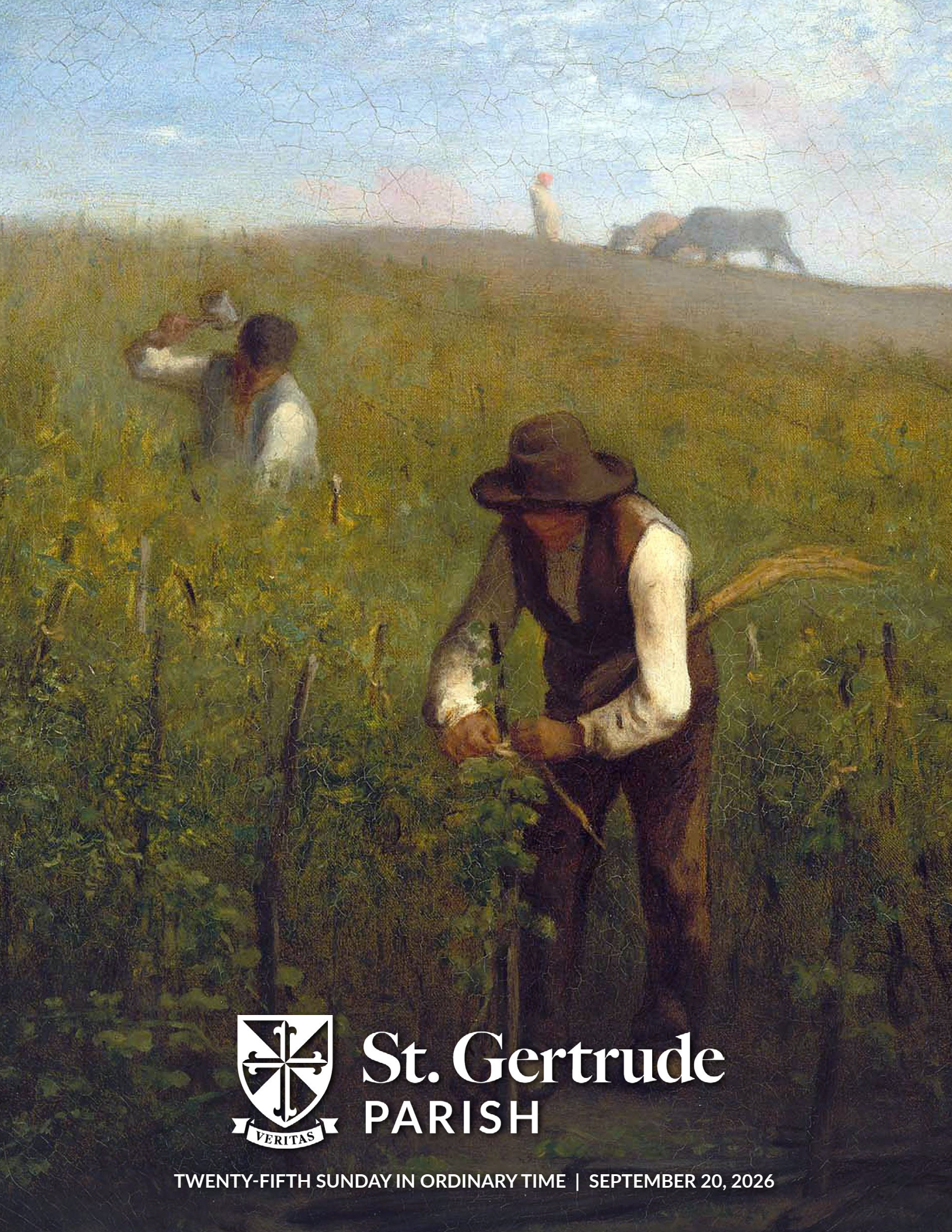




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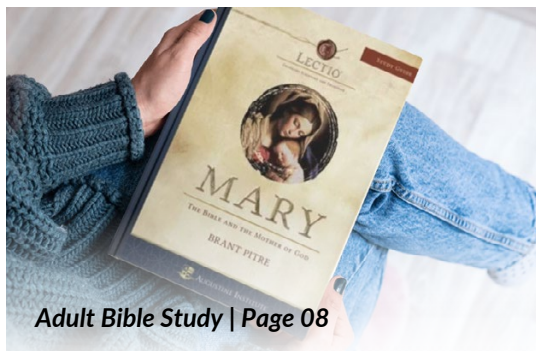
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Church Hours

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 or 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—our parish bulletin and website, stgertrude.org, are great places 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.

