





St. Gertrude PARISH

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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 MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION ON THE BLESSINGS, JOYS, AND HEARTACHES OF THE MATERNAL VOCATION

On this Mother's Day weekend, I would like to extend my thanks,

prayers, and blessings to all the women of our parish. Please note, I didn't say in that last sentence, "... to all the moms of the parish," but, "... to all the women of the parish." That was intentional. As Pope St. John Paul II beautifully taught, every woman has a **fundamentally maternal vocation and identity**. At every moment of their lives, women are called to this maternal vocation in some form, though the way this maternal vocation is lived out greatly varies depending upon their state in life.

To all the mothers of our parish, I pray for you as you live out your motherhood in the course of family life, and I thank you for the beautiful witness you bring to us and to the whole world. While both fathers and mothers make great sacrifices in the course of their vocations and their responsibilities in family life, there is something inherently sacrificial and unparalleled about the vocation of motherhood. From the first moment of conception, a mother's body is already sacrificing for the sake of the child within her. This sacrifice, lived initially as a purely physical phenomenon over the course of those first nine months of life, is then lived out in so many other ways over the course of the many years and decades to follow. Is there any vocation in the world other than being a mother that is so filled with joy, while also so linked to the cross? Whether you are a new mom celebrating Mother's Day for the first time, an "empty nester" whose children are long grown and out of the house, or anything in between, I wish you a very happy and blessed Mother's Day!

But today is not only about the "moms." I also pray today for women who are unmarried, divorced, widowed, or without children. You share your maternal gifts with the rest of us in the Church through your compassion, service, and prayer. You enrich all our lives by bringing to our church community your charisms and your "feminine genius" (to use another favorite phrase from Pope St. John Paul II). For those who are single and yet deeply desire the vocation of marriage and motherhood, I pray that the Lord might shower you with the gift of his peace as you await the further unveiling of his calling in your life.

And of course, on Mother's Day, I cannot forget the nuns and sisters of the Church—especially our dear Dominican sisters who serve in our parish school—who live a unique vocation to consecrated spiritual motherhood that greatly enriches all of us

in the Church. You who most perfectly represent the Church as the Bride of Christ witness to the joy that comes from drawing close to Jesus as the perfect Bridegroom and the greatest Love the world has ever known.

Finally, I extend perhaps my most powerful promise of prayers to those who find today to be an especially difficult, trying, or even heartbreaking day. I pray for those moms who have lost babies through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or early infant/child loss. I pray for those married women longing to be mothers who have not yet been given the gift of a pregnancy or have been given fewer children than your heart longs for. I pray for those who have recently lost their own mothers and are grieving that loss. I pray for those who grew up in difficult family situations and never got to know their own mothers, or whose memories of their mothers are anything but positive. For all those whose hearts are heavy this day for whatever reason, know that my fellow priests and I are aware of your often-hidden and silent sufferings. Be assured that we are praying for you in a special way this day.

May our Blessed Mother Mary shower her special graces upon all her daughters, inspire you to further share your maternal gifts, and, most of all, may she lead you all closer to her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

"Our need of divine help is as great today as when the great Dominic introduced the use of the Rosary of Mary as a balm for the wounds of his contemporaries."

– Pope Leo XIII

FEASIBILITY STUDY TOWN HALL MEETINGS

On Tuesday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 19, we will be holding town hall meetings for our parish feasibility study, giving you an opportunity to hear about the potential projects, ask questions, and give feedback. **Both town hall meetings will cover the same material, so please attend whichever evening works best for you:**

- Tuesday, May 12 | 7–9:30 p.m. | School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, May 19 | 7–9:30 p.m. | Gym

This is not simply about buildings. **It is about helping our parish achieve our vision to be a community of disciples united in our Eucharistic Lord and sent to transform the world with the light of the Gospel.** As we prudently, thoughtfully, and prayerfully consider how we will care for and strengthen our parish for the next century, we value your input—everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OPEN ATRIUM

Next Sunday, May 17, after 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Mass, all parents, grandparents, and future parents are invited to learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), our children's formation method. Our atrium classroom in the Parish Center basement will be open for tours, and catechists and parents will be on hand to share more about their experiences with the children in formation. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODE

In his homily this past Sunday, Father John Paul invited us to draw close to the Lord and be living stones. Whether you want to hear his inspiring words again or for the first time, listen to his message and the implications of being living stones in the latest episode of the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast, available on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. If you like the episode, share it with a friend!



