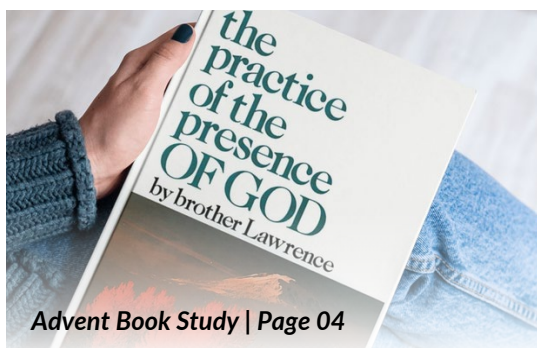




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Church Hours

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.





SOME WISDOM FROM MY HERO

On Thursday of this coming week, the Church celebrates the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II. He was the pope during my college and immediate post-college years—the period when I started really

growing in my faith at a rapid pace. It was a time when I would describe myself as being a “sponge,” trying to learn as much as I could about Catholicism. Pope St. John Paul II’s example, his life, his preaching, and his encyclicals were extremely formative for me during that window in my life.

When I entered the Dominican Order as a novice in 1995, I took John Paul as my religious name in honor of him. Today, I still consider him an inspiration and one of my heroes. So, I thought I would share a few quotes from him that are particularly inspiring to me. I hope they will be the same for you.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walden, O.F.M.

Father John Paul

“Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.”

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.”

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our faith. This is our witness before the world.”

“If He asks much of you, it is because he knows you can give much.”

“When innocent human beings are declared inconvenient or burdensome, and thus unworthy of legal and social protection, grievous damage is done to the moral foundations of the democratic community. The right to life is the first of all rights. It is the foundation of democratic liberties and the keystone of the edifice of a civil society.”

“This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis.”

“We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son Jesus.”

“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.”

BUILDING FOR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

GOAL: \$24,000,000

Number of Gifts	18
Total Raised to Date	\$6,500,000
Percentage of Goal Raised	25 Percent
Percentage of Families Participating	>1 Percent

As of September 30, 2026

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA



“When I entered the ward, I saw someone dying. . . . And just then, I heard a voice in my soul, ‘Say the chaplet which I taught you.’ I ran to fetch my rosary and knelt down by the dying person and, with all the ardor of my soul, I began to say the chaplet. Suddenly the dying person opened her eyes and looked at me; I had not managed to finish the entire chaplet when she died, with extraordinary peace. . . . The Lord gave me to know that the soul had been granted the grace He had promised me. That was the first soul to receive the benefit of the Lord’s promise. I could feel the power of mercy envelop that soul.”

- Diary, #810



October 20, 2026 | 12:15 p.m.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

FUN BUNCH

Everyone age 55+ is invited to a Cincinnati Chili Extravaganza!

ACTIVITIES Chili aficionado Andy Stefanopolous will present on the history of Cincinnati chili.

LUNCH Chili! All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Visit tinyurl.com/OctoberFun or scan the QR code to let us know what you are bringing.

RSVP Please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkennedy06@aol.com so we can get an estimated headcount for food. As usual, walk-ins are welcome.



We hope you will join us—and bring a friend!

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.

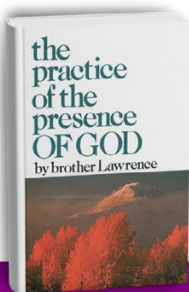
The day includes talks, prayer, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Francis. Space is limited! The cost is \$10, which covers lunch and snacks. Sign up at tinyurl.com/2026StFrancis.

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

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

with Father Louis Bethea, O.P.

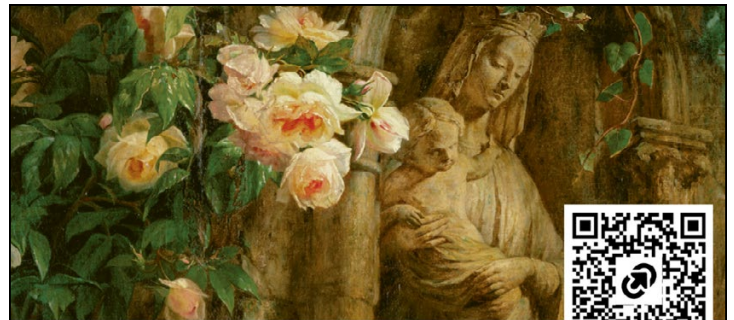
Prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent by studying the spiritual classic, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, by Brother Lawrence. A 17th century Discalced Carmelite, Brother Lawrence "learned to cultivate the deep presence of God so thoroughly in his own heart that he was able to joyfully exclaim, 'I am doing now what I will do for all eternity. I am blessing God, praising Him, adoring Him, and loving Him with all my heart!'"



