

When the Son of
Man comes in his

glory,

and all the angels
with him, he
will sit upon his
glorious throne

Matthew 25:31

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE | NOVEMBER 26, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, November 27, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jeanne Augustin by The Bursa Family
8 a.m. † Thomas Borchert by The Stines Family
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, November 28, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Patricia Shannon by Dee Cianciolo
8 a.m. † Joanne Sanzere by Mike & Beth Stoll
11:30 a.m. † Edward Alf by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel

Wednesday, November 29, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Carol Anderson by Patrick & Holly Oakes
8 a.m. † Peggy Kindt by Patrick Kindt
11:30 a.m. Craig & Teresa Babcock by The Bissonnette Family

Thursday, November 30, St. Andrew the Apostle (F)

- 7 a.m. † Garland & Gloria Tartaron
by Tom Tartaron & Juliana Di Giustini
8 a.m. † Harold Noble by The Noble Family
11:30 a.m. † Tom Martino by Joe Martino

Friday, December 1, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Cathy Dreyer by Joan Ratajczak
8 a.m. Jean Wilkinson by Ladies of Charity
11:30 a.m. † Miguel Obdulio Carrillo by Elvira Carrillo

Saturday, December 2, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Don Conlin by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin
11:30 a.m. † Marie Burks by John & Kate Werner
4:30 p.m. The Family of Mary Lehn by Pat & Al Riesenberg

Sunday, December 3, 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. † Ronald Nieto by Nieto Family
6 p.m. † Chris Flanagan 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.

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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.

GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

In light of the results of the recent election, we are doing something different for Giving Tuesday this year—asking everyone to give to one of the following local pregnancy centers listed below instead of giving to St. Gertrude Parish.

- Pregnancy Center Plus
- Elizabeth's New Life Center
- Mater Filius Queen City
- Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center

Please see Father John Paul's letter on page 2 for more information on each of these organizations.

Thank you for your generosity—moms and babies need your support now more than ever!

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.



A VERY DIFFERENT GIVING TUESDAY REQUEST

My dear parishioners, as I am sure most of you know, traditionally, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is known as “Giving Tuesday,” a day where people all across the nation are encouraged to make a donation to a charity that is close to their heart. The last three years, we have had a significant Giving Tuesday drive here in the parish.

This year, we are doing something that many might find shocking: **we are *not* conducting a Giving Tuesday fundraising drive for the parish.** Instead, I am asking everyone in the parish to do a different sort of giving this coming Tuesday. What motivates this request are the results of the recent election. With abortion now legal in Ohio through nine months of pregnancy, the only way we are going to be able to save babies moving forward is by providing moms (or couples) in crisis the support they need to have the confidence to deliver their babies. The work of crisis pregnancy centers and similar organizations moving forward is more critical than it has ever been. **So I am asking you, my parishioners, to please consider making a gift to one of the organizations listed below instead of giving to the parish this year on Giving Tuesday.** All of them have direct connections with our parish and are working every day to support moms in need and save the lives of their babies.

Pregnancy Center Plus (pcplus.org) is on Madison Road in Cincinnati. Pregnancy Center Plus has assisted over 135k families since 1982, offering them a confidential, safe place to get truthful information. Their ministry empowers families through pregnancy, parenting, and beyond with free services, including a 24/7 hotline, 24/7 nurse chat line, pregnancy testing, pregnancy counseling, first prenatal visit via telehealth, 3D ultrasound, on-site adoption services, and parenting education. They also distribute baby and toddler supplies such as diapers, formula, cribs, car seats, and more to needy families throughout the city. Currently, three St. Gertrude parishioners are board members, and at least 10 parishioners are volunteers.

Elizabeth’s New Life Center (enlc.life) operates nine pregnancy centers throughout the greater Cincinnati and Dayton metropolitan areas. They provide a range of services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, full prenatal care, parenting resources, and adoption assistance. One of our parishioners sits on the board and many others are supporters. Our own Knights of Columbus council raised the money to purchase an ultrasound machine for ENLC in 2022.

Mater Filius Queen City (mfqc.org) is a maternity home for pregnant women and their babies who do not otherwise have a safe place to be. Their vision is to help women create a new and healthy lifestyle for themselves and their family as they develop their role as a mother through their parenting workshops and mentoring program. One of our parishioners is a volunteer, and currently, St. Gertrude School is running a food and supplies drive to help restock the Mater Filius pantry.

Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center (oldstmarys.org/about/pregnancy-center/), located downtown, supports all mothers and children who come to them in need by providing material assistance, counseling, prayer, and encouragement. They offer free pregnancy tests and, once the child is born, free baby items such as diapers, clothing, strollers, hygiene items, and more. While clients wait for their items to be gathered by a volunteer, they attend a short “Bible study” of that day’s Mass readings. After their babies’ births, moms can come back once a month for more supplies for their growing children. Currently, the interim executive director is a St. Gertrude Parishioner, as is one of their regular volunteers.

There are many other organizations in the area worth supporting, but I wanted to highlight these four because of their connection to our parish. So please consider supporting one (or more) of them this coming Tuesday, November 28.

One final request: If you do make a donation, if it is possible, please let them know you were encouraged to do so by St. Gertrude Parish. It’s one thing for them to receive a bunch of random donations; but if they receive a number of donations where the donors all indicate they are donating because of this request from our parish, it will really reinforce the idea that we, as a parish, strongly support the work they do. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PS. I will be away from the parish November 24-29 on my annual retreat. Please know all of you will be remembered in my prayers and Masses while I am gone. Please pray for me, that this retreat will be a time of refreshment and spiritual renewal. Looking forward to being back with you all on November 30!

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Today is the Feast of Christ the King. During Holy Mass, I prayed fervently that Jesus might become King of all hearts and that divine grace might shine in every soul. Then I saw Jesus as He is depicted in the image, and He said to me, “My daughter, you give Me the greatest glory by faithfully fulfilling My desires.” (*Diary, #500*)

COVER IMAGE: *Jesus Christ – King of Glory.* Ukraine, Odessa Region – February, 18, 2023

NEED AN EVENING TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

The St. Gertrude Players are excited to offer a babysitting movie night on Friday, December 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Center and gym. Babysitting is open to children who are potty-trained through 5th grade. Junior high cast and crew members as well as adult chaperones will provide the babysitting. Cost is \$15 per child or \$25 per family. Walk-ins are welcome. Pizza will be provided to those children who preregister, and snacks and drinks will be available to all children in attendance. Preregistration will close on Thursday, November 30, at 11:45 p.m. All proceeds benefit this year's production of *Peter Pan, Jr.* Contact sgsplayers@stgertrudesch.org with any questions. Preregister and pay at tickettailor.com/events/stgertrudeplayers/1058928.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do You Sew? We Could Use Your Help: The St. Gertrude Players could use some help with sewing costumes for the upcoming production of *Peter Pan, Jr.* If you have time and talent to contribute, please reach out to sgsplayers@stgertrudesch.org.

Library Volunteers Needed: Work in the school library on a weekly or bi-weekly 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.

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!

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 fluke@stgertrude.org for more information.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025!

St. Gertrude School has openings in most grades for the 2024-2025 academic year. Now is the time to apply! Thanks to the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, most families are eligible for significant (if not complete) coverage of tuition costs.



Schedule a visit with us to learn more!



Begin the application process now!



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TEACHER Q&A WITH MRS. BEATRICE (6-8 HISTORY TEACHER)

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Why did you choose to work at St. Gertrude School?

Mrs. Beatrice: I like that the primary focus at St. Gertrude School is faith, and that there is a classical approach to teaching here, aligning the literature with the history in the junior high classes.

SGB: What is unique about St. Gertrude School?

Mrs. Beatrice: St. Gertrude School has a rich Dominican tradition, and the presence of the Dominican sisters is a great blessing. Not many schools get to have religious working and teaching for them nowadays. Also, it is great that the Dominican friars and novices make time to be part of our school activities.

SGB: Why should a parent consider a St. Gertrude School education?

Mrs. Beatrice: St. Gertrude School provides strong support for parents, who are the primary educators of their children. Catholic parents are trying to prepare their children for their adult lives in this world and for eternal life in the next. St. Gertrude's administrators and faculty members are focused on helping parents with these goals.

SGB: What do you love most about teaching at St. Gertrude School?

Mrs. Beatrice: First, I feel fortunate to work with all of the exceptional people on this faculty and administration, who are all supportive and faith-filled coworkers. Next, I really enjoy the students and families here. I am constantly amazed by the creative, generous, and thoughtful things that the parents do for our school and for the teachers. Finally, studying with the students each day is a joy.

