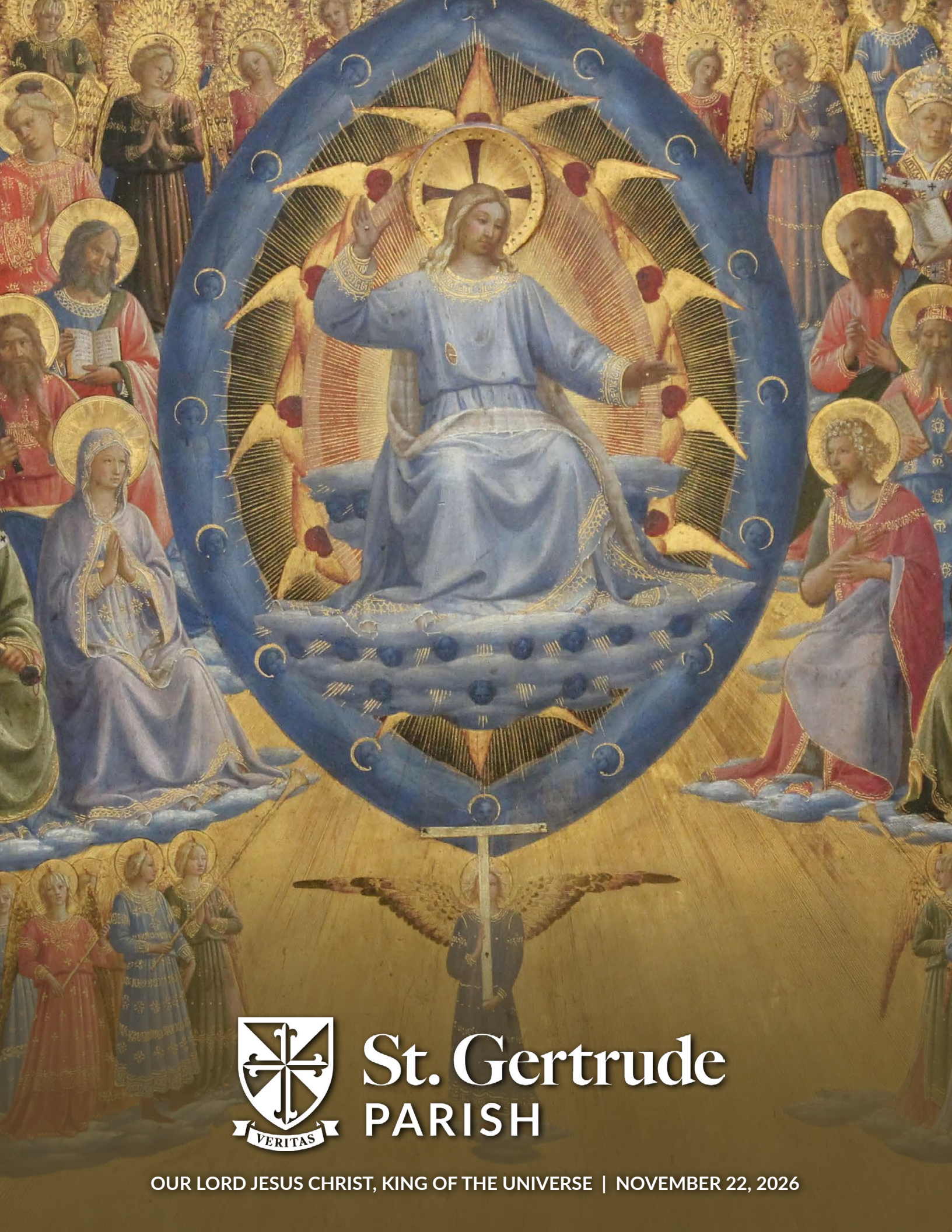

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Parish Office Hours
M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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.



