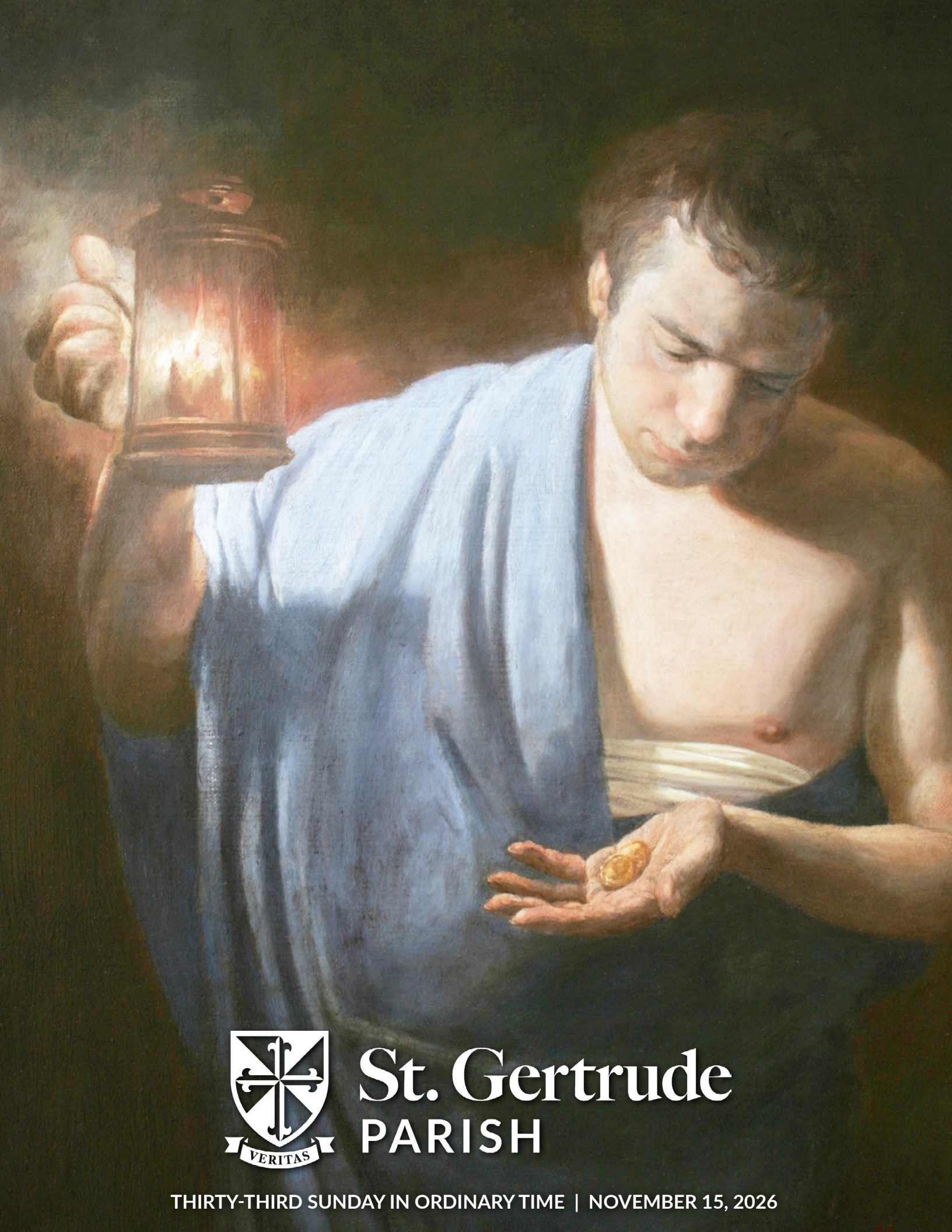

St. Gertrude PARISH

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Why Are *You* Catholic?

New St. Gertrude Parish Podcast Video Series

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (Pope St. Paul VI,* Evangelii nuntiandi, *41).

