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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 (June 1–12)
M-F, 8:30 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.





IF ONLY EVERY COMMUNION COULD BE A FIRST COMMUNION

For a variety of reasons, the month of May is always a special month here at St. Gertrude Parish. One reason is that it is the month in which we schedule our First Communion Masses.

There is something very special about a First Communion Mass. The children (and their families) arrive extra early so that they will be fully prepared and not rushing around just before Mass begins. When Mass does begin, they all process in, dressed in their suits or white dresses, hands folded in prayer. And, as the pastor, I can tell you that so many of them have such intensity and focus when they come up to receive the Eucharist for the first time—it is easy to see that they understand the importance of the moment.

In reflecting on all of this, I couldn't help but recognize that, for us "older adults," our weekly reception of the Eucharist is rarely so moving an experience. Part of that, of course, can be explained by the fact that it is hard to keep something "new and exciting" when we do it every week (or, in some cases, every day) for years or decades on end. But I suspect there is more to it than just that.

How might our experience of receiving Holy Communion on a weekly basis be enhanced if, like these First Communicants, we arrived at the church well in advance of the beginning of Mass and spent a significant amount of time in silence and prayer, preparing our hearts and minds for the liturgy? How might our experience be enhanced if we made the consistent effort to dress for Mass each week in our "Sunday best"? How might our experience be enhanced if, as we were coming forward in the Communion line or kneeling at the altar rail, our focus was entirely on the fact that we are moments away from receiving within ourselves the King of kings and Lord of lords?

Instead, we are often rushing into the church at the last moment (or perhaps even late!), our clothing might be whatever we first grabbed that appeared to be clean, and in the Communion line our minds can be racing with 1,001 thoughts on every possible topic under the sun other than who it is we are about to receive.

So, I encourage everyone in the parish to think about these areas of preparation, to dress in a manner that conveys in some way the idea of "Sunday best," and to really try focusing on the great gift of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ in the Eucharist as you come forward to receive him.

All year, our teachers and catechists have been teaching our children about how important a moment it is to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Perhaps this weekend, the rest of us can allow the First Communicants to teach us a lesson as well—and maybe even help us to treat every Communion like it is our First Communion.

Let me end this exhortation with a word to those whose lives are very complicated (I'm thinking especially of those families with small children). Arriving to church 30 minutes early to spend that time rapt in contemplative prayer, wearing clothing nice enough for a meeting with the Queen of England, and tunnel-vision focus on the Divinity of Our Lord in the Eucharist as you come forward for Communion is simply not possible at this stage of your family's life. I understand. Sometimes most of the focus when coming forward in the Communion line needs to be on simply making sure one of the children hasn't "escaped" and started sprinting in another direction. And sometimes "Sunday best," when trying to find clothes for child #4 might mean, "any shirt that the baby hasn't spit up on." I get it, and I'm 1,000 percent okay with it. The Lord knows your heart, and he knows you are trying your best. Don't have unrealistic expectations about what is possible . . . because I certainly don't have those expectations of you. Be at peace.

A blessed Corpus Christi to everyone!

God bless,

Rv. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



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 at the end of April and in May 2026:

GE Aerospace Matching Gift	Todd Hanna	Steven Summers
Richard Bissonnette	Monica Peckinpaugh	Daniel Szendrey
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To make your donation, visit bit.ly/stgsgo or scan the QR code. Tax credits will now be applied to the 2026 tax year. Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us
PRAY

THE SICK

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THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Patricia Connelly

**ST. GERTRUDE PARISH
PICNIC**

Save the date for our annual parish picnic! More details to come.

