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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.



# 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](http://stgertrude.org/register). Paper copies of the registration form are also available in the parish office.



## Been away for a while or curious about Catholicism?

**WE WOULD LOVE TO WALK WITH YOU.**

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





### SOME MID-LENTEN PARISH UPDATES

Having celebrated Laetare Sunday this past weekend, we are now officially more than halfway through the season of Lent (as well as more than halfway through the

month of March!). It's been a while since I've done an "update" letter in the bulletin, so it seemed like a good time to do so.

#### New Kneelers

Thanks to our very successful Giving Tuesday day in November, we raised enough money to completely replace all of the kneelers in the church. After a sample kneeler was installed so we could test it and be sure it was what we wanted, we gave the chosen company the go-ahead to order all of the materials to replace all the kneelers in the church. The materials have arrived, but with all of the special events happening in the church during Lent, we decided that the kneeler replacement project will commence the week after Easter. The kneelers in all of the pews will be replaced, as will the kneeling pads at the altar rail, the kneelers in the confessionals, the padding on the padded pews in the front rows of the church, and the kneelers and seat padding in the sanctuary. We expect at least most of that work to be completed before the end of Easter week. I know I speak for everyone when I say we all look forward to the completion of this project! On an additional note, to go through one more Good Friday with the "old" kneelers may just add an extra sense of penance to Holy Week this year.

#### Steps by Gym Ramp Entrance / Knights of Columbus Door

As many of you may have noticed, the small set of stone steps leading from the parking lot toward the Knights of Columbus door and the ramp entrance to the gym have seriously degraded and become a tripping hazard. We have blocked off that area with yellow caution tape and, sometime in the next few weeks, those steps will be repaired. Thank you for your patience while we work to schedule that repair.

#### Change in Parish Priestly Staffing

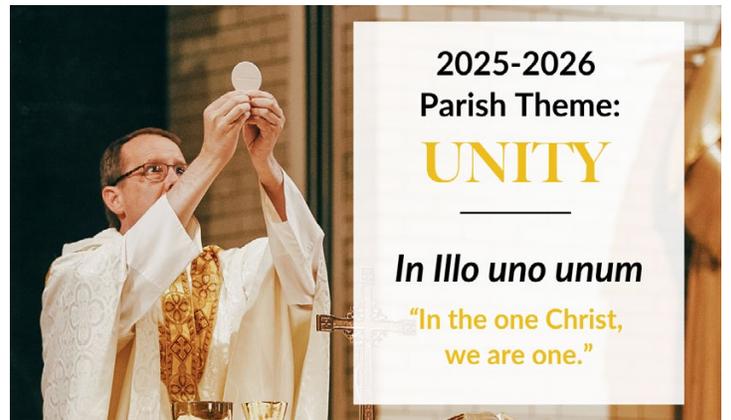
It is with a heavy heart that I share that Father Reginald will be leaving the parish staff and departing St. Gertrude Parish sometime this summer. Please see the next page for a personal message from him, where he shares more about what lies in his future. I am currently in discussions with our Dominican provincial, Father Allen Moran, O.P., regarding his replacement, and I will share more information about that once it has been finalized. While Father Reginald has only been with us for one year, I know he has made a huge impact on many people, and we will miss his love of the Lord, reverence in celebrating the Mass, and his pastoral presence among us in so many ways.

As we press onward toward the cross and the Resurrection, may these last weeks of Lent be a time of particular grace for all of us.

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



#### FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



"Although I was ill, I made up my mind to make a Holy Hour today as usual. During that hour, I saw the Lord Jesus being scourged at the pillar. In the midst of this frightful torture, Jesus was praying. After a while, He said to me, 'There are few souls who contemplate My Passion with true feeling; I give great graces to souls who meditate devoutly on My Passion.'"

- Diary, #737



**SOME SAD NEWS FROM FATHER REGINALD**

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to let you know that I will be transferred this summer. When the provincial, Father Allen Moran, O.P., was here

this past month, he informed me that he'd like me to take an open position on the faculty of a seminary in California.

