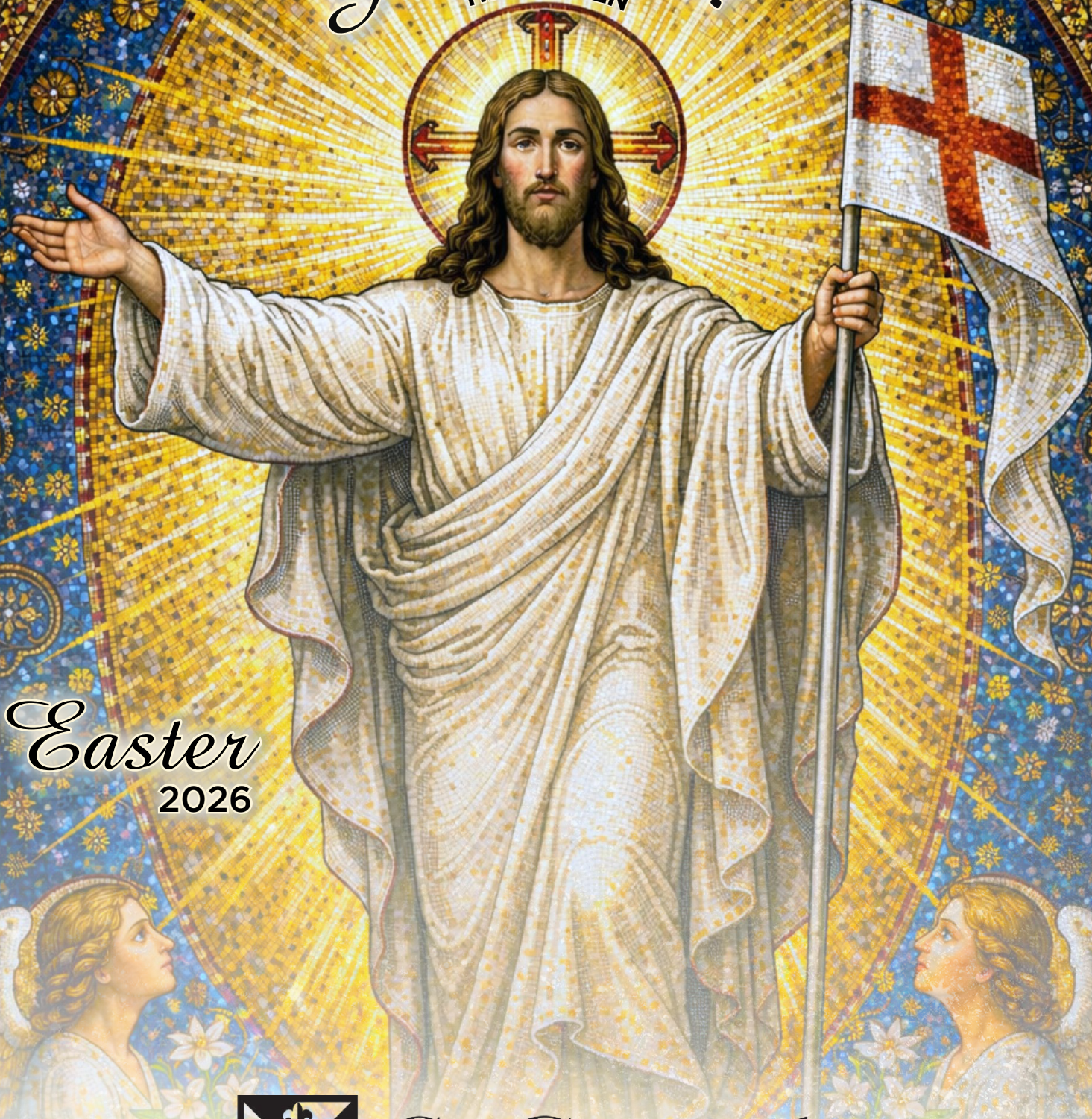


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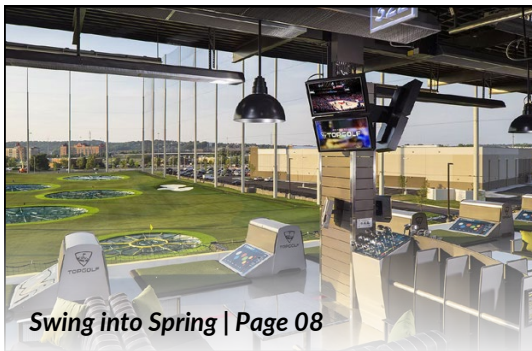
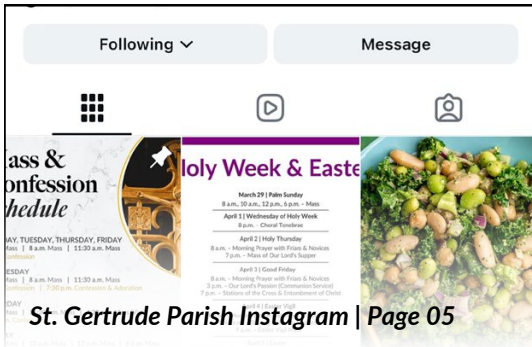


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Daily, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

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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.





NEW LIFE, TRANSFORMED LIFE

“Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Truly He is Risen, Alleluia!”

With all of Christendom throughout the whole world, we join our voices to the chorus of

praises to our Risen Savior. This is the day when Jesus Christ forever broke the chains of death and opened the doors to eternal life.

But the promise of eternal life is not just a promise that points to some unknown time in the future. He who is the “Resurrection and the Life” has risen to usher each of us, right now, at this moment in our lives, into the new life that only he can give.

As we look around us, the signs of new life—even in the ordinary world that surrounds us—are everywhere. The temperatures are finally starting to feel like spring (it has been an “up and down” journey this year for sure!), flowers are beginning to bloom, robins can be seen sitting on the tree branches and hopping along the ground looking for a meal. Soon, the chirps of baby birds in their nests calling for their next meal from mom and dad will be filling the silence of these spring mornings. The days are getting longer, and the specter of any last, late spring snowstorm seems to have finally faded into the past. (Please tell me I’m correct in that optimistic analysis!)

Spring is always “new.” New life, new growth, new possibilities. We see it everywhere we look.

The springtime of the Spirit brought about by Easter is meant to be the same thing for each of us in our own spiritual lives. Our celebration of this great feast—this greatest of all feasts, the Resurrection of Our Lord—is intended to bring about an explosion of “newness” in us. The Easter season is a time of new life, new growth, new possibilities. And