

# RESPECT LIFE

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*St. Joseph,  
defender of life,  
pray for us!*



**ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH**

October 3, 2021

# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, October 4, Holy Father Francis of Assisi (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †June Smith/Kathy & Sy Swart
- 8:00 a.m. PFC Kelsee Lainhart/Andrea Hatcher
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, October 5, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Rita & Tom Teton/Jeanne Johantges
- 8:00 a.m. Kelly King/Pat & Don Schoo
- 11:30 a.m. †Barbara Dugan/The Cordier Family

## Wednesday, October 6, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Susan Archdeacon/Mary Lee Simmons
- 8:00 a.m. †Donald Jackson/Ted & Joanne Bayer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Denny Schone/Kevin & Anne Lynch

## Thursday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer/The Schirmer Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Raymond Ringenbach/Laura Ringenbach
- 11:30 a.m. †Clare Wolcott/Anne Collins

## Friday, October 8, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Sherry Schuler
- 8:00 a.m. †Jane Thole/Lou Thole
- 11:30 a.m. Jeoffrey Abel/Nick & Malissa Frohlich

## Saturday, October 9, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Bill Malarick/Sal & Teri Forlini
- 11:30 a.m. †Margaretha Thung/Novilia Suhendra

## October 9-10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Ray Meyer/John & Joy Belperio

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. JoAnne Nordloh/Martha & Amy
- 12:00 p.m. †Mary Rath/Ron & Pegge Schuermann
- 6:00 p.m. †Don Riney/Jane Wright

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](http://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.



Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

**INVITE THEM TO BECOME CATHOLIC.**

Formerly known as RCIA, Become Catholic is a program for men and women who would like to join the Catholic Church for the first time or become fully initiated members of the Church. For most people, all it takes is a little encouragement from family and friends. Be that encouragement.

**WHEN:** Every Monday, beginning September 20

**TIME:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Parish Center Lobby

For more information, visit [stgertrude.org/become-catholic](http://stgertrude.org/become-catholic).



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

**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021

**Location:** Gym

**Time:** 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$8/person | \$28/family

**\$4/children grades K-8**

**Children 5 & under - Free**

**PANCAKES**

**EGGS**

**SAUSAGE**

Gluten/dairy free menu available



**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

Credit cards accepted

**Sponsored and prepared by Archbishop Elder Council**





**BEACONS OF LIGHT UPDATE**

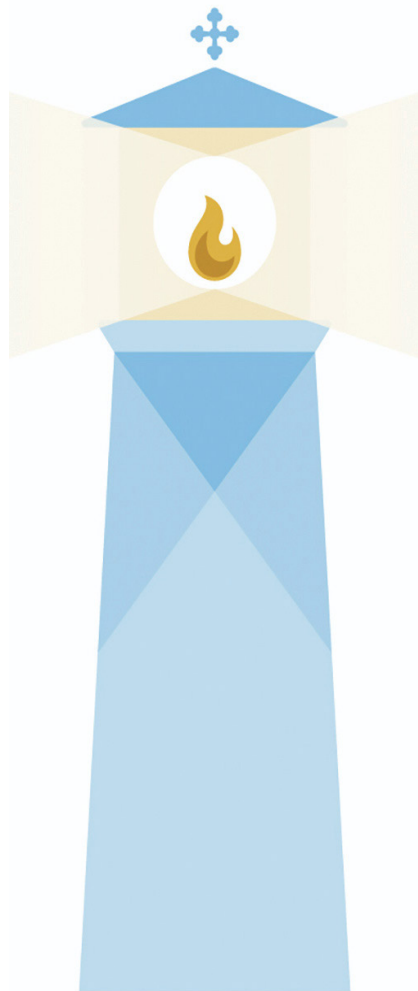
This past Friday, October 1, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati released its draft Family of Parishes plan. I'm sure—I hope—many of you have reviewed the makeup of at least our Family of Parishes. If not, I invite you to visit [BeaconsAOC.org](http://BeaconsAOC.org) to check it out.