For the past several weeks, our Mass readings have focused on the end of time and the need to "stay awake." As the liturgical year ends this Sunday, I thought it fitting to share the article below (reprinted with permission) that was posted on thecatholictelegraph.com, in which Father Dave Endres discusses spiritual warfare. May you find it insightful and helpful in your battle against the Evil One.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



WHAT IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

By Father Dave Endres

Spiritual warfare is our resistance to sin, temptation, and the powers of evil through prayer, virtue, and sacramental grace. Man's contest with evil goes back to the beginning of creation, when humanity first struggled—and fell—to temptation.

The Second Vatican Council, in reflecting on humanity in the modern world, taught that spiritual struggle will continue until the end of time: "A monumental struggle against the powers of darkness pervades the whole history of man," and "man is obliged to wrestle constantly if he is to cling to what is good" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 37 §2).

This struggle plays out internally in each person who experiences the tension between the desire for God and temptations that lead away from God's will. As St. Paul says, "I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want" (Romans 7:19).

The Tempter

Humanity's difficulties are rooted in temptation and weakness. Because of Original Sin, man has a wounded human nature, which is expressed in concupiscence—our disordered inclinations, thoughts, and desires.

We often experience this inner weakness as the source of our struggles with sin. But the Church reminds us that temptation is not merely an internal battle: "Evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the Evil One, the angel who opposes God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2851).

While man remains free and his choices are his own, the devil retains influence over humanity. The Evil One is the adversary who seeks to separate man from God. Since he is cunning, his temptations are often indirect, offering a distortion of what is truly good.

The Redeemer

Although humanity struggles on earth, we do not struggle alone. Jesus is called the "New Adam" since He undoes the sin of our first parents. Whereas Adam succumbed to temptation, Jesus remained faithful to the Father and now aids us in our weakness. By taking on human nature, Christ entered fully into mankind's condition, experiencing its suffering and weakness, though without sin, in order to restore humanity to the life of grace and bestow the gift of salvation.

Only Jesus—the one who has power over the devil—can redeem us. Through His Death on the Cross, He destroyed "the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14). Even if striving for sanctity is a battle, it is a battle already won by Christ. The Resurrection reveals that, while sin and death remain, they have been defeated.

Sharing in the Victory

The power of Christ over evil is seen in one of the petitions of the Our Father: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." This prayer recognizes both the reality of temptation and the greater reality of God's saving power. In asking for deliverance from evil, Christians acknowledge their dependence upon God.

The members of Christ's body share in His victory. Through the Church, Christ provides spiritual help to overcome the Evil One. This is seen chiefly in the sacraments, prayer, and assistance to believers in living virtuous lives. The baptized are called to grow in holiness through perseverance, and when they sin, they are prompted to repent. Confession restores those wounded by sin, while the Eucharist strengthens believers against future sin.

Spiritual warfare, then, is not a battle we fight by human strength alone. It is the daily struggle to remain in Christ, who has already conquered the powers of darkness and invites His followers to share in His victory.

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Why Are *You* Catholic?

New St. Gertrude Parish Podcast Video Series

Last weekend on the St. Gertrude Parish Podcast, we kicked off 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, no two answers are the same.

As you watch or listen to these episodes, **we invite you to consider your response to this question. Why are *you* Catholic?**

WATCH OR LISTEN NOW

Check out the second episode—a beautiful reflection on conversion, contemplation, and coming home to the fullness of the faith.

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Advent Wreath Making



Join us for fellowship, fun, refreshments, and activities for the children as we kick off the new liturgical season by making Advent wreaths! We provide all the materials; you bring your pruners and a tray to transport your wreath home.

Sunday, November 29 | 12–2 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym
$25 per Wreath Kit

To register, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/2026AdventWreath.



BOURBON & BOOKS KICKOFF EVENT

From Looksmaxxing to Godmaxxing: Masculinity in an Age of Superficiality

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 | 7 p.m.
One Eyed Jacks | 2750 Park Ave., Norwood

Looking to develop community with other men of the parish or go deeper with an existing group of friends? **All men are invited to a fun evening of faith and fellowship to kick off our 2027 Bourbon & Books! The event will feature a talk by Father Louis Bethea, O.P.**

Visit stgertrude.org/bourbonandbooks or scan the QR code to learn more.



