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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)



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.





HEAT & HUMIDITY (AND THE MORAL LIFE)

I think all of us are quite aware that we are in the midst of a pretty incredible stretch of hot and humid days. From what I have followed watching the news, first we had one “heat dome” settle on us, then

a second heat dome came and merged with the first one, creating some sort of mega-heat dome. We’ve already seen a stretch of almost two weeks during which every day is up near 90 degrees and, looking at the forecast, it doesn’t seem this is going to let up anytime soon.

What makes the heat worse, of course, is when it is paired with the very high humidity levels we’ve seen at the same time. A 90-degree temperature feels like 100 degrees; if the humidity is 90 percent, it feels like 122 degrees! The heat in itself is uncomfortable, but when combined with the humidity, it makes it far, far worse.

Sin often works this way as well. Perhaps one night someone has too much to drink. That is a sin in itself. But then, thanks to the alcohol, one hops online and accesses inappropriate content—a second sin. Then perhaps it leads to lying to cover that up—a third sin. So while the initial sin is bad, its effects multiply and make things far worse.

Or, perhaps someone observes how another person is dressed when he or she comes into Mass and makes a negative mental judgment about the person. The initial sin is judgment. Then, perhaps he or she thinks how much better he or she looks than

that other person for Mass—the sin of pride. Later on that day, he or she says something about that other person to one of his or her friends. Now you have the sin of gossip. And once again, one initial sin becomes much worse when it is combined with the subsequent ones.

The good news is that virtue works the same way. Growing in one virtue (any virtue) helps one to grow in the others. Virtuous thoughts tend to lead to virtuous actions. One virtuous action tends to lead to additional ones. Repeated virtuous actions built up virtuous habits, which make future virtuous actions easier and more natural. Over time, all these build up, and the good becomes even better.

As you feel the sweat dripping down your face because of another sweltering day, let it be a reminder to pursue what is virtuous, so that the good the Lord works in you, and through you, might be multiplied even more.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PS. We are in July, which means Drinking with Dominicans has returned! Join us Thursdays at 7 p.m. at One Eyed Jacks at Factory 52. Come early to grab some food and a beverage before the talk. Check out page 4 for more details. I hope to see you all there!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Hannah Burkhardt
Natalie Burroughs
Garret Karns
Nelson & Lauren Lee
Kristof & Amy Schneider
Lukas & Meghan Viltro
Maxwell Vogel

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



“I know that I am under Your special gaze, O Lord. I do not examine with fear Your plans regarding me; my task is to accept everything from Your hand. I do not fear anything, although the storm is raging, and frightful bolts strike all around me, and I then feel quite alone. Yet, my heart senses You, and my trust grows, and I see all Your omnipotence which upholds me. With You, Jesus, I go through life, amid storms and rainbows, with a cry of joy, singing the song of Your mercy. I will not stop singing my song of love until the choir of Angels picks it up.”

- Diary, #761

DRINKING WITH *Dominicans*



THURSDAY, JULY 9

Trust the Vibes: Making Good Decisions in an Emotional World
Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Yacht Rock & the Good Life: Work and Meaning in a World of Comfort
Brother Samuel Trecost, O.P.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

I Don't Buy It: Hope and Belief in a Skeptical Age
Father Raphael Arteaga, O.P.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Whose Side Are You On?: Finding Unity in a Polarized World
Father Louis Bethea, O.P.

7 p.m. Introduction | 7:05 p.m. Talk | 8 p.m. Q&A/Break | 8:05 p.m. Evening Prayer | 8:20 p.m. Conclusion

FACTORY 52 One Eyed Jacks

2750 Park Ave.
Norwood 45212

7-8:30 p.m.

UNPACK THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TOGETHER.

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



July 20 & 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6-8 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center
Includes dinner!



Scan 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

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





LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS' CLUB 2026-2027 REGISTRATION

All girls of the parish in kindergarten through fourth grade 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.

FAMILY MEET & GREET EVENT WITH ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER CARDONE

On Tuesday, June 30, parish children and teens had the opportunity to spend time with Archbishop Christopher Cardone, our missionary bishop in the Solomon Islands. Archbishop Cardone let the children try on his mitre and amaranth-colored zucchetto (skullcap), shared a little bit about his work, and even led everyone in "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

KAYAK TRIP

All teens in grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates are invited to join us for a day of fun on the river!

JULY 21, 2026

10:30 A.M.-4 P.M.

