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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.





A WATERSHED YEAR—IN A TERRIBLE WAY (AND WHAT IT HAS TO DO WITH RESURRECTED EASTER LIFE)

Just a few years ago, the latest results of the GSS (General Social Survey) were released. This is a nationwide survey that the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago conducts every other year. It is the most comprehensive full-probability survey of social characteristics and attitudes of Americans and has been operating since the early 1970s.

One of the survey's questions asks about religious affiliation. When asked to identify their religion, the most common answer people gave, for the first time in history, was "none." This marks a watershed moment in our country's history, where those with no religious affiliation are a larger group than any single religious body. In short, the single largest religion in our country is now **no religion at all**, with roughly 23 percent of our population giving that response.

The "rise of the nones" is something we have seen coming for a while. From the beginning of the survey up until the 1990s, "nones" accounted for only between 5 and 7 percent of the population. That percentage has been rising quickly and consistently over the past 25 years, and the trajectory does not seem to be tailing off at all. If the trend continues, in two decades we will be living in a country in which half of the population has no religious affiliation whatsoever.

Where are these "nones" coming from? Of most concern to us is the slow bleed among Catholics—from a high point of around 27 percent of the population in the early 1980s to around 21 percent of the population today. Evangelical Christianity, which hit a high point of 30 percent of the population in the early 1990s, likewise is seeing a slow decline. But the truly catastrophic decline has happened among the classic "mainline" Protestant denominations; they accounted for around 30 percent of the population at the time the survey began in the 1970s, and that number has plummeted over the past several decades to currently barely more than 10 percent of the population.

It's worth asking the question why, of the main groupings of Christians in our country, two of the three have seen only slight declines, while one has fallen almost completely off the map. I'm no expert in the social sciences, but it is worth pointing out that when it comes to the main issues where faith and our culture often clash—abortion, assisted suicide, contraception, gay marriage, transgender identity (to name some of the biggest

ones currently)—Catholicism and evangelicalism have, for the most part, held on to the traditional views on these topics. Whereas the mainline Protestant denominations have, to a large degree, embraced the current view of our secular society on them. I don't think that is a coincidence.

One could certainly interpret that in a purely pragmatic way: if the manner of life your religion lays out for you is no different than what the wider culture lays out, what meaningful contribution does your religion have to offer you? Sure, if there is a nice "church community," it can be a pleasant social outlet, but it can't provide any meaningful guidance for life because it isn't pointing anywhere different than where CNN or the *New York Times* or [insert secular "source of wisdom" here] is pointing you.

I prefer another way of looking at it, at least as a Catholic: what our faith provides for us is a radically new way of living life. It is a way of life that is radically different from what society offers, based on a radically different understanding of right and wrong, authentic human fulfillment, and the meaning and purpose for why we are on this earth. This is nothing less than resurrected life, and it is by his Resurrection that this life is possible for us.

Most of the "nones" are not hardcore atheists. They are wandering souls, searching for meaning. May our sharing with them of our own resurrected life help to bring them to Jesus, who died and rose that they might have his life as well.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



MOMS & LITTLES HOLY HOUR

All moms and their young children are invited to join us every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church for our Moms & Littles Holy Hour. Whether you come for five minutes or the full hour, you have the opportunity to enjoy a quiet moment with our Lord—but don't fret if your young ones are singing their praises, too! Silent prayer is encouraged but not expected. A priest will also be available for confessions. Scan the QR code to join our Group Me group to receive ministry updates, share prayer intentions, and connect with other moms.



On Tuesday, May 5, we will head to McDonald Commons Park after the Holy Hour for a social. Bring a picnic lunch and get to know other moms!



Massenet's *The Virgin Mary*

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 | 7 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

This epic meditation on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary alternates intimate and majestic writing in the style of French grand opera, tracing Mary's journey from the Annunciation to the Assumption. The performance features the Capella, string orchestra with harp, and a combined children's chorus of trebles from the St. Gertrude Schola Cantorum and the Schola Cantorum of the Cincinnati Oratory. This is the final event in our 2025–2026 Sacred Music Series.



Get your tickets!

General admission \$25.
Student \$10 (with valid ID).
Children under 12 free.
Maximum \$60 per family.

