



St. Gertrude PARISH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 19, 2026



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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.





WELCOME, FATHER LOUIS!

As I mentioned in a previous pastor letter, Father Louis Bethea, O.P., is our new parochial vicar, taking Father Reginald's place. I am happy to share that Father Louis arrived and officially joined our parish staff on Monday, July 13—hopefully

some of you had the chance to meet him this past week. To help you get to know him a little bit, we asked him a few questions. Enjoy reading his responses, and please welcome Father Louis when you see him!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PS. Registration for our children and youth faith formation programs offerings opens this Wednesday, July 22! Check out page 5 for more details.



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

Father Louis Bethea, O.P.: I grew up in Northern Virginia, the oldest of two children. I come from a solidly Catholic family, although my father is a convert to Catholicism. In elementary school, I was

educated by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation before our family moved to the Netherlands for my father's job. After three years, we returned to Northern Virginia, where I attended Bishop Ireton High School. I fostered a great love for music and the clarinet, which I've been playing for almost 30 years. I attended Carnegie-Mellon University, where I majored in chemical engineering, before heading to Akron, Ohio, to work for Goodyear Tire. I designed racing tires for seven years then moved overseas to Luxembourg to continue my engineering career. While in Luxembourg, my vocation became much clearer. When I returned in 2018, I entered the novitiate.

SGP: After 10 years in the tire industry, how did the call to the priesthood come about for you?

Father Louis: I worked in a very fast-paced environment. We designed our products one week and raced them the next week—our development cycle moved at lightning speed, so it was easy to focus on that rather than my vocation! But the truth is, even in college, I had a little inkling that God was calling me to

the priesthood. In 2010, my mother died, and it caused me to seriously consider the bigger picture for my life: Was this what God had ordained for me? When I moved to Luxembourg, I committed to praying on and answering that question. When I moved back to the USA, I entered the novitiate six months later!

SGP: What do you enjoy most about being a priest, and in particular a Dominican friar?

Father Louis: Offering the sacrifice of the Mass, in persona Christi, is a reality that one can meditate upon forever. It's the reality of what happens when a man is ordained to the priesthood! So, it is both edifying and humbling that I get to do that as a priest of Jesus Christ. As a Dominican friar, the charism of preaching and the salvation of souls resonates right to the center of my soul. The mission of preaching the truth of God, of reconciling penitents to the Lord, and of offering the Holy Eucharist at Mass is unparalleled.

SGP: What is your favorite way to pray, and do you have a close relationship with a particular saint?

Father Louis: I received the religious name Louis after St. Louis de Montfort, the champion of the rosary, and so, true to our Dominican tradition, I have a strong devotion to the rosary. It's also powerful simply sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, allowing the Lord to speak to the heart. Other than those I've mentioned and, of course, St. Dominic, I have a special devotion to Mother Teresa, about whose spirituality of "thirst" I wrote my Licentiate in Sacred Theology *Tesina*.

SGP: How do you like to spend your days off?

Father Louis: I love music and spend some of my time playing the clarinet. I am also a huge sports fan and so enjoy both playing and watching sports (especially football and hockey). Occasionally, you might find me tromping around a nearby park. If I have an extended period of time, I love to travel and have been to over 60 countries.

SGP: What are you most looking forward to about being a parochial vicar at St. Gertrude Parish?

Father Louis: I have such great memories of the wonderful parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish, and I truly look forward to getting to know each one of you! We have a great pastor in Father John Paul, and so I look forward to learning the "tricks of the trade" from our seasoned veteran!



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

"The Rosary is a devout form of union with God, and always has a most uplifting effect on the soul."

— Pope St. John XXIII

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.

Alpha

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 or scan the QR code.



**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 children and youth faith formation programs opens **Wednesday, July 22:**

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

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Formation2627 for more information.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH STAFF CHANGES

We are happy to announce three role changes that have taken place this summer in the St. Gertrude Parish Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Please see the information below for Walter Plummer's, Mary Beth Thiemann's, and Lauren Mays' new job titles, as well as a short message from each of them.



