

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH MINISTRIES



There is a place for you
in our parish community.

2026-2027

Letter from Our Pastor

Dear St. Gertrude Parishioners,

We are blessed with a very large, active parish. To help you get involved and “find your place” at St. Gertrude Parish, I am happy to present this booklet. The following pages outline the many ministries our parish offers for adults, children, and youth, providing more than 60 ways you can immerse yourself in our community. Whether you want to find a group to connect with, deepen your prayer life, or serve your fellow parishioners or the needy in the area, you will find ample opportunities to do so.

This booklet also contains information about charisms of the Holy Spirit and how discerning your charisms can help you figure out the best way to get involved in parish life.

As I've said many times, it is my hope that every single parishioner gets involved in at least one ministry, prayer group, or service outreach. I pray that this booklet helps everyone find that perfect place to be engaged in the active life of our parish. If you would like assistance in discerning which ministry, group, or outreach opportunity is right for you, I encourage you to contact our director of stewardship, Hope Ramundo, at hramundo@stgertrude.org. If you are seeking to grown in discipleship or learn more about all of our parish formation and sacramental offerings please be sure to check out our new Discipleship & Sacraments booklet!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.





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CHARISMS

Many of the ministries and groups in this booklet list at least one charism. This section is an introduction to charisms, why it is beneficial to discern your charisms, and how to use the charism designations in this booklet as a way to help you discern where to use your gifts at St. Gertrude Parish.

Charisms

What Are Charisms?

God has given each of us incredible gifts. Charisms are gifts of the Holy Spirit given at Baptism and sealed at Confirmation. You might recall the traditional seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These seven gifts (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) are given to each Christian primarily for his or her own benefit. They sustain us on our journeys to holiness and enable us to live lives of virtue. Charisms, on the other hand, are given to individuals for the benefit of others. They are gratuitous gifts that are meant to be given away. Ultimately, the charisms are “intended for the common good of the Church” (CCC 2003).

St. Paul beautifully describes the charisms, saying, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). When we use our charisms, we help further the building up of the Church and cause the light of the Gospel to shine more brightly in our broader community.

Do I Have Charisms?

Yes! According to the Second Vatican Council, all of the faithful have been given “special graces” by the Holy Spirit (*Lumen gentium* 12). In order to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must first know what our gifts are. Discerning your charisms can help you do great things for the Lord and evangelize. It can help you in your work and personal relationships with family and friends. Knowing your charisms can also help you identify natural talents or qualities that you



have and reexamine them in the light of the Holy Spirit. Finally, knowing your own charisms can also help you recognize charisms in others. Seeing the unique gifts that God has given to others can help us grow in charity, strengthen our bonds of communion, and see that, rather than competing with one another, our charisms actually complement each other.

Imagine what our parish would look like if every person knew what his or her charisms were and put them to use!

How Do I Discern My Charisms?

The Catherine of Siena Institute, founded by Sherry Weddell and Father Michael Sweeney, O.P., has created the Called & Gifted process to help Catholics discern their charisms. It is a three-step process to learn about charisms, narrow down what your charisms might be, and then discern them with the help of a small group community. Please check the parish bulletin and website for information about when the next Called & Gifted Workshop will be happening. Our Omega program for adults (see page 27) will also offer Called & Gifted.

While the Called & Gifted Workshop is a great way to discern your charisms, you can also discern them in other ways. Nevertheless, since charisms should be “referred and submitted” to the Church (CCC 801), it is always important to discern within the parish community alongside the guidance of a priest or someone else who is knowledgeable about charisms.

Charism Designations

Leadership Charisms

These are charisms that are best suited to being a leader in a given ministry. Important note: Not having all of the listed charisms does not necessarily mean you won't be a good leader! The listed charisms are not requirements or prerequisites; they are intended to help you decide where you might best offer your gifts.



Participant Charisms

These are charisms that are best suited to being a member or participant of a given ministry, without necessarily being involved in its leadership.

No Listed Charisms

This can happen for two reasons. First, some ministries are simply open to everyone, regardless of charisms. For example, our offerings for children and youth do not list participant charisms because discernment of charisms typically is something that happens in adulthood.

Second, while all of our ministries depend on the leadership of our parishioners, some are not seeking new volunteers at this time. If you feel called to get involved as a volunteer to help lead a ministry, you are always invited to reach out to the ministry contact, even if no leadership charisms are listed.

What If I Still Have Questions?

Please contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.



FOR ADULTS

Parish Community Groups



Benedictine Oblates

The Cincinnati Chapter of the Benedictine Oblates of Saint Meinrad Archabbey is a small community of believers united by adherence to the teachings of the Gospel, the holy Rule of St. Benedict, and the values we share with the monks of Saint Meinrad.

When We Meet

September–April | Fourth Sunday of the Month, 2 p.m.

There is no meeting in December due to Christmas.

Learn More

If you have questions or would like to join the Benedictine Oblates, please visit stgertrude.org/benedictionoblates, or contact Mark Milliron at mmilliron@fastmail.com or Ron Demarco at rld37@fuse.net.

Participant Charisms

Wisdom, Intercessory Prayer, Knowledge



Bourbon & Books

Some bourbon, a good book, and a few guys with whom one may discuss ideas, grapple with big questions, and ultimately come to understand the truth of things—this is Bourbon & Books. Bourbon & Books creates a fraternal "space" wherein men in similar walks of life grow as brothers in Christ and sons of the Father. Here, men engage with literary and theological authors and, in doing so together, cultivate a community that challenges them to become who they are.

When We Meet

Individual small groups meet once a month at a time of their choosing. The whole community comes together for two larger events each year.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/bourbonandbooks, or email Matt Brennan and Stephen Babcock at bourbonbooks@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Hospitality, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Knowledge, Wisdom



Cana Family for Fathers

We are dads and future dads who want to develop greater confidence in making decisions and living as husbands and fathers. We are from all walks of life and share the desire to grow in our faith, strengthen our marriages, grow closer to Christ, and build a domestic church.

