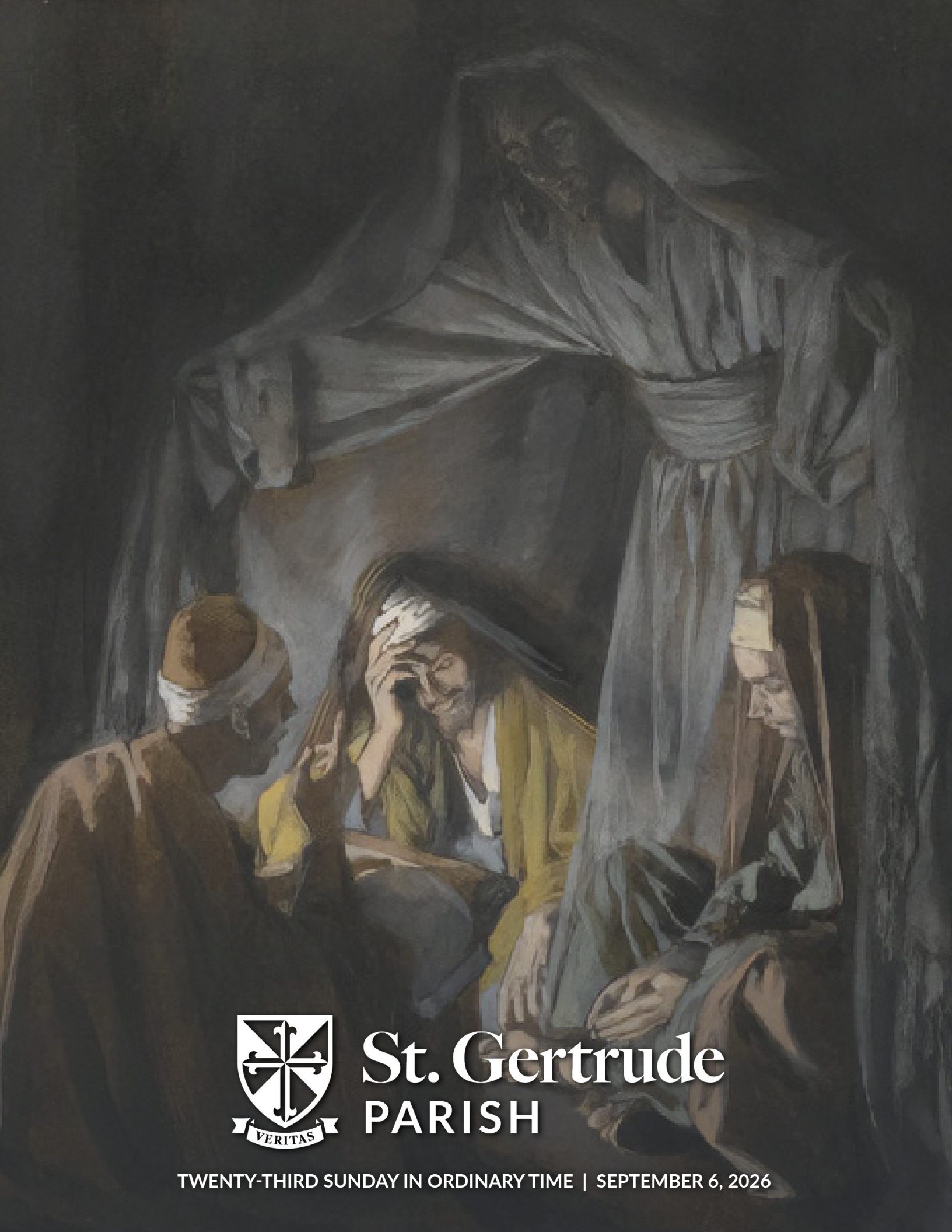




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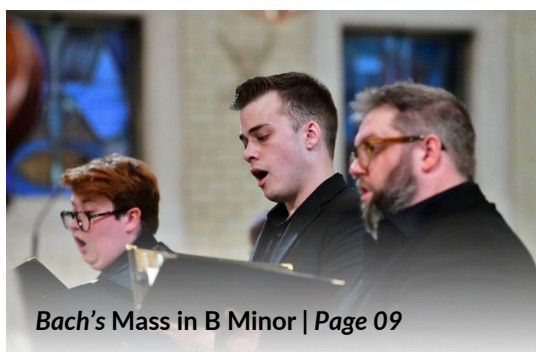
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Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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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.