Walter Plummer

Coordinator of Marriage and Family Evangelization

As the needs and opportunities in our parish continue to develop, Father John Paul, Tyler Castrucci (director of evangelization), and our team have seen a need to strengthen our ministry to and with families and couples in the parish. As of this summer, I will begin the process of learning about and eventually supporting and further developing our parish's ministry

initiatives to engaged and married couples and their families. As we make this transition, I'll still lead our Family Faith ministry and help with Confirmation preparation and special circumstances initiations for Children and Youth. I look forward to learning more this year and seeing where the Lord continues to lead our parish!

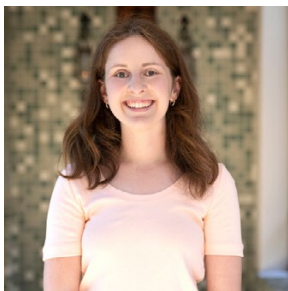


Mary Beth Thiemann

Coordinator of Children's Sacramental Formation

At the end of April, we welcomed our daughter Catherine Sophia to our family. As I return from maternity leave, I will assume a modified role and reduced work schedule in order to balance my primary vocation as a wife and a mother while continuing to serve the children and families at St. Gertrude Parish. As the coordinator of Children's Sacramental

Formation, I will oversee the preparation of children for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion and continue to serve as a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) catechist. Lauren Mays will assume the role of coordinator of CGS. As we transition into the new year, we will work together to best provide your children the opportunity to encounter Christ in the atrium and support you as you form your children in our Catholic faith.



Lauren Mays

Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Beginning this July, I will transition to being the coordinator of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program here at Saint Gertrude Parish. I have a great love for the Montessori method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and its mission of leading children to an encounter with Christ. For the past two years, I have been privileged to witness some of the powerful

ways the Lord has touched children's lives here through this program, and I look forward to continuing to spend time with the children and our Lord in the year to come. May we all come to know the deep love of the Good Shepherd, and may the children of our parish, especially, come to know his goodness.



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

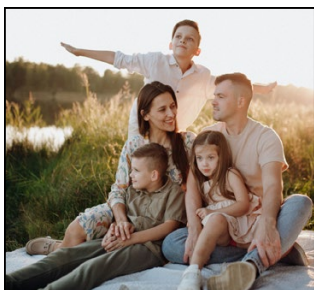
Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Meghan Craft, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Mark Doran, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Ron Freudenber, Will Freudenber, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, William Kimura, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Jim Lydon, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Tom McLaughlin, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo 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
† Maria Pelle, wife of Romualdo Pelle
† Thomas & Charlotte Kilcoyne
† Christin Spurr, wife of Tom



IT'S NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK | JULY 19–26

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week is the church's annual educational campaign to promote Catholic teaching on marital love and the way that natural family planning can be used to support husbands and wives in living out their vocation. This important week is a call to spouses to express their love for one another and to live out the truth that they are sharers in God's creative action—and to remind couples that the Church is here to support them. Look for more information about NFP in next weekend's bulletin.



SAFETY DRILL | JULY 21

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.



GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY APPRECIATION DAY | JULY 26

The sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated globally on Sunday, July 26, coinciding with the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne (Jesus' grandparents). At all our Masses that weekend, the celebrant will bestow a special blessing on all seniors. After the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on Sunday, July 26, everyone is invited to the Parish Center for coffee and doughnuts in honor of and to recognize the grandparents and elderly of our parish.



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.



