

WHICH OF THE TWO DID HIS FATHER'S WILL?

Matthew 21:31



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 1, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels (M)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family by The Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 3, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Marilyn Geiger by The Golias Family
- 8 a.m. † Joseph Witouski by The Albers Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Dave Donovan by Steve & Mimi Leverone

Wednesday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi (F)

- 7 a.m. † James Rybak by Mary Rybak
- 8 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 11:30 a.m. Frank Cianciolo, Jr. by Dee Cianciolo

Thursday, October 5, Blessed Raymond of Capua, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. Jim Tappel by Mary Tappel
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
- 11:30 a.m. † Regina Kosmalski by Pete & Donna Marcello

Friday, October 6, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Nate Washatka by Jenna Washatka
- 8 a.m. † Frances Wainscott by The Wainscott Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Tom Martino by Joe Martino

Saturday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary (F)

- 8 a.m. † Walter Wagner Jr. by Catherine Fishlock
- 11:30 a.m. † John Spilker by Lisa & James Bertke
- 4:30 p.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

Sunday, October 8, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Knights of Columbus
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Ronald Nieto by Nieto Family
- 6 p.m. † Mary B. Westerkamp by Mary McGoron

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

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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.

ROSARY PROCESSION & CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY

Thursday, October 5, 2023

All St. Gertrude Church parishioners are invited to join St. Gertrude School for a very special Marian celebration!

6:30 P.M.

Rosary Procession St. Gertrude Campus

We will assemble in the parking lot by the school playground, process on the grounds, and conclude with Benediction and consecration to Our Lady in the church.

If you would like, please bring your rosary to pray with and flowers to place at Our Lady's altar in the church.

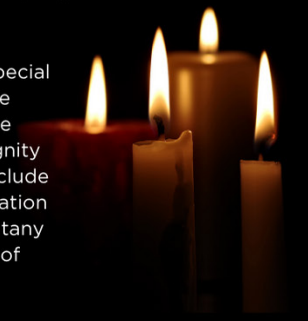


SAVE THE DATE

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.



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.



SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE (AND HOW IT IMPACTS ISSUE 1)

Note: the following is an abbreviated version of the homily I gave last Sunday. Since so many who heard it, or heard about it, have asked me for a written copy, I have decided to dedicate my pastor letter space in this week's bulletin to do that.

A few weeks ago, a rather angry woman accosted me after Mass on a Sunday because I had spoken about Issue 1 during part of my homily. "Separation of Church and State!!" she yelled as she waved her finger at me.

So I'd like to start my reflection there: separation of church and state. This is one of those phrases we hear all the time, yet the phrase never appears in our United States Constitution. Nor does it appear in the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment does indeed address the relationship between church and state, but using very, very different words:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The first part of that sentence forbids our country from having one official "state religion," so that a variety of religions might flourish. But it's the second part that is really significant. Congress shall not prohibit the free exercise of religion. In other words, the amendment is not there to somehow "protect" the government from the influence of religious people and/or religious principles. (Indeed, our Founding Fathers would have considered such an idea utterly absurd.) It is meant to do the complete opposite: to protect religion and religious expression from being hemmed in or restricted in any way by the government!

Now, it is true the Church does not endorse specific candidates for office. That is not allowed, and if the church did so, it would risk losing its tax exempt status. However, when it comes to specific issues, the Church *can* endorse (or fight against) a specific bill/issue/etc. This is perfectly legal and does not in any way threaten our tax-exempt status.

The constitutional amendment being proposed as Issue 1 is aiming to enshrine abortion—up until the moment of birth, for any reason—as a constitutional right. The direct and willed killing of an innocent human life is an objective moral evil. As believers, individually and collectively as the Church, we not only *can* take a side on that issue, but also must—thus the signs in our church lawn, information in our bulletins, and all the other ways we are advocating against the passage of this horrifically radical proposed amendment.