Parishes often pray for workers and farmers as part of their petitions. In a recent article posted on thecatholictelegraph.com and reprinted (with permission) below, Father Dave Endres explains the Church's approach to work and why it prays for workers. I thought you may find it insightful.

God bless,

Rv. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., Pastor



THE CHURCH'S APPROACH TO WORK AND WHY IT PRAYS FOR WORKERS

The Church has long prayed for workers because work is common to humanity and often arduous and dangerous. Every person is called

to work, though work takes many forms and may be fulfilled in different ways according to a person's circumstances and abilities.

Why Work?

Work is so essential to humanity that we find in the Scriptures, "If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Unless prevented by old age, illness, or other circumstances, a person is meant to work. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) relates, through work the person "exercises and fulfills . . . the potential inscribed in his nature" (CCC, no. 2428).

Work is natural and part of the divine plan for the human person. God's first commandment to humanity to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28) is understood as a call to cultivate the earth and contribute to human flourishing. Work is not only for survival but to develop human potential, engage one's talents and creativity, and serve one's family and community.

Workers' Dignity and Rights

A worker's dignity, whether in paid employment, agriculture, the home, or other forms of labor, is rooted in being made in the image and likeness of God. Because of this God-given dignity, certain rights should be protected, including a fair wage for oneself and one's family, freedom for workers to form associations like labor unions, and the assurance of appropriate rest and leisure.

The Church reminds us that "work is for man, not man for work"

(CCC, no. 2428). The dignity of the human person must always take priority over economic interests, capital, and profit.

New Challenges

In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV addresses contemporary challenges facing workers. The pope writes that automation and artificial intelligence (AI) are "rapidly transforming the very structure of work." Concerned about their impact on workers, he writes, "It is said that this will bring great improvements for everyone . . . however, the 'new ways' of working are not necessarily better, for while AI promises to boost productivity by taking over mundane tasks, it frequently forces workers to adapt to the speed and demands of machines, rather than machines being designed to support those who work" (*Magnifica Humanitas*, no. 150).

While modes and circumstances of work change, the principles that underlie a proper understanding of work remain. The dignity and rights of workers must be assured. As the pope teaches, "Work is not simply an instrument, [but] it expresses and enhances the dignity of our lives" (*Magnifica Humanitas*, no. 149). Work, therefore, should be ordered toward the flourishing of the human person rather than allowing efficiency or profit to guide it.

Spiritual Support

The Church prays for workers and farmers because labor has not only economic and social dimensions but also a spiritual one. Through these prayers, the faithful ask God to bless human labor, provide for daily needs, and help workers recognize their efforts as participation in God's creative work.

Prayers for workers can be included in the general intercessions of the Mass, and the Roman Missal contains Mass prayers for the planting and harvesting of crops. Prayers for workers are especially appropriate on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), which reminds us that work can be a path to holiness. The Church's teaching and prayer both witness to the material, spiritual, and moral dimensions of labor. Work is not merely a means of economic support but a participation in God's creative plan and an expression of service to others.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

This year is the 25th anniversary of September 11. All daily Masses celebrated at St. Gertrude Parish this Friday, September 11, will be a "Mass for Peace." This is not the intention for which the Mass is offered but the designation of the celebration. We will use the readings for the day.

In addition, Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church is hosting a community memorial service at 1 p.m. Parishioner Colonel Brad Wenstrup will be speaking at the event.

REGISTER NOW!



CHILDREN & YOUTH Faith Formation Registration

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

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3–grade 3)
- Sacramental Formation (generally grade 2)
- Family Faith (grades 4–6)
- Confirmation Preparation (grades 7–8)



Visit tinyurl.com/Formation2627 or scan the QR code for details and to register.

