

**FILL THE
JARS WITH
WATER.**

JOHN 2:7



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

January 16, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, January 17, St. Anthony (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Don & Nancy Beimesche
- 8:00 a.m. †Carmelita Duckro by Ann & David Stein
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, January 18, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Kourtney Hicks by The Lavin Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Heidi Suebert by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 11:30 a.m. †Dorothy Arozarena by Julee & Diane

Wednesday, January 19, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Edward Beck by The Zimmermans
- 8:00 a.m. †Elmer William Gardner by Heidi & Ron Sparer
- 11:30 a.m. †Joe Morrison by Romualdo & Maria Pelle

Thursday, January 20, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Mr. William Damburg by Jim & Terri Wood
- 8:00 a.m. †Jerry Seeger by Kae Edington
- 11:30 a.m. †Patti Coit by Rita Gehring

Friday, January 21, St. Agnes (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Olivia Krallman by Richard & Eileen Pope
- 8:00 a.m. †Jane O'Connor by Ted & Joanne Bayer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Patricia R. Barnes by Tricia Speicher

Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 8:00 a.m. †Dorothy Grant by David & Catherine Fishlock
- 11:30 a.m. †Walter Eugene Cameron by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 4:30 p.m. †Steve Abdo by Coleen Glorius

Sunday, January 23, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. †Jim Frank by Janice & Algis Koncius
- 10:00 a.m. †Bill Malarick by Elder Council KofC
- 12:00 p.m. †Clifford Ball by The Heisler Family
- 6:00 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

Confession will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | www.stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

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



Get your team
together!

SWING INTO SPRING

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser at Topgolf

9568 Water Front Drive West Chester Township

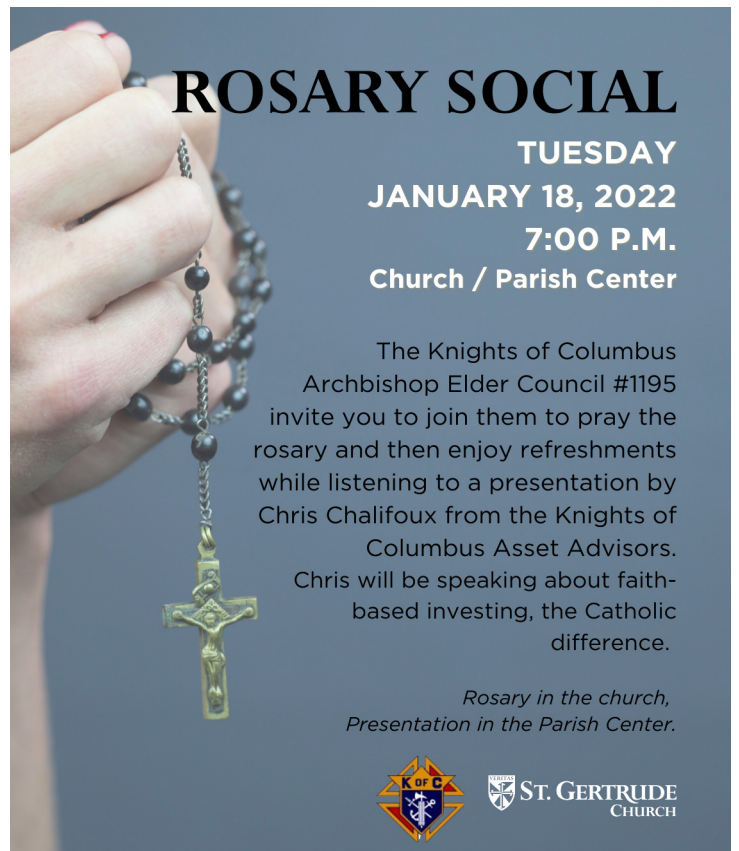
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

Cost: \$60 per player (includes brunch)

Early Bird Discount: Purchase a bay for \$325 and save 10 percent for your group (up to 6 golfers per bay). Payment due by February 18, 2022.

There will be prizes for closest to the pin and a putting contest.

More details to come.



ROSARY SOCIAL

TUESDAY

JANUARY 18, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Church / Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them to pray the rosary and then enjoy refreshments while listening to a presentation by Chris Chalifoux from the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Chris will be speaking about faith-based investing, the Catholic difference.

