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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. 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.





THE HOLIEST OF ALL WEEKS (AND WHY YOUR PASTOR MAY NOT BE SEEN MUCH)

This weekend begins the most solemn, sacred week of the entire year, as we commence walking

with Jesus through his sacred Passion, death, and resurrection. I encourage everyone to attend as many of the Holy Week liturgies as possible, as each one provides a different “window” into the greatest sacrifice the world has ever seen. The week begins with Palm Sunday, the only Mass of the entire year during which there are not just one, but two Gospel readings. In the first, at the beginning of Mass, we find ourselves amidst the crowds cheering “Hosanna” at Our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem. In the latter, we join in the crowds crying out, “Crucify him.”

On Wednesday evening, April 1, we have an adapted version of the classic monastic service of Tenebrae. Taking its title from the Latin word for “shadows,” the service features hauntingly beautiful sung passages from the Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah as the candles in the sanctuary are slowly snuffed out until only shadows remain.

On Thursday, April 2, the Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, during which Jesus institutes the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, April 3, we have two significant liturgies here at St. Gertrude Parish:

- **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord | 3 p.m.** – This liturgy includes the sung Passion and the opportunity for all to reverence the cross.
- **Outdoor Stations of the Cross | 7 p.m.** – Our Dominican novices will lead everyone around our campus and into the church, where we will celebrate the entombment of Christ, a unique event at our parish.

The quiet of Holy Saturday will be briefly broken by our custom blessing of Easter baskets. For those who are not familiar with this worldwide tradition, people bring to church baskets with samples of the food for their main Easter meal for the priest to bless. We’ve been doing this for several years and will do so again this year.

Finally, of course, everything culminates in the joyful celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. With a record number of adults entering the Church this year, the Easter Vigil, in particular, will be an extraordinary Mass.

So with all of these amazing liturgies happening, why may you not see your pastor that much?

In the months since my stroke this past November, I’ve been

undergoing various tests to try to figure out why it occurred. One of these tests revealed I have a hole in my heart between the two upper chambers that was likely a contributing factor in the stroke. After consultation with a couple of cardiologists, the recommendation is to have surgery to close that hole. Next Tuesday, March 31, I’ll be having that procedure done. It’s relatively simple, and if all goes according to plan, I should be back at the priory later that same day. That being said, it’s unclear how much the surgery might take out of me or how I’ll be feeling in the days afterward, so other priests in the community will be doing the “heavy lifting” of the Triduum liturgies this year. May this Holy Week be a grace-filled time for all of us.

See you at the empty tomb,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“The Rosary, through the repetition of the Hail Mary, leads us to contemplate the mysteries of faith. This simple prayer, feeding the love of the Christian people for the Mother of God, illustrates the purpose of Marian prayer more clearly, namely, the glorification of Christ.”

– Pope St. John Paul II

FASTING & ABSTINENCE REMINDER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onward.

CAMPUS CLOSURES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

- St. Gertrude School – Closed Wednesday, April 1–Sunday, April 12
- Adoration Chapel – Closed Thursday, April 2–Sunday, April 5
- St. Gertrude Parish Office – Closed Friday, April 3–Monday, April 6

BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



Child: Owen Miles Casstevens
Parents: Kristen & Jonathan Casstevens



Child: Charles Christopher Gick
Parents: Mimi & Brennan Gick



Child: Kyrie Augustine Jeffries
Parents: Sarah & Isaac Jeffries



Child: John Perry Scott
Parents: Megan & Brandon Scott



Child: Franklin Jerome Zachary Sievert
Parents: Stephanie & Zach Sievert



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

† James Condit Sr.



LAST CHANCE FOR RECONCILIATION BEFORE EASTER

Prepare your heart and soul for Easter by receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, offered on the following days during Holy Week:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (will continue during Choral Tenebrae)

The evening of **Wednesday, April 1**, is the last opportunity to go to confession at St. Gertrude Parish before Easter. There will be no confessions on **Monday, April 6**. Our regular confession schedule will resume on **Tuesday, April 7**, at 4 p.m.



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 or scan the QR code to view the shirt and let us know your name and size by April 1.**



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.



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.



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 \$144,865 in pledges—that's 124 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.

