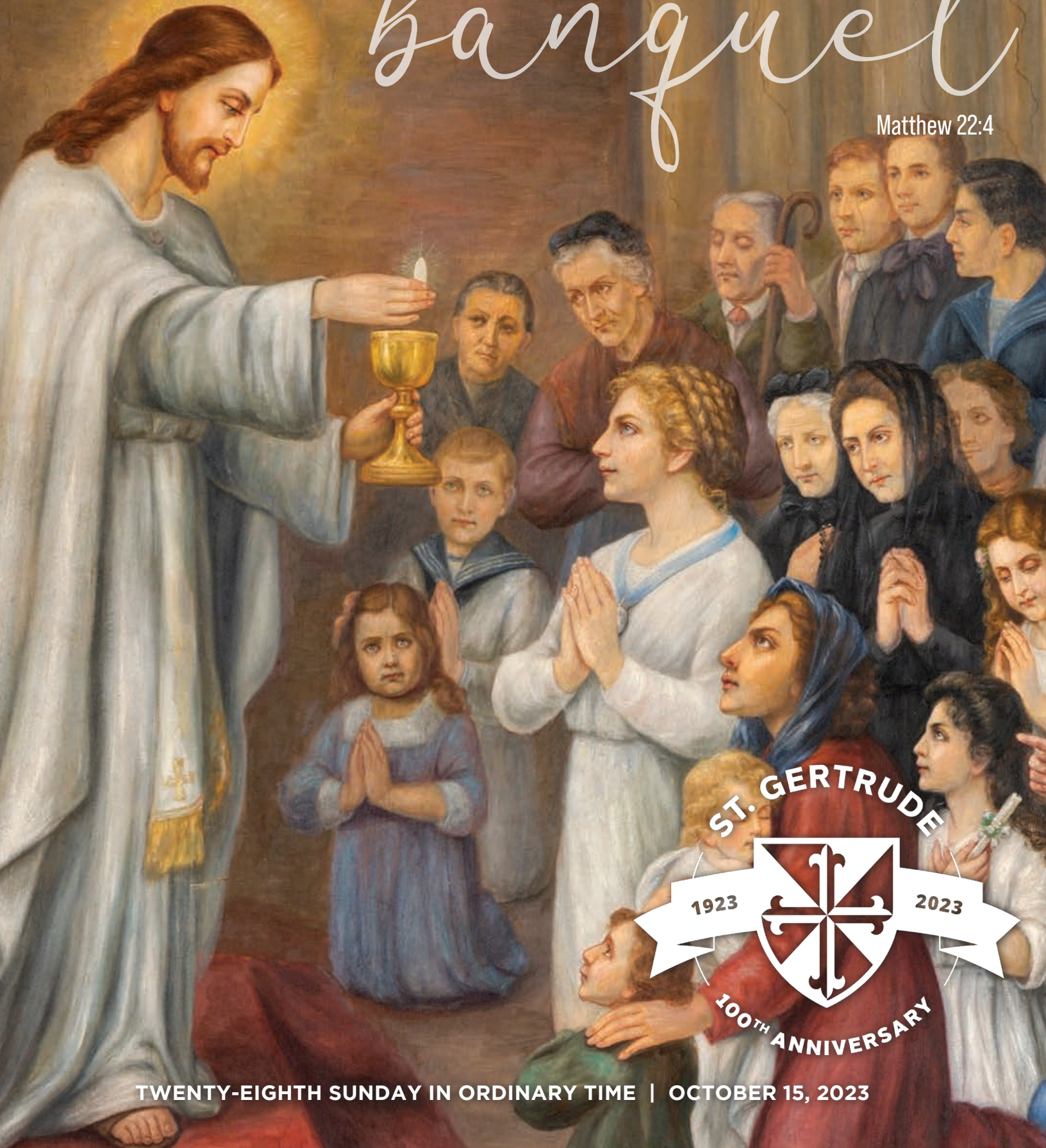


Tell those invited: Behold, I have prepared my

banquet

Matthew 22:4



ST. GERTRUDE

1923 2023



100TH ANNIVERSARY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 15, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, October 16, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Alberto Cremonesi by The MacKenzie Family
8 a.m. † Robert J. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch (M)