*Rosary in the church,
Presentation in the Parish Center.*



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



INVITE HIM

The Gospel reading today recalls the miracle of Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana. What interests me in this passage is that “Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.” Presumably, the bride and bridegroom extended the invitation, which, unforeseen by them, would bring them an abundant blessing. Their wedding and reception were a special and yet very human event. And God is present in his humanity in the person of Jesus precisely because they invited him to be there.

In this event, I see a lesson for our daily lives. God waits for us to invite him to be a part of our lives in all its facets. Do we invite him to join us in these moments? Do we ask him to bless the food of our tables when we are out to eat at a restaurant? Do we invite him to be the unseen guest at a summertime family reunion and take a moment to thank God for the gift of family and the blessings received? Do we invite him to be present at meetings and seek his wisdom and guidance? The list goes on.

We are coming out of the Christmas season wherein we celebrated the birth of the Word made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. He became human like us in all things but sin. So, wouldn't he “fit right in” with all the daily and significant moments of our lives? Wouldn't he take pleasure in the beauty of art or music? Wouldn't he share our delight at the child who hits his first home run? Wouldn't he join us in congratulating the child who takes first place at her piano recital? Wouldn't he share in our sorrows and heartaches in sickness and death? I say yes to each of these questions.

In the Book of Revelation, God says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me” (3:20). God respects our freedom. He waits for us to invite him into our lives, always ready to respond with his presence and grace. The encounter with God for which the human heart longs happens through our receptivity. I encourage you to look for ways to invite the Lord into all the facets of your life and to teach others to do so as well. These will become concrete and practical moments to experience the presence of God in our lives and in our world. And the blessings may be abundant.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Tuesday on January 18 and concludes on January 25, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. The theme of this year's week of prayer is, “We Saw the Star in the East, and We Came to Worship Him.” The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in January 1908 through the initiative of two American Episcopalians, Father Paul James Wattson and Sister Lurana White, co-founders of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement. They were totally committed to the reunion of the Anglican Communion with the Roman Catholic Church. As such, they started a prayer movement that explicitly prayed for the return of non-Catholic Christians to the Holy See. When Father Paul and Sister Lurana became Roman Catholics, Pope Pius X gave his blessing to the Church Unity Octave, and in 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended its observance to the universal church. This recognition by papal authority gave the Octave its

impetus throughout the Roman Catholic Church.

The topic of Christian unity was addressed at the Second Vatican Council in the Decree on Ecumenism. The Decree told Roman Catholics in clear and unambiguous terms: “In certain special circumstances, such as in prayer services for unity and during ecumenical gatherings, it is allowable, indeed desirable, that Catholics should join in prayer with their separated brethren. Such prayers in common are certainly a very effective means of petitioning for the grace of unity, and they are a genuine expression of the ties which even now bind Catholics to their separated brethren.”

So today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity belongs to all Christians who are sincerely interested in the fulfillment of Christ's prayer at the Last Supper “that all may be one” (cf. John 17:21). It is sponsored by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity. On a national basis, materials for the celebration of the Week of Prayer are the work of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute in collaboration with the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Let us pray to the Lord—alone and with other Christians—that the Holy Spirit will heal all that divides the members of the Body of Christ and bring fulfillment to the prayer of Jesus “that all may be one.”

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Jesus likes to intervene in the smallest details of our life... There is a custom among us of drawing by lot, on New Year's Day, special Patrons for ourselves for the whole year. In the morning during meditation, there arose within me a secret desire that the Eucharistic Jesus be my special Patron for this year. When I approached the holy cards on which the names of 113 of the patrons were written, without hesitation I took one. Suddenly, I heard a voice in my soul, “I am your patron. Read.” I looked at once at the inscription and read, “Patron for the Year 1935 – the Most Blessed Eucharist.” My heart leapt with joy. (*Diary, #360*)

COVER IMAGE: ©shutterstock.com/Rsedmakova *The miracle at the wedding at Cana* (church Santuario Nuestra Senora del Sagrado Corazon), Labarta (20. cent.)

