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Church Hours

Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

School Office Hours

M-F, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



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.





TRANSITIONING FROM SUMMER TO FALL (INCLUDING A REQUEST FROM THE PASTOR)

The past two weeks have been busy ones indeed! On the solemnity of Our Lady's

Assumption, we had the joy of celebrating the first profession of vows for our nine novices who have been with us this past year. This past Wednesday was the first day of school for our students attending St. Gertrude School, with other local schools having recently started up as well. And then, this Saturday evening is the annual parish picnic, a celebration of parish life featuring food, games, face painting for the children, and lots of fellowship with each other. For those reading this letter sometime before Saturday, I do hope you are able to come and share in the joy of this event with your fellow parishioners!

Collectively, these three events, which usually all fall within about a week of each other, mark the end of summer and the beginning of fall for our St. Gertrude Parish community. With that transition, we also are seeing some "goings and comings" among those who serve at the parish. With the summer ending, that means the time has come for our two "summer help" clergy to return to Washington, D.C., to continue their studies. Having Father Raphael and our deacon Brother Samuel with us was truly a joy. I hope you agree that their ministry and presence at our parish these past months was truly a great gift to our parish community. At the same time, I can say, without any doubt, that the witness of faith, joy, and love that the two of them experienced from our parishioners made a profound impact upon them. Both of them were effusive in the way they spoke about the impact that being here at St. Gertrude Parish had on them. So I would like to thank all of you—our amazing parishioners—for embracing them the way you did this summer.

This is also a time of year when we tend to see a higher number of new faces in the parish. **In June and July, we had 21 new households (a total of 59 people) register as parishioners!** And, just in the past week or two, I have personally met several families that are newly-arrived and have just joined the parish. So during the weeks ahead, as your pastor, **I am asking every single member of the parish to keep your eyes open for new faces**, and if you see someone you don't recognize, go out of your way to say hello and introduce yourself. It is my hope that every first-time visitor to our parish experiences a warm welcome from not only our priests and parish staff, but also especially from all of you. And I have to say, very few things warm my pastor's heart more than seeing new individuals or families being embraced and warmly welcomed when they first

come to St. Gertrude Parish.

Oh, one final thing: If you have not yet filled out the survey about Mass times that Father Luke wrote about in last weekend's bulletin, **please do so soon!** Modifying Mass times is always a tricky thing, and we would like input from as many parishioners as possible as we consider what change(s) will best help us moving forward. Please visit tinyurl.com/NewMassTimes or scan the QR code to answer a few questions and share any additional feedback you have on this topic. Thank you for your input and prayers!



The beginning of fall is an exciting time around St. Gertrude Parish. May our hearts be fully open to the graces the Lord surely will be showering upon us during the weeks and months ahead.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., Pastor

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST

Listen to our parish podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts!

If you have any suggestions for future episodes, email podcast@stgertude.org.



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FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



"Today I was in heaven, in spirit, and I saw its inconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death. I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is our happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures, making them happy; and then all the glory and praise which springs from this happiness

returns to its source; and they enter into the depths of God, contemplating the inner life of the Trinity. . . . This source of happiness is unchanging in its essence, but it is always new, gushing forth happiness for all creatures. Now I understand Saint Paul, who said, 'Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him.'"

- Diary, #777



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH MINISTRY EXPO

Stop by our Ministry Expo after Mass to discover where you can share your God-given gifts with the parish.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
After 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Mass
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

Learn about each ministry in our updated Parish Ministries booklet, which will be available at the church entrances that weekend.



The Surrender Initiative

A special Mass to pray for those who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith.

Thursday, August 27

Feast day of St. Monica

St. Gertrude Church

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation | **7:30 p.m. Mass**
Reception to follow in the Parish Center

Try Omega!

Do you feel stuck in your faith journey? Do you desire a deeper relationship with Jesus but aren't sure what the next step is?

