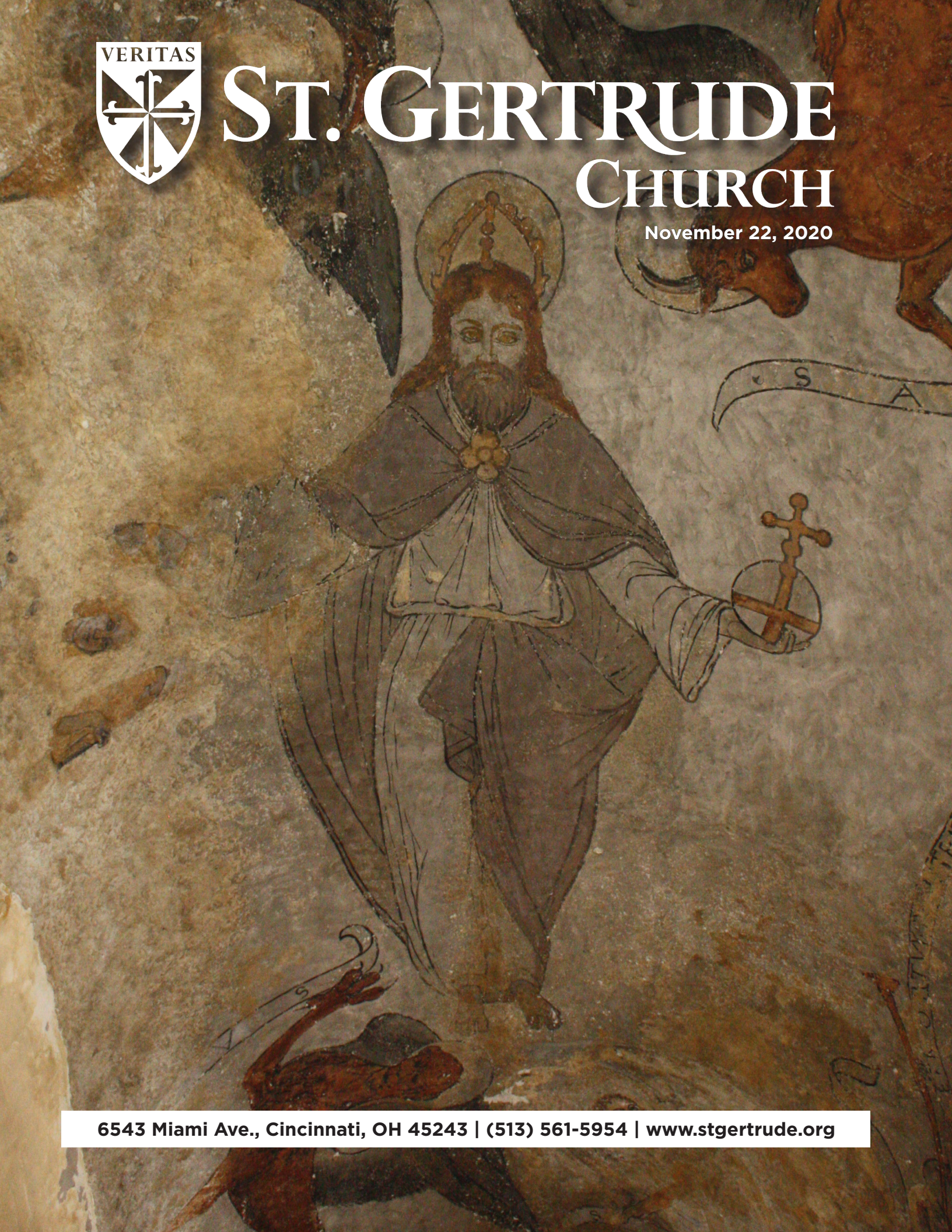




ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

November 22, 2020



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MASSES AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, November 23,

St. Clement I, St. Columban & Bl. Miguel Augustin Pro

- 7:00 a.m. Prioress of the Monastery of St. Dominic/
Lauren Elizabeth Funk
8:00 a.m. Anne Dadosky/Miguel Angelo Patag
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Order of Preachers

Tuesday, November 24,

SS. Ignatius Delgado, OP, Vincent Liem, OP, Dominic An-Kam, OP and St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Jack Hearn/Jack & Sherry Schuler
8:00 a.m. †Lilly Alexander/Benny Alexander
11:30 a.m. †Kay Redmond/Sherry Huddle