**November 30,
December 7 & 14**
5:30–7 p.m. | St. Joseph Room
Includes a potluck dinner.
\$5 (includes copy of the book)
Only 15 spots available!



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



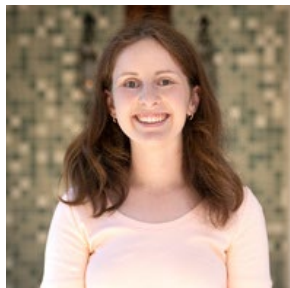
2026 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Mary Mother of Our Savior

DECEMBER 4–5, 2026
Jesuit Spiritual Center (Milford)

All men ages 18-plus are invited to our annual Men's Advent Retreat. This year's retreat master, **Father Ken Letoile, O.P.**, will guide you to a greater intimacy with Jesus through the Advent intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

Scan the QR code or visit catholicmensretreat.org to learn more and register!



LORD, PLEASE MAKE ME A SAINT

Lauren Mays, Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A couple weeks ago, I had the great joy of witnessing the beatification of now Blessed Fulton Sheen. This trip came at a

time when I really desired to encounter Christ again in a powerful way—to be lit on fire for love of him. The beatification did just that. It gave me tangible encouragement for the life I want to live—a life given completely to Christ and, God-willing, becoming a saint.

I made the pilgrimage with my best friend from college and her new baby, Maggie, my goddaughter. Our time in St. Louis was full of incredible conversations, encounters, and renewal with the entire Church. From the hundreds of priests and many religious sisters to the thousands of incredible Catholic families, I was again reminded of the Lord's great goodness and generosity in giving us the Church—a means to sainthood and life forever with him.

The trip was full of so many moments God orchestrated so that we could share in his goodness and the universal Church. Here are a few highlights:

- While waiting in line to venerate the new relic, I met three women who shared wisdom and encouragement with me throughout the weekend and really became Christ to me. They even went to college with the cardinal who beatified Fulton Sheen!
- While waiting in another line, I met a married couple from Peoria. They had fond memories of living in Fulton Sheen's small town and feeling an especially close connection to him. Their witness and faith captured me.
- I met a mother and her son from Wisconsin who shared about all the pilgrimage spots in their home state and Our Lady's many miracles throughout the world.
- While waiting outside the Dome at America's Center, two young guys in a truck drove by. Shocked by how many people were in the city for this event, they stopped to ask me what was going on. Getting to share with them, even for a moment, about the beatification—something they had never heard of before—was a reminder to me (and hopefully to them) that we are made to be saints.
- The most powerful moment was when I was in line for confession. I've experienced the rooms before: dozens (maybe hundreds) of priests hearing confessions at the same time. This time was different. A little girl, no more than age nine, sat and talked with a priest as if she were talking with her father. And she was—totally at peace reuniting with her Father in heaven. It nearly brought me to tears.

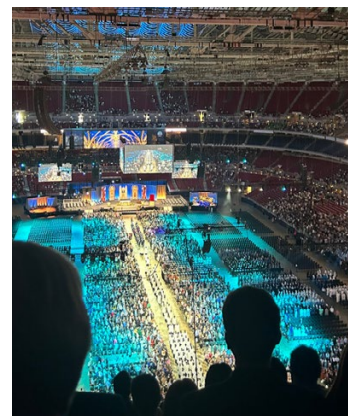
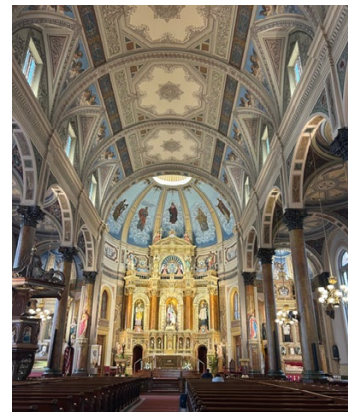
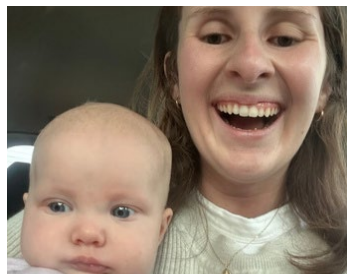
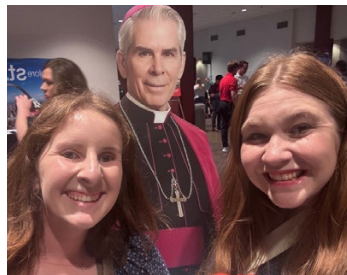
We encountered one beautiful church after another, and the words “this place is a house for God” resounded in my heart.