Omega is designed to help you get unstuck. This seven-week discipleship journey helps you rediscover what it means to follow Jesus every day—to hear his voice, grow in holiness, discover your mission, and share the gift of faith with others. If your relationship with Christ needs renewal, encouragement, or a deeper foundation, Omega is for you.

September 14–October 26, 2026

Mondays | 7–9 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby

Visit tinyurl.com/2026Omega or scan the QR code to sign up.



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.



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 24 & 31

6–8 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center

Includes dinner!



Scan to Register

Cana Family for Mothers

Are you looking for ideas on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? New Cana Family Called to Motherhood groups are forming for 2026–2027! This year we are happy to offer a morning and an evening option.

Groups meet twice a month September through May to reflect on the Gospel, the *Catechism*, and Pope St. John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. We share stories and advice on how to raise holy children and be better wives and mothers.

COME & SEE EVENT

AUGUST 25 | 9:30 A.M.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENTER

We invite you to learn more! Babysitting will be provided. Email Anita Pappalardo at cana@stgertrude.org with questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER 2027 EVENTS

Our junior high and L'alto: High School youth ministry programs have two exciting opportunities for summer 2027:

Damascus Summer Camp

June 28–July 3, 2027

Youth entering grades 6–12 in the 2027–2028 school year

2027 Steubenville Youth Conference

Dates TBD, Friday–Sunday in June or July 2027

Current 9th–12th graders



Scan the QR code to learn more!

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PICNIC

Join us **this Saturday** for our annual parish picnic! 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.

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



Let Us **PRAY**

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Meghan Craft, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, 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

† Mark Doran, husband of Mary Lou
† Elsa Hall
† Howard Butschie, father of Ray Butschie

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH-BRANDED MERCHANDISE IS NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR NEW ONLINE SHOP

Show your love and support for our parish community with our brand new St. Gertrude Parish-branded drinkware and adult and youth apparel, **available beginning this weekend, August 22 and 23, through our new online shop!** View sample items at our parish picnic on August 22, and **use StGertrude10 at checkout to get 10 percent off your entire order through the end of August.** Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org/about/shop to shop now!



GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All girls of St. Gertrude Parish in grades 3–8 are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish girls basketball program for the 2026–2027 school year. This fun and exciting season runs October–December 2026. Regular registration is open now through August 31 and is \$110. Late registration is September 1–7 and is \$160. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs.

Coaches Needed

If you are interested in volunteering to coach a girls basketball team, coach signup is open now through August 31. If you have any questions, please contact the girls basketball coordinators at stgertrudegirlsbasketball@gmail.com.





TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY | BEGINNING AUGUST 25

Join us in studying St. Louis de Montfort's spiritual classic, *True Devotion to Mary*. Meetings will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the St. Gertrude Parish Center lobby from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, August 25, and continuing through May 2027. Consecration to Jesus through Mary will be on May 17, 2027. During the meeting, participants will watch a video presentation of the book. For more information, visit stgertrude.org/tdm. To receive email updates, please contact Anne Collins at stgertrudetdm@gmail.com.



YOUNG ADULT PAPAL ENCYCLICAL DISCUSSION SERIES | AUGUST 27

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish Young Adult Group for a three-part discussion on the papal encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*. A synopsis will be given at the beginning of each meeting, and key passages will be provided. The first discussion will be on Thursday, August 27, at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room, and will cover Introduction–Chapter 2. The second session will be September 3 and cover Chapters 3–4. The third session will be September 10 and cover Chapter 5 and Conclusion.



