

HE SAID, "MASTER, YOU GAVE
ME FIVE TALENTS.
SEE, I HAVE MADE FIVE MORE."
HIS MASTER SAID TO HIM,

*"Well done, my good
and faithful servant."*

MATTHEW 25:20-21



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 19, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, November 20, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † John Spilker by Mike & Ann Conlon
8 a.m. Jean Wilkinson by Ladies of Charity
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, November 21,

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 7 a.m. † Robert Blankemeyer by Monica Walker & Family
8 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Wednesday, November 22, St. Cecilia (M)

- 7 a.m. † Ed Sullivan by Kevin & Anne Lynch
8 a.m. † Kathy Fischer by Peter Bertoli
11:30 a.m. † Charles & Cecilia Lemming by Dave & Donna Kallgren

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude

Friday, November 24,

Sts. Ignatius Delgado, O.P., Vincent Liem, O.P., Dominic An-Kham, O.P., and Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (M)

- 7 a.m. Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., by Greg & Connie Witte
8 a.m. † Kenneth Schult by Jenny & John Ward
11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Chloe Fasano

Saturday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria (M)

- 8 a.m. † Mark Rickard by St. Gertrude Class of 1982
11:30 a.m. † Anne & Bob Siebert by The Siebert Family
4:30 p.m. † Lawrence & Stephanie McCullion by The Albers Family

Sunday, November 26,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10 a.m. † Ted & Marian Scherpenberg by Sue Normand
12 p.m. † Edith Merle by Knights of Columbus
6 p.m. † Amber VanVickle by The Genung Family

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 Thanksgiving Day.**

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.



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.

GIVING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Look for Father John Paul's letter in next
Sunday's bulletin for information on our
Giving Tuesday plans this year—it's
different than anything we have ever
done before.



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**

Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/adventwreath2023 by
November 27 to register



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



THANKSGIVING

In just a few days, our nation will celebrate the national holiday known as Thanksgiving. For many, it will be a day highlighted by a meal of turkey and “all the fixings,” enjoying a day (or maybe even two) off work, and perhaps watching (or even playing) some football.

But in our spiritual lives as Catholics, thanksgiving is not something limited to one day a year. Rather, it is something that is meant to characterize our lives every single day. In fact, it is such a crucial part of our spiritual lives that I hardly believe it is possible to really grow in holiness if one is not living in a state of thanksgiving.

St. Paul often wrote about the importance of thanksgiving. “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess 5:16-18). And again, “Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (Col 4:2). And Jesus himself taught about the importance of this during the incident where he healed 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19). After healing all 10 and only having one of them return, Jesus says, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:17-18).

Indeed, it is so important that “in all circumstances” we give thanks. And yet I suspect that many of us struggle with that, at least from time to time. So I would offer a few practical suggestions that might help you to cultivate a greater sense of thanksgiving in your own life.

- 1) Avoid the temptation to focus on what you **don't have**; always keep your eyes fixed on **what you've already been given**.

Focusing on what we don't have is always going to be a dead end road, because there will always be things we don't have. Instead, work to cultivate a spirit of gratitude in your life for what you *do* have; what you *have* been given. This can be as simple as making it a part of your daily prayer routine to intentionally call to mind one blessing from the previous day and thank God for that blessing. It could be something big; most days it will probably be something rather small. The more we can be intentional about that, the better and better we will become at identifying and truly seeing the gifts and blessings we've been given.

- 2) Avoid the temptation to focus on what **others have**. This sounds simple, but it can be *so difficult*. The comparison game can be deadly to both our spiritual lives and our mental health. It seems that the world around us is constantly trying

to get us to focus our eyes on what others have (that we don't). This tends to lead to envy and all sorts of related vices, and in its extreme form, can actually blind us from recognizing the good things we have received because our eyes are so focused on others. Instead, let us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, for as Jesus taught, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him” (Matt 6:8).

