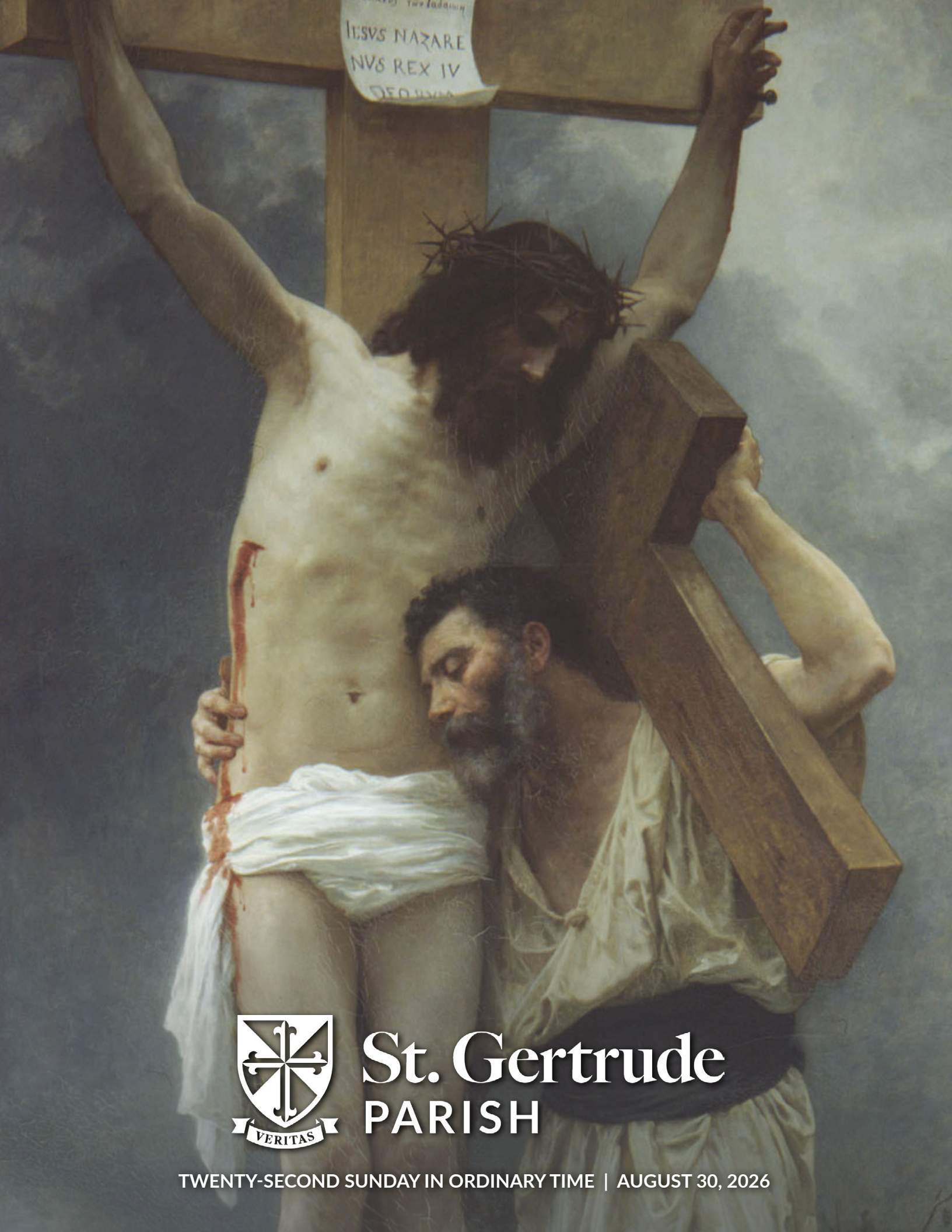




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Church Hours

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.





