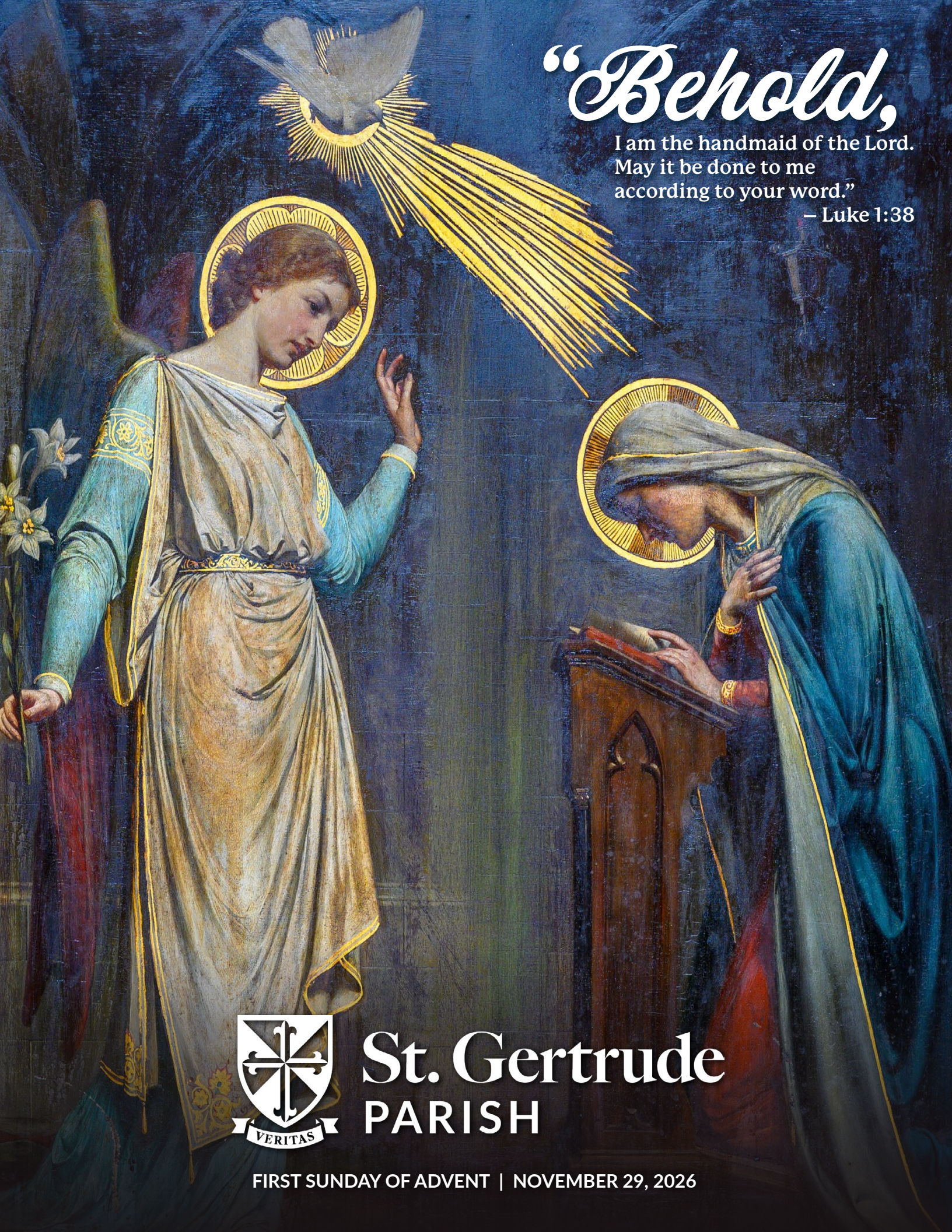
"Behold,
I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word."
– Luke 1:38
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WELCOME

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.