So, my brothers and sisters, as we celebrate Thanksgiving this coming week, let us all realize that what lies at the heart of this holiday is not turkey or football, but the intentional cultivation of a spirit of gratitude toward God in our lives, 365 days a year. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



The rosary enlivens the hope for things above that endure forever. As we meditate on the glory of Jesus and his Mother, we see heaven opened and are heartened in our striving to gain the eternal home.

– Pope Pius XI

COVER IMAGE: Printed image of Jesus commanding disciples to go to make disciples. In Grace Church Chiangmai, Thailand. Printed from end of 20th century. Original by Unknown Korean artist

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Library Volunteers Needed: Work in the school library on a weekly or biweekly basis to help children check out books, shelve returned books, and assist the librarian as needed. Please contact Mrs. Strobe at astrope@stgertrudesch.org for more information.

Sacristan for School Masses: Do you regularly come to the weekly school Mass? Are you looking for an opportunity to give back? Consider being trained as a sacristan for the weekly school Mass. Please contact Father Luke at frluke@stgertrude.org for more information.

Help Needed with Chicken Care: We could use some assistance with our chickens, including daily check-in on water and food, and monthly cleaning out of the coops. If you or your family is able to commit to helping from time to time, please reach out to Sister Mary Agnes at smagnes@stgertrudesch.org. Thank you for your help!

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT!

The 7th grade boys basketball team fought hard last weekend and brought home a first place win at the SASEAS Grimsley Tournament! Congratulations, Bulldogs!



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

St. Gertrude School admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Gertrude School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Our student council organized a Veterans Day assembly, inviting four veterans from our community to briefly speak to our students and giving students the opportunity to thank and honor them.



Discover the Dominican Tradition

St. Gertrude School is a K-8 Catholic school that fosters excellence in each student through exceptional Catholic academic development and faith formation. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for over 85 years, our school is a place where learning and communion flourish and children build a lasting relationship with God, form treasured friendships with each other, and graduate ready to meet the challenges of high school and beyond.

Scan to schedule a tour!



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GATHER IN FAITH



GUIDE IN TRUTH



GROW IN EXCELLENCE

Looking for a memorable Christmas gift?

Give your loved ones a copy of **St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years.**

Through 100+ pages of stories and pictures, this timeless hardcover book captures St. Gertrude Parish's 100-year legacy and presents a lavish look at its fascinating history.



Just \$35 each!

Scan the QR code to purchase your books online or stop by the parish office.



Preview Chapter 1 at stgertrude.org/bookpreview.



SENIOR'S FUN BUNCH

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

Join us for lunch, fellowship, and a presentation from the archivist for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on the history of the archdiocese and the history of St. Gertrude parish.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:15-2:30 p.m.

Optional 11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Gertrude Parish Center

No registration is necessary, but please contact Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkennedy06@aol.com if you plan on attending.

If you would like to bring an item for the potluck lunch please sign up at bit.ly/potluck1121.



2023 MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Join men of all ages for the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, "Men of the Word." 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. As you read, study, and open your heart to the Word of God, you will be transformed into a strong man of the Word.



Father Sullivan

December 1 (Evening)-2, 2023

Jesuit Spiritual Center - Arrupe Building

5361 S. Milford Road, Milford OH 45140

Registration is open 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.



If you have any questions, please contact Stan Lloyd at stan.lloyd@gmail.com or (513) 289-5268.

CatholicMensRetreat.org



CAMPUS CLOSURES THIS WEEK

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel and the school office will be closed Wednesday, November 22, through Sunday, November 26, and will reopen on Monday, November 27, at 7:30 a.m. The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 23, through Friday, November 24, and will reopen on Monday, November 27, at 8:30 a.m.

THANK YOU!

