

November 20, 2022

# Our Lord Jesus Christ

King of the Universe



He is before all things,  
and in him all things  
hold together.

Colossians 1:17





## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 7 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Pete & Donna Marcello  
8 a.m. Dan Sammons by Rick Sammons  
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, November 22, St. Cecilia (M)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family  
8 a.m. Luciana Morande by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin  
11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Nancy DeBrunner

### Wednesday, November 23, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Pam Eismann by Anne Marie Schmidt  
8 a.m. † Joseph & Josephine Nordloh by JoAnne Nordloh  
11:30 a.m. † Carmelita Duckro by Kevin & Anne Lynch

### Thursday, November 24, Sts. Ignatius Delgado, O.P., Vincent Liem, O.P., Dominic An-Kam, O.P., and St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (M) – Thanksgiving Day

- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude

### Friday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria (M)

- 7 a.m. Father George Schommer, O.P. by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus  
8 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly  
11:30 a.m. † Rosemary Beckman by John & Hilda Bough

### Saturday, November 26, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Gloria Tartaron by The Tartaron Family  
11:30 a.m. † Thomas Schneider by Mary Jane Schmidt  
4:30 p.m. † Loretta Holden by Tom & Sue Brisken

### Sunday, November 27, 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude  
10 a.m. The RCIA Catechumens Seeking Baptism and the Candidates  
Seeking Full Communion with the Catholic Church  
12 p.m. † Tim Petric by Julie Faust  
6 p.m. † Hank Burwinkel by Courtney Roberts

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.



## CENTENNIAL BOOK PRESALE PACKAGE

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of our parish's centennial book.



## THANKSGIVING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

### 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 29, 2022

**If you missed the big announcement  
about this year's goal, visit  
[stgertrude.org/givingtuesday2022](http://stgertrude.org/givingtuesday2022)  
to find out what we're raising money for!**



**ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH AND SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

As St. Gertrude Church and School continue to assess the present and plan for the future, we are pleased to announce that we are entering into a strategic planning process over the next eight months. Working with us will be the Institute of School and Parish Development (ISPD), a national Catholic consulting firm that works with Catholic churches, schools and (arch)dioceses throughout the country in strategic planning, parish assessment, enrollment management, and resource development. They have worked with St. Gertrude in the past, facilitating past planning efforts as well as capital campaigns.

As church and school leaders and ISPD begin the process in 2022-2023, there are key steps that have been and will be taken.

1. An executive committee, made up of church and school leaders, is already in place. This EC will be responsible for making final decisions and assuring the steps in the process are communicated.
2. ISPD has conducted an initial assessment. Through the gathering of materials, getting binder questions answered, and conducting personal interviews, ISPD has identified those areas of our church and school that are impressive, those areas that need improvement, and those areas that we can begin to immediately work to improve.
3. ISPD facilitated a church- and school-wide survey that everyone was invited to take. Along with the ISPD assessment, results of the survey will help in identifying areas of commendation and recommendation.
4. A communication process is being put in place to make sure that church and school families are kept informed and notified as to how they may become involved.
5. A core team of 15 to 18 representative leaders will be formed to serve as the “steering wheel” of the process.
6. Educational sessions will be conducted with church and school leaders in regard to overall church and school development and collaboration opportunities. These educational sessions will be based upon the textbooks and workbooks that ISPD has written for Catholic schools and churches.
7. Based upon the ISPD initial assessment, the online survey, and discussions with the executive committee and core team, 8 to 10 challenges will be created in the areas of church and school operational vitality.
8. A development advisory committee of 60 to 80 people will be formed in order to solve the challenges that have been created. They will work together over three to four workshops.

9. A church- and school-wide convocation will be held, in which all parishioners and all school families will be invited in order to offer their solutions to the challenges that surface in the planning process.
10. Based upon the input, ISPD and the executive committee will create the Church and School Strategic Plan of Action for St. Gertrude.
11. Communication of the results and priorities of the strategic plan will be presented to the church and school.
12. Implementation will begin immediately after the final plan is presented with—hopefully—much involvement from parishioners, parents, staff, school alumni, and friends.

