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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).





### BRINGING JESUS TO THOSE WHO CANNOT COME TO HIM

St. Justin Martyr is the oldest witness to how the early Christians celebrated Sunday Mass. Writing around the year 150 A.D., he says

something that is especially relevant for the topic of this pastor letter. After describing the Mass and how those present at the Mass receive the Eucharist, he says, “. . . and the deacons take it to those who are absent” (*First Apology*, 67).

What this shows is that, from the earliest of times, there was a ministry whereby those Christians unable to attend Mass in person (due to sickness, old age, etc.) had Holy Communion brought to them. This is a ministry the Church has maintained up until the present time. Today, most parishes do not have a sufficient number of deacons to do this work by themselves. Instead, most parishes—including our own—rely on a special group of trained parishioners to bring Communion to those who are homebound or in institutions and not able to attend Sunday Mass.

For many years, parishioner Judy Hartmann has coordinated this incredibly important ministry here at St. Gertrude Parish. On behalf of the entire parish, I'd like to publicly thank Judy for the years she gave to this ministry as not only a participant but also the coordinator for all of the volunteers. She recently discerned that it is time for her to step down from this role, and to that decision, I say with profound gratitude, “well done, good and faithful servant!” (cf. Matthew 25:21).

Appropriately, the person who is going to take over the coordination of this ministry is none other than our (relatively new) parish deacon, Deacon Michael Muse. I'm thankful to Deacon Mike for stepping up and taking on this responsibility.

If there is anyone who feels moved to volunteer for this ministry, it requires being trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC). The third and final EMHC training that we will be offering this spring will be Saturday, March 21, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the church. Please register at [bit.ly/emhc](https://bit.ly/emhc).

Those who bring Communion to the sick and homebound bring so much with them: their love, the gift of their time and someone to talk to, greetings and news from what's happening in the parish, and so much more. But the most important thing of all is that they bring Jesus to those longing for him but who are no longer able to go to him themselves. That is a gift of infinite value.

I asked Judy to share a little bit about her experience in this beautiful ministry. You can read her reflections on page 7.

To all those who, like Judy, are engaged in this ministry or have done so in the past, thank you for being the instruments by which the Good Shepherd visits some of his flock.

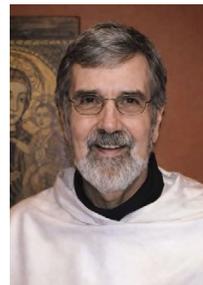
God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



### PASSING OF FATHER GILES DIMOCK



Father Giles Dimock passed away at 11:15 p.m. on February 28, at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, New York, under the care and vigil of our Dominican Sisters. He had celebrated his 87th birthday just four days before. Father Giles was ordained to the priesthood at St. Dominic Church in Washington, DC, on June 9, 1966.

After many years of teaching, he was assigned to St. Gertrude Priory from 2014 to 2018 to assist in the parish and serve as religious assistant to a chapter of Dominican laity, serve the community as lector, and teach and provide spiritual direction to the Dominican novices. The funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026, at Holy Innocents Parish, Pleasantville, New York, followed by interment at the nearby All Souls Cemetery.

### 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 next weekend, March 14 & 15. 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

### BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Child: Heidi Helen Hoskin  
Parents: Tashia & Johnathon Hoskin



Child: Beatrice Elizabeth Oakes  
Parents: Emily & Mick Oakes



Child: Luca Angelo Sparacia  
Parents: Kelsey & Zach Sparacia



Twins: Elsie Ann & Ida Rose Stanley  
Parents: Melinda & David Stanley



Child: Lucy Mary Clare Thurner  
Parents: Virginia & William Thurner



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, 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

† Nancy Grove



### NEEDS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

After all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for 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—THIS SUNDAY

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 this Sunday, March 8.** For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at [SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org](mailto:SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org).



### 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.



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIGNUP—NEXT WEEKEND

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood to end abortion. The spring 40 Days for Life Campaign is February 18 through March 29. **St. Gertrude Parish will participate in the campaign on Friday, March 20, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue). Sign up after any Mass next weekend, March 14 and 15, to participate. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Campbell at [lisaredig61@gmail.com](mailto:lisaredig61@gmail.com) or (865) 455-4795.