Saturday, August 22
5:30 p.m. (After 4:30 Mass)
St. Gertrude Parish Parking Lot

BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026



Child: Rosemary Joan Dudon
Parents: Matthew & Madison Dudon



Child: Isabella Rose Dressler
Parents: Daniel & Sophia Dressler



THE SEARCH

All men (high school-age and older) are invited to participate in The Search, a free 7-video series narrated by Chris Stefanick that examines life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith! Join us for one, two, or all seven sessions—no commitment necessary. This is a great opportunity for fathers and their sons or grandsons and those who are away from the Church, new to the Church, or not part of the Church. **The next session is Saturday, June 13, from 7:15 to 9 a.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria.** To learn more or sign up, visit bit.ly/Search26 or scan the QR code.



SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL TREASURE MART | JULY 18, 9 A.M.–2 P.M.

Have you been saving your donations? The St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity Treasure Mart will be here before you know it! Donations can be dropped off at the parish gym on the following days:

- Monday, July 13, 5–8 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 14–Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Please note: There is no Friday collection so donations can be sorted and priced. We do not have storage to accept donations sooner than the above dates. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.



FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Our Father's Day novena of Masses will begin on Father's Day, June 21. Enrollment cards and envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Kindly return remittance envelopes before Father's Day. All donations go to support the Dominican Priory here at St. Gertrude Parish.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHIST TRAINING: LEVEL I

We are hosting a two-part catechist training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1. If you are passionate about CGS and want to teach children ages 3–6, then this training is for you! The first part of the training is June 28–July 3, 2026, at St. Gertrude School, with the second part taking place next year June 14–19, 2027. To learn more and sign up, visit bit.ly/CGStrainingL1 or scan the QR code. The parish will cover fees for parishioners who plan to volunteer their time assisting/leading CGS sessions.



LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS' CLUB 2026–2027 REGISTRATION

All girls of St. Gertrude Parish in grades K–4 are invited to join the Little Flowers Girls' Club for the 2026-2027 academic year! Based on the Catholic classic *The Catholic Girls' Guide* and the spirituality of St. Therese (the Little Flower), this beautiful, authentically Catholic program teaches virtues through Scripture, saint biographies, and the *Catechism*. The program begins August 31, 2026, and runs through May 2027. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$70 for new members and \$50 for returning members (includes sash, badges, meeting materials, and craft supplies). To register, visit bit.ly/LittleFlowers2627.

— This —
WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 8

12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church or Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

6 p.m. | Junior High Youth Ministry Event (Parish Center)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

6 p.m. | L'Alto: High School Summer Night (Parish Center)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

7:15 a.m. | The Search (School Cafeteria)

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**.



St. Gertrude Parish

Father-Daughter Dance

"Daughters of the King"



Saturday, June 27

3-5 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

\$25/Family

(Includes Dad and all daughters ages 2-16)

Register at

bit.ly/DadDaughter2026





THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

"The Rosary, through the repetition of the Hail Mary, leads us to contemplate the mysteries of faith. This simple prayer, feeding the love of the Christian people for the Mother of God, illustrates the purpose of Marian prayer more clearly, namely, the glorification of Christ."

- Pope St. John Paul II

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.



THE ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CHORAL PILGRIMAGE

By Christopher Holman
Director of Music

In the next two days, 68 parishioners—comprising singers of our St. Gertrude Parish Choir and

Schola Cantorum, their family members, and friends of sacred music—will depart for London to undertake a 10-day choral pilgrimage to the United Kingdom. This remarkable moment in the life of our parish music program is the culmination of years of rehearsal, musical training, planning, team-building, and patient work of forming sacred musicians—many of whom began with little or no musical background—in how to read music, sing confidently, and pray together through the Church’s living tradition.

On this trip, our Schola Cantorum, comprising 14 children ages 8–14 and eight of our staff singers, will sing alongside the Choir of St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark—the principal Catholic cathedral choir of southern England—and the Choir of New College at the University of Oxford, widely regarded as one of the finest choral ensembles in the world. To our knowledge, **the St. Gertrude Parish choirs are the first American choirs ever invited to sing services with both ensembles in their home institutions.** Our boy and girl choristers will also participate in a workshop with internationally renowned choral conductor Paul Leddington Wright and attend Choral Evensong at Windsor Castle.