Pope St. Paul VI's words above are as true today as when he wrote them over 50 years ago. **We can witness to our faith in countless ways—in both word and deed. Nevertheless, one of the most powerful and effective ways to share the Gospel is through our own stories.** This is sometimes referred to as a "testimony" of faith. In simple terms, it's sharing with someone else how your relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church has changed your life. **Rather than trying to teach someone information about the faith, you testify to your own personal experience of God's grace.** Teaching and catechesis are, of course, essential, but sometimes a true story of faith can be more powerful than the most well-crafted presentation of doctrine.

Starting this weekend on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast, we are releasing a new series of video episodes featuring *real stories* from our *real parishioners* about how God has *really changed* their lives. We asked them one simple question: why are you Catholic? As you will see in the series, no two answers are the same. These are personal stories of faith, but, above all, they are stories about God and what he has done in their lives.

As you watch or listen to these episodes, **we invite you to consider what your own response to this question might be. Why are *you* Catholic? If someone were to ask you, what would you say?** While having a short and pithy response can be helpful in casual conversation, reflecting on your full journey of discipleship is a great exercise in helping you strengthen your relationship with the Lord and grow in gratitude for the many ways his grace has healed and strengthened you.

On the opposite side of this sheet, you will find a short guide on how to prayerfully reflect on your own faith journey. We pray that you are blessed through this exercise and find that it helps you grow in confidence in witnessing to your faith.

WATCH OR LISTEN NOW

***Real* Stories. *Real* Parishioners. *Real* Change.**

Check out the first episode—a candid, funny, and moving conversation about doubt, community, and coming home to the Catholic faith.

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How to Share *Your Testimony*

What Is a Testimony?

A testimony is a way to share, either in written form or speech, how the Lord has personally shaped your life. In particular, it is a way to recount the specific moments in which you have seen God's grace manifesting in your life.

Why Share Your Testimony?

A testimony can be a powerful tool for evangelization because it concretely shows how God's grace has shaped and influenced a person's life. Hearing or reading another person's testimony can encourage someone to take the next step in his or her faith journey.

How Do I Share My Testimony?

First, read Acts 26:1–29 for a biblical example of sharing one's testimony. Next, use the **Four Acts** framework from Fellowship of Catholic University Students' (FOCUS) "How to Share Your Testimony").

Important Elements to Keep in Mind

- **Concreteness:** Give the audience tangibles in your testimony.
- **Accessibility:** Know your audience and try to speak in language he/she can relate to (i.e. avoid using jargon like "OCIA" with someone who isn't Catholic).
- **Simplicity:** Give glory to God and not yourself—this is about what he did and is doing.

FOUR ACTS

1. **Life Before I Knew Jesus Christ**
   What kind of a person were you socially, spiritually, and emotionally?
2. **How I Came to Know Jesus Christ**
   What happened when you first encountered Christ? Let the person understand and experience your decision in accepting Jesus and his Church. Even if the conversion was gradual, the testimony should still give one concrete moment or turning point for the person to hang on to.
3. **Your Life in Christ (Presently)**
   What changes have occurred in your life since that initial encounter? How are you living out your relationship with Jesus? Hopefully Christ has brought immense fulfillment and peace into your life. Regardless, none of us are perfected saints, so it's okay to be honest about struggles and failures.
4. **Invitation**
   God wants to give everyone the graces of faith, hope, and charity that you have received. Ask, implicitly or explicitly, the person with whom you're speaking: How will you respond to Jesus Christ?

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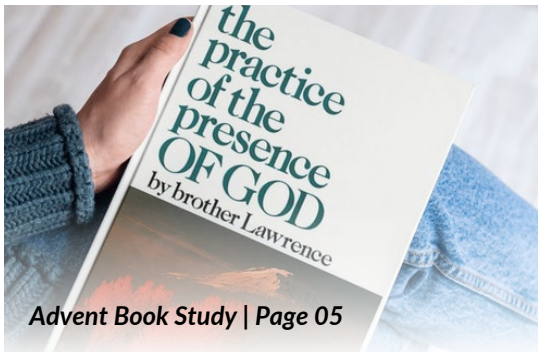

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Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

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

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.