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WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
- 6:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude School Passion Play (Church)
- 7 p.m. | Become Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (St. Joseph Room)
- 7 p.m. | Seasons of Hope (St. Joseph Room)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 8 p.m. | Choral Tenebrae (Church)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Adoration Chapel Closed
St. Gertrude School Closed

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Adoration Chapel Closed
St. Gertrude School Closed
Parish Office Closed

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- Adoration Chapel Closed
- 8:45 a.m. | Blessing of Easter Baskets (Church)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Adoration Chapel Closed

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN THANK-YOU NOTE

St. Gertrude Parish 40 Days for Life Campaign Leaders and Participants:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign. Cincinnati was one of the 661 campaigns that took place around the world. Being involved in 40 Days for Life in any capacity is not for the faint of heart. I especially want to thank the coordinators who continue to make sure the public prayer commitment in front of Planned Parenthood is fulfilled. We had our challenges during this campaign—some very cold days and days of torrential rain. I know it seems never-ending, but God bless all your efforts on the parish level to keep the pro-life movement alive. I appreciate your perseverance in this most important fight to save God's precious infants.

God bless,
Mary Clark
Cincinnati Campaign Leader

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**.



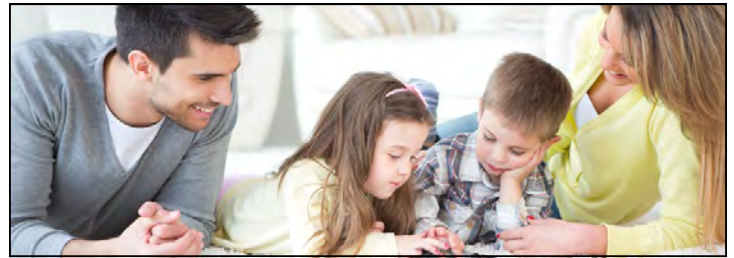
ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

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.



BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All boys in kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join the Bulldogs football program for the 2026 fall season! Registration between now and May 15 is \$200; late fees apply after May 15. Registration closes after May 30. Practices begin in the second half of July. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home. If you have any questions, contact Rob Gruber at (513) 256-2566 or Jake Dummermuth at jdummermuth@stgertrudesch.org.



CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS—COME & SEE

Are you looking for a way to share ideas with other moms on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? A new Cana Family Called to Motherhood group is forming for fall 2026! We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Pope St. John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. We share stories and advice on how to raise faith-filled children and be better wives and mothers. **All moms are invited to our Come & See event on Thursday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center to learn more.** Babysitting will be provided. For more information, visit canafamilyinstitute.com. If you have questions, contact Anita Pappalardo at cana@stgertrude.org.

Holy Week & Easter

March 29 | Palm Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. – Mass

April 1 | Wednesday of Holy Week

8 p.m. – Choral Tenebrae

April 2 | Holy Thursday

8 a.m. – Morning Prayer with Friars & Novices
7 p.m. – Mass of Our Lord's Supper

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

April 4 | Easter Vigil

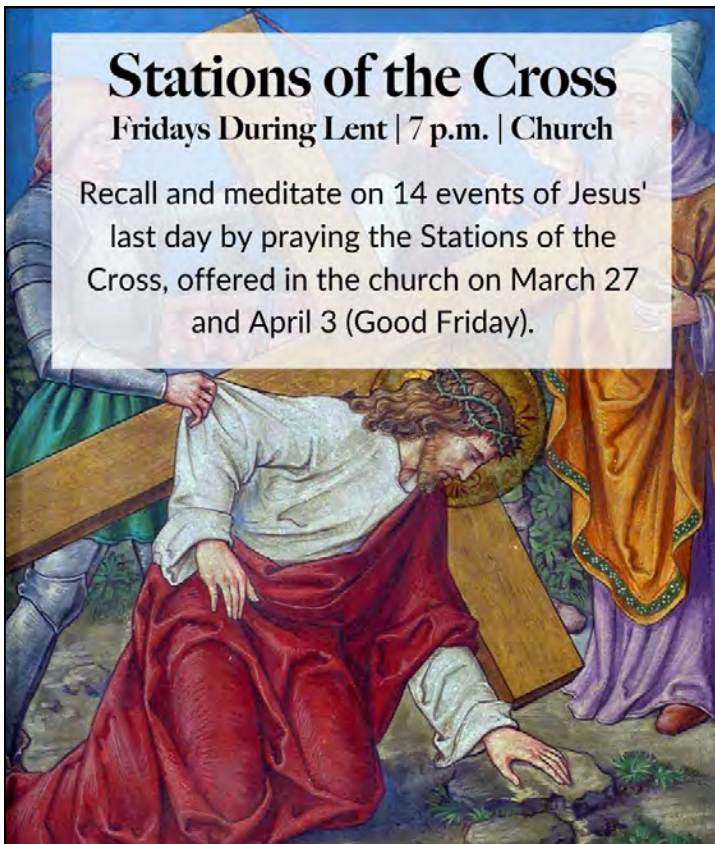
8 a.m. – Morning Prayer with Friars & Novices
8:45 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Baskets
9 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