In our second reading today from Phil 1:20ff, St. Paul speaks about how he is torn between remaining here on earth (and the "fruitful labor" that comes from being here) and being with God in heaven. He says this because he knows full well that the earth is not our true home—heaven is. While we are here on the earth, we are but travelers, pilgrims, sojourners. And yet, we also know that we have a calling to not only get ourselves to heaven, but also help as many other people as possible get there as well.

This is a big part of our true motivation as Catholics for political involvement. We should not vote for laws that personally benefit us in a

selfish way, but vote for laws that will help to shape our country, government, and culture in such a way that these things help people get to heaven, rather than being obstacles making it more difficult for them to get to heaven. If Issue 1 passes in November, we are going to wake up the next day in a state that will be significantly more antagonistic to promoting a way of life that helps lead people to heaven. We must do all we can to prevent that . . . for our sake, for the sake of all our brothers and sisters in the human family who live here with us, and for the sake of future generations.

To fight against Issue 1 is an act of love. So between now and November, all of us are called, in some way, to "fruitful labor" in the Lord's vineyard on behalf of life, parental rights, and family.

God bless,

Rv. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

CENTENNIAL GALA

Live Auction Spotlight

Join us at the Gala to bid on an **exclusive 1.5- to 2-hour behind-the-scenes tour and private beer tasting for 10 people at Rhinegeist Brewery!**

The package includes:

- a welcome beer and light snacks
- time by the brew house, cellars, packaging line, and barrel aging
- learning the history of Rhinegeist and the process of brewing and packaging beer
- tasting eight hand-picked beers with the director of accounting and finance, a certified Cicerone.
- handouts with beer descriptions and tasting notes



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

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

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MASS OF ENROLLMENT

Last Thursday was the second grade Mass of Enrollment. This rite is part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sacramental preparation. After the homily, each second grade student received a very special gift from St. Gertrude Parish: a personal copy of the Bible! The students enjoyed exploring their beautiful Bibles and are excited to delve more deeply into the Word of God as they prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Each child was surprised to find within their Bibles a handwritten holy card on which their parents had written a favorite verse from the sacred Scriptures.

THANK YOU, ST. GERTRUDE PARISH!



WAITING FOR THEIR CHICKS TO HATCH

The second graders' chicks began to peck out of their eggs! To celebrate, the students did an assortment of chick activities, including making a chick hat to wear, reading Henny Penny, doing a sequencing activity, eating "chick feed" and Chicken in a Biscuit crackers at snack, observing and comparing the outdoor coops, and reading other chick stories.

Fun Fact: Originally, candy corn was called chick feed when it was first created.



GO, BULLDOGS!

The 8th grade girls had an amazing fan section at their volleyball game vs. Nativity on Saturday, September 16. Our principal, Sister Mary Agnes, and the girls' teacher, Sister Maria Francesca, were cheering on the team from the front row. Go, Bulldogs!



WE'RE HIRING

St. Gertrude School is looking for supervisors for its After Care Program. The supervisors assist the coordinator during the regular hours of After Care, which runs on school days from 3 to 6 p.m. Candidate must have a valid Ohio License or Pupil Activity Permit. Other requirements include the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment process prior to starting the position. This is an hourly position. Please visit stgertrudesch.org/employment to apply!

BE OUR GUEST

FOR AN ENCHANTED EVENING CELEBRATING A TALE AS OLD AS TIME AT THE

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
6-9 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE GYM

RSVP BY OCTOBER 9
SCAN QR CODE FOR PAYMENT

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADES ONLY

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

Discover the Dominican Tradition

St. Gertrude School is a K-8 Catholic school that fosters excellence in each student through exceptional Catholic academic development and faith formation. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for over 85 years, our school is a place where learning and communion flourish and children build a lasting relationship with God, form treasured friendships with each other, and graduate ready to meet the challenges of high school and beyond.

Scan to schedule a tour!

