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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-TH, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
(Closed Fridays)



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.





FATHER JOHN PAUL'S TRAVELS & A FEW OTHER ITEMS

I want to let everyone know that you won't be seeing much of me over the next two weeks, as I'll be taking two trips. By the time this

letter goes to print, I'll be in Denver, which is where this year's Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus is happening. The convention is always a source of great inspiration for me, as I get to meet Knights (and in many cases, their families) from not only every state in the union, but also Canada, Mexico, France, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, the Philippines, and more. Attending the convention each year is also a special time for me, as many of the Knights of Columbus staff who work the event were my former parishioners in New Haven. I celebrated some of their weddings and baptized many of their babies, so the convention ends up being a bit of a reunion for me.

Because I've never been to Colorado or anywhere near there, I am going a few days early. I'll be staying with friends I haven't seen in over 20 years. They, and some combination of their eight children, have promised to take me around and show me all the sights that a first-time visitor to Colorado should see. I'm very excited to experience a new part of the country and soak in some of God's beautiful creation.

I'll return from that trip to be here for August 8, St. Dominic's feast day and the day our new incoming novice class receives their habits and religious names. Then, I'll take a second trip, this one to Massachusetts to see my family. I will return to St. Gertrude in time for the Mass of Simple Profession for our outgoing novice class, which will happen at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That Mass will be in the main church and is open to anyone, so I encourage everyone to attend. This is especially true if you're new to the parish and maybe haven't witnessed the Mass where our novices profess their religious vows for the first time . . . most find it to be a very moving thing to witness.

Since I'll be gone, both Father Louis and Father Luke will be "guest writers" of the pastor's letter page the next two weeks.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to a special event happening during this coming week. We are very excited to be welcoming people from Encounter School of Ministry to our parish. They will be holding a **Transformation Night, a night of prayer focused on really unleashing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, on Friday, August 7. Please see the bulletin insert for more information on the evening.**

Know that even as I travel, I will keep you all in my prayers. I ask you to continue to pray for me as well.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

UNPACK THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TOGETHER.

Join us for Alpha, a series of group conversations that explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.



August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6–8 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center

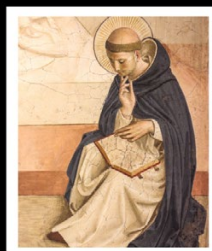
Includes dinner!



Scan to Register

Dominican Rite Mass

Solemn High Mass in honor of
Holy Father St. Dominic



AUGUST 4 | 7 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Music: Josef Rheinberger, *Cantus missae*

Learn more about the Dominican Rite Mass and see the full schedule at stgertrude.org/dominican-rite.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



"In Mary, God has given us the most zealous guardian of Christian unity. There are, of course, more ways than one to win her protection by prayer, but as for us, we think that the best and most effective way to her favour lies in the Rosary."

– Pope Leo XIII

REGISTER NOW!



CHILDREN & YOUTH Faith Formation Registration

Registration for our faith formation programs is now open:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3–grade 3)
- Sacramental Formation (generally grade 2)
- Family Faith (grades 4–6)
- Confirmation Preparation (grades 7–8)

Visit tinyurl.com/Formation2627 or scan the QR code for details and to register.



Building a Eucharistic Marriage

Marriage is a gift—and, at times, a challenge. When it gets difficult, it's hard to find the time to make your marriage better and even to know where to turn.

Join us this fall for Building a Eucharistic Marriage, a seven-part series that connects seven areas for strengthening your marriage with seven areas of deepening your relationship with Christ through the Eucharist.

Tuesdays | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
August 11–September 22
Parish Center
Child care is available.

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/ThrivingMarriages to register!



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Topic: What Is the Church?

Have you ever wondered what your purpose is? Do you ponder the question, *What is the best way to live?*

Our Becoming Catholic program may be for you.

Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith is welcome to attend our monthly group meetings or begin the process to become Catholic at any time.

Please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/Becoming-Catholic to complete the online inquiry form, or email Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

August 5 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center | 6543 Miami Ave.

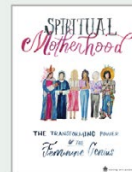


Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women.

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts—and **we invite you to join us for our Bible studies beginning this fall!**



Visit tinyurl.com/WWP2627 or scan the QR code to learn more and register by August 12!



walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com



MEET A PARISHIONER: THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY

This is the sixth 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 Philip, Katlyn, Daniel, Annabeth, Dominic, and Henry Williamson!

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

Philip & Katlyn Williamson: When we were first converting to Catholicism, we didn't know how a person becomes Catholic. So we reached out to a friend of a friend who was a Dominican friar, Father Aquinas Guilbeau. He put us in touch with Father Henry Stephan, who was our church Sherpa while we completed RCIA at our local parish. He told us that we should go to St. Gertrude Parish. We ignored him for about a year but then joined the parish in Advent 2021. The following year, our son, Daniel, transferred to St. Gertrude School.