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PRAYING FOR PRIESTS

Do you feel called to pray in a special way for priests? Join the St. John Vianney Group, a St. Gertrude Parish ministry that is dedicated to praying for our priests and the holy souls in purgatory. The group meets in the St. Joseph Room every Monday after Midday Prayer from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. This is such an important ministry because without priests, there is no Eucharist. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Maria Ivonne Resendiz at (513) 260-8055 or mivonneresendiz@gmail.com. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, 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, 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

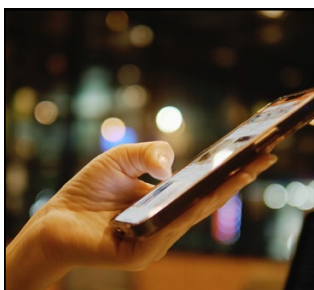
THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Jeff Condit, brother of Janice Kennedy



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE—THIS WEEKEND

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.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH IS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Do you have a Facebook and/or Instagram account? So does St. Gertrude Parish! Follow us on Facebook at St. Gertrude Church - Cincinnati and on Instagram 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!



NEXT FUN BUNCH GATHERING—MAY 19

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 (513) 791-6075 or mkenedy06@aol.com so we can have an estimated headcount for food. We hope you will join us—and bring a friend!



EXPLORE SCOUTING AMERICA—CUB SCOUTS

Families with boys in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to explore Scouting America on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. on the school playground. Watch a Raingutter Regatta, where Cub Scouts race their handmade boats. Contact Cubmaster Matt Frye at mrmattfrye@gmail.com with any questions. RSVP at bit.ly/RaingutterRegatta26.



MOTHER & DAUGHTER CELEBRATION

The St. Gertrude Parish Athletic Boosters invite all moms and daughters to a fun-filled evening at Setter's Beach Volleyball & Tiki Lounge (4005 Hopper Hill Road) on Saturday, June 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. Get ready to play sand volleyball (indoor and outdoor courts available), corn hole, and other games, as well as enjoy pizza, prizes, and great company. Not feeling competitive? No problem—come as a non-player or volunteer, with or without your daughter. The cost is \$25/family and includes pizza and prizes for your whole team (moms and all daughters). This is a rain-or-shine event. Register at teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home.

— This —
WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 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, MAY 12

- 12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 6 p.m. | Andrew Dinner (St. Dominic Lobby)
- 7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Playground)
- 7 p.m. | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (St. Joseph Room)
- 7 p.m. | Feasibility Study Town Hall Meeting (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Den Meeting (School Cafeteria & Classrooms)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 5:30 p.m. | Schola Cantorum Bake Sale (Outside)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. | Schola Cantorum Bake Sale (Outside)
- 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. | Soup Kitchen Signups (Outside)
- 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. | CGS Atrium Come & See (Outside/Parish Center Atrium)

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.



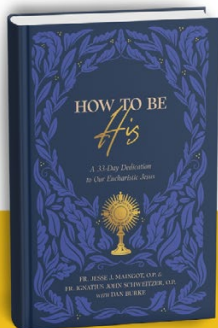
MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

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.



Prepare for Corpus Christi

Father John Paul invites everyone to read *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, which is on 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 get your copy, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/BeHis.



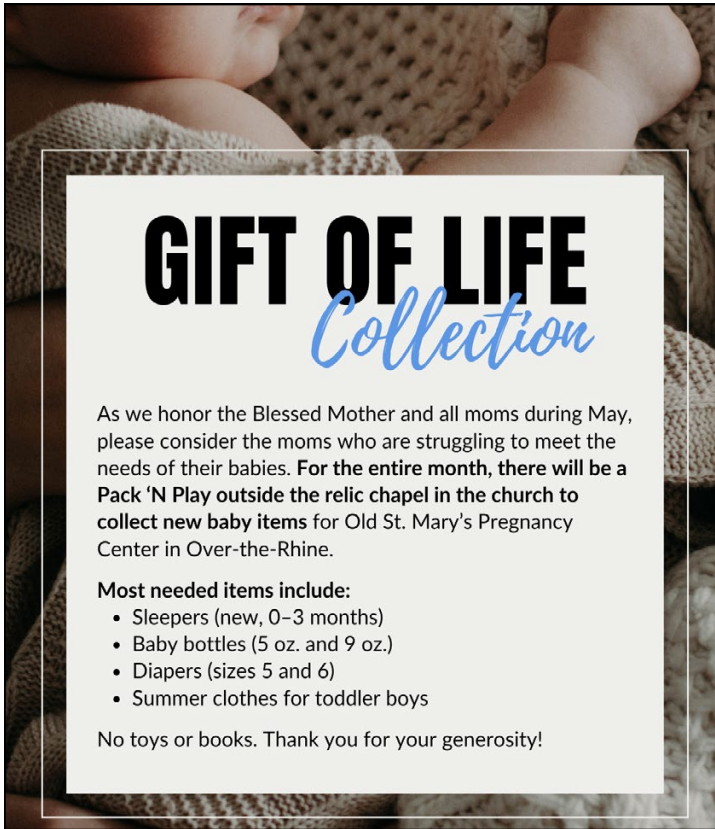
CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

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.