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@stgertrudeschool

GATHER IN FAITH

GUIDE IN TRUTH

GROW IN EXCELLENCE



**GET INVOLVED TO
NURTURE AND GROW
YOUR FAITH**

TYLER CASTURCCI, COORDINATOR
OF ADULT EVANGELIZATION

I've never been an extra credit person. In high school, especially, just trying to keep up with the "minimum" requirements was enough to occupy me. Between going to school, homework, extracurriculars,

sports, and a little time leftover to just be a teenager (listen to music and hang out with friends), the thought of voluntarily doing *even more* homework was anathema. I admired my classmates who seemed to breeze through the basic classwork with ample time leftover to pad their already high grades in the class with some extra credit, but I had better things to do . . . like watching TV or chatting on AOL instant messenger (hello, 2003!).

In my busy high school days, religion and God were often categorized in the "extra credit" category. Sure, if I had some extra time on my hands and nothing better to do, maybe I'd check out what the youth group was up to or say a quick Hail Mary before a test I didn't adequately prepare for. More often than not, I found that I felt I simply didn't have the time or inclination to do some "extra credit" for God. By the time I was in college, I didn't have any time for him at all.

Years later when I came back to the Church, my perspective had changed. If Jesus is who he said he is, then he couldn't be a tacked on side hobby in my life—he had to be at the center of everything. Through my reversion, I devoured every book about Catholicism that I could get my hands on. I learned everything I could and actually started having a real personal prayer life. Finally, I worked up the courage to go to confession for the first time in nearly a decade and was welcomed back into the Church with open arms. By the grace of God, I had developed a personal relationship with Jesus and was living out my faith by going to Mass and receiving the sacraments. But I wanted more! Needless to say, this was a shock to my "just complete the basic requirements" system. Just like my attitude toward school, I had always viewed Catholicism through the lens of "pay, pray, and obey." Having a real friendship with Jesus broadened my horizons to see that there was more to being Catholic.

Before I knew it, I was a money counter, a lector at Mass, helping clean the candelabras in the sacristy, and much more. Those things I once considered "extra credit," like participating in ministries and being involved in the parish community, ended up being essential to my life as a Catholic. I couldn't have a real relationship with the Lord and not do those things. Not only did I find I had time to do these things, but I genuinely enjoyed them because it flowed from my love of God. Even more than that, being involved in ministries actually helped nurture and grow my faith.

Here at St. Gertrude Parish, we are blessed with a wide variety of dozens of ministries (with new ones popping up regularly!). Whether you are seeking to serve the community, in need of support, desiring to be better formed in your faith, or looking for a prayer group, there is a place for you here. **Not sure where to start? Stop by our Ministry Fair happening after all Masses next weekend, October 7-8, to explore our ministries and meet your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!**

Save the Date

**ST. GERTRUDE
PARISH
MINISTRY FAIR**

**Stop by our Ministry Fair to
discover where you can share your
God-given gifts with the parish.**

**OCTOBER 7 & 8
AFTER ALL MASSES
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM**

Learn about each ministry, program,
group, and organization at
stgertrude.org.

EVANGELIZATION 101 TIP

Meet one of your neighbors that you haven't met yet.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples from St. Gertrude Parish who this year are celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 30, 35—every five years up to 75 years) are invited to attend our 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2023. The celebrant will bestow an anniversary blessing to honor these couples. Reserved seating will be available for the couples and their families. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and planning to attend this special Mass, please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954 no later than Monday, October 2, to reserve your spot and ensure you receive your certificate from the archdiocese.

BULLDOGS BASKETBALL & WRESTLING REGISTRATION

It's that time of year again—time to sign up your children for St. Gertrude Parish's boys basketball, girls basketball, and wrestling programs! Please visit stgertrude.org/athletics for more information about each sport and to register. Girls basketball registration ends October 7!

PURCHASE YOUR CENTENNIAL BOOK ONLINE

Did you get your copy of our beautiful centennial book, St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years? Purchase your book for just \$35 online at bit.ly/stg100book, at The Catholic Shop (7015 Miami Avenue) in downtown Madeira, or in the parish office.

GIFT OF LIFE LAYETTE

During October (Respect Life Month), 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, which serves mothers and babies in Over-the-Rhine. 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. Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISM

Sunday, September 16, 2023



Child: Benjamin James Boomgarden
Parents: Elizabeth & Erich Boomgarden



2023 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

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. As you read, study, and open your heart to the word of God, you will transformed into a strong man of the Word.