Wednesday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 7:00 a.m. †Linza Collett/The Locasto Family
8:00 a.m. †James Stines, Sr./The Luiso Family
11:30 a.m. †Wanda Bien/Moira & Jeff Grainger

Thursday, November 26, THANKSGIVING DAY

- 8:00 a.m. For the good/conversion of our Country
9:30 a.m. For the good/conversion of our Country

Friday, November 27, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †George Roberts/Laura Ringenbach
8:00 a.m. †Fr. Matt Gamber, SJ/Pat & Al Riesenbergl
11:30 a.m. †Tom Poland/Pat & Nealy Mechley

Saturday, November 28, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Mary Jo Morgan
11:30 a.m. †Elizabeth (Mitzi) Smith/Trish & Steve Krehbiel

November 28-29, First Sunday of Advent

- Saturday †Rose Cagnitti/Jim & Diane Tomaszewski
Sunday People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased
The RCIA catechumens seeking Baptism, &
the candidates seeking full Communion with
the Catholic Church
†Tom Poland/The Poland Family
†Steve Eddingfield/Bertie & Family
†Peggy Kindt/Paul Kindt

Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Closed November 23-27)

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Closed November 26-27)

Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Updated November 1, 2020

The Archbishop dispenses the faithful from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Please do not come if you feel sick. Those who are vulnerable may consider coming to a less crowded weekday Mass.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Keep a prudent distance inside the church. Ushers will help ensure safe seating on Sundays.
- We ask that the faithful wear cloth masks for the sake of the common good. People with breathing difficulties and young children should not wear masks.
- Only friars, sisters, novices, lay ministers and a limited number of staff members will be in the sanctuary and sacristy.
- Volunteers will help wipe down high-touch surfaces between Sunday Masses.

HOLY COMMUNION

- You are not obliged to receive Holy Communion at every Mass you attend. Consider making a spiritual communion, or receiving at a weekday Mass.
- The faithful who choose to receive Holy Communion will come up to the altar rail, where one or two priests will distribute the sacred host. Keep space in line, and only remove your mask at the rail.
- You may receive in the hand or on the tongue, kneeling or standing. Note: the rail is a high-contact surface.

Mass & Confession Schedule

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
12:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Mass

WEEKDAYS

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Conventual Mass
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer in Church
4:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
7:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
(Wednesdays Only)

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
11:30 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
4:30 p.m. Mass (Sunday Anticipated)

CHRISTMAS AT ST. GERTRUDE

With Christmas just over 1 month away, I've been thinking about the gift I would like the parish to receive. The short answer: Peace. We've been living through a lot of fear, worry, anxiety, turmoil, sadness, frustration, and the list goes on. Christ is born into our world to bring us peace. I desire every person and every family to experience the peace of Christ in his/her heart and in their homes. I'm longing for peace in our parish. St. Augustine defines peace as the "tranquility that comes with order." While this definition has deep theological meaning, it also has practical applications.

Preparations have begun for the celebration of the Christmas liturgies here at St. Gertrude. Since we are living in a time of pandemic, we cannot proceed in the same manner as in the past. Having sought advice and counsel on protocols and options, I am taking the difficult, and most likely unpopular, decision that admittance to the Christmas liturgies will be by reservation only and seating will be assigned. This approach will provide for maximizing the size of the congregation while maintaining social distancing.

Here are some points to consider:

- The obligation to attend Mass on Christmas does not apply this year. Thus, other days during the Christmas season could be an alternative for a family observance of Christmas.
- The Sunday after Christmas is Holy Family Sunday. New Year's Day is within the Octave of Christmas. Epiphany Sunday is a celebration of the Lord's birth and His revelation to the world. Families could observe Christmas on one of those days.

The Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows: Vigil of Christmas at 3:00, 5:30, and 7:30 p.m. Mass During the Night at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon.

Ticket reservations for Christmas Masses will go live on Monday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m. and must be made by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15.

Seating arrangements will be provided in advance of Christmas. For further details, please view the parish website: www.stgertrude.org/Christmas2020.

Jr. George, O.P.