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

Philip & Katlyn: The Sisters and teachers at the school were wonderful to our son who was coming out of a bad school situation. We will forever be grateful to them. We love the different ways you can find community at St. Gertrude. We, of course, love the Dominican Friars and the reverence and love with which they celebrate the Mass. We've also grown to deeply appreciate what Dr. Holman does with sacred music at Mass and our special music events.

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

Philip & Katlyn: Philip is on the parish pastoral council and a lector at Mass. Katlyn has been involved with Cana Family, Walking with Purpose, and volunteering at the school. We have two children at the school and two children who love Preschool Pups with Mrs. Naumann. Our oldest son is also an altar server.

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

Philip & Katlyn: The Dominican commitment to preaching the truth has been transformative. We are nerds and are most comfortable engaging Christ with our minds, but the beauty of the liturgy is a welcome and constant reminder that God calls us to worship with our whole selves. As a friend puts it, "sacraments beget sacraments," so living a sacramental life among other people who are doing the same thing builds the faith. This year, this community walked us through losing a child. Our friends and the priests carried us with Masses and practical help. We will forever be grateful to all the people who were able to sit in that grief with us and say "this is terrible and yet God is good."

SGP: How has St. Gertrude School impacted your family, especially the lives of your children?

Philip & Katlyn: Our son had a very difficult first grade year at a different school. When he transferred to St. Gertrude School, the teachers and school community helped him fall in love with learning again. SGS has taught our children a faith to which their parents are newcomers. We appreciate that while academic standards are high, the primary commitment is to forming the whole person.

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

Philip & Katlyn: Our home is covered in Catholic art and crucifixes to help remind us where our focus should be. We host Bible studies, try to be frequently hospitable, and pray a family litany every night.

SGP: What is a fun or unique fact about your family?

Philip & Katlyn: We are committed soccer fans and willing to explain offsides to anyone who asks.

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

Philip & Katlyn: St. Martin de Porres is our patron. He's a Dominican who is the patron saint of interracial marriages.





Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please note: The 11:30 a.m. Mass is also the Mass of Simple Profession (see information below).

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since the solemnity falls on Saturday.

MASS OF SIMPLE PROFESSION | AUGUST 15

In August 2025, a group of men began their formation as Dominican friars at St. Gertrude Priory. These novices have completed their year of formation and will make their simple profession of religious vows at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, August 15, which is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Mass will be around 90 minutes, and all are invited to attend. Please pray for these men as they begin their formal seminary education and formation at the Dominican House of Studies.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODE

Did you miss Father Raphael's Drinking with Dominicans talk on Thursday, July 23—or do you want to hear his words again? Check out "DWD I Don't Buy It" on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast, available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.



RESERVE YOUR BOOTH FOR THE CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

Crafters, showcase your homemade craft or small business products in the St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity Craft & Gift Show on Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are a limited number of crafter booths—RSVP now to hold your spot. For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or Marilyn Scherpenberg at (513) 582-3984.

BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026



Child: Maddalena Elizabeth Casci
 Parents: Matthew & Stacey



Child: Eleanor Frances Solomond
 Parents: Jozef & Sarah



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, 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, Pat Mechley, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo Pelle, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, Fran Pishotti, Paula Scalo, Don Schoo, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Beth Stoll, 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

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones



HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER “BACK TO SCHOOL” COLLECTION | AUGUST 1-2

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend, August 1-2, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting donations for Hope Emergency Center. Here are the requested and most needed items for this “Back to School” collection: glue sticks, pens, one-subject notebooks, loose leaf paper, assorted sizes of 3-ring binders and pocket folders, and new boys and girls underwear (sizes 2–adult small). The Center also asks for cleaned bottles with lids (preferably 12 oz. or less) to portion larger donations (of laundry detergent, shampoo, dish detergent, etc.) into individual/family sizes for distribution. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085 with questions.



ROSARY SALES | AUGUST 2

Members of the St. Gertrude Parish Rosary Makers ministry will be selling rosaries and other handmade religious items this Sunday, August 2, after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses. Weather permitting, the table will be outside the church, otherwise, they will be in the Parish Center. Payment is cash only; checks and credit cards will not be accepted.



USED UNIFORM SALE | AUGUST 2

This Sunday, August 2, after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses, St. Gertrude School will be having a used uniform sale. Stock up on gently used uniform items—shirts, pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, sweatshirts, and more—for the 2026–2027 school year. All proceeds benefit the SGS Class of 2027.