SGB: What are your hobbies and background?

Mrs. Beatrice: I am married, have two daughters and three sons, and four grandsons and a granddaughter. I love spending time with my family, visiting Lake Michigan, or traveling in general. I have enjoyed gardening and raising chickens, and so we are very excited now to have just moved to a place where we can try our hand at raising livestock. I like to read and try to keep up with news in the Church and in politics.



NO ONE IS SAVED ALONE

TYLER CASTRUCCI, COORDINATOR OF ADULT EVANGELIZATION

You can't become a Christian simply by reading a book. Now, I love reading (especially about the faith!), so this is a difficult pill to swallow. When I was going through my reversion to the faith, reading and studying what the Church teaches was pivotal. I read everything I could get my hands on. I started with Scott Hahn books and gradually worked my way into studying St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, St. Augustine, and many other towering figures in the Catholic intellectual tradition. While all of this reading and education helped remove the intellectual obstacles I had to Christianity, it wasn't the thing that ultimately led me to return to the Church.

The faith is certainly reasonable, but it's not solely based on human reason. We also need grace and community. And, of course, in the final analysis, the Holy Spirit is always in the driver's seat. Nevertheless, during my reversion, the sense of belonging I experienced from the parish community deepened my faith in unexpected ways. In fact, the more I learned about the faith from reading books, the more my desire grew to talk about it with other people. Thankfully, I was able to join a small Saturday morning lectio divina group. Praying the Scriptures together and hearing what the Lord was saying to the other people in the group inspired me to gradually work up the courage

to share what I was receiving. It truly became a group of disciples discipling each other. This is parish life at its best.

Even before COVID, the rise of loneliness and isolation in our society has been well documented. In January of 2020, a study published by the major health insurer, Cigna, reported that three in five Americans are lonely. Loneliness and isolation can often have adverse effects on physical health, but more importantly, it can also cause serious spiritual problems. A faith that isn't lived out in the context of a community of believers often withers. In other words, as Pope Francis has said several times during his pontificate, "No one is saved alone."


Next Sunday, December 3, our parish is blessed to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming during the 12 p.m. Mass. This rite is the first major liturgical step toward receiving or completing the sacraments of initiation for adults and youth in our parish. While it's an important day for them personally, it is also an important day for us as a parish community. As part of the rite, the priest will address the entire assembly and inquire if it is ready to accompany the candidates on their faith journeys. Are we ready?

This week, I ask you to pray for all of those people discerning to enter the Church or be received into full communion, and ask the Lord "How are you calling me to accompany these people?" Perhaps it's offering a rosary for them, or making a point to go up and personally say hello and welcome them to the parish. Maybe the Lord is even calling you to take on the responsibility of sponsoring someone. Whatever the case may be, let's also pray that we would respond generously to the Lord's call.

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!

Preview Chapter 1 at stgertrude.org/bookpreview.

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




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:

† All our Beloved Dead

ST. GERTRUDE FEAST DAY MASS, PROCESSION & CELEBRATION

On Thursday, November 16, we celebrated St. Gertrude’s feast day—and the founding of our parish—with a solemn Mass and procession with St. Gertrude’s relic. Archbishop Schnurr celebrated Mass, with all the friars in the St. Gertrude Priory concelebrating. We even had a few of our beloved Dominican friars from the past, including Father George, join us!

On Saturday, November 18, we wrapped up our centennial festivities with our big St. Gertrude feast day party and 100th anniversary celebration. The mayor of the City of Madeira gave a presentation, and everyone enjoyed authentic German food, live music, and more! Enjoy these photos from these two milestone events. Here’s to the next 100 years!





GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Ladies of Charity have installed their Annual Christmas Giving Tree in the church and invite you to take a tag off the tree to help provide a Christmas gift for someone in need. The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6:00 p.m.) this weekend with a

list of specific items needed this year. Drops-offs will be December 2 and 3. If you have questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your continued generosity. Agencies served this year include Hope Emergency, Bethany House, local families in the Madeira area, and Elizabeth's New Life Center (which has been serving at-risk pregnant women in the Dayton and Cincinnati area since the organization opened in 1989).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MARIA STEIN SHRINE