SCENIC RIVER CANOE EXCURSIONS

Cost: \$45 for Kayak Rental

Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/KayakTrip2026
to sign up!

Contact Shannon Loughrey
at sloughrey@stgertrude.org
if you have any questions.



COMING SOON!



CHILDREN & YOUTH Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the following child-centered, family-based faith formation programs opens in a couple weeks:

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

Look for more details in our upcoming bulletins!

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—TWO NEW EPISODES

This past weekend, we recorded two homilies from our friars and added them to our parish podcast:

- **“Homily – The SSPX”:** Father John Paul addresses the recent Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) schism after the illicit ordination of bishops in defiance of the Holy Father. He explains the necessity of communion with the pope while acknowledging the desire for reverent liturgy, and urges return to full Catholic communion.
- **“Homily – Dominicans in the Solomon Islands”:** Archbishop Christopher Cardone returned to St. Gertrude Parish to celebrate Mass, marking his 40th anniversary as a Dominican priest and 25th as a bishop. He reflects on the profound lessons he learned here as a young priest in 1986 and unpacks the Sunday Gospel.

Whether you want to hear their words again or for the first time, you can do so by listening to the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast, available on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. And if you like the episodes, please share them with a friend!



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USED UNIFORM SALE—SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

On 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.

BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026



Child: Dylan Edward Xavier Debo
Parents: Reed & Katie



Left side:
Child: Marguerite Rose Morgan
Parents: Nicholas & Madeline Morgan



Child: Raymond Joseph Reblando Soares
Parents: Gui & Alex

Right side:
Child: Peter Felix Walley
Parents: Jason & Maria Walley



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 Freudenber, Will Freudenber, 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, 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

† Michael Forlines



SAFETY DRILL

On Tuesday, July 21, the Madeira Police Department will be conducting a safety exercise on the St. Gertrude Parish campus. This exercise will involve many agencies from the surrounding counties and could include ambulances, fire trucks, SWAT teams, police, and maybe even a helicopter. Please do not be alarmed by any activity taking place that day; we offered our campus to our public safety officials as a way to support their training and to serve our local community. The exercise will begin in the school. After the 11:30 a.m. Mass, they will be using the church.



SAVE THE DATE—ST. GERTRUDE PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC

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. More details to come.



SHARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS (CHARISMS) WITH US

Nearly 300 parishioners have completed Called & Gifted, a process of discerning your charisms of the Holy Spirit. Whether you have gone through Called & Gifted or discerned your charisms in another way, sharing your spiritual gifts with our parish clergy and staff will better enable us to assist you in utilizing your gifts to the fullest potential within the parish. Simply visit stgertrude.org/parish-portal or scan the QR code to log in to your Parish Portal account and add your spiritual gifts.



SAVE THE DATE—LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

All women ages 16 and older are invited to Ladies Bunco Night on Saturday, September 19, in the parish gym! Doors open at 5:45 p.m. No experience necessary. This year's theme is "Red, White, and Bunco" in honor of America's 250th anniversary. More details to come.



SAVE THE DATE—BACKPACK BLESSING

All students—whether they attend 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.

This WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 13

5–8 p.m. | Treasure Mart Drop-Offs (Parish Center)

7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, JULY 14

9 a.m.–8 p.m. | Treasure Mart Drop-Offs (Parish Center)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9 a.m.–8 p.m. | Treasure Mart Drop-Offs (Parish Center)

THURSDAY, JULY 16

9 a.m.–8 p.m. | Treasure Mart Drop-Offs (Parish Center)

7 p.m. | Drinking with Dominicans (Factory 52 – One Eyed Jacks)

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9 a.m.–2 p.m. | Ladies of Charity Treasure Mart (Parish Center)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

12 p.m. Mass | Rite of Entrance/Welcoming (Church)

12:15 p.m. | Natural Family Planning (NFP) Class (St. Joseph Room)

TREASURE MART

Saturday, July 18 | 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

ANNUAL TREASURE MART—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Next Saturday, July 18, the Ladies of Charity will hold its Annual Treasure Mart from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Parish gym. All proceeds go to programs that help the poor in our community. Unsold items are donated to either Hope Emergency Center or St. Vincent de Paul. Donations can be dropped off at the gym on the following days (please note, there is no Friday collection so donations can be sorted and priced):

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

A lot of volunteers (both men and women) are needed to help with setup, moving large items, and cleanup. Even a few hours of your time is a great help! If you have any questions or are willing to **share Treasure Mart flyers with your family, friends, and neighbors**, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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.