- 7 a.m. † Allen Myers by The Farwick Family
8 a.m. Craig & Teresa Babcock by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family
by John & Hilda Bough

Wednesday, October 18, St. Luke the Evangelist (F)

- 7 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Pete & Donna Marcello
8 a.m. † Jean Ellert by Elder Council K of C
11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Moira & Jim Bonn

Thursday, October 19,

Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions (M)

- 7 a.m. † John Kinsella by Randy & Cathy Hensel
8 a.m. Sara Ringenbach by Laura Ringenbach
11:30 a.m. † Ted Bayer by Judy Bayer & Family

Friday, October 20, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
8 a.m. † Tom & Audrey Ruthman by Patty Connelly
11:30 a.m. † Tyronne Francisco by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin

Saturday, October 21, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family
11:30 a.m. † Ann Nolte by The Tribbe Family
4:30 p.m. † Chris Imbus by The Glorius Family

Sunday, October 22, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Audrey Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich
10 a.m. † Edward & Margaret Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter
12 p.m. Dina Henderson by The Henderson Family
6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 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 | stgertrude.org
parishoffice@stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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

ALL YOU CAN EAT!
Pancakes, eggs, sausage

Gluten-free pancakes, dairy-free
scrambled eggs available

**THIS
WEEKEND!**

**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!**

Sunday, October 15

Serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

St. Gertrude Gym

All proceeds will go toward
funding Elder Council's
charitable programs.

Cost*

\$30/family

\$9/adult

\$5/grades K-8

Children 5 and under free



SAVE THE DATE

All Saints' Vigil

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

Join St. Gertrude Parish for a special candlelight vigil to celebrate the lives of saints—specifically those saints who witnessed to the dignity of life. This special event will include readings from the saints, meditation hymns, Night Prayer, and the Litany of the Saints with a procession of relics. A reception will follow.



ROSARY SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 | 7 p.m.

Pray the rosary with Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 and their families and then listen to a presentation about the Serenelli Project, a 501(c)3, non-profit Catholic apostolate dedicated to creating a monastic village for those reentering society from prison.

Presenters Marty Arlinghaus (director of prison ministry for the archdiocese and founder of The Serenelli Project) and Ken Lacey (St. Gertrude Church parishioner and member of both the board of directors and the leadership team of the Serenelli Project) have a truly inspiring message to share.

Rosary will be in the church; presentation and social will be in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be provided.





(PERHAPS) THE OLDEST IMAGE OF OUR LADY AND ITS DEEP DOMINICAN CONNECTIONS

A couple of weeks ago when we had our special rosary in the church in solidarity with our parish pilgrims at the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage, I set up an image of Our Blessed Mother in the sanctuary. Since so many of you asked me about the image after our prayer service, I thought it would be good to share with everyone in the parish the origins and significance of this very special image.

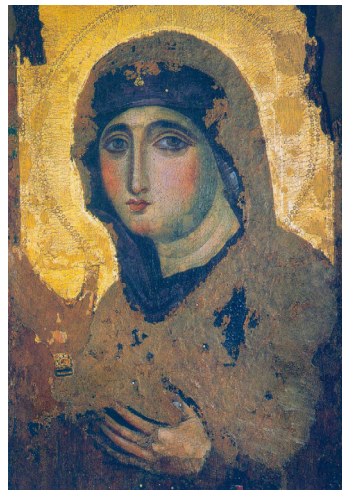
With its artistic style common to Egypt and the face and eyes indicative of early Syrian iconography, the image is clearly Eastern. It came to Rome at some point before the year 800 A.D. and ended up in a monastery of Benedictine nuns who resided at Santa Maria in Tempulo. Around the year 900 A.D., the pope at the time, Pope Sergius III, became so enamored with the image that he ordered it brought to the Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran. But as the story goes, the day after it was brought there, it miraculously disappeared and reappeared at the Benedictine monastery from which it had been taken.