I can imagine that most of you are experiencing all kinds of emotions right now regarding the *Beacons of Light* initiative and this draft plan. Between now and October 20, the faithful of the archdiocese will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Family of Parishes plan. I personally invite you to share your thoughts at one of the following comment sessions here at St. Gertrude:

- ✦ Monday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m.
- ✦ Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ Wednesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ Saturday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

After this period of public review of the models, the archdiocese will tweak the draft plan based on the balanced and well-intentioned feedback provided by the faithful. Once the makeup of the Families has been adjusted, all of the important background data for each Family has been compiled, and the final maps showing the territorial boundaries of each family as well as the boundaries of the six newly defined deaneries have been prepared, Archbishop Schnurr will approve and promulgate the plan—hopefully no later than Thanksgiving. It is then that the hard work, the pastoral planning, begins in each of the Families.

Some have remarked that *Beacons of Light* is a top-down plan. Well, this most recent period of data collection and modeling certainly fits that bill. There



was no other method by which to bring us to this point with every decision being based on data, on facts.

The next phase of *Beacons of Light* is the bottom-up phase of the plan, the pastoral planning that will take place within each Family that will determine everything that must be considered for parish communities and their people to eventually come together as one great parish that possesses the resources necessary to assure a rich and fervent mission-driven community that is ready to go out and “baptize all nations.”

New beginnings are something we celebrate every year as Advent comes upon us. It is prophetic that a new life is upon us as an archdiocese and that new life will begin to move forward come Advent of 2021 in just a few weeks.

It is time to pray fervently for our parish and our archdiocese, that all people will see the necessity of what we must do, and that all may grow together more closely so as to work and to minister with an eye on a fruitful and worthwhile outcome that builds our parishes into powerhouses of God’s love and generosity.

May God bless and keep us as we move into a new and exciting time in our lives as Catholics, St. Gertrude Church, the Church of Cincinnati, and the People of God.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

**FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**



**Feast of St. Faustina – October 5**

Suddenly, God’s presence took hold of me, and at once I saw myself in Rome, in the Holy Father’s chapel and at the same time I was in our chapel... I saw the Lord Jesus in our chapel, exposed in the monstrance on the high altar. The chapel was adorned as for a feast, and on that day anyone who wanted to come was allowed in. The crowd was so enormous that the eye could not take it all in. Everyone was participating in the celebrations with great joy, and many of them obtained what they desired. The same celebration was held in Rome, in a beautiful church, and the Holy Father, with all the clergy, was celebrating this Feast. (*Diary, #1044*)

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Winter Uniform** – Students will start wearing the winter school uniform this Monday, October 4.
- **Our Lady of the Rosary Celebration** – Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. See the ad below for more information.
- **2021 Walkathon** – Friday, October 8, 2021
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Wednesday, October 13, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 14, from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. Like last year, parents will receive a link to sign up.
- **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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Junior High History Teacher** – St. Gertrude School is looking for a full-time, professional junior high (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) history teacher. Specific content areas include world geography, Eastern hemispheres, world history, early ages, and American history (beginnings to 1877). Candidate will be required to obtain a valid Ohio License, fingerprints, a background check, and SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé, and contact information for three references to Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P., Principal, at smchristi@stgertrudesch.org. Catholic Candidate: Required

**After School Care Program Assistant** – St. Gertrude School is seeking joyful Catholics who feel called to assist with our After School Care program for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants should be practicing Catholics, at least 18 years old, and willing to be trained in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's child protection training program via SafeParish. This is a paid, part-time position from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, with the flexibility to commit to just one day per week, five days per week, or anything in between. The After School Care program assistants will help with homework and supervise indoor and outdoor play within a nurturing Catholic atmosphere based on the Dominican tradition of practicing virtue and loving each other in Christ. This is an excellent opportunity for parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and students who are interested in developing their resume through work experience. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, contact information for three references, and a résumé (if available) to info@stgertrudesch.org.

St. Gertrude School is a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and offers academic excellence in the Dominican tradition.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

School office hours for the week of October 4 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

OCTOBER 7, 2021

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION**

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

All St. Gertrude School families are invited to a very special Marian celebration on Thursday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

- 5:30 P.M. - Dinner (provided)
- 6:30 P.M.- Rosary procession with the Our Lady of Fatima statue, Benediction, and consecration of our school to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information.





## MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS: RANDY YORK

*For the next several months, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature an interview with one of our dedicated volunteers. This month, we're highlighting Randy York, one of our longtime catechists.*

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Can you explain a bit about how you got involved with faith formation and what you do to help with those efforts?