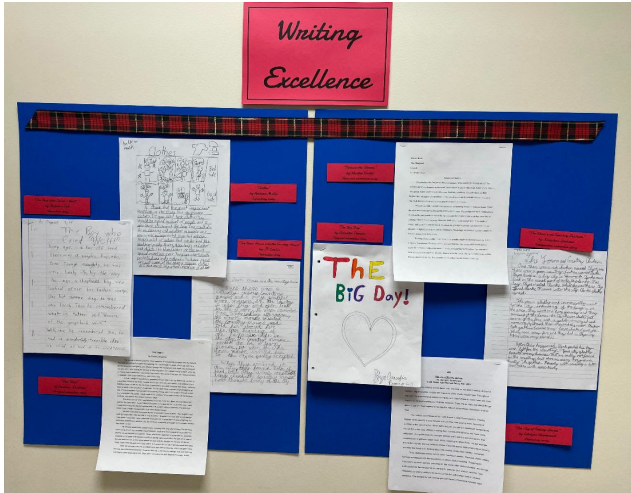
DATES TO REMEMBER

- No School - Monday, January 17, 2022
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- 7th Grade Retreat - Wednesday, January 19, 2022

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office is closed Monday, January 17, 2022, and will be open Tuesday, January 18, through Friday, January 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

WRITING EXCELLENCE Each trimester, we will be recognizing outstanding student writing in grades 3-8. Congratulations to the winners of Writing Excellence for the first trimester, listed below! Please stop by to read the students' work if you are in the building!



8th Grade

Hunter Burke, *Release the Storms*

7th Grade

Eusebius Kaufman, *War Dogs*

6th Grade

Adelynn Woodward, *The Joy of Falling Leaves*

5th Grade

JP Conlon, *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse*

Kingston Lochrer, *The Town and Country Chickens*

4th Grade

Anasofia Proano, *The Big Day*

3rd Grade

Andrew Mahle, *Clothes*

Damian Toft, *The Boy Who Cried, Wolf!*

 **ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL**

Gather in faith.
Guide in truth.
Grow in excellence.

DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

Please join us for our

OPEN HOUSE

SUN, JANUARY 30, 2022
1:00PM - 3:00PM

"We are building up our students in every way— teaching them to build intellectual and moral virtues so that they can go forth to build a culture of hope marked by freedom and peace that will radiate out to the world"
—Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

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**MEET THE TEAM:
ABBIE KOHLER**

Every so often, the St. Gertrude Bulletin features an interview with a member of our evangelization team. This month, we're highlighting Abbie Kohler, who joined us on January 9 as the interim coordinator of Family Faith.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Tell us about yourself.

Abbie: I was born and raised in Minnesota, so basically the North Pole! (Kidding!) I am the youngest of four kids, and my parents, who still call Minnesota home, have been married for over 50 years. "My" part of Minnesota is known for its flatlands, where you can see for miles on a clear day—so I have fallen in love with the hills of Cincinnati. I've called the Southwest corner of Ohio home since 2017, and St. Gertrude is the first parish I joined. I am now in my fourth year as a Core Team Member for St. Gertrude's High School Youth Ministry. Since moving to the Wyoming area, I have attended St. James of the Valley while still serving at St. Gertrude.

SGB: You mentioned being on our High School Youth Ministry Core Team. In what other ways have you been involved in youth ministry?

Abbie: I have a teaching background and have been involved in youth ministry for over 20 years. I served as a parish youth minister for eight years in two different Minnesota parishes after college. I moved on to work for other Catholic ministries while being involved in my local parish as a volunteer catechist, core team member, etc. In the training stages, youth in our church are recognized as being in formation, so asking questions is expected and encouraged. But working for the Church for so long, I've learned we're *all* always in that stage of learning and asking questions. I love that there is always more to learn about Jesus Christ and his Church! In the last two years, I began teaching adults in the Encounter School of Ministry Cincinnati Campus and online campus, through which the Lord has renewed and enlivened my faith!



SGB: What are you most excited about in taking over Family Faith?

Abbie: I am excited about the family approach to engaging in our faith! I'm excited to meet the families! And I'm eager to learn! (I know, that sounds so nerdy!) I believe when the Lord invites me to teach something, it's because he wants to teach *me* more. And I've found that although the teachings of our Church don't change, we change. So every time we encounter the faith, it may reach us differently than before. I've already seen that true as I've joined the January Family Faith classes. I approach adoration differently now, with a deeper understanding of how Jesus makes it possible for us to behold the face of God. I'm excited for more of that! I've also met some fantastic families already, and I look forward to meeting the rest in the weeks and months to come as we venture deeper into our faith together.

SGB: What has you excited about the future of the Church?