just as it takes time (weeks!) between the sprouting green tulip bulb first poking through the ground to when that flower appears in full bloom, so, too, the new life in the Spirit which Easter brings us takes time (weeks!) to fully grow and develop before it fully flowers in our spiritual lives. And so, Holy Mother Church gives us a full seven weeks of the Easter season so that the graces of this Easter Sunday might have time to grow and develop in us.

In light of that analogy, let me throw out two questions I would ask everyone reading this letter to ponder during the days ahead. First, in your own spiritual life, what is the *one area* in which you would like to grow during the Easter that lies ahead? Maybe it’s improving your prayer life. Or perhaps it is growing

in a certain virtue. Another option might be a renewed dedication to help those in need. Whatever it may be, I invite you to prayerfully discern that one area of your faith life where God is inviting you to grow. And then the second question is just as important: decide right now what, *specifically*, you are going to do over the next seven weeks to bring about this growth. Vague intentions for growth aren’t enough—we need a solid game plan to really realize the growth we hope for. This week is the perfect time to decide upon that plan.

The Lord’s Resurrection marks something wonderfully beautiful and new. Let us fully open our hearts to the new life, the new growth, and the new possibilities he has willed for us this Easter season.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



“I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of a great light. He approached me and said, ‘Peace be to you, My children,’ and He lifted up His hand and gave His blessing. The wounds in His hands, feet and side were indelible and shining. When He looked at me with such kindness and love, my whole soul drowned itself in Him.

And He said to me, ‘You have taken a great part in My Passion; therefore I now give you a great share in My joy and glory.’ A wondrous recollection filled my soul and lasted throughout the whole festal season.”