SOMETHING SHOULD BE DIFFERENT

When you read the title of this week's pastor column, I'm sure many of you might have thought, *Well that's a cryptic title.* You might be wondering about all the possible ways that title could be interpreted. From my perspective, the title is meant to emphasize the fact that, as of this weekend, we are now in a different liturgical season of the year: Advent. At St. Gertrude Parish, you'll see the Advent wreath in the sanctuary, the priests wearing the familiar violet vestments at Mass, the absence of the "Gloria" at Sunday Masses, and a whole new set of hymns to celebrate the season. Even though the change is not, by any means radical, anyone stepping foot into our church over the next four weeks will definitely know something is different. We've left Ordinary Time for something definitely out-of-the-ordinary.

My questions for all of you are, What about you? What about your family? What about your home? Will something be "different" over the next four weeks? I hope the answer for everyone is a resounding, "Yes!" I encourage all of you to take advantage of this special liturgical season of the year to do something different in your Catholic life. Maybe that means having an Advent wreath at home and lighting it for a period of time every night. Maybe it means deciding to spend time listening to the many beautiful Advent hymns that have come down to us. (Personal insight: Of all the liturgical seasons of the year, my favorite, from the standpoint of hymns, is Advent!) It sometimes can be hard to find them at home, granted anyone interested can simply go to YouTube and do a search for "Advent Hymns," and plenty of options will pop up. I suspect the same might be true of the various streaming services out there. Advent calendars or the Jesse Tree are other options for celebrating this special season at home.

I absolutely love the season of Advent. I hope this letter has inspired many of you to want to grow deeper in your love of the season as well.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PS. By the time you read this, I will be away on my annual retreat. After an incredibly busy late summer and early fall, I'm looking forward to a week of solitude, reading, and prayer. I'll be praying for all of you during my week away, and I ask for your prayers for me as well. I'll be back next Friday, refreshed and renewed and ready to jump into the Advent and Christmas seasons.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Christmas with our annual Christmas novena of Masses, offered here at St. Gertrude Parish. The novena will begin on Christmas Day, December 25, 2026, and go through January 2, 2027. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office. Please return your novena offering envelope in the collection basket or to the parish office before Christmas. All proceeds go to support the St. Gertrude Priory.

BUILDING FOR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

GOAL: $24,000,000

Number of Gifts	61
Total Raised to Date	$8,984,160
Percentage of Goal Raised	37.43%
Percentage of Families Participating	3%

As of November 23, 2026

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"During Advent, I want to prepare my heart for the coming of the Lord Jesus by silence and recollection of spirit, uniting myself with the Most Holy Mother and faithfully imitating Her virtue of silence, by which she found pleasure in the eyes of God Himself. I trust that, by Her side, I will persevere in this resolution." – *Diary*, #1398



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.

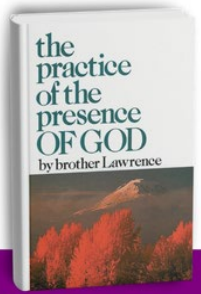
December 2 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center | 6543 Miami Ave.

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.