FAITH AND SCIENCE: ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

One of the most amazing saints in the history of the Dominican Order, and a personal favorite of mine, is St. Albert the Great. His feast day is this Sunday, November 15. Since we're celebrating our patroness, St. Gertrude the Great, at all Masses this weekend, we won't liturgically celebrate St. Albert the Great this year. So, I want to use this letter as a way of introducing, or re-introducing, all of you to him.

Born around 1200 in Germany, St. Albert entered the Order of Preachers in his twenties and soon became known as one of the greatest scholars in the world. A master of philosophy and theology, he was the first major western scholar to seriously study and write commentaries on the works of Aristotle. He was so admired that when a young man of extraordinary intellectual promise—St. Thomas Aquinas—joined the Order, St. Albert was assigned to mentor and tutor that young talent. Aquinas' extensive use of Aristotle can be directly attributed to the influence of St. Albert. Eventually, St. Albert was named a bishop, but he never stopped his intellectual writings.

If St. Albert had done nothing more than that in his life, it would be enough. But the part of his life that I find most fascinating is that he was also considered the greatest living scientist of his time. He authored encyclopedic volumes on nearly every scientific discipline known at his time: botany, zoology, geology, physiology, astronomy, and music. He essentially founded the scientific disciplines of minerology and embryology. He was the first to posit the idea that tides were the result of the moon's influence. He extensively studied chemistry and is considered to have been the scientist who discovered the element arsenic. He experimented in photosensitive chemicals, like silver nitrate, six centuries before the discovery of photography. When photography was discovered in the 1800s, it used silver nitrate, the very chemical that St. Albert had identified. When he was named a Doctor of the Church, he was given the title *Doctor Universalis* (the universal doctor) because of the incredible breadth of his writings.

Today, there is a misperception that somehow faith and science are opposed to each other. Nothing could be further from the truth. The same God whom we worship at Mass is the God who created the laws of nature—*and* created us with the intellect to probe those laws. The truths of the faith and the truths discovered by the sciences all come from the One who is Truth himself. The Church has nothing to fear from modern science, and modern science has nothing to fear from the Church. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it, "Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth. Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never contradict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God" (*CCC*, n. 159, citing *Dei Filius* of Vatican I and *Gaudium et spes* of Vatican II).

A final side note: This is one of the windows in our St. Gertrude Priory chapel. It's the only stained glass window I've ever seen that has Saturn and chemistry beakers in it! A fitting tribute to St. Albert the Great, the universal doctor.



God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

BUILDING FOR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

GOAL: $24,000,000

Number of Gifts	40
Total Raised to Date	$8,275,560
Percentage of Goal Raised	34.5%
Percentage of Families Participating	2%

As of November 10, 2026

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

"Jesus gave me the grace of knowing myself. In this Divine light I see my principal fault; it is pride which takes the form of my closing up within myself and of a lack of simplicity in my relations with Mother Superior. The second light concerns speaking. I sometimes talk too much. A thing could be settled in one or two words, and as for me, I take too much time about it. But Jesus wants me to use that time to say some short indulgenced prayers for the souls in purgatory."

– Diary, #27





CATECHIST OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever been interested in becoming a catechist for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program? We would love to have you be part of this beautiful ministry of bringing the youngest children of our parish into relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/CGScatechistForm to fill out the interest form, and Lauren Mays, coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, will be in touch!

SCHOOL OF IDENTITY | NOVEMBER 20–21

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. The conference will be in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. To learn more, view the schedule, and register, visit tinyurl.com/SchoolOfIdentity or scan the QR code.



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 the ways in which our parish effectively supports that growth.

The survey only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and is available through November 24. All responses are confidential.

Visit tinyurl.com/DMISurvey2026 or scan the QR code to complete the survey today!

The greater the participation, the more useful the results!

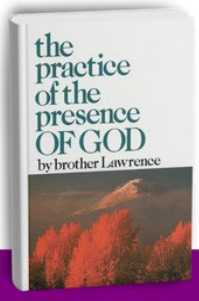
A limited number of paper surveys are available. Contact the parish office.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

with Tyler Castrucci, Director of Evangelization

Due to popular demand, we have added an afternoon group for our Advent book study!