Our last day was especially sweet. At our last Mass at the cathedral, there was a beautiful image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Her feast day is also my goddaughter's birthday. It was such a special reminder of what I just got to experience with Maggie—how many people get to take their three-month-old goddaughter to the beatification of a saint?!

As I experienced each of these powerful moments, my heart continued to echo the words, “Lord, please make me a saint”—help me come to know you in the way these people do.

The day after I got home from the beatification, I had to attend a funeral. As I sat at that funeral, God totally wrecked my heart. Everything I'd just experienced the two days before in St. Louis culminated in this—watching someone be laid to rest and remembered for the life she lived. I stood there in prayer, remembering the days before at the beatification and thinking to myself, *When I am laid to rest one day, I want to be remembered like Fulton Sheen was remembered in St. Louis. Remembered for living my life completely for Christ and desiring nothing more than to bring others to Christ and his Church.*

May Fulton Sheen be a model for you as he is for me, and may the Lord make you a saint! Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!



FY 2025–2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, we added over 150 new households to our parish, and the average Sunday Mass attendance topped 2,100 people per week. To check out more outstanding highlights in our FY 2025–2026 annual report, scan the QR code or pick up a copy at the entrances to the church.



WELCOME

NEW PARISHIONERS

Michael & Elizabeth Aldrich
Kurt Dannemiller
Christopher & Claire Foster
Christopher & Jennifer Heekin
Michael & Kim Hoeting
Adam & Angela Jacob

Christopher & Emmi Kelly
Justin & Hauna Laine
Edward & Michelle Mahon
Sarah McManus
Valeria Paraqueima
Stephen Voto

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

St. Gertrude Parish is once again participating in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute in partnership with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. **The DMI survey allows you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify ways in which our parish effectively supports that growth.**

The 10- to 15-minute survey will be accessible online and in paper form from October 27–November 24. All responses will be confidential.

Look for more details in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for participating in this important survey—the greater the participation, the more useful the results.

BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026



Children
Ainsley Jane Arand
Jonathan Matthew Arand

Parents
Matt and Allison



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Meghan Craft, Triset Defonseka, MaryJane DeHanes, 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, Suzanne Rechenberg, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Paula Scalo, Don Schoo, Susan Shonk, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Sy Swart, Beth Stoll, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Pat Tartaron

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, Jill Petrie, Dan Roseman, Gabriel Sargent, Steve Schuette, Andrew Shannon, Michael Stein, Tommy Stines, Ian Tester, Jack Thornton, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones
† Carrol Mascarenhas, father of Rio



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE | OCTOBER 17-18 & 24-25

St. Gertrude Parish Cub Scout Pack 555 and Boy Scout Troop 555 are selling Christmas wreaths/sprays and other decorations from Mickman Brothers. Order your wreaths/sprays after any Mass this weekend, October 17-18, or next weekend, October 24-25. The wreaths are scheduled to be delivered right before Thanksgiving. Payment (cash or check) is due when you place your order. If you have any questions, please contact a Troop 555 cub or scout or Sarah Schmid at smariad@yahoo.com or (513) 322-9459.



BULLDOGS WRESTLING REGISTRATION | NOW-OCTOBER 23

All boys in grades K-8 are invited to join the Bulldogs wrestling program for the upcoming season, which runs November 2026-February 2027. Regular registration is open through 11 p.m. on October 23 and is \$125. Late registration begins after October 23 and is \$175. To sign up, visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs or scan the QR code. If you have questions, please contact the wrestling coordinators at sgwrestlingcoordinator@gmail.com.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING | OCTOBER 30

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 on Friday, October 30, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church.



ALL SAINTS' VIGIL | OCTOBER 31

People of all ages are invited to join us on Saturday, October 31, at 7 p.m. in the church for the second event in our 2026-2027 Sacred Music Series as we keep vigil with the saints through music of profound beauty and consolation. Composed over the final decade of Hubert Parry's life and completed amid World War I, Parry's Songs of Farewell is one of the great choral masterpieces of the 20th century. Freewill offering.



ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES SCHOOL OF IDENTITY | NOVEMBER 20 & 21

Encounter Ministries of Southwest Ohio is hosting a School of Identity training at St. Gertrude Parish on November 20 and 21. Come experience a two-day intensive to help you grow in your identity as a son or daughter of God. This training highlights some of the most transformational elements of the Encounter School of Ministry and is geared to renew your mind, increase your intimacy with the Father, and prepare you to minister out of your supernatural inheritance in Christ. To learn more, view the schedule, and register, visit tinyurl.com/SchoolOfIdentity.

This WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 12:15 p.m.** | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Rosary Garden or Church)
7 p.m. | Seasons of Hope (Church Vestibule)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 12:15 p.m.** | Fun Bunch (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 10:15 a.m.** | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)
3 p.m. | Rosary Makers Meeting (St. Dominic Lobby)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:10 a.m.** | St. Gertrude School PTO Meeting (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (St. Joseph Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 7:30 a.m.** | Crosses of the Innocents Removal (PC Front Lawn)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 7:30 a.m.** | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
8:30 a.m. | Year of St. Francis Pilgrimage (Monastery of St. Clare)
After 4:30 a.m. Mass | Scouts Wreaths Sale (Outside the Church)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- After All Masses** | Scouts Wreaths Sale (Outside the Church)
After 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Mass | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT GROUP EVENTS

All young adults age 18–35 are invited to the following upcoming events:

- **Saintly Celebrations (Part One) | October 22:** Come battle in an exciting game of Saint Trivia to see who knows the saints better. From bishops and bilocations to beatifications and beheadings, no saint is off the table. The winner will receive a prize!
- **Saintly Celebrations (Part Two) | October 29:** It's Saintly Show and Tell. Bring a short story or two about an obscure or favorite saint to share with the group and come learn about some of the coolest saints you have never heard of! Father Louis will be kicking off the evening with some of his favorite saints. Come dressed as a saint to enter our costume contest and win a prize!
- **SAVE THE DATE: Advent Retreat | December 12:** Join us for a full-day retreat at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. The retreat, Hope in a Weary World, will include preaching from Father Louis and other guest speakers, small group discussion, private prayer, Mass, and more. The cost is \$25. Stay tuned for more details and registration information.

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.



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; it is 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 developed iVoteCatholic. Every weekend leading up to the November elections, 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. To view the first four themes, visit stgertrude.org/bulletin and check out the September 20 and 27 and October 4 and 11 bulletins.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Theme 5: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

This week, we focus on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person which is also the focus of Respect Life Sunday. The Church teaches that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Because of this fact, every human life is sacred. Every life is worth living. There is nothing anyone can do to take this dignity away. All of our Catholic social teaching flows from this principle. People are more important than things. Under this principle fall issues such as ; abortion, racism, war and terrorism, the death penalty, and assisted suicide. Learn more at ivotecatholic.org.

Every weekend until 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

Honor your father and mother, that you may have a long life in the land your Lord God is giving you. You shall not kill." – Exodus 20:12–13

CHURCH TEACHING

What Our Faith Calls Us to Know

"Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator."
– Catechism of the Catholic Church 2324



TAKE ACTION

Put Your Faith into Practice

Prepare for Voting in November: Early voting began October 6.
There is a proposed bill in Ohio House—HB 837, known as the "Medical Aid in Dying Act"—which is doctor prescribed suicide. Scan the QR code to learn more.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN THANK-YOU

St. Gertrude Parish 40 Days for Life Campaign Leaders and Participants – My deepest gratitude to all for making the sacrifice to pray on the sidewalk in witness of and reparation for all the abortions committed in Cincinnati. Let us continue to ask the Holy Spirit to help us extend God's mercy and truth through our public prayer for the unborn, their families, those who work in the abortion business, and all passersby. I appreciate your perseverance in this important fight to save God's precious infants and their families. Please consider joining us on the sidewalk again during this campaign and beyond. Your presence is a sign of our ongoing commitment to being Christ's hands and feet to a hurting world. God bless, Mary Clark & the Cincinnati 40 Days for Life Campaign Team

GIFT OF LIFE *Collection*

During October (Respect Life Month), there will be a Pack 'N Play outside the relic chapel in the church to collect new baby items for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine.

