

Solemnity of All Saints
November 1

Commemoration of All Souls
November 2



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PSALM 24



OCTOBER 30, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, October 31, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Betty Schommer by Carol Carbonell
- 8 a.m. † Peggy Kindt by Paul D. Kindt
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

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

- 7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8 a.m. The Redmond Family by The Smithers Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Gerald DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner
- 7 p.m. † Margaretha Thung by Goedde Family

Wednesday, 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

Thursday, November 3,

Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains (F)

- 7 a.m. † Maria Xuan Dang by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. † Paul & Ella Mae Jacob by Tyler & Molly Castrucci
- 11:30 a.m. † Michelle Drolshagen by Gwen & PJ Arling

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

- 7 a.m. † Albert Grajeda by The Vasquez Family
- 8 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke
- 11:30 a.m. † Timothy Petric by Mary Petric

Saturday, November 5, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Romelia Reyes Saez & Euclides Bernal Saez
by The Henderson Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Dorothy Gillen by Ray & Marylyn Clark
- 4:30 p.m. † Anne Siebert by Katie Stoiber

Sunday, November 6, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Dave & Therese Hertlein
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Megan Johnson by The Connelly Family
- 6 p.m. † John Kinsella by Patrick Hensel

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 Souls' 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.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Wednesday, November 2 | 7 p.m.

St. Gertrude Church

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 year.

Mass will be celebrated in Latin (worship programs will be provided) and 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.**

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



In November 2023, St. Gertrude Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary! In preparation for our centennial, we will be hosting a variety of events during the coming year, and we invite you to join us for our first three festivities.

† Witness to the **Truth**: Vigil of the Saints
Monday, October 31, 2022 | 7:30 p.m. | Church

♥ The Power of **Goodness**: A Refugee Family from Ukraine Tells Their Story
Saturday, November 5, 2022 | 7 p.m. | Gym

🎵 A Night of **Beauty**: Visions of Eternity
Friday, November 11, 2022 | 7 p.m. | Church

Visit stgertrude.org/centennial for all the details.





THREE... TWO... ONE... LAUNCH!

As I write to all of you this week, I could not be more excited. Kick-off weekend for our year of preparation for our parish centennial has finally arrived. I am so looking forward to the next few weeks and the amazing liturgies and events that will be happening. And as we all begin together this “journey” of

preparation toward our 100th anniversary, there are two ideas that I would like to invite everyone to keep in mind throughout these first couple of weeks of centennial events: thanksgiving and grace.

We begin this Sunday with our centennial kick-off Mass, being celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Cardone. As many of you know, he is a Dominican friar of our province who was assigned here as a young parochial vicar. After his time at St. Gertrude, he responded to an invitation from God to leave his home country to serve in a land far away and became a missionary in the Solomon Islands. In 2016, he was appointed Archbishop of Honiara, the largest diocese in the Solomon Islands. His ministry is a testimony to his openness to the movement of God’s grace within him, and we are so thankful that he has been able to make the journey here to Madeira to celebrate with us this week.



Monday and Tuesday, we celebrate All Hallows’ Eve (All Saints Eve) and All Saints Day. In our special Halloween night prayer service, the Vigil of All Saints, and during our Masses on All Saints Day, we recognize all of those holy men and women who opened themselves to the power of God’s grace during their lifetimes and now “reign with Him forever” in heaven (Rev. 22:5). In celebrating these saints, we also appeal to them to intercede for us, thankful for the power of their intercession before the throne of God.

Wednesday, we celebrate the somber yet beautiful commemoration of all the faithful departed, more commonly called All Souls’ Day. It is a day of special prayer for our deceased whose

souls are in purgatory and whom we can assist along their journey to heaven by our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf. This day reminds us of the purifying and sanctifying power of God’s grace. It is also a day to be thankful for the sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross and the salvation that is possible because of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Finally, next Saturday, November 5, we welcome the Panivnyk Family, refugees from war-torn Ukraine, who will speak to us about their experience of fleeing their home and homeland because of the Russian invasion. They are an extraordinary family, and the strength of their faith in the midst of such trial is a testimony to the power of God’s grace to overcome the sufferings of this world. We are so thankful they were willing to come to Cincinnati to share their story with us.