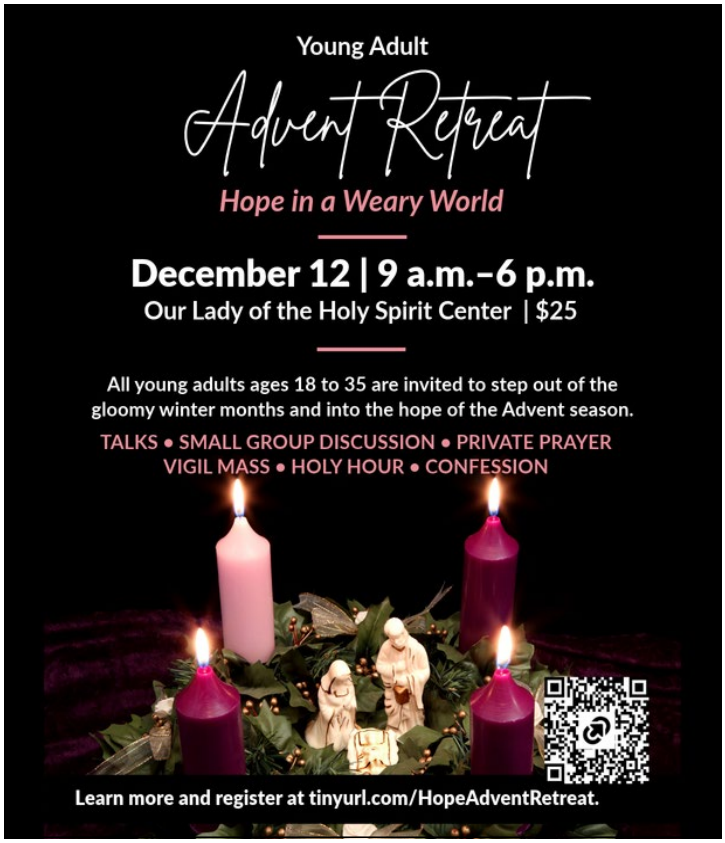


2026 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

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!



ALPHA FOR ALL

FOOD. FAITH. FELLOWSHIP.

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.

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!

FUN BUNCH

Save the Date
DECEMBER 15
Parish Center | 12:15–2 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEWEST CATHOLICS!

Congratulations to the 14 people who received the sacraments of initiation last Sunday, November 22, at the 12 p.m. Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey in the Catholic Church.



Pictured: Justin Puckett, Maggie Harris, Jaid Speeth, Vanessa Schmitt, Aaron Schmitt, Brandon Shelley, Samantha Shelley, Charlie Shelley, Deborah Butler, Aaron Phillips, Catherine O'Brien, Emma O'Brien, Genine Fallon, Erica Gurda

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR | DECEMBER 2

The next St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry-sponsored Holy Hour will be Wednesday, December 2, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. The specific intention for this Holy Hour is, "For families formed through adoption, for those seeking to adopt, and for pregnant moms who are contemplating placing their babies for adoption." All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this dedicated time of prayer and adoration. As usual, priests will be available for confessions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK-YOUS

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone for their generous financial assistance in two recent works of mercy:

- **Veterans Day Collection**: This collection for the VA Voluntary Services resulted in $1,055 in monetary donations and enough material items to fill a large van! This will be delivered to the Cincinnati VA in time for the Advent season!
- **Coats for Kids:** The September 27 Pancake Breakfast helped fund the Knights Coats for Kids program, which resulted in the purchase of 190 coats for the schoolchildren of St. Boniface School in Northside. Several Knights from our council personally distributed these coats to the kids on November 19.





BAPTISMS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15



Child: Adeline Claire Fredette
Parents: Elijah & Maria

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21



Child: Antonio James Losekamp Jr.
Parents: Tony & Monica
Priest: Father Alex Dugas



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, Beth Stoll, Judy Sullivan, Sy Swart, 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

† Patricia Tartaron



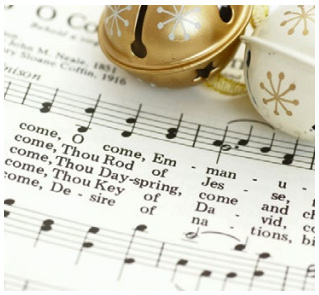
ADVENT SOCIAL MEDIA GIVEAWAY | NOVEMBER 29 & DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

Beginning this Sunday, November 29 (the First Sunday of Advent), and continuing every Sunday of Advent, we will be giving away an item from our new parish-branded winter collection via social media. This is your opportunity to get a free St. Gertrude Parish-branded beanie, Columbia pullover, throw blanket, or jacket! To enter, follow us on Instagram or Facebook and answer the posted question. These cold-weather items also make great Christmas gifts. Visit stgertrude.org/about/shop or scan the QR code to shop now.