While this is a great opportunity for me and I am looking forward to it, it also leaves me heartbroken to be leaving St. Gertrude Parish, especially after only being here one year. This is one of the best parishes I have ever experienced—a truly special place. It has brought me so much joy to serve here as a priest, and I am so grateful to all of you for your warm welcome and for making St. Gertrude Parish the place it is.

The provincial recognizes that this move is premature, so he promised to give Father John Paul his pick of my successor. So, not to worry! You will get an amazing new priest to replace me. We should know who it is in a month or two.

My last Sunday here will probably be sometime in late June. I hope to be able to visit with each of you before I go, and I hope I'll be back frequently to savor the goodness of this place.

As parishioners of a parish run by an itinerant religious order, you're probably used to priests coming and going. We Dominicans have a vow of obedience to drop everything and go when and where we're sent. But that doesn't make it less sad for me!

Thank you all so much for your kindness, friendship, and prayers. You have mine abundantly in return.

Very gratefully, in Christ Our Savior,

Father Reginald Hoefler, O.P.

**BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**



**Children**

Evelyn Josephine Schmitt  
Maverick Dillin Schmitt

**Parents**

Vanessa & Aaron Schmitt



**Let Us PRAY**

**THE SICK**

Joy Belperio, Nikki Best, Johnny Burns, Vicki Calonge, Patty Connelly, 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, William 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, Miles Mayer, 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



### ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODE!

We have expanded the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast to feature not only homilies and preaching from our Dominican friars, but also interviews with our parish staff and parishioners! In this first interview, podcast host and parishioner Daniel Roberts talks with our coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), Mary Beth Thiemann, about her ministry and the importance of the CGS program at St. Gertrude Parish. Listen now on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, and share the episodes with a friend.



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### PARISH-BRANDED TECH T-SHIRTS FOR FLYING PIG 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! Feel confident representing St. Gertrude Parish—and spreading the gospel with every step you take. Please visit [bit.ly/FlyingPigShirt](https://bit.ly/FlyingPigShirt) or scan the QR code to view the shirt and let us know your name and size by April 1.



### PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

The next St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry-sponsored Holy Hour will be Wednesday, April 8, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The specific intention for this Holy Hour is, "For a deeper understanding of the sanctity and dignity of human life at every stage of life, especially for the elderly who are alone, people who are physically challenged or who have a mental illness, and babies with a special/difficult prenatal diagnosis." All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this dedicated time of prayer and adoration. As usual, priests will be available for confessions.



### EASTER NOVENA

St. Gertrude Parish will be offering a novena of Masses beginning on Easter, April 5. If you would like to enroll your loved ones, please fill out a novena card (available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office) and return it, along with the remittance envelope, before Easter. All proceeds support the St. Gertrude Priory.



### 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 \$134,455 in pledges—that's 115 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](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).

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**WEEK**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

- 12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 6:30 p.m. | Seven Sorrows of Mary Presentation (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

- 1 p.m. | *33 Days to Merciful Love* Video (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (St. Joseph Room)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

- 7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
- 8:45 a.m. | Family Consecration Workshop (Gym)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

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

**BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN**

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



**MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX**

Are you or someone you know facing a first trimester miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries has provided our parish with a box of free miscarriage kits to support your physical and emotional needs during your tragic loss. The box is located in the landscape bed to the left of the circle drive in front of the church. If you have questions about the kit, call Heaven's Gain at (513) 888-4200. Learn more about Heaven's Gain's services at [heavensgain.org](http://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](http://MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude) to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code **STGERTRUDE**.



**ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?**

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council will be selling Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets after all Masses this weekend. The drawing will be Saturday, May 23, in Columbus, OH. All funds raised support local charities that are beneficiaries of Elder Council and the Ohio Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. There are 25 chances to win:

- 1st Prize: \$49,680 (payable \$414/month for 10 years)
- 2nd Prize: \$18,780 (payable \$313/month for five years)
- 3rd Prize: \$12,720 (payable \$212/month for five years)
- 4th Prize: \$4,000
- 5th Prize: \$3,000
- 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th Prizes: \$1,500
- 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th Prizes: \$1,250
- 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th Prizes - \$1,000
- 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st Prizes - \$750
- 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th Prizes - \$500



### SAINTS AND STEWARDSHIP THIS LENT

By Hope Ramundo  
*Director of Stewardship*

The saints are such incredible examples of how to live as virtuous stewards. This Lent, consider looking to your heavenly friends for inspiration as you strive to live the Lenten call of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

#### Prayer: St. Teresa of Calcutta

Better known as Mother Teresa, St. Teresa of Calcutta served the poorest of the poor in the slums of India. She dedicated her life to serving others, yet always made time for prayer. Some of the best advice to take from her is what she told an Indian bishop who told her he was so busy he hardly had time to pray. She told him, "If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy!"



How often do we let ourselves get to this level of busyness? What is God calling you to prune in this season of life so you can spend more time with him in prayer?

#### Fasting: St. Carlo Acutis

When most people think of fasting, they often think of food. But fasting can apply to so many areas of our lives. You can fast from TV shows, social media, shopping, video games, and more. Over the centuries, many saints have set strong examples of fasting in markedly sacrificial ways. Most of us are not called to fast in these extreme ways, but there are still saints whom we

can look to as an example. St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, loved to play video games, but he limited himself to playing for one hour per week. He strove to be disciplined and wanted to always make sure he put Christ first before any worldly interests he had.



Is there an area of your life you can grow in discipline and offer up to the Lord?

#### Almsgiving: Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Pierre Toussaint's life shows that you don't have to wait until you are wealthy to start helping and giving to those in need. Pierre was born into slavery, but that never held him back from helping others. It did not matter to him if someone was rich or poor; he saw everyone as a child of God. During his life, he found great success as a hairstylist to the rich and famous in New York City in the 1800s. However, he did not use his wealth to live lavishly. With his wife, he funded orphanages and schools, took orphans into his own home, donated to build churches, helped to free slaves, and did not shy away from tending to the sick. He was known for his Catholic faith, refusal to gossip, and generous heart. Even as he grew older, he continued to work. When people asked him why he did not retire, he said that he would have enough money for himself but that he would not have enough to help others.

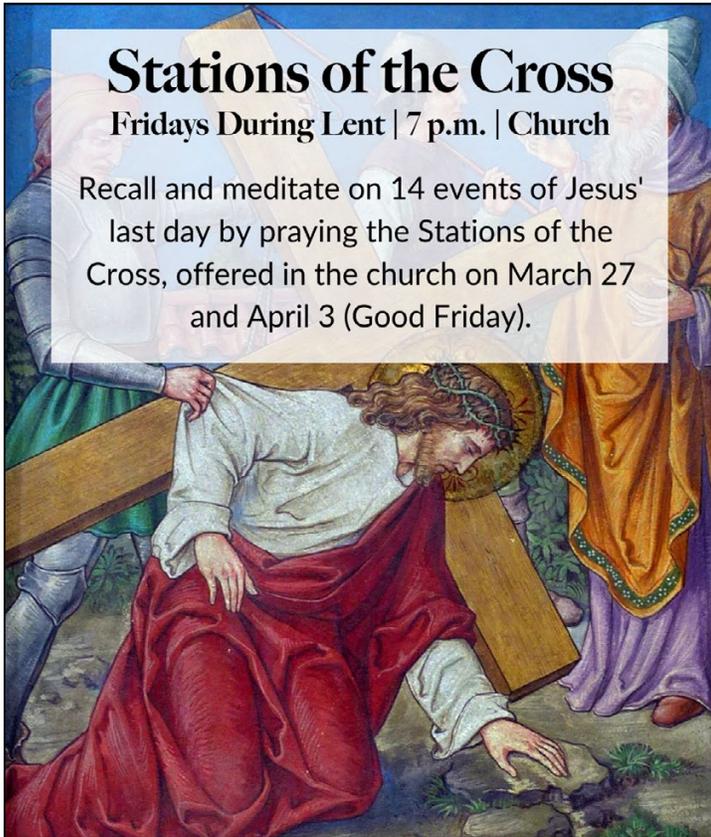


How is God calling you to use what you have to help those in need and to be Christ to others?