Most needed items include:

- newborn girls' sleepers and onesies
- infant and toddler-size (2T-5T) coats, hats, mittens, warm clothing, and socks
- blankets

Items that are always needed: Wipes, baby wash and lotion, bath towels and wash cloths (cotton preferred), bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, bibs, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). No toys, books, or diapers in sizes newborn, 1, 2, or 3 at this time.

Sponsored by the St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life ministry.





Register to Attend Our Fall Open House

OCTOBER 28, 2026 | 9-11 A.M.

Explore our classrooms, experience our curriculum, and meet the families who call SGS home. RSVP today!

www.stgertrudesch.org



ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Thank you to the hundreds of SGS families who joined us for our annual Rosary Procession in honor of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was a beautiful witness to the faith of our parish community as students, parents, faculty, and parishioners gathered in prayer, united in devotion to Our Blessed Mother. We are grateful to all who participated in this beloved tradition, making the feast day a joyful occasion for our community.



STREAM THE LATEST ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL PODCAST EPISODE

What does it mean to educate a child in the Dominican tradition, and why does that distinction matter? For more than 90 years, SGS has formed generations of young people through the Dominican pursuit of truth, the cultivation of virtue, and a distinctly Catholic understanding of the human person.

In our latest podcast episode, we explore how more than 800 years of Dominican wisdom continues to shape Catholic education today and why that tradition matters for families discerning their children's education.

Listen to the latest episode on Spotify, and learn more about the distinctive mission of our parish school.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 |

STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Ted Bayer by Judy Bayer & Family

8 a.m. | Mass – † Pegge Schuermann by Mike & Elaine O'Connell

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

4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – † Wade Baker by Kevin & Kathy Baker

8 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Wiebe by The Wiebe Family

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Jeff & Maribeth Wuensch by Michelle Dushensky

4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Archbishop Chris Cardone, O.P., by Ken & JoAnne Lacey

8 a.m. | Mass – † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Bill & Tish Shefcik by Cindy Caswell

4 p.m. | Confessions

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 | POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Lt. Thomas J. Holden by Charlene Bosken

8 a.m. | Mass – The Family of Joel Marie Williamson by JPIL Study Group

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Father John Paul Walker, O.P.,

by St. Gertrude Parish & School Staff

4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 | WEEKDAY

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

8 a.m. | Mass – James Lydon by The Lydon Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Kate Kasselmann & Family by Nancy DeBrunner

4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – † Roy Belmont by Joan Kunkel

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Gert Patterson by Sister Mediatrix, SOLT

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Barbara Volkman by The Runk Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Kevin & Anne Lynch

10 a.m. | Mass – † Tom Rink by Alison Rink

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

6 p.m. | Mass – † Cathy Greeneisen by Don & Mary Lee Olinger



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.**

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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.

WHITE COAT MASS | OCTOBER 18

The Catholic Medical Association of Cincinnati will host its annual White Coat Mass at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, at St. Monica Church in Clifton. Fellowship, refreshments, and a talk by Dr. Joe Zalot from the National Catholic Bioethics Center will follow. All physicians, nurses, therapists, and students are welcome and encouraged to wear their white coats! To RSVP, email cmacincy@gmail.com or scan the QR code.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 17-18

This weekend, October 17-18, is the annual World Mission Sunday collection. Many of our brothers and sisters in the 1,200 mission diocese worldwide are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support helps educate seminarians, novices, and catechists and maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools. For details about supporting missionary work or becoming a missionary, visit catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-and-pontifical-mission-societies.

CINCINNATI WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 7

All women are invited to step away from the demands of everyday life to attend the Cincinnati Women's Conference on November 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Parish (330 West Vine Street). Through inspiring talks, Mass, prayer time, and fellowship with other women of faith, you will come to more deeply know who God created you to be and how he is calling you to live—and return home renewed. Whether you're seeking encouragement, clarity, healing, or simply a day to reconnect with the Lord, this conference is for you.



FALL ANDREW DINNER | NOVEMBER 17

All high school- and college-age men are invited to the next Andrew Dinner on Tuesday, November 17, at St. Mary in Hillsboro. Andrew Dinners are opportunities for these young men to learn about the priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's vocations director, and share a meal together. For more information and to register, visit catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners. If you have any questions, contact Father Michael Willig at mwillig@catholicaoc.org or (513) 263-3390.

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



Register today at
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Collection	\$36,650
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Deficit	(\$12,370)
Second Collection: St. Gertrude School	\$3,008

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$698,354
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$735,294
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$36,940)



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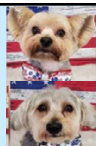
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