BACKPACK BLESSING | AUGUST 16

All students—whether they go to St. Gertrude School, another grade school or high school, or are homeschooled—are invited to bring their backpacks to the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses on Sunday, August 16, for a special blessing by the celebrant. Let us entrust the new school year to the Lord and pray for God's protection, peace, and guidance for all students, teachers, and families.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC | AUGUST 22

All parishioners are invited to our annual parish potluck picnic on Saturday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m. (after 4:30 p.m. Mass) in the parking lot. This is a fun way to wind down the summer and spend time with friends, and meet new people. The parish will provide hot dogs, burgers, buns, and drinks. **We ask that parishioners with last names A-M bring side dishes and with last names N-Z bring desserts.**

This WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

12–6 p.m. | St. Gertrude School Uniform Sale
 (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

6:30 p.m. | Becoming Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

6:30 p.m. | Transformation Night (Church)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 a.m. | The Search (School Cafeteria)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

1 p.m. | Athletic Boosters Junior High Q&A (Gym)

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.



Upcoming Young Adult Events

06 AUGUST
2026

Card Game Night

| 7 p.m., Thursday
 @ St. Joseph Room

Get to know other young adults in the community! The game begins at 7:15 p.m. All materials will be provided.

13 AUGUST
2026

Assumption Party Potluck

| 7 p.m., Thursday
 @ St. Joseph Room

Celebrate the Assumption. Last names A-I, bring a side; last names J-R, bring a dessert; last names S-Z, bring drinks. Main dish will be provided.

16 AUGUST
2026

Ark Museum Pilgrimage

| 11 a.m., Sunday
 @ Williamstown, KY

Take a pilgrimage to the Ark Museum in NKY. We will depart after 10 a.m. Mass. Tickets \$60; parking is \$10 per vehicle. Join a carpool in our GroupMe!

20 AUGUST
2026

Holy Hour & Happy Hour

| 7 p.m., Thursday
 @ Church & Hoppin' Vines

Adoration, followed by drinks.

27 AUGUST 2026 **3, 10** SEPTEMBER 2026

Papal Encyclical Discussion Series

| 7 p.m., Thursday @ St. Joseph Room

Three-part discussion on *Magnifica Humanitas*. A synopsis will be given at the beginning of each meeting, and key passages will be provided.

MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

Did you know that we have a St. Gertrude Parish Endowment and a St. Gertrude School Endowment? A gift to either of these endowments now will leave a legacy that will provide for our parish and school for years to come! For more information, contact Hope Ramundo at hramundo@stgertrude.org. To give, visit bit.ly/parishendow or bit.ly/schoolendow. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

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.



2026–2027 BUDGET UPDATES

By Hope Ramundo
Director of Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who so generously and regularly gives to our parish. Without your support,

we would not be able to take care of our buildings, fund our parish school, or carry out our mission of evangelization, which is so central to what we do at St. Gertrude Parish.

The parish operates on a July–June fiscal calendar, so we just started our new fiscal year a few weeks ago. We have budgeted for an increase of 4 percent in the regular offertory to account for inflation and the increased cost of living. **In light of this increase, I humbly ask you to consider increasing your giving or start a recurring gift if you do not already have one.** We are deeply grateful for your generosity and also understand that everyone's giving is different depending on their situation and stage in life.

You may find yourself wondering: *What does the regular offertory actually fund?*

Our budget does so much more than simply cover the costs of maintaining buildings, which is a big undertaking and important to the work we do at the parish. In addition to maintaining our spaces, the funds carry out other important roles, such as making sure our liturgies are as reverent and beautiful as possible. This is reflected in the incense, candles, flowers, hosts, quality of the music, and everything in between.

Making disciples is at the heart of our parish mission, which is reflected in the significant investment in our Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Initiatives such as Alpha,

Omega, Becoming Catholic, Called & Gifted, and small group experiences (e.g. Walking with Purpose, Bourbon & Books, and Cana groups) are all part of our pathway of discipleship to help adults become mature missionary disciples. Programs such as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), Family Faith, junior high youth ministry, L'Alto: High School youth ministry, and sacramental formation all exist to help families grow and nurture the grace of faith in their children's lives.

An important role of the parish offertory is to support St. Gertrude School, the largest ministry of the parish. Catholic education is an incredible gift, and we are so proud to be a school that has a strong emphasis on not only intellectual formation, but also spiritual formation of the children entrusted to us. We strive to give the children a foundation that will lead to success in the world, but even more importantly, that will lead them to sainthood.

As Catholics, we are called to support our local parish and help those in need. There's no right amount to give; discerning that takes prayer and consideration. We ask that you give what you can and, by doing so, honor God through your generosity. If you would like resources to help you discern your giving, reach out to me at hramundo@stgertrude.org for more information.