Dear Fr. John Paul,
I write to thank you and the parish for the **many** baby items donated to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center (OSMPC). St. Gertrude's annual collection of baby items for OSMPC is a true godsend to our mission and to the mothers who seek us out for help. OSMPC supports all mothers, fathers, and children who come to us in need by providing material assistance, counseling, prayer, and encouragement. We offer free pregnancy tests and, once the child is born, free baby items, including those donated by your parishioners.
Mary and Terry Smithers' recent trip down to OTR to drop St. Gertrude's donated items to us included thousands of diapers, wipes, hygiene items, dozens of blankets, formula, bottles, baby clothing, cash donations, and more. Again I extend a hearty **thank you** from all of us—our clients, volunteers, and small staff. May God richly bless you and the entire parish!
Barbara Rose, Interim Executive Director
Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, November 12, we celebrated our annual anniversary Mass for parishioners who celebrated a significant wedding anniversary this year. Father John Paul bestowed a special anniversary blessing on the following couples:

- Jack & Nancy-Carolyn Smith (50 years)
- Michael & Mary Jo Voto (40 years)
- George & Claudia Kimura (30 years)
- Stanley & Nicole Lloyd (25 years)

Congratulations to these couples! Please pray for all married couples in our parish.



BAPTISM

Sunday, November 5, 2023



Child: Dawson Orville Laman
Parents: Scott & Dana Laman



Child: Ellie Mae Campbell
Guardian: Mary Lou Doran

ST. XAVIER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who achieved first and second honors for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 academic school year at St. Xavier.

First Honors: Jack Berlin, Daniel Berry, Francis Chan, Andrew Coburn, Jaxon Denton, Aaron Dorsey, Anthony Dorsey, Thomas Flemming IV, Dominic Geiser, Joseph Geiser, Vincent Goedde, Gustav Leder, Andrew Robbins, Jackson Robbins, William Schwartz, James Stein, John Sulfsted, Charles Walsh, Nikolas Wibowo

Second Honors: Ernest Florkowski, Trey Johnson, Jack Travis

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Tina Bascom, Simon Berry, Vicki Calonge, Carol Conners, Maureen S. Currens, Dan DeBow, 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, 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:

† Marilyn Sorrentino, wife of Peter

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sydney Arend | Andrew Lavrisha |
| Craig & Mary Bock | Kayla Lennartz |
| John & Kristen Casstevens | Timothy & Shawna Navaro |
| Thomas & Corinne Hamilton | Abigail Riley |
| Frank & Laureen Honthy | Adam Sanders |
| Laurent & Mary | Emily Smith |
| Huguenin-Virchaux | Maria Urbina-Lora |

THANK YOU FROM THE LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone at St. Gertrude Parish for helping make this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive a success. We hope you and your loved ones have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This weekend, the Ladies of Charity kick off their annual Christmas Giving Tree Project. Stop by the white van in the parking lot this weekend or next weekend, November 25 and 26 for the full list of needed items. Additionally, a Giving Tree has been placed in the church—please take a gift tag and bring back the items the week of December 2 and 3, 2023.

This year's most needed items include clothing in various sizes, books (Anime type and family Christmas themed), sports memorabilia, stocking stuffers, board games, makeup or nail kits, perfume, cologne, lotion, shaving kits, hair dryers, tech items, dolls and doll items, fishing tackle and poles, sleeping bags, trucks/tractors/cars (remote and model kits), art/Lego/science sets, wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, batteries, and \$25 gift cards for Kroger or Walmart.

Agencies served this year include Hope Emergency, Bethany House, local families in the Madeira area, and Elizabeth's New Life Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY SOCIAL

Join the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 in the church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, to pray the rosary. At the conclusion of the rosary, head over to the Parish Center for refreshments and quality time with the Knights and your fellow parishioners.

PRE-PLANNING 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 pre-planning 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).

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE SALE

The Pilgrim Gift Shop at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics is so blessed and thankful for our pilgrims! Join us for a special one-day-only gratitude sale. Enjoy 20 percent off storewide on Friday, November 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (this sale excludes Fontanini items and cannot be combined with other discounts).

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.

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 ohlsc.org/events for more information and to sign up.

**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.

Revivals in the Air

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.

NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress



ASK A PRIEST— CAN WE MESS UP GOD'S PLAN FOR US?

FATHER JOSEPH ALOBAIDI, O.P.

Q: Can our own free will take us off God's plan for us?