When We Meet

September–April | Twice a month; times and days determined by each group

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/canafathers, or contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Hospitality, Pastoring, Teaching

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Knowledge



Cana Family for Mothers

Cana Family for Mothers is a group of moms and future moms who want to renew and refresh their energy for their marriages and families. We are from all walks of life, but share in the desire to grow in our faith, strengthen our marriages, grow closer to Christ, and build a domestic church.

When We Meet

September–April | Twice a month; times and days are determined by each group

Learn More

For more information, visit stgertrude.org/canafamily, or contact Anita Pappalardo at cana@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Hospitality, Pastoring, Teaching

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Knowledge



Catholic Mens Fellowship

We are committed Catholic men who recognize our need for God's help. We gather in Christ's presence in trust, equality, and anonymity to share personal experiences and feelings. We unconditionally accept and prayerfully support one another. Our meetings are grounded in Scripture and prayer.

When We Meet

Second and fourth Saturdays, 7:30–9 a.m. | School Cafeteria

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/catholicmensfellowship, or contact John Nosek at johnnosekSTGmensfellowship@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Evangelism, Leadership, Pastoring, Teaching

Participant Charism

Encouragement, Knowledge, Wisdom



Dominican Laity

Bishop Fenwick Fraternity

This fraternity of lay members of the Order of Preachers is committed to living out the four pillars of Dominican spirituality—prayer, study, community, and apostolate—in the lay state. With St. Dominic and the entire Dominican Order, we are on mission to prepare ourselves well to preach and teach for the salvation of souls. We take inspiration from the stalwart patron of our chapter, Bishop Edward Dominic Fenwick, first bishop of Cincinnati, who shows us how to pour ourselves out for others.

When We Meet

First Tuesdays of the month, 7 p.m. (No meeting in July)

Those in formation also have monthly meetings with the novice master.

Learn More

If you have questions or are interested in pursuing formation, please contact Mrs. Margaret Brecount, O.P., at margaret@brecount.com, or visit stgertrude.org/bishopfenwickfraternity.

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Intercessory Prayer, Knowledge, Missionary, Service, Teaching, Voluntary Poverty



Dominican Laity

Our Lady of Peace Fraternity

This fraternity is a group of lay members of the Order of Preachers who live out Dominican spirituality in the lay state. We strive for the sanctification of ourselves and those around us, especially those whom the religious cannot normally reach, and focus on the four pillars of Dominican spirituality (prayer, study, community, and apostolate) with an emphasis on community.

When We Meet

Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m. | School Cafeteria

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/ourladyofpeace or olpfraternity.com, or contact Mr. Fred Thomas, O.P., at fcthomas3@gmail.com.

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Evangelism, Intercessory Prayer, Knowledge, Missionary, Service, Voluntary Poverty



Fun Bunch

The Fun Bunch is a group for those aged 55+ and an opportunity for seniors to come together for fellowship, activities, prayer, and education. During monthly meetings, experts in various fields give presentations on a variety of issues, ranging from practical daily life topics relevant to seniors to theological meditations from friars—and everything in between! Above all, the Fun Bunch is a way for St. Gertrude Parish to help seniors build community and have a good time.

When We Meet

September–May | Third Tuesday of the month, 12:15-2 p.m.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/funbunch, or contact Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Hospitality



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 is part of a national fraternity of Catholic men who are building a bridge back to faith. It's one thing to say who you are; it's another to live it. Knights of Columbus put their faith into action every single day. The Knights support St. Gertrude Parish, the community, families, youth, and life—from conception to natural death—through the corporal works of mercy. From blood drives and pancake breakfasts, to pregnancy center fundraisers, winter coat drives for children, and more, we are making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

When We Meet

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to all current Knights and prospective members.

Learn More

If you have questions or want more details about Archbishop Elder Council, please visit stgertrude.org/knightsofcolumbus, or contact Grand Knight Tom Hahn at grandknight@elderkofc.org.

Participant Charisms

Craftsmanship, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Pastoring, Teaching,



Ladies of Charity

The St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity (LoC) is a group of women who are passionate about helping vulnerable people in the community move from marginalization and despair to participation and hope. The LoC is on a mission to provide Vincentian leadership to women acting together against all forms of poverty and lives this call in various ways:

- Annual Fall Craft & Gift Show and Bake Sale
- Annual Treasure Mart
- Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Annual Christmas Giving Tree Project
- Weekend collections for local charities
- Emergency assistance with rent, food, and utilities

When We Meet

January, March, May, September | Second Saturday of the month, 10–11:30 a.m. | Parish Center Lobby

Learn More

For more information or to become a member of the Ladies of Charity, visit stgertrude.org/ladiesofcharity, or contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or jeanhwilkinson@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Giving, Missionary, Voluntary Poverty



Moms & Littles Holy Hour

All parents, grandparents, and babysitters of young children are welcome—with their little ones—to an hour of Eucharistic adoration every Tuesday morning. Whether you come for five minutes or an hour, you and your little ones are most welcome for a time of prayer and healing with our Eucharistic Lord. Silent prayer is encouraged but definitely not expected—little ones will be making noise! Confession is also available during this time.

When We Meet

Tuesday mornings, 9–10 a.m. | Church

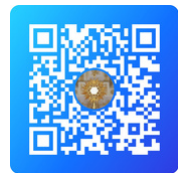
Periodically, we will meet at a nearby park after the Holy Hour.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/momsandlittles, or contact Amy Toft at ahess2@gmail.com. You can also scan the QR code to join the Moms & Littles GroupMe to connect with other group members and get notified of schedule changes.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Evangelism, Hospitality





Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning (NFP)—fertility awareness—helps a couple know more about fertility by reading the body's signs of fertility and infertility. With this awareness, a married couple can virtuously choose to open themselves to the possibility of the gift of pregnancy or, as an exercise of responsibility, regulate procreation by spacing births of their children (cf. CCC §2368). A variety of NFP methods exist (e.g., Couple to Couple League's sympto-thermal method, Billings, Creighton, Marquette). We have parishioners trained in each of the four NFP methods. The current instructors would love to teach you how to utilize NFP in your life or how to become an instructor yourself.