- *Diary, #205*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

We are very grateful to all St. Gertrude Parish parishioners who have donated to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)—a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)—for the benefit of St. Gertrude School. Their generosity is not only helping to provide scholarships for students who may not have the means to attend our wonderful parish school, but also earning them a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to \$750 per taxpayer, per tax year!

We would like to recognize the following parishioners who gave to the CEF-SGO in March 2026:

Alan Arguello	Jeremy Ferguson	Alicia Sparks
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Mark Dunn	Patricia Shefcik	Benjamin Wooten
Savannah Dunn	William Shefcik	

To make your donation, visit bit.ly/stgsgo or scan the QR code. For your tax credit to be applied to the 2025 tax year, make your gift before April 15, 2026. Thank you for your generosity!



HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION—APRIL 11 & 12

Next weekend, April 11 and 12, before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.), the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties. The Center serves more than 350 families who are struggling to make ends meet. Here are the Center’s greatest needs at this time of year:

- **Household Goods:** Laundry pods, dish liquid, paper towels, toilet paper, sheets, blankets, Crock Pots, handheld can openers, bath towels, air mattresses with the pumps built in
- **Toiletries:** Deodorant (men and women), razors, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap
- **Nonperishable Food:** Peanut butter and canned tuna, chicken, pork, or beef.

Cash or check donations are also accepted. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!



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, Dave Whang

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THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones



PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH IS ON INSTAGRAM

We are excited to share that St. Gertrude Parish is now on Instagram! Follow us at stgertrudecincy to stay up to date on things going on at the parish. You will also find some fun videos and photos, recipes, and more!



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODE

We have expanded the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast to feature not only homilies and preaching from our Dominican friars, but also interviews with our parish staff and parishioners! In this second interview, podcast host and parishioner Daniel Roberts talks with his wife, Lindsey, about how they became St. Gertrude Parish parishioners, their conversion to Catholicism, and what makes the parish unique. Listen on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, or watch the episode at youtube.com/c/StGertrudeChurch—and share it with a friend!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be handing out empty baby bottles after all Masses on 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!



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 \$151,519 in pledges—that's 130 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 6

Parish Office & St. Gertrude School Closed

- 12:15 p.m.** | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
- 7 p.m.** | Healing Rosary (St. Joseph Room)
- 7 p.m.** | Seasons of Hope (St. Joseph Room)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

St. Gertrude School Closed

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

St. Gertrude School Closed

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

St. Gertrude School Closed

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

St. Gertrude School Closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 7:30 a.m.** | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
- 9 a.m.** | Las Guadalupanas (St. Joseph Room)
- 9 a.m.** | Respect Life Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 5:30 p.m.** | Ladies of Charity Hope Emergency Center Collection (White Van in the Parking Lot)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 9 a.m.** | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
- 9 a.m.** | Ladies of Charity Hope Emergency Center Collection (White Van in the Parking Lot)
- 11 a.m.** | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
- 11 a.m.** | Ladies of Charity Hope Emergency Center Collection (White Van in the Parking Lot)
- 1 p.m.** | Ladies of Charity Hope Emergency Center Collection (White Van in the Parking Lot)
- 2 p.m.** | Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions & Devotions (Church)
- 7 p.m.** | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

KNOW SOMEONE WE SHOULD SPOTLIGHT IN OUR MEET A PARISHIONER FEATURE?

On February 1, we launched Meet a Parishioner, a new monthly bulletin feature that spotlights a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner or family. The goal is to help you get to know your fellow parishioners, build a greater sense of community, and stay connected to one another in Christ. If you have a suggestion for someone we should spotlight in an upcoming bulletin, please email bulletin@stgertrude.org. To meet this month's family, see page 9!

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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



MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

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



CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

As a Catholic, your faith is your most valuable asset. Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can pass on your Legacy of Faith and plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics in an incredible way. Scan the QR code or visit MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code **STGERTRUDE**.



