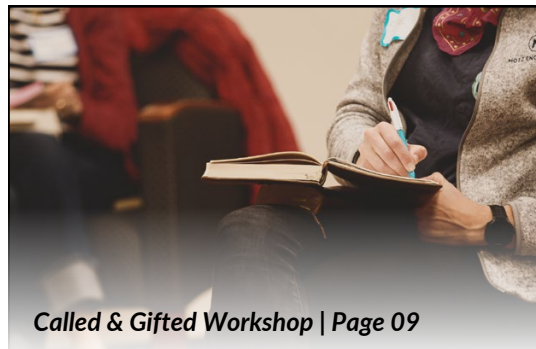
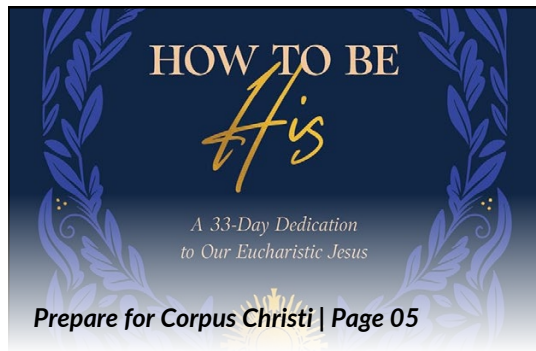





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Church Hours
Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

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 NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PARISH

Over these past few years, our parish has experienced a sustained trend of significant growth. Since mid-2022, Sunday Mass attendance is up over 50 percent. During that same period, new

parishioner registrations amounted to nearly 500 new households, totaling around 1,300 new parishioners. The number of active ministries in the parish has skyrocketed to around 60. To properly serve this growing number of parishioners and ministries, we have, in recent years, added multiple new full-time and part-time parish staff positions. School enrollment is significantly higher than it was just a few years ago. Perhaps even more outstanding is that, at this time, none of these trends show any signs of leveling out. Truly, it has been a time of extraordinary blessings for us at St. Gertrude Parish. As always, our first reaction to these blessings should be a prayer of incredible thanksgiving to God for all he has given us.

There is one area, however, where we have definitely *not* seen growth: the size of our facilities. As our parish strategic planning process, completed a few years ago, and parishioners identified, *space* is by far the number one need for our parish. We desperately lack the space to support and best serve our people and ministries. Thus, the time has come to envision how our parish facilities could best be expanded to serve our needs now and for decades to come. We have engaged a Catholic architecture firm to look at our needs and begin formulating a new master site plan that will transform needs into concrete action.

Paying for such an expansion will require a significant capital campaign. Before we can launch such a campaign, we feel it is prudent to first conduct a professionally executed feasibility study. This study will help us determine if a capital campaign will be successful.

The feasibility study will assess the level of support for this project, what a potential monetary goal might be, and the timetable for a campaign. The study will include one-on-one interviews with a cross-section of parishioners to gather input on the case, goal, and timing. Since we are not able to individually interview all parishioners, we will also be hosting two town hall meetings, one on May 12 and one on May 19, and doing an online survey to ensure everyone has the chance to give input. The final study report will provide our parish leadership with the information needed to make a prudent and informed decision regarding next steps.

The feasibility study will be conducted by Greater Mission, a Catholic development services firm, over the next few weeks. The data they gather will be totally confidential and reported to parish leadership in an aggregate report of input and opinion. Greater Mission will then make professional recommendations on the next steps. An executive summary of the study report will be published in the parish bulletin, and a full copy of the report will be posted on the parish website so that there is full transparency about the feasibility study results.

If you are one of the parishioners invited to participate in an interview, I ask you, from the bottom of my heart, to please accept the invitation.

This is an exciting time to be a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner. We are at the cusp of something truly historic, and I am so excited to walk this journey with all of you.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.”

– Pope Pius XI

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

We will be offering a Mother's Day novena of Masses beginning on Mother's Day, May 10. Enrollment cards and envelopes are available at the church entrances. Please return remittance envelopes before Mother's Day. All donations support St. Gertrude Priory.

MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE COLLECTION

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) on May 2 and 3, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Mary Magdalen House (MMH) in Over-the-Rhine. The center serves the homeless by providing bathroom and shower facilities, telephone use, and laundering of one set of clothing. MMH does not provide meals but rather much-needed human dignity to those it serves. MMH is in need of the following items, in addition to cash donations and Walmart and Amazon gift cards:

- **Men's Clothing (gently used unless noted)** – Thermal tops and bottoms, shirts/tops, gym shoes, new underwear (sizes 30–36, most needed 32–34), T-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies (large and up), sweatpants (medium and up), work pants/jeans/shorts (sizes 30–36), belts, new white socks, work boots
- **Women's Clothing (gently used unless noted)** – Thermal tops and bottoms, shirts/tops, gym shoes, bras (especially new sports bras), new underwear (sizes 5–9), washable pants
- **Cleaning Supplies** – Liquid Drano, liquid Lysol, HE laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Clorox II, window cleaning supplies, cleaning cloths, Top Job/Mr. Clean, plastic trash bags (13–55 gallon), paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex
- **Personal Care Items** – Disposable razors, spray deodorant, toothbrushes, Vaseline Petroleum Jelly, bath towels, wash cloths, combs, and brushes

If you have any questions about Mary Magdalen House or the Ladies of Charity, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085. Thank you for your help!

WELCOME

NEW PARISHIONERS

Ryan & Tracy Alleman	James & Michele Kellerman
Ryan & Angela Boldt	Emma Kellerman
Diana Diaz Torres	George & Susan Kinsella
Ashley Dunn	Matthew & Kaleigh Morrison
Robert Fisher & Erika Wick Fisher	Luke & Kaitlyn Nash
Elijah & Maria Fredette	Jeffrey & Anne Rowe
Kaiden Gibson-Hartness	Benjamin & Jaid Speeth
Avery Hamilton	Ted Vakerics
Jerry & Teresa Holman	Dominic & Kateri Vander Woude
Julia Jackson	Laurena Werner



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

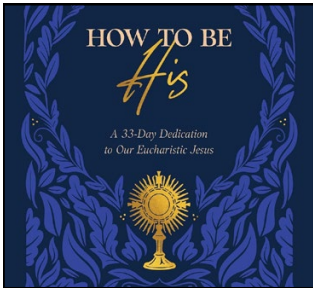
THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Iryna Kosel, wife of Peter



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER—COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be collecting your filled baby bottles after all Masses this weekend, April 25 and 26, and next weekend, 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!



FATHER JOHN PAUL INVITES YOU TO PREPARE FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Father John Paul invites all parishioners to read the book *How to Be His: A 33-Day Dedication to Our Eucharistic Jesus*, by Father Jesse Maingot, O.P., and Father Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P., to prepare for Corpus Christi, June 7. This 33-day dedication is a powerhouse of grace to help you grow in loving union with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, to experience and foster an ongoing Eucharistic revival. Begin reading the book on May 5 to finish it by Corpus Christi. The book includes a dedication that you can privately make on the feast day. To learn more about the book and get your copy, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/BeHis.



BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAM

There is a new email scam in which emails are being sent with invitation attachments (often disguised as Punchbowl, Paperless Post, or fake calendar invites). The aim of these emails, often appearing from known contacts, is to install malware, steal login credentials, or gain remote computer access. Do not open these emails; immediately delete them.



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. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy LeFevre at (513) 709-8991.



ANNUAL NOVICE APPEAL

We and the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph are very grateful for the generosity of those who have participated in the Annual Novice Appeal (ANA). If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please visit dominicanfriars.org/formation or pick up a brochure (available on the tables at the entrances to the church). You can also give online by scanning the QR code or visiting dominicanfriars.org/novices. Every gift is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your support!