The focus of this process will be built around the theme of personally inviting and engaging people every step of the way. We invite all staff, parishioners, parents, and friends to pray for the success of this effort.

We look forward to an exciting process—one that will advance St. Gertrude Church and School, build our community, and bring all of us closer as we continue to build God’s kingdom.



God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



**In Praise of Christ the King**

*O most excellent King of kings, Prince of glory, my loving Jesus, you are the life of my soul; may all the affection of my heart be inflamed with the ardor of your love, and forever united to you. May it sink back, baffled and exhausted when it would love anything but you alone; for you are the brilliance of all color, the savor of all fine things, the fragrance of all odors, the charm of all melody, and the soothing repose of all love. Amen.*

**COVER IMAGE:** *Christ the Redeemer in Glory with the Heavenly Host (Detail), Pomarancio (1588)*



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tuesday, November 22:** First Trimester Report Cards Published
- **Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25:** No School; Happy Thanksgiving!



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- TISSUES

## GIVING THANKS, GIVING BACK

Our SGS student council is running the “Giving Thanks, Giving Back” drive until Tuesday, November 22, in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Little Sisters of the Poor. We invite everyone to participate by donating the requested items. Thank you for your generosity!

## OPEN HOUSE

At our Open House on Wednesday, November 9, we welcomed roughly 20 families between the day and evening sessions. We loved meeting all these new parents and children and are grateful for all the support of our school community to make this event possible. We want to especially thank our parent ambassadors, student tour guides, volunteers, the marketing committee (Jen Frost, Erica Finnan, and Kelly Woodward), and Heather Brizendine (who trained the student tour guides). We look forward to welcoming more new families at our second Open House on January 29, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m.



## BRINGING LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION TO LIFE

On November 10 and 11, our faculty participated in the workshop, “Bringing Liberal Arts Education to Life in the Classroom,” with Erick Allen, a presenter from the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE). It was a very fruitful two days! Sister Maria Christi, our principal, will be sharing with parents about the workshop at the next PTO meeting on December 1 at 7 p.m. For more information about what Catholic liberal education is, please visit [catholicliberaleducation.org/what-is-catholic-liberal-education](http://catholicliberaleducation.org/what-is-catholic-liberal-education).

## ST. GERTRUDE PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER BOOK

As our parish prepares to celebrate its centennial, the school will be assembling a prayer book as a gift for the parish community. Anyone interested in participating in this project should contact Beth Clifford at [elizabeth.a.clifford@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.a.clifford@gmail.com) or (513) 368-1760. We will meet a few times to plan the layout and content.

## OPEN POSITIONS

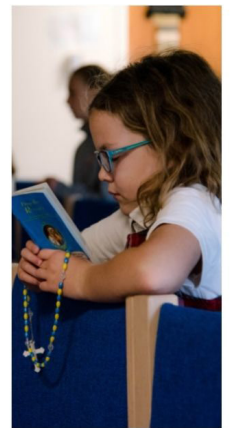
St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022–2023 school year:

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

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of November 21, 2022, the school office will be open Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed Wednesday-Friday for Thanksgiving Break.

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Since 2004, St. Gertrude Church has offered an Advent wreath making event on the first Sunday of Advent. This has become a cherished tradition for many families, like the Cordier family. For 16 years, the Cordiers have come to St. Gertrude together to make their Advent wreath. St. Gertrude Bulletin chatted with Ann Cordier about her family's experience and how the Advent wreath helps them prepare for Christmas.



**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Why did you decide to attend the Advent wreath making event the first time, and what keeps you going back each year?

**Ann Cordier:** In 2005, a friend invited us to attend the Advent wreath making event. At the time, our children were seven, five, three, and one (and one who

wasn't born yet). All six of us, Andy (my husband) included, came to the event and created the wreath together. Everyone was allowed to give input on the design. We really enjoyed the time together as a family and the fellowship with other parishioners. This has become a treasured tradition.