In the year 1221, the Benedictine nuns at Santa Maria in Tempulo encountered St. Dominic and decided, as a group, to become Dominican nuns. Since there was already a monastery of Dominican nuns in Rome at San Sisto (Saint Sixtus), St. Dominic ordered the (now newly Dominican) nuns of Santa Maria in Tempulo to leave their former monastery and join the nuns at San Sisto. At first the nuns were hesitant, unwilling to abandon their miraculous image of Our Lady that had resided in their monastery for 400+ years. So, St. Dominic himself took the icon in his own hands and, with the nuns of Santa Maria in Tempulo behind him, processed the icon to their new home of the monastery of San Sisto. In 1575, the nuns moved to a new monastery of Santi Domenico e Sisto (now known as the Angelicum). In 1931, the nuns moved yet again, this time to the monastery of Santa Maria del Rosario, a small monastery atop the steepest hill in Rome, not far from the Colosseum. Both the nuns and the image remain there, in relative obscurity, to the present day.

The image today is known most commonly in Dominican circles as *Our Lady of San Sisto*. But it is also known as the *Madonna della Rosario*, or simply as the *Advocata*.

What is more interesting is to explore the origins of this image. Of significant note is the fact that it is an image of Our Blessed Mother, but without the Christ child.

After the Council of Ephesus declared in 431 A.D that Mary is the Mother of God, virtually every image of Our Lady depicts her with the Christ child. This is strong evidence that the image dates to before 431 A.D. But even more astonishingly, radiocarbon dating was conducted on the image in the 1960s, and it actually dates back to the *first century A.D.* That makes it the earliest known painting in the world of the Virgin Mary. Given that during that time period St. Luke the Evangelist was the person most associated with the Blessed Mother and was also known as “the artist,” it is entirely possible that this image was painted by St. Luke himself—made even more



likely by the fact that he was Syrian by birth and so would be intimately familiar with the style of depicting faces evident in the icon. There have long been stories passed down through Christianity that Luke painted (at least) one image of the Blessed Mother. It may very well be this one.

Based on the positive feedback I received as a result of displaying our print of the icon (which normally resides in the priory), I am sure that her image will appear again in the church in the future. With her pink cheeks and piercing eyes, I find this image one of the most powerful images of the Blessed Mother I have ever seen. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the pre-eminent bearer of the Word, intercede for us before the throne of her Son.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

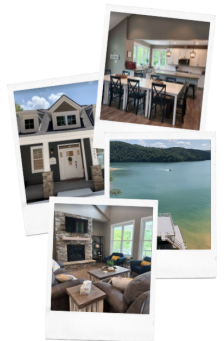
Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

CENTENNIAL GALA

Live Auction Spotlight:

Getaway at Lakefront Home on Lake Norris

Enjoy a vacation in the mountains of Tennessee at a large, 3,000-square foot luxury home on Lake Norris. The house sleeps 20 people and has five bedrooms, 5.5 bathrooms, a private two-story dock, beautiful views, and more!



November 3, 2023 | 6:30-10:30 p.m. | Manor House

The Centennial Gala is presented by **PRECISION SITE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

GALA TICKET SALES END OCTOBER 18!

Don't miss your opportunity to celebrate St. Gertrude Parish's 100th anniversary at our Centennial Gala fundraiser. There are still a few more seats available—get your tickets at bit.ly/100anniversarygala before they are gone for good on October 18.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Every month, different students are chosen to have their artwork displayed in the cafeteria.



Congratulations to our most recent artists of the month, Beatrice Sharpshair and Gladys Bonjour!

SECOND GRADE CHICKS UPDATE

The second graders voted on names for their quickly growing chicks and got to practice holding them. The chicks' names are Buttercup, Penguin, Bengal II, Spy, and Gertrude.



WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS

St. Gertrude School teachers show up for and encourage their students—even on the weekend. Here are a couple cute pictures from a recent Saturday football game. Go, Bulldogs!



PLEASE TAKE A SIGN

Since 1934, St. Gertrude School has been an integral part of our parish community and a vital part of its evangelizing ministry. Now, thanks to the expansion of the state's EdChoice Scholarship Program, a Catholic education is within reach for all families! We invite all parish families to take a look at St. Gertrude School and join us for one of our Fall Preview Days. **School families will be distributing materials outside after Masses this weekend.** Please consider posting a sign in your yard and inviting a coworker, friend, or neighbor to discover the St. Gertrude School difference!



Discover the St. Gertrude School Difference

FALL PREVIEW DAYS

Are you looking for an exceptional K-8 school for your son or daughter? Prospective parents and students are Join us for Fall Preview Days! You'll meet our principal, observe classes, and talk with current parents of St. Gertrude School students.