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. **Only 20 spots!**



Thursdays | 12:15–1:30 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17
St. Dominic Lobby
Bring your own lunch.
$5 (includes copy of the book)

Visit tinyurl.com/AdventBookStudy2 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!

Young Adult

Advent Retreat

Hope in a Weary World

December 12 | 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center | $25

All young adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to step out of the gloomy winter months and into the hope of the Advent season.

TALKS • SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION • PRIVATE PRAYER
VIGIL MASS • HOLY HOUR • CONFESSION



Learn more and register at tinyurl.com/HopeAdventRetreat.

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!



NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR ONLINE SHOP + ADVENT SOCIAL MEDIA GIVEAWAY

The colder months are here, and so are new St. Gertrude Parish-branded items! Visit stgertrude.org/about/shop or scan the QR code to purchase beanies, Columbia pullovers, throw blankets, and jackets to keep you warm. These items also make great Christmas gifts! Plus, every week of Advent, we will be giving away one of these new winter items via social media. To enter, follow us on Instagram or Facebook and answer the posted question. The first giveaway will be Sunday, November 29.



ROSARY SALES DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

Our Rosary Makers ministry will not be selling handmade rosaries and other items after Masses December–February. If you would like to buy a rosary or other item or have a special request during this time, please call Rosemary Varga at (513) 792–9490 or Karen Gerwel at (513) 272–1249 to make an appointment—they are happy to meet you in the Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE | DECEMBER 29

Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195 will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, December 29, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m to 2 p.m. More information to follow.



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Steve Badinghaus, 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, 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, Bill Ward

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Jared Beasley, 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, Gus Voto, Timothy Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† All Our Deceased Loved Ones



HOLY HOUR FOR HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY | NOVEMBER 18

Join us for a special Holy Hour on Wednesday, November 18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to pray for the holy souls in purgatory. Deacon Mike Muse will give a short talk on purgatory and lead a devotional prayer for holy souls. As usual, priests will be available for confession.



YOUNG ADULT HOLY/HAPPY HOUR | NOVEMBER 19

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish Young Adult Group this Thursday, November 19, for this month's Holy/Happy Hour—Friendsgiving edition! Come adore the Lord from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Gertrude Church, followed by a festive potluck feast in the Parish Center. Visit tinyurl.com/YAFriendsgiving2026 or scan the QR code to sign up to bring a dish!



ANNIVERSARY MASS | NOVEMBER 21

Married couples from St. Gertrude Parish who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th, etc.) are invited to 11:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, November 21, to receive a special blessing. Reserved seating is available for couples and their families who RSVP'd to the parish office by November 10. If you did not RSVP, you can still attend the Mass and receive the special blessing; please sit close to the reserved pews.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS | NOVEMBER 26

Begin your Thanksgiving Day celebrations by giving thanks to God at our 10 a.m. Mass. Then, head to the gym to enjoy coffee and a doughnut (or two!) with your St. Gertrude Parish family.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting nonperishable food items and financial donations at the doors of the church. These items will be used to stock our St. Vincent de Paul food closet, and excess donations will be given to the Food Pantry at St. William Parish.



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS | DECEMBER 13

Save the date for the next event in our 2026–2027 Sacred Music Series. Experience the timeless tradition of Advent Lessons and Carols with the Schola Cantorum, one of the United States's few choral foundations to pair children's treble voices with professional adult singers in the European cathedral tradition. Throughout the service, the Novitiate Choir of Dominican brothers chants the great "O" Magnificat Antiphons of Advent.

This WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church or Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
12:15 p.m. | Fun Bunch (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Playground & Lower Fish Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10:15 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7 p.m. | Building for Mission Parish Gathering (School Cafeteria)
8 p.m. | Young Adult Group Social (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

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. Registration ends November 27. To sign up, visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs or scan the QR code. If you have questions, email the wrestling coordinators at sgwrestlingcoordinator@gmail.com.



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.





