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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, 8:30 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.





IN THE IMAGE OF ST. DOMINIC

By Father Louis Bethea, O.P.
Parochial Vicar

Yesterday, on the feast of our Holy Father St. Dominic, we officially welcomed 14 new novices to the

novitiate, as they were clothed in the Dominican habit and moved into their new priory home. We look forward to all of the life and energy they will bring to our St. Gertrude Parish community!

As I watched them receive their new religious habits, I was reminded of my own vestition back in 2018. As I knelt before Father Allen Moran, our prior at the time, he lifted the tunic up and over my head (which is trickier than it sounds!), donned me with a belt, and placed the rosary at my side. He put the scapular around my neck and placed the white hood over it. We then received the distinctive black cape and its hood to complete the ensemble. The only thing left was to figure out how to get up off the ground without stepping on all of these new layers! It is a moment of profound humility, but one after which the Lord whispers to our hearts, "Now, follow me in the way of St. Dominic."

The brother beginning his Dominican formation does not lose his former self, but is transformed into a Dominican version of himself. He becomes a new light of the Church and a preacher of truth. In a nutshell, he grows in the life of virtue and holiness and is invited to become more like Christ in the way shown by our holy founder! And just as Jesus calls certain men to follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic, and just as he invited Peter to walk out onto the Sea of Galilee in our Gospel this weekend, so, too, our Lord invites all of us to more completely immerse ourselves in the Christian life. He calls us to take courage and trust that he will mold us into the sons and daughters he intended us to be, living out his mission for our lives, just as St. Dominic did. May our new brothers inspire us to have confidence in the Lord's transformative grace!

Finally, we have several goodbyes this week. Next Saturday, on the Solemnity of the Assumption, our eight "old" novices will make their first profession. Please pray for them as they take this important step and head off to Washington! In addition, this is the last weekend that our summer deacon, Brother Samuel, will be with us. On Thursday, August 13, he will return to Washington, D.C., to finish his academic studies ahead of his presumed priestly ordination next May. We thank him for his wonderful preaching, assistance at funerals, book study, Drinking with Dominicans talk, and joyful presence! Please be

sure to wish him farewell after Mass this weekend and to pray for him as he continues his journey to the priesthood!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Louis Bethea O.P.".

Father Louis Bethea, O.P.

While our pastor, Father John Paul, is away over the next two weeks, our two parochial vicars, Father Louis and Father Luke, will be "guest writers" of the pastor's letter page. Father John Paul will return in time for the Mass of Simple Profession for the outgoing novice class, which will happen at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST. DOMINIC LOBBY LIVE STREAM UPDATE

We are excited to share that our new and improved live stream system is in place. This means that **we have resumed live streaming the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Sunday Masses to the Parish Center lobby.** The intention behind live streaming these Masses to the lobby is to provide parents who need to take their children out of church during Mass a place where they can give their kids a break and still see and hear what is happening at Mass.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



"O my Jesus, you know what efforts are needed to live sincerely and unaffectedly with those from whom our nature flees, or with those who, deliberately or not, have made us suffer. Humanly speaking, this is impossible. At such times more than at others, I try to discover the Lord Jesus in such a person and for this same

Jesus, I do everything for such people. In such acts, love is pure, and such practice of love gives the soul endurance and strength. I do not expect anything from creatures, and therefore I am not disappointed. I know that a creature is poor of itself, so what can one expect from it? God is everything to me; I want to evaluate everything according to God's ways."

- Diary, #766



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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
8 A.M.–2 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

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

Upcoming Young Adult Events

AUGUST 13

Assumption Party Potluck

Thursday, 7 p.m.

📍 St. Joseph Room

Celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption and honor our Blessed Mother. Please bring a dish to share: last names A-I, bring a side; last names J-R, bring a dessert; last names S-Z, bring drinks. The main dish will be provided.

AUGUST 16

Ark Museum Pilgrimage

Sunday, 11 a.m.