There is much more coming, as well; more on the rest in next week’s letter!

Finally, one last thing. It seemed like this year of preparation would be the perfect time for all of us to become more acquainted with our patroness, St. Gertrude the Great. To help us with that, in every bulletin over the course of this next year we will be sharing a prayer, hymn, or a piece of prose written by St. Gertrude. May the beauty and wisdom of her writings be a source of grace for all of us. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



In Praise of 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: *Disputation of the Holy Sacrament*, Raphael (1509-10)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tuesday, November 1:** Gallery of Saints
- **Wednesday, November 9:** Open House; End of First Trimester
- **Thursday, November 10:** In-Service / No School
- **Friday, November 11:** In-Service / No School

A LOOK INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Our second graders have been participating in some fun activities in their classroom—and their teacher caught it all on camera. Here are photos of the students using watercolors to paint pictures of the mysteries of the rosary and playing a math review game.



OPEN POSITIONS

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022–2023 school year:

- Grades K-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist(s)
- Substitute teachers for grades K-8
- Latin teacher for grades 3-5 (part-time)

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of October 31, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



OUR CHICKEN COOP HAS A NEW FENCE

John Paul (JP) Schuette, a graduate of SGS and a senior at Moeller High School, recently completed—with the help of his boy scout troop—the construction of the new fence around our school's chicken coop. JP is a member of St. Gertrude Church's Boy Scout Troop 555 and built the fence for his Eagle Scout project. Thank you, JP, for all your hard work!



DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

Gather in Faith. Guide in Truth. Grow in Excellence.

Please join us for our Open Houses!

November 9, 2022

11 a.m.-1 p.m.
7-8 p.m.

January 29, 2023

1-3 p.m.

Visit stgertrudesch.org/open-house-rsvp to schedule your personal tour.



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The following article from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is a summary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*). As Christians, we are all called to evangelization and missionary discipleship, especially to care for those who are vulnerable, like mothers and children on the peripheries.



In the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), Pope Francis calls the Church to a new chapter of evangelization and invites every Christian to a life of missionary discipleship. The Holy Father writes that “the word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him ‘to go forth.’”¹ As those who have encountered Jesus, we are called to share the joy of the Gospel: “Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel.”²

Evangelii gaudium reflects on the example of Christ who himself knelt to wash the disciples’ feet. Like Jesus, an evangelizing community becomes involved in the lives of its people; “it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.”³ Parishes make manifest the presence of the Church in a local community and provide an environment to encounter God and grow in the Christian life. The parish is “a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.”⁴

The foundation of all our missionary efforts is the truth “that every person is worthy of our giving... because they are God’s handiwork, his creation.”⁵ God created human beings in his image and likeness, and every person reflects God’s glory: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.”⁶

Therefore, every Christian is called to “be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.”⁷ Pope Francis challenges the Church to be bold and creative in reassessing its approach to evangelization: “Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: ‘We have always done it this way.’”⁸

Instead, the Holy Father proposes a culture of encounter and accompaniment, “standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be.”⁹ With “patient

expectation and apostolic endurance”¹⁰ the art of accompaniment “teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5)”¹¹ and to show special preference for the poor, despised, and overlooked.

Pope Francis reminds us that “among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us.”¹² The defense of unborn life upholds “the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development.”¹³ Yet, the Holy Father acknowledges that the Church has often “done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish.”¹⁴

As members of the Church that “goes forth,” we are called to take the first step toward those in need – sharing in their lives, listening to their concerns, offering them both material and spiritual support. For “true faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others.”¹⁵ And while we may feel unequipped for such a mission, the Holy Father reminds us that “whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”¹⁶

Our mission as disciples of Christ Jesus “is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people.”¹⁷ For having received the love of Christ, how can we but share that love with others? “The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. Jn 16:22).”¹⁸ The evils of our world and challenges within the Church cannot diminish our commitment to missionary discipleship: “With the eyes of faith, we can see the light which the Holy Spirit always radiates in the midst of darkness.”¹⁹

The joy of the Gospel is for all people. May each of us seek to renew and deepen our relationship with God and strive “to meet every challenge as a leaven of Gospel witness.”²⁰



In response to Pope Francis’ call to share the joy of the Gospel, especially with those on the peripheries, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to walk in the shoes of local pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Through the initiative *Walking with Moms in Need*, parishes and dioceses are invited to join a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties. To learn more about this effort, visit walkingwithmoms.com.