Abbie: That we *have* a future! And we can entrust it to the one who knows all things: God. The unchanging. The one who was, and is, and is to come. I (maybe you, too) have gotten comfortable with things changing in the last few years. I've had to. And to know that, though ever-evolving, our Church is rooted in someone who is steadfastly preparing a place for us in Heaven; to know that we *have* a future—that has me excited! Also, when many people are looking inward and outward to understand who we are as individuals and as a society, I am excited that many are finding truth in the Church. And I'm grateful we have a place and the person of Christ to come to and to find those answers.

SGB: What do you love to do in your free time?

Abbie: I love the Lord, good coffee, good people, and going on adventures! (I welcome all suggestions of places to explore—near and far!) I also received several great nonfiction books as Christmas gifts, so add reading to that list. I treasure quiet alone time with the Lord first thing in the morning (which I do consider fun), often while drinking good coffee! I frequent the adoration chapel at The Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in those quiet hours, too. But once I'm recharged with the Lord, honestly, I love being with people! So I find almost anything can be enjoyable when I'm with the right friends—and I've been blessed to find some good ones in Cincinnati!



**Registration for
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
catechist training is now open!**

For registration information, visit stgertrude.org/news/cgstraining.

Level 1
Teaching children ages 3-6

June 3-8, 2022 (Part 1)

August 27-28, 2022
October 8-9, 2022
January 14-16, 2023

St. Gertrude Church

Level 2*
Teaching children ages 6-9

July 20-25, 2022 (Part 1)

September 10-11, 2022
November 12-13, 2022
February 18-20, 2023

St. Gertrude Church

*Level One training must be completed before taking Level Two.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Dickert, coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, at mbdickert@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-8369, ext. 2110.



PARISH NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

In 2023, St. Gertrude Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary! As part of the centennial celebration, we will be publishing a commemorative coffee table book entitled *St. Gertrude: The First 100 Years*, which will be available in September 2023. We need your help tracking down historical photos, particularly from 1923 (our founding year) through 1975. Of special interest are photos of our founding families; early days as a mission church; the establishment of our school; and our current church, school, and parish center. We would also like to include photos from St. Gertrude School graduations, first communion classes, the tornado of 1969, early parish festivals, the school Christmas pageant, and other events. If you are willing to share your photos for publication in this commemorative book, please send—or drop off—your photos (clearly identified with the event and description) to the parish office. Be sure to include your contact information so we can return your photos to you. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Holland at (513) 478-2291. Thank you!

BREAKING FREE

St. Gertrude Church is happy to provide a group for men who are struggling with pornography and lust. The group meets weekly on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Music Room (lower level). For more information, please visit stgertrude.org/breakingfree.

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)



It is time to kick off the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50 percent of our over-goal comes back to St. Gertrude Church to be used here at the parish. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed as we stand with the thousands of people served throughout our archdiocese. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IS HIRING

We are looking for a head sacristan to join our team. In this role, you will be responsible for the maintenance of the sacristy, sanctuary, and altars, as well as overseeing all the supplies necessary for the celebration of the liturgy. To view the full job description and to apply, visit stgertrude.org/employment.

JESUS IS
WAITING
FOR YOU



MOTHER OF MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL
Open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Learn more and sign up at stgertrude.org/adoration.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Dolores Brandstetter, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Samuel C. Bascom, Patrick Burke, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Marilyn Glaser, grandmother of Ben Hoffman
Loretta Holden, wife of John

CATHOLIC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: CINDERELLA

Join families from across the area this Sunday, January 16, 2022, for an exciting, large screen viewing of Disney's live action remake of Cinderella! Before the showing, dynamic presenter Joan Ratajczak will discuss how to recognize Christian symbolism in the film (and in other movies). Sponsored by The Angelico Project, this event provides a unique and exciting way to learn more about the faith together as a family. **WHERE:** Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori School, 4460 Berwick Street, Cincinnati, OH. **WHEN:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. **COST:** Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. For more information and to register, visit AngelicoProject.org.