October 25 | 9-11 a.m.

November 8 | 9-11 a.m.



RSVP for Preview Day



Schedule a Personal Tour



5 STAGES OF CONVERSION

TYLER CASTRUCCI, COORDINATOR OF ADULT EVANGELIZATION

At the age of 95, famous Spanish cellist Pablo Casals was asked by a reporter why he still practiced nearly six hours a day. His response was profound and simple: “Because I think I’m making progress.”

Clearly his mastery of the instrument was not simply due to extraordinary natural talent, or luck, but also to his deep dedication. You’ve probably heard someone describe himself or herself as a “practicing Catholic,” or perhaps you’ve even identified yourself this way. What does it mean to be a “practicing Catholic?” What is it, precisely, that we are practicing?

When most famous musicians or athletes describe their daily practice routine, they often devote the majority of their efforts toward refining and honing what are known as the fundamentals (basic scales, arpeggios, long tones, intonation work, etc.). These fundamentals are the foundation that enabled someone like Pablo Casals to craft a beautiful phrase and pull off virtuosic technical feats. They are the basic building blocks that lead to the goal of every musician: the ability to make beautiful music.

As Christians, we practice the “fundamentals” of our faith through a lifelong journey of discipleship. Yes, going to Mass on Sundays and following the Commandments and the precepts of the Church are some of the external signs of this practice but, above all, it’s an interior conformity to the person of Jesus.

Over the coming weeks, we will be featuring a series of articles on this page about stages of conversion each of us goes through in our walk with the Lord and how we can recognize those stages in our friends, family, coworkers, and acquaintances. Catholic author and evangelist, Sherry Weddell, describes five broad stages, or thresholds, each person goes through on their journey of faith. The end goal of this journey is discipleship—the “dropping of one’s nets” and committing one’s entire life to following Jesus in the midst of his Church. This dynamic journey lasts our entire lives and usually involves many ups and downs. Simply put, the path of discipleship is rarely neat and orderly; however, here are the five stages of conversion:

1. **Trust** - A positive association with Christianity, such as a good friend who is Christian, or enjoying a parish festival, or social event.
2. **Curiosity** - Intrigued by Christianity and perhaps asking some questions about teachings/practices, but not willing to change one’s life or accept the answers yet.
3. **Openness** - Open to the possibility of having a personal relationship with God and changing one’s life, but not committed yet.
4. **Seeking** - This is “dating with a purpose.” Everything in

life is now being reexamined in light of the reality of Jesus. Personal prayer, repentance, and the need for healing and grace are now present.

5. **Discipleship** - Saying “yes” to Jesus and committing to following him.

This week, I invite you to reflect on your own journey with Jesus in light of these stages, and see if you can recognize the moments you passed through some or all of them and if there was an event, person, or thing, that led you to move closer to or further from the Lord. Next week in part 2 of this series, Walter Plummer, our director of evangelization, will share his testimony and talk about his personal experience of going through the various stages toward discipleship.

SENIOR’S FUN BUNCH

A group of men and women age 55+ that comes together for fellowship, activities, prayer, and education

Tracing its origin back to 1988, the Fun Bunch is back! Join us on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning October 17. Learn more at stgertrude.org/funbunch.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:15-2:30 p.m.

Optional 11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Gertrude Parish Center

We will gather for lunch, a special blessing from Father John Paul, and a presentation from the Cincinnati Zoo Birds of a Feather program.



Join men of all ages for the annual Catholic Men’s Advent Retreat, “Men of the Word.” Father James Sullivan, O.P., this year’s retreat leader, will help you find deeper meaning in Scripture and guide you toward praying with the Bible in a more profound way.



Father Sullivan

December 1 (Evening)-2, 2023
Jesuit Spiritual Center - Arrupe Building
 5361 S. Milford Road, Milford OH 45140

Registration is open through November 24 (or until tickets sell out). Space is limited. To learn more and register scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2023adventretreat.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIGN-UPS THIS WEEKEND

St. Gertrude Church will participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign on Tuesday, October 17, at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue), from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up after Mass this weekend to participate. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Respect Life Committee meeting is Saturday, October 21, at 9 a.m. in the Choir Room in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in this ministry is invited to attend.