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 30
12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Fellowship Gathering (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Bourbon & Books Kickoff Event (One Eyed Jacks)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
10:15 a.m. | St. Gertrude School Preschool Pups (School Library)
6:30 p.m. | Becoming Catholic (St. Dominic Lobby)
6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
7 p.m. | Building for Mission Parish Gathering (School Cafeteria)
7 p.m. | Young Adult Group (St. Dominic Lobby)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
5:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society (Church)
6:30 a.m. | St. Joseph Society Social (School Cafeteria)
9 a.m. | Respect Life Meeting (St. Joseph Room)
9 a.m. | St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild (St. Dominic Lobby)
After 4:30 p.m. Mass | Giving Tree Items Drop-off (St. Dominic Lobby)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
After 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. Masses | Giving Tree Items Drop-off (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

GIFT OF LIFE COLLECTION THANK-YOU

The St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life ministry and Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center thank everyone who generously contributed to the October Gift of Life Pack 'N Play collection. You donated over 300 winter clothing items, 41 blankets (27 of which were handmade), 123 baby care and miscellaneous items, 1,174 diapers, 5,392 wipes, and $165.00. May Jesus and our Blessed Mother abundantly bless you and your families.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Ladies of Charity Christmas Giving Tree project is underway. 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. next Sunday, December 6. For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085. Thank you for your generosity!

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. **Childcare will be provided, but you must RSVP in advance**. 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 — **LAST ONE!**

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.*



FRIENDSHIP AND THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Mr. Travis Johnson
Principal

Two weeks ago, Mr. Schlotman, Mr. Locke, and I traveled to Potomac, Maryland, to attend Convivium, a conference hosted by the Heights Forum at The Heights School. The Heights School is an independent preparatory school for boys in grades three through twelve. Its educational approach emphasizes the intellectual, moral, physical, and spiritual formation of each student in close partnership with parents. The Heights Forum, the school's educational outreach initiative, embraces the motto "educating men fully alive," an adaptation of St. Irenaeus' motto, "The glory of God is man fully alive."

This year's conference theme was Friendship, including friendship among faculty members, between faculty and parents, between teachers and students, among students themselves, and ultimately, friendship with God.

This theme is especially relevant to our mission at St. Gertrude School and to the life of our parish community. Catholic education is deeply relational. Students flourish when they know that their teachers care for them, when faculty members support one another, and when parents and educators work together in a spirit of camaraderie and trust.

Of course, friendship does not replace the proper authority of teachers or the responsibilities of students. Rather, rightly understood, it helps create a culture in which truth can be spoken, faith can be cultivated, and each person can grow in virtue and, ultimately, in friendship with God, who is the very essence of truth and goodness and our ultimate happiness. For the Son of God says to his disciples, and to us also, "I no longer call you slaves. . . I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

It was good to connect with Christian educators from throughout the country and spend time with men who share the important vocation of forming young people. The conviviality of the conference itself, with opportunities to learn, reflect, converse, and enjoy one another's company, was a fitting expression of its theme.

While in the Washington, D.C., area, we also visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you have never been there, I highly recommend making a visit.

The Basilica is the largest Catholic church in North America and our nation's preeminent Marian shrine.

Providing opportunities for our teachers and administrators to receive continued professional and spiritual formation is an important investment in the educational mission of St. Gertrude Parish. When our teachers are renewed, challenged, and inspired, they return better prepared to serve our students and their families. Experiences such as Convivium strengthen those entrusted with carrying forward the rich tradition of Catholic and Dominican education that has been a part of our parish life since 1934.

Related to these important conversations about the formation of young people, Covington Catholic High School will welcome Dr. Leonard Sax on Thursday, December 3. Dr. Sax is a physician, psychologist, and nationally recognized author whose work focuses on child and adolescent development. He is the author of several books, including *Why Gender Matters*, *Boys Adrift*, *Girls on the Edge*, and *The Collapse of Parenting*. I have read all four and highly recommend them.