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

Monday, November 30, 2020

St. Gertrude Catholic Church

Missa Cantata in the

Dominican Rite

7:30 PM



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Today, I prepare for the Coming of the King. What am I, and who are You, O Lord, King of eternal glory? O my heart, are you aware of who is coming to you today? Yes, I know, but – strangely – I am not able to grasp it. Oh, if He were just a king, but He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords. Before Him, all power and dominion tremble. He is coming to my heart today... When He entered the dwelling of my heart, it was filled with such reverence that it fainted with fear, falling at His feet. Jesus gives her His hand and graciously permits her to take her place beside Him. He reassures her, saying, **See, I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. How amazed will your heart be when you see Me in all My glory.** (*Diary, #1810*)



OPEN HOUSE & NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

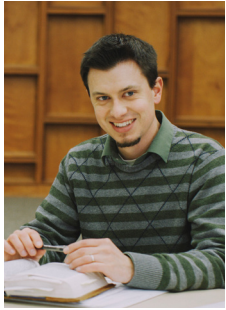
We welcomed several prospective students and parents to our school during our November Open House. It was a great opportunity for those parents and students to talk with teachers, current students, and our administration. Thank you to our faculty, student tour guides, parent volunteers, and our visitors for a great Open House!

With our November Open House comes open registration for new students. We invite any new student to St. Gertrude School to register online for the 2021-2022 school year. Please visit our website at stgertrudesch.org/admissions/apply.

If you were unable to attend our November Open House, please know we will be hosting another Open House that coincides with Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you are interested in St. Gertrude School, please give us a call, check out our website (stgertrudesch.org) and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/stgertrudeschool). Private tours are also available! We would be delighted to show you what makes St. Gertrude School a wonderful place to learn and grow.

(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION:**HAPPY, SAD**

BY BRAD BURSA



At our house, it's often the case that, outside of the "witching hour," the dinner hour is least virtuous.¹

The early Christians connected an actual dinner to the celebration of the Eucharist. This meal expressed their deep communion. It was called the *agape* supper (*agape* is Greek for "love," or "self-giving

love"). Now, communion literally means "with oneness," and it implies a deep sense of union amongst persons who are coming together or who are being drawn together.

With the six kids, it often feels like dinner is the opposite of an *agape* supper. And "with oneness" is out the window. Instead, it's more like "with eight-ness." People are everywhere. It's like trying to hold water in your hands. Small people are standing on chairs, dancing, humming, singing, yelling, spitting out food in the trash can, exclaiming that certain things are "gross!", picking up the baby, laying down under the table, drinking soy sauce, trying to grab more food, spilling drinks, rubbing chicken on their cheeks, stealing food from some plates, depositing "gross" food on others, feeding baby dolls, and we could go on.



I suspect this type of behavior only appears at my house, so I'm not sure why I'm wasting my time and yours to offer guidance on how to deal with it. But, I'll offer some unsolicited advice anyway.

Recently, my wife and I started watching the *Happy Place Homestead* channel on YouTube. Some family members and friends recommended it. *Happy Place* portrays the life of Chris and Linda Padgett and their nine kids. A few years ago they did something crazy and bought a farm in central New York. Chris is a national Catholic speaker and he's absolutely ridiculous. Turns out Linda is too. So, it's pretty entertaining and wholesome.

In one of the episodes, you get a glimpse of dinner in the Padgett house. In a lot of ways, it's not worlds apart from what I experience on a daily basis. But, there was one moment during the meal that caught my attention. Chris muttered something like, "Alright, Happy, Sad." (That's not even a complete sentence, by the way.) Suddenly, everyone's focused and one-by-one each member of the family reported one awesome thing about their day, and one not-so-awesome bit. Kids listened to each other, asked each other clarifying questions, and were delighted to have the spotlight for a few minutes during the meal. Chris and Linda also shared.

We certainly haven't been practicing "Happy, Sad" long enough to know if it's really effective (only 4 days as I write this). But, Chris and Linda *have nine kids!* It seems to work for them, so maybe there's something to it.

Here's what I've noticed so far:

- ✦ The kids love providing a report.
- ✦ We all like gaining some meaningful insight about each other.
- ✦ We're establishing a culture of openness.
- ✦ Things actually calm down significantly during that time, which seems to spill over a bit into the rest of the meal.
- ✦ People are genuinely in a better mood during and after the meal.

In all seriousness, though, this is one of those little practices that actually does work to establish communion around the table and allows us to love on each other a bit as we grow as Christians during the second most vicious hour of the day. If we can turn the tide here, maybe we tackle the witching hour next. That would definitely be worth writing about.