Our Parish Choir will sing at Blackfriars Hall, the Dominican stadium at the University of Oxford; the Rosary Shrine and St. Dominic’s Priory, a major Dominican pilgrimage site in London; and, together with our Schola Cantorum, at the historic All Saints Church in Maidenhead. Our choirs will also premiere two new works we have commissioned for this tour and sing for both of the composers (who are both British): Caleb Kościecha and Caitlin Harrison Crane. Alongside these musical collaborations, choir members will visit sites of profound religious, cultural, and historical significance, including Westminster Cathedral, St. Etheldreda’s Church, Littlemore and the sites associated with St. John Henry Newman, Oxford University’s colleges and museums, and many of the major cultural institutions of London and Oxford. We are pleased that Father Lawrence Lew, O.P., a friar of the English Dominican Province who himself is an excellent musician and is currently assigned at Blackfriars in Oxford, will serve as our chaplain for the pilgrimage.

At its heart, this tour is not simply about music. This pilgrimage comes at a complicated cultural moment, when questions

surrounding beauty, faith, tradition, and even the relationship between Britain and the United States remain subjects of deep discussion on both sides of the Atlantic. Yet, these are not obstacles, but opportunities—opportunities for fellowship, listening, shared prayer, and encounter.

Personally, the moments I most look forward to are what I imagine will be the small yet profound realizations: finally mastering a difficult rhythm together; the shared excitement over a beautiful chord at the end of a Magnificat; or the realization that even though most of us share English as our first language, we pronounce “pass” differently. In those moments, people separated by thousands of miles, different cultures, and at times even different religious traditions discover something profound: that our shared love of beauty, sacred music, and the worship of God transcends words and truly becomes a living expression of the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.”

Please pray for us as we undertake this pilgrimage together.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 7 & 8)	HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9–12)
 MINUTE TO WIN IT June 9, 2026 6–8 p.m. Parish Center & Front Lawn FREE	 SPORTS & SUNDAES June 12, 2026 6–8 p.m. Parish Center & Front Lawn FREE
	 MESSY GAMES June 26, 2026 6–8 p.m. Parish Center & Front Lawn FREE

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

 KAYAK TRIP July 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Scenic River Canoe Excursions \$45 for Kayak Rental	DETAILS, REGISTRATION & PERMISSION FORM  bit.ly/STGJuniorHigh  bit.ly/STGHighSchool CONTACT If you have any questions, please contact our coordinator of youth ministry, Shannon Loughrey, at sloughrey@stgertrude.org .
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Whom will you invite?

Every parish needs a front door. A place where any person (no matter his or her relationship with God or the Church) can feel welcomed and loved. **Alpha is one way that we at St. Gertrude Parish try to create that front door.** Alpha creates a space to not only talk about big life questions (e.g. the existence of God, the mystery of human suffering), but also hear the essential message of the Gospel for the first time or in a new way. Sharing this Good News is not always easy, especially with people who are distant from the Church. **While prayer and witness are essential foundations of evangelization, sometimes an explicit invitation is the hinge which opens the doorway to a new, or renewed, relationship with Jesus.**

We all have people in our lives who, for various reasons, are distant from the Church—and we deeply desire for them to have faith and know the Lord. In fact, you are probably thinking of a specific person right now. It could be a family member, a friend, a coworker, or a stranger you just met. **Prayerfully consider inviting that person to try Alpha *with you* this summer.**

Here's how you do it . . .

1. **Take** an Alpha card from the tables near the entrances to the church.
2. **Pray** to the Holy Spirit to reveal to you whom you should invite.
3. **Invite** that person. It could be as simple as saying, "Hey, I'm going to this thing called Alpha on Monday. It's a free dinner and a group discussion about life questions and faith. Would you join me?"
4. **Go** to Alpha with him or her.

It's that simple—and it can change someone's life forever.



Next Alpha:
June 29 | 6–8 p.m. | Parish Center
Continues on July 6, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



SIGN UP!



