

YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD,
YOUR GOD,
WITH ALL
YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND.

Matthew 22:37



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 29, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, October 30, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Darryl Vaupel by Patrick & Holly Oakes
- 8 a.m. † Margaret Noble by The Noble Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 31, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Patricia McCormack by The Vasquez Family
- 8 a.m. † Peggy Kindt by Paul D. Kindt
- 11:30 a.m. † Olga Campbell by Shari Siebert

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints' Day – Holy Day of Obligation (S)

- 7 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 8 a.m. † James Rybak by Mary Rybak
- 11:30 a.m. † Gerald DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner
- 7 p.m. † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family

Thursday, November 2,

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

- 7 a.m. All The Faithful Departed
- 8 a.m. All The Faithful Departed
- 11:30 a.m. All The Faithful Departed
- 7 p.m. All The Faithful Departed

Friday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres, O.P. (F)

- 7 a.m. Father David Doseck by The Isaacs Family
- 8 a.m. † Donald & Irene Sharpshair by The Henderson Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Sister Mary Louis Russley, O.P., by Natalie Moore

Saturday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo (M)

- 8 a.m. † Deceased Members of St. Gertrude Parish by Widmeyer Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric
- 4:30 p.m. † Ryan Holland by Mark & Sherri Holland

Sunday, November 5, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Dino & Patricia Sposato by Mike & Cindy Oliver
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Dan & Kevin Shannon by The Shannon Family
- 6 p.m. † Reinhard Schmidt by Charlotte Schaengold

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no Holy Hour or confessions at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, due to the All Saints' Day Mass at 7 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.

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.

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

MASS & PROCESSION

Thursday, November 16 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a solemn Mass, followed by a candlelight procession around the parish grounds.

PARISH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Parish Center

Everyone is invited to our final centennial event as we celebrate our 100th anniversary! There will be a presentation from the mayor, authentic German food, live music, and plenty of fun!





RECLAIMING HALLOWEEN & GATHERING WITH OUR LADY

There are two amazing events happening in our church in the next week or so that I'd like to draw specific attention to. Both are unique opportunities to invoke God's assistance and protection upon our families and our world.

VIGIL OF THE SAINTS – OCTOBER 31 (HALLOWEEN) – 7 P.M.

Once again, it is time to reclaim Halloween for what it truly is . . . a *Catholic* holiday! All Hallows Eve has its origin in the Catholic celebration of a vigil before All Saints Day. Come join us for this evening celebration of the saints, which will include a darkened church, plenty of candles, a relic procession, and readings from the lives and writings of many of our beloved saints. As a special focus this year, all of the readings we have chosen are from saints who were especially known for cherishing and protecting human life in all of its stages. This will be a beautiful and powerful time of prayer, invoking the intercession of the great "cloud of witnesses" in heaven. Please also join us for a reception in the Parish Center after the candlelight vigil.

ALL-NIGHT, ALL-DAY ROSARY VIGIL WITH THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA – NOVEMBER 6 & 7

We are *so excited* to announce that the one and only official International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima will be in our church on the eve of the election day and through election day itself! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to come pray before this statue that has traveled all over the world for decades and has proven again and again to be a source of inspiration and special graces.

Our evening will begin on Monday, November 6, at 7 p.m. with a special prayer service of Marian music, prayers, and a featured talk about Our Lady's message from Patrick Sabat, the official custodian of the statue as it travels the world. After that, we will have exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and our all-night, all-day vigil will commence. Throughout the next 24 hours, we will have a rosary being prayed in the church *every hour on the hour*. The vigil will continue throughout election day (with the Blessed Sacrament being reposed during our three daily Masses) and will continue all the way until 7:30 p.m., when the polls close in Ohio.

We invite you to come at any point over the 24 hours and stay as long as you wish! Perhaps you could stop for some prayer before or after heading to the polls that day. Please feel free to spread the news of this far and wide. If you are a listener to Sacred Heart Radio, I'll be live on-air speaking about the significance of the Pilgrim Statue and our election eve/day vigil during the "Driving Home the Faith" show on October 31 at 4:50 p.m.

Our state and our world desperately need the peace that only Christ can give. Trusting in the help of Our Lady of Fatima, I pray many of us will unite in prayer during this very special 24 hours of grace.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walden, O.P.