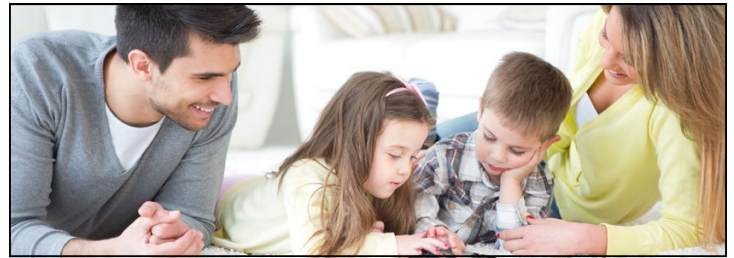
ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

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



BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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



CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS—COME & SEE

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

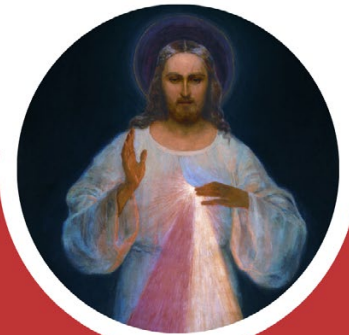


SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY PRESENTATION RECAP

On Tuesday, March 24, author and national speaker Carl Brown gave a very moving presentation on devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary and the Christian response to suffering. Over 80 people attended the talk. Through the course of the evening, Carl discussed the history of this devotion, the Marian apparition at Kibeho, and how praying the Seven Sorrows Rosary can help Catholics grow in virtue and overcome sorrow. To learn more about the Seven Sorrows of Mary, please visit sorrow2joy.com. Thank you to Carl and his family for sharing this beautiful presentation with our parish!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026

"On that day all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me."
- Diary of St. Faustina, #699



Join us in the church for this powerful afternoon.

- 2 P.M. Confessions* begin
- 3 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Consecration to Divine Mercy, Litany of Trust

**Confession is not required on the feast day. St. Faustina went to confession the day before.*



SWING INTO SPRING

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

Elder Council will donate a portion of the funds to The American Wheelchair Mission

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TOPGOLF

9568 Water Front Drive
West Chester Township

Pricing

\$75/person or \$390 for a team of six players.

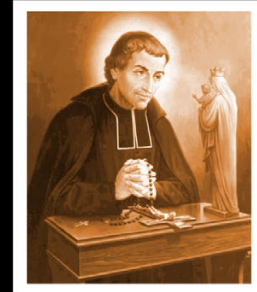
REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 11, 2026.



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2026swing.

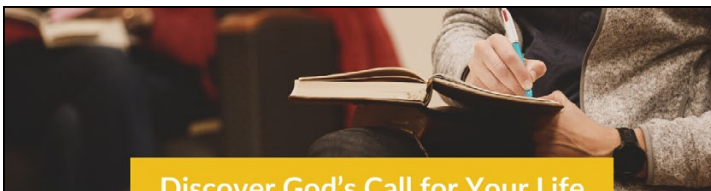
Dominican Rite Mass

Missa cantata in honor of
St. Louis Marie de Montfort, O.P.



TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | 7 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Music: Widor, *Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs*, Op. 36



Discover God's Call for Your Life

CALLED & GIFTED

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

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

9 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

Cost: \$49

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

Scan to register!



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

Register Now for CGS Level 1 Courses!

Level 1, Part A

Teaching children ages 3-6

📅 June 28 - July 3, 2026

📍 St. Gertrude School
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👤 Formation Leader
Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.

Level 1, Part B

Teaching children ages 3-6

📅 June 14-19, 2027

📍 St. Gertrude School
6543 Miami Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45243

👤 Formation Leader
Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P.

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.





MEET A PARISHIONER: THE ROBERTS FAMILY

This is the third installment of our bulletin feature: Meet a Parishioner! Each month, we will spotlight a parishioner or family to help you get to know your fellow parishioners,

build a sense of community, and stay connected in Christ. This month, meet Daniel, Lindsey, Adalie, Hope, and Stephen Roberts!

St. Gertrude Parish: How did you first find St. Gertrude Parish?

Daniel & Lindsey Roberts: We first visited St. Gertrude Parish in June 2023. We were living in Charlotte, NC, at the time and prayerfully discerning if we were going to become Catholic. By Divine Providence, we planned a trip to Cincinnati to see if it might be a place we could call home. During a phone call with our local relator, parishioner Cristina Genung, Cristina said, “When you come to town, you *need* to visit St. Gertrude.” Our second Sunday at the parish was Corpus Christi (which we thought was just a town in Texas)! Watching a packed church of Catholics process with our Lord through the streets of Madeira made a permanent impression on our family. We moved to Ohio a few months later and were confirmed on the feast of the Holy Family on December 31, 2023. We have been “home” ever since!