St. Nicholas Celebration

Celebrate St. Nicholas at the Maria Stein Shrine on Sunday, December 3. The event will begin in the adoration chapel at 1 p.m. and will end at 3 p.m. Join us for prayer, activities, cookies, hot cocoa, and plenty of holiday fun! The cost is \$10 per child. Register online at mariasteinshrine.org. Please note, this event is geared toward elementary students. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Nativities

From now through January 10, 2024, the Maria Stein Shrine will again be hosting a Nativity Exhibit. View more than 60 nativity sets and see how the simple scene of Christ in the manger with Mary and Joseph has been interpreted in many cultures over the years. Bring the whole family for this wonderful reminder of the reason for the season. The exhibit is free and open to the public during the normal Shrine hours (Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 12 to 4 pm on Sunday). The Shrine is closed December 24, 25, and 31 and January 1.

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

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

On December 13, 14, and 15 from 6 to 9 p.m., Tim Francis will be at St. Maximilian Parish in West Chester answering the question: Can miracles stand up to the test of science? His talk will include exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head; a Eucharistic miracle; and the testimonies of those who saw a statue of Christ weeping and shedding blood. It's the same presentation each night, so choose which date works best for you! Learn more at saint-max.org/DoYouBelieve.

**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!

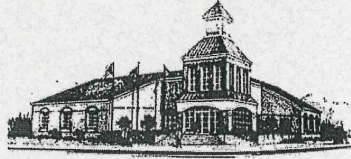
Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or
call 513-489-0300 by November 20th.

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.

At our St. Gertrude feast day and centennial celebration last Saturday, November 18, Chris Hilberg, the mayor of Madeira, presented our parish with this proclamation and congratulated us on our 100th anniversary.

The City of Madeira, Ohio



Proclamation

WHEREAS, this day commemorates the celebration of St. Gertrude Parish 100th anniversary in the City of Madeira; and

WHEREAS, St. Gertrude Mission, now known as St. Gertrude Parish, was established in 1923 by 25 Catholic families. Parishioners gathered every Sunday for Mass at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willenbrink on the corner of Naomi and Miami Avenues in Madeira; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 1924, the families had raised enough funds through organized socials and special collections to purchase land on Miami Avenue. In 1925, the first church building was completed; and

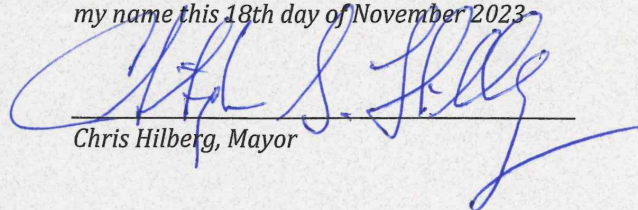
WHEREAS, in 1934, St. Gertrude School opened with 40 students in grades one through eight. Over the last 89 years, the school has been led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia; and

WHEREAS, on this commemoration of its 100th anniversary, St. Gertrude Parish remains as committed today as it was in 1923 in helping people encounter Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate this milestone, we pause and give thanks, honor, and praise for the deep and abiding Christian commitment of those who in faith began this work and for all of those who have given so unselfishly during these many years to see that the work of the church continues to grow and thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hilberg, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the 40th mayor of the City of Madeira, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby congratulate St. Gertrude Parish on their 100th Anniversary. Please join me in recognizing the contributions of the St. Gertrude Parish staff, faculty, and parishioners, both past and present to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto subscribe my name this 18th day of November 2023.


Chris Hilberg, Mayor



Monday, November 27	Tuesday, November 28	Wednesday, November 29	Thursday, November 30	Friday, December 1	Saturday, December 2	Sunday, December 3
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	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	L of C Giving Tree Drop-offs After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 a.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		L of C Giving Tree Drop-offs After 4:30 p.m. Mass St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Collegium Rehearsal 6 p.m. PC Choir Room				CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
L'alto Adoration Band Practice 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Cub Scouts – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria				Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	SGS First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Family Faith - Parent & Child Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Lower Fish Lobby					Advent Wreath Making 12-2:30 p.m. Gym
						Rite of Acceptance (Become Catholic) At 12 p.m. Mass
						L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

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.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for November 19

Collection	\$	30,652
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	6,348)
Second Collection - CCHD: \$3,434		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	740,805
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	777,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	36,195)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
12/10/23

MATERIALS DUE
11/29/23

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

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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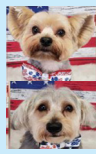
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