

**THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE.**

Matthew 21:42



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 8, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, October 9, St. Louis Bertrand, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. Become Catholic Ministry by The Isaacs Family
- 8 a.m. Wainscott & Scalo Family by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 10, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Donald J. Trump by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. The Pearson Family by Kim Burke
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary & Leonard Gruber by The Green Family

Wednesday, October 11, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mimi & Steve Leverone by Mary & Terry Smithers
- 8 a.m. † Barb Gesmundo by Mary & Jim Tappel
- 11:30 a.m. † Jon Sieve by Bill & Penny Cunningham

Thursday, October 12, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Brian O'Rourke by Patty & Jim Hook
- 8 a.m. † Frances LaPatka by Mike & Cindy Oliver
- 11:30 a.m. † Joan Glass by Catsy Bride

Friday, October 13, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † John Spilker by Mike & Ann Conlon
- 8 a.m. † Ray & Irene Woll by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. † Paul B. Sharpshair by Laura Potter & L'alto: High School

Saturday, October 14, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. Sophia Henderson by The Henderson Family
- 11:30 a.m. † William Clark by Marian Clark
- 4:30 p.m. † Virginia Goedde by The Goedde Family

Sunday, October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Terri Shannon by Knights of Columbus
- 10 a.m. † Dick Hartmann by Judy Hartmann
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Patricia R. Barnes by Tricia Speicher

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT! Pancakes, eggs, sausage

Gluten-free pancakes, dairy-free
scrambled eggs available



ENJOY BREAKFAST AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!

Sunday, October 15

Serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

St. Gertrude Gym

All proceeds will go toward
funding Elder Council's
charitable programs.

Cost*

\$30/family

\$9/adult

\$5/grades K-8

Children 5 and under free



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.



SENIOR'S FUN BUNCH

A group of men and women age 55+ that comes together for fellowship, activities, prayer, and education

Tracing its origin back to 1988, the Fun Bunch is back! Join us on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning October 17. Learn more at stgertrude.org/funbunch.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:15-2:30 p.m.

Optional 11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Gertrude Parish Center

We will gather for lunch, a special blessing from Father John Paul, and a presentation from the Cincinnati Zoo Birds of a Feather program.



THE JOURNEY FROM GUILT AND SHAME TO HOPE, HEALING, AND PEACE

With Issue 1 looming this coming November, anyone associated in any way with St. Gertrude Church has known how much we have been discussing abortion around the parish these past weeks and months. As pastor, I am so proud (and so thankful) we have so many of our parishioners

who have been leading the charge to defeat this proposed amendment, not just here but throughout the Greater Cincinnati area.

Today, I'd like to reflect on a very different facet of the legacy of abortion: how many profoundly wounded and regretful women (and men) it has left in its wake. There is a saying that hits this truth very accurately: "Every abortion leaves two casualties: one dead, and one wounded." This is especially true when a Catholic woman has made the choice to have an abortion.

I have seen this reality with my own eyes. I've had many conversations with women who have made this choice in their pasts. One described how, in the grocery store, she could not walk down the aisle that had diapers and other baby items without beginning to cry. Another told me that if she was watching TV and a show depicted a baby or a pregnant mom, she had to change the channel or else leave the room. A coworker of mine took a phone call on a hotline, where a 74-year-old woman broke down and could barely talk. She had had an abortion at age 17 and had never told another soul about it—not even her husband of 50+ years. She had been carrying around the guilt, regret, and utter shame of that decision totally alone for her entire life.

It doesn't have to be this way. *It ought not to be this way.*

In 1995, Pope St. John Paul II released an encyclical called *The Gospel of Life*. Towards the end of that encyclical, in paragraph n. 99, the saintly pope wrote these poignant words:

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

I would implore anyone reading this who has made this choice in the past and has not yet had this sin lifted in the sacrament of Reconciliation to do so. I can promise that anyone who comes to us at St. Gertrude for confession will not be yelled at, berated, belittled, or condemned. What you will receive is a warm welcome to be free of this burden and the experience of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

However, for many women, even receiving forgiveness and sacramental absolution doesn't fully heal the wound in your heart you carry. So often, there is healing that needs to happen on other levels. For anyone experiencing those continual wounds, I beg you to reach out to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Project Rachel ministry. According to their website, "The Project Rachel Ministry helps women and men journey to hope and healing by discovering God's love and grace through

a network of spiritual counselors, advocates, and peer-to-peer ministry." Through a variety of options ranging from one-on-one counseling to support groups to special retreats for post-abortive women, our local Project Rachel offers multiple avenues to help women (and men), whether Catholic or not, to heal their wounded heart to find hope, healing, and peace so they can move on with life and not be haunted by a decision from their pasts. You can find more information at projectrachelohio.org and can confidentially reach out to them via email at hopeandhealingcinci@gmail.com or by phone at (513) 784-0531.

