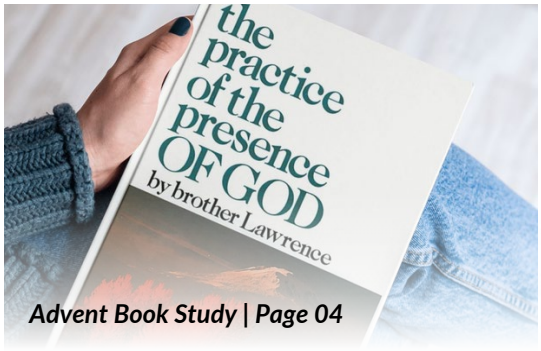


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Parish Office Hours
M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST

Listen to our parish podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts!

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



NEW MASS SCHEDULE COMING!

As our parish continues its historic rate of growth, the problems with overcrowding at Masses, especially at the 10 a.m. Mass, have become more and more apparent. (Five years ago, our average Sunday Mass attendance per weekend was 1,450. Now, our weekend average is often over 2,300—about 60 percent growth!) So many parishioners who have struggled with the crowded 10 a.m. Mass have asked us to add another Mass to the schedule to help alleviate the crowding.

In light of this growth and after the survey on Mass attendance and times conducted earlier this year, I tasked our Office of Worship staff with analyzing all the relevant data and producing a solution. After consultation with the entire parish staff, the parish pastoral council, and the Dominican community, we produced a new Mass schedule.

One of the questions in the survey on Mass attendance and times asked when a new schedule should take effect—summer 2027, or this coming January 2027. Over 80 percent of the respondents requested a January change.

In light of all this information, and with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's approval, I am happy to announce that, **beginning the weekend of January 23–24, 2027, the following Mass times will be the new Sunday Mass schedule here at St. Gertrude Parish:**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
	9 a.m.
	11 a.m.
	12:30 p.m.
	6 p.m.

We still need to work out some details of the new schedule, including which musical groups will sing at the various Masses, the number of servers and level of solemnity, and how the new schedule will impact things such as our Sunday faith formation programs, the scheduling of baptisms, current Mass intentions, and so forth. We will share more information as we nail down these details, but I did want to share the basics as a way of letting everyone in the parish know that **we heard you, we understand the frustrations, and we are taking action to address your concerns.**

Adding an additional Mass will increase the need for people to serve in the various liturgical roles needed at Mass. We will need more servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, and ushers. If you have considered volunteering for one or more of these roles and have just not gotten around to it yet, I ask you to please contact the parish office soon so that you can participate in the various upcoming trainings we will need to hold between now and January. If you are already serving in these roles, I ask you to be generous in volunteering, especially during the first months of the new schedule while everyone adjusts to the "new normal" that the new schedule will bring.

As you have heard me share before, basically all of our "problems" in the parish are problems of growth—problems that most pastors long to have. God has abundantly blessed us, and this is just the latest attempt to respond with prudence and fidelity to his blessings. I look forward to January when our new schedule will take effect.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

St. Gertrude the Great Feast Day Celebrations

MASS

All Masses the weekend of November 14 and 15 and on Monday, November 16 (St. Gertrude's actual feast day), will use the readings for the feast of St. Gertrude the Great.

PARISH CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 14 | 5:30 p.m. | Gym

Join us for authentic German food, drinks, live music, and plenty of fun!



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



"Every time we devoutly say the Rosary in supplication before her, we are once more brought face to face with the marvel of our salvation; we watch the mysteries of our Redemption as though they were unfolding before our eyes; and as one follows another, Mary stands revealed at once as God's Mother and our Mother. "

– Pope Leo XIII



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Topic: Holiness and the Sacraments

Have you ever wondered what your purpose is? Do you ponder the question, *What is the best way to live?*

Our Becoming Catholic program may be for you.

Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith is welcome to attend our monthly group meetings or begin the process to become Catholic at any time.

Please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/Becoming-Catholic to complete the online inquiry form, or email Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

November 4 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center | 6543 Miami Ave.

ENCOUNTER
CINCINNATI CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF IDENTITY

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL

Encounter Ministries of Southwest Ohio is hosting a School of Identity training. 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.