April 5 | Easter

8 a.m., 10 a.m.*, 12 p.m. – Mass

*One Mass in the church, and one in the gym. There is no 6 p.m. Mass.





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!




Are you interested in being a catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Register Now for CGS Level 1 Courses!

<p>Level 1, Part A <i>Teaching children ages 3-6</i></p> <p>📅 June 28-July 3, 2026</p> <p>📍 St. Gertrude School 6543 Miami Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45243</p> <p>👤 Formation Leader Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.</p>	<p>Level 1, Part B <i>Teaching children ages 3-6</i></p> <p>📅 June 14-19, 2027</p> <p>📍 St. Gertrude School 6543 Miami Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45243</p> <p>👤 Formation Leader Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.</p>
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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.



L'ALTO: HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT RECAP

Two weeks ago, a group of our high schoolers attended our L'alto: High School Spring Retreat, "Everything I Have Is Yours." The teens and leaders had a great weekend growing in community and having fun through small groups, large group games, and the sacraments. The teens heard talks about each person's identity in Christ and our inheritance and belonging to the Body of Christ. They dove deeper, hearing about how God the Father sees each person in constant child-likeness and that he desires our healing and wants us to live from a place of freedom so that we may continuously proclaim the truth that we are beloved sons and daughters who are infinitely loved and totally free. Enjoy these photos from the blessed weekend!





Turn Your Tax Dollars into an Investment in *Catholic* Education

As tax season approaches, many families are looking for meaningful ways to wisely steward their resources. One of the most effective opportunities available to Ohio taxpayers is the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Tax Credit, a program that expands access to Catholic education while strengthening the financial health of our parish community.

Catholic education at St. Gertrude School is made possible, in part, through the generosity of donors who believe families should have access to an academically rigorous, faith-filled education regardless of financial circumstance. Through the SGO program, your support can make a direct and lasting impact on our students and families.

Why Give Through the SGO Tax Credit?

When you donate to St. Gertrude School through the SGO Tax Credit program, you support our students while receiving a dollar-for-dollar credit on your Ohio state income taxes. In many cases, this effectively makes your donation no cost to you. Eligible Ohio taxpayers may contribute up to \$750 as an individual. Married couples filing jointly may contribute up to \$1,500.

SGO contributions offer a strategic, no-cost opportunity to support the mission of St. Gertrude School while directly reducing your Ohio state tax liability. Even parishioners without children enrolled in the school can make a powerful difference. This program allows families to direct their Ohio tax dollars toward a mission that reflects their values, making each gift both impactful and financially prudent.

Strengthening the Whole Parish

Participating in the SGO program does more than support individual students. It strengthens the entire parish community. When scholarship support increases through SGO gifts, the school relies less on parish operating funds to provide tuition

assistance. This allows the parish to more effectively steward resources, supporting ministries, outreach, and long-term planning. Broad participation also allows us to welcome more families, strengthen academic and spiritual formation, and ensure the longterm vitality of Catholic education at our school. It is a purposeful investment in our shared mission.

How to Give

An SGO contribution is an investment in the formation of young minds and hearts within our parish community. Your generosity helps ensure that St. Gertrude School remains accessible to families today and faithful to its mission for generations to come.

You can make a gift online through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's secure SGO portal or by check, using the archdiocese's downloadable SGO donation form. Be sure to designate St. Gertrude School so your gift directly benefits our students.

Participating in this program is more than a financial decision. It is an act of stewardship and evangelization and remains one of the most effective ways to invest in the next generation of Catholic leaders. If you have questions regarding the SGO tax credit, please contact Emma Golias at egolias@stgertrude.org.



An SGO gift is an investment in faith, formation, and the future of St. Gertrude School.

