



ST. GERTRUDE

1923 2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 12, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (M)

- 7 a.m. † Martha Di Doan by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. † Carl E. Speicher by Tricia Speicher
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, November 14, Weekday

- 7 a.m. The Ellerhorst Family by Patty & Jim Hook
- 8 a.m. † Charles Rettig by Charlene Rettig Bosken
- 11:30 a.m. † Mike Harris by John & Joy Belperio

Wednesday, November 15, St. Albert the Great (M)

- 7 a.m. † Marie Burks by Jeanne Johantges
- 8 a.m. † Francis X. Tartaron, Jr.
by Tom Tartaron & Juliana Di Giustini
- 11:30 a.m. † William & Winifred McCafferty by Moira & Jim Bonn

Thursday, November 16, St. Gertrude the Great (S)

- 7 a.m. Dominican Friars & Nashville Sisters
by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
- 8 a.m. † John Spilker by Lisa & James Bertke
- 11:30 a.m. St. Gertrude School by St. Gertrude Parish
- 6:30 p.m. People of St. Gertrude (St. Gertrude Feast Day)

Friday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (M)

- 7 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Father Michael Dosch, O.P.,
by Pat & Al Riesenber
- 8 a.m. Caroline Clanton by The Clanton Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Barbara Carrillo by Elvira Carrillo

Saturday, November 18, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Peggy Kindt by Paul D. Kindt
- 11:30 a.m. † Tommy Martino by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 4:30 p.m. † Patricia Shannon by Sal & Teri Forlini

Sunday, November 19, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. The Casper Family by The Runk Family
- 10 a.m. † Aida Gort by The Nieto Family
- 12 p.m. Jim Tappel by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

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. There will be no confessions on Thursday, November 16, at 4 p.m.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
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parishoffice@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.

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

MASS & PROCESSION

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

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

PARISH CELEBRATION

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

Parish Center

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



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 23

Please join us for 10 a.m. Mass, followed by coffee and donuts.

We invite you to bring nonperishable food items for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Save the Date
GIVING TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2023

**Stay tuned for more details about
how to give this year!**



STANDING IN THE MIDST OF HEROES

Over the past few days, I have found myself looking back over the past several months and the enormity of what I have personally witnessed from so many in our parish in the fight to defeat Issue 1. I don't think it's an exaggeration at all to say that the pro-life leadership of our parish has

not only displayed extraordinary dedication and vision in leading our parish in this work, but also has been among the most active and influential forces in the pro-life battle throughout the entire city of Cincinnati and beyond.

So many of the most critical videos about the dangers of Issue 1 have been interviews with our parishioners. No less than five or six have appeared in such videos, which have gained widespread distribution throughout the state. Many of our parishioners have been invited to participate in public panels about Issue 1 or have been invited as keynote speakers addressing this issue at gatherings in both Catholic and secular locations. Our parish leaders helped arrange town hall meetings and an ecumenical gathering of local pastors. Some of our pro-life warriors have spent hours and hours placing dozens, if not hundreds, of "vote no" signs all over our city. Dozens more received training and then spent hours going door-to-door speaking with people individually about the amendment. Still others participated in phone-a-thon efforts trying to reach registered voters by phone. It was only a couple of Saturdays ago when I watched as probably 40+ parishioners, ranging from children to the elderly, led by our Knights of Columbus council, pounded 3,000 white crosses into the muddy grass of our church's front lawn in the midst of a cold wind and driving rain. Those who came that day who physically couldn't pound crosses (because of age or, in one case, because it was a young mom with an infant strapped to her chest) helped by laying out crosses on the ground to be pounded in by others, assisting with the coffee and snacks, or simply giving moral support.



Our parish pro-life group gave away over 1,000 "vote no" signs to parishioners . . . it seems to me virtually every parish family that has a front yard put a sign up on their property. One Sunday we had 500 "vote no" car magnets to give away, and I think they were all gone before we even got to the last Mass of the day. Our parishioners were a huge presence on social media and very present at the Board of Elections. Our monthly Wednesday night Holy Hours for Life were very well-attended, and countless parishioners heeded Archbishop Schnurr's invitation to join him in praying the 54-day rosary novena. And I heard all sorts of anecdotal stories over the last weeks from parishioners who said things to me like, "I'm not normally a person who would ever bring up a topic like abortion with my neighbors, but after hearing so much about this amendment from St. Gertrude, I got up the courage yesterday and had that conversation with one of them."

