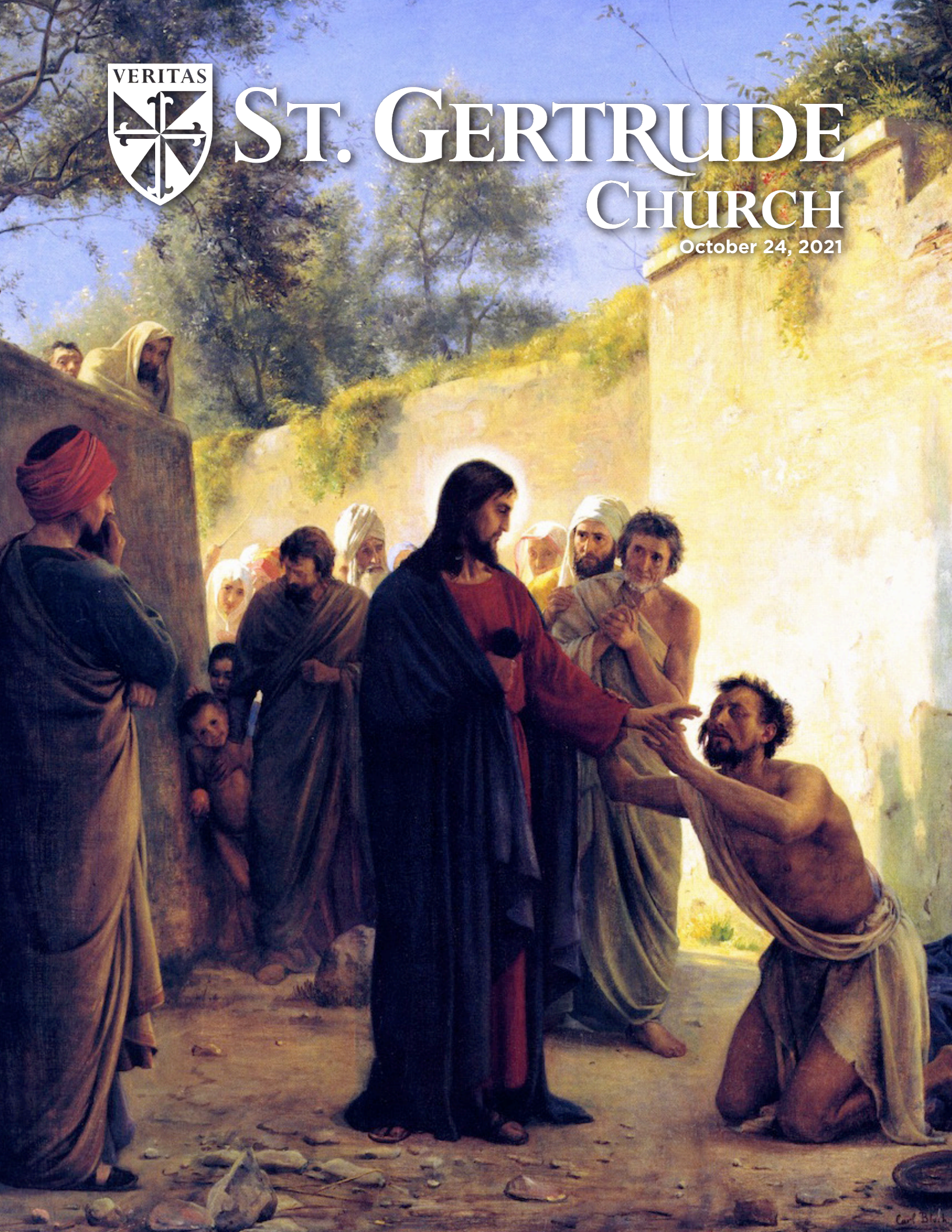




ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

October 24, 2021



MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, October 25, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Jeanne Johantges/Rita Johantges
- 8:00 a.m. †Richard Farmer/Doug & Robin Postler
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 26, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Weston/The Smithers Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Judy Kuethe/Julie & John Murdock
- 11:30 a.m. †Rita Cucinotta/The Cucinotta Family

Wednesday, October 27, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. The Schiff Family/The Isaacs Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Patrick Higgins/George Wade
- 11:30 a.m. †Kate Kasselmann/Nancy DeBrunner

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

- 7:00 a.m. Marlene Westerkamp/Mary McGoron
- 8:00 a.m. †Jim Frank/Janice & Algis Koncius
- 11:30 a.m. †William & Julie Murphy/Lisa Kuhr

Friday, October 29, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Kathleen Schirmer/Anne Schirmer
- 8:00 a.m. Kathy Costello/Krista Centers
- 11:30 a.m. †Paul Rosen/The Runk Family

Saturday, October 30, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Margaret Noble/The Noble Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Robert & Marjorie McCarthy/Chris McCarthy

October 30-31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Ralph Mohr/Cindy Dunaway

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. David & Catherine Fishlock/Bob & Bonnie Franer
- 12:00 p.m. †Daniel P. Shannon/Pete & Donna Marcello
- 6:00 p.m. †Peggy Kindt/Paul D. Kindt

Confessions 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 Office Info

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.