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.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST

Listen to our parish podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts!

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



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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.





BUILDING FOR MISSION CAMPAIGN: RATIONALE FOR OUR CASE ADJUSTMENTS

Since beginning our journey toward a parish capital campaign to meet the pressing needs of our

parish, we have needed to make several necessary and prudent adjustments to our plans. These adjustments are the result of our parish leadership's due diligence since the conclusion of this past May's feasibility study. The feasibility study indicated that a \$20 million (minimum) campaign is possible and that the overwhelming need to address is meeting, office, and community space.

During the feasibility study, we used projected costs that were developed from estimates during our master planning efforts. These figures were reasonable estimates of what each project might cost at that time. At the conclusion of the study, we asked our architects, Elevar Design Group, to revise the estimates based on current building costs. Elevar returned to us those estimates, which revealed an overall project cost of \$29 million. This was much more than we anticipated.

During this period, the parish hired Nicholas Morgan from Stillwater Consultancy to be our owner's agent on this project. Nick is a St. Gertrude Parish parishioner and has many years of experience managing projects like the ones we are undertaking. Nick reviewed the architect's cost estimates and indicated that these estimates were likely also lower than what the actual costs would be due to other factors not taken into consideration, such as contingency fees, permits, annual inflation of construction materials and costs at 8 percent, and other factors. His review and report to the parish leadership placed the total cost of the project at \$39 million.

With these facts in hand, parish leadership prioritized the projects presented to the parish, with the underlying principle that the projects we take on must address parishioners' most pressing concern: the need for more space for meetings, events, and parish staff offices (which would open space in the school for school needs). After reviewing the projects that addressed the critical need for more space—and striving to keep the cost of the projects within the scope of a minimum \$20 million capital campaign—we have selected the following four priorities for our Building for Mission campaign.

- **Parish Center Expansion – \$10.5 Million:** This expansion will provide for adequate meeting and office spaces for parish staff and parish ministry groups and include dedicated Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atria. A portion of these funds will be used to renovate the current parish office

space in St. Gertrude School for school use.

- **Narthex – \$4.7 Million:** We will transform the current outdoor space between the church and the Parish Center into a fully-furnished indoor narthex. This space will function as a natural post-Mass gathering area and serve as a warm, welcoming place with access to the church, parish and staff offices, and meeting rooms in the expanded Parish Center. The narthex will also serve as an overflow area for Masses on Holy Days and other special occasions.
- **Convent – \$2.5 Million:** The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, who have generously served our school children and their families for nearly 100 years, need a true convent. Their current house is too small and does not support the needs of religious life. We will either build a proper convent for the Sisters or purchase a local home to renovate to meet their needs, which will enhance their community life and allow them to live out their vocation in a more suitable way.
- **Church Updates & Parking – \$2.5 Million:** Every week, many people visit our church building to receive the sacraments, pray, and attend liturgies and events. To accommodate the faithful, we will increase the number of confessionals, update the bathrooms, and improve the overall functional flow of the worship space. This will also include making the parking lot safer for our school children, who walk across the parking lot to access the gym.

These four projects total \$20.2 million—and with an additional and necessary contingency cost, total \$22 million. Through the Building for Mission campaign, we will seek to raise a minimum of \$22 million to complete these projects in a timely fashion and to address our most pressing need of meeting, office, and community space. We will not take on additional debt to do more unless funds are available; we feel confident that we can successfully raise the funds needed for these projects.

We have not abandoned the other projects discussed during the feasibility study—they will be completed in the future. However, if we were able to significantly go over our \$22 million goal, the first project we would undertake would be to build a new gym attached to St. Gertrude School. To do this, we would need to raise a total of \$30 million, which would require extraordinary generosity from the parish community. We place this in God's hands and will follow his will as to whether this can be accomplished. We pray that it can. **Listed below are the future projects and their costs.** Please note: If the parish were able to raise all the funds now, the estimated cost of these future projects is \$13.2 million. The projected cost of the same projects in 10 years is estimated to be \$24 million.