Despite everything, the vote did not go as we wished. I'm sure we'll all take a few days to lick our wounds and grieve how this year went. And then we will boldly go back out into the Lord's vineyard, to do his work, to speak his truth, and to share his love . . . and to win this battle one person at a time.

To those of you who were the leaders in this effort (and you know who you are), **thank you** from the bottom of my heart. In my opinion, you are not only pro-life warriors but also true heroes in our midst. The rest of us will never fully know how much you sacrificed over these past months. And to everyone in this parish, I can't say enough how inspired I have been. I don't think I have ever seen a parish, collectively united as one in heart and mind, embrace a campaign of this magnitude as completely and resolutely as what I have witnessed here at St. Gertrude. I cannot put into words how proud I am of what you—what *we*—did together. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer in Praise of St. Gertrude

I venerate and welcome you, O most blessed Saint Gertrude, in the sweetest Heart of Jesus Christ, and I praise you with all my heart on that honor by which you were honored with God and by all the court of Heaven. And to the increase of your joy and your glory, I offer that same and transcendently precious and worthy Heart of Jesus Christ to you, beseeching you to pray to God for me, and to aid me in the hour of my death. Amen.

WITNESS OF THE WEEK

Each week, members of the SGS community nominate students as “Witness of the Week” for their example in living the virtue of the month. Congratulations to Edna Bonjour (1G), our most recent Witness of the Week! According to the nomination, “*Edna’s humility shines forth in her quiet witness of the Catholic faith to her classmates and friends. She is always attentive during class and is always quick to do the right thing even when no one is looking.*” Thank you, Edna, for your witness!

NOMINATE AN EXCELLENT TEACHER FOR RECOGNITION

Ohio Teachers of the Month receive a \$500 gift card, a certificate of excellence, Ohio Lottery Partners in Education prize pack, and recognition on the Ohio Lottery’s website and social channels. Learn more about eligibility and nominate a teacher at ohiolottery.com/About/Partners-in-Education/Teacher-of-the-Month/Nominate-a-Teacher.

GALLERY OF SAINTS

On Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints’ Day), our second graders had their annual Gallery of Saints. Each one dressed up as a saint and then shared his or her saint’s story with all who walked through the gallery. Sister Mary Agnes enjoyed meeting her patron saint, portrayed by Fran Schueler!



PRAYER VIGIL

SGS students took turns praying on election day before the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima.

They prayed the rosary for peace in the world and for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death.



Now Accepting Kindergarten Applications for 2024-2025!



Does your family have a new child entering Kindergarten next year? St. Gertrude School is now accepting applications for currently enrolled families with new children entering the school. Spaces are filling up quickly—please follow the steps below to reserve your spot now!

1. Log in to your FACTS Family Portal.
2. Click Apply/Enroll on the menu on the left
3. Click Application
4. Follow the link
5. Click Create a New Student Application

Please contact Maddie Wuebkenberg at mwuebkenberg@stgertrudesch.org if you have any questions.



To wrap up National Vocations Awareness Week, here are three short vocation stories from St. Gertrude Church parishioners and one of our parochial vicars.



THE DEDICATED SINGLE LIFE

Nikki Best, Parishioner

Although it began as most do—with a desire to find Mr. Perfect and get married—my vocational journey didn’t end as most do. By the time I reached my thirties, discouragement, serious medical conditions, and ultimately deep spiritual growth began to set in. The first whisperings of a call to spiritual betrothal were echoing in my heart. “Do you have room in your life for a relationship?” someone once asked me. The question disquieted me. If I was honest, I had to admit that I did not

have room. I desired the love of a man, but I desired intimacy with Jesus more. After years of searching, I had to face the facts: I had not found a religious order that felt right, nor would my health allow me to live out a consecrated life in community. This desire, this invitation, to live out celibacy for the Kingdom of God (Mt 19:12; 1 Cor 7:32-34) is not reserved solely for priests and nuns. The Lord calls some souls to live out mystic espousal to him in the world in the lay state (through a simple promise or private vow). This cloister in my heart has allowed me to focus on pleasing Jesus, to lean on him for everything, to share in his cross in a unique way, and to be the recipient of his most tender and solicitous care and protection. Although I had to wait longer than most, in the end I found my Mr. Perfect after all.



