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YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU.

LUKE 17:19



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

October 9, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, October 10, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jane Thole by Lou Thole
- 8 a.m. † Mary Teller by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 11, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Phil, Mary & Ann Roysce
- 8 a.m. † Theodore Bogios by Jane Hazelton
- 11:30 a.m. † Maria Alexander by Benny Alexander

Wednesday, October 12, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Elaine Kenny by Richard & Paula Maxwell
- 8 a.m. † Betty Schommer by The Resurrection Choir
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Nancy DeBrunner

Thursday, October 13, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Frannie & Zach White by Heidi & Ron Sparer
- 8 a.m. † Jim Mahon by Mike & Beth Stoll
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Denise Leary by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Friday, October 14, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Luke Mechmann by The Vasquez Family
- 8 a.m. Loretta & Michael Ohmer by Denise & Steve Kazee
- 11:30 a.m. † William Clark by Marian Clark

Saturday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus (M)

- 8 a.m. † Thomas J. Reilly by Tricia Speicher
- 11:30 a.m. † Dick Hartmann by Judy Hartmann
- 4:30 p.m. † Robert J. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer

Sunday, October 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Charles Dollenmayer by Doug & Robin Postler
- 10 a.m. † Aida Gort by The Nieto Family
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Anne & Bob Siebert by Shari Siebert

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

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | www.stgertrude.org

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.



ROSARY SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them and their families on October 18 to pray the rosary and listen to Dr. Robert Endorf give a talk entitled "Are Science and Religion Compatible? Has Science Eliminated the Need for God?"

Dr. Endorf is an emeritus professor of physics from the University of Cincinnati and taught and performed research at the university for 45 years. He is a perpetually professed member of the Lay Dominicans, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Society of Catholic Scientists.

ROSARY
7 p.m. | Church

PRESENTATION
7:30 p.m. | Parish Center
Refreshments will be provided.

UPDATE FROM FATHER GEORGE

Dear Parishioners of St. Gertrude Church:

Thank you for the warm send-off with Mass and a reception on September 25. I am honored and humbled by the words of gratitude, encouragement, and testimony regarding my time as pastor of the parish. I have moved to St. Dominic Priory in Washington, D.C., and late last week received an appointment from Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, to be pastor of St. Dominic Church (stdominicchurch.org). I was pastor here from 2011 to 2018 and am happy to return to serve the small parish community here in a very urban setting. I live within the Dominican community of 35 friars—deacons, newly-ordained priests, and other friars of multiple generations.

My address is:

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.

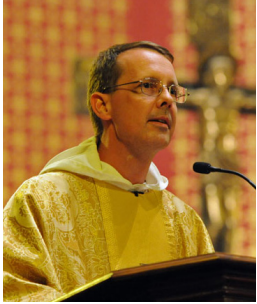
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Let us love one another and pray for each other,
Father George, O.P.



**EXCITING NEWS!
ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF A
YEAR OF PREPARATION FOR OUR
PARISH CENTENNIAL**

Just over a year from now, on the Feast of St. Gertrude the Great (November 16, 2023), our parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Major anniversaries like this are a time of profound graces and blessings.

To help us prepare for this historic anniversary, we will be holding a variety of events during the year ahead. A group of parishioners has been working very closely with me in planning these events, and we are now able to announce some amazing things that will be happening over the next two months to kick off our centennial preparation year.

KICK-OFF MASS *Sunday, October 30 | 10 a.m.*

We are honored to have the Most Reverend Christopher Cardone, O.P., Archbishop of Honiara (Solomon Islands), as the celebrant and homilist for the Mass that will officially begin our centennial preparation year. As many of you know, Archbishop Cardone is a member of our Dominican Province of St. Joseph and served at St. Gertrude Church as a young priest before he began his missionary work. There will be a reception with the archbishop following Mass.

**THREE WEEKS, THREE EVENTS:
TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS**

During the three weeks between the opening Mass with Archbishop Cardone and our parish's celebration of St. Gertrude's feast day this year, we will have one major event each week, focusing on one of the three "transcendentals" of truth, beauty, and goodness.