When We Meet

Couples schedule time to meet with one of our instructors for method instruction. Instructors meet occasionally or monthly if they are planning an event.

Learn More

If you have questions about NFP and methods for yourself or if you want to become an instructor, visit stgertrude.org/nfp, or email nfp@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Encouragement, Evangelism, Knowledge, Teaching, Wisdom



Parents of Precious Pearls

Children are a treasure—and just like St. Margaret of Castello who was born with many physical disabilities and whose name means "pearl," children with special needs are a beautiful gift. Parents of Precious Pearls is a group of parents who have young or adult children with special health care needs. As we navigate caring for our pearls, we offer each other prayer, a listening ear, support, and help along the way.

When We Meet

Please see stgertrude.org/parentsofpearls for the most up to date meeting information.

Learn More

We are in the process of making changes to this group. Please visit stgertrude.org/parentsofpearls, or contact Laura Nanista at (513) 301-6317.

Leadership Charisms

Encouragement, Helps, Hospitality, Pastoring, Service



Respect Life Ministry

Our robust Respect Life Ministry consists of men and women who are passionate about promoting and supporting life from natural conception to natural death. We are actively engaged in the following activities:

- Supporting local pregnancy resource centers with volunteer hours, financial contributions, donation drives, and more.
- Working with Cincinnati Right to Life and supporting their events.
- Organizing and/or participating in community events.
- Maintaining a Heaven's Gain Ministry miscarriage box on campus.
- Hosting an annual Mass for families that have had infant loss.
- Engaging in legislative education in elections with life on the line.
- Distributing monthly emails regarding meetings, pro-life events in and around the archdiocese, related articles, and updates on local, state, and national pro-life news and legislation.

When We Meet

First Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. | Parish Center

Please be sure you are on our Respect Life Ministry email list to receive meeting reminders, schedule changes, and event updates.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/respectlifeministry. To be added to our ministry email list, email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Service, Wisdom



Seasons of Hope

Bereavement

St. Gertrude Parish hosts a unique adult support group for the bereaved called Seasons of Hope. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflections, faith sharing, and fellowship. Anyone who has suffered a loss, whether it be recent or years ago, is welcome.

When We Meet

Six-week sessions are offered in fall and spring on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/seasonsofhope or contact Cindy Hertzal at (513) 368-8941.

Leadership Charisms

Encouragement, Hospitality, Mercy



St. Joseph Society

Rooted in a strong community of like-minded men, a man of the St. Joseph Society devotes himself to living a life of virtue and holiness as an offering to Christ. The primary way that this occurs is through following a shared "rule of life" of mind, body, and spirit.

When We Meet

First Saturday of the month, 5:30 a.m. | St. Gertrude Church
Meetings consist of a Holy Hour and then a discussion.

Learn More

For information about the St. Gertrude Parish chapter of the St. Joseph Society, visit stgertrude.org/stjosephsociety, or contact Anthony Altimonte at anthony.alton@yahoo.com. For general information, visit stjosephsociety.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership, Pastoring

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Knowledge



True Devotion to Mary

Join us for a nine-month study of St. Louis de Montfort's spiritual classic, *True Devotion to Mary*. The class is presented through videos that were professionally recorded during 2014 and 2015. The material includes a thorough look at the Church's teaching on Mariology, including Marian dogmas, Vatican councils, and numerous Marian saints. In addition to the videos, study guides help you dig deeper into the book. The study concludes with Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

When We Meet

August–May | Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 12:30–2:30 p.m. | Parish Center Lobby

Learn More

You may join the study anytime during the year and attend one or as many meetings as time allows. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Collins at stgertrudetdm@gmail.com, or visit stgertrude.org/tdm.



Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a parish-based Bible study program for women. We welcome all adult women, regardless of faith background or marital status. WWP incorporates at-home Scripture study (the Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*), weekly small group discussion, and monthly talks on relevant study material. Our goal is to deepen our relationship with Jesus and live a more intentional Christian life.

When We Meet

We meet September–April in the Parish Center and are offering three meeting times this year:

- Mondays, 8:30–10:30 a.m.
- Every other Wednesday 6–8 p.m.
- Fridays, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Child care is provided on Mondays and Fridays only.

Learn More

For more information, visit stgertrude.org/walkingwithpurpose, or email Martha Thompson at wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Hospitality, Leadership



Young Adults Group

The St. Gertrude Parish Young Adults Group is for adults ages 18-35 who want to build community, grow in their faith, and have fun while doing it.

When We Meet

We don't have any regular meetings but get together for various social events, book studies, Holy Hours, service projects, etc. throughout the year. Check out the Sunday bulletin for upcoming events.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/youngadults, or contact Jayden Hartness at youngadults@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Service



FOR ADULTS

Prayer Groups



Angelic Warfare Confraternity

The Angelic Warfare Confraternity (AWC) is a fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and prayer, dedicated to pursuing chastity under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The AWC is an official prayer ministry of the Dominican Order.

When We Meet

Being primarily a spiritual association, the AWC does not require members to attend meetings.

Learn More

If you have questions or would like to join the AWC, please visit stgertrude.org/angelicwarfare, or contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Intercessory Prayer, Prophecy



Circle of Prayer

Circle of Prayer is a prayer chain of parishioners who pray for those in need. While our group is open to people of all ages, most of our 150 members are mature adults.

When We Meet

We do not meet in person; the prayer chain is designed to allow members to pray on their own schedules.