MEET A PARISHIONER: THE THOMPSON FAMILY

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

community, and stay connected in Christ. This month, meet David, Martha, Lucy, Jane Clare, and George Thompson!

St. Gertrude Parish: How did you first find St. Gertrude Parish, and how long you have been parishioners?

David & Martha Thompson: We have been parishioners for six years. We were previously parishioners at a Dominican parish, St. Louis Bertrand, in Louisville, KY, and wanted to continue attending a Dominican parish when we moved to Cincinnati. The combination of a faithful parish and school drew us in and continues to bless us beyond measure.

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

David & Martha: There are many things we love. First and foremost is the Dominicans' dedication to truth. As the psalmist writes at the beginning of the Book of Psalms, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked . . . but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night." In many ways, life at St. Gertrude helps orient our lives toward the Lord so that we, too, may truly "delight in the law of the Lord." The parish fosters this through beautiful and reverent liturgies, faithful preaching, a deep concern for orthodoxy, and a steadfast commitment to authentically Catholic teaching. The parish is a beacon of truth and light in the world. The dedication with which the friars and sisters live out their Dominican charism has drawn many incredible families. Through them, St. Gertrude Parish is not only a place of worship, but also a vibrant and faithful community that has deeply enriched the life of our family.

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

David & Martha: Martha started Walking with Purpose (WWP) Bible study at the parish, which will begin its fifth year this coming fall. Our daughters attend St. Gertrude School and have been involved in Schola Cantorum, St. Anne's Guild, Little Flowers, SGS Players, and sports. Our son, although not yet school-age, started CGS last fall. Both the parish and the school have provided fertile ground for our family unit and our faith.

SGP: How has the parish helped you grow as disciples?

David & Martha: The parish has helped us grow as disciples through its faithful preaching and celebration of the sacraments and the witness of the Dominican friars and sisters. We are constantly encouraged to pursue holiness in our daily lives. The parish community has been a tremendous gift. Being

surrounded by families that sincerely strive to live out the faith has strengthened and challenged us to grow in virtue, prayer, and charity. Their examples have helped us recognize that discipleship is not lived in isolation, but within a community that supports one another in pursuing Christ. St. Gertrude has also given our children examples of joyful and authentic Catholic living. Seeing religious and families/fellow parishioners live their faith with conviction has helped make the teachings of the Church tangible and alive for them. We are deeply grateful for a parish community that not only teaches the faith, but truly seeks to live it.

SGP: How has St. Gertrude School impacted your family?

David & Martha: The teachers and Dominican sisters are so incredibly gifted at weaving faith into everything, which is possibly the greatest gift they could give parents. The children learn so much about every aspect of their faith, and they bring it home and share it with us. We have learned or been reminded about a lot through them and the things they study in school. It is an incredible gift to watch them daily grow in their faith.

SGP: What are ways your family lives out your faith at home?

David & Martha: Our family strives to live out the faith together in simple but meaningful ways. Attending Mass together each Sunday serves as the foundation of our family life. It is when we come together most fully to worship God and be renewed by the Eucharist. We also pray as a family each day. We try to continue learning about the faith together through reading, conversations, and teaching our children about the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith. The sacraments are also an important part of our family life. We regularly go to confession together and spend time in Eucharistic adoration whenever we can. These practices have helped anchor our family in Christ and continually remind us that our faith is something we don't simply intellectually believe but live each day.

SGP: Does your family have a patron saint?

David & Martha: We love, for various reasons, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Martin of Tours, St. Dominic, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pope St. John Paul II, and St. Joan of Arc.



Gratitude & Growth at St. Gertrude School

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2025–2026 school year has concluded. With immense gratitude, we look back at the many blessings God bestowed upon our parish school. Through his grace, our faculty's dedication, and our families' steadfast partnership, St. Gertrude School experienced a year of exceptional growth, academic achievement, and spiritual formation. To celebrate the fruits of our community's hard work, we are pleased to share a summary of our major achievements from this past school year. These milestones reflect our shared commitment to cultivating a vibrant, safe, and academically rigorous Dominican Catholic environment.