GIFT OF LIFE *Collection*

As we honor the Blessed Mother and all moms during May, please consider the moms who are struggling to meet the needs of their babies. **For the entire month, there will be a Pack 'N Play outside the relic chapel in the church to collect new baby items** for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine.

Most needed items include:

- Sleepers (new, 0-3 months)
- Baby bottles (5 oz. and 9 oz.)
- Diapers (sizes 5 and 6)
- Summer clothes for toddler boys

No toys or books. Thank you for your generosity!

BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All boys in K-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. Visit teamsideline.com/sites/stgertrude/home to sign up, or scan the QR code. If you have questions, contact Jake Dummermuth at jdummermuth@stgertrudesch.org or Rob Gruber at (513) 256-2566.



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

In preparation for their First Holy Communion, which took place yesterday, May 9, our second graders attended a special retreat on Saturday, May 2, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center.



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. **The next dinner is this Tuesday, May 12, right here at St. Gertrude Parish.** To register, visit catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners.

SCHOLA CANTORUM BAKE SALE

After all Masses on May 16 and 17, the children from our Schola Cantorum will be selling baked goods to raise funds for their summer England tour, coming up June 9-19, 2026. Thank you for your support!



The Walking with Moms in Need core team has been diligently working behind the scenes, completing an assessment, identifying gaps, and discerning areas of concentration to assist pregnant and parenting moms in our parish and surrounding communities who are facing difficult circumstances. We are now ready to enlist a wider network of volunteers to help us in the following focus areas: prayer network, accompaniment team, meal train preparation team, meal delivery team, and events. Please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/WWMINform to learn more about each focus area and to sign up to share your special, God-given gifts. Please contact our core team at wwmin@stgertrude.org with questions.

CONFIRMATION RECAP

Congratulations to all those who were confirmed this past Sunday, May 3. Archbishop Casey was here to celebrate this empowering sacrament and visited with the candidates before the Confirmation Mass.



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.



Save the Date

CORPUS CHRISTI

JUNE 7, 2026

10 A.M. MASS EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
From the church, down Miami Avenue to City Hall; Benediction outside City Hall

SOCIAL
Following procession, in the gym; ice cream and ice pops will be provided

More details to come.



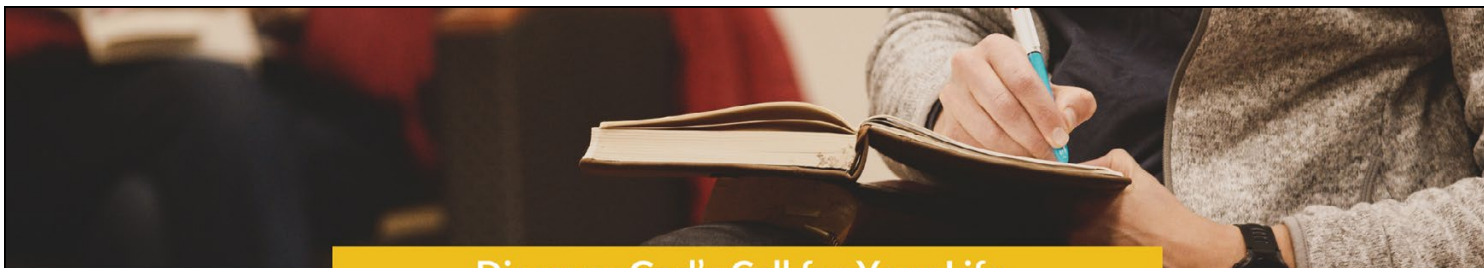
Young Adult

PENTECOST VIGIL & SOCIAL

Saturday, May 23 | 7 PM

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

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. We will have burgers, hot dogs, and more; all are invited to bring a side dish to share. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/PentecostVigil to RSVP.



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

Scan to register!



Faithful Educator Wanted—Help Form the Next Generation of Disciples



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

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMATION RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations to our 33 eighth-grade students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 3. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they take a meaningful step into a deeper life of faith and discipleship. Please join us in praying for them as they continue to grow in their faith.