Learn More

Anyone is welcome to join the Circle of Prayer. If you would like to be added to the email chain or submit a prayer request, contact Barbara Rose at prayercirclesg@gmail.com. You can also learn more at stgertrude.org/circleofprayer.

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Intercessory Prayer, Prophecy,



Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary is an international association of the faithful that exists “to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world.”

When We Meet

Being primarily a spiritual association, the confraternity does not require members to attend meetings. From time to time, some members of the St. Gertrude Parish chapter will meet to pray together and work on promoting the confraternity.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/rosaryconfraternity, or email rosary@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Intercessory Prayer



Eucharistic Adoration Guardians

Eucharistic adoration is an opportunity to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Praying before Jesus sacramentally present in the Eucharist extends the union between Christ and the person who has received him in Communion—adoration flows from the Mass.

Our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel (located in the Parish Center) is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. In order to keep the chapel open during these hours, two Eucharistic guardians—people who commit to an hour of adoration at the same time each week—are needed during every hour.

When We Meet

We do not have any meetings—each guardian “meets” with Jesus during his or her weekly Holy Hour.

Learn More

If you have questions or would like to become a guardian, please visit stgertrude.org/adoration, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954.

Participant Charisms

Intercessory Prayer



Healing Rosary

The Healing Rosary at St. Gertrude Parish is a group of men and women who pray the rosary for the sick in our parish and community.

When We Meet

Every Monday at 7 p.m., we come together to pray the rosary. We often pray inside St. Gertrude Church. When the weather is nice, we pray the rosary outside.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/healingrosary, or contact Cindy Hertzelt at (513) 368-8941.

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Healing, Intercessory Prayer, Prophecy



Las Guadalupanas

Las Guadalupanas is a group of Latin women who are striving to grow in their prayer lives and desiring to be part of a community of women who are strong in their Catholic faith.

When We Meet

First Saturdays, 9–10:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Room (Parish Center)

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/lasguadalupanas, or call Dina Henderson at (513) 207-4246.

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Intercessory Prayer, Pastoring



Moms & Littles Holy Hour

All parents, grandparents, and babysitters of young children are welcome—with their little ones—to an hour of Eucharistic adoration every Tuesday morning. Whether you come for five minutes or an hour, you and your little ones are most welcome for a time of prayer and healing with our Eucharistic Lord. Silent prayer is encouraged but definitely not expected—little ones will be making noise! Confession is also available during this time.

When We Meet

Tuesday mornings, 9-10 a.m. | Church

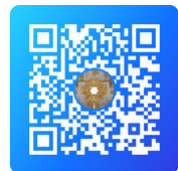
Periodically, we will meet at a nearby park after the Holy Hour.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/momsandlittles, or contact Amy Toft at ahess2@gmail.com. You can also scan the QR code to join the Moms & Littles GroupMe to connect with other group members and get notified of schedule changes.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Evangelism, Hospitality





Prayer Ministry for the Dying

Members of this ministry pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the those approaching death. The chaplet only takes about 10 minutes, is prayed on rosary beads, and doesn't need to be prayed in the presence of the dying person—it can be prayed in your home, car, office, etc. Members will be contacted to pray when someone's death is imminent.

When We Meet

There are no meetings.

Learn More

To join this ministry, please contact Pat Collins at (513) 265-1897, or visit stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying.

Participant Charisms

Extraordinary Faith, Intercessory Prayer, Prophecy,



St. John Vianney Prayer Group

The purpose of the St. John Vianney Prayer Group is to pray for our priests and the holy souls in purgatory. Without our priests, we would not have access to the sacraments, especially Mass and the Eucharist. Praying for priests is an act of love and vital spiritual support within the Church. Pastors face significant challenges—loneliness, exhaustion, and moments of vocational crisis—and thus require God's strength and the backing of their communities.

St. Gertrude's best-known prayer is addressed to the Eternal Father, imploring the release of souls from purgatory and the conversion of sinners in the world. United with our patron saint, our group also prays for the holy souls in purgatory.

When We Meet

Mondays, 12:15–1:15 p.m. (after Midday Prayer) | St. Joseph Room

Learn More

This prayer group is open to everyone. To join this ministry, please contact Maria Resendiz at mivonneresendiz@gmail.com, or visit stgertrude.org/stjohnvianney.

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Intercessory Prayer



FOR ADULTS

Service Groups



Athletic Boosters

St. Gertrude Parish Athletic Boosters manages and fundraises for all organized sports activities for parishioners in grades K–8.

When We Meet

Meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. Executive board members and sports coordinators are required to attend; however, all Boosters members are welcome at meetings.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/boosters, or contact the Athletic Boosters at stgertrudeboosterpresident@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration

Participant Charisms

Craftsmanship, Giving, Hospitality, Service



Babysitting

Adults and teens who enjoy and have a gift for joyfully spending time with the youngest members of St. Gertrude Parish are invited to join our Babysitting ministry. Members of this ministry are added to our parish babysitters list and can serve as babysitters for families in need of childcare or provide babysitting during St. Gertrude Parish events happening on campus

When We Meet

There are no regular meetings. Once added to our babysitters list, members are contacted by parishioners in need of childcare for their children or by the parish when there are opportunities to babysit during events on the St. Gertrude Parish campus.

Learn More

To join this ministry, contact April Deocariza, Office of Evangelization administrative assistant, at evangelization@stgertrude.org.

Parishioners and event leaders who are in need of childcare should reach out to April, and she will contact those on the babysitting list with details.

Leadership Charisms

Helps, Hospitality, Service



Communion to the Sick

Liturgical Ministry

Communion to the Sick is a group of parishioners who bring the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound or in hospitals. Those wishing to serve in this ministry must receive training as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

When We Meet

There are no regular meetings.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/communiontothesick. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Deacon Mike Muse, O.P. at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Mercy, Service



Evangelization Team

Do you want to share the joy of the Gospel with others? Do you have the desire to lead family, friends, and colleagues to be disciples of Jesus Christ but aren't sure how to do it? Join the Evangelization Team!