**SGB:** Once you get the Advent wreath home, how does it help you prepare for Christmas?

**Ann:** Since the Advent wreath is the only Christmassy item in the house until the third or fourth week of Advent, the anticipation of Christmas is embodied in the wreath. The aroma of the fresh greens fill the house, further enhancing this period of preparation. Every evening during Advent, we light the appropriate candles and pray together. On Christmas Eve, we place a red pillar candle in the center of the Advent wreath and light it in anticipation of Christ's birth. Christmas Eve is the last time we light the purple and pink Advent candles. On Christmas Day and after, we light the red pillar candle.



**SGB:** That's beautiful! Tell us more about why you don't put up any Christmas decorations until the third or fourth week of Advent.

**Ann:** We wait to put out Christmas decorations, including the tree, because it seems to us that our society celebrates Christmas beginning at Thanksgiving and that the season of Advent is ignored. We think it's important to wait to celebrate Christmas until Christmas actually arrives. Andy and I wanted to teach our kids that Advent is a season separate from Christmas, and we decided that waiting to decorate was a tangible way to illustrate this.

When the kids were little, we also had one more decoration for Advent: an Advent paper chain. On the links of the chain, we wrote good deeds, sacrifices, or prayers for the children to do each day. The links of the chain became the "straw" for baby Jesus' crib on Christmas morning. We also usually have just one candle burning in the window as a sign of expectation during Advent.

**SGB:** Will you all be at the event this year, making it 17 years in a row?

**Ann:** Yes! Our kids are now 24, 22, 20, 18, and 15, and we will all be there! We are very much looking forward to it.

## 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, November 27  
12-3 p.m.**

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

**Register at [buytickets.at/stgertrude](https://buytickets.at/stgertrude)  
by November 21!**

For more details, please contact Kristen Eggers  
at [kristen@stgertrude.org](mailto:kristen@stgertrude.org) or (513) 561-5954, ext. 2109



### **ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSURE**

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Wednesday, November 23, through Sunday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The chapel will reopen on Monday, November 28, at 7:30 a.m.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE THANK-YOU**

The following message is from Mary Clark and the Cincinnati 40 Days for Life Core Team:

*I want to acknowledge Debbie Graham and thank her for her leadership in organizing St. Gertrude's participation in this fall's 40 Days for Life campaign. I am grateful also to everyone who committed to sacrificing time and convenience to stand in public prayer for the unborn, their families and for a change of heart for the abortion industry workers. Thank you also to those who prayed for these intentions at home. Whether this was your first time participating in the campaign or you are a veteran of public prayer, we thank you for your willingness to be a witness and reminder to the community that all lives are sacred from the moment of conception and are deserving of protection. Your presence on the sidewalk makes a difference. Read some of the testimonies at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) from mothers and fathers around the world who turned away from abortion because of the Christ-like presence of those on the sidewalk.*

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Christmas with our annual Christmas novena of Masses offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena will begin on Christmas Day, December 25, 2022, and go through Sunday, January 1, 2023. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office. Please return your novena offering envelope in the collection basket or to the parish office before Christmas.

### **WINTER COAT DRIVE**

Each year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collects gently-used or new coats, hats, gloves, and scarves and distributes them to our neighbors in need. If your kids have outgrown their coats or if you have coats you just don't wear anymore, we invite you to place them in the blue barrels at the entrances of the church this weekend, November 19 and 20. Your generous donation will put not only a warm coat on the body of someone in need, but also a warm smile on his or her face.

### **BIBLE STUDY - ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Beginning Saturday, November 26, we invite you to join your fellow parishioners for Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, a Bible study that will help you see yourself as a disciple of Christ and discover how the joys and struggles of the early Christians apply to today. The Bible study is open to all adults (18+ and graduated from high school) and meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. There is no cost, unless you would like to order the workbook. To learn more and sign up, visit [stgertrude.org/biblestudy](http://stgertrude.org/biblestudy).

### **FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to Anna Kenny, John Kenny, and Bernadette Peck for achieving the academic distinction of First Honors for the first quarter at Roger Bacon High School!