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.



MEETING POPE LEO XIV

When Pope Leo XIV was elected as the first American pope, St. Gertrude Parish parishioner Kathy Schmitt was overjoyed. And when she saw his papal crest and motto, she knew she wanted to make the crest in needlepoint as a gift for the Holy Father.

Kathy not only completed this artistic project but also had the chance of a lifetime to present it to Pope Leo XIV. Here, Kathy shares about her experience—the inspiration behind the project and the incredible opportunity to meet the pope.

St. Gertrude Parish: Would you tell us a little about yourself?

Kathy Schmitt: I was born and raised in Cincinnati before living in Washington, D.C., and Chicago for several years after college. I married my husband, Dave, 31 years ago, and we have been parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish throughout our entire marriage. We live in Indian Hill, and our four daughters, now ages 25 to 30, all attended St. Gertrude School. St. Gertrude Parish has been our spiritual home for more than three decades.

SGP: What inspired you to make the papal crest in needlepoint?

Kathy: My grandmother taught me to needlepoint when I was 10 years old, and it has remained one of my favorite lifelong hobbies. In 2005, I stitched a framed needlepoint in honor of Father Ken Letoile, O.P., which still hangs in the parish sacristy.

When Pope Leo XIV was elected as the first American pope, I was overjoyed. When the Vatican unveiled his papal crest and motto, I was immediately captivated by its symbolism, rich colors, and beautiful design. The words on the scroll, "*In Illo uno unum*"—"In the one Christ, we are one"—especially resonated with me. Almost instantly I thought, *I want to make this crest in needlepoint as a gift for the Holy Father.* As I stitched over the following months, I prayed for Pope Leo's health, wisdom, and pontificate. What began as an artistic project gradually became a devotional one.

SGP: How were you able to present your gift to Pope Leo?

Kathy: As soon as I decided to create the gift, I began wondering whether it might be possible to personally present it to Pope Leo. Many people said an American pope would never happen, yet God had made the impossible possible. That gave me hope.

When our family planned a trip to Italy for a wedding in Puglia, I realized we would be there during a Wednesday General Audience at the Vatican. I reached out to many people for guidance, including the United States Ambassador to the Holy See, who directed me to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington. After submitting my request, I had to provide letters of recommendation. Father John Paul who wrote a beautiful letter on behalf of St. Gertrude Parish, and

Archbishop Robert Casey also supported my request. Even after months of correspondence, there were no guarantees. I trusted God would make a way if he wanted the meeting to happen.

SGP: Would you tell us what it was like to meet the pope?

Kathy: The day before the General Audience, I went to the Bronze Door of the Apostolic Palace to pick up my ticket. I had no idea whether I would simply attend the audience or actually meet Pope Leo. When the Vatican attendant handed me an envelope, I opened it to find a bright yellow ticket that read, "Meeting with the Holy Father Leo XIV." When my turn finally came, Pope Leo extended his hand with a warm smile. I introduced myself as Katherine Schmitt from Cincinnati and shared that I had also lived in Chicago for several years. I told him how overjoyed I was that he had become our first American pope and presented him with my framed, hand-stitched needlepoint of his papal crest. He held it in both hands, carefully admired it, and warmly thanked me, telling me how beautiful it was. He was gracious, approachable, and genuinely attentive; his kindness put me at ease. It was one of the most joyful and peaceful moments of my life, and I will treasure it forever.

SGP: How has this experience impacted your faith life?

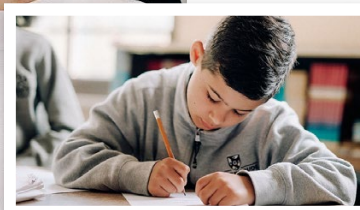
Kathy: Preparing for the possibility of meeting Pope Leo became a pilgrimage of faith that lasted more than a year. Along the way, I found myself becoming much more intentional about my prayer life and my relationship with Christ. I observed Divine Mercy Sunday, sent prayer intentions with family members making a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, consecrated myself to the Blessed Mother, and prayed daily for Pope Leo as I completed the needlepoint. Looking back, I realize the journey was never just about creating a gift. What began as a needlepoint project became a journey of prayer, trust in God's providence, and a deepening of my Catholic faith.

SGP: What would you like parishioners to take away from this?