The Evangelization Team consists of parishioners who have a desire to embrace the call to be missionary disciples and invite others to be disciples of Jesus Christ in his Church. We come together for prayer, formation in evangelization and discipleship, and discernment for forming apostolates and ministries.

When We Meet

September–April | Fourth Thursday of the Month, 6–8:30 p.m.

No meeting in December

Learn More

All parishioners with a passion or charism for evangelization or the desire to evangelize are invited to join the team. Please contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Hospitality, Intercessory Prayer



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Liturgical Ministry

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are parishioners who distribute Holy Communion to the faithful during Masses.

When We Meet

There are no regular meetings. New members must undergo training, which is arranged as needed.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/ministersofcommunion, or contact Deacon Mike Muse, O.P., at dcnmike@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Healing, Mercy, Service



Finance Council

The St. Gertrude Parish Finance Council advises the pastor and the parish council on financial implications of their respective decisions for the parish. It provides necessary research and long-range planning by reviewing and approving financial plans and budgets and significant parish expenditures, supporting the pastor in ongoing parish financial management, presenting financial status and recommendations to the pastor and parish council, and assisting in the development and presentation of the annual report to the parish. The council has between six and nine members at a time and is structured so that council nominations are reviewed annually at the July meeting. Finance council members have up to two three-year terms.

When We Meet

Every other month

Learn More

Email our finance council chairperson at financecouncil@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Healing, Helps, Mercy, Teaching, Wisdom



Funeral Hospitality

The Funeral Hospitality ministry provides compassionate support to grieving families during a difficult time. This ministry often encompasses two key areas: assisting with funeral Masses and coordinating funeral receptions. During the funeral Mass, volunteers will assist the family, helping to ensure a smooth and reverent service. Following the Mass, the ministry extends its care by organizing and overseeing the funeral reception, which might involve setting up the Parish Center, preparing or serving food, and providing a comforting presence. This allows families to focus on their grief and connect with loved ones without the burden of logistical concerns.

When We Meet

There are no meetings.

You are not committed to volunteering at every funeral Mass or reception; you volunteer when you are available to assist at a funeral Mass or to provide food for a reception—or both.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/funeralhospitality, or contact Nancy Lucas at funeralhospitality@stgertrude.org or (513) 940-2643.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Helps, Hospitality, Service



Hand Maids/Made for the Lord

This ministry is a long-standing tradition at St. Gertrude Parish. Members of Hand Maids/Made for the Lord hand-make and embroider white baptismal garments (bibs) for infants as an important outward symbol of having been cleansed of original sin and "putting on Christ." The white garment further signifies a new Christian identity and is a reminder of belonging to the Body of Christ. The garment is a keepsake given to families, along with baptismal candles and holy water.

On occasion, white garments are made (but not embroidered) for children age 2–13 who are being baptized through sacramental formation at St. Gertrude School or in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or youth ministry programs.

When We Meet

We meet bi-monthly in the Parish Center to distribute materials and collect finished garments. Materials/notions are provided; sewing/embroidering is done at home on your own schedule.

Learn More

For more details or to join this ministry, visit stgertrude.org/handmaids or contact Mary Smithers at mlmsmithers@outlook.com. Experience with a sewing machine and embroidery is helpful, or we can teach you.

Participant Charisms

Craftsmanship, Giving, Helps



Hospitality Team

Are you warm and welcoming? Do you enjoy building relationships? The St. Gertrude Parish Hospitality Team seeks to help incorporate others into the parish community by building bridges of trust whereby people can encounter Christ through each other.

The hospitality team creates a welcoming support for the following events and functions:

- Ministry Leader Summit and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- Greeters for Mass and other events
- New Parishioner Dinners
- New parishioner welcome process
- Coffee and doughnut Sundays

When We Meet

We meet three or four times per year for organizational meetings and communal prayer.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/hospitalityteam. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality, Mercy, Service



L'alto: High School Core Team

The L'alto: High School Core Team exists to evangelize St. Gertrude Parish high schoolers through small group discipleship, hospitality, and the ministry of presence. If you are interested in witnessing your faith to the teens of the parish while encouraging and inspiring them to live magnanimous and holy lives, join L'alto Core Team!

When We Meet

Late August–May | Sundays, 7–9p.m. | Parish Center

In addition, Core Team leaders have one monthly meeting on a date that works best for everyone.

Learn More

Please contact our coordinator of Youth Ministry, Shannon Loughrey, at sloughrey@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Evangelism, Hospitality, Leadership, Pastoring, Teaching



Lectors

Liturgical Ministry

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

When We Meet

There are no regular meetings. New members must undergo training, which is arranged as needed.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/lectors, or contact Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., at worship@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Service



Lenten Fish Fry

The St. Gertrude Parish annual Lenten fish fry takes place on three Fridays during Lent in the Parish Center, offering dine-in, carry out, and online ordering for drive-thru pickup. We serve hand-dipped fried haddock loins, Nashville hot fried haddock, roasted lemon dill salmon, many in-house made sides, pizza, beer, and wine. There are plenty of options for the whole family, even those who do not enjoy fish.

When We Meet

We do not have any meetings.

Learn More

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Look for a volunteer signup link in the Sunday bulletin and Weekly News email during Lent. In the meantime, visit stgertrude.org/lentenfishfry, or contact Matt Genung at mgenung@gmail.com or Rob Mancini at robert.mancini@huntington.com

Participant Charisms

Craftsmanship, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Service



Parish Coffees

Hospitality Ministry

The St. Gertrude Parish Coffees team consists of men and women who make it possible for parishioners to gather in fellowship after Mass. Members of this ministry host the hospitality table after Masses on the second and fourth Sundays of the month during the school year, serving coffee and doughnuts to parishioners and providing an opportunity for our community to come together in fellowship.