- **New Gym for St. Gertrude School – \$7.4 Million:** At some point in the future, we will build a new gym adjacent to the school to address safety and additional space needs.

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- **Current Gym Renovation & Other Future Infrastructure Costs – \$5.8 Million:** We would transform the current gym into meeting and office space. This renovation and other future infrastructure projects will only be undertaken if funding is available and would be planned over a period of 7 to 10 years.

Every step taken during this process reflects a level of our parish leadership's due diligence, professional oversight, advice, and counsel to ensure a successful campaign and building effort that will address our needs and create the space we require to continue to minister to you and to provide additional opportunities to bring people closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray and thank you for your continued support as we move forward with this historic effort for St. Gertrude Parish.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.
Pastor



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

REGISTER NOW!



CHILDREN & YOUTH Faith Formation Registration

Classes have begun, but you can still sign up for the following faith formation programs:

- 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.

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.



CATECHIST 101

By Tyler Castrucci
Director of Evangelization

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday—a moment to commission and recognize those who will serve as catechists, both in the parish and in the home. At

St. Gertrude Parish, we are blessed to have dozens of volunteers serve as catechists in many different ministries. **We are always in need of more missionary disciples who are eager to serve the Lord, so I'd like to share more about the catechist vocation and invite you to discern if you are called to this ministry.**

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 prerequisites are 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 which ministry in which you decide to serve.

Being a catechist for our Becoming Catholic process is very flexible; the majority of meetings are arranged between the catechist and the catechumen/candidate 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 their 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?

For general inquiries, contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org, or Kristen Eggers at kristen@stgertrude.org. To serve as a catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), contact our coordinator of CGS, Lauren Mays, at lmays@stgertrude.org.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF

FUN COMPETITION • FOOD • FAITH



September 25 | 6–8 p.m. | Parish Center

All 7th and 8th graders are invited!



YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE

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

Join us on one-day pilgrimage to the Monastery of St. Clare in Cincinnati. The day includes talks, prayer, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Francis. Space is limited! The cost is \$10, which covers lunch and snacks. Sign up at tinyurl.com/2026StFrancis.

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

BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All boys in grades 3–8 of St. Gertrude Parish are invited to join the 2026–2027 Bulldogs boys basketball program. The season runs November–February. Registration is open through September 25 and is \$110. Late registration (September 26–October 2) is \$160. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs. **Coaches Needed:** Interested in coaching? Coach signup is open through September 25. Email stgertrudeboysbasketball@gmail.com.



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



“I thank God for this illness and these physical discomforts, because I have time to converse with the Lord Jesus. It is my delight to spend long hours at the feet of the hidden God, and the hours pass like minutes as I lose track of time. I feel that a fire is burning within me, and I understand no other life but that of sacrifice, which flows from pure love.”

– *Diary, #784*

BAPTISMS – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Child: Helen Jean Diesslin
Parents: Jared & Kaelyn



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 Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, William Kimura, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Jim Lydon, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Tom McLaughlin, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo Pelle, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, Fran Pishotti, 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



40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIGNUP | SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood to end abortion. The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign is September 23 through November 1. St. Gertrude Parish will participate in the campaign on Thursday, September 24, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue). Sign up after any Mass this weekend, September 19 and 20, to participate. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Campbell at lisaredig61@gmail.com or (865) 455-4795.



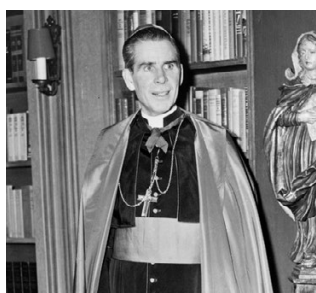
LECTOR TRAINING | SEPTEMBER 21

Anyone wishing to join the lector ministry is invited to attend our lector training this Monday, September 21, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in the church. The training is not mandatory for current lectors; however, you are more than welcome to come to receive feedback on your lectoring. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING | SEPTEMBER 24

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher are invited to our next altar server training this Thursday, September 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church.