THE WISDOM OF ONE OF THE GREAT SAINTS

Earlier this week, we celebrated the feast day of St. Augustine, bishop and Doctor of the Church. As one of the greatest teachers and theologians in the Church, and one of the four “fathers of the

Western Church,” Catholics owe a great debt to St. Augustine. He also holds a special place in the lives of those of us who are Dominicans, as St. Dominic chose the Rule of St. Augustine as the foundational rule for our religious life. This year our attention is drawn to this saint in a special way because Pope Leo XIV is himself an Augustinian priest and religious.

Rather than writing a full pastor letter simply telling you about this great saint, I thought it would be better to let St. Augustine do the talking. So, without further ado, let me share some of my favorite passages from the writings of this amazing saint.

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new! Late have I loved you! And, behold, you were within me, and I out of myself, and there I searched for you.”

“Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and the times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times.”

“I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are very wise and very beautiful; but I never read in either of them, ‘Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . .’”

“For God loves saving, not condemning, and therefore He is patient with bad people, in order to make good people out of bad people.”

“What is love’s perfection? To love our enemies, and to love them to the end that they may become our brothers.”

“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”

My wish for every one of you is that you live this “greatest romance,” pursue this “greatest adventure,” and attain more and more every day this “greatest human achievement.” May the wisdom of this extraordinary saint bring each of us inspiration and guidance, this day and throughout the upcoming year, even as it has shaped and guided Pope Leo for decades.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



MESSAGE FROM FATHER RAPHAEL

St. Gertrude Parish Parishioners,

I want to take a moment to thank you for your friendship and your kindness to me over the past two summers. It’s a bit of a unique thing

for a brother to be assigned to the same parish for both his summer as a deacon and then as a newly ordained priest. I, for one, am grateful that not only was this the case, but also I was assigned to St. Gertrude!

St. Gertrude Parish has a special place in my heart because it is not only where this whole journey of Dominican religious life began, but also where I took my first steps as a minister within the Church—first, as a deacon, and then, as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Our assignments form us, as with all things that God sends our way, and they are great manifestations of God’s loving and merciful care for us. Thank you for the part you have played in my formation as a man, a Christian, a minister of Christ’s Church, and, please God, a saint. Know of my prayers, and please pray for me as I return to Washington, D.C., to finish my studies.

Yours in Christ,

Father Raphael Mary Arteaga, O.P.

ARCHBISHOP CARDONE’S FATHER

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Nunzio Cardone, father of Archbishop Christopher M. Cardone, O.P. The archbishop’s father passed away August 19 at the age of 97. Archbishop Cardone will be returning to the U.S. to attend the funeral in New York. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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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Apple

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.

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

Learn about each ministry in our updated
St. Gertrude Parish Ministries booklet, available
at the church entrances.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Topic: The Story of Salvation History

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

Our Becoming Catholic program may be for you.

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

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

September 2 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center | 6543 Miami Ave.



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

Sign up now for the following faith formation programs—classes begin soon!

- 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.

Alpha

**August 31 & September 7
6–8 p.m.**

**St. Gertrude Parish Center
Includes dinner!**



Scan to Register

WOMEN'S Retreat

*Life With Mary: Saying "Yes"
to Christ in Every Season*

All women are invited to St. Gertrude Parish's first women's retreat! Inspired by Caryll Houselander's classic, *The Reed of God*, Fr. Louis Bethea, O.P., will lead reflections on journeying with Mary through every stage of life. Whether you are discerning your vocation, raising young kids, a spiritual mother, or an empty nester, this retreat has something for you.

- ✓ Mass and an opportunity for confession
- ✓ Spiritual talks and discussion
- ✓ Eucharistic adoration and personal prayer

**Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Jesuit Spiritual Center**

5361 S Milford Rd, Milford, OH 45150

Cost: \$45 (includes lunch, snacks, and materials)



Visit tinyurl.com/LifeWithMary or scan the code to sign up.