The bulletin will feature the (Trying to) Live the Mission series on the 4th Sunday of each month. This series will present stories and tips for living the faith in ordinariness of life.

¹ "Witching hour" is parent-talk for that hour that you think you might just die because everyone is crying, moaning, or in need of wiping all at once.

CRUSH THE COVID-19 DEFICIT ON DECEMBER 1, 2020



2020 has been a doozy for reasons that are abundantly clear. Yet, despite all of the challenges, St. Gertrude has been crushin' it all year.

The weekend before everything shut down, the Friars offered Mass on the hour so everyone could have a chance to come. Once things shut down, the school pivoted and ran an online operation everyone should be proud of. During the last several months, with the impact of the virus, the parish increased Confession times; one priest was dedicated to be accessible to COVID-19 patients; and the parish provided a daily video update to stay in touch with parishioners. The school raised more than \$250,000 to help offset expenses as it reopened and adjusted to COVID-19 restrictions. Once Masses resumed, the parish increased the number of Masses, launched the Family Faith Program to 100 families, got youth ministry back off the ground, and resumed Tuesday evangelization classes.

Parishioners should be proud. We've been crushin' it all year. And, we're not stopping.

COVID-19 made a dent on our annual budget, and we're in a deficit of over \$70,000. We need to join together and crush the COVID-19 deficit on Giving Tuesday (December 1, 2020).

Now, there is another facet to this cause: thankfulness to God for our great parish. We are full of gratitude for the Dominican Friars & Sisters who have provided Sacraments, taught and nurtured our children and ourselves! We are also grateful for what our parish has accomplished throughout this difficult year.

Visit stgertrude.org/givingtuesday for more information and stay tuned to next weekend's bulletin for instructions on how to crush the deficit on December 1.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS GIFT

This Advent, St. Gertrude will be mailing all parishioners a gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. During Thanksgiving week, each registered parishioner will receive a bundle of music by The Vigil Project and reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR (you may have seen him on *The Wild Goose*). Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!



HOLIDAY HOURS

The Adoration Chapel is closed November 25-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Adoration will resume on November 30 at 7:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA:

Remember your family, friends and loved ones in a special way at Christmas by enrolling them in the Christmas Novena of Masses, which will be offered here at St. Gertrude Church beginning on Christmas Day.

Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the church office in the school. You can return your Novena offering envelope in the collection or send it to the church office.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Anthony Alvarez, Lisa Bertke, Bettie Caudill, Larry & Pat Collins, Marguerite Crema, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Joe Holly, Hummel Family, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Carlos LaTorre, Sophia LaTorre, Ann Lukey, Linda Merkley, Frank Merle, Sandra Munyon, Leo Napuri, Gerry Patterson, Tim Petric, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Alex Smithers, Jack Spilker, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, John Sweeney, Mary Saul, Mary Valker and Bill Van Hise

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

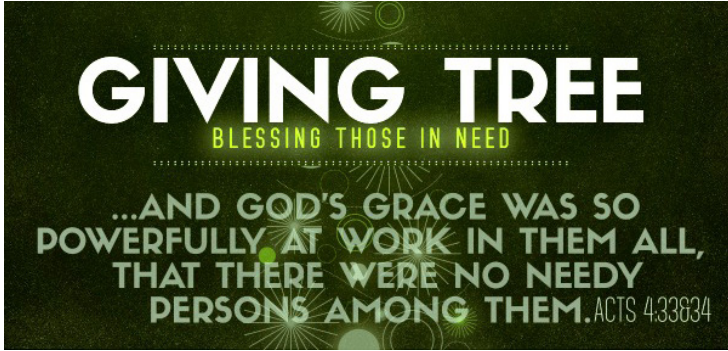
Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Sammy Mascho, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Janet Grolmes – mother of Joe Grolmes
Shirley Seeger – mother of Patricia Schroeder, Kae Edington, Michael Seeger, Barb Mason, Mary DeWitt, and Dave Seeger

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Skyler & Lauren Adleta	Justin & Beth Brinkman
Michael Burkart	Thomas & Jackie Di Nino
Alexa Fiehrer	Kelsey Koverman
Daniel & Beth Ryan	Ross & Brooke Schweitzer
Matthew & Kaitlin Smith	