YOUNG ADULT FULTON SHEEN WATCH PARTY | SEPTEMBER 24

Venerable Fulton Sheen is set to be beatified on Thursday, September 24, in St. Louis, Missouri. All young adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to witness this historic moment in the Church at our Fulton Sheen Watch Party that evening at 7 p.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby in the Parish Center.



YOUNG ADULT KARAOKE NIGHT | OCTOBER 1

Bring your best singing voice and join other 18-to-35-year-olds for an epic night of Karaoke! The evening begins at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

This WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
6:45 p.m. | Lector Training (Church)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 p.m. | Polarization in the Church Presentation (St. Dominic Lobby)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)
7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (St. Dominic Lobby)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6 p.m. | Junior High Youth Ministry Kickoff (Parish Center)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | Pancake Breakfast (Gym)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Adoration Night (Parish Center)

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.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Why is Mary important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? Join us for the eight-part Bible study, *Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God*, which examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church Fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Each session involves a video from Scripture scholar Dr. Brant Pitre, group discussion, and fellowship.

Second & Fourth Saturdays
October 10, 2026–March 13, 2027
(8 Sessions)
9:30 to 11 a.m.
School Cafeteria



Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/TheBibleAndMary
to sign up.



COST: \$25
(includes workbook)

CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

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



ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

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

As we approach the November elections, there are many issues that Catholics need to be aware of. Neither political party has a monopoly on Catholic teaching, and it is therefore each person's responsibility to judge candidates by their adherence to sanctity of all life and their care for all people, especially the poor and vulnerable. To support you in this discernment, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati developed iVoteCatholic: tools for Catholic communities to use over the months prior to election day. Over the next seven weeks, we will share ivotecatholic.org content that looks at the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching—what they are, how they are defined, how they apply to our lives, and how to use them to determine for whom you will vote. Here is a brief introduction and the first theme.

CATHOLIC POLITICAL PARTICIPATION:
WITNESSING TO THE GOSPEL

We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives, but—when it comes to voting—this can be difficult. During this election season, immerse yourself in the worldwide Church's life and teaching. Gain a fuller understanding of the Church's commitment to a consistent ethic of life, which guides us to be advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Of course, not every issue is morally equivalent, not every proposal is equally a direct moral threat, nor can commitment to one issue excuse indifference to the rest. The complexities of political process in a diverse society require prudence. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. Rather, to inform your vote, we encourage prayer, study, shared discernment, listening to those who are most vulnerable, and drawing closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which burns with love of all humanity.

Family, Community, and Participation

During this first week, we focus on the call to Family, Community, and Participation. Our God is Trinity—three persons, one God. These three persons are in constant relationship with each other. Being created in the image of God, we, too, need to be in relationships. Each human person is not only sacred but also social. We must recognize and cherish the gift of belonging to our immediate families and wider family—the Church and society. The Church teaches that in order to fully belong to a family and community, participation is essential. We encourage you to ensure you and your family are registered to vote. Get informed and educated about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Our community calls us to participate not just for our own needs but for the larger whole of society. Voting is an actionable way to love and a tool to cultivate community. Find out more at ivotecatholic.org.

Every weekend between now and the November elections, our Respect Life ministry will share bits of information to help you understand the dignity of every human life and take action to uphold it from conception to natural death.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Living Our Call to Defend Life

SCRIPTURE

God's Word on Human Dignity

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." – John 10:10

CHURCH TEACHING

What Our Faith Calls Us to Know

"It is part of the Church's mission to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it." – Catechism of the Catholic Church #2246



TAKE ACTION

Put Your Faith into Practice

Are you registered to vote? Have you recently moved? Is your child turning 18 before election day? [Scan the QR code to check your registration status.](#)

General Election (mid-terms): November 3
Early voting begins October 6.



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fellowship with your St. Gertrude Parish family! (Gluten-free pancakes and dairy-free scrambled eggs available.)

Children 5 and Under	FREE
Children Grades K-8	\$5
Adult	\$10
Family	\$35



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M. | GYM

All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program, an initiative that provides new winter coats for needy children.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195.



Knights of Columbus



DISCOVER

A Catholic Education Rooted in the *Dominican* Intellectual Tradition

Give your child the gift of a *Catholic* education at your parish school.