YOU'RE INVITED

Building for Mission Parish Gathering

All St. Gertrude Parish parishioners are invited to a Building for Mission parish gathering to learn more about our capital campaign, ask questions, receive your campaign packets, and discern how you are being called into mission. Light refreshments will be served, and **childcare will be provided**. Join us on one of the following dates:

- **Thursday, November 19** | 7–8:30 p.m. | School Cafeteria
- **Tuesday, November 24** | 7–8:30 p.m. | St. Dominic Lobby
- **Thursday, December 3** | 7–8:30 p.m. | School Cafeteria

To RSVP, please visit tinyurl.com/ParishGatherings or scan the QR code. Walk-ins are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Hope Ramundo, director of stewardship, at hramundo@stgertrude.org.

**Please note, these renderings are not final drawings but show the vision we have at this time.*

Discover the *Dominican* Difference



SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR

Observe dedicated teachers, experience the joy and purpose that animate our classrooms, and see how the Dominican tradition forms hearts and minds for a lifetime.

stgertrudesch.org

JOIN US NOVEMBER 18 FOR PRESCHOOL STORYTIME IN THE SGS LIBRARY

Families with children ages 18 months–5 years old are invited to join us in the St. Gertrude School library on Wednesday, November 18, at 10:15 a.m. for Preschool Pups Storytime. Enjoy joyful songs and stories read by our Dominican Sisters and Friars.



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 resources necessary to preserve the distinctive character of a Dominican education. Our goal this year 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, NOVEMBER 16 | ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT (S)
7 a.m. | Mass – † Madeline Wiggins by Mary Vetter
8 a.m. | Mass – † Pegge Schuermann by Shari Siebert
11:30 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertude Parish
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY (M)
7 a.m. | Mass – † Margaret Pachuk by The Pachuk Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Jane Ward by Jenny & John Ward
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Robert Maus by Paul & Cassie Maus
8 a.m. | Mass – Father Reginald Hoefer, O.P., by Ken & JoAnne Lacey
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by Terry Westerman
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – President Donald Trump by Nadia Zogbi
8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Jane Gertz by The Richard Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Dolores & Ben Foppe by Greg & Connie Witte
4 p.m. | Confessions
7 p.m. | Young Adult Group Holy Hour

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Mike Forlines by The Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Wiebe by The Wiebe Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Oscar & Maryanne Mann
by Kevin & Pamela Breslin
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)
8 a.m. | Mass – Sophia & James Henderson by Alan & Dina Henderson
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Bill Hoffman by Marj Hoffman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (S)
8 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
10 a.m. | Mass – Cecilia Shirly Ramenaden by Jasmine & Zara Grimes
12 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
6 p.m. | Mass – † Tom Hodges by George Pavloff



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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection is this weekend, November 14 and 15. The CCHD is the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' effort to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help people help themselves. Contributing to the campaign is a unique opportunity to honor the dignity of the poor and create space for them to more fully participate in society. Learn more at usccb.org/cchd. Thank you for your support!

AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS | NOVEMBER 20

Mount St. Mary's seminarians and Queen City Catholic invite all young adults to join us for BEHOLD on Friday, November 20, at St. Lawrence (3680 Warsaw Ave, Cincinnati). Adoration begins at 7 p.m., with prayer teams, music and worship, and the opportunity for confession. After adoration, stick around for a social with music, snacks, cocktails, and other beverages! This is a wonderful opportunity for young adults to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and connect with others in the young adult community. Learn more at queencitycatholic.org/behold-event.

TASTE OF LEBANON FOOD FESTIVAL | NOVEMBER 22

The St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Catholic Church (2530 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206) invites you to its 10:30 a.m. liturgy and Taste of Lebanon Mediterranean Food Festival on Sunday, November 22. The festival (12 to 7 p.m.) will include delicious mediterranean cuisine (carryout and dine-in options), Arabic coffee, religious items and souvenirs, traditional dancing, and free admittance and parking. Visit thetasteoflebanon.com for a detailed menu and additional information.

PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR | NOVEMBER 24

Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery—owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati—on Tuesday, November 24, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. The seminar will help you understand Church teachings so you can make end-of-life decisions with clarity and peace of mind. To RSVP, email community@gateofheaven.org or call (513) 489-0300.