Congratulations to the following students for achieving first and second honors for the first quarter at St. Xavier High School:  
**First Honors** – Francis Chan, Andrew Coburn, Anthony Dorsey, Ernest Florkowski, Joseph Geiser, Vincent Goedde, Ryan Herzig, Sean Herzeg, John McMurry, Michael Park, Matthew Pung, Andrew Robbins, Jackson Robbins, William Schwartz, James Stein, John Sulfsted, Jack Travis, Charles Walsh, and Nikolas Wibowo. **Second Honors** – Daniel Berry, Sean Crapsey, Evan Hoynes, Trey Johnson, and Nikolai Sweeney.

### **BAPTISM**

Sunday, November 6, 2022



Child: Harold Aldo Castrucci  
Parents: Tyler & Molly Castrucci

### **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, Ed and Karen Larkin, 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

Thomas Ruthman, husband of Audrey





### 2022 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We're just five weeks away from Christmas! That means it's time for the The Ladies of Charity annual Christmas Giving Tree project. This weekend and next weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) handing out the list of needed items. You can also grab a gift tag off of the giving tree in the church. You can drop off your items the weekend of December 3 and 4. For a general list of items and the agencies served this year, please visit [stgertrude.org/ladiesofcharity](http://stgertrude.org/ladiesofcharity). Thank you for your generosity—you will ensure a joyful Christmas for those in need.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The Ladies of Charity would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated items for this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. It was a huge success. Know that you are making Thanksgiving very special for those in need. We hope you and your loved ones have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

### MEET OTHER CATHOLIC SINGLES

Are you single and looking for opportunities to hang out with other Catholic singles? Join the Catholic Alumni Club of Cincinnati, a social organization that provides a friendly setting for single Catholics of similar educational background, to meet and develop friendships with people who share their faith. The next event is dinner this Sunday, November 20, at 5 p.m. at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant (4050 North Bend Road, Cheviot, OH). Call Larry at (513) 520-1323 or Don at (513) 574-8573 to RSVP.

### CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

December 4, 3-7 p.m.

Spend the Second Sunday of Advent at Christmas in Bethlehem, a free family event at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Activities include a walk through ancient Bethlehem, listening to a children's choir, storytime with St. Nicholas, crafting, eating food and sweets, processing outside with Mary and Joseph to the stable, live animals that you can pet, the star lighting, a gingerbread contest, shopping at the gift store, and more! Visit [olhsc.org/events](http://olhsc.org/events) to register. (Registration is required.)

### SPEND A WEEK IN THE SMOKIES

Have you always wanted to go to the Great Smoky Mountains? Parishioners Jim and Melody Osborne are offering their one bedroom townhome at Mountain Loft in Gatlinburg December 9-16, 2022, for just \$500—and the proceeds go to support St. Gertrude Church. The townhome sleeps four. If you are interested in spending a week in the Smokies at Christmas time, please contact Melody at (513) 560-7024.



### THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or the marriage of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage, or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 7-9, 2023, call (513) 486-6222 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES INVITE YOU TO

## BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

Saturday,  
December 3  
8:30-11 a.m.



Comboni Mission Center  
1318 Nagel Road

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Suggested Donation  
\$5/per child or \$20/per family

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Please rsvp by 11/28  
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## ASK A PRIEST - SACRED IMAGES

FATHER JOACHIM KENNEY, O.P.

**Q:** Why do we have pictures of Jesus?

**A:** As Catholics, we have pictures of Jesus to aid us in our worship. The beauty of the pictures lifts up our minds and hearts. Pictures teach us about Christ, help us think about him, and remind us to pray

to him. The Church has used pictures in this way from the very beginning. In fact, if you visit the Yale Art Gallery in New Haven, Connecticut, you can find Christian paintings from the 200s AD. The paintings are from the Dura-Europos house church, the oldest surviving house church we know of. The paintings include the Good Shepherd, healing of the paralytic, and Peter walking on water.

Sometimes people misunderstand our use of pictures of Jesus and the saints. They might think it breaks the First Commandment, which forbids idolatry. It is important to note, therefore, that we do not worship the religious images themselves. Rather, we use the artwork to help us call to mind the person it represents.