— This —
WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 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 28

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- 7 p.m. | Young Adults Group (Holy Family Conference Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- 7 p.m. | Sacred Music Series: Massenet's *The Virgin Mary* (Church)

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- 5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)
- 6:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society Social (School Cafeteria)
- 9 a.m. | Las Guadalupanas (St. Joseph Room)
- 9 a.m. | Respect Life Ministry Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 5:30 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 5:30 p.m. | Mary Magdalen House Collection (White Van, Parking Lot)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 9 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 9 a.m. | Mary Magdalen House Collection (White Van, Parking Lot)
- 9 a.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside/St. Dominic Lobby)
- 11 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 11 a.m. | Mary Magdalen House Collection (White Van, Parking Lot)
- 11 a.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside/St. Dominic Lobby)
- 1 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 1 p.m. | Mary Magdalen House Collection (White Van, Parking Lot)
- 1 p.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside/St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection (Outside)
- 7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

LADIES OF CHARITY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The next Ladies of Charity organizational meeting is Saturday, May 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Parish Center St. Joseph Room. We will make plans for the upcoming summer and fall activities, including Treasure Mart & Craft Fair. All current members should plan to attend—and invite a friend. Any woman who is 18 years old or older, a practicing Catholic, and interested in learning more about the Ladies of Charity is welcome to join us. For more details, contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

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 ATHLETICS

To sign up for football or girls volleyball for fall 2026, visit teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home or scan the QR code.

- **Football:** All boys in kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join the Bulldogs football program! 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. If you have any questions, contact Rob Gruber at (513) 256-2566 or Jake Dummermuth at jdummermuth@stgertrudesch.org.
- **Girls Volleyball:** All girls in grades 3–8 are invited to sign up for volleyball! Practices will start in August, and the season runs through mid-October. Evaluations (optional) for grades 5–8 will be May 11 and 12. Late registration is happening now through May 1 and is \$125. If you have questions or are interested in coaching, contact Erica Schirmann, at ericaley98@hotmail.com or Aimee Wanstrath at aimeery13@gmail.com.



ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR ATHLETIC BOOSTERS SECRETARY & TREASURER

The St. Gertrude Parish Athletic Boosters is accepting nominations for our open secretary and treasurer positions, which have three-year terms. Candidates must be active members of St. Gertrude Parish, be a current Boosters member (which is defined as any parent with a child participating in sports through the Athletic Boosters in the current school year), and attend weekly Mass (if Catholic). Nominees will need to attend the May Boosters meeting on Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. To nominate yourself or someone else or to ask any questions, please email the Boosters president, Heather Brizendine, at stgertrudeboosterpresident@gmail.com. Nominations are due by Friday, May 8.

PLAYFUL PITCH UKULELE CAMP

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. 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! The cost of the camp is \$150; families registering two or more children will receive a 10 percent discount. To register, visit bit.ly/UkuleleCamp2026 or scan the QR code.




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.



Get your tickets!




Young Adult

PENTECOST
VIGIL MASS & SOCIAL

Saturday, May 23 | 7 PM
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH & PARISH CENTER

All 18- to 35-year-olds in the archdiocese are invited to a vigil Mass, followed by a bonfire and social from 8:30 to 10 p.m. There will be burgers, hot dogs, and more; all are invited to bring a side dish to share. Scan the QR code to RSVP.





**BECOMING CATHOLIC:
A HOW-TO GUIDE**

*By Tyler Castrucci,
Director of Evangelization*

How does someone become Catholic? Perhaps you know someone who might be interested

in entering the Church—or you are curious yourself—but aren't sure where or when to begin or what the process looks like. In this handy how-to guide, we've taken what can be a mysterious process and tried to boil it down to five easy, practical steps: Inquire, Connect, Plan, Learn, Receive.

1. Inquire: If a person is curious about the Church or seriously considering becoming Catholic, the first step is to contact me at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954, ext. 2108. This can happen at any time of the year—becoming Catholic is a process of discernment, not a program.

2. Connect: After someone expresses interest, we will reach out to set up a time to get to know him or her and hear his or her story. This could happen over coffee, a meeting at the parish office, or even a phone call.