Try Omega!

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

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

September 14–October 26, 2026

Mondays | 7–9 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby



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

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.

YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE

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



Join us on a 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.





MEET A PARISHIONER: THE CALONGE FAMILY

This is the seventh installment of our bulletin feature, Meet a Parishioner! Each month, we will spotlight a parishioner or family to help you get to know your fellow parishioners, build a

sense of community, and stay connected in Christ. This month, meet Allan, Vicki, Lucia, Vincent, and Mary Calonge!

St. Gertrude Parish: How did you first come to find St. Gertrude Parish, and how long have you been parishioners?

Allan & Vicki Calonge: We were drawn to St. Gertrude Parish because of the Dominican presence and the parish's reputation for beautiful, reverent liturgies and faithfulness to the teachings of the Church. In fact, we moved to Madeira for St. Gertrude. We have been parishioners for 10 years, and St. Gertrude has become our spiritual home. We regularly go to the 12 p.m. Mass and feel incredibly blessed to be part of this parish community.

SGP: What do you love about St. Gertrude Parish?

Allan & Vicki: There is so much we love but especially the way reverence, truth, and community come together. The beautiful celebration of the Mass, sacred music, Dominican preaching, frequent opportunities for confession and Eucharistic adoration, and the faithful teaching of the Church continually draw us closer to Christ. We also love the people. We are surrounded by families, priests, religious, and parishioners of every age who are striving for holiness and helping one another get to heaven. We have been blessed to find holy friendships rooted in Christ.

SGP: In what ways are you involved at St. Gertrude Parish?

Allan & Vicki: Our whole family has found meaningful ways to get involved in parish life. Lucia sang with the Schola Cantorum for the past four years and now assists with Schola and is a High School Choral Scholar. Vincent is an altar server. Mary is part of Little Flowers and loves going to the atrium each week for CGS.

Vicki serves on pastoral council, takes Communion to residents at Madeira Health Center, will serve as a small group leader for Confirmation preparation this year, and loves volunteering at parish events. Together, we serve as a Baptism mentor couple and members of the capital campaign committee and help with the parish's Lenten Fish Fry.

SGP: How has the parish helped you grow as disciples?

Allan & Vicki: St. Gertrude Parish has helped our faith become something we don't simply believe but strive to live every day. The reverence of the liturgy calls us to greater reverence ourselves. The preaching and teaching challenge us to know our faith more deeply. The availability of confession, Eucharistic adoration, and other devotions continually invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ.

We have also been blessed by other people's witness. It is powerful to be surrounded by people who desire holiness—families raising children in the faith, young people discerning vocations, parishioners praying after Mass, and priests and religious joyfully giving their lives in service to Christ and his Church. Their examples encourage us to keep growing and remind us that discipleship is something we do together.

The Dominicans have been especially important to us. Their charism of prayer, study, community, and preaching has helped form how we seek to live our Catholic faith. Their witness reminds us that the Truth is not merely something to know, but Someone to encounter, love, live, and share with others.

SGP: How does your family live out the faith at home?

Allan & Vicki: We try to make our Catholic faith part of the ordinary rhythm of family life rather than something reserved only for Sundays. We pray together, read Scripture, celebrate feast days, talk about the saints, and try to connect what our children are learning in our homeschool to the truth, goodness, and beauty that ultimately have their source in God.

Colossians 3:12–17 has become a meaningful passage for our family. We return to it often as a reminder of how we are called to treat one another. We also frequently pray, “Lord, let us be your hands and feet,” and then try to put that prayer into action. As a family, we look for opportunities to serve others. We want our children to understand that loving Christ leads us to loving and serving the people he places around us.

SGP: What is a fun or unique fact about your family?

Allan & Vicki: We love traditions, family game nights, escape rooms, pilgrimages, ice skating, family walks, and a good theme! We have a huge love for the Cincinnati Reds and a tradition of taking a picture of our children with the Joe Nuxhall statue so we can literally watch them “grow up with Joe.”