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 20

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, JULY 21

10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. | Youth Ministry Kayak Trip
 (Scenic River Canoe Excursions)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Children and Youth Faith Formation Registration Opens

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25

7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9 a.m. | Grandparents & Elderly Appreciation Day Reception
 (St. Dominic Lobby)
11 a.m. | Grandparents & Elderly Appreciation Day Reception
 (St. Dominic Lobby)

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST—NEW EPISODES

We recently added two new episodes to the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast:

1. **"DWD Trust the Vibes"**: Father John Paul kicked off our Drinking with Dominicans summer speaker series on Thursday, July 9, at One Eyed Jacks at Factory 52. His practical and profound talk entitled, "Trust the Vibes: Making Good Decisions in an Emotional World," explored making good decisions through the lens of Catholic theology. He discussed the three powers of the human soul—intellect, will, and passions—and how sin disrupts their proper ordering. Learn key questions to ask yourself, the difference between everyday decision-making and vocational discernment, the central role of prudence, and how to avoid common pitfalls like emotional impulses, peer pressure, information overload, and "trusting the vibes."
2. **"A Dangerous Parable"**: In his homily on Sunday, July 12, Father John Paul reflected on the parable of the sower. Though one of the most familiar stories Jesus ever told, Father John Paul warns that this parable can be spiritually hazardous. We naturally place ourselves in the "rich soil," opening the door to the deadliest sin of all: pride. Instead, Father John Paul invites us to honestly examine our own hearts.

Hear these talks again or for the first time on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast, available on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.



Spotify



Apple

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

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



MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

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



CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

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



ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

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

ULMA FAMILY RELICS EVENT RECAP

On Tuesday, July 7, our parish hosted the relics of the Ulma Family—a Polish couple and their seven children (including one in utero) who were martyred by Nazi troops for sheltering Jewish neighbors. The whole family was beatified in 2023. Throughout the day, there was a steady flow of people venerating the relics in the church, and we had a great turnout for the evening prayer service. If you were unable to attend the event and would like a prayer card, extra cards are available on the tables in the church and in the parish office. Blessed Jozef, Wiktoria, and the Ulma children, pray for us.



FAMILY NATURE WALK RECAP

On Saturday, July 11, Father John Paul led families on a short half-mile nature walk at Stephan Field. Everyone enjoyed spending time outside, exploring God’s creation, and building up our parish community.



**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 Parking Lot





NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: MR. CHANCE DUNAWAY

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we are pleased to introduce Mr. Chance Dunaway, who will be joining St. Gertrude

School as our middle school history teacher. We invite you to get to know Mr. Dunaway through this short Q&A, as he shares his background, teaching philosophy, and hopes for his role in the year ahead.

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher, and what continues to bring you joy in the classroom?

A: Teaching history is something I have thought about doing since I was in middle school, but it was not initially the path I pursued in college. My undergraduate degree is actually in music performance – double bass, so my journey into teaching history has not exactly been a straight line!

To make a long story short, I decided to make the career change because I love history, especially American history, and I believe students deserve to be taught by someone who sees our history as something worth studying, preserving, and passing on. History should be taught honestly, including its failures and contradictions, but not cynically. Over time, I became convinced that the cynical approach to history was not just an occasional problem in education, but a chronic one. I have always believed that if you want something done right, you do it yourself, so I decided to step into the classroom and be part of the solution. I want to help students encounter the past with seriousness, gratitude, and a sense of responsibility.

What continues to bring me joy in the classroom is seeing that “light bulb” moment when a student makes a connection between the past and the present. Watching students realize that history is not just a collection of dates and facts, but a story that still shapes the world they live in, is one of the most rewarding parts of teaching.

Q: What drew you to St. Gertrude School, and what are you most looking forward to in your new role?

A: Although I did not attend St. Gertrude School as a student, my family has long had a connection to the parish and school. I grew up nearby in the Deer Park area, and after the closure of St. John’s School, my younger brother, Colin, attended SGS for K–8, graduating in 2016. My parents are still parishioners at

St. Gertrude today, so in many ways, this feels like a community that has already been part of my family’s life for a long time. What drew me most to St. Gertrude School is its respect for tradition and the presence of the Dominican brothers and sisters in both the parish and the school. That visible religious presence is something increasingly rare in many Catholic schools today, and I think it is a tremendous gift. St. Gertrude seems truly committed to the mission of forming not only scholars, but also saints, and that is exactly the kind of Catholic education I want to be part of and that I want for my own children.