ROSARIES & RELIGIOUS ITEMS SALE | SEPTEMBER 6

On Sunday, September 6, after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses, members of the St. Gertrude Parish Rosary Makers ministry will be selling rosaries and other religious items. Depending on the weather, their table will be located either outside the church in the breezeway or in Parish Center lobby. Cash only; no credit cards or checks please. Items include:

- Rosaries – \$5/each (regular), \$3/each (pocket/keychains)
- Bracelets – \$5/each (one strand), \$10/each (two strands); special-order bracelets available
- Bookmarks – \$1/each



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT | SEPTEMBER 19

Registration is now open for Ladies Bunco Night on Saturday, September 19! All women ages 16+ are invited, and no experience is necessary. This year's theme is "Red, White, and Bunco" in honor of America's 250th anniversary. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; the game starts at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include drinks, hearty small bites throughout the night, and dessert. Don't forget to bring cash for Split the Pot games! To register, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/LadiesBunco2026. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Hoffmann at (513) 377-6893.



YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE | OCTOBER 24

Pope Leo XIV named 2026 the Jubilee Year of St. Francis in honor of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death. To celebrate, join us for a day of reflection, talks, and prayer at the Monastery of St. Clare in Cincinnati on Saturday, October 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A first-class relic of St. Francis will be available for veneration. A plenary indulgence may be obtained by participating and satisfying the usual requirements. Space is limited to 40 people (children must be accompanied by a parent). The cost is \$10, which covers lunch and snacks. Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/2026StFrancis to sign up.



This WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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 25

9:30 a.m. | Cana Family for Mothers Come & See (St. Dominic Lobby)
12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
6:30 p.m. | Building a Eucharistic Marriage (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Parish Office Closed

6:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude School Back to School Night (Gym)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (St. Joseph Room)
8:30 p.m. | The Surrender Initiative Reception (St. Dominic Lobby)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

3 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9 a.m. | Respect Life / WWMIN Networking Breakfast
 (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Parish Ministry Expo (Gym)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

DISCOVER SCOUTING AT ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

Looking for a way for your child to have fun, grow in faith, and build confidence? Scouting is an opportunity for all that and more! Cub Scout Pack 555 and Scouts BSA Troop 555 offer adventure, service, and leadership while incorporating our Catholic faith into meetings and activities. Scouts from all schools and parishes are welcome!

Come to one of our Join Scouts Nights listed below in the St. Gertrude School Cafeteria to meet the Scouts and leaders, see what Scouting is all about, and sign up! No previous Scouting experience is needed. For more information, contact Jessica Gray at jessica.r.gray@gmail.com. If you have a girl age 11-18 who is interested in Scouts BSA, contact Jeremy Gray at jeremy.gray@gmail.com to learn about available options.

Scouts BSA Troop 555 | Boys Ages 11-18

Tuesday, September 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 555 | Boys & Girls, Grades K-5

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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.



Join Our Schola Cantorum

Does your child love to sing and have a passion for music? Our Schola Cantorum may be the perfect fit!

This special mixed-voice ensemble is open to children ages 8–13 and sings at our parish’s 12 p.m. Sunday Mass and for major feasts.

Learn more and sign up at stgertrude.org/schola or email Dr. Christopher Holman, at cholman@stgertrude.org.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | AUGUST 26

The parish office will be closed this Wednesday, August 26, while our parish staff attends an all-day retreat.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING | AUGUST 28

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher are invited to our next altar server training this Friday, August 28, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church.

MAKE-A-WILL MONTH!

Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish’s partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can pass on your Legacy of Faith in an incredible way.

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

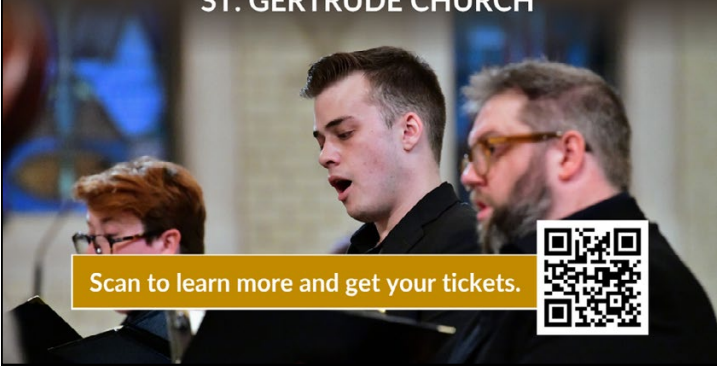


 MyCatholicWill

BACH’S MASS IN B *Minor*

Our 2026–2027 Sacred Music Series kicks off with this monumental work—a perfect opportunity to invite someone who has fallen away from the Church or who might not otherwise step foot in our church building.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 | 7 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH





Scan to learn more and get your tickets.