When We Meet

We do not meet on a regular basis but gather twice per month to serve coffee and doughnuts to parishioners after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/parishcoffees. If you are interested in being part of the Parish Coffees team, contact Mark Findley at (513) 417-9227 or mfindley@epilepsy-ohio.org, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954.

Participant Charisms

Administration, Hospitality



Pastoral Council

At the parish level, the pastor, together with his parish staff and members of pastoral council and committees, works to provide for the ministries and programs serving our mission. The pastoral council, acting as a consultative body, is the vehicle by which the pastor and his pastoral staff consider and test their ideas and proposals with a group representing the entire parish community. It is the official listening post for the local parish community—the pastor listening to his people, and the people listening to their pastor. The St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council has 12 members. The executive committee consists of a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and the pastor. Council members serve for a three-year term.

When We Meet

August–May | Monthly

The May meeting is a time of transition with old and new members present.

Learn More

Every January/February, parishioners are invited to submit pastoral council nominations for either themselves or others. In March, those interested attend an informational meeting for nominees and submit a letter of intent. In April, the council reviews those letters and interviews interested nominees. Seating of new members is at the May meeting. This is all detailed at stgertrude.org/pastoralcouncil.

Participant Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality, Mercy, Service



Photography Ministry

From ministry meetings and pancake breakfasts, to Holy Hours and charitable collections, there is a lot that goes on at St. Gertrude Parish and School—and at all times of the day. The Photography Ministry was created to capture those events on camera for use on our website and Facebook page and in promotional materials, our Sunday bulletin, and more! The Photography Ministry consists of a group of St. Gertrude Parish parishioners, of all skill levels, who have a passion for photography and are using their gifts to capture parish life on camera.

When We Meet

We do not meet on a regular basis.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/photography, or email our director of communication, Michelle Dushensky, at mdushensky@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Craftsmanship



Respect Life Ministry

Our robust Respect Life Ministry consists of men and women who are passionate about promoting and supporting life from natural conception to natural death. We are actively engaged in the following activities:

- Supporting local pregnancy resource centers with volunteer hours, financial contributions, donation drives, and more.
- Working with Cincinnati Right to Life and supporting their events.
- Organizing and/or participating in community events.
- Maintaining a Heaven's Gain Ministry miscarriage box on campus.
- Hosting an annual Mass for families that have had infant loss.
- Engaging in legislative education in elections with life on the line.
- Distributing monthly emails regarding meetings, pro-life events in and around the archdiocese, related articles, and updates on local, state, and national pro-life news and legislation.

When We Meet

First Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. | Parish Center

Please be sure you are on our Respect Life Ministry email list to receive meeting reminders, schedule changes, and event updates.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/respectlifeministry. To be added to our ministry email list, email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Service, Wisdom



Rosary Makers

The St. Gertrude Rosary Makers is a group of men and women who believe in the power of prayer. We make beautiful, colorful, knotted rosaries and other religious handcrafted materials to remind people to pray and to use the power of prayer to meditate on the lives of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. In turn, prayers and meditation will help people gain strength and inspiration to handle the trials and tribulations that may occur in their own lives, as well as the lives of others.

When We Meet

Third Wednesday of the month, 3 p.m. | St. Joseph Room

We also sell our handmade materials after Masses on the first Sunday of the month (except between Thanksgiving and New Year's).

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/rosarymakers. Anyone is welcome to join this ministry! If you are interested, call us to make an appointment or attend one of our monthly meetings.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership, Teaching

Participant Charisms

Craftsmanship, Giving, Helps



Sacristans

Sacristans help with liturgical preparations, organizing things in the sacristy, and setting up the sanctuary for Mass and other liturgies. Duties involve arriving early to set out needed items for Mass, checking in on other liturgical ministers, and assisting with last-minute needs. There are also volunteer opportunities, such as cleaning, polishing, decorating, and preparing for Sunday and Holy Day Masses.

When We Meet

There are no meetings. Sacristans can help during the week and on weekends.

Learn More

If you are interested in being a sacristan, please contact Father Luke VanBerkum at frluke@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Administration, Helps, Service



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, who are growing in faith, friendship, and service. Our SVdP conference serves the community through home visits to neighbors in need. The parish as a whole supports SVdP through food drives (including collecting items in the food barrel inside the sacristy door), placing money in the poor boxes, and other donations to help people in need with rent, utilities, and more.

When We Meet

The first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Learn More

For more details about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Gertrude Parish, visit stgertrude.org/svdP, or call (513) 561-5954, ext. 2112. For more information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Cincinnati, please visit svdpcincinnati.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Giving, Hospitality, Mercy, Voluntary Poverty,



Soup Kitchen Ministry

The St. Gertrude Parish Soup Kitchen Ministry consists of adults, young adults, teens, and families who act as the hands and feet of Christ by serving needy people in our community. For over 35 years, St. Gertrude Parish has been involved with the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen. Approximately four to six times during the year, our parishioners volunteer to cook and serve a meal to 200–300 hungry people at the soup kitchen. This is an excellent first way for families to show their children what poverty looks like in Cincinnati and how they can get involved and help. It takes around 30 people to cook the main meal and side items and serve the food.

When We Meet

We do not have any formal meetings. Watch the Sunday bulletin and Weekly News email for upcoming service dates and signups.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/soupkitchen, or contact Andy Cordier at cordierdad@gmail.com.

Leadership Charism

Administration, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Helps, Mercy, Service



Stewardship Committee

The St. Gertrude Parish Stewardship Committee promotes a culture of stewardship in our parish through the planning and execution of stewardship renewals, supporting parish ministries, reaching out to fellow parishioners, and living out stewardship in the use of individuals' time, talents, and treasures.