Increasing Adoration Hours

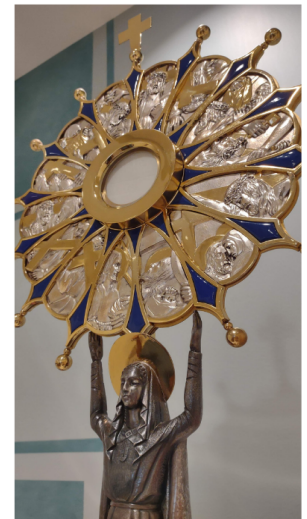
Efforts to restore perpetual eucharistic adoration in the Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel here at St. Gertrude continue. We reopened the chapel one year ago this month after being closed because of the pandemic. Currently, the chapel is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day. Volunteers are still needed during many of these hours. Nevertheless, to accommodate the desires and schedules of others who are interested, an incremental approach will be taken to restore the nighttime hours beginning with Wednesday and Saturday nights.

We would like to begin with November 3 and 6, but we can do so only if we have a commitment of two adorers for every hour through the night.

Please consider using one hour of the time God gives you to spend time in prayer and worship of the Lord Jesus in his eucharistic presence. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II:

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

Sign up at stgertrude.org/adoration or by calling or stopping in the parish office. With your help, we can increase the hours of adoration at our parish.





The following excerpt is from an article by Father Earl Fernandes that appeared in the September 2021 edition of *The Catholic Telegraph Magazine*. It is the second article in his three-part series on *Beacons of Light*. (The first article was reprinted in our [September 12 bulletin](#).) Father Earl offers a unique perspective on the *Families of Parishes*, and I thought it was worth sharing.

Fr. George, O.P.

A PRIEST'S PERSPECTIVE: FAMILIES OF PARISHES AS EVANGELIZING COMMUNITIES

What are characteristics of an evangelizing community? **First, we are a Church that goes forth.** We are missionaries. Going forth demands courageously leaving our comfort zone. In an interview in 2013, Pope Francis said:

“Instead of just being a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage” (Antonio Spadaro, September 21, 2013).

Second, the community of missionary disciples shows initiative. The Spanish word *primerear* captures this idea of being proactive rather than reactive. In *Evangelii Gaudium* the Holy Father writes:

“An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative; He has loved us first, and therefore, we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast” (EG, 24).

Third, the evangelizing community is engaged with its members. Pope Francis sometimes uses the word *balconear*, which means to stand on the balcony to see what is happening without personal engagement. The Pope proposes Jesus as the opposite of this sort of person:

“Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. The Lord gets involved and He involves His own, as He kneels to wash their feet. He tells His disciples, ‘You will be blessed if you do this.’ An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances. It is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others” (EG, 24).

The priest cannot do everything. He must encourage his people to get involved by identifying and utilizing the talents and gifts of his flock.

Fourth, a community of missionary disciples accompanies others. A father of a family must lead his family, spend time with his family and offer encouragement, keeping the family together. Accompaniment entails guiding, encouraging, supporting and uniting. The pastor must lead the process, accompanying his own people, learning about their joys, sorrows, hopes and needs, and offering encouragement. This demands listening and empathizing on his part. At the same time, the parish community walks

with him, with each member playing a role in strengthening each other, serving as bridges, rather than barriers, in a united effort to evangelize.

Fifth, the evangelizing community is fruitful. Commenting on the parable of the weeds and wheat, the Holy Father says:

“An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful. It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient with the weeds. The sower when he sees weeds sprouting among the grain does not grumble or overreact. He or she finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear” (EG, 24).

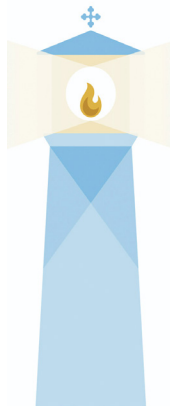
Fruitfulness demands discernment and patience. The parable of the weeds and wheat speaks of discerning what is from the Son of Man, who sows good seeds in the field, from the weeds, sown by the devil. Jesus warns of the need to be patient and discerning because things are not always initially clear.