📍 Williamstown, KY

Take a one-day pilgrimage to the Ark Museum in Northern Kentucky. We will depart St. Gertrude Church after 10 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$60 each; parking is \$10 per vehicle. Join a carpool in our GroupMe!

AUGUST 20

Holy Hour & Happy Hour

Thursday, 7 p.m.

📍 St. Gertrude Church & Hoppin' Vines

Join us every third Thursday for our monthly Holy Hour & Happy Hour. We begin with adoration at 7 p.m. at St. Gertrude Church, followed by drinks at Hoppin' Vines (8150 Montgomery Road).

AUGUST 27

Papal Encyclical Discussion Series

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

📍 St. Joseph Room

Join us 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.

Session 2 is September 3; Session 3 is September 10.

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 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

Child care is available.

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



Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women.

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



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



walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST

From Drinking with Dominicans talks to Sunday homilies, there are several new insightful episodes on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast. Listen now on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, and be sure to subscribe so you never miss an episode!



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2026-2027

SACRED MUSIC SERIES

The St. Gertrude Parish Music Program is excited to announce its third annual Sacred Music Series. Through these concerts and liturgies over the course of the 2026-2027 program year, we invite you to encounter beauty, discover the riches of the Church's musical heritage, and, above all, draw closer to the God.

Scan the QR code to view the 2026-2027 season schedule and buy tickets. 
THE FIRST EVENT IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!



BAPTISMS - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026



Child
Luke Samuel Lucken
Parents
Jonathan & Erin



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Meghan Craft, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Mark Doran, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, William Kimura, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Jim Lydon, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Tom McLaughlin, Pat Mechley, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo Pelle, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, Fran Pishotti, Paula Scalo, Don Schoo, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Beth Stoll, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Sherrin Ashcraft, sister of Pat Ashcraft



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | AUGUST 15

This Saturday, August 15, is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since this feast day falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. All the faithful are still encouraged to attend Mass but are not obliged. Masses at St. Gertrude Parish will be at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., which is also the Mass of Simple Profession (see below for more information).



MASS OF SIMPLE PROFESSION | AUGUST 15

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



BACKPACK BLESSING | AUGUST 16

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



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC | AUGUST 22

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



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 10

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 11

6:30 p.m. | Building a Eucharistic Marriage (St. Dominic Lobby)

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude School New Family Dinner (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

10 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Kindergarten Social (School Playground)

1 p.m. | Mass of Simple Profession Reception (Parish Center)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9 a.m. | Backpack Blessing (Church)

11 a.m. | Backpack Blessing (Church)

1 p.m. | Backpack Blessing (Church)

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.

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 in an incredible way.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ARCHBISHOP ELDER COUNCIL #1195

2025-2026 FY (Fraternal Year) Accomplishments & Contributions



During the Ohio State Knights of Columbus convention in May, St. Gertrude Parish’s Elder Council was presented with the Elite Award as the state’s leading council in new membership, out of 439 councils. Furthermore, on a forthcoming date, the Council will be honored with the prestigious Double Star Award from the Supreme Council. This award is achieved by completing the requisite number of Faith in Action programs outlined below, doubling the specific membership target (set at 15), and meeting all Fraternal Benefits and administrative requirements.

Elder Council takes pride in these accomplishments and acknowledges that these achievements would not have been possible without the guidance of our worthy chaplain, Father John Paul Walker, O.P., who also serves as the state chaplain. Furthermore, we express our gratitude to St. Gertrude Parish parishioners for your unwavering support. Whether you joined us for a pancake breakfast, purchased pizzas on Super Bowl Sunday, participated in the Super Cash Raffle or Swing into

Spring fundraiser, contributed to the Old St. Mary’s Baby Bottle Collection or Veterans’ Day Collection, donated blood at our blood drives (44 units collected, 132 potential lives saved), or helped install or remove 3,000 Crosses of the Innocent, your generosity profoundly impacted our fundraising efforts and made a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Additionally, you encouraged the men in your lives to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to you, 35 new members joined the Archbishop Elder Council, strengthening our Council and enriching our community.