WITNESS TO TRUTH: THE VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS

Monday, October 31 | 7:30 p.m.

This special liturgy will be an evening of focusing on the varying ways saints throughout history have witnessed to the truth of our faith. The prayer service will include hymns, multiple readings from the lives and writings of the saints, night prayer (Compline), and a candlelight procession with relics. A festive reception will follow the prayer service.

THE POWER OF GOODNESS: CHARITY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING – A UKRAINIAN FAMILY SHARES THEIR STORY

Saturday, November 5 | 7 p.m.

Over six months ago, the armies of Russia invaded the nation of Ukraine, causing untold suffering and leading to millions of Ukrainian refugees fleeing their homeland. Our parish will welcome one such refugee family who will share not only their first-hand account of the horrors of the situation in Ukraine, but also how the goodness and charity of so many allowed them to survive and eventually find their way to the United States to begin their life anew.

A NIGHT OF BEAUTY: VISIONS OF ETERNITY - ORGAN MUSIC FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO THE PRESENT

Friday, November 11 | 7 p.m.

Our new parish music director, Dr. Christopher Holman, presents a concert of organ music composed for the liturgy, performed chronologically from the earliest keyboard music ever written to the present. The concert will culminate with the world premiere of a newly-composed piece based on the Dominican chant, *Salve Regina*, by acclaimed British composer Caitlin Harrison.

ST. GERTRUDE FEAST DAY MASS & PROCESSION

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

We will have a solemn Mass for the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, followed by a candlelight procession around the parish grounds.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 19 | 5:30 p.m.

All are invited to a festive celebration of our parish patroness, featuring authentic German food, live music, and plenty of fun to be had by all!

More information on all of these events will be available soon. These events are just the beginning—many more will be announced during the months ahead. I can't wait to pray and celebrate with all of you during the upcoming year.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

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



"I have become interiorly united with God. His presence penetrates me to my very depths and fills me with peace, joy and amazement. After such moments of prayer, I am filled with strength and an extraordinary courage to suffer and struggle. Nothing terrifies me, even if the whole world should turn against me. All adversities touch only the surface, but they have no entry to the depths, because God, who strengthens me, who fills me, dwells there. All the snares of the enemy are crushed at His footstool. During these moments of union, God sustains me with His might. His might passes on to me and makes me capable of loving Him. A soul never reaches this state by its own efforts." (*Diary, #480*)

COVER IMAGE: *Jesus healing the leper, Doze (1824)*

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tuesday, October 11, 2022:** Picture Retake Day
- **Wednesday, October 12, 2022:** Parent/Teacher Conferences; 1:30 p.m. Dismissal
- **Thursday, October 13, 2022:** Parent/Teacher Conferences; 1:30 p.m. Dismissal
- **Friday, October 14, 2022:** No School
- **Saturday, October 22, 2022:** Daddy/Daughter Dance
- **Friday, October 28, 2022:** Trunk or Treat

WALKATHON RECAP

On Friday, September 30, we held our 2022 Walkathon. It was a beautiful day, and the students did a great job walking their laps as teachers and parents cheered—and even did some walking themselves! The students raised a total of \$28,771, with 94 percent of the students participating.



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)

Please visit stgertrude.org/employment to view the job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of October 10, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed on Friday.

4TH GRADE EGG DROP

During the past two to three weeks, our fourth graders have been building “egg landers,” contraptions made out of various household goods (like balloons, cardboard, plastic bags, bubble wrap, etc.) that would protect an egg against a fall from St. Gertrude School’s roof. Last week, the students conducted their final tests of their landers. Out of the 13 groups, eight of the landers successfully protected the egg!



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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When watching the news and reading the headlines, you may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How should you respond when your efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death? The following excerpt from “Homily of the Holy Father John Paul II” answers this fundamental question and explains that changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts.

HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

Our Christian Identity

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.”[1]

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

Our Mission as Christians

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

Missionary Discipleship

This doesn’t necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: “Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization.”[2]

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we’re more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Identity Crisis

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

Our Response

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ’s love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

A Culture of Life

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God’s love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

[1] John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.