3. Plan: Once we get to know the person, we can start discerning and crafting a formation plan. This will vary depending on individual circumstances, needs, and the time of year. Since becoming Catholic is a process and not a program, we take things one step at a time to allow things to develop organically. We will also connect the person with a mentor, a sponsor who will accompany him or her through the process and beyond and help him or her become a part of our community.

4. Learn: The process of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ

and his Church and learning about the faith will also look different, depending on a person's circumstances. A baptized Christian who is already Jesus' disciple and very knowledgeable about Christianity will typically have a shorter formation than an unbaptized person who is new to the faith. In general, all formation will involve hearing the basic message of the Gospel (either for the first time or anew) and catechesis (teaching) on the essential beliefs and practices of the Church regarding the creed, liturgy, sacraments, morality, and prayer.

5. Receive: During the process of formation, our team will help the person discern when he or she is ready to be received into the Church and/or receive the sacraments. Discernment is twofold: the individual's discernment and the discernment of our team on behalf of the Church. In other words, the individual, his or her sponsor, and our team should all be in agreement that the person is ready to receive the sacraments. Usually, the process of becoming Catholic is not linear. At all times, we respect the dignity of the individual and his or her conscience. We will never try to "convince" anyone to become Catholic against his or her will.

Finally, being a disciple of Jesus in the midst of his Church is a never-ending process. Even after someone becomes Catholic, his or her journey is not "over." We are all called to continually nurture our relationships with the Lord through deepening our understanding of the faith, prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, works of charity, and more. Being a disciple also means sharing in the Church's mission to evangelize. In this sense, we are all called to be missionaries to our own families, friend circles, and spheres of influence.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, start the conversation today!

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

THE
SEARCH

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR LIFE?



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
Sign up and learn more at 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 this summer's Called & Gifted and begin to discover God's unique purpose for your life, a work of love that only you can do!

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- The ancient teachings of the Church on how the charisms of the Holy Spirit work in your life and in the life of your parish community.
- The five steps of discerning the charisms that God has given you.
- The signs and characteristics of 24 of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit.
- How discerning your charisms can change your life, change the world, and help spread the Gospel.
- How discerning and using our charisms together can help transform and renew our parishes.

WHO IT'S FOR

- People wondering, "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life, in this time and place?"
- Parents who want to help their children live their faith and recognize their charisms.
- People in transition who might be changing jobs, adjusting to an empty nest, returning to the workplace, or facing retirement.
- New or returning Catholics who want to explore what it means to live their faith fully as an adult.
- Catholics discerning a call to religious life or ordination.

SATURDAY
MAY 23, 2026
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira 45243

\$49

Includes a workbook, spiritual gifts inventory, unlimited access to the Catherine of Siena Institute online learning platform, and lunch.

The Called & Gifted Discernment process was developed by Sherry A. Weddell and brought to you by the Catherine of Siena Institute. To learn more about CSI, please call (719) 219-0056 or visit siena.org.

To register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/CalledMay2026.



PRESCHOOL PUPS

Easter Storytime Celebration

Thank you to Sister Mariana for leading prayer and sharing the Easter story with our Preschool Pups. We were grateful for such a wonderful turnout. It was a joy to see so many young families gathered together. The children delighted in hunting for Easter eggs. One especially sweet moment came when a little girl noticed a group of younger children without eggs and quietly shared from her own basket.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic storytime gatherings. We look forward to our **remaining dates on April 29 and May 6 and 20** in the St. Gertrude School library. Please consider attending with your little ones if you have yet to do so. We look forward to seeing you there!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS—APRIL 26

Today, 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!

SACRED ART AT THE CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM

Join The Angelico Project for a special evening at the Cincinnati Art Museum's Faith Auditorium on Tuesday, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.! Through lecture and video, beloved local art historian Dr. Ceil Dorger will lead us on an in-depth, multi-media exploration of the Cincinnati Art Museum's exceptional Sacred Art Collection. After her presentation and live Q&A, attendees will be treated to an after-hours walk-through of the exhibit, accompanied by live sacred music. Ticket prices vary. Learn more and reserve your seat at angelicoproject.org.