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Topic: Why Did God Become Man?

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.

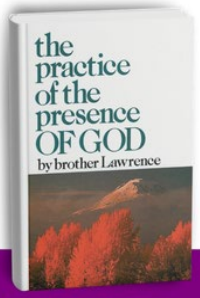
December 2 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center | 6543 Miami Ave.

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.

ALPHA FOR ALL

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I'm a daily Mass-goer. Is Alpha for me? *YES!*
I'm not Catholic. Is Alpha for me? *YES!*
I'm not even Christian. Is Alpha for me? *YES!*

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, you belong in Alpha.

Our next Alpha begins January 2027. To learn more and sign up, visit tinyurl.com/AlphaWinter27 or scan the QR code.

Disciple Maker Index Survey

Reflect on your own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which St. Gertrude Parish effectively supports that growth.

The survey only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and **closes this Tuesday, November 24.** All responses are confidential.

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

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

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 next Sunday, November 29.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROJECT

This weekend, the Ladies of Charity kick off their annual Christmas Giving Tree project. Flyers with a list of needed items are at the entrances to the church. Please drop off your donations in the Parish Center the weekend of December 5 and 6. Additionally, Giving Trees will be placed in the church—please take a gift tag and bring back the requested item(s) no later than 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 6. For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085. Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISMS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026



Child: David Thomas Novak
Parents: David & Carolyn
Priest: Father Jacob Willig



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Steve Badinghaus, Larry Ball, 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, Sue Metz, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, Fran Pishotti, Suzanne Rechenberg, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Paula Scalo, Don & Pat Schoo, Susan Shonk, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Beth Stoll, 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

† Richard Plummer
† Romualdo Pelle, father of Linda Armstrong and AnnaMaria Spurgin
† James "Chris" Clark



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS | NOVEMBER 26

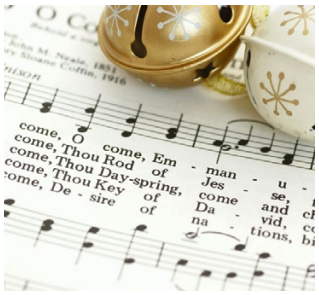
Begin your Thanksgiving Day celebrations by giving thanks to God at our 10 a.m. Mass. Then, head to the gym to enjoy coffee and a doughnut (or two!) with your St. Gertrude Parish family.

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.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN MADEIRA | DECEMBER 19

Mark your calendars for this annual family evangelization event! Join us on Saturday, December 19, at 5:30 p.m. for a pizza dinner in the gym, then head out into the streets of Madeira to sing Christmas carols and invite our neighbors to celebrate the birth of Our Savior at Christmas Mass. After caroling, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies in the gym. This is a fun event for all ages and a great opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel. The event is free, but please scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/XmasCaroling2026 to RSVP so we can get a headcount for pizza. Thank you!



HANDEL'S *MESSIAH* | DECEMBER 24

Before our celebration of Midnight Mass, the Parish Choir and members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will present excerpts from the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*. This beloved tradition proclaims the mystery of the Incarnation through classical music's most famous and joyous passages, culminating in the "Hallelujah" Chorus. This free event begins at 11:30 p.m. in the church and is part of our 2026–2027 Sacred Music Series.

To view all the events in our Sacred Music Series, please scan the QR code.



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.

This WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Building for Mission Parish Gathering (St. Dominic Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Adoration Chapel Closed
St. Gertrude School Closed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Adoration Chapel Closed
Parish Office Closed
St. Gertrude School Closed
After 10 a.m. Mass | Coffee & Doughnuts (Gym)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Adoration Chapel Closed
Parish Office Closed
St. Gertrude School Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Adoration Chapel Closed
7:30 a.m. | Catholic Men's Fellowship (School Cafeteria)
After 4:30 p.m. Mass | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Adoration Chapel Closed
After All Masses | Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carvings (St. Dominic Lobby)
12–2 p.m. | Advent Wreath Making (Gym)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE—ANOTHER SUCCESS

The Ladies of Charity extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone for helping make this year's Thanksgiving food drive a success! We wish you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

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, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs. Send questions to 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.