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 MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE IN OUR NEW ONLINE SHOP

Show your love and support for our parish community with St. Gertrude Parish-branded drinkware and adult and youth apparel now available in our new online shop! Use code **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!



LIFE FORWARD COLLECTION | SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) the weekend of September 12 and 13, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Life Forward. Life Forward supports women and their families in making life-affirming decisions regarding pregnancy and currently provides pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, referrals to community services, and education. Requested items include:

- Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow label)
- Enfamil Gentlease Formula (purple label)
- Diapers (size 1-4)
- Wipes (hypoallergenic/fragrance free)
- Sleepers (size preemie-6 months, unisex)
- Pack-n-Plays

Thank you for your generous support. If you have any questions about Life Forward or the Ladies of Charity, call Jean Wilkinson, at (513) 498-5085.

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 St. Gertrude Parish's 12 p.m. Sunday Mass and for major feasts. To learn more and sign up, visit stgertrude.org/schola or email Christopher Holman, PhD, director of music, at cholman@stgertrude.org.

BAPTISMS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026



Child: Parker Sudbrack Thomas
Parents: Morgan & Brian

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23



Child: Grace Bernadette Oakes
Parents: Joseph & Julia



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Meghan Craft, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Lisa Ely, Stefanie Flynn, Ron Freudenber, Will Freudenber, 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, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Paula Scalo, Don Schoo, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Sy Swart, Beth Stoll, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Conner Duté, Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Miles Mayer, Charles Mayer, John Murdock Jr., John Oscar, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Michael Stein, Ian Tester, Jack Thornton, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones



YOUNG ADULT PAPAL ENCYCLICAL DISCUSSION SERIES | SEPTEMBER 3

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish Young Adult Group for the second part of 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 covered Introduction–Chapter 2. The second session will be Thursday, September 3, at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room 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 the 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



GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All girls of St. Gertrude Parish in grades 3–8 are invited to join the parish girls basketball program for the 2026–2027 school year. The season runs October–December 2026. Registration is open 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: Interested in coaching a girls basketball team? Coach signup is open through August 31. Email stgertrudegirlsbasketball@gmail.com with questions.



JOIN SCOUTS NIGHTS | SEPTEMBER 1 & 2

Learn more about Scouts at one of our Join Scouts Nights listed below in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. You will meet Scouts and leaders, see what Scouting is all about, and have a chance to sign up! For more details, contact Jessica Gray at jessica.r.gray@gmail.com.

- 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.

If you have a daughter ages 11–18 who is interested in Scouts BSA, contact Jeremy Gray at jeremy.gray@gmail.com to learn about available options.



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.



This WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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, SEPTEMBER 1

7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:15 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)
6:30 p.m. | Becoming Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)
6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Adoration Chapel Closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Adoration Chapel Closed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Adoration Chapel Closed

9 a.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside or St. Dominic Lobby)
11 a.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside or St. Dominic Lobby)
1 p.m. | Rosary Sales (Outside or St. Dominic Lobby)

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.



AUGUST IS MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

As a Catholic, your faith is your most valuable asset. Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can 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.



Pilgrimage to
**MONASTERY
 OF ST. CLARE**

**Saturday,
 October 24
 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with a one-day pilgrimage to the Monastery of St. Clare in Cincinnati. The day will include talks, prayer, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Francis. Limited to 40 people! The cost is \$10, which covers lunch and snacks. Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/2026StFrancis to sign up.

A plenary indulgence may be obtained by satisfying the usual requirements.



2026 RENEWAL OF TALENT
By Hope Ramundo
Director of Stewardship

God has given each one of us some kind of special gift, and it is our responsibility to use that gift for God's greater glory! It can look like cooking a meal for a friend in need,

taking care of a sick family member, gifting handmade artwork you created, or using your talents in another way. God has a reason for giving you each one of your gifts!