CENTENNIAL GALA

Live Auction Spotlight:

Notre Dame Evening with Father Henry Stephen, O.P.

One lucky bidder and three guests will get to enjoy Mass, dinner, and time under the Golden Dome with our beloved emcee.

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

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



All Saints

All saints of God, we hail and venerate you in the sweetest Heart of Jesus your Lord, and through that Sacred Heart we render thanks to God for all the good which has ever flowed forth from it for your salvation, beseeching all saints, and each one of you in particular, to offer unto God for us, poor sinners, all those

virtues and perfections which render you most especially well-pleasing to God. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *The painting of Heart of Jesus in church kostel Svatého Tomáše by unknown artist of 19. cent.*



How is Technology Impacting Our Children?

- What are the social, emotional, and cognitive effects technology has on our children?
- What drives the desire to use technology?
- How do we navigate the use of technology with our children?

Scott Borchers, LPCC



Scott is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and has practiced in Cincinnati for the last ten years. He has practiced clinical counseling in several settings – in a school, in a pediatric medical practice, and in private practice. Scott has focused his clinical work mainly on anxiety, depression, and behavior modification.

Thursday, November 9
7-8:30 p.m., School Cafeteria
All parishioners are welcome!

Sponsored by  **ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL**



Gallery of Saints

St. Gertrude School 2nd grade students will teach us about the saints and their stories!

All are welcome!

IN THE GYM
after 10 a.m. Mass
Sunday, October 29



 **Discover the St. Gertrude School Difference**

FALL PREVIEW DAY

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

November 8 | 9-11 a.m.



RSVP for Preview Day



Schedule a Personal Tour



ACCOMPANIMENT THROUGH THE STAGES OF DISCIPLESHIP

TYLER CASTRUCCI, COORDINATOR
OF ADULT EVANGELIZATION

Welcome back to part 3 of our series on the stages of discipleship! Part 1 outlined the stages, and part 2 was a brief overview of Walter's personal journey to discipleship. While last week's article

was from the first-person perspective of someone being converted to the Lord, this week is from the perspective of accompanying someone going through a conversion. Accompaniment can take many different forms, depending on the circumstances. In general, there are two guiding principles that always apply: listening and patience. It can be tempting to always want to have the "right" answer to a difficult question, or to try and convince someone of the truth of Church teaching but, oftentimes, this can end up pushing someone further away, especially when done too early in the process. The virtue of patience can give us the strength to listen more than we talk and to leave room for the Holy Spirit to lead the way. Names and some personal details have been changed, but the events all really happened!

Trust – Positive association with Christianity and/or Christians

When I first met John, he was living a very secular lifestyle and mildly involved with a Masonic group. He was very interested in philosophy and ancient literature but was very skeptical about Christianity and the concept of God in general. His mother was a disciple of the Lord and prayed regularly for her son's conversion. She was the bridge of trust between John and the Church. At this point, I was primarily focused on being a friendly face and getting to know him as a person.

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

After my many years of praying and extending invitations, John finally decided to check out an RCIA class that I was leading. He was interested in learning more about Christianity, but it was primarily an intellectual exercise at this point. In particular, he was intrigued by the five "proofs" for the existence of God that St. Thomas Aquinas gave in his *Summa Theologiae*. The well-reasoned arguments of Aquinas made sense to John, and he began to express interest in learning more

about other facets of the faith. I tried to answer his questions but always framed my responses as a proposition or redirected questions back to him to get him to wrestle with an idea. My goal was to keep our conversations going and not stifle his curiosity.

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

As more and more of John's questions about Christianity were answered, his walls began to come down. When I would talk about Catholicism in one-on-one conversations, he began to use more positive language. Intellectually, things were beginning to "click," and the idea of having a relationship with Jesus was now on the table as a possibility. He was very intrigued by the Eucharist, so I invited him to check out adoration. Introducing him to new and different forms of prayer was powerful in this stage.