If you don't need this information yourself, I ask you to please pass it along to someone you know who might. Everyone who has been through an abortion deserves to know the peace and love of Christ. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

CENTENNIAL GALA

Live Auction Spotlight:

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame
Reds Experience Package**

Donated by the Bell Family and McCormick Equipment Co.

With this incredible package, you will:

- receive four pre-game batting practice passes and be able to interact with Cincinnati Reds players
- enjoy an all-inclusive game day experience for four in Club level seating with access to Bally Sports Club all-you-care-to-eat buffet and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages
- get a Reds Vineyard Vine bag with different kinds of Reds items, including shirts, a hat, bobble heads, and a bottle of New Riff Kentucky bourbon

Package cannot be used on 2024 Opening Day

November 3, 2023 | 6:30-10:30 p.m. | Manor House

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

COVER IMAGE: *The mosaic of Jesus on the cross after Velasquez in the church Chiesa di Santa Maria Addolorata designed by from Mosaic school of Montepulciano (1960).*



**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
MICHELLE SCHNEIDER**

This week, St. Gertrude Bulletin chatted with St. Gertrude School alumni Michelle Schneider (Class of 1968). Michelle, a St. Gertrude Church parishioner, is engaged in parish life, pro-life and political work. She was the mayor of Madeira from 1997 to 1998 and was elected to the Ohio state legislature in 2001, serving for eight years. She was the majority whip—a position in

which few women have served. Here she shares a few highlights from her time at SGS and advice for our current students.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: What is a favorite memory of your time at St. Gertrude School?

Michelle Schneider: My favorite memory of my time at St. Gertrude School is all the lifelong friends I made and how we distinctly stood up every morning saying a prayer out loud followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. That simple act not only deepened my faith and trust in God but also deepened my love for America. It made me proud to be an American.

SGB: Did you have a favorite teacher? Why was he or she special?

Michelle Schneider: I had many favorite teachers, but one that I remember best is Miss Love. She taught geography, and I was fascinated by all the places in the world that I wanted to visit. She also had funny sayings that I didn't understand at the time, but I remember to this day one of them was "you pull your little red wagon, and I'll pull mine."

SGB: How did your St. Gertrude School education prepare you for higher studies, your career, and ultimately for life?

Michelle Schneider: St. Gertrude School had a profound effect on my life by giving me a solid foundation. It has solidified my faith in God and taught me that Jesus is always with me; I should not be afraid, and I should pray every day.

SGB: What is your wish for today's St. Gertrude School students?

Michelle Schneider: My wish for today's St. Gertrude School students is that they will study hard, prepare themselves for today's world, and appreciate all the things that they have—the love and deep-rooted education that will serve them well the rest of their lives.

SGB: What is one piece of advice you have for today's St. Gertrude School students?

Michelle Schneider: My one piece of advice for today's St. Gertrude School students is to study hard and deepen their faith by loving Jesus and praying daily. Trust Jesus, and when you are in times of stress or anxiety, picture Jesus holding your hand. He's always with you. If he's for you, you cannot fail. Trust him.

STAY IN TOUCH

Did you or your children attend St. Gertrude School? We want to connect with you! Scan the QR code to sign up for the latest updates and stay in touch!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

On Friday, September 29, all of our students participated in Make a Difference Day (MADD). Here are a few highlights from their MADD activities:

- Kindergarten and first grade students had a visitor from Catholic Charities and wrote "welcome letters" for immigrants and refugees served by Catholic Charities.
- Fourth grade students worked on campus cleanup, engaging in activities such as cleaning up the chicken coop and weeding school and church flower beds.
- Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students visited Gate of Heaven Cemetery. They began with a prayer service in the chapel for the souls in purgatory and then spent the remainder of their morning cleaning headstones and tidying any unkept graves.



Discover the St. Gertrude School Difference

FALL PREVIEW DAYS

Prospective parents and students are invited to join us for Fall Preview Days:

October 25 | 9-11 a.m.
November 8 | 9-11 a.m.