EVIL PREVAILS WHEN GOOD MEN DO NOTHING

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022, to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Themed "Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing," the conference is intended for all men, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey or which faith you identify with. For more information and to get your tickets, visit CincinnatiMensConference.com. You won't regret it.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE NEEDED

A parish family with two children ages nine and five is in need of babysitting help and after school care on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. Must be able to drive children to and from school and other activities. Pay is hourly, based on experience and availability. If you are interested, please contact Dina at (513) 207-4246 for more information.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

Immaculate Heart of Mary (7820 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati) Health Ministry is sponsoring the Jewish Hospital Mobile Mammography Van on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Any woman over the age of 40 is welcome to sign up for an appointment to get a mammogram. Both 2D and 3D scans are available. 2D scans are 100 percent covered by insurance, and 3D scan coverage depends on the individual's specific policy. To schedule an appointment, please call (513) 686-3300 and press option 1. For more information, contact Mary Selvaggi, IHM parish nurse, at (513) 388-4184 or marys@ihom.org.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Do you want to grow in your Catholic faith? Strengthen your family? Serve your community and parish? Meet like-minded Catholic men? Join the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world! Apply online today at kofc.org/joinus and enter code MCGIVNEY2020 to enjoy 12 months of membership. This weekend, January 15-16, 2022, the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 is holding a membership drive at St. Gertrude Church. Council members will be in the Parish Center after all Masses to answer any questions about being a Knight of Columbus. (Membership is open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and older.)



SEE MATTHEW KELLY LIVE

St. Leon, Indiana | February 26, 2022

Featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd, the 7th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference is designed to bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and his Catholic Church. The event consists of a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen faith, opportunities for true fraternity, and exposure to good resources to aid in living the faith as disciples of Christ. Limited tickets available. Visit www.e6cmc.com for more information and to register.

FOOD FOR ALL

Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to COVID-19, our pantries are now drive-thru. We could use your help! If you are interested in serving or donating, please contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at ahoak@ccswoh.org or (513) 672-3720. Learn more at <https://www.ccswoh.org/programs/food-for-all/>.





**ASK A PRIEST:
THE ST. MICHAEL HYMNAL**
FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

St. Gertrude Bulletin recently visited with Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., director of liturgy, to discuss the impact that The St. Michael Hymnal will have on the liturgical life of our parish.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Father Jordan, how did you first come to know about The St. Michael Hymnal?

Father Jordan: I have been a church musician since I was 10 years old. Throughout my time in music ministry, I have become aware of the many hymnals that Roman Catholic parishes can use. Shortly before my ordination in the late 1990s, I was the assistant director of music, choirmaster, and organist at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri. One of my responsibilities was to review new hymnals that could be used at the cathedral basilica or throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The St. Michael Hymnal, Second Edition, was among the hymnals I reviewed.

In 2004, I gave a retreat for the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. (This retreat was specifically for church musicians.) Two of the retreatants were Linda Schaffer and Kevin O'Connor (now Father Michael O'Connor, O.P.), the editors of The St. Michael Hymnal Series. Throughout the retreat and afterwards, it became very clear to me that The St. Michael Hymnal would help the Church recover great parts of our musical patrimony and lead us to ever more faithfully “sing the Mass,” the heart and soul of the liturgical renewal and the *raison d’être* for the Roman Missal, Third Edition.

SGB: What are particular gifts that you think The St. Michael Hymnal will bring to St. Gertrude or to any parish?

Father Jordan: Several key points come to my mind. First, The St. Michael Hymnal presents itself in a way that tells you it is able to bear the weight of the mysteries it represents. In other words, The St. Michael Hymnal possesses an elegant simplicity that is worthy to be part of the worship of God. Its blue leather cover, clear printing on quality paper, and a liturgical lexicon make The St. Michael Hymnal eloquent! God and the liturgy only deserve our best; nothing expedient, minimal, or slovenly. Plastic covers, newspaper print, and colloquial language are not worthy of the worship of him who saves us from sin and rescues us from death.

Secondly, the musical corpus presented with The St. Michael Hymnal, Fifth Edition, is among the finest musical indexes offered to us today. The rich texts, coupled with thoughtful, lyrical tunes, offer us profound opportunities for prayer. For example, consider the poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier and the lush melody of Charles Parry found at #497, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* . . . *Lectio divina* for days. Consider, too, Father Ricky Manalo’s, CSP, treatment of St. Thomas Aquinas’ *Pange Lingua*, found at #709. (I am biased: I was Father Ricky’s teacher!)