In the eighth and ninth centuries AD, there was a heresy known as Iconoclasm. It thrived in the eastern portion of the Church based in Constantinople and outlawed the use of all images of Christ and the saints. When it came to Christ in particular, the iconodules, as they were known, said that an icon or painting of Christ could not adequately depict the two distinct natures of Christ and therefore would inevitably corrupt the faith of the people. Foremost amongst the defenders of icons was St. John Damascene. He helped make known the distinction between worship, which is given to God alone, and veneration, which is a lesser form of honor given to other persons. A small portion of his defense of sacred images follows:

*In the old days, the incorporeal and infinite God was never depicted. Now, however, when God has been seen clothed in flesh, and talking with mortals [Baruch 3:37], I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter, I worship the God of matter, who became matter for my sake, and deigned to inhabit matter, who worked out my salvation through matter. I will not cease from honoring that matter which works my salvation. I venerate it, though not as God. How could God be born out of lifeless things? And if God's body is God by its union with him, it is changeless. The nature of God remains the same as before, the flesh created in time is brought to life by a logical and reasoning soul.*

*I honor all matter, and venerate it. Through it, filled, as it were, with a divine power and grace, my salvation has come to me. Was the three-times happy and blessed wood of the Cross not matter? Was the sacred and holy mountain of Calvary not matter?... And before all these things, is not the body and blood of our Lord matter? Either stop venerating all these things, or submit to the tradition of the Church in the venerating of images, honoring God and his*

*friends, and following in this the grace of the Holy Spirit. Do not despise matter, for it is not despicable. Nothing that God has made is. Only that which does not come from God is despicable — our own invention, the spontaneous decision to disregard the law of human nature, i.e., sin.*

*If you dishonor and reject images because they are produced by matter, consider what the Scripture says: "The Lord said to Moses, 'I have called Bezelel of Judah, and filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, understanding and knowledge of many crafts, to make artifacts from gold, silver, brass, marble, precious stones, and various kinds wood'" [Ex 31:1-5]. . . . Israel of old did not see God, but we see the Lord's glory face to face [2 Cor 3:18]. God ordered twelve stones to be taken out of the River Jordan, and explained why. "When your son asks you the meaning of these stones, tell him how the water left the Jordan by God's command, and how the ark of the covenant was saved along with all the people" [Jos 4:21-22]. So how can we not record in images the saving pains and miracles of Christ our Lord, so that when my child asks me, "What is this?" I may say, "That God the Word became man, and that for His sake not Israel alone passed through the Jordan, but the whole human race regained their original happiness. Through him human nature rose from the lowest depths of the earth higher than the skies, and in his Person sat down on the throne his Father had prepared for him."*

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





Monday, November 21	Tuesday, November 22	Wednesday, November 23	Thursday, November 24	Friday, November 25	Saturday, November 26	Sunday, November 27
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	LofC Giving Tree List Distribution After all Masses
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	L’alto: Confirmation Core Team 6:30 p.m. OE Conference Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		Parish Coffee & Donuts After 10 a.m. Mass Gym		LofC Giving Tree List Distribution After 4:30 p.m. Mass	Rite of Acceptance (Become Catholic) During 12 p.m. Mass
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room					Advent Wreath Making 12-3 p.m. Parish Center

**Baptisms**  
1:15 p.m.  
Church

**Benedictine  
Oblates**  
2 p.m.  
St. Joseph Room



**ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER**

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.

Father Henry Stephan

Come and discover how to live with peace of heart in a world that’s gone off-kilter. **Registration ends November 28.** Register at [buytickets.at/stgertrude](http://buytickets.at/stgertrude) or by scanning the QR code.



**OFFERING**

St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for November 13

Collection	\$	34,927
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(1,573)
2nd Collection – COAR Mission: \$6,433		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	693,187
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	730,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(36,813)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN  
12/4/22

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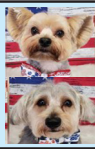
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