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1 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013), 20.

3 *Ibid.*, 24.
4 *Ibid.*, 28.
5 *Ibid.*, 274.
6 *Ibid.*

7 *Ibid.*, 120.
8 *Ibid.*, 33.
9 *Ibid.*, 24.
10 *Ibid.*

11 *Ibid.*, 169.
12 *Ibid.*, 213.
13 *Ibid.*
14 *Ibid.*, 214.

15 *Ibid.*, 88.
16 *Ibid.*, 3.
17 *Ibid.*, 268.
18 *Ibid.*, 84.

19 *Ibid.*
20 *Ibid.*, 75.

VETERANS DAY COLLECTION

Next weekend, November 5 and 6, at all Masses, the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be holding its annual Veterans Day collection. For a list of acceptable donations, please visit stgertrude.org/koc. Monetary donations are also accepted. Thank you for your generosity!

CROSSES OF THE INNOCENTS

Thank you to everyone who helped the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council and the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry install 4,000 crosses on our front lawn last Saturday, October 22, in memory of the unborn who were lost to abortion. All are invited to help remove the crosses next Friday, November 4, at 7:30 a.m. The crosses will be loaded on a trailer and moved to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, where they will be installed on Saturday, November 5, 2022.



LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a lector or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? Join us next Saturday, November 5, in the St. Dominic Lobby (Parish Center) for training. Lector training is at 9 a.m., and EMHC training is at 10 a.m. All new liturgical ministers will be commissioned next Sunday, November 6, at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Father Joachim Kenney at frjoachim@stgertrude.org.

BAPTISM

Sunday, October 16, 2022



Child: Oliver Patrick Cremons
Parents: Daniel & Courtney

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED

Have you been searching for a way to serve in the parish? Volunteer to provide child care on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. so mothers of our parish can attend Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible Study. As a child care provider, you will help with setup and cleanup, Bible story time, snacks, and indoor play. Anyone 18 years old and older will need to complete the SafeParish edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training prior to volunteering. For more information, please contact Martha Thompson at (270) 217-3068 or wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For the month of September, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to pay rent for two single moms after one woman's significant other (who had been paying all the bills) died, and the other woman was unable to work because she was hospitalized with a new cancer diagnosis. We also provided them with Kroger gift cards and food from our food pantry. This month, we are currently working to provide a bed for a gentleman with spinal fractures who has been sleeping on the floor. As you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes located at the entrances of the church or nonperishable items in the food barrel just inside the side sacristy, please say a special prayer for these families that God will give them the strength to get through these difficult times.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Bob Perazzo, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Shari Siebert, Joseph Silvers, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, and Brigitte Vielhauer

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, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

All Our Beloved Dead

LADIES OF CHARITY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It's time again for the Ladies of Charity Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Next weekend, November 5 and 6, before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.), the Ladies of Charity will be at the entrances to the church handing out this year's list of requested items. You can drop off your items the weekend of November 12 and 13. Please note, this year's list is different from previous years, as we have been requested to provide any canned items in 15 oz. cans (except pineapple). Monetary donations (made payable to Ladies of Charity) are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your generosity; you are making it possible for those in need to have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

SEVEN SAINTS RELICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTERS

On Friday, November 4, from 2 to 8 p.m., St. Margaret of York (9499 Columbia Road, Loveland, OH 45140) will be hosting Seven Saints Relics, loaned to the parish by Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Come venerate the relics of some of the Church's favorite and much beloved saints (St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Mary Magdalene), as well as the relics of a few new saint friends (St. Dymphna, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and The Seven Martyrs of Thailand). For more information, please visit smoy.org/seven-saints.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT

On November 5, 6, and 7, Guardian Angels Church (6531 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati) will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles exhibition created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. This exhibit displays over 120 approved Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. Don't miss this opportunity to stop by the exhibit and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested himself in the Eucharist. In addition, Father Ryan Ruiz from Mount St. Mary's Seminary will give a 30-minute presentation on Eucharistic Miracles on Monday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the church. Admission is free for all three days. The exhibit will be open in the church gathering space on November 5 and 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and November 7 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

PROJECT RACHEL

The Project Rachel Ministry has helped women and men who have lost a child through abortion receive healing and forgiveness. Through this ministry, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for Respect Life Ministries offers weekend retreats and support groups for mothers and a Day of Reflection for anyone affected by abortion. For more information, please visit projectrachelohio.org, email hopeandhealing@gmail.com, or call the Project Rachel confidential helpline at (513) 784-0531.

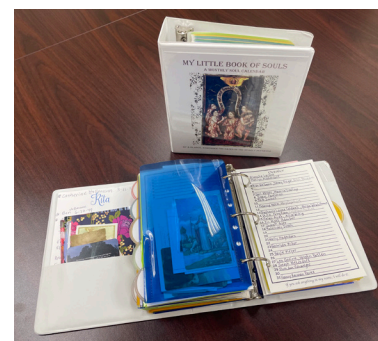


PASSING ON THE FAITH - WOMEN'S RETREAT

Take a break from the world and spend the day focused on God. Father Nathan Cromley will lead us in prayer, talks, adoration and Mass. Confession times will be available. All women are invited to take a break from the world and spend a day focused on God at the Passing on the Faith women's retreat on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (Loyola Hall). Led by Father Nathan Cromley, the retreat will include prayer, talks, adoration, Mass, and an opportunity to go to confession, as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$60. Register at bit.ly/FrNathanWomensRetreat2022. If you have any questions, please email frcwomensretreat@gmail.com or call (513) 205-9436.

GET ON THE SOUL TRAIN

Praying for your departed loved ones just got easier with parishioner Jeanne Johantges' My Little Book of Souls. This 9.5" x 8" monthly organizer provides pages (5" x 8") for you to write down the dates that your loved ones passed



away and contains pockets where you can keep their holy cards. Then, on their anniversaries, you'll be able to pray for your dearly departed in a special way. Each book is \$45, and \$5 from each purchase goes toward a Mass said for the holy souls in purgatory. Jeanne started this apostolate to encourage prayer and devotion to the holy souls, and assembles each book by hand. To purchase your My Little Book of Souls, please contact Jeanne at (513) 984-3688.

PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for the following positions in the Cincinnati area:

- RN/RDMS: Perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds
- Consultant: Work with women clients facing crisis pregnancies
- Men's Consultant: Mentor, coach, and educate fathers
- Community Relations Officer: Work with area organizations to ensure communities are aware of ENLC services

For more information and to apply, please visit elizabethnewlife.org/careers/.



**ELIZABETH'S
NEW LIFE CENTER**



ASK A PRIEST— THE AFTERLIFE

FATHER JOACHIM KENNEY, O.P.

Q: What happens to the body, theologically speaking, after physical death? We know and believe through the Church that the saints are now in heaven; do they have their bodies now, or must we all wait for the last day?

A: A human being is a body-soul composite. The soul is what animates the body, or in other words, is what makes it alive. The soul is immaterial and not dependent on the body for its existence. Therefore, when the soul departs the body at death, it continues to be. Our bodies decay, but our souls do not.

Death is a prospect that is, by turns, humbling and frightening. According to Benjamin Franklin's famous quip, death is one of only two certainties we have in this life (the other certainty being taxes). Since the dawn of history, people have pondered how to face death well and wondered what comes after it. Religion and philosophy are the two redoubts we have typically turned to for answers.

God has revealed to us that, though our bodies decay at death, death is a change and *not* the end of the line for us. Our souls continue in existence after death. Based on how we have lived our lives and whether we have chosen friendship with God at the end of them, our souls will either enter into eternal separation from God (hell) or eternal union with God (heaven). Most of those going to the latter state will get there after first spending time in purgatory, being purified of attachments to anything that does not lead us closer to God.