SGP: Amazing! What led to your conversion, and how have you continued to live out your faith?

Daniel & Lindsey: Daniel received his MA in philosophy from a Protestant seminary that emphasized Thomistic metaphysics. His exposure to Aquinas and other great Thomists/Catholics shaped us as young adults and left us as odd ducks in our evangelical circles. In 2021, we started a podcast to encourage fellow Protestants in the pursuit of an intellectual life. To keep listeners from thinking we endorsed Catholicism, Daniel started his investigation to explain to listeners where Catholicism was right, but why it was, as a whole, wrong. Like the many converts before us, our efforts to honestly study and seek answers led us straight into the Catholic Church. We continue to study our faith and, as baby Catholics, find the most joy in learning stories of the saints. They give us examples of how to live the Christian life with different temperaments, circumstances, and crosses. Also, the parish’s efforts to make the sacraments readily available is the biggest blessing! Our family attends the weekly Wednesday Holy Hour—the opportunity to be before the Blessed Sacrament and go to weekly confession, along with regularly receiving the Eucharist, has been, by far, the greatest sanctifier. Our priests are also so accessible, and their witness has made a lasting impression on how much love our children have for religious life.

SGP: What do you love about St. Gertrude Parish?

Daniel & Lindsey: We love Mass and the people. During our first visit, we were awestruck by the beautiful music and the reverence of Mass. We were also blown away by the quantity of children everywhere! It was obvious that this parish seeks to reach the hearts of families. As we got up to leave that first Sunday, a parishioner came to us and said, “Are you new here? We’re so happy to have you! My name is Ben Hoffmann.” We were then introduced to Father John Paul, who warmly welcomed us.

SGP: In what ways are you involved at St. Gertrude Parish?

Daniel & Lindsey: Lindsey is part of the Respect Life ministry team and a startup group of St. Gertrude Parish homeschool families. Daniel is known for his booming voice and is the host of the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast! He is also a postulant in the Lay Dominicans. We help out at the Lenten Fish Fry, lead rosaries at Holy Hours, host Called & Gifted groups, and jump in as needed. Our kids have been in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) since we arrived. Our girls are involved in Little Flowers and St. Anne’s Guild, and our son is an altar server. They have also played various St. Gertrude sports.

SGP: What is a fun fact about your family?

Daniel & Lindsey: We met in August 2009 because of Lindsey’s Catholic college roommate. While we were dating/engaged, Lindsey’s roommate told us, “Someday, you two are going to become Catholic.” We would laugh and say, “You love the Bible too much to stay Catholic! You’ll be protestant eventually.” She was right, and we were wrong! God also used her in a big way during our conversion. After becoming Catholic, Lindsey used her love for art to start a little business, saintsandthinkers.com. She creates artwork of famous saints and historic figures and makes mugs to commemorate them. Let her know if there’s a saint you’d like to see on a mug!

SGP: Does your family have a patron/favorite saint?

Daniel & Lindsey: Yes! St. Thomas Aquinas has personally touched so many facets of our lives and guided us over the past 13 years from a Protestant seminary in Charlotte, NC, to a Dominican parish in Cincinnati, OH! He is the saint who is most responsible for us becoming Catholic.



REJOICE IN THE RISEN LORD

Happy *Easter* from SGS

Christ is risen! Alleluia! At Easter, we rejoice in the victory of Christ and the promise of new life that flows from the Resurrection. This season draws our hearts to gratitude for the gift of faith and the life of our parish. We offer sincere thanks to you, parishioners, for your faithful support of St. Gertrude School. Your prayers and your generosity sustain the work entrusted to us: the formation of young hearts and minds in truth, virtue, and love of Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness to this shared mission. May the joy of the Risen Lord fill your homes with peace, and may God continue to bless St. Gertrude School and our parish community throughout this Easter season.