## Help Make an SGS Education More Affordable

Donate to the SGO today!





**Stations of the Cross**  
 Fridays During Lent | 7 p.m. | Church

Recall and meditate on 14 events of Jesus' last day by praying the Stations of the Cross, offered in the church on March 27 and April 3 (Good Friday).



**Choral Tenebrae**

Also known as the Service of Darkness, Choral Tenebrae is conducted in near darkness—the only source of light is a series of candles on the altar. After each portion of the liturgy, a candle is extinguished until the entire church is dark. Throughout the service, the Capella and Novitiate Choir will chant the great sorrowful psalms and lamentations from Scripture and motets that reflect upon the Passion.

**Wednesday  
 April 1 | 8 p.m.  
 St. Gertrude Church**



Discover God's Call for Your Life

**CALLED & GIFTED**

In Baptism and Confirmation, you received special spiritual gifts—charisms—through which God intends his love to reach others. Discern your charisms through our Called & Gifted workshop and begin to discover God's unique purpose for your life. Open to all adults—only 50 spots available!

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026  
 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.  
 St. Gertrude Parish Gym**

Cost: \$49  
 (Includes a workbook, spiritual gifts inventory, unlimited access to the Catherine of Siena Institute learning platform, and lunch)

Scan to register!



**Holy Week & Easter**

**March 29 | Palm Sunday**  
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. – Mass

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**April 1 | Wednesday of Holy Week**  
 8 p.m. – Choral Tenebrae

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**April 2 | Holy Thursday**  
 8 a.m. – Morning Prayer with Friars & Novices  
 7 p.m. – Mass of Our Lord's Supper

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**April 3 | Good Friday**  
 8 a.m. – Morning Prayer with Friars & Novices  
 3 p.m. – Our Lord's Passion (Communion Service)  
 7 p.m. – Stations of the Cross & Entombment of Christ

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**April 4 | Easter Vigil**  
 8 a.m. – Morning Prayer with Friars & Novices  
 8:45 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Baskets  
 9 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

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**April 5 | Easter**  
 8 a.m., 10 a.m.\*, 12 p.m. – Mass  
 \*We will be offering two Masses—one in the church, and one in the gym. Please note, there is no 6 p.m. Mass.

# Seven Sorrows of Mary Presentation

## 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**

We are blessed to have the Apostolate for Family Consecration (AFC) bring its Family Consecration Workshop to St. Gertrude Parish. **If you want to bond your family with God's protection against division in family life and receive graces to grow in holiness and become saints, then this is for you!**

### What Is Family Consecration?

Family consecration is incredible! When a family is consecrated—set apart for God—everything you do or endure takes on purpose and meaning. Ordinary activities (like washing dishes or going to work) and trials are made holy, and God can use them for the conversion of others.

### How Does It Work?

1. Your whole family attends the free workshop to learn the simple steps and receive the tools for family consecration.
2. Your family spends seven days preparing for consecration using the provided book. (It's not daunting, and family members of all ages will enjoy the prayers and activities.)
3. Pray the Act of Consecration.
4. Enthroned the Holy Family image in your home.
5. Live your consecration.