Growing Our Community

This past year, our school achieved record enrollment numbers, allowing us to offer admission to all parishioners seeking an SGS education. High external interest led to multiple waitlists, which prompted the addition of a third kindergarten classroom and an additional full-time intervention specialist to support our student body. We also focused on our future Bulldogs by launching Preschool Pups Storytime, a Catholic storytime program for families with young children designed to foster early parish relationships.

Parent Partnership and Formation

Rooted in our belief that parents are the primary educators of their children, we expanded our parent formation resources to strengthen the bond between home and school. Highlights included an evening presentation on Thomistic parenting with counselor Scott Borchers, ongoing feast day saint education from Dominican friars and sisters on social media, and the launch of the "Field Notes from Family Life" podcast hosted by our principal, Travis Johnson.

Cultivating Academic Excellence

Our curriculum is dedicated to students' ongoing academic excellence, fostering exceptional formation, rigorous teacher-led learning, and greater knowledge of God's creation. Our students' continued strength across each round of MAP testing reflects our commitment to academic rigor.

Throughout the year, students showcased an appreciation for literacy by independently reading over one million minutes outside the classroom. Beyond traditional studies, students also stepped into nature, dedicating 183 hours to immersive, hands-

on scientific discovery and problem-solving within our outdoor STEM learning environments.

We are incredibly proud of our eighth graders—true leaders in our community. Every graduate who sought admission to a top-ranking Catholic high school was successfully accepted. Proving their hard work and dedication, our eighth graders were collectively offered \$250,000 in merit scholarship opportunities and earned 25 distinguished community awards. We look forward to seeing how these exceptional young men and women continue to carry Christ's light into their next chapters.

Faith and Sacramental Life

At the heart of an SGS education is a commitment to fostering personal relationships with Jesus Christ. Our school community continually nourishes its spiritual foundation through weekly school Masses and regular opportunities for students to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we joyfully celebrated as 43 of our students received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We also witnessed the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit as 32 students were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation.

Deepening our devotion to the Real Presence, our students and faculty spent a collective 102 hours before the Blessed Sacrament in our school chapel during first and third Fridays.

Our students show incredible personal initiative. Demonstrating beautiful spiritual leadership, our middle school boys voluntarily gathered in the school chapel before the start of each school day to pray the rosary. Additionally, our second-, sixth-, and seventh-grade students participated in class retreats, providing dedicated time for fellowship and spiritual encounter.

While these accomplishments are remarkably impressive, they pale in comparison to the unquantifiable ways our students bless SGS each day. True success is not merely found in trophies, test scores, or enrollment milestones, but in the quiet, daily moments that define our school culture: the eagerness with which our students show up ready to learn, the reverence with which they receive Christ into their hearts, and the exceptional attentiveness, kindness, and manners they show to one another. It is this Christ-centered character that truly makes St. Gertrude School such a special place to grow.



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AN EVENING OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

The Angelico Project invites you to An Evening of Catholic Culture on Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 5:30–9 p.m. at The Cincinnati Club. This year, we are honored to present the 2026 Fra Angelico Award to Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr. Featuring sacred art, live music, inspiring performances, and more, this Gala is far more than a typical banquet. It is a rallying point for cultural renewal—bringing together artists, clergy, business leaders, families, and patrons who believe beauty will save the world. Join us as we celebrate the mission of The Angelico Project and unite to help make Greater Cincinnati a center of a new renaissance of Catholic art, thought, and culture—drawing thousands closer to Christ and his Church. Secure your seat at secure.qgiv.com/event/eveningofcatholicculture2026.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR TEENS

All teens in grades 6–12 are invited to Created, a Theology of the Body retreat, July 22–24 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Please visit supportpcplus.org/chastity-education-program to learn more and register for this free retreat.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is seeking volunteers for its World Refugee Day celebration on Saturday, June 13. Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 12, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. to assist with setup and on Saturday for three different shifts: (1) to assist setting up the event space; (2) helping while families are on site; and (3) distributing produce, helping families onto the buses, and clean-up duties. To learn more, visit ccswoh.volunteerhub.com/vv2/ or contact Tonicia Green at (513) 672–3836 or tgreen@ccswoh.org.