Seeking – Everything in life is reexamined in light of Jesus

To my great surprise (and delight), John strolled into the church one day with a daily Roman missal in hand and talked to me about how much he loved the beautiful prayers of the Mass. Every time I saw him, he would talk to me about a different book he was reading about Catholicism or a passage from the *Summa* that he was wrestling with. He was beginning to attend Mass regularly and signed up to do Eucharistic adoration on a weekly basis. The way he lived his life was beginning to change, and he was now asking me more pointed questions about morality and the precepts of the Church. He was counting the cost of following Jesus and beginning to realize it was worth it. I was now able to challenge him to take the next step and commit.

Discipleship – Saying "yes" to Jesus and committing to following him

Thanks be to God, John did take the next step and said "yes" to the Lord. His conversion had a ripple effect on his whole family. His child was baptized, he was married in the Church, and ultimately completed his sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. From then on, he became a daily Mass goer and regularly volunteered to help with events and ministries in the parish. There was still a lot more that he wanted to learn about the faith and his journey of growing in relationship with the Lord was certainly not over, but he was now a disciple.

Sign Up to Receive Funeral Announcement Emails

To help foster a greater sense of community and to give you more opportunities to pray for the dead and attend funerals of those in our parish who have died, we are going to start sending funeral announcement emails when parishioners pass away. If you would like to sign up to receive these occasional emails, please scan the QR code.



HELP SET UP FOR THE CENTENNIAL GALA

Our big Centennial Gala fundraiser is this Friday, November 3! Whether you're planning on attending or not, we would love your help setting up for the event. Visit bit.ly/GalaSetUp to help with flower arranging (with direction from a florist), transporting centerpieces, decorating Manor House, and more! Thank you for your support!

SACRISTY LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED!

Are you looking for a simple way to serve at St. Gertrude Parish? Volunteer in our sacristy. We are looking for multiple volunteers to help wash big items (surplices, cassocks, albs, concelebrant chasubles) on an ongoing basis. You can bring the items home to clean, and you only have to commit to helping once a month. Please contact Father Luke at firluke@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954, ext. 2204, or speak with him in person. Thank you!

WE'RE HIRING!

Are you passionate about forming teens in the Catholic faith? Do you have experience leading teams and empowering others? You could be our coordinator of youth ministry! To view the job description and apply, please visit stgertrude.org/employment.

SCAM ALERT

It was brought to our attention that several people have received fake emails and texts from someone alleging to be Father John Paul. In light of this recent scam, we want to remind you that our pastor and parish employees will never ask anyone for money or gift cards via email or text.

2023 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Join men of all ages for the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, "Men of the Word," the evening of December 1 through the afternoon of December 2, 2023, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. 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. Registration is open now 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.



2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
 Married couples from St. Gertrude who this year are celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 30, 35—every five years up to 75 years) are invited to receive a special blessing at the 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, November 12, 2023. 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.

24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima

Join Catholics across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as we ask Our Lady's intercession for peace in the world and the defeat of Issue 1.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, November 6
7-8 p.m.
 Opening Presentation

8-11:59 p.m.
 Exposition and Prayer Vigil
 (rosary on the hour, every hour)

Tuesday, November 7
12-7 a.m.
 Exposition and Prayer Vigil
 (rosary on the hour, every hour)

7 a.m.
 Daily Mass, followed by rosary

8 a.m.
 Daily Mass, followed by rosary

8:30-11:30 a.m.
 Exposition and Prayer Vigil
 (rosary on the hour, every hour)

11:30 a.m.
 Daily Mass

12-7:30 p.m.
 Exposition and Prayer Vigil
 (rosary on the hour, every hour)

7:30 p.m.
 Benediction & Closing

NOVEMBER 6-7

St. Gertrude Church
 6543 Miami Ave.
 Madeira, OH 45243

Of all the places in the world that the original International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima could be on the eve of the November election and on election day, this famous image of Our Lady will be at St. Gertrude Parish.

Come anytime during the 24-hour prayer vigil to unite together and pray for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of this dangerous amendment!