BAPTISMS – SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026



Children: Adeline Betty and Stanley Cooper Gurda
Parents: Mathew & Erica Gurda



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Joy Belperio, Nikki Best, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Patty Connelly, Meghan Craft, 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, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Jim Lydon, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Charles McCown, Tom McLaughlin, 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

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

† George Ferguson, brother of Therese Hertlein



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be handing out empty baby bottles after all Masses this weekend, April 18 and 19. Please fill the bottles with change, currency, or checks. The Knights will collect your filled bottles at all Masses on April 25 and 26 and May 2 and 3. You can also return your filled bottles to the parish office. The Knights will donate 100 percent of the funds raised to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center on behalf of St. Gertrude Parish. Over the past 15 years, our parishioners have generously donated over \$122,000 to help Old St. Mary's provide education and care for women during and after pregnancy. Thank you for your generous support of life!



NO FUN BUNCH IN APRIL—NEXT GATHERING IS MAY 19

We will not have a Fun Bunch gathering in April. Everyone age 55+ is invited to join us on Tuesday, May 19, at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby for the final Fun Bunch gathering until fall. Our theme is the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P. will give a spiritual talk. Lunch will be chicken salad and egg salad. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Please visit bit.ly/FunMay19 to let us know what you are bringing. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you plan to come, please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at mkennedy06@aol.com or (513) 791-6075 so we can have an estimated headcount for food. We hope you will join us—and bring a friend!



ROSARY SOCIAL—TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Join Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. to pray the rosary in the church, and then head over to the Parish Center lobby for a social. Refreshments will be provided. There will not be a speaker this month.



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

St. Gertrude Parish's Respect Life Ministry will be selling hanging flower baskets after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 9 and 10. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. These beautiful baskets are \$25 each and are a perfect Mother's Day gift or addition for your own garden. Cash or checks made out to Cincinnati Right to Life accepted. Contact Joan Ragusa at rjragusa1@gmail.com with any questions.



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 \$152,239 in pledges—that's 131 percent of our \$116,500 parish goal.** If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For your convenience, there are extra pledge envelopes on the tables near the entrances to the church. To make an online donation or to learn more about the CMA, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

— This —
WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 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)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)
- 7 p.m. | Rosary Social (Church & St. Dominic Lobby)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
- 5:30 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 5:30 p.m. | Stewardship of Time Renewal (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 9 a.m. | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
- 9 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 9 a.m. | Stewardship of Time Renewal (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 11 a.m. | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
- 11 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 11 a.m. | Stewardship of Time Renewal (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 1 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 1 p.m. | Stewardship of Time Renewal (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 7 p.m. | Stewardship of Time Renewal (Outside/St. Joseph Room)
- 7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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



MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

Are you or someone you know facing a first trimester miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries has provided our parish with a box of free miscarriage kits to support your physical and emotional needs during your tragic loss. The box is located in the landscape bed to the left of the circle drive in front of the church. If you have questions about the kit, call Heaven's Gain at (513) 888-4200. Learn more about Heaven's Gain's services at 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.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



"I spend every free moment at the feet of the hidden God. He is my Master; I ask Him about everything; I speak to Him about everything. Here I obtain strength and light; here I learn everything; here I am given light on how to act toward my neighbor. From the time I left the novitiate, I have enclosed myself in the tabernacle together with Jesus, my Master. He Himself drew me into the fire of living love on which everything converges."

- Diary, #704



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.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All girls in grades 3–8 are invited to sign up for the fall 2026 volleyball season! Practices will start in August, and the season runs through mid-October. Evaluations (optional) for grades 5–8 will be May 11 and 12. Regular registration is \$100 and ends April 18. Late registration is \$125 and is from April 19 to May 1. For details and to sign up, visit teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home or scan the QR code. If you have questions or are interested in coaching, contact Erica Schirmann, at ericaley98@hotmail.com or Aimee Wanstrath at aimeery13@gmail.com.



Playful Pitch Ukulele Camp

June 1-4 | 9–11 a.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby

\$150
10% Discount for families registering 2+ children!

All children ages 7–12 are invited to our first Ukulele Camp at St. Gertrude Parish! Over four fun and faith-filled days, children will enjoy eight hours of learning and playing the ukulele together. Campers will learn three to five faith-based and folk songs, making this camp perfect for beginners with no experience and intermediate players who want to keep their skills fresh. No ukulele experience necessary. Register with your own ukulele, or grab one from our shop!