GIFT OF LIFE LAYETTE

During October, a Pack 'n Play will be outside the Relic Chapel in the church to collect donated new baby items for Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. **This year, diapers in sizes 5 & 6 and pull-ups are needed—please no newborn diapers or sizes 1, 2, or 3.** Cotton hooded bath towels/washcloths, baby shampoo, lotion, baby wipes, formula, and baby bottles are also appreciated. With winter approaching, there is a need for winter coats in sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T, hats and mittens, onesies, sleepers, and socks. New items only, and no books or toys.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

St. Gertrude Boy Scout Troop 555 is selling Christmas wreaths/sprays and other decorations from Mickman Brothers. Order your wreaths after any Mass next weekend, October 21 and 22. Wreaths will be delivered the weekend of November 18, just in time for those who like to start decorating right after Thanksgiving! Payment (cash/check) is due when you place your order. If you have any questions, please contact a Troop 555 scout or Mary Jo Schuette at (513) 207-1836 or Mjschuette2@gmail.com.

ANSWER THE CALL

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Jesus, I want to do your will.

St. Gertrude Parish SVdP Conference is part of the larger Cincinnati District St. Vincent de Paul Society. There are opportunities to assist our neighbors both in the local area and downtown at the Neyer Outreach Center.



BULLDOGS WRESTLING REGISTRATION

All boys in grades K-8 are invited to join the Bulldogs wrestling team for the 2023-2024 season, which runs November 7, 2023, through February 15, 2024. Registration is open until November 15. Please visit stgertrude.org/wrestling for more information and to sign up.

BAPTISM

Sunday, September 24, 2023



Child: Lucas Michael Dowling
Parents: Michael & Melissa Dowling

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Tina Bascom, Simon Berry, Vicki Calonge, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Debbie Van Hise, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, Ann Walker and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Ian Tester, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† Catherine Donohue, mother of Margaret Nelson

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Jaye Bissmeyer	Hunter Kesler
Michael & Kathryn Brennan	Jeffrey & Lauren Strouble
Margaret Henz	Tyler & Sara Ware
Benjamin Jacoby	John & Kathlyn Werner

Vote NO
Issue 1
Nov. 7

Catholics across Ohio are praying a Rosary Novena
for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of Issue 1.

This week the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary will be prayed Sunday through Friday followed by 9 days of the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here, or at pray54ohio.org.

VOTE NO ON ISSUE 1

Early voting is underway! Registered voters can cast an early, in-person ballot at their County Board of Elections office through November 5. Learn more about the amendment at WhereDoesItSayThat.com.

GOLDEN EVENING FOR LIFE

Please join us for the Golden Evening for Life (50th Anniversary of Cincinnati Right to Life) on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Sharonville Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a social hour, followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature former abortionist Dr. John Bruchalski, musician Mike Donehey, activist Mark Houck, and survivor Rebecca Kiessling. The emcee for the evening will be Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN. Reservations are required; please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org or call (513) 728-7870.

DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

The St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity calls all bakers to help with the Bake Sale at their annual Craft and Gift Show on October 21, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off in the Parish Center beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 20, or on the day of the event. All proceeds from the event go to help charities located around the Cincinnati area. If you have any questions about the Ladies of Charity or about any of our events, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

CATHOLIC MEN’S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION NEXT SATURDAY

Catholic men of all generations are invited to participate in the ninth annual Catholic Men’s Eucharistic Procession next Saturday, October 21. The event will begin with 8 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Men will then process with the Eucharist through downtown Cincinnati, concluding at 11 a.m. with final Benediction at Old St. Mary’s Church. Please contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or davidwillig@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PREPLANNING SEMINAR

Learning, planning, and being prepared is part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so that end of life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Attend a complimentary preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, October 24, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, which parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend. The seminar will be in the St. Peter’s Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).