**Randy:** I have been involved with faith formation (formerly known as CCD or religious education) at St. Gertrude for over 20 years. It began when I was casually asked to help out as an assistant when my kids attended faith formation classes. Then, with encouragement from the faith formation team, I soon became a teacher. Most of my tenure with St. Gertrude has been as a classroom teacher, and this experience has been joyful, fulfilling, gratifying, and enriching. The support from St. Gertrude and the faith formation team through the years has been exceptional, and the kids that I have taught have been simply wonderful. I learn something from them and grow with them every day. I love going through the liturgical year with them from Advent through Christmas and Lent to Easter and celebrating sacraments together. Their enthusiasm, wonder, and awe for our faith is contagious.

**SGB:** How have you seen the ministry change over the years?

**Randy:** I don't think that the ministry has changed that much over the years, but I think that there are certainly more potential challenges for the kids with social media and access to endless content. We need to make an extra effort to make sure these kids all know that they are each special and that they are loved.

**SGB:** What are you most excited about for this year of ministry?

**Randy:** Recently (post-pandemic), we moved from the classroom setting to a group setting with the children and their families together. I am currently helping out Brad Bursa and Walter Plummer, director of adult formation and director of youth formation respectively, with the Family Faith program. While I do miss teaching in the classroom, I am excited that we are bringing the families together in faith formation. When we were in a classroom setting, I always tried to connect our discussions back to the families. Now, with the families together, we can facilitate that interaction and the sharing of our faith.

**SGB:** Let's shift gears. Can you tell us about your family and what you enjoy doing in your free time?

**Randy:** I grew up in Indianapolis, and my wife, Mary Beth, grew up in Merrillville, Indiana. We met at Purdue University and currently live in Mariemont. We have three grown children: Riley, Matthew, and Audrey. Our oldest, Riley, is engaged to be married this February to Chelsea. Mary Beth and I both enjoy being involved in our community and volunteer for a variety of organizations. I also enjoy playing tennis and golf, writing, and woodworking.

# 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](https://my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list). For more info about this and other fun junior high events, visit [stgertrude.org/jh](https://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  
Walter Plummer  
Director of Youth Formation  
[wplummer@stgertrude.org](mailto:wplummer@stgertrude.org)  
(513) 561-8369

Follow us @lalto\_jh



# REVITALIZE

Do you sense that God has something more planned for you, but you don't know what it is—or how to find it?

Join us for Revitalize, an invigorating 7-week formation program that will deepen your friendship with God and invite you to profoundly open your life to his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Program begins October 14!

Visit [stgertrude.org/revitalize](https://stgertrude.org/revitalize) for more information and to register. Space is limited.



ST GERTRUDE Church

**DO YOU PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY?**

We invite you to join the St. Gertrude chapter of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. **There will be a special enrollment ceremony for new members next Sunday, October 10, 2021, after the 12:00 p.m. Mass in the church.** At the ceremony, new members will receive a blessed medal, rosary, and candle. (To help us offset the cost of these items, please consider making a \$20.00 freewill offering.) If you would like to be enrolled in the St. Gertrude chapter, please RSVP for the enrollment ceremony by sending your name, address, and phone number to [rosary@stgertrude.org](mailto:rosary@stgertrude.org). To learn more about the confraternity, please visit [stgertrude.org/rosaryconfraternity](http://stgertrude.org/rosaryconfraternity) or [rosaryconfraternity.org](http://rosaryconfraternity.org).

**CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT**



The annual Catholic Men’s Advent Retreat, sponsored by the St. Gertrude 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. Stay tuned for more details.

**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**THE SICK:**

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Clyde Dorn, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Peter Fox, Dick Gelhaus, Matt 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, Mary Dianne Simon, 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**

Dorothy Kreuzman

**FALL PRAYER SHAWL WEEKEND**

The St. Gertrude Prayer Shawl Ministry will be offering prayer shawls and lap blankets before and after the 4:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses next weekend, October 9-10. If you or someone you know is in need of being wrapped in prayer, stop by our table for a wide selection of cozy, comforting items made with love.