Patience and discernment allow us to move forward. It is particularly necessary for all of us to help the faithful understand why *Beacons of Light* is happening and to accept the reality of change.

The final characteristic of an evangelizing community is joy. The Eucharist is the sacrament of Christian joy. In the Eucharist, the joy Jesus has won is not only preserved and shared, but perdures. The Church celebrates the Eucharist with the spousal joy of one promised to Christ. It is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Families of Parishes, nourished by the Holy Eucharist, will have the courage to go forth, to seize the initiative, to be engaged and to accompany others so they might bear lasting fruit. They will be evangelizing communities, marked by the joy that comes from the Gospel and the Eucharist.

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FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



When going to Confession, I shall pay special attention to two things: firstly, I will choose that which humiliates me most, even if it be a trifle, but something that costs me much, and for that reason I will tell it; secondly, I will practice contrition, not only during confession, but during every self-examination, and I will arouse within myself an act of perfect contrition, especially when I am going to bed. One more word: a soul which sincerely wants to advance in perfection must observe strictly the advice given by the spiritual director. There is as much holiness as there is dependence. (*Diary, #377*)

COVER IMAGE: *Healing of the Blind Man*, C. Bloch (1871)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monthly Meeting with Sister Maria Christi** – Parents of junior high students are invited to meet with Sister Maria Christi on Tuesday, October 26, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of October 25 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2021 WALKATHON

Thank you to all the parents, students, and sponsors who made this year's October 8 Walkathon so successful! We met our goal, raising \$25,501!



WE'RE HIRING!

Do you want a fulfilling career in a supportive environment? St. Gertrude School is currently hiring two full-time positions:

- **Junior High History Teacher**
- **School Receptionist**



View the job descriptions and apply at stgertrude.org/employment.

Where students gather in Faith, are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.



"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 whole world."
 - Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

**Fall Open House: November 10
11 a.m.-1 p.m and 7-8 p.m.**

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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: SLEEPING UNDER GOD’S WINGS

BY BRAD BURSA

A few weeks ago, I took a walk with a chick.

She was probably about four weeks old at the time and fluttering all about in my hands. I wasn’t trying to do her any harm. I was just moving her from the garage back to all her other feathered female friends in the coop. Then, with no warning, she jammed her head into the crook of my arm and instantly calmed down. I think she was practically asleep by the time I reached the rest of the flock—which took me about five seconds.

I suspect all of this is normal chicken behavior, about which I know little. Nevertheless, the antiphon from Night Prayer on Sundays rolled through my mind: “Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God’s wings.”

There it is. I don’t have any wings, but I do have the crook of an arm (I have two, actually), and apparently that was enough for my chick.

A few days later, I was sitting in my eight-year-old son’s room during the painstakingly slow process of putting the kids to bed. He was fluttering about on his mattress, throwing covers here and pillows there. I must have made some sort of expression of exasperation, because he stopped moving. In the pitch-blackness, I could see him propped up and looking at me. He said, “You won’t leave until I fall asleep will you, Dad? I can’t fall asleep unless someone is awake in here.”

That’s fairly profound.

“Night holds no terrors for me sleeping under God’s wings.”

These two occurrences left a mark on me, because I think they

reveal a fundamental desire. Amid the various threats of life, amid all of the ways in which I am vulnerable (whether awake or asleep), I desire some sort of unshakeable, unrelenting source of security. I need this source of security in order to rest, in order to be at peace. I’ve found all my best attempts to break free, make my own security, or stay up all night to be exercises in futility. These lead to unrest and the bondage of fear.

Instead, as these experiences taught me, I need to entrust myself, my well-being, and my future to the One who is stronger than I am and who does not give in to sleep. I need the One whose love is stronger than death, the One for whom darkness is not dark, and who disrupted the sleep of the grave with life.

In thinking about it further, however, I believe my commitment to praying Night Prayer—with all its seasons of consistency and inconsistency—did open these otherwise insignificant moments to something far more substantial. This is precisely what praying with God’s Word can do for us. The saints sing this refrain.

Scripture helps to sink us more deeply into reality and to unite our desires with God’s desires for us.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: “My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust.” It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.
— Psalm 91:1-4

The fourth Sunday of each month, we’ll feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in ordinariness of life.

L'ALTO: JUNIOR HIGH FALL FEST

All current 7th and 8th graders are invited to the L'alto: Junior High Fall Fest!

It's the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, play fall games, chill around a bonfire, and eat roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. Bring a snack or dessert—and a friend!