This partnership between St. Gertrude Parish parishioners and the Elder Council serves as a reminder that we are all in this together. No one journeys through life alone, and the support we offer one another truly makes a difference.

Let’s continue to support each other in FY 2026-2027 in making a profound impact in our parish and our community.

Pillar	Program	Beneficiary	Donation (Council/Supreme)	
Faith	Build the Domestic Church Kiosk	Parish Community	\$200 - Council	
	COR-Faith Formation for Catholic Men	Parish Community	\$200 - Council	
	Matching Funds	Archdiocese of Cincinnati	\$300 - Council	
	Pilgrim Icon – Sacred Heart of Jesus	Parish Community	\$100 - Council	
	Sacramental Gifts	RCIA Members	\$100 - Council	
	Supports Priests, Sisters, Novices	Dominicans	\$500 - Council	
	Support Our Seminarians (SOS)	Archdiocese of Cincinnati	\$2,300 - Council	
	Salute to Religious Dinner	Archdiocesan Religious	\$400 - Council	
Family	Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	4 Seminarians (Mt. St. Mary’s)	\$2,400 - Council	
	Father and Son Event	Parish Community	\$200 - Council	
	Consecration to the Holy Family	Parish Community	\$100 - Council	
Life	Family Prayer Night (Rosary Social)	Parish Community	\$300 - Council	
	Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)	Elizabeth’s New Life Center	\$500 - Council	\$100 - Supreme
		Life Forward Pregnancy Center	\$500 - Council	\$100 - Supreme
		Mater Filius	\$500 - Council	\$100 - Supreme
		Pregnancy Center Plus	\$750 - Council	\$300 - Supreme
	Pregnancy Support	Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center	\$13,400 - Council	\$400 - Supreme
Community	Support Life	Cincinnati Right to Life	\$500 - Council	
	Helping Hands	Cincinnati Veterans Administration	\$1,700 - Council	
	Measure Up	Bobbie Fairfax School	\$1,200 - Council	
	Global Wheel Chair Mission (17)	American Wheel Chair	\$2,600 - Council	
	Coats for Kids (120)	St. Gertrude School	\$1,600 - Council	
		St. Boniface School	\$1,600 - Council	
	Madeira Independence Day Parade	Community	\$100 - Council	
Grand Total	People with Special Needs	St. Rita’s School for the Deaf	\$300 - Council	
			\$30,750 - Council	\$1,000 - Supreme
			\$31,750	



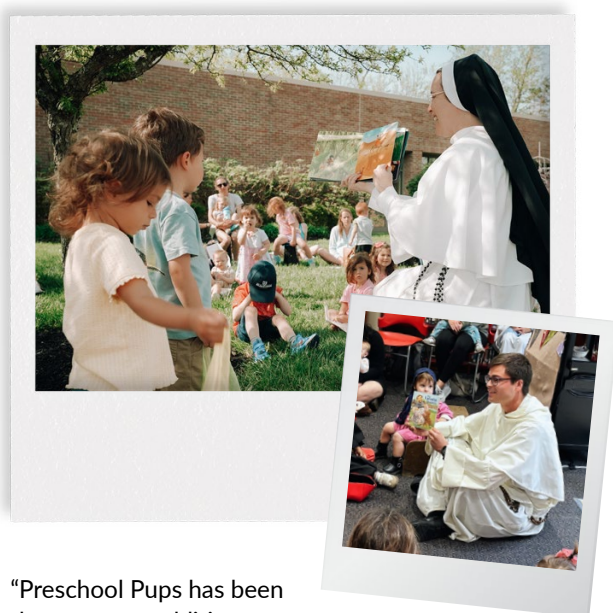
SONGS, STORIES, AND SOCIALIZATION FOR THE TINIEST MEMBERS OF ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PACK—BECAUSE THE WORLD IS LOUD, AND LITTLE SOULS DESERVE A BETTER STORY.