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.





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.*



ST. GERTRUDE, ST. CECILIA, AND THE STORY OF OUR SCHOOL

Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P.
Vice Principal

Happy (belated) feast of St. Gertrude! Our celebration of her feast day as a school community on Monday, November 16, was extra special because of St. Gertrude's connection to this year's school theme—Heart of Christ: Our Hope and Strength. St. Gertrude had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since she is the patroness of our school, it seems right and just that we also cultivate this devotion. We enjoyed singing two new Sacred Heart hymns at Mass that we learned specifically for this feast day!

Today, we will celebrate the feast of St. Cecilia, a third-century martyr and the patroness of the congregation of the Dominican Sisters who have been serving at St. Gertrude School since its opening in 1934. Neither St. Gertrude nor St. Cecilia were Dominicans, so how did they become patronesses of a Dominican parish and a Dominican congregation of religious Sisters?

In 1923, the Catholics of the Village of Madeira had no church of their own. Since few had automobiles at the time, travel to the closest Catholic church was difficult. A chance meeting of some Catholics at Harry Brinkkroger's hardware store on Camargo Road led to a group of 35 local Catholics petitioning Archbishop Henry Moeller for permission to celebrate the weekly Eucharist in a local home. This he granted on November 25, 1923. These founders of Madeira's new parish took St. Gertrude as their patron saint, since her feast was closest to the date of the archbishop's permission.

Two years later, a new archbishop was appointed to Cincinnati, the Dominican John Timothy McNicholas, O.P. He invited members of his religious order to staff St. Gertrude Parish. In 1927, the parish was led by its first Dominican pastor. Seven years later, the parish established its school, led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee.

The history of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia takes us back to 1860. The Right Reverend James Whelan, Nashville's second bishop and himself a Dominican, requested that four sisters be sent from St. Mary's (Somerset, Ohio) to open an academy for girls with an emphasis on music and the fine arts. St. Cecilia was an apt patroness of this new congregation of Sisters because she not only is the patroness of music, but also had a connection to the early days of the Dominican Order.

Since its foundation, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have espoused a deep regard for the fine arts and seek to instill this appreciation in our students. The fine arts have the capacity to evoke awe and wonder and to inspire a thirst for God. At St. Gertrude School, we are grateful for Mrs. King's and Ms. Pugliano's excellent work in our music and art programs respectively and for Mrs. Roma's dedication to our theatre program. Our classroom teachers, too, guide students in the recitation of beautiful poetry—yet another expression of how the fine arts are seamlessly woven into the fabric of our curriculum, rather than set apart as an extracurricular pursuit.

As the feast of St. Cecilia approaches, the Sisters and I are filled with much gratitude for our religious vocations and for our assignment here at St. Gertrude School! May St. Cecilia intercede in a powerful way for our St. Gertrude School community!

LITERATURE COMES TO LIFE IN 8TH GRADE

After completing their study of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, our eighth-grade girls had the opportunity to see the beloved novel brought to life during a private theatrical performance at Madeira High School. Following the performance, the students gathered at Neighborhood Coffee to discuss the novel and reflect on its enduring themes. Special thanks to SGS alumna Jacqui Wagner, owner of Neighborhood Coffee, who generously opened her shop on a day it is normally closed to welcome our students. What a wonderful example of the lasting connections within our St. Gertrude School community!