When We Meet

The Stewardship Committee meets on a monthly basis. Contact our director of stewardship, Hope Ramundo, at hramundo@stgertrude.org, for upcoming meeting dates.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/stewardshipcommittee, or contact our director of stewardship, Hope Ramundo, at hramundo@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Giving, Helps, Leadership, Service



Ushers

Liturgical Ministry

Ushers are friendly men and women who help parishioners and visitors feel welcome at Mass and special liturgies and events. Any parishioner is welcome to serve as an usher.

Ushers have a variety of responsibilities, including:

- greeting and sometimes seating people as they arrive,
- taking up the collection,
- answering questions,
- providing direction,
- aiding anyone attending Mass who may become ill,
- distributing bulletins, and
- straightening up after Mass.

When We Meet

We currently do not meet on a regular basis. Ushers serve on Sundays and Holy Days and for certain special occasions. Each usher determines how often he or she wants to serve, based on his or her schedule. (You do not need to commit to a specific Mass or frequency.)

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/ushers, or contact Doug Postler at (513) 791-6298 or postman8905@gmail.com.

Participant Charisms

Helps, Hospitality, Service



Walking with Moms in Need

In 2020, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) created Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN), a nationwide initiative implemented at the parish level to support both pregnant and parenting moms facing difficult circumstances. WWMIN at St. Gertrude Parish is a group of compassionate people who accompany, listen to, find resources for, pray for, and surround with a supportive community pregnant and parenting moms in need of help.

When We Meet

There are no regular meetings. We provide an initial training session and specific training with individual team leaders for each of the focus areas. We work individually to meet the needs of parenting moms within St. Gertrude Parish or the community who reach out for assistance.

Learn More

For more details about WWMIN at St. Gertrude Parish, visit stgertrude.org/walkingwithmoms, or contact us at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2113, or wwmin@stgertrude.org. For more information about the national WWMIN ministry, visit walkingwithmoms.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership

Participant Charisms

Encouragement, Hospitality, Intercessory Prayer, Mercy, Service, Teaching



Wedding Hospitality

Members of this ministry help run wedding rehearsals and make sure weddings and wedding Masses run smoothly.

When We Meet

There are no scheduled meetings. Members are contacted when a wedding is booked and commit to serving as their schedules allow.

Learn More

For more details or to join this ministry, please contact Pam Chmiel, Office of Worship administrative assistant, at worship@stgertrude.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Helps, Hospitality, Service



FOR ADULTS

Music



Laudare Ensemble

Liturgical Ministry

Laudare is an ensemble of singers and instrumentalists who provide music for the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass, balancing timeless traditional hymns with music by contemporary liturgical composers.

When We Meet

We rehearse from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Sundays, immediately before the 6 p.m. Mass.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/laudare, or contact the director, Paul Kindt, at pkindt@zoomtown.com.

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Music, Service



Parish Choir

Liturgical Ministry

The Parish Choir is a group of volunteer singers, high school Choral Scholars, and eight professional section leaders that sings at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass and for major feasts, Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter.

When We Meet

We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. On Sunday, we meet at 9 a.m. prior to singing at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/parishchoir, or contact our director of music, Dr. Christopher Holman, at cholman@stgertrude.org.

Participant Charisms

Evangelism, Music, Service



FOR ADULTS

Catechists



Catechists

Who Is a Catechist?

A catechist is someone who hands on the faith to others. While the ministry of catechesis involves teaching, being a catechist is not simply Church jargon for “teacher.” Rather, serving as a catechist is a sacred calling and duty at the service of the ministry of the word. It involves not simply handing on information about Jesus, but handing on Jesus himself.

Who Can Be a Catechist?

Put simply, the most essential “prerequisite” is to love Jesus and his Church and to desire to serve him and help others know him. Effective catechists typically have charisms of teaching, evangelism, hospitality, and knowledge. If you enjoy helping others learn about the faith, this ministry might be for you.

What Is the Time Commitment?

It depends on in which ministry you decide to serve. Being a catechist for our Becoming Catholic process is very flexible, with the catechist and catechumen/candidate arranging a majority of meetings at mutually convenient times. Serving in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program typically involves committing to leading or assisting with weekly sessions during the academic year.

Isn't Catechesis Just for Children?

In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, “nobody in the Church of Jesus Christ should feel excused from receiving catechesis” (*Catechesi tradendae*, 45). As with other forms of learning, the search for truth,



meaning, and understanding is a lifelong pursuit. Indeed, the ministry of catechesis would “be quite useless if it stopped short at the threshold of maturity, since catechesis . . . proves no less necessary for adults” (*Catechesi tradendae*, 43).

What If I Don't Feel Qualified?

Many people have this common and understandable fear. You might think, *I'm not a priest. I haven't studied theology. How can I be a catechist?* The good news is that all Christians, by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation, have received the grace of the Holy Spirit to witness and to help in the Church's mission to make disciples. Our parish will provide training, formation, and resources to help you serve in this ministry.

Ready to Serve, or Have More Questions?

Please contact Tyler Castrucci, director of evangelization, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or Kristen Eggers, Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation office coordinator, at kristen@stgertrude.org to get started.



**FOR CHILDREN
& YOUTH**



St. Gertrude School

Grades K-8

Since its founding in 1934, St. Gertrude School (SGS) has been led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and offers academic excellence in the Dominican tradition: preaching truth, practicing virtue, and loving one another in Christ. St. Gertrude School fosters this excellence in each student through exceptional Catholic academic development and faith formation. Our grade school is a special blend of timeless wisdom and spiritual discovery, a place where learning and communion flourish. SGS is a place where children build a lasting relationship with God, treasured friendships with each other, and discover a home not just for nine years, but for life.

Learn More

Visit stgertrudesch.org, or contact our principal, Mr. Travis Johnson, at tjohnson@stgertrudesch.org, or our vice principal, Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P., at smariana@stgertrudesch.org.