Learn more at bluearmy.org or fatimatourforpeace.com.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Tina Bascom, Simon Berry, Vicki Calonge, Carol Conners, 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 Wilhelm

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Ladies of Charity wish to express their sincere gratitude to St. Gertrude Parish for supporting this year's Annual Craft and 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! All proceeds will go to benefit charities near St. Gertrude Parish.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This weekend, the Ladies of Charity kick off their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. A list of needed items is available at the entrances to the church through next weekend, November 4 and 5. You can drop off your items the weekend of November 11 and 12. The following items are especially needed during this time:

- Stuffing Mix
- Sweet Potatoes (15 oz. cans)
- Gravy
- Cornbread Mix
- Brownie or Cake Mix
- Canned Pumpkin (15 oz. cans)
- Cranberry Sauce (15 oz. cans)
- Peanut Butter

Please consider donating the items mentioned above to help someone in need have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you cannot bring an item, cash/check donations (made payable to Ladies of Charity) are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age or older) that primarily focuses on support, prayer and socializing. We come together in prayer, do some craft-making, and enjoy refreshments. Please join us for our next gatherings on Saturday, November 11, January 20, and March 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center (8939 Montgomery Road). New members are always welcome but must RSVP prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact Jane Callan at (513) 793-3546.

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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)



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 protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of Issue 1. This week the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary will be prayed on Sunday, followed by 9 days of the Glorious Mysteries.

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




VOTE EARLY!

Registered voters can cast an early, in-person ballot at their County Board of Elections office through Nov. 5.

Learn more about the amendment at www.WhereDoesItSayThat.com



ASK A PRIEST—PRAYER

FATHER JOACHIM KENNEY, O.P.

Q: Do you have any advice about prayer?

A: In the Office of Readings this past week, the second reading has excerpts from St. Augustine’s letter to Proba about prayer. Proba was a wealthy and noble widow who had asked St. Augustine for some advice on the subject. His long letter in response contains an abundance of insights into how

and why we should pray. Here are a couple of them.

Pray not in order to change God, but to change yourself. It’s a common objection that if God already knows what we need, why should we pray? St. Augustine says that we pray not to inform God about something but to “exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it.” Time, effort, intentionality all increase our desire for something. An athlete aiming to win a championship spends lots of time thinking about it and working toward it, and this helps him to want it more. Then, when the championship is won, he enjoys it more.

Our desire grows slack, St. Augustine says, because of all the other thoughts and pursuits that we engage in that distract us. When we return to prayer, our desire is renewed. All prayer should, in the end,

be directed back to the most essential thing—God. So, St. Augustine recommends making the Psalmist’s prayer our own: “One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, to visit his temple” (Ps. 27:4). We pray not to change God’s mind or to get something from him but in order to be more able to receive the gift of God himself. We pray to conform our will to God’s as Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Father, not my will, but thine be done.”

Pray frequently, but there’s no need for an excess of words. St. Augustine cites the monks in Egypt who would frequently offer short prayers “hurled like swift javelins.” These prayers offered up would turn their minds and hearts to God once more. Whatever desire was stirred up by them, they would let last as long as it would. Praying for a long time doesn’t mean continually speaking. That becomes burdensome. Just desiring God is itself a prayer. “To spend much time in prayer is to knock with a persistent and holy fervor at the door of the one whom we beseech.

This task is generally accomplished more through sighs than words, more through weeping than speech.”

Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, or something else? Submit your question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin.

FUN BUNCH RECAP

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Fun Bunch meeting on October 17! It was a fun afternoon with good food, fellowship, and an exciting presentation from the Cincinnati Zoo.

All parishioners age 55+ are invited to join us next month on Tuesday, November 21, at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Center for lunch, fellowship, and a presentation by an Archdiocese of Cincinnati archivist on the history of the archdiocese and St. Gertrude Parish. We hope to see you there!



Monday, October 30	Tuesday, October 31	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday, November 2	Friday, November 3	Saturday, November 4	Sunday, November 5
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	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	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	L of C Thanksgiving Food Drive List Distribution After 8, 10 & 12 Masses
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	All Saints' Day Vigil Prayer Service 7 p.m. Church	Cub Scouts – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall		L of C Thanksgiving Food Drive List Distribution After 4:30 p.m. Mass	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Reception Following Prayer Service Gym		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby						Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church						Family Faith – Parent & Child Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room						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!

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
11/12/23

MATERIALS DUE
11/1/23

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for October 22

Collection	\$	26,600
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	10,400)
Second Collection - World Mission Sunday: \$2,983		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	594,451
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	629,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	34,549)

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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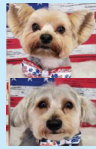
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