To set up a recurring online gift, visit stgertrude.org/donate. If you are curious about other ways to support the parish, scroll down on that same page for information on bequests, gifts of stock, endowments, donor-advised funds, IRA charitable rollover, and the Ohio SGO program.

Thank you, again, for being part of St. Gertrude Parish and for your continued generosity!

God bless,

Hope Ramundo

August Is Make-A-Will Month!

As a Catholic, **your faith is your most valuable asset.** Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can now pass on your Legacy of Faith and plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics in an incredible way.

Visit MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude or scan the QR code to start writing your FREE will today! Use referral code STGERTRUDE.



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LISTEN TO THE ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL PODCAST

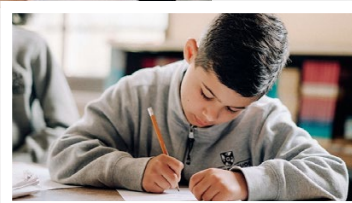
It's here—the St. Gertrude School Podcast has officially launched! On this podcast, we sit down with our educators, administrators, and community leaders to explore the mission behind our classrooms and the practical work of forming children in truth, wisdom, and virtue.

Whether you are a current SGS family or member of our parish community, you will find meaningful conversations and practical insights in every episode.

Episode 1, featuring Latin educator, Mr. Phillip Locke, is streaming now on Spotify. Scan the QR code to listen and subscribe to never miss a future episode.



Parishioner Registration Begins October 1



At St. Gertrude School, our students are formed in rigorous academics, intellectual discipline, and an unshakable commitment to truth found in the person of Jesus Christ. Standing out in high schools across the region, our graduates are distinguished by their moral clarity, academic excellence, and a profound sense of purpose. For families seeking more than a Catholic education in name alone and for those who desire true formation in wisdom and virtue, St. Gertrude School stands apart.

SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR
STGERTRUDESCH.ORG

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Roger Palencia by Analinda Caballero
8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Jean Alf by St. Gertrude Parish
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | ST. JOHN VIANNEY (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Holden by Nancy Beimesche
8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Gwen Arling
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Brown by Pat & Jan Brown
4 p.m. | Confessions
7 p.m. | Dominican Rite Mass – Intention of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † James Condit Sr.
by Knights of Columbus Elder Council
8 a.m. | Mass – Sherry Green by The Stines Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Shari Siebert
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Wellage by The Murray Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Richard Lantz Sr. by Pete & Donna Marcello
4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Dennis Imwalle by Anne Elise Smith
8 a.m. | Mass – † John Fasola by The Stines Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rick Dowling & Family by The Family
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 | HOLY FATHER DOMINIC (S)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Timothy Petric by Mary Petric
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Novices Receiving the Habit
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Donna Schlake by St. Gertrude Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Charles Bailey by Lee & Tracy Luiso
10 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
12 p.m. | Mass – † Bill Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner
6 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish



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.**

Here are ways we can help you:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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.

PREGNANCY CENTER WEST 45TH ANNUAL GALA

Join Pregnancy Center West for its 45th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, August 5, at Lawrenceburg Event Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner and program begin at 6:30 p.m. To register and learn more, visit supportpcw.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). Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teaching, and Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the 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.

VERSO L'ALTO SUMMER XC CHALLENGE | AUGUST 7

Verso l'Alto Track Club, a competitive Catholic men's run club based in Greater Cincinnati, is hosting a two-mile Cross Country race on Friday, August 7, at Corwin Nixon Park in Mason. High school and college athletes are invited to compete with their teammates or as individuals, and local runners can compete as individuals or with their running clubs. Spectators can watch free of charge—bring your family and friends out for a great summer evening of Cross Country. Sign up at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Mason/VersoLAltoSummerXCChallenge.

SERENELLI PROJECT OPEN HOUSE | AUGUST 15

Join Serenelli Project for an Open House at its new headquarters, 642 Sedam Street, Cincinnati, on Saturday, August 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Open House will feature an installation of a replica of the original Divine Mercy image, tours of the Serenelli campus, a Catholic Business showcase, samples from Behemoth Bakery, and Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption. Learn more at serenelliproject.org.

HEARTS AWAKE: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

All Catholic singles ages 20 to 50 who are free to discern the vocation to marriage are invited to Hearts Awake September 18-20 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio. This retreat is an opportunity for single Catholic adults to encounter the Lord, build authentic community, and actively discern God's call in their lives. The cost is a freewill offering. Overnight rooms are available, but space is limited. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.



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There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Register today at
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Collection	\$37,811
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Deficit	(\$11,209)

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$169,925
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$196,078
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$26,153)



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