Kathy: This experience reminded me that God often works through the ordinary things in our lives. A hobby I learned from my grandmother became an unexpected opportunity to serve the Church and honor the Holy Father. I also learned the importance of perseverance, prayer, and trusting God's providence. Many people helped open doors along the way. Looking back, I can see God's hand guiding each step. I hope my story encourages others to use the gifts God has given them in service to him. We never know where a simple act of faith, offered with love, may lead.



Discover the *Dominican* Difference



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.

PRIORITY PARISHIONER ENROLLMENT
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026



Congratulations, Catechists!

Congratulations to our newest Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechists on completing their Level I, Part A formation last week with Sister Mary Rose Bingham, O.P. We are grateful for the dedication of these catechists and their commitment to nurturing the faith of our youngest parishioners. Please join us in keeping them in your prayers as they begin this beautiful ministry.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 13 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Murray by The Murray Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Nicholas Bloom by Knights of Columbus Elder Council
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, JULY 14 | ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † George Gibson by St. Gertrude Parish
8 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by P.J. & Gwen Arling
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Hilda Bough by St. Gertrude Parish
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | ST. BONAVENTURE (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Holden by Sherry Schuler
8 a.m. | Mass – † Ruth Lydon by The Lydon Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Marian Clark
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, JULY 16 | OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Tina Brantley by Adam & Laura Grijalba
8 a.m. | Mass – The Henderson Family by Dina Henderson
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Varner by St. Gertrude Parish
4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, JULY 17 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Allie Cincera by Lee & Tracy Luiso
8 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Gallo by The Fath Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – The Beckett Family by St. Gertrude Parish
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, JULY 18 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Thomas Hemak by The Woodward Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Mitchell by St. Gertrude Parish
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Stella Noelle McClellan by The McClellan Family

SUNDAY, JULY 19 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
10 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
12 p.m. | Mass – † Megan Clark Johnson by Marylyn Clark
6 p.m. | Mass – † William Abel by Pat & Nealy Mechley



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 PLUS—BOOTS & BOTTLES EVENT ON JULY 16, 5:30 P.M.

Join Pregnancy Center Plus on Thursday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Mojave East in Newtown for an evening under the lights, enjoying mouthwatering BBQ, catching up with friends, and soaking in the festive atmosphere. Whether you're dancing to live music, sipping your favorite drink, or trying your luck at the raffle, Boots & Bottles promises a laid-back summer night to remember. Tickets are one for \$40 or two or more for \$30/person. Tickets include a full BBQ dinner, your first drink, live music, and one raffle ticket. To get your tickets, visit SupportPCPlus.org, and get ready for a fun night supporting a great cause.

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 Saturday, June 18, at 9 a.m. To RSVP, please call (513) 489-0300 or email community@gateofheaven.org.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR TEENS

Pregnancy Center Plus invites all teens in grades 6–12 to Created, a Theology of the Body retreat, July 22–24 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center (5361 South Milford Road, Milford, OH, 45150). To register for this free retreat, visit supportpcplus.org/chastity-education-program.

JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating jubilee wedding anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) are invited to Mass with the archbishop 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; jubilarian couples will receive a special blessing. To RSVP visit bit.ly/JubileeAnniversary26.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY WALK & PARTY

The Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus (MOMAC)—formed by alumnae of Mother of Mercy High School—invites you to its "Christmas in July" fundraising walk and Christmas party on Saturday, July 25. The walk begins at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena (Westwood) and will end at 3036 Werk Road. The Christmas Party is at 13 Below in Delhi at approximately 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$20/person, which includes drink tickets for the party and basket raffle. For more details, email Mary Beth Ellis Hunter at motherofmercychorus@gmail.com.



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Presentation Ministries' Bible Institute 2026: "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace," is happening July 29–August 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Speakers include Father Jonathan Meyer, Beth Papin, Father Jacob Willig, Donna Murphy, John Lyendecker and other local favorites. For details, visit presentationministries.com.

MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

Please join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates regional Masses of Thanksgiving for the generosity of the thousands who contributed to the 2026 CMA. There will be a meet-and-greet following each Mass.

- Saturday, August 1, 5 p.m. – Incarnation Church (Centerville)
- Sunday, August 2, 10 a.m. – St. Antoninus (Cincinnati)

RETROUVAILLE—HOPE FOR COUPLES

Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For details or to register for the program beginning September 11–13, call (513) 286-3013 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

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Sunday, July 5, 2026	
Collection	\$53,414
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Surplus	\$4,394
Second Collection: Archbishop Cardone	\$5,901
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$53,414
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$49,020
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$4,394



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