a wonderful friar and priest. I hope to see many of you at his conferences on March 9–11, which will be a wonderful way for us to see Lent not merely as a time for penance, but a time to renew our understanding of the great mission of Christ in which we are called to be active participants. Don't miss it!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



Dominican Rite Mass

Solemn High Mass
in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.



MARCH 7 | 9 A.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Music: Imogen Holst, *Mass in A Minor*

Guest Celebrant & Preacher:
Father Leo Camurati, O.P.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH-BRANDED TECH T-SHIRTS FOR FLYING PIG MARATHON PARTICIPANTS

Are you participating in the 2026 Flying Pig Marathon weekend events? Thanks to the generosity of Tri-State Running Company and Base Athletics, anyone from St. Gertrude Parish or School who is running or walking in any of the 2026 Flying Pig races can receive a free St. Gertrude Parish-branded tech T-shirt to wear on the day of your event! Whether you are doing the full marathon, half marathon, 10K, 5K, 1-mile, or a combination of distances, feel confident representing St. Gertrude Parish—and spreading the gospel with every step you take. **Please visit bit.ly/FlyingPigShirt or scan the QR code to let us know your name and size by April 1.** As a reminder, these free shirts are only available to members of St. Gertrude Parish or School who are registered for a Flying Pig race.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

We are very grateful to all St. Gertrude Parish parishioners who have donated to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)—a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)—for the benefit of St. Gertrude School. Their generosity is not only helping to provide scholarships for students who may not have the means to attend our wonderful parish school, but also earning them a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to \$750 per taxpayer, per tax year! To make your donation, visit bit.ly/stgsgo. Thank you for your generosity!

We would like to recognize the following parishioners who gave to the CEF-SGO in February 2026:

Dee Benson	Sheri Holland	Tony Cole
Jay Benson	Kirsten Johnson	Sara Cole
Susan Brisken	Travis Johnson	Kim Hahn
Tom Brisken	Anita Pappalardo	Tom Hahn
Blake Castrucci	Jim Pappalardo	Denise Motz
Victoria Castrucci	Ed Schuster	Philip Motz
Amber Day	Roxie Schuster	Angela Thoms
Douglas Day	Diane Tomaszewski	Michael Thoms
Mark Holland	David Schirman	

ADORATION CHAPEL—EARLY CLOSURES

Due to events taking place in the Parish Center, our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closing at 5 p.m. on March 6 (Fish Fry), March 14 (Madeira Schools Foundation Auction), and March 20 (Fish Fry).



Let Us
PRAY

THE SICK

Joy Belperio, Nikki Best, 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

† Maryanne Mann, mother of Pam Breslin



PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

The next St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry-sponsored Holy Hour will be Wednesday, March 4, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The specific intention for this Holy Hour is, "For an end to human trafficking, for the healing of its victims, and for the conversion of those who perpetrate it." All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this dedicated time of prayer and adoration. As usual, priests will be available for confessions.



33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE

Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12) with Father Michael Gaitley's moving book, *33 Days to Merciful Love: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy*. This transformative journey focuses on St. Therese of Lisieux's spirituality and a consecration to Divine Mercy. Begin reading the book on Tuesday, March 10, and gather with your fellow parishioners on Thursday, March 12 and 26 and April 9 to watch the DVDs that accompany the book and to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will meet in the Parish Center in the St. Dominic Lobby from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.



NEEDS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION—MARCH 7 & 8

After all Masses (except 6 p.m.) on March 7 and 8, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for NEEDS (North East Emergency Distribution Services) Food Pantry. Contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with questions. Here are the most needed items:

- **Canned/Packaged Goods:** Collard greens, canned salmon, rice and pasta mixes (with and without meat), Vienna sausages, black beans
- **Personal Care Items:** Laundry detergent, shampoo, diapers sizes 4-7
- **Monetary Donations:** Cash or check (payable to Ladies of Charity at St. Gertrude Parish)



SOUP KITCHEN SIGNUP NEXT WEEKEND

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude Parish parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, March 15, and Sunday, April 19. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up in the Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby before or after 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass next Sunday, March 8. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.



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 \$99,471 in pledges—that's 85 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, MARCH 2

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, MARCH 3

11 a.m. | Moms & Littles Winter Social (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

10:15 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)
6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Den Meeting (School Cafeteria & Classrooms)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

5 p.m. | Fish Fry (Gym)
7 p.m. | Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)
6:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society Social (School Cafeteria)
9 a.m. | Las Guadalupanas (St. Joseph Room)
10:30 a.m. | Respect Life Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)
5:30 p.m. | NEEDS Food Pantry Collection (White Van, Parking Lot)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9 & 11 a.m. | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
9 & 11 a.m., 1 p.m. | NEEDS Collection (White Van, Parking Lot)
9 & 11 a.m., 1 p.m. | Soup Kitchen Signup (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

RITE OF SENDING

At the 10 a.m. Mass last Sunday, February 22, we had the Rite of Sending, a parish celebration that "sends" catechumens and candidates to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers. (Sponsors not pictured.)