**Saturday, March 28**

**8:45–11:20 a.m.**

**St. Gertrude Parish Gym**

*Child care will be provided.*

**8:45-9 a.m.** Coffee and Doughnuts

**9-9:25 a.m.** Rosary

**9:30-11 a.m.** AFC Talk, Q&A,  
Roundtable

**11:20 a.m.** Wrap Up & Prayers

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



# Parenting Through the Lens of *Aquinas*



## JOIN US FOR A PARENT FORMATION EVENING ON MARCH 26

By Scott Borchers  
St. Gertrude School Counselor

On Thursday, March 26, Scott Borchers, St. Gertrude School's counselor, will offer a parent formation talk that draws on the timeless wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas. Through the lens of Thomistic psychology, Scott will explore a vision of parenting rooted in virtue, ordered emotions, and the formation of both body and soul. Ahead of the talk, we asked Scott to share a few thoughts on what parents can expect from the evening.

**Q: Many parents feel overwhelmed by competing advice about raising children. How does the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas offer a clearer vision for what parenting is really about?**

**A:** St. Thomas Aquinas offers clarity because his understanding of the human person is both profound and complete. Drawing from philosophy, theology, and careful reflection on human nature, he presents a vision of the person that attends to both body and soul. Rather than focusing only on behavior or achievement, Aquinas reminds us that parenting is ultimately about forming the whole person and guiding children toward truth, virtue, and lasting happiness.

**Q: Virtue formation has long been central to the Catholic understanding of education. What does forming virtue look like in everyday family life, especially with young children?**

**A:** Virtue formation begins with understanding the virtues themselves. Parents can carefully observe their children and begin to recognize both the strengths and struggles that shape their characters. Often, it helps to focus on one virtue at a time, especially one that counters a child's particular weakness or fits his or her stage of development. Families can then build simple routines that allow children to practice that virtue regularly. Repetition, concrete activities, and the consistent example of parents all play an important role in helping virtue take root.

**Q: Parents often struggle to balance authority with warmth**

**and mercy. From a Thomistic perspective, how can parents lead their children with both clarity and love?**

**A:** Thomistic thought describes good leadership through what is sometimes called the "regal rule." Like a good king, a parent governs with reason and charity. This approach avoids two common extremes. One is authoritarianism, which emphasizes control without warmth. The other is permissiveness, which avoids structure and discipline. A healthy balance calls parents to lead with clarity, fairness, and genuine love while remaining attentive to the dignity and needs of the child.

**Q: Children experience strong emotions as they grow and develop. Why is learning to order the passions such an important part of raising happy and healthy children?**

**A:** Strong emotions are a natural part of human development. In Thomistic psychology, they are not seen as inherently negative. When children learn to order their passions and direct emotions with the help of reason and virtue, they often experience greater peace, confidence, and stability. Moments of strong emotion can become growth opportunities, as children learn how to thoughtfully respond rather than simply react.

**Q: For parents wondering if this talk is for them, what do you hope they walk away with after the evening?**

**A:** I hope that parents leave with a deeper understanding of the whole child, both body and soul. I also hope they gain a practical understanding of the virtues and a clearer sense of how to cultivate them within family life. We will explore how emotions, memories, imagination, and the senses shape a child's development. With that perspective, parents can begin to see certain behaviors in a new light and better understand how children sometimes pursue what Aquinas called a "lesser good."

**Parents are warmly invited to join us for this evening of reflection and practical insight. The talk will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. The event is free and open to all parents. Child care will be available. Please scan the QR code to register so we can anticipate attendance.**



### MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood on Wednesday, March 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.

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### SAVE HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

On March 25, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati plans to permanently close and sell Holy Name Catholic Church (2422 Auburn Avenue), which is just a few blocks from Planned Parenthood. Mother Seraphina of the Franciscan Daughters of Charity in Covington, Kentucky, is working with the Holy Name Chapel Foundation to preserve Holy Name Church and hopes to raise \$2 million by March 24 to purchase the church from the archdiocese. To learn more about the plan for the church, visit [hncapelfdn.org/our-mission](http://hncapelfdn.org/our-mission). To support the cause, you can donate to the Holy Name Chapel Foundation (all donations are tax-deductible) online at [hncapelfdn.org](http://hncapelfdn.org), by phone at (859) 522-0333, or by check (made payable to Holy Name Chapel Foundation and mailed to Holy Name Chapel Foundation, PO Box 8012, Cincinnati, OH 45208).