Meet our principal, observe classes, and talk with current parents of SGS students. Scan the QR codes to RSVP or to schedule a personal tour.



RSVP for Preview Day



Schedule a Personal Tour





**MEET THE TEAM:
JACOB DUMMERMUTH**

Every so often, the St. Gertrude Bulletin features an interview with a member of St. Gertrude Church's staff. This weekend, we're highlighting Mr. Jake Dummermuth, our new junior high math teacher, one of our football coaches, and our first athletic director, who joined the team this year.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Would you please tell us a little bit about yourself?

Mr. Dummermuth: My name is Jacob Dummermuth, and this is my first year at St. Gertrude School and Church. I attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School in Dover, OH, and graduated from Dover High School in 2013. My oldest and youngest siblings, Rachel and Matthew, live in the Cincinnati area while my younger sister resides on the East Side of New York City. I obtained my bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood Education in 2018 from Ohio University and headed south to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to begin my teaching career. At Bluffton Middle School, I taught four different sections of math, coached football and basketball, and was the school's athletic director for two years. It was a great start to my career; however, I knew I wanted to be closer to home. I left South Carolina in May of this year and made my way to Madeira to become a part of the St. Gertrude family. It has been such a great two months of school, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year brings!



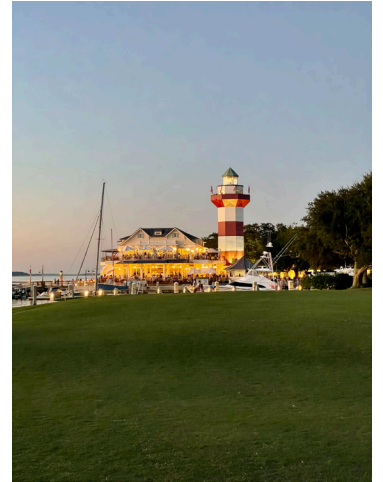
SGB: What are you most looking forward to about teaching, coaching, and being the athletic director at St. Gertrude?

Mr. Dummermuth: I have always had "busy hands" and enjoy taking on different roles. I am currently teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math, assisting Rob Gruber and the athletic boosters as the school's first athletic director, and coaching the Reserve football team (5th-6th grade). On top of these responsibilities, I am working on obtaining my master's degree in educational administration from Xavier University. The St. Gertrude and Xavier communities have been so welcoming and encouraging since day one. It has been a pleasure getting to connect with them, and I am looking forward to working with the adults and students in these different activities.

SGB: What are your hopes and dreams for the St. Gertrude Parish athletic program?

Mr. Dummermuth: As the athletic director at St. Gertrude Parish, my vision is to cultivate a vibrant and inclusive athletic program that not

only promotes physical fitness but also nurtures the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and the development of virtue in our student-athletes. I envision a community where every student has the opportunity to discover their passions for sports, whether as athletes, coaches, or enthusiastic supporters. Through a commitment to excellence in coaching, facilities, and resources, we will strive to achieve both competitive success and personal growth for our student-athletes. Our programs will not only foster a love for the game but also form young men and women of virtue that will serve our students well beyond the playing field.



SGB: What do you like to do for fun?

Mr. Dummermuth: I love to be outside and active whenever I can be. I thoroughly enjoy playing golf, coaching, exercising, and traveling!

Save the Date

**ST. GERTRUDE
PARISH
MINISTRY FAIR**

**Stop by our Ministry Fair to
discover where you can share your
God-given gifts with the parish.**

**OCTOBER 7 & 8
AFTER ALL MASSES
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM**

Learn about each ministry, program,
group, and organization at
stgertrude.org.

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 outside of Planned Parenthood to end abortion. From September 27 to November 5, our community will unite with many others for this campaign. St. Gertrude Church will participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign on Tuesday, October 17, at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue), from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up after any Mass next weekend, October 14 and 15, to participate. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252. If you would like information about getting involved outside of St. Gertrude Parish, contact Mary Clark at (513) 791-4039, (513) 365-2606, or cincy40days@fuse.net. Take time to pray, and ask God to show you his plans for your involvement.

GIFT OF LIFE LAYETTE

During October (Respect Life Month), a Pack ‘n Play will be outside the Relic Chapel in the church to collect donated new baby items for Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center, which serves mothers and babies in Over-the-Rhine. **This year, diapers in sizes 5 & 6 and pull-ups are needed—please no newborn diapers or sizes 1, 2, or 3.** Cotton hooded bath towels/washcloths, baby shampoo, lotion, baby wipes, formula, and baby bottles are also appreciated. With winter approaching, there is a need for winter coats in sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T, hats and mittens, onesies, sleepers, and socks. New items only, and no books or toys. Thank you for your generosity!