Please RSVP at my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list. For more info about this and other fun junior high events, visit stgertrude.org/jh.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
6:00-8:00 P.M.
\$5/PERSON

FINDLEY FAMILY FARM
6332 Pine Lane
Loveland, OH 45140

CONTACT
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L'ALTO: HIGH SCHOOL

FALL RETREAT

Step Back. Reconnect. Be Recreated.

Register at my.stgertrude.org/s/events

WHEN: Friday, November 19, 7:00 p.m – Sunday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Woodland Lakes Christian Camp & Retreat Center
3051 Lindale Mt. Holly Road, Amelia, OH 45102

COST: \$90/person

CONTACT
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CROSSES OF THE INNOCENTS



All parishioners and their families are invited to help the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council and the St. Gertrude Respect Life committee install 4,000 Crosses of the Innocents on our parish grounds **next Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** Be a witness for the culture of life during Respect Life Month and the 40 Days for Life fall campaign.



CATHOLIC MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT - DECEMBER 3-4

The annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, sponsored by the St. Gertrude Catholic Men's Fellowship, will be Friday evening, December 3, through Saturday, December 4, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45212). Father Peter John Cameron, O.P., who served as a parochial vicar at St. Gertrude in 1992-1993, will be the retreat master. Themed "Revealing Man to Himself," the retreat will focus on how being human is both a mystery and a challenge and will show how Jesus Christ, "the new Adam fully reveals man to himself." Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to register, please visit catholicmensretreat.org.



ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

**Tuesday, November 2 | 7:00 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church**

November is the month of the holy souls—a time that we remember in a particular way those loved ones whom God has called to eternal life.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m., for a special All Souls' Day solemn Mass in remembrance of all the deceased, especially those from St. Gertrude Church who have passed away since All Souls' Day 2020.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Skyler & Lauren Adleta
Joseph & Julianne Roebel
William & Mary Vens
Kyle & Jessica Warmouth
Laurie Zentner



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Clyde Dorn, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, 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, 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

Peter Fox – husband of Anna

BAPTISM



October 10, 2021

Child: James Lee Beyersdorfer
Parents: Caroline & Josef Beyersdorfer

HEALING SERVICE

October 27, 2021
Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center
Holy Rosary Chapel
 5440 Moeller Ave.,
 Norwood, OH 45212
 (513) 351-9800


6:45 p.m. - Rosary
7:15 p.m. Mass
Healing Service after Mass

Healing Services will be on every fourth Wednesday of the month. Visit ohlsc.org for more information


THANK YOU!

The Ladies of Charity wish to express their sincere gratitude to St. Gertrude Church for supporting this year's Annual Craft & Gift Show. We extend a special thanks to all those parishioners who were able to help with the baked goods. We had some wonderful treats to sell to our shoppers. The show was a great success, and all proceeds will go to benefit charities near our parish.

CATHOLIC RUNNING GROUP

 Are you a fan of God and running? Join other Catholic runners in Cincinnati at **7:30 p.m. this Thursday, October 28, at the Milford Trailhead** for a laid back, easy run that is meant to promote conversation and community. Whether a 7-minute pace is your sweet spot or a 10:30-minute mile is more your jam, we have a pace group for you. To learn more and to sign up for updates, please visit thecatholicrunningproject.com or email catholicrunningproject@gmail.com.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

 Thank you, Jesus, for letting us "see" our brothers who are poor and lonely! In the month of September, we were able to help four families with rent assistance, one family with a Duke bill, one family with a Spectrum bill, and three families with food. Thank you for making a difference in our neighbors' lives!



WOMEN'S RETREAT - NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Take a break from the world and spend the day focused on God! Retreat leader Father Nathan Cromly will lead you in prayer, talks, adoration, and Mass. Confession times will be available. To register, visit bit.ly/FrNathanWomensRetreat11621.

Where: Our Lady of Light Ministries (5418 Mueller Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45212, next to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood)

When: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (doors open at 8:00 a.m., vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.)

Cost: \$60, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage

and family—and enjoy time away. **The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 5-7, 2021**, at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. To register, visit <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, or visit esharing.org.

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/>.


SAVE THE DATE
 Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195

BLOOD DRIVE



November 13, 2021
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Parish Center Gym
 6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, OH

Every donor receives a Bengals quarter-zip pullover!



To schedule your appointment, please visit hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude, or call (513) 451-0910. Appointment are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.



THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING

FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

Part eight in an eight-part series.

LIVING LITURGY

Eight articles of approximately 500–700 words each is far from sufficient to lead us into a deeper appreciation for and understanding of the liturgy and the all-important role the liturgy plays in the lives of every Catholic. While I hope that these few offerings can serve as a platform for future work, the only just conclusion to this tiny series is to acknowledge that these reflections are only the beginning of a longer and much deeper conversation that the friars and parishioners need to have concerning our liturgical life.