One of the core beliefs of Christianity is that our bodies will be raised up and reunited with our souls at the end of time. Until then, those who have departed from this world are in a state of "incompleteness," in the sense that their souls are existing without the body-soul composite that is natural to human beings. It sounds strange to many to think of our disintegrated bodies being reconstituted and reunited with our souls. How does a body that has decomposed all of a sudden come back together after hundreds or thousands or millions of years? Like many of the things God has revealed to us, it is



a mystery, but the God who brought us into existence out of absolute nothingness has the power to also put us back together again on the last day.

As we wait, the Church helps us to ponder these mysteries of life, death, and resurrection through the liturgy. In the celebrations of All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2, we're reminded of the companionship of the Communion of Saints and that we are not alone in facing or pondering these realities. All Saints Day—which we will begin celebrating in our parish with a special Vigil of the Saints prayer service on October 31 at 7:30 p.m.—gives us a taste of the joy that is to be had in heaven and is a special opportunity to ask the intercession of all those faithful who have entered eternal life. On All Souls' Day and for the rest of the month of November, we have the opportunity to pass on the favor by praying in a special way for the souls in purgatory, thereby helping them to be purified more quickly so they can enter into heaven sooner.

During November, often called the Month of the Dead, our thoughts are easily led to the faithful departed by the annual dying of so much in the natural world during this season. The Church builds on this natural rhythm and helps us reconcile with it by giving us the hope and support of one another's prayers. We can assist the souls in purgatory, especially through gaining indulgences for them. Indulgences take advantage of the "treasury of grace" Christ entrusted to the Church. By praying certain prayers and doing specific works stipulated by the Church, we can apply our merits to those in purgatory. Just like we can apply our material possessions to those in need, so also the Lord allows us to apply our spiritual riches to those who need them.

A plenary indulgence gains a soul full and immediate release from purgatory. Each person can gain one of these each day from November 1-8 by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. On All Souls' Day, we can also gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and devoutly praying the Our Father and the Creed. These plenary indulgences are gained provided the following conditions are met by the person seeking the indulgence:

1. have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
2. receive the **sacrament of Reconciliation**;
3. receive the **Holy Eucharist** (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence, only Holy Communion is required), and
4. recite **prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father** (one Our Father and one Hail Mary is suggested as a minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added).¹

¹ <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1178>

Ask a Priest is the regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

Monday, October 31	Tuesday, November 1	Wednesday, November 2	Thursday, November 3	Friday, November 4	Saturday, November 5	Sunday, November 6
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 2 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Removal of Crosses of the Holy Innocents 7:30 a.m. PC Front Lawn	Lector & Extraordinary Minister Training 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	KofC VA Collection <i>After all Masses</i> Outside Church
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Choir 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	NFP Instructor Meeting 10 a.m. PC Choir Room	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	LofC Thanksgiving Food Drive List Distribution <i>After all Masses</i> Outside Church
Vigil of the Saints 7:30 p.m. Church		Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		LoC Board Meeting 9 a.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Rosary Sales <i>After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses</i> St. Dominic Lobby
Vigil of the Saints Reception <i>Following Liturgy</i> Gym			Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room		Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting 10:50 a.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
			KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. KofC Hall		First Saturday Prayer Service 12 p.m. Church	Family Faith – Parent & Child Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
					KofC VA Collection <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
					LofC Thanksgiving Food Drive List Distribution <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	L'alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
					Ukrainian Family Talk 7 p.m. Gym	



Father Henry Stephan

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT



Join men of all ages for the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, "How to Live Honestly in a Time of Lies." The retreat, sponsored by St. Gertrude Church's Catholic Men's Fellowship group and led by Father Henry Stephan, O.P., will begin Friday evening, December 2, and conclude Saturday afternoon, December 3, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Come and discover how to live with peace of heart in a world that's gone off-kilter. Registration is open now through November 28—or until tickets sell out. Space is limited, so register today at buytickets.at/stgertrude or by scanning this QR code.

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Collection for October 23

Collection	\$	25,943
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(10,557)
2nd Collection – World Mission Sunday: \$4,275		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	553,369
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	620,500
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(67,131)

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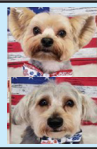
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