BULLDOGS BASKETBALL & WRESTLING

It’s that time of year again—time to sign up your children for St. Gertrude Parish’s boys basketball and wrestling programs! Please visit stgertrude.org/athletics for more information about each sport and to register.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

St. Gertrude Boy Scout Troop 555 is selling Christmas wreaths/sprays and other decorations from Mickman Brothers. The wreaths will be available to order after all Masses the weekend of October 21 and 22. The wreaths are set to be delivered the weekend of November 18th, just in time for those who like to start decorating right after Thanksgiving! Payment (cash/check) is due when you place your order. If you have any questions, please contact a Troop 555 scout you know or Mary Jo Schuette at (513) 207-1836 or Mjschuette2@gmail.com.

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.



#UNBREAKABLE RECAP

Saturday, September 23, was our centennial #Unbreakable father/son event. Forty-nine dads and seventy-five sons came together for fun games and activities, pizza, and an awesome talk from Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz on being an engaged dad. The weather was perfect, and everyone had an amazing time—thanks to the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195, boy scout leaders, our Athletic Boosters president, a youth coach, and all who gave of their time!



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Simon Berry, Vicki Calonge, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Debbie Van Hise, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, Ann Walker and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, 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:

† Teddie Slaper
† John Bough, Jr., son of John & Hilda Bough

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



Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena

for defeat of this dangerous amendment

This week the Glorious Mysteries will be prayed Sunday through Wednesday, followed by 9 days of praying the Joyful Mysteries.

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



40 HOURS DEVOTION

The Community of the Good Shepherd Parish (8815 E Kemper Road) invites you to celebrate 40 Hours Devotion in the parish chapel beginning Wednesday, October 11, and ending Sunday, October 15. Registration is not required, but we ask that you kindly sign up on our parish website at good-shepherd.org. Just click on the National Eucharistic Revival icon and you'll find the schedule of times. Your name will not be visible. Door number 5 is the closest door to the parish chapel.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Unclear on Issue 1? Not sure how to vote? Come listen to Peter Ranger, CEO of Ohio Right to Life, thoroughly explain Issue 1 on October 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Parish gym (5720 Hamilton Mason Rd., Liberty Township). This event is free to attend; there will be a freewill offering benefitting Protect Women Ohio (not a 501(c)(3) organization). To RSVP, visit saint-max.org/yourvotematters.

Annual Cincinnati Rosary Crusade



**Saturday, October 14, 2023
10-11:30 p.m.
Bechtold Park
4312 Sycamore Road**

For more information, please contact Patrick and Mary Ashcraft at (513) 793-5872 or patashcraft@earthlink.net

AmericanTEP.org

ST. GERARD MORNING OF REFLECTION

Married couples experiencing a season of infertility are invited to the third annual St. Gerard Morning of Reflection next Saturday, October 14, from 8:15 to 11 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (7820 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati). This special morning of prayer, reflection, and community will include Mass with the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of St. Gerard, the patron saint of mothers, followed by presentations, and fellowship. This is a free event. Please RSVP no later than October 14, 2023. Walk-ins are welcome. A light breakfast will be provided following Mass.

GOLDEN EVENING FOR LIFE

Please join us for the Golden Evening for Life (50th Anniversary of Cincinnati Right to Life) on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Sharonville Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a social hour, followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature former abortionist Dr. John Bruchalski, musician Mike Donehey, activist Mark Houck, and survivor Rebecca Kiessling. The emcee for the evening will be Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN. Reservations are required; please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org or call (513) 728-7870.

CATHOLIC MEN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The ninth annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession will be held on Saturday, October 21. The event will begin with 8 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Men will then process with the Eucharist through downtown Cincinnati, concluding at 11 a.m. with final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church. Join the seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other Catholic men of all generations, and invite your father, sons and friends—we expect the largest turnout yet this year! Please contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or davidwillig@gmail.com if you have any questions.

DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

The St. Gertrude Parish Ladies of Charity calls all bakers to help with the Bake Sale at their annual Craft and Gift Show on October 21, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off in the Parish Center beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 20, or on the day of the event. All proceeds from the event go to help charities located around the Cincinnati area. If you have any questions about the Ladies of Charity or about any of our events, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

CALLING ALL CANA AND FAMILIA GRADUATES AND PARTICIPANTS!