Being part of a parish ministry is another way God may be calling you to use your gifts. At St. Gertrude Parish, we have a Soup Kitchen ministry that semi-regularly cooks meals and serves them to those in need. The Ladies of Charity and the Knights of Columbus run numerous fundraisers and activities that require

planning and administrative skills, as well as direct service and work with people in need. Every year, the Lenten Fish Fry team cooks, serves food, and brings together our parish community. Our Funeral Hospitality ministry consoles, coordinates, and bakes for those experiencing loss. Our chapter of St. Vincent de Paul directly serves neighbors in our community in need of financial and material resources. There is a group that sews baptismal bibs for all the babies being welcomed into the church. Our wonderful choirs use their gift of singing to provide beautiful and reverent music for our Masses. That's just the tip of the iceberg of what our 60+ ministries do. How is God calling you to use your gifts?

If you would like more information on our parish ministries, reach out to Hope Ramundo, director of Stewardship, at hramundo@stgertrude.org or check out the 2026–2027 Parish Ministries booklets available at the entrances of the church.

LADIES OF CHARITY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING | SEPTEMBER 12

All women age 18 or older who are practicing Catholics are invited to the Ladies of Charity organizational meeting on Saturday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room. We will make plans for upcoming fall activities—the Craft Fair, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the Giving Tree—and plan for 2027. There will be a short meet-and-greet reception following the meeting to allow current members and to min with prospective members and sd share more about this ministry. Meet new friends and enjoy serving fellow members of our community. For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085.

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



HEART OF CHRIST, OUR HOPE AND STRENGTH

By Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P.
SGS Vice Principal

Christ's peace to you ,and welcome back! As we usher in the new school year, I want to share this year's theme. As you'll recall, last

year our theme was Under Mary's Mantle. We kept before our minds and hearts Our Lady's constant maternal care.

It was fitting that we emphasized her presence in our lives as we pondered anew the Church's teaching that Catholic schools are meant to be an extension of the home. Just as a family's home has a mother whose feminine gifts help to create a loving atmosphere, a Catholic school has the greatest of all mothers, the Blessed Mother. Whenever we draw close to her, the inevitable takes place: she takes us to her Son. It seemed only natural, then, that we zero in on Jesus for our theme this year. But that's a pretty broad topic. What is it that he wants us to focus on?

Last spring, a passage from the first Letter of St. John jumped out at me: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us" (1 John 4:16).

How have we come to know and believe in God's love for us? He laid down his life for us. He literally poured out his life for our sake. One minuscule drop of blood would have been sufficient for our redemption, but Jesus held absolutely nothing back. In one of St. Catherine of Siena's letters, she makes this insightful point: "It was not the nails that kept Jesus on the cross, but, rather, it was His deep, abiding and burning love for us and His desire for our salvation that kept Him there. Driven by love, His death and resurrection broke the bonds of death so that we might have eternal life."

For centuries, there has been a devotion in the Church that fixes our attention on this extravagant love of Christ. It is the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary popularized this devotion in the 17th century, but she was not the first person to receive visions of Jesus's Sacred Heart.

Several centuries before St. Margaret Mary, our very own St. Gertrude the Great was favored with visions of the Sacred Heart. She wrote a book about these encounters with Christ entitled *Herald of Divine Love*. In this book, she recounts a vision she had on the feast of St. John the Evangelist. She was resting her head near the wound in Christ's side and heard the beating of his heart. She asked St. John if he

heard the same beating on the night of the Last Supper and, if so, why he never wrote about it. St. John told her it was only something to be revealed in a time when the world had grown cold and needed to have its love of Christ revived. St. Gertrude strove to do just that—to share with others the love of Christ that is found in his Sacred Heart. If the patroness of our school had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I think it is only right and just that we also cultivate this devotion.

I am happy to announce this year's theme: Heart of Christ, Our Hope and Strength. Jesus' profound love for us that we see on the cross and in his Sacred Heart is a source of great hope for us. Hope is the virtue of the pilgrim. In this life, we are all on a journey; we are not standing still but headed somewhere.