To register, visit bit.ly/UkuleleCamp2026 or scan the QR code.



annual novice appeal



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2025 Ministry Milestones

This past year, 60 members of the St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity contributed more than 18,000+ volunteer hours in service to the following projects that further the Ladies of Charity mission.



Monthly Sharing Van

Contributed \$13,000 in financial support to local agencies. Allowed the Knights of Columbus to use the van for its annual Coats for Kids drive.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Provided \$3,500 in donations and 2,900 nonperishable food items for 500 families in our area.



Christmas Giving Tree Project

Provided \$10,000 in gift cards and nearly 2,000 gifts for individuals and families in our area.



Soup Kitchen

Served 1500+ guests during five events and contributed \$1,500+ in donations for supplies and food.



Preventing Homelessness

Supported 69 neighbors through payment of utility or rent bills, totaling nearly \$18,000.



Treasure Mart & Craft Show

Staffed entirely by Ladies of Charity members and their families; provided financial resources to support NEEDS, Healthy Moms & Babies, and more.



Mass of Simple Profession

Provided support to serve guests after the Dominican novices' Mass of Simple Profession.



Adoration

Ladies of Charity members provide weekly coverage in the Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council and St. Gertrude Parish's Catholic Men's Fellowship ministry.

THE SEARCH

IS LIFE'S JOURNEY TAKING YOU SOMEWHERE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR LIFE?



Through interviews with astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos, you will examine life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith.

All men (high school-age and older) are invited to participate in this free 7-video series, narrated by Chris Stefanick! Join us for one, two, or all seven sessions—no commitment necessary. This is a great opportunity for fathers and their sons or grandsons, as well as for those who are away from the Church, new to the Church, or not part of the Church.

May–November 2026
Second Saturday of the Month, Beginning May 9
7:15–9 A.M. | St. Gertrude School Cafeteria



To sign up and learn more, visit bit.ly/Search26 or scan the QR code.



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!



Young Adult

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS & SOCIAL

Saturday, May 23 | 7 PM

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH & PARISH CENTER
6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243

All 18- to 35-year-olds are invited to join us for Mass, followed by a bonfire and social from 8:30 to 10 p.m. We will have burgers, hot dogs, and more; all are invited to bring a side dish to share. Scan the QR code to RSVP and to sign up to bring a dish.






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.





LIVING IN THE TRUTH OF THE EMPTY TOMB

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

Christ is risen! “The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ” (CCC 638), so we

are given ample time (50 days) to celebrate it and to ponder what it means for our lives. How easy it is to live as though the tomb was not empty! The following are ideas to consider for living this Easter season as the redeemed people that we truly are.

Discouragement is always from the evil one. He wants you to lose hope, so he whispers lies such as, “No one cares about me,” and, “I’m not good enough.” Jesus offered his life and rose from the dead for you and would have done so even if you were the only person on this earth. You are precious to him and are

lovable because of who you are (his beloved son or daughter) and not because of what you do.

There are many reminders each day that we live in a fallen world, but we must also remember that Christ has won the victory! Suffering and death no longer have the final word because Jesus has transformed them. While we are on this side of heaven, we can unite our suffering to Jesus’ suffering on the cross, and he can and will bring good from it. Our Lord said, “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world” (John 16:33).

A fair share of what is presented in the media does not lift the mind and heart to the reality of Christ’s love for us and the promise of eternal life to those who follow him. Just as food affects the body, the content we bring to our mind does the same to our soul. In addition to regularly receiving the sacraments, give your attention to those things (e.g., books, podcasts) that will keep you grounded in Christ. May we live in the truth of the empty tomb! Happy Easter!

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION

Earlier this week, our youngest students gathered in joyful anticipation to celebrate the Liturgy of Light, marking the hope and victory of Easter. In a darkened space, a single flame was kindled—a quiet yet powerful reminder that Christ is the Light whom no darkness can overcome. One by one, that light was shared, candle to candle, until the room was filled with a gentle glow. What began as a single flame became a living sign of the Resurrection: Christ’s light spreading from heart to heart.

Moments like these are made especially meaningful through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). In the atrium, children encounter the mysteries of our faith with wonder and reverence, learning not only the words of the liturgy, but also its signs, symbols, and meaning.

For our students, the light they carried was more than a candle. It was a reminder that Christ has conquered darkness and that his light is entrusted to them to carry into the world. In these small yet sacred moments, faith takes root in the hearts of children and begins to shine outward for all to see.