At St. Gertrude School, our students are formed in rigorous academics, intellectual discipline, and an unshakable commitment to truth, who is the very person of Jesus Christ.

Our graduates are distinguished by their moral clarity, academic excellence, and a profound sense of purpose recognized across every high school in the region. For families seeking more than a Catholic education in name alone, and for those who desire true formation in wisdom and virtue rooted in the Church, St. Gertrude School stands apart.

Priority application for St. Gertrude Parish families begins October 1, 2026. Secure your spot!



**ATTEND OUR FALL OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 28, 9-11 a.m.**



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | ST. MATTHEW (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † John Bower Jr. by The Golias Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Pfeiffer by The Pfeiffer Family

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † John & Sarah Murray by The Murray Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Maria Dean by Elizabeth Boomgarden

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Aurora de Jesus Riviera by The Schneider Family
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Sherry Schuler

8 a.m. | Mass – † Gertrude Stuntebeck by The Mascarenhas Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
4 p.m. | Confessions

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Jane Gertz by The Lohr Family

8 a.m. | Mass – Dan Teller by The CGS Program at St. Gertrude Parish

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Andrew D. Speicher by Tricia Speicher
4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Missy Castrucci by The Castrucci Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Ralph Joseph Mott by Dan Mott

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † The Shannon Family by The Family
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Atkocunis by The Costanzo Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Owen Hughes by The Head Family
3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Jim LeBlond by The Glorius Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Debbie Tolle by Peter Bertoli

10 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Nieto Family
by The Nieto Family

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

6 p.m. | Mass – Beth Beatrice by The Bailey Family



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.

GOLF FORE LIFE 2026

Pregnancy Center Plus invites you to Golf Fore Life 2026 on Monday, September 21, at Terrace Park Country Club (5341 South Milford Road, Milford, OH). Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, golfer gifts, lunch, dinner, beverages, and fun contests throughout the day! Check-in is at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golf tickets go quickly, so be sure to register early: single golfer (\$250), twosome (\$500), foursome (\$1,000). After golf, celebrate at the clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner and open bar, fellowship, and a silent auction. The online auction is open September 7–21. For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/GolfForeLife2026.

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood) on Wednesday, September 23. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with a rosary, followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more details, please call (513) 351-9800.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MASS & POTLUCK

The Catholic Medical Association of Cincinnati will hold its quarterly Mass and family potluck on Saturday, September 26, at St. Gertrude Parish. Join us for the vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by fellowship and dinner in the Parish Center lobby. All physicians, nurses, therapists, and students are welcome! To RSVP, email cmacincy@gmail.com.

CYCLE PREP: FIRST PERIOD FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP

This workshop for parents and their daughters ages 9–11 is designed to help girls learn about the menstrual cycle and how to prepare for their first—and future—periods in a fun, age-appropriate, and confidence-building way. Led by certified NFP instructor Heidi Schaap, the workshop will be on October 10, 2026, at Montezuma Retreat Center (Celina, OH) from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per family. To register, visit tinyurl.com/CyclePrep-Celina or scan the QR code.



ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

All married couples, families, and friends are invited to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's annual St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the Blessing of Children on Friday, October 16, at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church (511 E Spring St., St. Marys, OH 45885). This free event is an opportunity to prayerfully support married couples experiencing infertility or pregnancy loss. It includes Mass on the feast day of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, followed by a reception with fellowship, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and resources. For more information, scan the QR code or contact Deacon David Ulmer at dulmer@catholicaoc.org.



ARE YOU PREPARED?

Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery—owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati—on Tuesday, September 22, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Make end-of-life decisions with clarity and peace of mind. To RSVP, email community@gateofheaven.org or call (513) 489-0300.

BETHANY BRUNCH

Young women are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for a special brunch hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Office for Consecrated Life on Saturday, October 10 at The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Parish from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The morning includes Mass, a brief presentation from the Sisters, conversation, and time for prayer. Anyone under 18 must have a chaperone. To learn more or RSVP, scan the QR code.





Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

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



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, September 13, 2026	
Collection	\$37,405
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Deficit	(\$11,615)
Second Collection (Dominican Missions)	\$5,006
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$524,542
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$539,216
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$14,674)



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