[2] USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

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2022-2023 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

LAST CALL

Is your child interested in playing a sport this winter? Sign him or her up for basketball! St. Gertrude Parish's boys and girls basketball teams are open to all boys and girls of the parish who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Girls will start practices in mid-October, and the season will finish in mid-January 2023; boys will start practices in November and finish the season in mid-February 2023. Final registration ends October 16. For more information, detailed timelines, and to register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org/registration.

BULLDOGS WRESTLING OPEN MAT NIGHT

Is your son in grades 4-8 and interested in joining the Bulldogs wrestling team? We invite him to come to our Open Mat Night to give wrestling a try and see what it's like to be part of the team! The Open Mat Night is on Monday, October 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center (552 Main Street, Milford, Ohio 45150). To sign up, please email our program coordinators, Jonathan Fritinger and Alex Linz, at bulldogwrestling413@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION 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.



BAPTISM

Sunday, September 25, 2022



Child: Cosette Frances Molnar
Parents: Molly & Andrew Molnar

GIFT OF LIFE COLLECTION

As is a long-standing tradition, a Pack 'N Play has been placed outside the Holy Family Chapel in the church to collect donated new baby items throughout the month. Requested items include diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, onesies, sleepers, blankets, bottles, formula, etc. The items will be delivered to Old St. Mary's pregnancy center in Over-the-Rhine, which provides counseling, catechesis, and critically-needed baby items to urban, underserved mothers.

LAY DOMINICAN FORMATION CLASS STARTS IN OCTOBER!

Do you love the Dominicans? Are you looking to deepen and strengthen your spiritual life through closer association with them? Did you know that there are lay people who live the Dominican way of life—and they're right here at St. Gertrude Church? The Bishop Fenwick Chapter of Dominican Laity at St. Gertrude is kicking off a new formation class in October. Please contact Joan Ratajczak at jsratajczak@gmail.com if you are interested.

ROSE DETHORNING

Thank you to all the families that helped us dethorn the roses for Rosary Sunday on Friday, September 30. We couldn't have picked a more beautiful day for this special tradition.



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 Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Ed Kinney, husband of Ruth and All Our Beloved Dead

DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

The St. Gertrude Church Ladies of Charity are calling all bakers to help provide baked goods for the Bake Sale at their annual Craft and Gift Show on October 15, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Parish Center beginning Friday, October 14, at 2 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!

CATHOLIC MEN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

All men are invited to join in the 8th Annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The procession will begin with 8 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Following Mass, there will be a two-mile procession through downtown Cincinnati, ending with final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. The procession will be led by Father Jon-Paul Bevak and the priests of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. For more information, please contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or Doug Jaegar at (513) 417-2503 or visit [facebook.com/HolyNameCincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameCincinnati).

ST. GERARD MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati invites all married couples carrying the cross of infertility to attend the second annual morning of prayer, reflection, and friendship on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. The event, held at St. Susanna Catholic Church (616 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45050), will include Mass and the opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Gerard, patron saint of mothers. Following Mass, enjoy a light breakfast, hear inspiring reflections from our speakers, and engage in fellowship with those experiencing a similar season of life. This is a free event, but registration is required. Please RSVP by October 10, 2022, at [centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/st-gerard-morning-of-reflection](https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/st-gerard-morning-of-reflection).

ADDITIONAL PREPLANNING SEMINAR DATE & TIME

Due to the number of requests, Gate of Heaven Cemetery has added another preplanning seminar on October 18, 2022, at three convenient times: 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and can be helpful in communicating your wishes to loved ones, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar time you plan to attend. The seminar will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in the Administration Building Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).

LEARN ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES' WORKS OF MERCY

Please join Catholic Charities at St. Susanna Church (616 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040) on Monday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and a formal presentation of our programs and services. As your Catholic Charities agency, we want to update you about our work, through personal testimonies of how our services impact peoples lives. We look forward to sharing with you our new five-year strategic plan—our vision for advancing God's love throughout our region. Whether you are already familiar with Catholic Charities or not, there will be plenty of new information for everyone and time for Q&A. All are welcome!