I encourage parents and all those involved in the formation of young people throughout our parish to consider attending his evening presentation. For those unfamiliar with Dr. Sax's work, I also recommend his interview with Bishop Robert Barron, which is available on YouTube.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, please know of my gratitude for the entire St. Gertrude Parish community. We are extraordinarily blessed to have a parish that so generously supports the education and formation of its youngest members. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your commitment to the mission entrusted to our school.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with faith, gratitude, and joyful time with those you love.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | ST ANDREW (F)
7 a.m. | Mass – † Ronald Alan Daniel by Monica Walker
8 a.m. | Mass – † Harold Noble by The Noble Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | ADVENT WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
8 a.m. | Mass – † Betty Bitsue by Charlotte Schaengold
9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Edward & Josephine Witte by Greg & Connie Witte
4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | ADVENT WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Ramon Guzman Soto by Dave & Therese Hertlein
8 a.m. | Mass – † Patricia Maria Dean by Elizabeth Boomgarden
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † George L. Walter by Barbara Messer
4 p.m. | Confessions
7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 | ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (M)
7 a.m. | Mass – The Macalintal Family by The Deocariza Family
8 a.m. | Mass – † Pegge Schuermann by Ken & Julie Schuermann
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Rita Johantges by St. Gertrude Parish
4 p.m. | Confessions

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | ADVENT WEEKDAY
7 a.m. | Mass – † Rev. Stanley Malinowski by Christopher Holman
8 a.m. | Mass – † Joe & Pat Flynn by Paul & Cassie Maus
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity by Ladies of Charity
4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 | ADVENT WEEKDAY
8 a.m. | Mass – † Michelle Halpin by The Murray Family
11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Judy Wessel by Joan Kunkel
3:30 p.m. | Confessions
4:30 p.m. | Mass – James Lydon by The Lydon Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
10 a.m. | Mass – The Volkman Family by The Runk Family
12 p.m. | Mass – † Patsy Scalo by Paula Scalo
6 p.m. | Mass – Veronica Fogo by The Schmid Family



PASTORAL CARE

Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass due to illness or being homebound? As a sign of Christ's love, our parish community earnestly desires to bring comfort and healing to these individuals. **Please call the parish office at (513) 561-5954, and we will direct you to the most appropriate ministry.**

Here are ways we can help you:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
This healing sacrament is given to those facing serious physical or mental illness, advanced age, or surgery due to one of these. When one is near death, anointing is offered as part of the Last Rites, along with the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Communion to the Sick or Homebound
Our priests and lay ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness or being homebound. This important ministry is a vital sign of the parish community's love and support for all of our members.

Prayers for the Sick or Deceased
Each week, our bulletin lists the names of individuals who are sick or recently deceased so that our entire parish community may pray for them. Simply contact the parish office to add yourself or a family member to this list.

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

Is your loved one actively dying? Contact our Prayer Ministry for the Dying. Members of this ministry pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those approaching death. To request prayers for your loved one, please call Pat Collins at (513) 265-1897. If you would like to join this ministry, visit stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying to learn more.

A TASTE OF PREGNANCY CENTER WEST: GIVING TUESDAY OPEN HOUSE

This Giving Tuesday, December 1, Pregnancy Center West (PCW) is celebrating in two ways: an Open House and a 60 Gifts of Safety & Hope Giving Tuesday Challenge. The Open House is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 2859 Boudinot Avenue, Suite 320. Enjoy refreshments, take a behind-the-scenes tour, meet the team, and discover how PCW supports women, babies, and families through medical services, parenting resources, fatherhood programs, and educational outreach. Admission is free, and no donation or purchase is expected. Drop in anytime! RSVPs are appreciated to help prepare refreshments, but walk-ins are welcome. Scan the QR code or visit supportpcw.org to learn more about the 60 Gifts of Safety & Hope Challenge—a fundraiser to provide 60 baby care combinations to local families.