Scan the QR code to make your gift today.

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.

DATE WITH FATHER NATE

All engaged and married couples are invited to a joyful date night on Saturday, April 25, to reconnect, laugh, and grow together. Using humor and inspiration, Father Nathan Cromly will offer practical wisdom to help couples navigate the ordinary challenges of life and renew the love at the heart of their relationships. This evening is a celebration of marriage and a chance to step away from the busyness of life to focus on what matters most. Attire is Sunday best; dressy for a date. The event will take place at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Hamilton, OH) and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Learn more and get your tickets at bit.ly/CincyDateNight. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Noe at bethnoe@hotmail.com or (513) 205-9436.

WELCOME WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY

April 17-19, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology is hosting a Welcome Weekend for men ages 18-35 who are interested in learning about discernment and priesthood. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies, prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. Space is limited. Email Father Michael Willig at mwillig@catholicaoc.org for registration information.

SYNOD 2027

Archbishop Casey has announced that we will conduct an archdiocesan synod over the next two years, culminating with a general assembly in fall 2027. The latest on Synod 2027 can be found at catholicaoc.org/synod2027.

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)**

To register, visit catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners.

MTSM EASTERTIDE CHORAL MASS

On Sunday, April 12, Mount St. Mary's Seminary (MTSM) & School of Theology will host its annual Eastertide Choral Mass, featuring an organ recital at 6:30 p.m., with Mass at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more info, please visit athenaeum.edu/smi.



Join us in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY
March 28 @ 9AM
Maria's Garden Projects

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY
April 17-20
Email info@serenelliproject.org if interested

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY
May 2 @ 9AM
Maria's Garden Planting Day

GARDEN BLESSING
May 9 @ 10AM
Mass + St Joseph Procession + Blessing + Reception

PCP EVENING FOR LIFE 2026

Join Pregnancy Center Plus for a night celebrating all the "Some Kind of Wonderful" ways your support transforms the lives of women and families. We are honored to host Archbishop Robert Casey, who will share a powerful message on the sanctity of life, drawing from his decades of leadership and heartfelt commitment to protecting the most vulnerable among us. As a special finale to the program, enjoy an exclusive live performance by John Ellison, the legendary singer-songwriter behind the classic hit, "Some Kind of Wonderful." The event is Thursday, April 23, at Cintas Center (1624 Musketeeer Drive). Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m., and a private performance by John Ellison at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each or \$1,500 for a table of 10. To register, donate, or become a sponsor, visit bit.ly/wonderful26.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, March 30 | Monday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Michael William Kilday by Jeanne Johantges
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by Mo Dunne
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Ortiz by Pete & Donna Marcello
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, March 31 | Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Joan & Jack Minardi by Mark & Nancy Findley
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Mike & Elaine O'Connell
 10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Beverlie Benner
 by The Upper Room Women's Group
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, April 1 | Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Marvin Beck by Mary Petric
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Frank by The Grumbley Family
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Andrew Goad by Nancy DeBrunner
 4 p.m. | Confessions
 7 p.m. | Confessions

Thursday, April 2 | Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

- No Masses Permitted; No Scheduled Confessions
 8 a.m. | Morning Prayer with the Friars
 7 p.m. | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,
 followed by Procession, and Adoration until 10 p.m.
 9:45 p.m. | Night Prayer

Friday, April 3 | Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- No Masses Permitted; No Scheduled Confessions
 8 a.m. | Morning Prayer with the Friars
 3 p.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

Saturday, April 4 | Holy Saturday

- No Masses Permitted until Easter Vigil; No Scheduled Confessions
 8 a.m. | Morning Prayer with the Friars
 9 p.m. | **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**
For the newly received Catholics from the Become Catholic program

Sunday, April 5 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena
 10 a.m. | Mass (Church) – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
 10 p.m. | Mass (Gym) – Intention of the Celebrant
 12 p.m. | Mass – Intention of the Celebrant



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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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 22, 2026

Collection	\$36,039
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$11,020)
Second Collection: SGS	\$3,733

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,884,544
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Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$46,309



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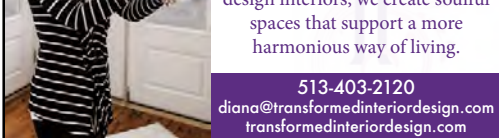
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