SPECIAL EASTER PRESCHOOL PUPS STORYTIME—APRIL 15

Families with children ages 18 months–5 years old are invited to a special Preschool Pups Easter Storytime and Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 15, at 10:15 a.m. Please check in at the school front office upon arrival. Weather permitting, the egg hunt and storytime will be held outdoors. Come celebrate the Risen Lord with joyful songs and stories read by our beloved Dominican sisters and friars.

CONVERSATION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY

What does Christian unity look like? What do we do with our theological differences? What is the Catholic's role within this? On April 17 at 7 p.m., Glenmary Home Missioners will be hosting a conversation seeking to wrestle with these questions. Sam Johnson, dean of Mount St. Mary's School of Theology and member of St. Gertrude Parish, will be presenting on the topic, along with Protestant leaders. This event is open to all and will take place at Red Door Church (1140 Smiley Ave.).

DATE WITH FATHER NATE

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

WELCOME WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY

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

JOIN ARCHBISHOP CASEY AT THE DAYTON DRAGONS BASEBALL GAME

Archbishop Casey will be attending the Dayton Dragons baseball game on Friday, April 10—and you can, too! Father Brian Phelps of Our Lady of Light Family of Parishes will throw the ceremonial first pitch, and Father Jason Bedel of St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes will be catching. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

SPRING ANDREW DINNERS

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

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

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

MTSM EASTERTIDE CHORAL MASS

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

CYCLE PREP WORKSHOP

Cycle Prep is a nationally acclaimed first-period workshop developed by Pearl & Thistle and offered locally through Small Things Fertility's Heidi Schaap. This engaging, age-appropriate (ages 9 to 11) experience is designed for parents and daughters to learn together what happens in a girl's body as she approaches her first menstrual cycle. During this 90-minute interactive workshop, families will explore female anatomy, hormones, ovulation and cycle timing, period products and what to expect, normal cycle variations, and how to build a supportive "culture of care" at home. The workshop equips both girls and parents with clear science, shared language, and practical tools to talk about puberty with truth, dignity, and calm—helping the conversation continue long after the event. The workshop will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish (20 DeSales Ave., Lebanon, OH 45036). Tickets are \$30 per family (only one ticket per family is needed). To register, visit bit.ly/CyclePrep or scan the QR code.



PCP EVENING FOR LIFE 2026

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

Liturgical
SCHEDULE &
Mass
INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6 | Monday within the Octave of Easter (S)

7 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

8 a.m. | Mass – † Robert J. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Sheila Clanton by St. Gertrude Parish

Tuesday, April 7 | Tuesday within the Octave of Easter (S)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Tony Tran by Thien Cao

8 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Carol Beech by Jay Beech

4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, April 8 | Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (S)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Craig Robert Stork by Marianne Tracy

8 a.m. | Mass – † Terry Foote by St. Gertrude Parish

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

Thursday, April 9 | Thursday within the Octave of Easter (S)

7 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

8 a.m. | Mass – † Wade Baker by Kevin & Kathy Baker

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Hilda Bough by John Bough

4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, April 10 | Friday within the Octave of Easter (S)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Nicholas Bloom by Jim & Anita Pappalardo

8 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Johantges by Jeanne Johantges

4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, April 11 | Saturday within the Octave of Easter (S)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Raymond Finke by Don & Karen Schornak

**Sunday, April 12 | 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (S)**8 a.m. | Mass – Florinda Reyes Martinez & Belkys Duran Reyes
by The Henderson Family

10 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by St. Gertrude Parish

12 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

6 p.m. | Mass – Easter Novena

**PASTORAL CARE**

Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass due to illness or being homebound? As a sign of Christ's love, our parish community earnestly desires to bring comfort and healing to these individuals. **Please call the parish office at (513) 561-5954, and we will direct you to the most appropriate ministry.**

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Communion to the Sick or Homebound

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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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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Collection	\$40,821
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Deficit	(\$6,238)
Second Collection: Fifth Sunday	\$5,158

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$1,925,085
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$1,885,294
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$39,791



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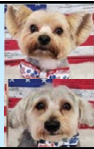
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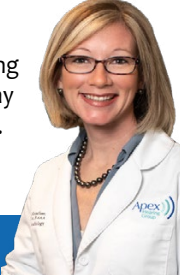
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