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – Kim Hauck by George & Claudia Kimura
8 a.m. | Mass – † Pegge Schuermann by Pat & Terry Baute
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | STS. IGNATIUS DELGADO, O.P., VINCENT LIEM, O.P., DOMINIC AN-KHAM, O.P., AND ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS (M)
7 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Mercurio by Frank Mercurio
8 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by John & Jan Cremons
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Ann Poland by Mary Cay Hentz
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA (M)
7 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Carole Talley-Draise by Kevin Kellner
8 a.m. | Mass – † Regina Caballero by Analinda Caballero
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Dave & Kari Staples by Kevin & Kathy Baker
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | THANKSGIVING DAY
10 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Marian Scherpenberg by Sue & Jeff Normand
8 a.m. | Mass – † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Ray Clark by Marylyn Clark
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)
8 a.m. | Mass – † Ted Kaczmarowski by Peggy Frank & Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – Solanus Leyendecker by The Kaufman Family
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Donna Kliefoth by The Pavloff Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Arlinghaus by Peter Bertoli
10 a.m. | Mass – OCIA Catechumens Seeking Baptism & Candidates Seeking Full Cummunion with the Catholic Church
12 p.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
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.

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 today, 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—this 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.

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.

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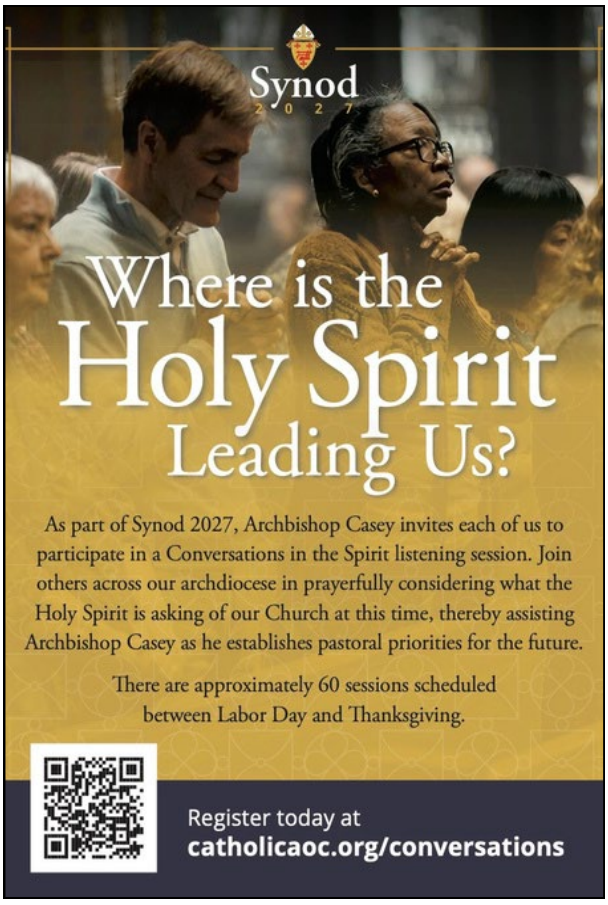
Hope for couples going through difficult times in their marriages, Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend January 8–10, 2027, call (513) 286–3013, or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

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.





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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Collection	$41,586
Weekly Budget	$49,020
Weekly Deficit	($7,434)
Second Collection: St. Gertrude School	$4,758
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	$964,041
Fiscal YTD Budget	$980,392
Fiscal YTD Deficit	($16,351)

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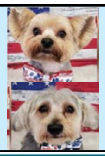

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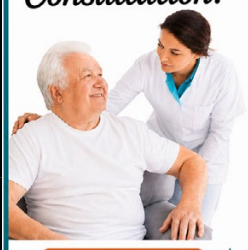

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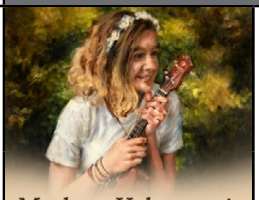
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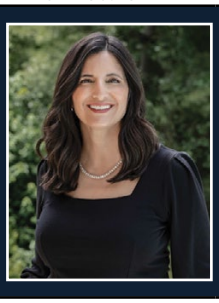
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