

Repay to Caesar what belongs to
Caesar and to God what belongs to

God.

Matthew 22:21



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 22, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, October 23, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Rev. Franz Leenders by Pat & Don Schoo
8 a.m. † 1st Lt. Thomas Holden, USMC
by Charlene Rettig Bosken
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 24, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joshua George Egan by N. David Noe
8 a.m. Paula Zipfel by Patty Misrach
11:30 a.m. † Alan Kotz by Tom Taylor

Wednesday, October 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria (M)

- 7 a.m. Jeanne Johantges by The Family
8 a.m. † Patty Capehart by Kathy Tartaron
11:30 a.m. † Stephanie Conlon Hull by Kevin & Jessica Conlon & Kids

Thursday, October 26, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † In Thanksgiving for Father Emmanuel Bertrand, O.P.
by Pat & Al Riesenberg
8 a.m. † Laura Tartaron Johns
by Tom Tartaron & Juliana Di Giustini
11:30 a.m. † Robert Greiwe by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel

Friday, October 27, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Robert Schneider by Michelle Schneider
8 a.m. † Suzanne Anstaett by Laura Potter & L'alto: High School
11:30 a.m. † Kasselmann Family by Nancy DeBrunner

Saturday, October 28, SS. Simon & Jude (F)

- 8 a.m. Sierra Shuck-Sparer by Heidi & Ron Sparer
11:30 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Kevin & Anne Lynch
4:30 p.m. † Joseph Silvers by John & Joy Belperio

Sunday, October 29, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark
12 p.m. † Joe Martini by Peter Bertoli
6 p.m. † Moustafa Taha by Charlotte Schaengold

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.

Support the Culture of Life

All parishioners and their families are invited to help install 3,000 Crosses of the Innocent on our parish grounds next **Saturday, October 28, after 8 a.m. Mass. (Bring a hammer.)**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council 1195 and the St. Gertrude Respect Life Committee

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.

Wednesday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, which is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Thursday, November 2 | 7 p.m.

Please join us on All Souls' Day for a solemn Mass in remembrance of all the faithful departed, the souls in purgatory, and particularly those from our parish who have passed away this past year.

Mass will include a special offertory procession in which those who have lost a loved one will carry a candle (in memory of their dearly departed) to the altar. If you would like to be part of the procession, please arrive by 6:30 p.m.



**CHRISTIANITY
WITHOUT SAINT LUKE**

Earlier this week, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Luke, who authored one of the four Gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles. Those two books together make up over 25 percent of the New Testament! While it is impossible to ever say one New Testament author is “more important” than another, consider this:

Without Luke’s Gospel, we would know nothing of the Archangel Gabriel’s annunciation to Mary. There would be no knowledge of Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth. We would know nothing of the presentation of Jesus in the temple, nor would we be familiar with the finding of the child Jesus in the temple. Without Luke’s writings, we would know nothing about the ascension of Jesus nor have any knowledge of Pentecost. *(Can you imagine what Christianity would be like with no written record of Pentecost?!?)*

So, right there are six mysteries of the rosary that would not exist today if it weren’t for St. Luke. Of course, there probably wouldn’t even be any such thing as the rosary, because without knowledge of the words the archangel spoke to Mary at the Annunciation (“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you”), *there would be no Hail Mary*. Think about that for a moment: one of the first prayers any of us learn, and continue to pray our entire lives, simply would not exist.

Regarding the basic story of Jesus, one might think that, even without St. Luke’s Gospel, having the three Gospels would be enough. Right? Well . . .

We would be bereft of so many of the parables of Jesus; at least 16 appear in none of the other three Gospels. And some of the ones only to be found in Luke are among the most beloved ones. Without St. Luke, we would never have heard the parable of the prodigal son, or the lost sheep that Jesus leaves the 99 to go find. Imagine how much harder it would be to understand the *incredible* love of our heavenly Father and the mercy of Jesus if there was no knowledge of those two parables. Nor would we have the parable of the Good Samaritan. Think about how many charitable ministries take their example (and sometimes even their names) after that parable!

Without Luke’s Gospel, we would be ignorant of many important encounters of Jesus. Among them are the healing of the 10 lepers, Jesus’ visit to Martha and Mary’s house (and his teaching of how Mary “has chosen the better part”), and his conversation with the “good thief” at his crucifixion (“today you will be with me in paradise”).