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.

LIVE LENT

Looking for ways to LIVE LENT? Join us for these upcoming events! To learn more or view all our upcoming Lenten opportunities, visit our website at stgertrude.org.

- **Fish Fry | March 6 & 20 | 5-7:30 p.m. | Gym**
Our Friday night Fish Fry is back for 2026 with the same delicious meals you have come to love. Dine-in and carryout available. To view the menu or sign up to volunteer, visit bit.ly/2026FishFry.
- **Stations of the Cross | March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3 7 p.m. | Church**
Recall and meditate on 14 specific events of Jesus' passion and death by praying the Stations of the Cross with us in the church.
- **Turning Sorrow into Joy! | March 24 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby**
Join author and national speaker Carl Brown as he discusses his book, *Something You Can Count On: The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary*. Carl's powerful presentation will help you reframe your suffering so you can experience true joy.

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.



Prayer Service for Those with Health Issues

Join us for our fourth annual prayer service to pray for and support those who struggle with health issues. The service will include Scripture, a short reflection, a musical meditation, and more. A reception with light refreshments in the Parish Center will follow.

**THURSDAY | MARCH 12
7 P.M. | ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH**

Hosted by the Parents of Precious Pearls ministry and the St. Gertrude Parish Choir



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 or scan the QR code by March 26.

Contact Brian at brianfarwick@gmail.com with questions.





**MEET A PARISHIONER:
THE KIMENER FAMILY**

This is the second installment of a new bulletin feature: Meet a Parishioner! Each month, we will spotlight a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner/family to help you get to

know your fellow parishioners, build a greater sense of community, and stay connected to one another in Christ. This month, meet Pete and Claudia Kimener!

St. Gertrude Parish: How did you first find St. Gertrude Parish?

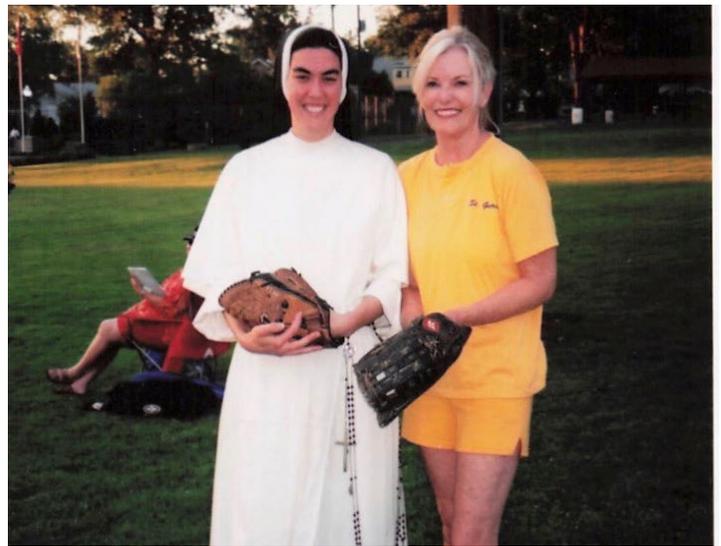
Pete Kimener: Forty years ago, Claudia and I relocated from Columbus to Cincinnati because of a business transfer in my company. We were anxious to find a vibrant parish with a Catholic school where we could educate our five children. We also wanted a parish that was somewhat close to where we worked. We settled on Madeira and St. Gertrude Parish. All our kids graduated from St. Gertrude School and were very well prepared for the Catholic high schools they attended.

SGP: What do you love about St. Gertrude Parish?

Pete: Unlike so many parishes in the archdiocese that are consolidating, St. Gertrude Parish is growing at a rapid pace, thanks to the service provided by the Dominicans and their witness to the path God wants us to walk. By getting involved in various activities and groups at St. Gertrude Parish, we have experienced the commitment of both the Dominican friars and sisters who serve the parish and the school. They consistently “show up” for parishioners, non-parishioners, students, and school families and display a dedication to the spiritual and educational needs of the wonderful people of our parish. Over the years, we have made very deep and wonderful friendships with the novice brothers as they begin their formation here, and go on to become pastors, principals, provincials, and bishops. It’s been a very enriching experience for us both, and we have tried to “pay back” by serving our parish in various ways.

SGP: In what ways have you served the parish?

Pete: I have served on the pastoral council, helped demolish the old school building and build the new one, and am a member of the very active Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council. Currently, I am involved in the Master Site Planning and the newly-formed Safety Team. Many years ago, Claudia sponsored a St. Gertrude Parish women’s softball team (see the picture) and continually recruits players from the parish! She stays current on what’s going on in the baseball world by quizzing our son-in-law, Dave Bell, who is now the assistant general manager of the Blue Jays. She is also a member of the Ladies of Charity.



Above: Claudia during her time on St. Gertrude Parish’s women’s softball team. Below: Pete and Claudia with three of their grandchildren.