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati through June 14. This world-famous statue is recognized as the primary way in which the message of Fatima—one of hope, peace, and salvation—is spread throughout the world and brings the graces of Fatima to the many millions of people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself. Visit fatimatourforpeace.com/tour-schedule to view the upcoming tour schedule.

EVENING PRAYER WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY FOR SYNOD 2027

Please join Archbishop Casey and other members of the faithful at Evening Prayer for the opening convocation of Synod 2027 at St. Francis of Assisi Church (6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH 45459) at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026—the 205th anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Reception will follow. RSVP is not required.

PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Pre-planning is truly a gift to your loved ones. Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so you can make end-of-life decisions with clarity and peace of mind. Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven on Tuesday, June 23, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. To RSVP, email community@gateofheaven.org or call (513) 489-0300.

JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating a jubilee wedding anniversary (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on one of the following dates:

- Sunday, November 15, 10 a.m., Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (Cincinnati)
- Saturday, November 21, 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi (Centerville)

Family members are welcome to attend, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. To RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/JubileeAnniversary26 by November 2, 2026.



Liturgical
SCHEDULE &
Mass
INTENTIONS

Monday, June 8 | Blessed Diana, O.P., & Blessed Cecilia, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Jeanne Johantges
- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Melissa Castrucci by St. Gertrude Parish
- 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
- 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, June 9 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – The Nesbitt Family by Mark & Dorothy Miller
- 8 a.m. | Mass – President Donald Trump by Nadia Zogbi
- 9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
- 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Anthony Altimari by John David Kimes
- 4 p.m. | Confessions

Wednesday, June 10 | Weekday

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia “Tischy” DeMonge by John & Antonella Jemail
- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
- 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Carl Huster by Adam & Laura Grijalba
- 4 p.m. | Confessions
- 7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, June 11 | St. Barnabas (M)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † Carl Mapley
by Walking with Purpose Wednesday Group
- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Peggy Frank
- 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Sansalone by Keke & Tony Sansalone
- 4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, June 12 | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)

- 7 a.m. | Mass – † John & Sarah Murray by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Wiebe by The Wiebe Family
- 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Grace Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, June 13

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. | Mass – † Amy Kindt by Healing Rosary Group
- 11:30 a.m. | Mass – The Henderson Family by Dina Henderson
- 3:30 p.m. | Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Ronald Bosken by Charlene Bosken

Sunday, June 14 | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
- 10 a.m. | Mass – † Clifford & Paul Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner
- 12 p.m. | Mass – † Jennifer Swope by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 6 p.m. | Mass – † Nicholas & Jeanne Picciano by Maria Sunnenberg



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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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This healing sacrament is given to those facing serious physical or mental illness, advanced age, or surgery due to one of these. When one is near death, anointing is offered as part of the Last Rites, along with the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Communion to the Sick or Homebound

Our priests and lay ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness or being homebound. This important ministry is a vital sign of the parish community's love and support for all of our members.

Prayers for the Sick or Deceased

Each week, our bulletin lists the names of individuals who are sick or recently deceased so that our entire parish community may pray for them. Simply contact the parish office to add yourself or a family member to this list.

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

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

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Collection	\$53,752
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$6,693
Second Collection: Fifth Sunday	\$4,977

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2026

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$2,346,268
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$2,311,765
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$34,503



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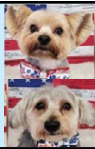
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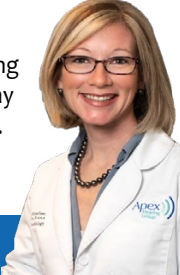
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