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### SPECIAL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE NATIONAL TEAM VISIT

Dr. Haywood Robinson, Heather Gardner, and Kristi Hofferber—three members of the 40 Days for Life national leadership team—will be visiting and speaking at the Cincinnati 40 Days for Life vigil site in front of Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue) on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. for a special evening on the sidewalk. It will be a powerful evening of testimony and encouragement and a rare opportunity for our local Greater Cincinnati campaign and all pro-lifers. You do not want to miss this event. Invite your family, pastors, and friends. Parking at Holy Name Church (2422 Auburn Avenue).

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### 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. To RSVP and learn more about this event and other Bethany Brunches, visit [tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25](http://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25).

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### SPRING ANDREW DINNERS

Andrew Dinners are opportunities for high school- and college-age men to learn about the priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and vocation director Father Michael Willig, and share a meal together. Upcoming dates include:

- Tuesday, April 21, St. Mary Parish (Urbana)
- Wednesday, May 6, St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Centerville)
- **Tuesday, May 12, St. Gertrude Parish (Madeira)**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT MTSM

The Sacred Music Institute at Mount St. Mary's Seminary (MTSM) & School of Theology will be hosting **Solemn Vespers this Sunday, March 22**, in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, beginning with an organ recital at 6:30 p.m., followed by Solemn Vespers at 7 p.m. On **Sunday, April 12**, MTSM will host its **annual Eastertide Choral Mass**, featuring an organ recital at 6:30 p.m., with Mass at 7 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. For more info, please visit [athenaeum.edu/smi](http://athenaeum.edu/smi).

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### ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISM MASS

Join Archbishop Casey and the priests and faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the annual Chrism Mass on **Holy Tuesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**. In this once-a-year Holy Week liturgy, the archbishop will bless the Oils of the Sick and the Catechumens and consecrate the Sacred Chrism to be used in sacramental celebrations throughout the archdiocese in the coming year. The priests will also renew the promises made at their ordination. All are welcome, especially those recently anointed or initiated or preparing for Christian Initiation in the coming year.

**Liturgical**  
**SCHEDULE &**  
**Mass**  
**INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 23 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Hoffman by Marj Hoffman

8 a.m. | Mass – Julie Phelan by Rick Sammons

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

**Tuesday, March 24 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass – † Keneth by Tom & Christin Spurr

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by St. Gertrude Money Counters

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Christy Schreiber by The Bursa Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

**Wednesday, March 25 | The Annunciation of the Lord (S)**

7 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph Lopez by Dominican Sisters

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Donna Schlake by Tom & Sue Brisken

4 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

**Thursday, March 26 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass – † William Eisenhauer Sr. by The Lohr Family

8 a.m. | Mass – Catherine Boone by The Boone Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Audrey Deutsch by Dee Cianciolo

4 p.m. | Confessions

**Friday, March 27 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Murray by The Murray Family

8 a.m. | Mass – Erik M. Speicher by Tricia Speicher

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Sister Mediatrix Patterson, SOLT,

by Gertrude Patterson

4 p.m. | Confessions

**Saturday, March 28 | Lenten Weekday**

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ronald Gunn by Peggy Frank

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Sansalone by Keke & Tony Sansalone

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Veronica Joan Davis by Natalie Moore

**Sunday, March 29 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

10 a.m. | Mass – † Ray Clark & Megan Clark Johnson  
by Barbara Clark

12 p.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by Nina Doherty

6 p.m. | Mass – † Doug Smith by Monica Walker



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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.

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### Sunday, March 15, 2026

Collection	\$63,972
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$16,913

### Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,848,505
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,791,176
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$57,329



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