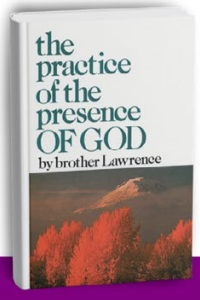
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To learn more, view the schedule, and register, visit tinyurl.com/SchoolOfIdentity or scan the QR code.

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!

Disciple Maker Index Survey

Embracing Christ's vision for missionary discipleship and growing together in faith.

St. Gertrude Parish is 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 the ways in which our parish effectively supports that growth.** All responses will be confidential, and our leadership will only receive information about the parish community as a whole.

The survey will be available online* this Tuesday, October 27–Tuesday, November 24, and it only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Thank you for participating—**the greater the participation, the more useful the results!**

**If you do not have internet access and need a paper copy of the survey, please contact the parish office. A small quantity of paper surveys will be available.*

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/DMISurvey2026.

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT GROUP EVENTS

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

- **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!
- **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. To learn more and register, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/HopeAdventRetreat or scan the QR code.

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.

BULLDOGS WRESTLING REGISTRATION

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 closed, but late registration is open until November 27. 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.

ROSARIES SALE | NOVEMBER 1

Members of the St. Gertrude Parish Rosary Makers ministry will be selling rosaries and other religious items next Sunday, November 1, after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses. Depending on the weather, their table will either be outside the church in the breezeway or in the St. Dominic 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

BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



Child: Lucas Alan Kramer
Parents: Scott & April



Child: Anne Elizabeth Paolello
Parents: Anthony & Kathleen



Child: Desha Nicholson Sanders
Parents: Nick & Leah



Child: Hazel Rose Schuster
Parents: Daniel & Colleen



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 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, Suzanne Rechenberg, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Paula Scalo, Don & Pat Schoo, Susan Shonk, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Beth Stoll, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Sy Swart, 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



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE | OCTOBER 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 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.



ALL SAINTS' DAY 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.



ALL SOULS' DAY MASS | NOVEMBER 2

Throughout November, Catholics traditionally remember departed loved ones in a special way. At St. Gertrude Parish, we not only pray for our beloved dead and their families during the month, but also celebrate a solemn Mass on All Souls' Day, to commemorate and pray for the faithful departed, particularly St. Gertrude Parish parishioners who have passed away since the previous November. Our annual All Souls' Day Mass will be November 2 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for this beautiful memorial Mass.



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT TALK | NOVEMBER 11

Join Father Louis Bethea, O.P., and your fellow parishioners on Wednesday, November 11, for a talk on our parish's patroness. Come learn more about St. Gertrude the Great, including her life as a Benedictine nun and her great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The talk will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church, followed by our normal Wednesday Holy Hour. This is a fantastic way to prepare for our St. Gertrude the Great parish celebration the weekend of November 14 and 15 and her actual feast day on November 16.



ANNIVERSARY MASS | NOVEMBER 21

Married couples from St. Gertrude Parish who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th—every five years up to 75 years) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, November 21, to receive a special blessing. Reserved seating will be available for couples and their families. To reserve your spot and ensure you receive your certificate from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, please contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org by November 10. We look forward to celebrating with you!

This WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
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 27
12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
9–11 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Open House (School)
6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (St. Joseph Room)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
3 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
8 p.m. | All Saints' Day Vigil Reception (Parish Center)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Mass | Rosaries Sale (Outside the Church or St. Dominic Lobby)
After 10 a.m. Mass | St. Gertrude School Gallery of Saints (Gym)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

VETERANS DAY COLLECTION | NOVEMBER 7–8

At all Masses on November 7 and 8, Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council will be collecting donations for our veterans. Needed items include:

- Denture cleaner/grip
- Crossword, Word Find, and Sudoku books
- Men's winter jackets
- New men's and women's shirts, socks, shoes, underwear, winter coats (all sizes)
- Laundry detergent and fabric sheets
- Reading glasses
- Hearing aid batteries (all sizes)
- Phone chargers (all types)
- Rain ponchos and travel-size umbrellas
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Inflatable mattresses
- Backpacks and duffle bags
- Bottled water (cases)
- Long-distance phone cards
- Gift cards (restaurants, grocery)
- Rolls of stamps
- Nail clippers (large, regular)
- Women's sanitary products
- Men's and women's travel-size deodorant
- Emery boards
- Shaving cream (travel-size, regular)
- Mouthwash (alcohol-free)
- Combs and brushes
- Lip balm

Monetary donations are also accepted and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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.