The Ultimate Goal

The ultimate goal of the Christian life—a goal which is rooted in the sacrifice of the Mass—is the perfection of charity. “If I have not love . . .,” St. Paul proclaims in his often-heard letter to the Corinthians. The stories concerning our often experienced “liturgy wars” stand in radical contradiction to God’s command for us to live together in love, shown to us most perfectly in the sacrifice of his Son offered to us in every Mass. Again, St. Paul teaches us, “let there be an end to all our quarrels . . .” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

A Road to Charity

Through the liturgical theology of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the liturgy offers us a road to charity and unity: the *ars celebrandi* (art of celebration). Very simply, the way a priest celebrates the Mass.

To stand at the altar *in persona Christi*, is no trivial matter. The weight of the reality is only possible when the priest accepts in the most profound way that he is not there in his own name but in the name of Christ, for the sake of the people of God. In the words of St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews, “No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God . . .” (Hebrews 5:4). Every priest stands at the altar to offer Christ’s own sacrifice to the Father for the salvation of the world. In that offering, he realizes in himself every aspect of what such a sacrifice means.

Bringing himself to the altar, every priest sacrifices all that he is humanly so that the Bride of Christ is resplendently offered to the Father. Like the faithful, priests bring all they are to the altar: joys and sorrows, failures and accomplishments. They bring their great desire for the unity and healing of their flock, just as you pray for the unity, healing, and well-being of your family. A priest seeks to build unity among his people, and there is nowhere he does it more profoundly than at the altar!

A priest’s disposition, his *ars celebrandi*, can build or weaken the faith of those in attendance. Does a priest say the prayers of the Mass so quickly that you might wonder what just took place? Does he speak

clearly and distinctly so that he can be heard? Do his gestures tell you that the Mass is important to him and, therefore, should be important to you? Does he preach about God or about himself? Does his priestly service lead you to encounter the transcendence of the Mass, or does his service merely allow you to “check the box”? Tough questions. As a priest, these are questions that give me pause and call me to a constant examination of conscience. The way a priest says Mass reveals to the people of God what he thinks about the liturgy.

Living Liturgy

Every bit of effort to embrace the way of beauty, to sing the Mass, to be aware of the signs and symbols that mark our Catholic lives, to embrace ritual transformation, and to be led by a truly prayerful priest, is pointless unless the liturgy shapes and informs the way we live and the choices we make. The liturgy is the tangible expression of our love for God and of our need for his grace, forgiveness, help, and strength. The liturgy helps us to fall in love with God and to proclaim his love by the way we go about every moment of our lives.

May our parish liturgy help us live the words of one of our favorite hymns:

*And whether our tomorrows are filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows, and rise to bless you still!
To marvel at your beauty, and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty, Our Sacrifice of Praise.*

The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that was featured in our bulletin over the past few months. The series strives to deepen our understanding of the liturgy and strengthen our unity as a community who worships God in Spirit and in Truth.



Living Liturgy

Monday, October 25	Tuesday, October 26	Wednesday, October 27	Thursday, October 28	Friday, October 29	Saturday, October 30	Sunday, October 31
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Seasons of Hope 10:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Merciful Love 9:45 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		Installation of the Crosses of the Innocents 9:00 a.m. Parish Center Front Lawn	Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)	True Devotion to Mary 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Lvl 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			SGS Gallery of Saints After 10:00 a.m. Mass Outside (weather permitting) or Gym
L'alto: High School Core Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Cana Family Year 1 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Seasons of Hope 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Family Faith 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Revitalize – Fall Series 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
6:00 p.m.
Atrium I & II

Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m.
School Cafeteria

Dementia Care Presentation
7:00 p.m.
Parish Center
St. Dominic Lobby

Normal vs. Not Normal Aging/Dementia
Presented by Teresa Youngstrom, RN, Dementia Care Specialist and Founder of A Better Approach to Memory Care

OCTOBER 26, 2021 | 7-8:30 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENTER LOBBY

To register for this dynamic, informative, and empowering presentation, please contact Jeanie Naumann by October 24 at jmaumann@yahoo.com or (816) 786-0831. All are welcome, and there is no cost to attend.

L'alto: High School
7:00 p.m.
Parish Center

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for October 17

Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Collection	\$ 28,209
Weekly Deficit	\$ (7,085)

2nd Collection: \$2,834 Catholic Education

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 564,704
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 534,619
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$ (30,085)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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11/7/21

MATERIALS DUE
10/27/21

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