Hope, as one of the gifts God gives us in Baptism, is infused in our soul. God made us for himself, and the theological virtues are our way back to him. The theological virtues establish in us what is called a habitus, a stable disposition that abides as long as we are in the state of grace. Hope, specifically, animates us with a desire for heaven and eternal life as our ultimate happiness. This desire grows stronger as our souls are more conformed to Christ.

Our life is a pilgrimage, and this goal of heaven—of a happiness that never ends—is arduous. Yet, with God's help, it is possible. Hope is the virtue that fuels that desire to keep going, even when things are difficult. It fills us with trust in Christ's promises of salvation, of eternal life with him.

Hope places trust in a Person: God, who is infinite, who is worthy of our trust because he can neither deceive nor be deceived. The key to true hope is this: that we do not rely on our own strength to reach God, but place our trust in the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our weakness. It is in Jesus that we hope, and it is his strength that we rely on. His strength becomes our strength.

To remind ourselves each day that Christ is our only true hope and that we need to rely on his strength, we are praying the following prayer every morning at school: "O Heart of Love, I put all my trust in You; for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from your goodness."

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus remain at the center of all we do.

We invite you to join us in praying for our students, teachers, and families throughout the year, that each heart in our school may come to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our hope in you.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – The Cinefro Family by The Vasquez Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Linda Walsh by Marian Clark

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Maria Kuhlmann by The Westendorf Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † James Condit by Robin & Doug Postler

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Catherine Beck by Mary Petric

4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Dominican Sisters at St. Gertrude School
by The Morande Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Loretta Ohmer by Tyler & Molly Castrucci

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Gert & † Gerry Patterson by The Ater Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | ST. GREGORY THE GREAT (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – For All Musicians of the Parish by St. Gertrude Parish

8 a.m. | Mass – Anita & Jim Pappalardo by Cindy Caswell

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Bill & Ruth Stuebbe by The Stuebbe Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Gussie McNeil by Anne Spaeth

8 a.m. | Mass – † George Walter by The Miller Family

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Benefactors and Familiars of the Order of
Friars Preachers

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Anthony "Tony" Ruhe by Michael & Mary Jo Voto

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Marvin Ward by Jenny & John Ward

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Pete & Donna Marcello

10 a.m. | Mass – † Nicholas Bloom by Craig & Teresa Babcock

12 p.m. | Mass – † Nicholas VanderMolen

by Ellie & Michael VanderMolen

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



PASTORAL CARE

Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass due to illness or being homebound? As a sign of Christ's love, our parish community earnestly desires to bring comfort and healing to these individuals. **Please call the parish office at (513) 561-5954, and we will direct you to the most appropriate ministry.**

Here are ways we can help you:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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

Communion to the Sick or Homebound

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

Prayers for the Sick or Deceased

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

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

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

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.

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years old and older) that primarily focuses on support, prayer, and socializing. We come together in prayer, make a craft, and enjoy refreshments. Please join us for our first meeting of the 2026-2027 calendar year on Saturday, September 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center (8939 Montgomery Road). Our focus for this first meeting will be God's Gift of Mary. New members are always welcome but must RSVP prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. If you have questions or to RSVP by September 7, please contact Jane Callan at (513) 793-3546.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE SHRINE

Heritage Day Celebration is a free, family-friendly annual event at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics (2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH), on Sunday, September 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. The day includes chapel tours, burgers and hot dogs, a pie contest, a chili contest, an auction, a sweet tooth booth, a lemonade stand, Bingo, a FFA petting zoo, face painting, a tractor show, a basket raffle, \$1,000 raffle, and more. Sign up for the pie baking contest and/or chili contest or purchase your raffle tickets at mariasteinshrine.org/heritage-day-celebration.

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.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, August 23, 2026	
Collection	\$35,733
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Deficit	(\$13,287)
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$385,373
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$392,157
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$6,784)



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