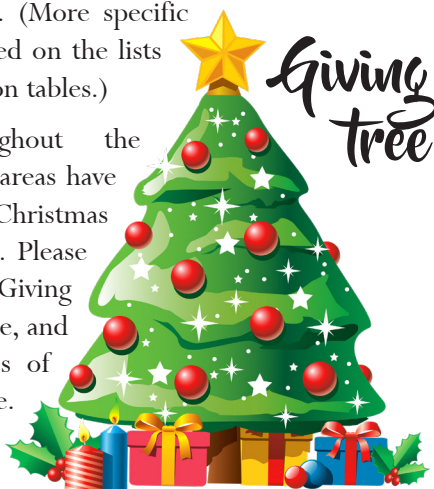
LADIES OF CHARITY
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Ladies of Charity announce their annual Christmas Giving Tree Project. Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the customary sign-up process will not be held this year. Rather, a list of the items needed will be available at the information tables located near the entrances to the Church (inside and outside) on the weekends of November 21st-22nd and November 28th-29th. Additionally, giving trees with gift tags for parishioners to take and fulfill will be located in the Church and gymnasium. Drops-offs will be December 5th-6th, 2020.

Agencies served this year include Hope Emergency, Bethany House, local families in the Madeira area and Elizabeth's New Life Center which has been serving at-risk pregnant women in the Dayton and Cincinnati area since the organization opened in 1989.

A general list of the items most needed this year include the following: clothing in various sizes; gifts such as books, stocking stuffers, sports equipment, board games, make-up and shaving kits, tech items, dolls and doll items, fishing tackle and poles, sleeping bags, trucks/tractors/cars and art/Lego/science sets; wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, batteries; and \$25 gift cards from Kroger, Walmart, Target. (More specific gift information is included on the lists provided at the information tables.)

Many families throughout the Cincinnati and Kentucky areas have an incredibly joyful Christmas because of St. Gertrude's. Please stop by the Christmas Giving Tree, pick a tag off the tree, and help us fulfill the wishes of some very special people. Thank you for your continued generosity.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VA COLLECTION

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Gertrude for coming through with overwhelming support for our Veterans!



During the Knights of Columbus VA Collection on November 7-8, parishioners donated 12 boxes and 10 shopping bags full of items as well as \$1,490.00 in cash, checks, and gift cards. The Veterans' Administration of Cincinnati is most grateful for your generosity towards area veterans each year, and Elder Council extends their gratitude as well for your staunch support of all their efforts!

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
REGARDING THEIR ANNUAL APPEAL

In the name of all the Little Sisters of the Poor, I am writing this letter to you! Unfortunately, we were not able to come and visit your parish in the Spring in order to ask for your financial assistance as we have in other years. As we operate a nursing home, we have not received permission from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) or the CMS (Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services) to leave our facility, or have persons come in, to minimize any contact with the virus for the residents. Therefore, we are unable to come to St. Gertrude for our rescheduled date the weekend of November 28-29.

As a reminder of our mission, we, the Little Sisters of the Poor, have the privilege of caring for the Elderly Poor, in the spirit of humble service, which we have received from Our Mother Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ Himself and serve them with love and respect. We receive those of lowest income, of any race or religion. St. Jeanne Jugan wanted to have a family-like atmosphere in our Homes. As a large family, we celebrate life. The highlight of our respect for life until its natural ending is when we keep vigil with the Residents, accompanying them over the threshold of eternity.

An important part of St. Jeanne Jugan's mission was to involve others in her work. We are very grateful for your financial help in past years, and would humbly ask for your help once again during the special collection taking place on November 28-29. We are also aware that many of you may have suffered financially during this pandemic and may not be able to help us this year and we understand! We want to let you know that we are praying very much for you and your families. If you cannot help us financially, we will be grateful for your prayers as we continue our way during this painful experience!

Thanking you again and assuring you of our prayers.
Sincerely,

The Little Sisters of the Poor

ASK A PRIEST - CAN AMERICANS CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING?

BY FR. CLEMENT DICKIE, O.P.



With a founding so tied up in toppling King George III and not replacing him with another crowned head, it seems unpatriotic to celebrate Kingship. But while this weekend's feast day might put some tension between our American identity and our Catholic one,

it's not any greater than the tension every Christian has between the Kingdom of God and the city of man. We are freer with Christ as our King, than when we are enslaved to fallen human passions.