### 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](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).

— This —  
**WEEK**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)  
7 p.m. | Parish Lenten Mission (Church)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)  
7 p.m. | Lenten Parish Mission (Church)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

7 p.m. | Lenten Parish Mission (Church)  
8:30 p.m. | Lenten Parish Mission Reception (Parish Center)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

1 p.m. | *33 Days to Merciful Love* Video (St. Dominic Lobby)  
7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (School Cafeteria)  
8 p.m. | Prayer Service Reception (St. Dominic Lobby)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

**St. Gertrude School Closed**  
7 p.m. | Stations of the Cross (Church)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)  
5:30 p.m. | 40 Days for Life Signup (Outside)  
5:30 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Super Cash Raffle Sales (Outside)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

9 & 11 a.m. | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)  
9 & 11 a.m. | SGS Apologetics Projects Display (Gym)  
9 & 11 a.m., 1 p.m. | 40 Days for Life Signup (Outside)  
9 & 11 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Super Cash Raffle Sales (Outside)

**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.

**Help Make an SGS Education More Affordable**

**Donating to CEF-SGO is simple!**

Visit [bit.ly/stsgsgo](http://bit.ly/stsgsgo) or scan the QR code to make your online gift.

*For your tax credit to be applied to the 2025 tax year, please make your gift before April 15, 2026.*





**THANK YOU, JUDY!**

*For more than 15 years, St. Gertrude Parish parishioner Judy Hartmann has been leading our Communion to the Sick ministry. Deacon Mike Muse is taking over this ministry. We asked Judy to share a little bit about her*

*experience with this beautiful and important ministry.*

**St. Gertrude Parish:** How long have you been a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner?

**Judy Hartmann:** I have been a member of the parish for 58 years.

**SGP:** What drew you to join and then lead the Communion to

the Sick ministry?

**Judy:** When I retired, I asked the Lord what he wanted me to do. One day, I went to choir practice, and Marge Crema said she was retiring from leading the ministry. She asked if I wanted to take it over. I told her that I thought that was what I was supposed to do.

**SGP:** What have you enjoyed about being part of this beautiful ministry?

**Judy:** Bringing Communion to the sick is truly a blessing. People are soooo happy to receive Jesus, and it is very rewarding to see the happiness and joy on their faces. People who have received the Lord all their lives but who are unable to get to Mass because they are sick or homebound can now have Jesus again.

**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. The quote on the shirt is “Train yourself for devotion, for, while physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise of life both for the present and for the future” (1 Timothy 4:7-8). **Please visit [bit.ly/FlyingPigShirt](https://bit.ly/FlyingPigShirt) or scan the QR code to let us know your name and size by April 1.**



**FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA**



Although I wish and desire to do so, I cannot practice big mortifications as before, because I am under the strict surveillance of the doctor. But I can practice little things: first – sleep without a pillow; keep myself a little hungry; every day, with my arms outstretched, say the chaplet which the Lord taught me; occasionally, with arms outstretched, for an indefinite period of time, pray informally. Intention: to beg divine mercy for poor sinners, and for priests - the power to bring sinful hearts to repentance.”

- Diary, #934

**ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODES!**

Did you miss Father John Paul’s homily from 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1—or do you want to hear it again? We just added it to our parish podcast! Listen on Spotify or Apple Podcasts—and share it with a friend.



Spotify



Apple

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING**

If you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or are currently part of this ministry—and missed the trainings in February—please plan to attend the upcoming mandatory training session on March 21 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Please register at [bit.ly/emhc](https://bit.ly/emhc).**

**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](http://stgertrude.org).

- **Fish Fry | March 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](http://bit.ly/2026FishFry).
- **Stations of the Cross | March 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](http://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**

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



**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](http://bit.ly/familyworkshop2026) or scan the QR code by March 26.

Contact Brian at [brianfarwick@gmail.com](mailto:brianfarwick@gmail.com) with questions.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH 2026 LENTEN MISSION

# Unity & Mission:

## *Your Role in the Redemptive Work of Christ*

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

### **MARCH 7-8: Preaching at Mass**

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

### **MARCH 9-11: Mission St. Gertrude Church**

#### **Each Night of the Mission**

- 6:40 p.m. Group Rosary
- 7 p.m. Talk + Confessions
- 7:40 p.m. Exposition
- 8:10 p.m. Benediction
- 8:30 p.m. *Closing Reception (March 11)*



Father Leo Camurati, O.P.  
*Mission Preacher*

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

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

#### **Day 2: The Unity of Faith**

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

#### **Day 3: The Unity of Baptism**

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

# *Faithful* Educator Wanted—Help Form the Next Generation of Disciples



At St. Gertrude School, we are seeking passionate, mission-driven educators to join our community as aides, kindergarten teachers, and middle school language arts teachers. These roles offer the unique opportunity to shape young lives, guiding them in both faith and knowledge. We are looking for candidates who view teaching as a ministry and are eager to help nurture the next generation of disciples. If you or someone you know is called to this sacred work, we **invite you to apply at [stgertrudesch.org](http://stgertrudesch.org)**.