SPECIAL COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

All are invited to Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road) Veterans Garden section 28 on Saturday, October 28, from 2 to 3 p.m. for a special ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. We will be honoring the nine million Vietnam veterans and the families of those who served on active duty during the Vietnam era. Key speakers include Congressman Brad Wenstrup, Colonel (R) Todd Mayer, and Mr. Jeff Freppon. All Vietnam veterans in attendance will be presented with a service pin. There will be a Cincinnati Warbirds flyover, a display of Vietnam service items, Staff Sergeant John “Jack” Dennis Freppon display and book signing, and more. A rosary will follow the ceremony. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Gate of Heaven Cemetery at community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300 or visit gateofheaven.org. Please remember to bring an outdoor folding chair for the commemoration and rosary.

DEEPEN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Looking for a good venue to help in deepening or growing your faith? The Adult Spirituality Institute (ASI) offers short-term noncredit courses at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. Our mission is to foster ongoing spiritual development through Scripture and theology presented by outstanding regional scholars. Our next class begins October 30 and runs for four weeks on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information or to register, please visit spirituality-institute.com.

BEACONS OF LIGHT UPDATE

Curious about how the first year of Beacons of Light has gone in the 57 Families of Parishes? Archbishop Schnurr has released the Year 1 [Parish Vitality Report](http://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report) to bring everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati up-to-date. Check out the facts, figures, stories, and witness at pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report.



DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE RECAP

On Saturday, September 30, Father Luke, Sister Jacinta, Sister Anne Therese, and a group of St. Gertrude Church parishioners joined the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph and over 3,000 pilgrims from across the country for the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The powerful day was full of life-changing talks from the Order of Preachers, Mass, and the praying of the rosary. (In case you missed the livestream, you can watch it at any time at rosarypilgrimage.org/livestream). As part of their trip, our St. Gertrude Parish pilgrims stopped at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD, and several other notable places in Washington, D.C., including the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, the St. John Paul II National Shrine, St. Dominic's Church, and the Dominican House of Studies. Here are some fun pictures from their journey.



Departing St. Gertrude Church



After Mass at the tomb of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, VA



At the St. John Paul II National Shrine



Sister Anne Therese venerating the blood relic of Pope St. John Paul II



At the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage events



Meetup with Brother Christopher Daniel



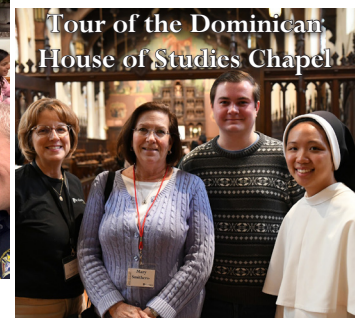
A tour of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land



Dinner with Father John Mark



Pizza dinner at St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C.



Tour of the Dominican House of Studies Chapel

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer on the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

O most holy Ignatius, most blessed martyr of Christ, invincible soldier in that army whose garments are sprinkled with blood, you are a foundation of the faith and a column of strength. For the increase of your glory and blessedness, I offer you the most worshipful Heart of Jesus Christ, so consummate and perfect in all good things through its union with his Divinity. By every drop of your precious blood that was shed, I pray that you would be with me in the hour of my death. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *The symbolic fresco Jesus give the communion in church Pfarrkirche Kaisermühlen from end of 19. cent.*

Monday, October 16	Tuesday, October 17	Wednesday, October 18	Thursday, October 19	Friday, October 20	Saturday, October 21	Sunday, October 22
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	SGS PTO Meeting 8:10 a.m. School Cafeteria	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Ladies of Charity Craft Fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Parish Center	K of C Recruitment Drive <i>After all Masses</i> Outside Church
SGS Fall Uniform Sale 3-6 p.m. School Cafeteria	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Respect Life Meeting 9 a.m. PC Choir Room	STG Boy Scout Wreath Sales <i>After all Masses</i> Outside Church
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Seniors Fun Bunch 12:15 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II		SVDP Ozanam Orientation 9 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts <i>After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses</i> Gym
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Cub Scouts – Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		K of C Recruitment Drive <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	CGS Classes 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			StG Boy Scout Wreath Sales <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	K of C Rosary Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	SGS SAC Meeting 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room					L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room						

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at frluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for October 8

Collection	\$ 34,905
Weekly Budget	\$ 37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$ 2,095)
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 530,861
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 555,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$ 24,139)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
10/29/23

MATERIALS DUE
10/18/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org.

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

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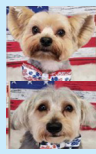
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