The friars have just finished reading *Founding Brothers*, Joseph J. Ellis's group biography of America's revolutionary generation. One of the recurrent themes is that America has no place for a king. The one knock against George Washington was that he carried himself as if he were George IV, which was only quieted when he took the Cincinnatus path of leaving politics at the end of his second term. Resistance to royalty is in the founding spirit of our country.

How then can we loyal Americans find meaning in the title "Christ the King"? Would it not be more fitting for us to enculturate Christ's earthly role in a way that is more understandable to us? Why not "Christ the President" or "Jesus the Senator" or "Mayor Jesus"?

The origin of the Feast Day

It might be surprising to learn that the feast of Christ the King is less than 100 years old. The timing is significant, because this proclamation was not in the midst of royalist fever, but rather at a time when all of Europe's emperors and many of her kings lost their crowns in the aftermath of the Great War (1914-1918). No one was looking for a king, but Pope Pius XI recognized that the world needed one.

He attributed the Great War and the lack of true peace in its aftermath to the last consequences of failing to discipline inordinate desires. "These unsuppressed desires, this inordinate love of the things of the world, are precisely the source of all international misunderstandings and rivalries, despite the fact that oftentimes men dare to maintain that acts prompted by such motives are excusable and even justifiable because, forsooth, they were performed for reasons of state or of the public good, or out of love for country," (*Ubi Arcano Dei Consilio*, 25) He concludes that "the true peace of Christ can only exist in the Kingdom of Christ." (49)

On 11 December 1925, Pius published *Quas Primas* which created the feast of Christ the King in order to remedy this misunderstanding. He desired that through promoting Christ the King, society as a whole would learn of the need to accept Christ's authority in order to achieve their true goals of lasting peace and freedom. "When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony." (19) The feast is meant to bring about a recognition that only in Christ will we find the lasting remedy to the world's restlessness and a life of true peace.

Christ isn't a President

Tempting as it may be to adapt the Gospel to our manner of speaking, Jesus cannot be described as a "president." Presidents get their authority from popular acclaim; they are said to have a mandate from the electorate. But Christ does not propose a popular program in keeping with desires and comforts of most people. One could argue that most of His demands are doomed to be unpopular (cf. Matthew 5-7).

Christ's earthly mandate comes from His Father. He has undoubtedly that which kings have long claimed, the divine right. He rules us because He has been entrusted with our care by God. Unlike presidents, kings' concern for their people is not the result of political calculation or a sense of loyalty. Instead, a true king like Christ is given a people in order to protect and care for them.

Christ as Our King

Belonging to a kingdom that transcends the world should not undermine our full participation in the civic life of our self-governing republic. Having a true king does not mean that we should refrain from voting for Congress or President or state offices. But it should guide the trust and hope that we place in these institutions.

We can be good citizens as long as we recognize the limitations imposed on worldly governance. Our salvation cannot be found in politics, but only in Christ. We are free to act without fear of reproach or revilment in the public sphere if we belong firstly to the kingdom of heaven, whose citizenship cannot be stolen but only forfeited.

"Ask a priest" will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!



Monday, November 23	Tuesday, November 24	Wednesday, November 25	Thursday, November 26	Friday, November 27	Saturday, November 28	Sunday, November 29
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Advent Wreath Making 12:00-3:00 p.m. School Cafeteria
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	True Devotion 12:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed		HSYM Discipleship Cells 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Outside (weather permitting) or Church	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				
Holy Family Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. School Chapel						
RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby						

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit: stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report 11/15/20

Collection:	\$ 37,793.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 41,500.00
Weekly Deficit:	(\$ 3,707.00)
Year to Date Budget:	\$ 734,000.00
Year to Date Actual:	\$ 660,766.00
Year to Date Deficit:	(\$ 73,234.00)

COVER IMAGE: "Christ the King," Medieval ceiling fresco from Luz near Gavarnie in the French Pyrenees. Photo by Very Rev. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Used with permission.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
12/6/20

MATERIALS DUE
11/25/20

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The Little Sisters of the Poor had rescheduled their visit from March to speak to our parish on November 28-29. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions they have also had to cancel this visit (please see their letter on page 6.)

November 28-29 is also a Fifth Sunday, so the second collection will be used to support St. Vincent de Paul, Ladies of Charity, and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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 Rev. Clement Dickie, O.P., parochial vicar
 Rev. John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar

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