MARRIED LIFE

Jake & Emma Greve, Parishioners

We’re the Greves: Jake, Emma, and Miriam. We’ve been married for two years, and our daughter is 17 months. When I (Emma) think of discerning my vocation, I think of how much I needed to rely on other people close to me and wiser than me to perceive reality in a true way.

In this process, I had to grow in vulnerability and begin to learn to share questions that I was afraid to ask even to myself. Without this step, I would not have Jake and Miriam. I would’ve been too scared to take the risk. This was a hard learning process for me but really essential for me to follow God’s will for my life. Life as a wife and mother is giving me a place to understand my value as a person outside of anything I do. I try so hard to be loved for what I do and, in doing so, my incapacity gets louder and louder. Through spousal love, I experience a place where my gifts and limitations are clearly the secondary point to our unity and my being loved. This has given me a strong and experiential starting point for faith. In the sacramental mystery of our marriage, Jake has been the most significant help for me seeing my life as it is and offering myself to God as I am.



PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., Parochial Vicar

Sometimes the Lord’s invitation to priesthood or religious life comes in dramatic fashion and with brilliant clarity. For me, it

came from learning to be with Jesus in prayer and trusting in him as I took step after step.

In college, I finally had the opportunity to take responsibility for my spiritual life. There was a chapel in my dorm—was I just going to pass by every time, or was I going to stop in? Over a few years, I learned how to spend time in prayer and how to live a sacramental life (daily Mass and frequent confession). This gave me the necessary foundation to hear whatever it might be that the Lord desired for me.

Praying about a vocation began halfway through college. After reading a biography of St. Dominic and Pope St. John Paul II’s *Vita Consecrata* on religious life, I soon knew that I at least had to give the Dominican novitiate a shot. During novitiate here at St. Gertrude Priory, I discovered the goodness of this way of life and desired to commit more of my life to formation in Washington, D.C. It was only when I took my solemn vows (until death) and was ordained a priest that I knew my vocation with complete certainty. The Church, through my superiors, confirmed my desires.

You do not have to make an absolutely determinative decision to become a priest or religious before trying it out. It is very difficult to discern a vocation in the abstract. Vocations are lived. Trying out the seminary or the novitiate if you have enough of a desire and are accepted is a worthwhile use of your time. By living the life, you will see if it makes you happy. The community will also help you come to the right decision. God will reward your generosity.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the sponsors and donors of the Centennial Gala! The Centennial Committee could not have done it without you. We are beyond grateful for your support. Here's to the next 100 years!

We would also like to extend a huge thank-you to Ashley Hack of Mokara Floral Design for providing florals and a lovely floral class to several parishioners who helped create 40 floral centerpieces for the Gala!



BULLDOGS WRESTLING REGISTRATION ENDS SOON

All boys in grades K-8 are invited to join the Bulldogs wrestling team for the 2023-2024 season, which runs November 7, 2023, through February 15, 2024. Registration is open until November 15. Please visit stgertrude.org/wrestling for more information and to sign up.

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.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us for fellowship, fun, refreshments, and activities for the children as we kick off the new liturgical season by making Advent wreaths! We provide all the materials; you bring your pruners and a tray to transport your wreath home.

**Sunday, December 3
12-2:30 p.m.**

**St. Gertrude Parish Gym
\$25/Wreath Kit**

Register at bit.ly/adventwreath2023 or scan the QR code by November 27.



If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Eggers at kristen@stgertrude.org.

ALL ARE INVITED

The next Respect Life Committee meeting is next Saturday, November 18, at 9 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center. Anyone interested in this ministry is invited to attend.

STAY AWAKE

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself, "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then make that sacrifice and share your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes located at the entrances of the church. Your gift will make it possible for those who are suffering to celebrate Thanksgiving. May God abundantly bless you!