Feed the Imagination  
with **Faith-Filled**  
Stories at the Next  
**IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR**



Join us for the Ignatius Book Fair March 17–20 in the St. Gertrude School St. Thomas Aquinas Library, and on March 22 in the St. Dominic Lobby in the Parish Center. Browse a thoughtful selection of faithful, beautiful books for readers of every age. Details on new 2026 shopping events will be shared soon.

### 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](http://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php) to register. If you have questions, visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org) or contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org).

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### 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](http://mariasteinshrine.org). To submit a prayer, contact Caleb Gaier at [c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or (419) 925-4532.

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### "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](mailto:vocations@catholicaoc.org) or (513) 263-3390.

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### 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](mailto:gscm@gscmontessori.org) and use the subject line, "CGS Workshop." To learn more about CGS, visit [stgertrude.org/cgs](http://stgertrude.org/cgs).

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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. 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](http://tinyurl.com/BethanySeries25) to learn more and RSVP.

### HOPE FOR COUPLES GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES IN THEIR MARRIAGES

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

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### TOUR OF BLESSED ULMA FAMILY AND BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY RELICS

Knights of Columbus throughout the Diocese of Columbus will host a tour of the Blessed Ulma Family and Blessed Michael McGivney relics March 13–15, inviting the faithful to prayerfully reflect on family, sacrifice, and mercy, especially during this holy season of Lent. The Blessed Ulma Family of Markowa, Poland, was a husband and wife with six children and a seventh in the womb, who were martyred by the Gestapo in 1944 for harboring Jews.

Here is the tour and events schedule:

**March 13 | St. Patrick Catholic Church | 5–9 p.m.**  
280 N Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215  
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – 5–7 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross – 7–7:30 p.m.  
Veneration, Prayer, Reflection – 7:30–9 p.m.

**March 14 | Sacred Hearts Church | 3:30–6:30 p.m.**  
4680 US-42, Cardington, OH 43315  
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 3:30–4:15 p.m.  
Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m. (Father Jonathan Kalisch, O.P.)  
Veneration, Prayer, Reflection: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**March 15 | St. Mary Church | 8 a.m.–7 p.m.**  
251 N Main St, Marion, OH 43302  
Mass – 8 & 11 a.m.  
Veneration, Prayer, Reflection – 3–7 p.m.

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### 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.

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

**Monday, March 9 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass - † Nicholas Herr by OLR Classmates

8 a.m. | Mass - † Dino Pelle by St. Gertrude Parish

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

7 p.m. | Confessions (During Parish Mission)

**Tuesday, March 10 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass - † Judy Schmidt by Nancy Beimesche

8 a.m. | Mass - † Tim Sprinkle by Kim & Linda Burke

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Margaret Brizzolara by Kathy Jilek

4 p.m. | Confessions

7 p.m. | Confessions (During Parish Mission)

**Wednesday, March 11 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass - † Larry Meyer by Bob & Dorothy Stucker

8 a.m. | Mass - Sarah Morris by Craig & Teresa Babcock

11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Madge Alf by Molly & Bruce Vollmer

4 p.m. | Confessions

7 p.m. | Confessions (During Parish Mission)

**Thursday, March 12 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass - † Ed Wendeln by Barbara & Roger Silbersack

8 a.m. | Mass - † John Riehle by Bill & Becky Karlak

11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Melissa Castrucci by Pete & Donna Marcello

4 p.m. | Confessions

7 p.m. | Prayer Service for Those with Health Issues (Church)

**Friday, March 13 | Lenten Weekday**

7 a.m. | Mass - † Marge & Jim Ferguson

by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg

8 a.m. | Mass - † John Fasola by The Stines Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Donna Schlake by Karen Paul & Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

**Saturday, March 14 | Lenten Weekday**

8 a.m. | Mass - Jeff Mackey Family by Joan Mackey

11:30 a.m. | Mass - † Ray Clark by Marylyn Clark

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass - Jacob & Ancilla Staples by Kevin & Kathy Baker

**Sunday, March 15 | 4th Sunday of Lent**

8 a.m. | Mass - † Marlin James Lloyd by Bill & Tish Shefcik

10 a.m. | Mass - † Joseph Ahern Jr.

by The Arling, Eades & Shaftel Families

12 p.m. | Mass - The People of St. Gertrude

6 p.m. | Mass - † Bruce Richard Violand by St. Gertrude Parish



**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.**

**Here are ways we can help you:**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

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](http://stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying) to learn more.

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Collection	\$58,575
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$11,516
Second Collection - CISE	\$5,075

**Fiscal Year-to-Date**

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,734,392
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,697,059
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$37,333



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**Bulletin:** March 22  
**Materials Due:** March 11

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