HEARTBEATS FOR LIFE 5K RUN

Cincinnati Right to Life is excited to announce our Annual Heartbeats for Life 5K Run on Saturday, May 9, at Lunken Airport Playfield! Bring your family and friends together to defend human life at its most vulnerable stage. Registration opens at 8 a.m., and the race begins at 9:30 a.m. The morning includes a 5K run, a 5K walk, a Family Fun Run, food, live music, and a basket raffle! For more info or to register online, please visit runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cincinnati/HearbeatsForLife5k, CincinnatiRightToLife.org, or contact Adam Schad, event director, at aschad@cincinnatirighttolife.org or (513) 728-7870.

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.

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:

- Wednesday, May 6, St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Centerville)
- Tuesday, May 12, St. Gertrude Parish (Madeira)

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

CHOOSING HOPE ADOPTIONS

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SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE TRAINING

Cincinnati Right to Life invites you to become a sidewalk counselor. To RSVP for the training on Saturday, May 16, visit cincinnatirighttolife.org or scan the QR code. The training is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cincinnati Right to Life office (2406 Auburn Avenue).

Parking is available behind the building or at Holy Name Church. If you have any questions, call the office at (513) 728-7870 or email Adam Schad at ASchad@cincinnatirighttolife.org.



ST. PHILOMENA MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

All girls ages 10-14 and their moms are invited to the St. Philomena Mother-Daughter Retreat August 7–9, 2026, at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein (Maria Stein, OH). The mission of the retreat is to help participants grow closer to Christ and one another while exploring God's gift of femininity. Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teaching, and Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, our retreat offers a whole-person approach, celebrating and educating on the changes happening to the body, mind, spirit, and social aspects of young women in this age group. Key objectives include quality mother-daughter time and opening pathways for important discussions. Participants reflect on the gift of their female identity, the gift of friendship, the gifts of marital intimacy and holy chastity, the gift of the Holy Spirit and, most importantly, the precious gifts they are created to be. To register, visit philomenaretreat.org.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, April 27 | Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – James Lydon by The Lydon Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Sharon Ann Markel by The Pavloff Family
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, April 28 | St. Louis de Montfort (M)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Roe by Bill & Gerri Stoffregen
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Ronald Gunn by Kim & Linda Burke
 10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – Kathy Dunn by Rita Johantges
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, April 29 | St. Catherine of Siena, O.P. (F)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – Joan Ratajczak by Caroline Isaacs
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Robert Dieckman by David & Kathy Miller
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Sansalone by Keke & Tony Sansalone
 4 p.m. | Confessions
 7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, April 30 | St. Pius V, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Wiebe by The Wiebe Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – Leo Pearson by The Morande Family
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Donna Schlake by Shari Siebert & Family
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, May 1 | St. Joseph the Worker (M)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Doug & Robin Postler
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † John & Roberta Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, May 2 | St. Athanasius (M)

- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Ron & Pegge Schuermann
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Tim & John Petric by Mary Petric
 3:30 p.m. | Confessions
 4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Thomas Hemak by Cindy & Danny Amshoff

Sunday, May 3 | 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Cal Long by Peter Bertoli
 10 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
 12 p.m. | Mass – † Jeffrey G. Davis by The Davis Clan
 3 p.m. | Confirmation Mass
 6 p.m. | Mass – Tom Cahill & Family by Jack & Susan Green



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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.

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

Is your loved one actively dying? Contact our Prayer Ministry for the Dying. Members of this ministry pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those approaching death. To request prayers for your loved one, please call Pat Collins at (513) 265-1897. If you would like to join this ministry, visit stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying to learn more.

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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Collection	\$39,837
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$7,222)
Second Collection – CRS	\$3,370

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$2,071,039
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$2,029,412
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$41,627



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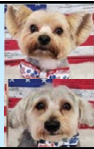
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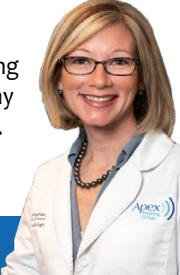


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