St. Gertrude School is thrilled to welcome back St. Gertrude Parish families for the second year of Preschool Pups, a storytime program for little ones ages 18 months to 5 years old. Preschool Pups offers families an alternative to secular storytime, meeting this tender season of toddlerhood with something deeper. Here, we welcome parents and their little ones into the heart of parish life through friendship and the quiet joy of forming virtue through stories, songs, and movement.

Preschool Pups introduces young children to the rhythms of school life, prayer, and our Virtues in Practice program—the same formative practices students live out daily at St. Gertrude School. This year, Virtues in Practice is rooted in the Year of Hope, guiding our littlest saints in training through humility, obedience, fidelity, and temperance.

Each storytime will also feature special guest readers and musicians from our parish community, continuing a beloved tradition from year one—guest readers (including Father John Paul, Father Luke, and Sister Mariana) and song leaders (such as Sister Rosaria) brought stories to life. We'll also mark the rhythm of the liturgical year, with our All Saints costume party, Cocoa with St. Nicholas, Easter celebrations, and more.

This seamless integration of parish and school life instills a living faith that reinforces a child's Catholic identity from the earliest years, laying a foundation of Catholic education long before kindergarten. We invite all families still in the sippy cup stage, looking to nurture faith and friendship in their little ones, to join us for year two of Preschool Pups.



"Preschool Pups has been the sweetest addition to our schedule! My littlest ones learn, have fun, and grow closer to Jesus. Attending was the highlight of our year with my kids always begging to go!"
— Emily de St.Aubin, St. Gertrude Parish Parishioner

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING STORYTIMES
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS | 10:15–11 A.M. | ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2	OCTOBER 21	DECEMBER 2	JANUARY 20	MARCH 3	APRIL 21
SEPTEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 4	DECEMBER 16	FEBRUARY 3	MARCH 17	MAY 5
SEPTEMBER 30	NOVEMBER 18	JANUARY 6	FEBRUARY 17	APRIL 7	MAY 19

For the safety of our current students, security is our utmost priority. Please plan to arrive five to ten minutes prior to storytime, and bring a government-issued ID to check in at the school front office.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 | ST. LAWRENCE (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Christina Schubert by Cindy Caswell

8 a.m. | Mass – Doug Postler by Roger & Barbara Silbersack

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 | ST. CLARE (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Mittelstaedt by Tyler & Molly Castrucci

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ann Marie Holewski by St. Gertrude Parish

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Sansalone by Keke & Tony Sansalone

4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Jane M. Raboin by Neal & Terry Overbey

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Theuerkauf by Ted & Joanne Bayer & Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Terry Westerman

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Beverly Lohr by The Lohr Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Shih-tsan Shih by Dave & Therese Hertlein

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Williams by Nancy Lucas

4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 | ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Madeline Wiggins by Mary Vetter

8 a.m. | Mass – † Dan Armstrong by The Hughes Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by Michael & Jana Widmeyer

4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Novices Professing Vows

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by The Meckley Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

10 a.m. | Mass – † Jack & Cathleen Holt by The Pavloff Family

12 p.m. | Mass – † Noah Brackenberry by The Nieto Family

6 p.m. | Mass – † Ann Louise Reed by Walking with Purpose Leaders



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.

SERENELLI PROJECT OPEN HOUSE | AUGUST 15

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

PLANNING AHEAD IS A LASTING GIFT OF LOVE

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HEARTS AWAKE: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

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



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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. Two scholars—Mike Root (Catholic University of America) and Joel Chopp (Asbury Theological Seminary)—will be present to discuss the document *The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* and its importance for today. They will also be taking questions from the audience as time permits. To learn more and register, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/JustificationToday.





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Sunday, August 2, 2026

Collection	\$57,235
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Surplus	\$8,215

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$227,110
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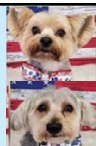
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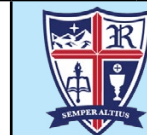
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