JOIN US FOR PRESCHOOL STORYTIME ON MAY 20

Please join us on May 20 at 10:15 a.m. in the St. Gertrude School library for our last story time of the school year. Families with children ages 18 months to 5 years are invited to come enjoy a morning of friendship and stories. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones!

2026 TASTE OF THE SHRINE FUNDRAISER

Enjoy the historical beauty and charm of the Maria Stein Shrine while sampling some of the finest food and drink crafted in God's country! The 2026 Taste of the Shrine Fundraiser is set for Thursday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy food and drinks, a chance to win \$1,000, and a silent auction. For more information and to get your tickets, visit the Shrine's website at mariasteinshrine.org or stop by the Shrine.

40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FAMILY RETREAT

To help parish families grow more in love with the Eucharist, Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio, is hosting 40 hours of adoration June 5-7, 2026. Join us for Mass, confession, prayer, and teachings from Father Michael Willig and Deacon Tracy Jamison. Family and individual dorm rooms, some shared meals, and games will all be available. The cost is a donation of your choosing. For more details and to register, visit presentationministries.com.

ANNUNCIATION ART EXHIBITS

Between now and October 23, encounter visual depictions of the Annunciation through two exhibits of Marian Library collections at Roesch Library, University of Dayton. In the Stuart and Mimi Rose Gallery, *Blessed Among Women: The Annunciation in Contemporary Art* features 30 pieces of art from John A. Kohan's Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection—a gift to the Marian Library. In the Marian Library Gallery, *Fiat and Faith: Symbolism of the Annunciation* will explore the meaning behind visual elements such as the spindle, the book, the lily, and the dove, often seen in artwork of the Annunciation. The exhibits are open Tuesday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there is no cost. Visit go.udayton.edu/annunciation-exhibits for parking, directions, and other information.

MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION & FIELD MASS

Join us on Monday, May 25, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day Presentation at 10 a.m. and Field Mass at 11 a.m. Alison Estes, CPT, US Army, will be the guest speaker, and Archbishop Casey will be the celebrant. To learn more, visit gateofheaven.org.

A POWERFUL WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples a chance to step away from daily demands to focus on their relationships in a meaningful, faith-filled way. Through simple presentations and private couple dialogue, you'll rediscover connection, communication, and the grace of your marriage. Join us July 24–26 at TownePlace Suites by Marriott Lexington – Keeneland / Airport, Lexington, KY. Sign up at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. Contact Wayne and Jeanie Hodges at (859) 760-3046 or wayne.jeanie.hodges@wwme.org with questions, or visit esharing.org.

CHOOSING HOPE ADOPTIONS

Choosing Hope Adoptions, a faith-based nonprofit adoption agency in Central and Southwest Ohio, is seeking adoptive families, specifically for babies and children who have or are at high-risk of developing special medical or developmental needs. To learn more, contact Jenna Everson at (513) 390-0584 or jenna@choosinghopeadoptions.com, or visit choosinghopeadoptions.org/special-needs-adoption-ohio. Choosing Hope Adoptions exists to provide life-affirming options to parents in crisis and, when needed, place infants and children into licensed Christian families.

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 cincinnati.rightrighttolife.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@cincinnati.rightrighttolife.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, May 11 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
8 a.m. | Mass – † Maureen O’Connell by Pete & Donna Marcello
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, May 12 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Ronald Gunn by Nancy Beimesche
8 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel
4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, May 13 | Our Lady of Fatima (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Ann Ryan by St. Gertrude Parish
8 a.m. | Mass – Sophia & James Henderson by Dina Henderson
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, May 14 | St. Matthias (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
8 a.m. | Mass – † Wade Baker by Kevin & Kathy Baker
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mimi Leverone by Steve Leverone
4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, May 15 | Easter Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Sharon Markel by Joan Ratajczak
8 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mr. & Mrs. James S. Barnes by Tricia Speicher
4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, May 16 | Easter Weekday

8 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Donald Klekamp
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Austin Fields
by Harold & Coleen Glorius and Family

Sunday, May 17 | The Ascension of the Lord (S)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ronald Nieto by The Nieto Family
10 a.m. | Mass – Mother’s Day Novena
12 p.m. | Mass – † Marlin James Lloyd
by Knights of Columbus Elder Council
6 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish



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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.

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Sunday, May 3, 2026

Collection \$61,241

Weekly Budget \$47,059

Weekly Surplus \$14,182

Fiscal Year-to-Date

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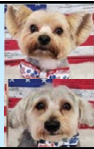
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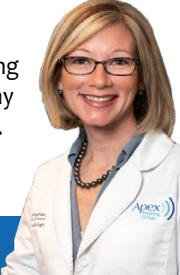
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