Father Sullivan

December 1-2, 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.



If you have any questions, please contact Stan Lloyd at stan.lloyd@gmail.com or (513) 289-5268.

CatholicMensRetreat.org



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

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, Teddie Slaper, 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:

† All Our Beloved Dead

**MOTHER OF CHRIST
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Next weekend, October 7-8, before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.), the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting donations for Mother of Christ Food Pantry, which provides food and personal care items to needy families in the St. Bernard Parish area who are struggling to make ends meet. In addition to all nonperishable food items, the pantry has special needs for toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers (Pine-Sol), toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash and check donations are also welcome. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions. Thank you for your help!

Vote NO
Issue 1
Nov. 7

Join us in prayer
for the protection of human life and
dignity and the defeat of Issue 1.

Catholics across Ohio are praying a 54-Rosary Novena for the defeat of Issue 1. This week the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary will be prayed Sunday and Monday followed by 9 days of praying the Glorious Mysteries.

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

TASTE OF MISSION
COMBONI MISSIONARIES

October 7
4 - 8 p.m.

1318 Nagel Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45255
513.474.4997 | ComboniMissionaries.org/TOM

40 HOURS DEVOTION

The Community of the Good Shepherd Parish (8815 E Kemper Road) invites you to celebrate 40 Hours Devotion in the parish chapel beginning Wednesday, October 11, and ending Sunday, October 15. Registration is not required, but we ask that you kindly sign up on our parish website at good-shepherd.org. Just click on the National Eucharistic Revival icon and you'll find the schedule of times. Your name will not be visible. Door number 5 is the closest door to the parish chapel.

ST. GERARD MORNING OF REFLECTION

The third annual St. Gerard Morning of Reflection is a morning of prayer, reflection, and community for married couples experiencing a season of infertility. The event will include Holy Mass with the opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Gerard, the patron saint of mothers, followed by presentations, and fellowship. This is a free event. Please RSVP no later than **October 14, 2023**. Walk-ins are welcomed. A light breakfast will be provided following Mass.

Annual Cincinnati Rosary Crusade

Saturday, October 14, 2023
10-11:30 p.m.
Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road

For more information, please contact Patrick and Mary Ashcraft at (513) 793-5872 or patashcraft@earthlink.net

AmericanTFP.org

CATHOLIC MEN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The ninth annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession will be held on 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. Join the seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other Catholic men of all generations, and invite your father, sons and friends—we expect the largest turnout yet this year! Please contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or davidwillig@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL CANA AND FAMILIA GRADUATES AND PARTICIPANTS!

Cana Family Institute, formerly known as Familia, is hosting its first Annual Cana Banquet on **Friday, November 17**, at the Manor House in Mason. The evening will be a time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones while celebrating strong Catholic marriages and families. Please join us to support Cana Family's vision and meet the local and national staff. For more information and to register, visit the event page at canafamilyinstitute.com/cincinnatiabanquet.



ASK AN EXPERT—THREE THINGS TO TELL YOUR PRO-CHOICE FRIENDS & TWO OBJECTIONS

BOB WURZELBACHER,
PARISHIONER AND DIRECTOR OF
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Q: How do I talk to my pro-choice friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment on the November ballot?

A: When Ohioans hear the November ballot includes an initiative to protect “reproductive rights,” the majority of them will be in support of it. However, once they understand what the amendment really says and that it will instill a right to abortion with virtually no restrictions up until birth, the vast majority will *not* support it. We don’t have to convince others to support life from conception in order to defeat this initiative; we only have to explain the truth of the language.

While there are many dangers of this amendment, I want to boil it down to three simple points you can share with your pro-choice family and friends—or anyone.