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

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

† Donald Beimesche, husband of Nancy
† Suzanne Price, sister of Cliff Price

VETERANS DAY COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 is collecting the following items for its annual Veterans Day collection. You can drop off your donations at any Mass this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

- Denture cleaner/grip
- Crossover/Word Find/Sudoku books
- New shirts (men/women)
- New socks (men/women)
- New underwear (men/women)
- New shoes (men/women)
- Laundry detergent/Fabric sheets
- Reading glasses
- Hearing aid batteries (all sizes)
- Phone chargers (all types)
- Travel-size umbrellas
- Blankets
- Rain ponchos
- Inflatable mattresses
- Backpacks/duffles
- Sleeping bags
- Bottled water (cases)
- Long distance phone cards
- Restaurant gift cards
- Grocery store gift cards
- Rolls of stamps
- Winter coats (men/women)
- Nail clippers (large/regular)
- Women's sanitary products
- Travel-size deodorant (men/women)
- Emery boards
- Shaving cream (travel-size/regular)
- Mouth wash (alcohol-free)
- Combs/brushes
- Lip balm

Monetary donations accepted.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This weekend before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.), the Ladies of Charity will be collecting items for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donations can be dropped off at the large cart outside the Parish Center. The following items are especially needed during this time:

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

If you cannot bring an item, cash/check donations (made payable to Ladies of Charity) are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you!

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Join us for our Pre-Advent Social Open House at Gate of Heaven Cemetery

11000 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

Friday
12-1-2023
7PM - 9PM

This Open House includes four dynamic choirs, along with delightful hors d'oeuvres and refreshments!

Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or call 513-489-0300 by November 20th.

HEALING SERVICE

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood) is having a Healing Service on Wednesday, November 15. The rosary will begin at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

PREPLANNING SEMINAR

Learning, planning, and being prepared is part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so that end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Attend a complimentary preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, November 21, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, which parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend. The seminar will be in the St. Peter's Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).

SAVE THE DATE

National Eucharistic Conference

July 17-21, 2024
Indianapolis, IN

Stay tuned for information on how you can go to the conference with St. Gertrude Parish.



CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Come enjoy Christmas in Bethlehem at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood on Sundays, December 3 and 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. Walk through an interactive town of Bethlehem, gaze at the live nativity, enjoy snacks and hot chocolate, and shop at our Catholic gift store. On December 3 only, children will be able to join St. Nicholas for story time, make crafts, pet the live animals, watch the star lighting, and more! Bring the whole family—grandkids, parents, and all who want to experience a little bit of the true spirit of Christmas. Adults: \$7; children ages 4-16: \$3; and children under 3 years old: free. Registration required. Visit ollhsc.org/events for more information and to sign up.

HELP FOR STRENGTHENING TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 5-7, 2024, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

CENTENNIAL GALA FUNDRAISER

CENTENNIAL GALA | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | MANOR HOUSE



Monday, November 13	Tuesday, November 14	Wednesday, November 15	Thursday, November 16	Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Respect Life Meeting 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	LofC Giving Tree List Distribution After the 8, 10 & 12 Masses Sharing Van
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II		Adoration Chapel Closing at 5 p.m.	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	Moms & Littles Fellowship Gathering 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Makers 4 p.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Parent Group Meeting 11 a.m. St. Joseph Room		LofC Giving Tree List Distribution After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Collegium Rehearsal 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	Adoration Chapel Closing at 5 p.m.		St. Gertrude Feast Day Celebration After 4:30 p.m. Mass Parish Center	Family Faith – Child Only Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Cub Scouts – Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	St. Gertrude Feast Day Mass 6:30 p.m. Church			NFP Class 1 p.m. St. Joseph Room
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	St. Gertrude Candlelight Procession Following 6:30 p.m. Mass			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH? We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!</p> </div>				L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at firluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
11/26/23

MATERIALS DUE
11/15/23

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for November 5

Collection	\$	52,873
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	15,873

All Saints' Day: \$4,902 | All Souls' Day: \$718

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	674,810
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	703,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	28,190)

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES
Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE
Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Staff

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Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., parochial vicar
Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., parochial vicar

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Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
Father John Corbett, O.P.
Father Darren Pierre, O.P., novice master

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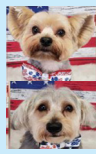
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