**SVDP – YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES**

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, lives, and the hearts of those who are poor. Through your generosity, we touched the lives of 23 families in July, August, and through mid-September, helping people with everything from water and Duke bills to funeral expenses and food. Our coffers now need replenishing. You can contribute by placing money in the Poor Boxes located at the church entrances or sending a check (made out to St. Gertrude SVDP) to C/O St. Gertrude Church, 6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243. You can also drop off nonperishable food in the SVDP Food Barrel located just inside the sacristy door. We are currently low on canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, and hearty soups.

**SUPPORT THE CULTURE OF LIFE**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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 at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2021.



**ST. GERTRUDE WRESTLING TEAM**

All boys in K-8 are invited to join St. Gertrude’s first wrestling team! There will be an information meeting on Monday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria.

**CALLING ALL GIRLS IN GRADES 5-8**




The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild is an opportunity for fifth through eighth grade girls of St. Gertrude Church and School to be more tangibly involved in serving the parish community, to grow in their own faith life, and to learn about the various vocations God might be calling them to. Meetings begin October 9, and will be held once a month in the Parish Center

from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. The guild also welcomes high-school-age young ladies to serve as leaders and role models for the guild members. For more information or to be included in the monthly Guild News, please contact Ann McCormick at [ann.mccormick@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mccormick@gmail.com) or Ann Cordier at [cordiermom@gmail.com](mailto:cordiermom@gmail.com).

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

# Eucharistic Procession

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021



The Seventh Annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession in Downtown Cincinnati is on Saturday, October 16. It begins with an 8am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. The Eucharistic Procession begins at 9am and moves through downtown Cincinnati streets with a spirit of reverence and prayer. Father Jon-Paul Bevak will lead the 2-mile procession concluding with a final benediction at Old St. Mary's Church at 11am. We welcome **ALL CATHOLIC MEN** to participate in this great witness of our Catholic faith and in this wonderful blessing to our city.

CONTACT: DAVE WILLIG (513) 305-6719 or DOUG JAEGER (513) 417-2503  
 WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOLYNAMECINCINNATI

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## MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR INFERTILE COUPLES

All infertile married couples on the fertility journey are invited to attend the St. Gerard Morning of Reflection for Infertile Couples at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Cincinnati on October 16 (St. Gerard's feast day) from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Beginning with Mass, this free event will offer couples the opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Gerard, enjoy refreshments, and hear presentations in Loyola Hall after Mass. Featured speakers include Kimberly Henkel of Springs in the Desert and Dr. Jason Mattingly. No RSVP required.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. This year's 40 Days for Life is September 22 through October 31. St. Gertrude Church will participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign on Wednesday, October 13, at Planned Parenthood from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign up after Mass next weekend, October 9 and 10, to participate. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252, or visit [stgertrude.org/news/40daysforlife](http://stgertrude.org/news/40daysforlife).

ST. GERTRUDE LADIES OF CHARITY

# 2021 CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16  
 9 A.M.-3 P.M.  
 ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENTER  
 6543 Miami Ave.  
 Madeira, Ohio 45243

Unique, handmade crafts • Gift and vendor showcases  
 Items in all price ranges • Bake Sale • Concessions


## DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

The St. Gertrude Ladies of Charity are calling all bakers to help provide baked goods for the Bake Sale at their annual Craft & Gift Show on October 16, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off in the Parish Center beginning Friday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. Items may also be dropped off the day of the event. All proceeds go to help charities in the Cincinnati area. If you have any questions about the Ladies of Charity or any of our events, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

# "The death penalty is inadmissible


because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2267)



October is Respect Life Month. It is a crucial time for Catholics to recommit to upholding the sanctity of life and opposing broken systems that violate human dignity.

Visit [catholicsmobilizing.org/respect-life](http://catholicsmobilizing.org/respect-life) to find out how you can get involved in Ohio's first Death Penalty Abolition Week October 8-17, 2021,

 CATHOLIC MOBILIZING NETWORK



## **THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING**

**FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.**

*Part five in an 8-part series.*

Since last week, have you thought about the beauty of an iceberg? Since last week, have you considered everything that lies beneath the awesome vision of the tip of the iceberg? Have you found any resonance for that in your life? I hope you have. For me, the inner conversation never stops, and I question how things look on the outside: *Do I look happy? Do I seem distracted during Mass? Can you tell when I know something isn't quite right? The iceberg and its many levels: beautiful, or not so beautiful?*