In my new role, I am most excited simply to get started: to meet the students, families, faculty, and staff, and to contribute to what is already a thriving parish and school community!

Q: How has your Catholic faith shaped your life, and how do you hope to share that with your students throughout the school year?

I have been blessed to have strong examples of faith in my life, including my great uncle, Monsignor Edward Hickey, who was a priest in the Diocese of Covington and earned his doctorate in Canon Law in Rome. Although he passed away when I was only 10 years old, he was still a major presence in my life—someone I greatly respected and who remains one of my role models for living a life of faith.

I think teaching history gives me a great opportunity (and perhaps more so than some of the other core subjects) to share the faith with my students and help them grow in their own faith. For example, seeing how the Catholic faith is not something separate from the story of the world, but something deeply woven into it. One of the most important books I read when I was younger was *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* by Thomas E. Woods. It helped me more fully appreciate the Church’s role in preserving learning, forming culture, advancing education, defending human dignity, and shaping the world we have inherited.

Throughout the school year, I hope to help my students grow in gratitude for the faith by studying the Church’s history honestly and seriously. That includes moments of great beauty and achievement, as well as moments of conflict, failure, and reform. My hope is that students will come to see the Catholic faith as a living inheritance: something that has shaped civilization, something that has been handed down to them, and something they are called to understand, cherish, and pass on.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 20 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Emmanuel Miklos by The Bailey Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, JULY 21 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Sherry Schuler by Nancy Beimesche
8 a.m. | Mass – † The Shannon Family by The Family
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Clyde Dorn by Pat Dorn
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 | ST. MARY MAGDALENE (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Dolores Brandstetter by Jeannie Mueller
8 a.m. | Mass – † Keith Noble by The Noble Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Shari Siebert
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Father John Paul Walker, O.P., by Ladies of Charity
8 a.m. | Mass – † Marge & Jim Ferguson by Dave & Therese Hertlein
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Stephen Smith by The Wahl Family
4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † James Condit Sr. by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin
8 a.m. | Mass – † Jack Holt by St. Gertrude School Class of 2026
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Sansalone by Keke & Tony Sansalone
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | ST. JAMES (F)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Harold Noble by Gwen & P.J. Arling
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Thomas Frank by The Frank Family

SUNDAY, JULY 26 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Feldhaus by Peter Bertoli
10 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
12 p.m. | Mass – † Timothy Petric by Mary Petric
6 p.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Reen Taylor



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.

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). Register for this free retreat, visit supportpcplus.org/chastity-education-program.

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.

BIBLE INSTITUTE 2026

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. In this focused and prayerful weekend, you will explore St. Faustina's Diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, and discover how Jesus opens wide the door of his mercy and invites us to enter. Speakers include Father Jonathan Meyer, Beth Papin, Father Jacob Willig, Donna Murphy, John Lyendecker and other local favorites. For more details and to register, visit eventbrite.com/e/2026-bible-institute-by-presentation-ministries-tickets-1989324022703?aff=oddtcreator.

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)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY WALK & PARTY

The Mother of Mercy Alumnae Chorus (MOMAC) 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 ends at 3036 Werk Road. The Christmas Party is at 13 Below in Delhi at approximately 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$20 per person, which includes drink tickets and the basket raffle. Email Mary Beth Ellis Hunter at motherofmercychorus@gmail.com for details.



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



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, July 12, 2026	
Collection	\$38,656
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Deficit	(\$10,364)
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$92,070
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$98,039
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$5,969)



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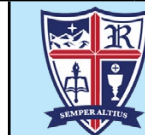
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