EVENING FOR LIFE 2022 BANQUET

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's first post-Roe Evening for Life on Thursday, October 20, 2022, 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. Anna Mitchell from Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN will be the emcee for the evening, and Sister Deirdre Byrne will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$75/person and \$35/student; reservations are required. Visit [CincinnatiRightToLife.org](https://www.CincinnatiRightToLife.org) for more information, or contact (513) 728-7870 to reserve your spot.

UPCOMING RETREAT

Are you in need of spiritual renewal? Attend the "Proclaiming the Kingdom of God - The Gospel of St. Matthew" retreat at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH 45660) the weekend of October 21-23, 2022. The wooded hillside, trails, and more present a perfect opportunity to spend more time in prayer and deepen your relationship with God. Guest rooms are available, meals are provided, and the cost is a freewill offering. For more information, email retreats@presentationministries.com or call (513) 373-2397.



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ASK A PRIEST—RCIA/ BECOME CATHOLIC UPDATE

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: How are things going so far this fall with the parish RCIA/Become Catholic program?

A: As the director of our Become Catholic program, I get this question a lot this time of year! First, I can say that *things*

are certainly going—God is at work bringing people into full communion with the Catholic Church here at St. Gertrude Church! They want to know more about *what's going on* here, and not only at the surface level. Frequently, they are responding to something God has been up to in their hearts and minds for quite some time. Candidates for RCIA and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children, respectively) don't arrive at our door by accident!

This Sunday at the 12 p.m. Mass, offering thanks to God, we get to witness a major step in God's grace-filled action in the life of our catechumen, Rebecca. In August, she was formally welcomed into the catechumenate after a year with the Become Catholic program. Now, **Rebecca will receive the sacraments of initiation:** Jesus will baptize, confirm, and nourish her with his sacred Body and Blood through the sacraments of initiation and at the hands of priests. I hope you can make it to bask in the light of these sacred mysteries, renew your own commitment to Christ, and offer Rebecca your support. **Please come to the reception afterwards to congratulate her** and her family who join us from out of town.

Second, I like to remind people who ask “how's RCIA going” what I need to frequently remind myself: It's not about numbers. While a robust Become Catholic group each year stokes the faith of those of us who are already Catholic, we need to respond to the actual needs of those who approach us wanting to learn more. I'm sure there are more people who wish to become Catholic than the roughly 20 adults and children with whom I am currently working with in Become Catholic, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and through private instruction. But these people need much encouragement and prayers from us. Life is complicated, and sometimes, as in Rebecca's case, more time is needed outside the annual Become Catholic schedule. That said, **I would encourage**

non-Catholic inquirers to attend our Monday night sessions. Please don't pass up this opportunity! Recognizing our limitations but wanting to be faithful apostles of Christ, let's all take to heart what St. Paul says to Timothy (2 Tm 2:9-10): “the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.”

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!



Photo: Rebecca (right) with her sponsor, Melissa (left)

Monday, October 10	Tuesday, October 11	Wednesday, October 12	Thursday, October 13	Friday, October 14	Saturday, October 15	Sunday, October 16
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	St. Gertrude School No School	CGS Level I Training 8 a.m. Atrium I	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room		L of C Craft Fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Parish Center	Family Faith – Child Only Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Legatus Rosary & Mass 5:30 p.m. Church		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			CGS Level I Training 1 p.m. Atrium I
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
L'alto: High School Core Team Meeting 7 p.m. OE Conference Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>THE ULTIMATE QUESTION SURVEY REMINDER</p> <p>All active parishioners should have received an email last week with an invitation to complete a short survey as part of our parish assessment. Please complete the survey by Thursday, October 13. If you did not receive the email, please contact Michelle Dushensky, our Communications Coordinator, at mdushensky@stgertrude.org. Thank you for your input!</p> </div>				L'alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?</p> <p>We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you.</p> </div>				

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Weekly Collection and Budget Report	
Collection for October 2	
Collection	\$ 37,546
Weekly Budget	\$ 36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$ 1,046
2nd Collection - Respect Life: \$6,175	
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 456,805
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 511,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$ (54,195)

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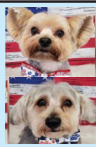
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