A: In my attempt to answer this question, I thought of the great composer Amadeus Mozart. His melodies sound unsophisticated and effortless. Yet, they hide depth and mastery of art that a superficial view can never grasp. So, it is easy to say that yes, human beings can opt to be outside—or even to oppose—God's plan of salvation. A certain Hitler and Stalin are eloquent proofs of the opposition to God and his plan of saving human beings.

The same question can be treated differently: It is a fact that opposition to God crosses human history. Such opposition is easy to detect in the Bible and beyond. There are faithful witnesses in every generation who die out of love for God. There are also those who put them to death. Dying for God is optional, putting to death God's friends is optional, too. Both attitudes are possible because of a free decision. The question that lingers is whether God knows both kinds of human beings. Does he *predestine* certain people to be martyrs and others to be their executioners? Are these two groups free to choose their sides? Here the answer starts to be confessional. Indeed, *predestination* is an important part of Reformation theology.

Let us go back to the historical example above mentioned: Is Hitler, his existence and policy, part of God's plan of salvation? If the answer is yes, we must include the consequence of his policy also: the 42 million dead and injured of the second world war. In other words, God has a plan that includes millions who perished in the Holocaust and much more who died victims of the war. Here the question receives yet again another form: How to reconcile the Biblical image of the tender God the Father with the God whose plan implies atrocity and victims. Are we still speaking about God "who in the desert carries you like a man carries his child" (Deuteronomy 1:31), the God "who is love" (1 John 4:8)?

God is the loving Father whose plan of salvation is to gather to himself the human beings who, through the first rebellion, have chosen to leave him. To have a clear idea about the human part in God's plan of salvation, two confusions have to be clarified. The first confusion is between *knowledge* and *responsibility*. God knows everything, from the beginning of the cosmos to its end. Everything is known instantly to him. We have past, present, and

future. God sees all the *times* as one instant. He knew about Hitler before his birth. Yet, his knowledge does not make him responsible. He knows all that I did, am doing, and will do. But I and I alone am responsible for my actions. Otherwise, he is responsible for all the evil that human beings may commit. The other confusion concerns human *nature*: God willed us to be free. Freedom always implies choice. I am free if I exercise my choice between two possibilities, at least. Animals are not free because they have no choice—they have to preserve themselves to perpetuate the species. We are created to be free—we have the choice between **yes** and **no**. This applies to our relationship with God as well. We have the freedom to join his plan of salvation or to reject it. Take away this choice and we will be like animals, with no choice but to follow our instinct.

God's relationship with humanity is represented by two comparisons from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation. The first comparison presents God as Father and human beings as his children. Like loving parents who care for their child hoping that their child will love them back (but also knowing that their child may choose to do the opposite), such is our God in his relationship to the human race. The other comparison represents humanity as the bride and God as the bridegroom. Just imagine that the bride has no choice but to say "yes" to the bridegroom and you will see how wrong it is to say that we have no choice in our association with God. Out of love, God created us free . . . with the hope that we choose him and with the risk that we reject him.



Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, or something else? Submit your question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin.

Monday, November 20	Tuesday, November 21	Wednesday, November 22	Thursday, November 23	Friday, November 24	Saturday, November 25	Sunday, November 26
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Seniors Fun Bunch 12:15 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School No School	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Bethlehem Christian Families – Olive Wood Carvings <i>After all Masses</i> St. Dominic Lobby
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	LofC Giving Tree List Distribution <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Sharing Van	LofC Giving Tree List Distribution <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> Sharing Van
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	SVdP Thanksgiving Canned Good Drive <i>Before the 10 a.m. Mass</i> Outside Church		Bethlehem Christian Families – Olive Wood Carvings <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> St. Dominic Lobby	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	St. Gertrude School SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library		Parish Coffee & Donuts <i>After the 10 a.m. Mass</i> Gym			Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall						

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!

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
12/3/23

MATERIALS DUE
11/23/23

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for November 12**

Collection	\$	35,343
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	1,657)

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	710,153
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	740,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	29,847)

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.

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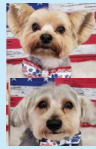
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