What would Christmas be like in a world without St. Luke’s Gospel? Luke is the only one who records Mary and Joseph having to travel to Bethlehem for the census while Mary was pregnant. He is the only one who gives the details of “no room at the inn,” the birth in the manger, the shepherds in the field seeing the vision of angels singing, “Glory to God in the highest. . .” [Side note: That means the “Gloria” (“Glory to God in the highest. . .”) that we say or sing at every Sunday and feast day Mass, would not be a part of our Catholic liturgy.]

Without any written record of any of those aspects of Christ’s birth, today there would be no nativity scenes; no creches; no angels topping Christmas trees; no Christmas carols like “Away in a Manger,” “Hark the Herald Angels Sing,” “The First Noel” . . . none of them. Indeed, virtually every Christmas carol or hymn that exists relies on details found only in Luke’s account of Jesus’ birth. In short, Christmas—at least as we know it and as we celebrate it today—essentially **WOULD NOT EXIST** without St. Luke.

So, if your faith has been nurtured by any of these things, then before you go to bed tonight, I encourage you to say a brief prayer of thanksgiving for the person of St. Luke, and that he was docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to put all of these details into writing. Let it also be a reminder to us how one person can truly change the course of the future. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

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CENTENNIAL GALA
Live Auction Spotlight:
Front Row Pew at Easter & Christmas Mass

Want to avoid the rush and needing to arrive super early to save your seats for Christmas and Easter Masses? The lucky winner of this auction item will get the front row pew at the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and the 10 a.m. Easter Mass!

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

**PRAYER FROM
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



Prayer to Sts. Simon and Jude
O holy apostles Simon and Jude, I greet you in the sweetest Heart of Jesus, beseeching you to offer unto God for me that faithfulness and constancy with which you continued with Jesus in his temptations, and gathered unto him a faithful people by your preaching. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *Jesus and rome coin, fresco from San Marco church, Milan*

Discover the St. Gertrude School Difference



FALL PREVIEW DAYS

Looking for an exceptional K-8 school for your son or daughter? A Catholic education is more affordable now than ever! Join us for one of our Fall Preview Days to 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

*We look forward to
meeting you!*



GATHER IN FAITH



GUIDE IN TRUTH



GROW IN EXCELLENCE

Registration for 2024-2025 opens October 25!

stgertrudesch.org



I AM LOVED

WALTER PLUMMER, DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

Welcome to part two of our series on the stages of discipleship! (Check out last week’s bulletin for part one!) This week, I want to share a bit about my journey through those stages to help put some flesh on the ideas Tyler laid out last week.

Trust – Positive association with Christianity and/or Christians

I was raised Catholic but, in my teens, began to question whether this whole “church” thing was worth much. I daydreamed my way through Mass and religious education and only showed up mentally and spiritually for soccer and academics. My vision of a life to the full came from my teammates, coaches, and teachers: “You are what you achieve. You are what people say about you. You are what your clothes show to others.” As I pursued this vision of success, I met some other guys my age who were fun and gifted athletes and not angry or sad or jerks to people outside their circle. They were also teen disciples of Jesus. I started to really listen to what they said and did.

Curiosity – Intrigued by Christianity, but not willing to change one’s life yet

I listened to the way they joked and talked. I saw a sense of joy, peace, and confidence that I didn’t understand. They eventually invited me to their youth ministry. (I think they were pretty shocked when I showed up.) I wasn’t totally sure what it would entail but wanted to check it out.

Openness – Open to a personal relationship with God and changing one’s life, but not committed yet

My first night there happened to be a praise and worship night led by teens. It was amazing. The music was beautiful, and the teens around me were all singing—some even lifting their arms and dancing. They were so happy, so unashamed, so open and confident, so unafraid. I remember being rooted to the spot, goosebumps all over my skin, thinking, “I don’t know what this is, but I want it.”

Seeking – Everything in life is reexamined in light of Jesus

So I went to everything the youth ministry did. Youth nights, retreats, small groups, late nights at Applebee’s. I wanted to know more, to hear more. A talk on chastity was especially powerful for me. I had to look at my own life, my own choices, and ask if they were good. I started reading the Bible. I found more and more joy and peace in my life.