A CAPPELLA CHRISTMAS | DECEMBER 11, 12, 13

This December, the Bach Ensemble at St. Thomas (BEST) steps away from the orchestra and sings alone. A Cappella Christmas brings BEST's eight professional voices to three spaces around Cincinnati on with a program of carols, motets, and seasonal music built for the unaccompanied human voice and the rooms that carry it. Each evening features a different guest choir from a Cincinnati-area high school: Cincinnati Country Day, Walnut Hills High School, and Taylor High School. The students sing on their own and alongside BEST. Three nights, three spaces, one program:

- December 11 | St. Gertrude Parish, Madeira | 7 p.m.
- December 12 | St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church | 3:30 p.m.
- December 13 | Mater Dei Chapel, Mount St. Joseph | 3:30 p.m.

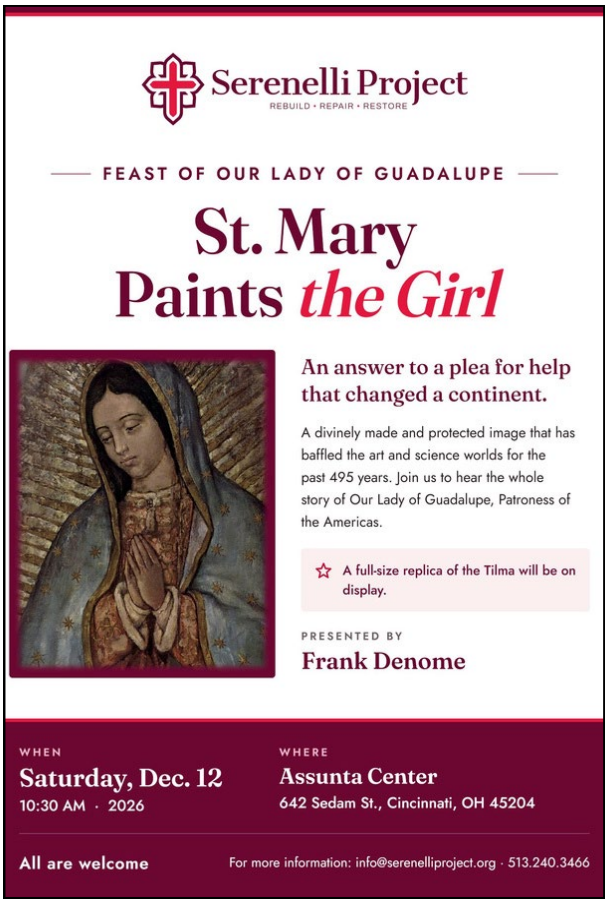
THE WELL | FEBRUARY 9, 2027

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 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. Visit aftontickets.com/WellCincinnati to get your tickets. Tickets will be $35 at the door.

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE | FEBRUARY 20, 2027

The 12th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, February 20, 2027, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lawrenceburg Event Center in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Speakers include Philip Rivers, Kevin Matthews, Father Patrick Hyde, TD and Jude Dierker, and Father Jonathan Meyer. Join hundreds of Catholic men for a powerful day of faith, fraternity, inspiring talks, Mass, adoration, and confession. Open to men ages 13 and up (minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Learn more and register at e6catholicmensconference.com.





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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Collection	$42,780
Weekly Budget	$49,020
Weekly Deficit	($6,240)
Second Collection: CCHD	$3,145
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	$1,010,926
Fiscal YTD Budget	$1,029,412
Fiscal YTD Deficit	($18,486)

To give online, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/GiveToSTG.

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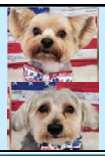

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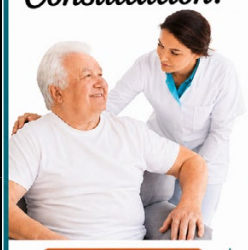

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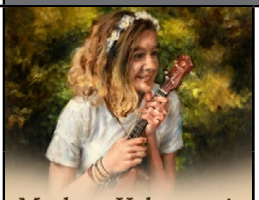
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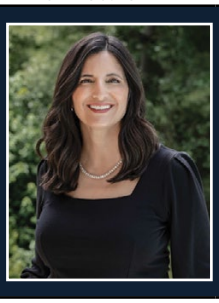
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