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, 11, and 18 bulletins.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Theme 6: Rights and Responsiblities

This week, we focus on Rights and Responsibilities. Human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, have basic rights which protect our dignity and ensure all can live a full human life. Because these rights are universal, we have the responsibility to help maintain and protect these rights, not just for ourselves, but for all. Under this principle fall issues such as access to quality education, healthy food, safe and affordable housing, nonviot neighborhoods, and healthcare. Learn more at ivotecatholic.org.

Every week until the November elections, our Respect Life ministry will share information about the dignity of every human life so you can 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

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." – Matthew 18:5

CHURCH TEACHING

What Our Faith Calls Us to Know

"The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God . . ." – *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2300

TAKE ACTION

Put Your Faith into Practice

Early voting is going on now. Closely examine candidates' positions on the dignity of life!

DID YOU KNOW? Gate of Heaven Cemetery provides free burial and committal services for families that have lost a child through miscarriage or stillbirth or before the age of two. Scan the QR code.

CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW THANK-YOU

The Ladies of Charity express their sincere gratitude to St. Gertrude Parish for supporting this year's annual Craft and Gift Show. We extend a special thanks to all parishioners who were able to help with the baked goods—we had some wonderful treats to sell to our shoppers. The show was a great success, and all proceeds will benefit charities near our parish.

GIFT OF LIFE *Collection*

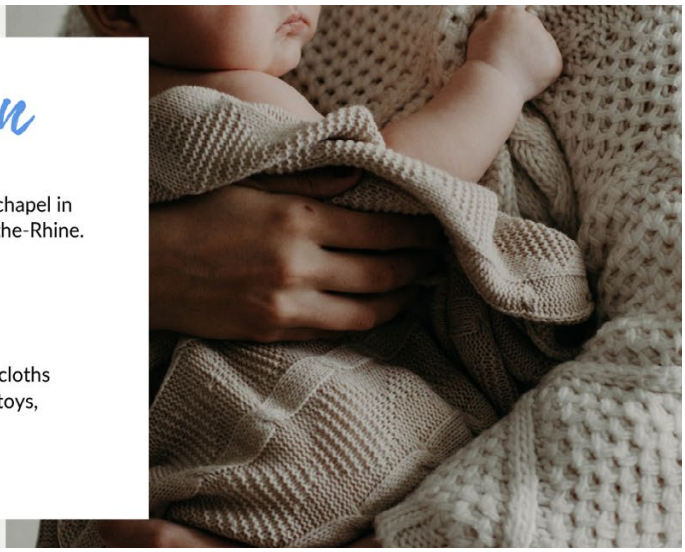
During October (Respect Life Month), there will be a Pack 'N Play outside the relic chapel in the church to collect new baby items for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine.

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.



ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

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



LAST CHANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PARISHIONER APPLICATION PERIOD

Give your child the gift of a Catholic education at your parish school! Applications for parishioners interested in applying for the 2027–2028 school opened October 1, 2026. Applications to the general public begin November 1, 2026. Spots are limited! If you would like to schedule a private tour, please scan the code—a member of our admissions team will contact you.



MAKE A GIFT TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

The St. Gertrude School Annual Fund is an essential part of the school's yearly operating budget, helping bridge the gap between tuition revenue and the true cost of providing an excellent Catholic education. Gifts to the Annual Fund support the recruitment and retention of exceptional faculty, continued investment in our curriculum, campus safety, and the necessary resources to preserve the distinctive character of a Dominican education. This year's goal is $100,000, and we invite parishioners to participate, supporting the school that has served generations of St. Gertrude Parish families. Your generosity is an investment in the future of Catholic education and in the young people who will carry the faith into the next generation.

Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – Beth Stoll by Mike Stoll
8 a.m. | Mass – Joan Ratajczak by The Bailey Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Alvin Fryxell by Paul & Cassie Maus
8 a.m. | Mass – Gabe & Gena Bailey by The Kaufman Family
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Schuermann by St. Gertrude Parish
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 | ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE (F)
7 a.m. | Mass – † Father Rob Jack by The Richard Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Ted & Joanne Bayer & Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Timothy Petric by Mary Petric
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Dick Strominger by Kim & John Gruber
8 a.m. | Mass – Lisa Farwick
by The CGS Program at St. Gertrude Parish
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Bishop Julius Jia Zhiguo
by Michael & Mary Jo Voto
4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – Lisa Pifher by The Pachuk Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Margaret Noble by The Noble Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Bob Ring by Connie & Greg Witte
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)
8 a.m. | Mass – † Winifred Hidy by Amy & Tom Flemming
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Paul Blome by Bill & Tish Shefcik
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Ronald Gunn by St. Gertrude Parish
7 p.m. | All Saints' Day Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | ALL SAINTS (S)
8 a.m. | Mass – † Filippo Conte by Peter Bertoli
10 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Sister Mediatrix, SOLT
12 p.m. | Mass – † Gerald DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner
6 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish



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.

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE | OCTOBER 28

Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood, OH 45212) on Wednesday, October 28. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with the rosary, followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. and then the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

LIVING WELL, LEAVING WELL WORKSHOP OCTOBER 29 & NOVEMBER 5

Gate of Heaven Cemetery is offering a two-part interactive workshop to explore befriending death, creating a legacy, writing a spiritual will, the art of living well, and leaving well. The workshop, presented by Jo Koch and Jeanne Hung, features recognized speakers, presenters, authors, retreat guides, and spiritual program curators, directors, and developers. The workshop is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. both days, and a light dinner will be provided. To learn more or sign up, visit the Upcoming Events page at gateofheaven.org, or call (513) 943–3479. Space is limited.

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.

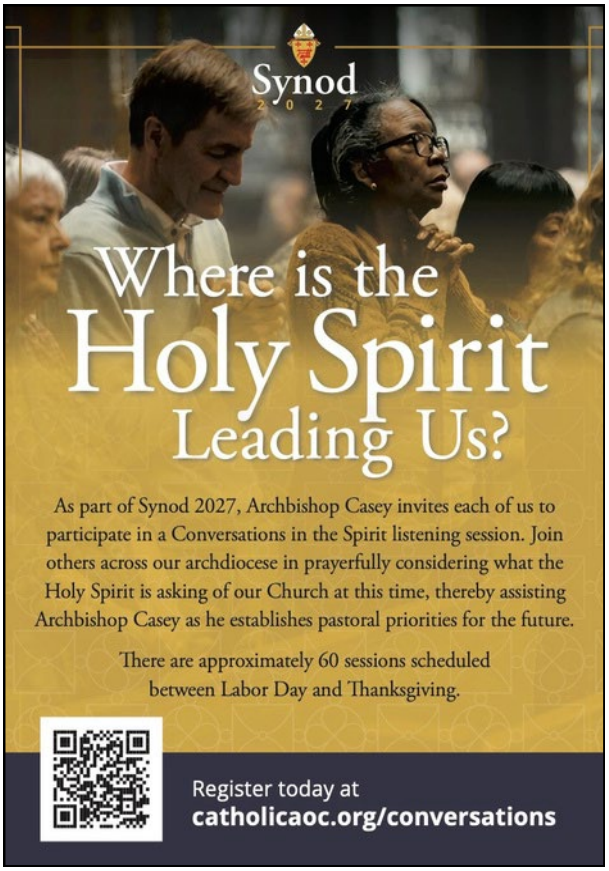
FALL ANDREW DINNER | NOVEMBER 17

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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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Collection	$37,000
Weekly Budget	$49,020
Weekly Deficit	($12,020)
2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday	$4,679
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	$735,354
Fiscal YTD Budget	$784,314
Fiscal YTD Deficit	($48,960)

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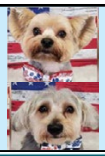
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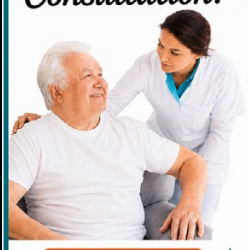
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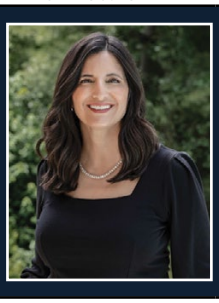
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