THE WELL | FEBRUARY 9, 2027

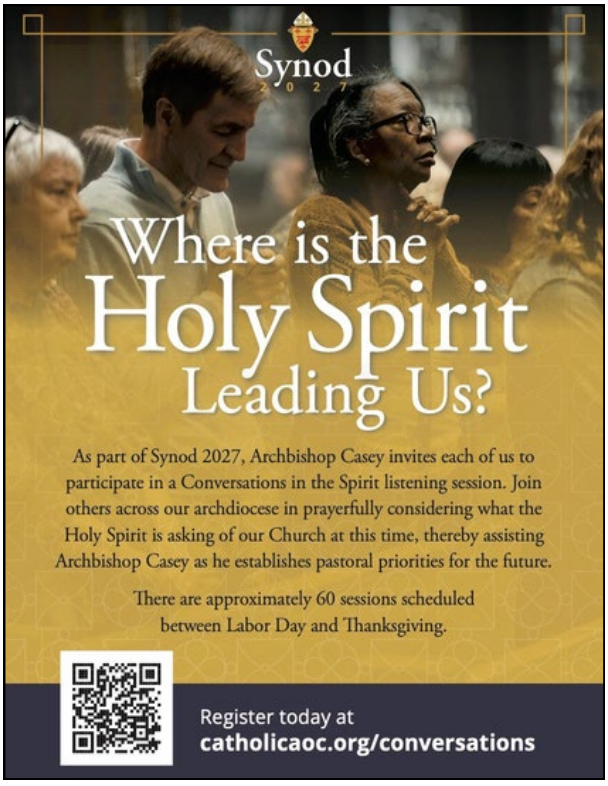
World-renowned speaker and author Dr. Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione are coming to St. John the Baptist (5361 Dry Ridge Rd., Cincinnati) on February 9, 2027, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for an evening of Eucharistic revival. Through a powerful blend of visual beauty, musical storytelling, and inspiring reflection, THE WELL invites you to encounter the living water of Christ and see the Eucharist like never before. Tickets are on sale now; visit aftontickets.com/WellCincinnati or scan the QR code. Tickets will be $35 at the door.

PREGNANCY CENTER PLUS IS HIRING

Do you want to help instill in young people an appreciation for the gift and purpose of our sexuality as God planned? Pregnancy Center Plus is hiring a chastity educator to teach middle school and high school students PCP's chastity education program, In Control, which is inspired by Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. You will also co-present our Theology of the Body for Teens retreat, contact schools/parishes, arrange visits, assist with other activities/events, and more. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and references to Laura Curran, executive director, at lcurran@pcplus.org.

FRIENDS OF JESUS | NOVEMBER 21

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults (age 18-plus) with developmental disabilities that primarily focuses on support, prayer, and socializing. We come together in prayer, make a craft, and enjoy refreshments. Our next gathering is Saturday, November 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center (8939 Montgomery Road), and our focus will be the Ten Commandments. New members are always welcome but must RSVP so we can plan for food and craft supplies. If you have questions or to RSVP by November 16, please contact Jane Callan at (513) 793-3546.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Collection	$75,500
Weekly Budget	$49,020
Weekly Surplus	$26,480
All Souls' Day Collection	$3,128
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	$921,935
Fiscal YTD Budget	$931,373
Fiscal YTD Deficit	($9,438)

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Bulletin: November 29
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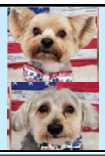

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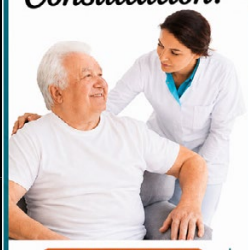

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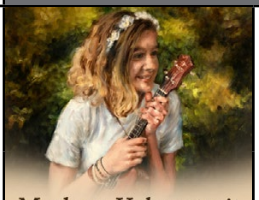
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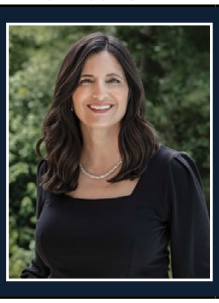
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