SGP: Does your family have a patron/favorite saint?

Allan & Vicki: Rather than having just one patron saint, we have developed friendships with many saints over the years: Pope Saint John Paul II, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Dominic, and St. Thomas Aquinas.



LIFE FORWARD COLLECTION | SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

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

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

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

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?

Does your child have a passion for music? Our Schola Cantorum may be the perfect fit! This special mixed-voice ensemble is open to children ages 8-13 and sings at St. Gertrude Parish's 12 p.m. Sunday Mass and for major feasts. To learn more and sign up, visit stgertrude.org/schola or email Christopher Holman, PhD, director of music, at cholman@stgertrude.org.

SOUP KITCHEN SIGNUP | SEPTEMBER 13

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude Parish parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, September 27, and Sunday, October 18. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up outside (or in the St. Dominic Lobby in case of bad weather) before or after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass next Sunday, September 13. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

All girls of St. Gertrude Parish in grades 3-8 are invited to join the parish girls basketball program for the 2026-2027 school year. The season runs October-December 2026. Regular registration is closed, but late registration is open September 1-7 and is \$160. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs.



ROSARY & SPEAKER | SEPTEMBER 15

Join the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 on Tuesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the church to pray the rosary and hear Adriana Vasquez, St. Gertrude Parish parishioner and Archdiocese of Cincinnati director of Marriage & Family Evangelization, speak on the topic of Marriage and the Eucharist. There will be an opportunity for Q&A after Adriana's remarks. Please note: There will not be a social/refreshments after the rosary or presentation.



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

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

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Donald Glassmeyer, husband of Linda
† Barbara Hollenbach



ROSARIES & RELIGIOUS ITEMS SALE | SEPTEMBER 6

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

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



YOUNG ADULT PAPAL ENCYCLICAL DISCUSSION SERIES | SEPTEMBER 10

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



LADIES OF CHARITY PLANNING MEETING | SEPTEMBER 12

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



FUN BUNCH IS BACK | SEPTEMBER 15

Everyone age 55+ is invited to join us on Tuesday, September 15, at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby for the first Fun Bunch gathering of the fall. Father John Langlois, O.P., will give a presentation on his pilgrimage experience, *In the Footsteps of St. Dominic*. Lunch will be pizza. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Please visit tinyurl.com/SeptemberFun to let us know what you are bringing. Walk-ins are welcome. If you plan to come, RSVP to Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkenney06@aol.com so we can have an estimated headcount for food. We hope you will join us—and bring a friend!



LADIES OF CHARITY CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW | OCTOBER 17

Calling all crafters! Showcase your homemade craft or small business products in the St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity Craft and Gift Show on Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are a limited number of crafter booths available, so please RSVP now to hold your spot. For more information, contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085 or Marilyn Scherpenberg at (513) 582-3984.

This WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Adoration Chapel Closed

Parish & School Offices Closed

12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)

7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church or Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (Holy Family Conference Room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7 p.m. | *Bach's Mass in B Minor* (Church)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 a.m. | The Search (School Cafeteria)

9 a.m. | St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild (St. Dominic Lobby)

10 a.m. | Ladies of Charity Planning Meeting (St. Joseph Room)

5:30 p.m. | Life Forward Collection (White Van in the Parking Lot)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)

9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. | Life Forward Collection
(White Van in the Parking Lot)

9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. | Soup Kitchen Signup
(St. Dominic Lobby or Outside)

7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry 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.



MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

Did you know that we have a St. Gertrude Parish Endowment and a St. Gertrude School Endowment? A gift to either of these endowments now will leave a legacy that will provide for our parish and school for years to come! For more information, contact Hope Ramundo at hramundo@stgertrude.org. To give, visit bit.ly/parishendow or bit.ly/schoolendow. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

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



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

All women ages 16+ are invited! No experience necessary. This year's theme is "Red, White, and Bunco" in honor of America's 250th anniversary! Tickets are \$25 each and include drinks, hearty small bites throughout the night, and dessert. Don't forget to bring cash for Split the Pot games!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. | Game starts at 6:15 p.m.