A TALK ON Polarization in the Church

All are invited to talk by Father Aaron Wessman from Glenmary Home Missioners on the important topic of polarization in the Church. Father Wessman’s talk will draw on themes and ideas from his book, *The Church’s Mission in a Polarized World*.

“I wrote this book to provide some assistance to readers to discern a way out of the toxicity in which we live, and to stimulate courage and hope so that all people can see the age in which we live more clearly and respond with the grace necessary to follow more fully the call God has spoken . . .”
– Father Robert Aaron Wessman

September 23 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. | St. Dominic Lobby



NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: MRS. JAMIE ZUPKA

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we are pleased to introduce Mrs. Jamie Zupka, who will be joining St. Gertrude School as a kindergarten teacher. We invite

you to get to know Mrs. Zupka through this short Q&A, as she shares her background, teaching philosophy, and hopes for her role in the year ahead.

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

A: I grew up in a family with many teachers! My mom was a preschool teacher, and I absolutely loved going into her classroom when I was young. Whenever we would visit my aunt in New York, I was captivated by the stories she told me and the creative lessons she used to teach history to her students. I knew early on that I wanted to follow the same path. I strive to instill a lifelong love of learning and faith into my students by making the content come alive through story and play. Seeing students walk into my classroom excited about learning brings me so much joy!

Q: Tell us a little about yourself! What should our parish and school families know about you?

A: I grew up in Cincinnati (right here in Madeira!) and graduated with a degree in education from Xavier University, where I met my husband. I taught for nine years before staying home with my own children, Mila and Izzy. Now that they are in school full-time as St. Gertrude School students, I am excited to return to the classroom full-time, too. I enjoy reading in my free time and am in a book club with other St. Gertrude Parish moms.

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

A: St. Gertrude School and Parish have always held a very

special place in my heart. I have been a parishioner since birth, received all my sacraments here, and was an SGS student K-8th grade. I have taught in many different school settings, but there is a palpable difference within the walls of St. Gertrude School that makes it feel like home. The presence of the Dominican priests, brothers, and sisters is truly unique and strengthens the religious formation of students. I love being part of a culture that seeks truth and permeates joy. It is a happy place, and I can't wait to be back as a teacher!

Q: As our new kindergarten teacher, what do you hope your students will take away from your classroom?

A: The kindergarten year is a big milestone for our littlest learners, as it's their first year in nine years of academic, spiritual, and emotional formation. I view this year as the "seed planting" year, during which a love of learning will take root in all of their hearts. I love reading, and I hope to instill into each of my students a love for good books and storytelling. Beyond academics, I want each child to leave my classroom in May having grown in kindness, virtue, confidence, faith, and friendship. I pray this is just the beginning of their journeys as lifelong learners and truth seekers!

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

A: Being a Catholic, you can't help but see life through the lens of the faith. It is such a gift to be able to view each of life's turns with hope, trust, and surrender. My faith has always been a guiding force in my life, and I hope to help nurture the gift of faith in each of my students who already have such big hearts for Jesus. Within the classroom, we can do this in subtle ways and bold ones! Our Catholic faith is rich, and can show even a six-year-old the importance of compassion, forgiveness, and treating others with love and respect. I am thankful to work in a place where our faith can be shared each day. I am looking forward to learning just as much about our faith from my students as they learn from me!

JOIN US FOR PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Families with children ages 18 months-5 years old are invited to the St. Gertrude School library on Wednesday, September 2, at 10:15 a.m. for Preschool Pups Storytime. This is our first storytime of the year and a wonderful way to connect with other parish families with young children. Come enjoy songs and stories read by our beloved Dominican sisters and friars.

SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR

Have you considered giving your child the gift of a Dominican education at your parish school? Priority registration for parishioners begins October 1. Schedule a private tour to discover how our Dominican tradition nurtures both faith and intellect each day in the classroom.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 | ST. BARTHOLOMEW (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Monica Condit by Jeanne Johantges

8 a.m. | Mass – † John Bismayer by Paula Maxwell

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Ted & Marian Scherpenberg by Sue & Jeff Normand

8 a.m. | Mass – † George Ferguson by Jim & Anita Pappalardo

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Hack by Mary Smithers

4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Brad Bursa & Family by Finance Council

8 a.m. | Mass – Father Reginald Hoefer, O.P.,
by St. Gertrude Parish & School Staff

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Clyde Dorn by Pat Dorn

4 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 | ST. MONICA (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Riehle by The Schuler Family

8 a.m. | Mass – Emily Pachuk by The Pachuk Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – The Matthew J. Speicher Family by Tricia Speicher

4 p.m. | Confessions

6:30 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | The Surrender Initiative Mass – Fallen Away Catholics

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 | ST. AUGUSTINE (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Father Chris Geiger by The Lacey Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † James Condit Sr. by The Capozzoli Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by The Stuebbe Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Donna Schlake by The Head Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Sister Mediatrix, SOLT

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † George Walter by The Finnegan Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Gallo by Ellie & Michael VanderMolen

10 a.m. | Mass – Madeleine Boone by The Boone Family

12 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

6 p.m. | Mass – † Sean Connelly by Patricia Connelly



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.

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MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood) on Wednesday, August 26. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with the rosary, followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more details, please call (513) 351-9800.

PRESENTATION MINISTRIES RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Presentation Ministries is offering two retreat opportunities at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center the weekend of September 11-13: Consolation of the Holy Spirit (for Widows and Widowers) and Healing the Brokenhearted (for Divorced and Separated). Learn more and register at presentationministries.com.

HEARTS AWAKE: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic singles age 20–50 who are free to discern marriage are invited to Hearts Awake September 18–20 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio. This is an opportunity for single Catholic adults to encounter the Lord, build authentic community, and discern God's call in their lives. Cost is a freewill offering. Overnight rooms available; space is limited. Scan to learn more.



JUSTIFICATION TODAY LECTURE & Q&A EVENT

Glenmary Home Missioners, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, and United Theological Seminary will be hosting a lecture and Q&A-styled gathering, *Justification Today*, at Mount St. Mary's on October 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mike Root (Catholic University of America) and Joel Chopp (Asbury Theological Seminary) will discuss the document *The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* and its importance for today. They will take questions as time permits. Learn more and sign at tinyurl.com/JustificationToday or scan the QR code.



JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Couples celebrating a jubilee wedding anniversary (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Sunday, November 15, at 10 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, or on Saturday, November 21, at 4:30 p.m., at St. Francis of Assisi (Centerville). Family members are welcome to attend, and a special blessing will be offered to the couples. To RSVP, please visit bit.ly/JubileeAnniversary26 by November 2, 2026.

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

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Sunday, August 16, 2026

Collection \$76,001

Weekly Budget \$49,020

Weekly Surplus \$26,981

Second Collection: St. Gertrude School \$3,170

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2027

Fiscal YTD Actual \$349,055

Fiscal YTD Budget \$343,137

Fiscal YTD Surplus \$5,918



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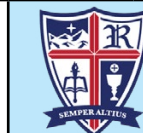
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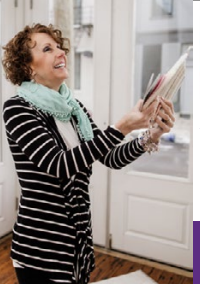


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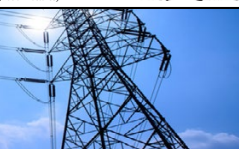


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