COMPLIMENTARY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday, April 21, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. so you can make end-of-life decisions with clarity and peace of mind. To RSVP, call (513) 489-0300 or email community@gateofheaven.org.

SELF-CARE FOR HEALTHCARE: PREVENTING BURN-OUT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

On Saturday, April 25, from 9 to 11 a.m., Kevin Prendergast, licensed counselor and familiar voice on the *Sonrise Morning Show*, will offer a presentation based on his decades of experience, followed by an open discussion. Light breakfast provided. There is a \$10 suggested donation, and students are free. The event will take place in the Marian Room at St. Mary Hyde Park (2845 Erie Ave). Visit cmacincy.org for more details.

DATE WITH FATHER NATE

All engaged and married couples are invited to a 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. The event will be at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (5720 Hamilton Mason Road) and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Get your tickets at bit.ly/CincyDateNight. If you have questions, please contact Beth Noe at bethnoe@hotmail.com or (513) 205-9436.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS—SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Next Sunday, April 26, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, celebrated worldwide on Good Shepherd Sunday. The Church invites us to join together in praying that God will raise up holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and missionary service. As part of our local observance, please also pray for the young women attending the Fiat Ministries Retreat, held May 1-3, 2026, here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This retreat is a beautiful opportunity for women to encounter the Lord, deepen their relationship with him, and listen for his call in their lives. Lord of the Harvest, send us holy vocations!

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.

2026 CATHOLIC REDHAWK GALA

You are invited to attend the second annual Catholic RedHawk Gala benefitting the Catholic Newman Center at Miami University. Be part of the exciting work of campus ministry at Miami! Join us Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Shriver Center on campus. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit CatholicRedHawk.com.



2026 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO
ITALY & GREECE
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL
WITH PATRICK MADRID
BEST-SELLING CATHOLIC AUTHOR & RADIO HOST

PATRICK & NANCY MADRID
YOUR HOSTS

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YOUR CHAPLAINS

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OR CALL (800) 653-0017

OCTOBER 4 - 15, 2026 | OPTIONAL PRE-STAY IN SORRENTO

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

The next healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is April 22. The rosary begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and the healing service. Call (513) 351-9800 for details.

VERSO L'ALTO TRACK CLUB

Sponsored by the archdiocese's Vocations Office, Verso l'Alto Track Club is a seminarian-led initiative to build a competitive Catholic men's run club in the greater Cincinnati area. Inspired by the life of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, the club combines the pursuit of excellence in running and in faith. With 30+ members, the club meets for weekly runs, competes in local races, and periodically comes together for faith-based activities, such as Mass, adoration, or talks. For more information, visit versolaltotc.wixsite.com/verso.

Liturgical
SCHEDULE &
Mass
INTENTIONS

Monday, April 20 | St. Agnes of Montepulciano, O.P. (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Roy Cowan by Nancy Beimesche

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

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, April 21 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Earl Findley by Mark & Nancy Findley

8 a.m. | Mass – † Donna Schlake by Tom & Sue Brisken

10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, April 22 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Max Schneider by Julie & John Murdock

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ronald David Gunn by Diane & Jim Tomaszewski

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Donald Sammons by Rick Sammons

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

Thursday, April 23 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † William Muscatello by Suzan & Mike Capozzoli

8 a.m. | Mass – † The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Lupita

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Madeline Westendorf by Randy & Emily Westendorf

4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, April 24 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – William Wallace by Anne Schirmer

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Miriam & Bob Clark

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Marjorie A. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer

4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, April 25 | St. Mark the Evangelist (F)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Wellage by The Murray Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Charles & Vera Rettig by Charlene Bosken

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Hilda Bough by Diana & Ed Doll

Sunday, April 26 | 4th Sunday of Easter

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

10 a.m. | Mass – † Aida Gort by The Nieto Family

12 p.m. | Mass – † Marlin James Lloyd

by Knights of Columbus Elder Council

6 p.m. | Mass – † James Louis by Phil & Gail Palermo and Family



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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, April 12, 2026

Collection	\$37,360
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$9,699)
Second Collection – SGS	\$3,321

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$2,030,464
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,982,353
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$48,111



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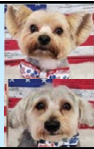
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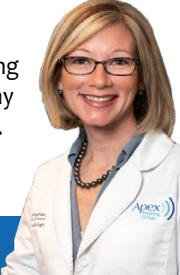
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