Thirdly, the thoughtful liturgical construction of The St. Michael Hymnal, Fifth Edition, both allows us and invites us to *sing the Mass!*¹ We experience this most directly through the Entrance and Communion Antiphons found in the “Missal” part of The St. Michael Hymnal, Fifth Edition, based upon the *Graduale Simplex*² while remaining faithful to the primacy of Gregorian Chant and the rich texts given to us in this musical form. The *Graduale Simplex* develops the faithful’s familiarity with texts and tunes through seasonal repetition of both. We experienced this during Advent. Look at numbers 330 and 331. Two Communion Antiphons, the former for the first part of Advent (the coming of Christ in majesty), and the latter for the second part of Advent (recalling the mystery and wonder of the Incarnation). There will be many examples like this throughout the year.

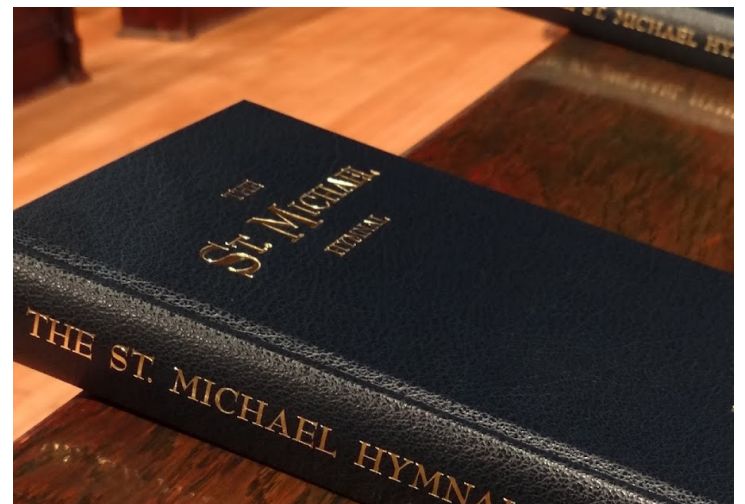
SGB: Wow! Sounds like we really have a very special hymnal. So, why are there still worship programs?

Father Jordan: We do have an awesome hymnal! And, we will become more and more familiar with every page of it in the years and months to come. Unfortunately, no hymnal is complete, and there is music that we use, and will use, that is not in The St. Michael Hymnal. Programs will continue—in part for pedagogical reasons, in part for dignity, ease, and scope of experience. They are prepared and given in love. Please receive them the same way.

Ask a Priest is a regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

¹ This phrase “to sing the Mass” is so important because here we come into contact with the reality of the dialog given to us in the liturgy. Human language is incapable of expressing the depth of soul when communicating with God, but the song of the heart—this is the Divine exchange! This theology and insight is the particular gift of the *Liturgical Theology of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*.

² *Graduale Simplex* (Simple Gradual) is a gradual in Latin and in Gregorian published by the Vatican in 1967 following the Second Vatican Council, so that the use of Gregorian chant can adapt to smaller parishes and more easily facilitate the song of the people of God.



| Monday, January 17 | Tuesday, January 18 | Wednesday, January 19 | Thursday, January 20 | Friday, January 21 | Saturday, January 22 | Sunday, January 23 |
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| St. Gertrude School Closed | Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. PC Music Room | Prayer Shawl 10:00 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room | Cana Family 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | | Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses Gym |
| St. Gertrude Parish Offices Closed | Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. Atrium I | Rosary Makers 3:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room | Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I | | Faith Formation First Reconciliation Retreat 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria | Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m. |
| Sports Leader 6:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room | Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5:00 p.m. Atrium II | Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | Cana Family Year 1 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room | | | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II |
| Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 6:30 p.m. Atrium II | Illuminate 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria | | | Family Faith 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria |
| Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room | KofC Rosary Social 7:00 p.m. Church | Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church | | | | Benedictine Oblates 2:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room |
| Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church | SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Library | | | | | L'alto, High School 7:00 p.m. Parish Center |
| KofC Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. KofC Hall | St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room | | | | | |
| L'Alto: Confirmation Adult Core Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. OE Conference Room | Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School | | | | | |

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for January 9

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Weekly Budget | \$ 35,294 |
| Collection | \$ 53,817 |
| Weekly Surplus | \$ 18,523 |
| 2nd Collection: Pregnancy Center East | \$ 4,730 |

Fiscal Year-To-Date
(for year ending June 30, 2022)

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$1,033,232 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$1,060,949 |
| Fiscal YTD Surplus | \$ 27,717 |

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