### **The Way of Beauty**

Among the countless gifts given to us by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, I treasure most of all his liturgical theology and his teachings concerning music in the liturgy. (I'm sure that is not a shock to any of you!) In a radical departure from 40 years of liturgical renewal begun by the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict sounded the clarion call to consider the renewal of the liturgy as it was truly meant to be restored:

- rich liturgical texts
- music that is worthy of God and the sacred liturgy, music that bears the weight of the mysteries it signifies
- art, architecture, and vesture that lift our hearts and minds to God
- priests who prayerfully celebrate the sacred mysteries and preach from the wellspring of their personal prayer life

In short, Pope Benedict called us to discover, embrace, and live the way of beauty.

Many of you have spoken with me or written to me about the beauty you find in our parish's liturgy, and I heartily agree with you. Several years ago, a Dominican pastor shared these words with his congregation:

*As a Dominican parish, the beautiful and solemn celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass; faithful celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours; music that reaches for the transcendent; and prayerfully crafted, contemplative preaching serve as the foundation of our liturgical life.*

When I heard those words, I got a vision of what the liturgical life of every Dominican parish should strive to live. Here at St. Gertrude, you are blessed to live the reality of these words for a long while. I know that it is the fervent prayer and desire of our pastor, Father George, that such qualities of our Dominican parish continue to thrive and develop. Father John Mark and I join our prayer and desire to his.

Why is this way of beauty so important in our liturgical celebrations? Pope Benedict expresses it well:

*Sacred art by being true and beautiful should evoke and glorify the mystery of God made visible in Christ, and lead to the adoration and love of God, the Creator and Savior, who is the surpassing, invisible Beauty of Truth and Love.*

Everything about the liturgy is to lead us to an encounter with God; God who is truth and beauty itself. If our celebrations do not lead us to such an encounter, they only weaken faith, they do not enhance faith. Liturgical expediency and minimalism are the pandemic that infects the life of the Church and hampers, if not destroys, its efficacy. Liturgical beauty conquers ugliness, restores faith and forgiveness, and creates hope rather than despair.

May our prayer always be beautiful so we might encounter the beautiful face of God!

Do you have questions about the liturgy? Submit your question to [parishoffice@stgertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgertrude.org), and I will answer them in this column.

*The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that will be featured in our bulletin over the next 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.*





Monday, October 4	Tuesday, October 5	Wednesday, October 6	Thursday, October 7	Friday, October 8	Saturday, October 9	Sunday, October 10
<b>Beacons of Light Information Session</b> 10:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Children's Choir</b> 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Adult Choir</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center Music Room	<b>Cana Family</b> 9:45 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús</b> 4:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Into the Breach</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Prayer Shawl Distribution</b> <i>After All Masses</i> Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby
<b>Wrestling Program Information Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Lvl 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 3:30 p.m. School Atrium I	<b>Beacons of Light Information Session</b> 7:00 p.m. Gym	<b>Lvl 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 11:15 a.m. School Atrium I		<b>St. Anne &amp; Child Mary Guild</b> 9:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>40 Days for Life Sign-up</b> <i>After all Masses</i> Breezeway
<b>Beacons of Light Information Session</b> 7:00 p.m. Gym	<b>Lvl 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 5:00 p.m. School Atrium II	<b>Cub Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>SGS Rosary Procession</b> 6:30 p.m. Church		<b>Beacons of Light Information Session</b> 10:00 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Parish Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> <i>After 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m. Masses</i> Gathering Space
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church	<b>Cana Family Year 1</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		<b>Prayer Shawl Distribution</b> <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Little Flower Library Open</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m.
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)			<b>K of C Business Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. K of C Hall		<b>40 Days for Life Sign-up</b> <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Breezeway	<b>Family Faith</b> 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
						<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Atrium I & II
						<b>Parent/Child SGS Sacramental Formation</b> 1:30 p.m. School Atrium II
						<b>Confraternity of the Holy Rosary</b> 1:30 p.m. Church
						<b>L'alto: Confirmation</b> 7:00 p.m. Gym

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St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report

### Collection for September 26

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	38,765
Weekly Surplus	\$	3,471

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	458,822
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	435,356
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(23,466)

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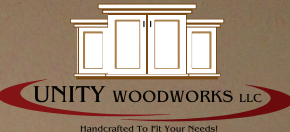


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