Discipleship – Saying “yes” to Jesus and committing to following him

Then at a small group night, pairs split off for conversations about faith. The youth minister, Jake, was paired with me. We talked, and

then he asked, “Walter, have you ever asked Jesus to be your *personal* Lord and Savior?” In our Catholic world, this could seem to leave out the necessary sacramental and communal parts of following Jesus. In this context, it was the missing component that I desperately needed. I had the others: I was a confirmed, practicing Catholic. But in my heart, I held Jesus at arm’s length.

By the grace of God, I was honest and said, “No.” He led me in a prayer asking Jesus to come past my interior walls and into my heart. And I broke down and sobbed with relief. I was loved. I belonged somewhere. To someone. That love won my heart. I felt, and still feel, like St. Peter, when he said to Jesus, “You have the words of everlasting life” (John 6:68). And I committed to following Jesus. Not perfectly, but I said yes.

As you hear this (very) brief overview of my journey, I hope it reminds you of your own. Maybe you resonate more with the Trust stage or the Seeking stage. Wherever you are in your journey, here’s my invitation for you this week: Tell someone the story of your relationship with Jesus, and ask him or her if he or she would share as well. Then tune in next week for our next piece on accompanying others in their paths of discipleship.



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.



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.





Dominican Rite Sung Mass

All are invited to a votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary to cap off the month of the rosary

Friday, October 27
7:30 p.m.

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers—or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher—are invited to our next altar server training on Thursday, October 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The St. Gertrude Parish Catholic Men's Fellowship meets every second and fourth Saturday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria for prayer, fellowship, Scripture, and to discuss faith topics as they apply to our lives as Catholic men. All men are welcome to attend! Upcoming topics include The Virtue of Love (October 28), Calls to Action (November 11), Your Favorite Scripture (November 25). Come, and bring a friend! For more information, contact Stan Lloyd at (513) 289-5268 or stan.lloyd@gmail.com.



2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples from St. Gertrude Parish who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 30, 35—every five years up to 75 years) this year are invited to our 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, November 12, 2023, to receive a special blessing. Reserved seating will be available for the couples and their families. To reserve your spot and ensure you receive your certificate from the archdiocese, please contact parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954 by November 1.

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 Krumb, John Krumb, 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

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us on Wednesday, October 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the defeat of Issue 1. Sponsored by St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry. Learn more at ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio.

BAPTISM

Sunday, October 1, 2023



Child: Abram Demetrius Jeffries

Parents: Isaac & Sarah Jeffries



Child: Calvin Compton Smith

Parents: Philip & Katherine Smith

Sunday, October 8, 2023



Child: Nathaniel Reed Dunnahoo

Parents: Logan & Kerry Dunnahoo



Child: James Michael Solimine II

Parents: James & Kelsey Solimine

Issue 1 is an extreme amendment on the Ohio ballot this November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of preborn babies up to 9 months.



Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a Rosary Novena
for the defeat of this dangerous amendment

This week the Sorrowful Mysteries will be prayed each day.

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.

RELICS OF ST. JUDE DISPLAY

On Friday, October 27, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Liberty Township) will be hosting the relics of St. Jude the Apostle from 1 to 10 p.m. A special Mass in honor of St. Jude will be celebrated at 7 p.m.



A WORSHIP EVENT UNITING CATHOLICS + PROTESTANTS ALL ACROSS OUR CITY FOR ONE NIGHT OF SEEKING OUR FATHER TOGETHER

SAINT MONICA ~ SAINT GEORGE
328 WEST MCMILLAN ST.

ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 27
AT 7:00 PM

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, what 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.

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE - ST. PEREGRINE RELIC


Maria Stein Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year, a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a care-partner. The next service will be held in the Shrine’s Adoration Chapel on Sunday, October 29, at 2 p.m. If you or someone you know is battling cancer, please let us pray for you. Contact Caleb Gaier, ministry coordinator at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org, or call (419) 925-4532.

PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth’s New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 34 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Cincinnati area. Please visit ENLC.LIFE and select Employment Opportunities for more information on the following positions:

- Consultant - Provides one-on-one support to women facing crisis pregnancies
- RDMS/RN - Performs limited obstetrical ultrasound
- Director of Development - Plans and implements development and fundraising programs to provide for short- and long-term needs of ENLC
- Women’s Center Manager (Forest Park)
- Women’s Center Manager (Lebanon)

LEARN, LIVE, AND LOVE YOUR FAITH



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10 tips

*for discussing Ohio's
abortion ballot measure*

It's likely we'll all have opportunities to talk about the upcoming state vote on abortion. Whether it's a casual conversation with a neighbor or friend or a more structured discussion with a campaign representative, you may be asked to share your thoughts on the proposal. What will you say, and how can you keep important relationships strong, even if you disagree?

The first step—and the most important one of all—is prayer. Talk to God before you talk to anyone else, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide your words. Filled with this peace, your conversation is sure to be a fruitful one.

Once your spirit is settled, its time to begin. Here are 10 easy steps:

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1. Check yourself.

Before you start talking, you should make sure you know how far you're willing to take the conversation and be prepared to give yourself an "out" if things get heated. You can always decide to take a break and return to the conversation later or agree to disagree. Conversely, you don't have to be a doormat. If someone else tries to force their views onto you, you must decide when it's important to speak up or step back. Only you can decide where the appropriate boundaries are going to be for you.

2. Check your facts.

Don't open a conversation you're not ready to have. If you haven't thought much about your position, your arguments or your facts, you could quickly find yourself in way over your head. Do your homework and be prepared to speak thoughtfully and sincerely.

3. Be honest and curious.

These conversations are not comfortable for anyone. Acknowledge all the feelings involved and be prepared to act in ways that are vulnerable and open. Ask good questions and listen well - after all, you're trying to understand as much as you're trying to be understood.

4. Try to find shared experiences.

Facts and data points are never going to be as convincing as when one heart truly speaks to another. Use your heart as a resource and a guide for a conversation that enriches, informs, and loves deeply.

5. This isn't a presidential debate.

Don't perform, shoot "zingers" or try to score points at the

expense of your relationship. Be real, thoughtful, and sincere—after all, your integrity and sensitivity are going to be far more convincing than any fancy one-liner.

6. Don't engage in "shaming" behaviour.

When someone feels defensive or embarrassed, they stop hearing you. Let your conversation be hopeful and friendly, so your relationship will still be intact when you're done speaking.

7. You have two ears and one mouth.

Use them proportionally. Really listening to the people you're in conversation with will help you better understand where they're coming from.

8. Find common ground.

Most people value the same things—truly! Start with neutral statements and always seek the ideas and feelings you share—at the end of the conversation, these are the most important things you take with you.

9. Avoid anger.

Don't let your emotions carry you away. It's okay to disagree with someone and love them at the same time. Christ does this throughout the Gospels, and you can do it too!

10. Remember to rest in the power of your convictions.

Even if you don't succeed in convincing someone else of your arguments, you don't have to change your mind. The most important action you'll take, after all, isn't in a personal chat with your neighbor, but in making sure you make it to the polls on Election Day!

Monday, October 23	Tuesday, October 24	Wednesday, October 25	Thursday, October 26	Friday, October 27	Saturday, October 28	Sunday, October 29
St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Placement of the Crosses of the Holy Innocents After 8 a.m. Mass PC Front Lawn	L of C Thanksgiving Food Drive List Distribution After 8, 10 & 12 Masses
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School Fall Preview Day 9-11 a.m. School	Altar Server Training 7 p.m. Church	Dominican Rite Mass 7:30 p.m. Church	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	St. Gertrude School Gallery of Saints After 10 a.m. Mass Gym
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		Become Catholic (RCIA) Fall Retreat 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	Lector Training 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	L’alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	EMHC Training 8 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		HSYM Fall Retreat 9:30 a.m. Gym	
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria				L of C Thanksgiving Food Drive List Distribution After 4:30 p.m. Mass	

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 firluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
11/05/23

MATERIALS DUE
10/25/23

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for October 15**

Collection	\$	37,695
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	695
Second Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$3,209		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	567,851
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	592,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	24,149)

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven’s Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven’s Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

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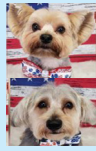
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