To register, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/LadiesBunco2026.



GOD CALLS US TO BE
GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR
GIFTS AND GRACES

By Lucy Friemoth
St. Gertrude Parish Parishioner

I've heard from those working in teaching or mentoring positions that they are surprised at how much they themselves grow. My experience working alongside the teens in the L'alto: High School Youth Ministry has reflected the same beautiful reality. Initially, I had reservations about the consistent time commitment and working with a potentially angsty demographic. But, mainly, I was insecure about my own abilities and shortcomings. *Was I a good role model? Did I have anything to contribute? Would it be enough?* Yet there was an unmistakable beckoning toward giving back to the St. Gertrude Parish community that had done so much for me. So I tried to remain open and waited for a signal from the Holy Spirit.

One day at Mass, I noticed a little card in my pew about our call to steward our talents. I could not tell you what was on that little card, but whatever it said was signal enough for me. As I read, I felt a deep reassurance that God would work through anything I had to give and that he would multiply it tenfold. I realized that t

the call to be good stewards is our Lord joyfully drawing us closer to himself. If we intentionally follow the path our talents and opportunities lay out for us, we are following him.

One year later, I am rich in new friendships, incredibly humbled, and surprisingly apt with Gen Z slang! I am still constantly astounded at the graces God has granted me, my fellow team members, and the teens through this beautiful ministry of fellowship and camaraderie. God blesses us with so many paths to reach him—all we have to do is remain faithfully open to the ways he might be calling us deeper into him. I encourage everyone to be attentive to the ways God might be calling you to become good stewards of your own gifts and graces.

Go Deeper

If you are looking to go deeper and learn how you can grow as a steward of all God has given you, check out our 2026–2027 Parish Ministries booklet (available at the entrances to the church) or contact Hope Ramundo, director of Stewardship, at hramundo@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954, ext. 2120.

BACH'S MASS IN B^{Minor}

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

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

Scan to learn more and get your tickets.







A TALK ON Polarization in the Church

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

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

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



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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.

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



Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org to SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | WEEKDAY

8 a.m. | Mass – For All Who Labor

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Sophia & James Henderson by Alan & Dina Henderson

8 a.m. | Mass – † Sarah Dmytryk by The Shaftels

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Fred James by The Family

4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | ST. PETER CLAVER (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Dolores Castro by Analinda Caballero

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

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Blom by Andy & Ann Cordier

8 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Arling by The Arling Family

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Daniel R. Armstong by The Schneller Family

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

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Ray Clark & Megan Clark Johnson
by Marylyn Clark

4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity
by Ladies of Charity

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Nichwitz by Nancy DeBrunner
3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Marie Hunchuck by Kim & Cheryle Hunchuck

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10 a.m. | Mass – † John William Formiller
by Diane & Jim Tomaszewski

12 p.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Sister Mediatrix, SOLT

6 p.m. | Mass – † Carol Borchert by The Stines 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.

PRESENTATION MINISTRIES RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

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

FRIENDS OF JESUS

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

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE SHRINE

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

HEARTS AWAKE: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

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



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.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Encounter Ministries is dedicated to teaching, equipping, and activating disciples of Jesus to demonstrate the supernatural power and love of God. The Cincinnati Encounter School of Ministry begins this Tuesday, September 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. You are invited to join for the first two classes for FREE on Identity and Transformation on Mondays, September 14 and 21. Worship starts at 5:30 p.m. in Father Smith Hall. For more details, visit contact Deacon Russ Feldkamp at russ@encounterministries.us or Anne Collins at stgertrudetdm@gmail.com, or visit encounterschool.org/cincinnati/.

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.

Synod 2027

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.

Register today at catholicaoc.org/conversations

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Collection \$49,591

Weekly Budget \$49,020

Weekly Surplus \$571

Second Collection – Fifth Sunday \$4,377

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2027

Fiscal YTD Actual \$437,797

Fiscal YTD Budget \$441,176

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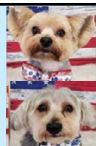
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