Cana Family Institute, formerly known as Familia, is hosting its first Annual Cana Banquet on **Friday, November 17**, at the Manor House in Mason. The evening will be a time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones while celebrating strong Catholic marriages and families. Please join us to support Cana Family's vision and meet the local and national staff. For more information and to register, visit the event page at canafamilyinstitute.com/cincinnatiabanquet.



ASK A PRIEST—SATAN AND THE DEVIL

FATHER DAVID ENDRES,
PROFESSOR AT
MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY &
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Q: Do Catholics believe in the existence of Satan? Is Satan the same as the devil?

A: A significant number of Christians do not believe in Satan. They consider him representative of evil, but not an active being. Yet the Catholic tradition has long acknowledged the existence of Satan and associated with him evil presences that seek to undermine humanity's relationship with God.

VARIOUS NAMES

The Evil One has various names. The most common terms include Satan, from the Hebrew verb meaning "to oppose," and the devil, from the Greek word for "accuse" or "calumniate." These names are used frequently in the Bible, and Satan, Lucifer, the devil, the tempter, or the Evil One are usually synonymous in the Scriptures and Christian writings.

Demons and other evil spirits are related to the Evil One. When Satan rebelled against God, many angels joined in his rebellion. These fallen angels, now called demons, share in Satan's opposition to God and actively work to tempt and deceive humanity.

ANGELS AND DEMONS

Belief in Satan is based on the understanding that God created both the angelic and the earthly. We confess this whenever we say the Creed: "I believe in . . . things visible and invisible."

Satan, one of the invisible creatures, is a fallen angel. The Church teaches that God created the devil and other demons as good, as angels, but they became evil "by their own doing." Through their own choice, they "radically and irrevocably rejected God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 391-392).

Though invisible, the devil and other fallen angels are no less real. Pope Paul VI related that "evil is not merely the absence of something but an active force." There are many demons, but there is principally one (Satan) who rules. Together, they comprise "a

whole mysterious world, convulsed by a most unfortunate drama about which we know very little" (General Audience, November 15, 1972).

GOD SAVES

Jesus came to save humanity from sin and death. His name means "God saves." The early Church interpreted His coming as the means to destroy Satan and his works. As St. John relates, "The Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn. 3:8). It is fitting that Jesus went head-to-head with Satan just before beginning his public ministry. After successfully enduring three temptations, Jesus said, "Get away, Satan!" and the devil left him (Mt. 4:1-11).

But this was not the end of Jesus' dealing with the Evil One. Many of His healings in the Gospels involved persons possessed by the devil. Notice how Jesus interacts with the forces of evil: He commands the evil spirits to leave. Whether one or many, they depart. In a most dramatic scene, Jesus sends demons into a herd of pigs, who then rush into the sea where they are drowned (Mt. 8:28-32).

EVIL DOES NOT WIN

Satan and his demons are powerful, but this does not mean they cannot be defeated. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, Satan has been overcome. The Church, through Christ, has power over evil. This is seen in the blessings offered by the Church and in special rites called exorcisms that sanctify persons and objects, commanding evil to flee.

Why God has permitted Satan to have influence here on earth is not known, but we need not fear. Through the power of Christ, we can have victory over Satan's temptations. We need only call upon Him in faith, as we pray so often in the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

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PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer for Those Discerning Ministries

O Lord Jesus, may the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten, inflame, and guard my sense and my heart, that I may be enabled to carry out my ministries according to your will, and be fortified and defended against every assault of temptation. Amen.

Monday, October 9	Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11	Thursday, October 12	Friday, October 13	Saturday, October 14	Sunday, October 15
Parish Office Closed	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	St. Gertrude School No School	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	40 Days for Life Sign-ups At all Masses Outside Church
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	KofC Pancake Breakfast Serving 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Parish Center
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			40 Days for Life Sign-ups After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II					Family Faith – Child Only Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 6:30 p.m. Church	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					NFP class 1 p.m. St. Joseph Room
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden						L’alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Gym
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room						

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for October 1

Collection	\$ 47,782
Weekly Budget	\$ 37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$ 10,782
Second Collection – Respect Life: \$7,513	
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 495,106
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 518,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$ 22,894)

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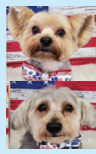
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