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

“When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.”

- St. Louis De Montfort

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.



LENTEN REFLECTION
Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P.
St. Gertrude School Vice Principal

Happy Lent! This statement might seem like an oxymoron. Lent is a penitential season after all! We give up stuff, deny ourselves of things we like, and do hard things.

Where is the happiness in that?

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that every human being desires happiness, and not just any happiness. We long for a happiness that never ends. Think of how many times we have said, with a sigh in our voices, “All good things must come to an end.” We long for good things to last forever because we want to be happy forever. The finite goods of this earth, though, all come to an end. The wonderful news is that the highest good, who is God, never comes to an end! Union with him is our ultimate happiness.

I have a little Lenten secret for you: when we do our penances

out of love for God, our love for him grows. The more we love him, the happier we are because he is our ultimate happiness.

It is easy to fall into the trap of letting our Lenten penances focus more on ourselves than on God. For example, they can turn into dieting or a mere display of our own willpower. When this happens, our penances become burdens and lead to discouragement and unhappiness.

Instead, let your Lenten penances be a *response of love* for the one who laid down his life for you! Does this mean that we are going to have warm, fuzzy feelings all throughout Lent? No! Our penances are not penitential if they do not stretch us beyond our comfort zone. But if we perform our Lenten penances out of love for God, happiness will follow.

The next time you are tempted to grit your teeth and furrow your brow to brace yourself for the day’s penances, think of Christ’s love being poured out for you on the cross from his Sacred Heart, and let your penances be acts of love. Lent can be hard, but it is completely worth it!

PRESCHOOL PUPS ALL SAINTS STORYTIME – MARCH 4

Families with children ages 18 months–5 years old are invited to join us in the St. Gertrude School library on **Wednesday, March 4, at 10:15 a.m.** for Preschool Pups Storytime. Enjoy joyful songs and stories read by our beloved Dominican sisters and friars. This will be a special morning of faith, fun, and friendship for our youngest saints-in-the-making!



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**. Visit esharing.org/applyWeekend.php to register. If you have questions, visit esharing.org or contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or application@esharing.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.

"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.

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.

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 Dominican 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. Visit tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25 to learn more and RSVP.

HOPE FOR COUPLES GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Retrouaille 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.

The graphic features a central title "Holy Ventures" in a white script font, with "YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PILGRIMAGE & MISSION TRIPS" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. A compass rose is positioned to the left of the title. Below the title are three polaroid-style photos: the first shows a group of people, labeled "SERVE THE POOR"; the second shows a person hiking, labeled "TRAVEL"; the third shows a couple in prayer, labeled "PRAYER & THE SACRAMENTS". A central button reads "Join the Venture!". Below this are four mission trip options: "Poland Pilgrimage July 11-20th" with a pilgrim icon, "Chicago Weekend Mission June 26-28" with a person icon, "Appalachia Construction Mission April 23-26" with a mountain icon, and "Mexico City Mission & Pilgrimage Oct. 1-6" with an airplane icon. A QR code is located at the bottom center, with a curved arrow pointing to it. At the very bottom, a banner reads "Visit Holyventures.org to apply for a trip today!".

IRISH MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY

Archbishop Casey will celebrate the annual Mass to our Irish forebears on Sunday, March 15, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Preceding Mass at 9:45 a.m., the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick glee club will play a prelude, which will feature a processional with bagpipes and other Irish instruments. Enjoy refreshments and additional songs by the glee club in the undercroft after Mass.

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.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, March 2 | Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Paula Hearn by The Schuler Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Tim & John Petric by Mary Petric
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, March 3 | Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Agnes Ginnetti by The Stines Family
 10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jim Minton by Elaine & Jeff Parker
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, March 4 | Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Thomas Hemak by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Maureen O'Connell by Mike & Elaine O'Connell
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Manuel Abello by The Nieto Family
 4 p.m. | Confessions
 7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, March 5 | Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – Father Ignatius Schweitzer by The Isaacs Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Larry Meyer Sr. by Walking with Purpose Leaders
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Madge Alf by Peggy Jackson
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, March 6 | Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Diane & Jim Tomaszewski
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Jack Holt by The Wenstrup Family
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – 2024-2025 Dominican Novices by Rita Johantges
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, March 7 | Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. | Mass – Father William Pifher by The Pachuk Family
 9 a.m. | Dominican Rite Mass – Intention of the Celebrant
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Veronica A. Glassmeyer
 by Michael & Mary Jo Voto
 3:30 p.m. | Confessions
 4:30 p.m. | Mass – Bridget Kaufman by Gianna Bailey

Sunday, March 8 | 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Max Schneider by Peter Bertoli
 10 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
 12 p.m. | Mass – † Dino Pelle by Mike & Lynne Harris
 6 p.m. | Mass – † Rick Dowling by The Wenzel Family



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.**

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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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Ash Wednesday (February 18)	\$6,026
Sunday, February 22, 2026	
Collection	\$69,605
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$22,546
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,671,117
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Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$21,117



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