1. The amendment will take away parental notification laws. The amendment specifically uses the words “any individual” with no reference to age. This language is deliberate, to ensure that any laws requiring parental notification can be soon struck down as unconstitutional for restricting the rights of anyone, of any age, to access abortion.
2. This amendment will take away typical safety laws. By specifically indicating that no law can place a “burden” on access to abortion (and not even the more traditional “undue burden”), typical safety standards will soon be eliminated. Examples of things legally considered a “burden” to abortion access include requirements such as an in-person visit and ultrasound to determine location of pregnancy before receiving a chemical abortion, ambulatory privileges for abortionists to care for a woman in an emergency, or requiring an actual licensed physician to perform the abortion. Using “burden” in Ohio’s constitution threatens any safety laws for women.
3. Although the amendment specifically says abortion may be prohibited after viability, it adds that it may not be prohibited if “necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.” Health has already been defined in law related to abortion to include “emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age.” We aren’t talking only about danger to the woman’s physical health; we are talking about virtually any reason, up until birth.

Now, say your pro-choice family and friends engage *you* in a discussion about the amendment. These are two of the most common objections you will hear—and how you can respond.

I have heard of doctors who have complained they were afraid to do treatment on women with ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage because they thought it could be against the law.

This is nothing more than fear-mongering. Care for ectopic pregnancy has always been legal and protected regardless of restrictions put on abortion. All abortion-restricting laws are fully aware of defining abortion to not include care for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy. The Ohio Revised Code (2919.11) defines abortion as “the purposeful termination of a human pregnancy . . . with an intention other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus or embryo.” Clearly, miscarriage care does not fall under that definition. Even the Heartbeat Bill in Ohio, which was in place for a short time and is currently not in effect, specifically defines the exception of ectopic pregnancy in ORC 2919.191 saying that the law’s restrictions “apply only to intrauterine pregnancies, i.e., only when implantation is in the uterus, not in the fallopian tubes, as occurs in an ectopic or tubal pregnancy.” No doctor would be confused about that language.

What if the mother’s life is at stake?

First of all, what everyone needs to know is that when the mother’s life is at stake during a pregnancy, the safest thing to do for both mother and child is **always** to deliver the baby alive to take care of the mother and do what it necessary to save the life of the child, or provide comfort care if the baby is too premature. It is **never** safer for the mother to have someone dismember the child first, and then forcibly remove it, which is what an abortion at that stage would do. Nonetheless, as far as the law is concerned, all abortion-restricting laws in Ohio have an exception for both “to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to avoid a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function” (ORC 2919.16).

If we let people know what the language actually says, they will be on our side, and we can defeat this initiative!

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer to the Our Lady of the Rosary

Hail, Mary, in union with that reverence with which God the Father greeted you with that Ave, and by his omnipotence delivered thee from every woe and vice of sin. Hail, Mary, in union with that love with which the Son of God enlightened you with his wisdom, and made you a softly shining star, brightening heaven and earth. Hail, Mary, in union with that sweet anointing of the Holy Spirit, with which he came upon you and made you so full of grace, that everyone who seeks grace through you shall find it. Every creature with rapturous admiration acknowledges and confesses that you are blessed, and incomparably exalted above all beings in heaven or on earth, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb, Jesus, who quickens, sanctifies, and blesses all things forever. Amen.

Monday, October 2	Tuesday, October 3	Wednesday, October 4	Thursday, October 5	Friday, October 6	Saturday, October 7	Sunday, October 1
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	The Gift of Our Fertility Workshop 8:30 a.m. Parish Center	Ministry Fair <i>After all Masses</i> Gym
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II		St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 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 – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Parent Group Meeting 11 a.m. St. Joseph Room		L of C Mother of Christ Food Pantry Collection <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Sharing Van	L of C Mother of Christ Food Pantry Collection <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> Sharing Van
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	Rosary Procession 6:30 p.m. School Playground		Ministry Fair <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Gym	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden			K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall			Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room			Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

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!

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for September 24

Collection	\$	39,740
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	\$	2,740

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	447,054
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	481,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	33,946)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
10/15/23

MATERIALS DUE
10/4/23

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

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

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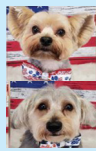
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