Athletics

Grades K-8

St. Gertrude Parish's athletic program provides all parish children in grades K-8 with the instruction, guidance, and direction necessary to develop their talents in athletics, while at the same time forming them in those virtues that are an integral part of team play and competition.

When We Meet

Practices and games vary by season and sport.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/athletics, or contact our athletic director, Jake Dummermuth, at jdummermuth@stgertrudesch.org.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Encouragement, Leadership, Teaching



Little Flowers

Girls' Club

Grades K-4

Based on the 1906 Catholic classic *The Catholic Girls' Guide* by Father F.X. Lasance and the spirituality of St. Thérèse (the Little Flower), this beautiful, authentically Catholic program teaches virtues through Scripture, saint biographies, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

When We Meet

August 31, 2026*–May 2027 | 1st Monday of the month
6-7:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

**We are meeting on August 31 because the first Monday in September is Labor Day.*

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/littleflowers, or contact, Hannah Kunkel at hannahrkunkel@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Craftsmanship, Evangelism, Hospitality, Knowledge, Service, Teaching



Cub Scouts Pack 555

Boys & Girls in Grades K-5

Cub Scouts is part of the scouting program of Scouting America, formerly known as Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Cub Scouts is designed to help children develop skills, make friends, and have fun while learning about the world around them.

At our parish, Cub Scout Pack 555 focuses on doing our best and having fun doing it. At the heart of scouting are hands-on, interactive activities designed to be fun for children while teaching them about perseverance and developing their problem-solving abilities. There are opportunities to spend time as a family and to do things that help build upon the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Cub Scout adventures include model rockets, fishing, pinewood derby, Raingutter Regatta, hiking, archery, camping, swimming, and shooting sports.

When We Meet

Every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a few weekend events. We usually meet in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria but occasionally meet off-site for special events.

Learn More

Scouts are welcome to join anytime throughout the year! Come to a Wednesday meeting to sign up, or contact Matt Frye at (574) 529-0427 or mrmattfrye@gmail.com. Learn more at stgertrude.org/cubscouts.



Sons of St. Joseph

Liturgical Ministry, Altar Servers

Boys/Young Men in Grades 4-12

The Sons of St. Joseph is a ministry for boys and young men in fourth grade through high school who are trained to serve as altar servers for Mass and other important liturgical celebrations. They are also mentored in Dominican spirituality, build community, and provide needed service to the Church. It is a program of fraternity, discipline, accountability, and discernment with a focus on the spirituality of manhood, priesthood, and fatherhood.

When We Meet

Monthly for trainings, plus altar service commitments

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/sonsofstjoseph, or email Ben Hoffmann at pxaw@hotmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Leadership, Service



St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild

Liturgical Ministry

Girls in Grades 5–8

The St Anne and Child Mary Guild is a spiritual group created to give the girls of our school and church an opportunity to be more tangibly involved in serving the parish community, growing in their own faith life, and learning about the various vocations God may be calling them to through social interactions with each other and other women mentors. Open to 5th-8th grade girls, the monthly meetings typically include breakfast and social time, care for the church by tidying and cleaning, a craft, and a short talk.

When We Meet

Typically the second Saturday of the month, 9-11:15 a.m. (please check schedule at stgertrude.org/stanneguild, as dates can change)

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/stanneguild, or contact Ann McCormick at ann.mccormick@gmail.com.

Leadership Charisms

Administration, Helps, Leadership, Service



Boy Scouts Troop 555

Boys Grades 5-Age 18

Scouting has been a helpful, cheerful, and reverent part of the St. Gertrude Parish community since 1965. Troop 555 is a traditional boy scout troop on the boy-led model. The Scout Oath and the Scout Law inform our efforts to prepare boys of high moral character for service leadership in a complex and challenging world. Our programming focus is on monthly camping outings throughout Greater Cincinnati and beyond, navigating the ranks and merits of scouting, and deepening our personal character and intrapersonal friendships—all in the context of our Catholic tradition.

When We Meet

Tuesday, 7 p.m. | St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

Learn More

New scouts are always welcome! Visit stgertrude.org/boyscouts, or contact our scoutmaster, Paul Schmid, at schmidp1@hotmail.com.



FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music



Schola Cantorum

Liturgical Ministry, Choir

Ages 8-13

The Schola Cantorum (School of Singing) is a mixed-voice ensemble that consists of children ages 8–13 and professional singers from the Cincinnati area. This special choir, unique in the Cincinnati area and one of less than a dozen of its kind in the entire U.S., is founded on the Church's ancient tradition of choral training: children sing the soprano line while professional singers sing the alto, tenor, and bass parts.

When We Meet

August–May | Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m. We sing for the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/scola, or contact our director of music, Dr. Christopher Holman, at cholman@stgertrude.org.



Choral Scholars

Liturgical Ministry, Choir

Grades 9–12

St. Gertrude Parish's Choral Scholars are high school students who are pursuing rigorous vocal training by singing the great music of the Church in the Parish Choir on a weekly basis. Each Choral Scholar receives a scholarship worth \$3,300, which includes a monetary award, free weekly voice lessons, and more.

When We Meet

September–May | Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and weekly voice lessons as arranged with the singing teacher.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/choralscholarsprogram, or contact Cynthia Holman at cynthia.holman@stgertrude.org.



Collegium

Liturgical Ministry, Choir

Grades 9–12

The Collegium is St. Gertrude Parish's choir for high school students, which sings occasionally for the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass when the Schola Cantorum is off. The choir primarily focuses on singing plainchant and simple motets.

When We Meet

Rehearsals are 6 to 7:30 p.m. on varying weeknights before each Mass at which they sing. Rehearsals are followed by free pizza and the opportunity to relax and spend time together.

Learn More

Visit stgertrude.org/collegium, or contact our director of music, Dr. Christopher Holman, at cholman@stgertrude.org.



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