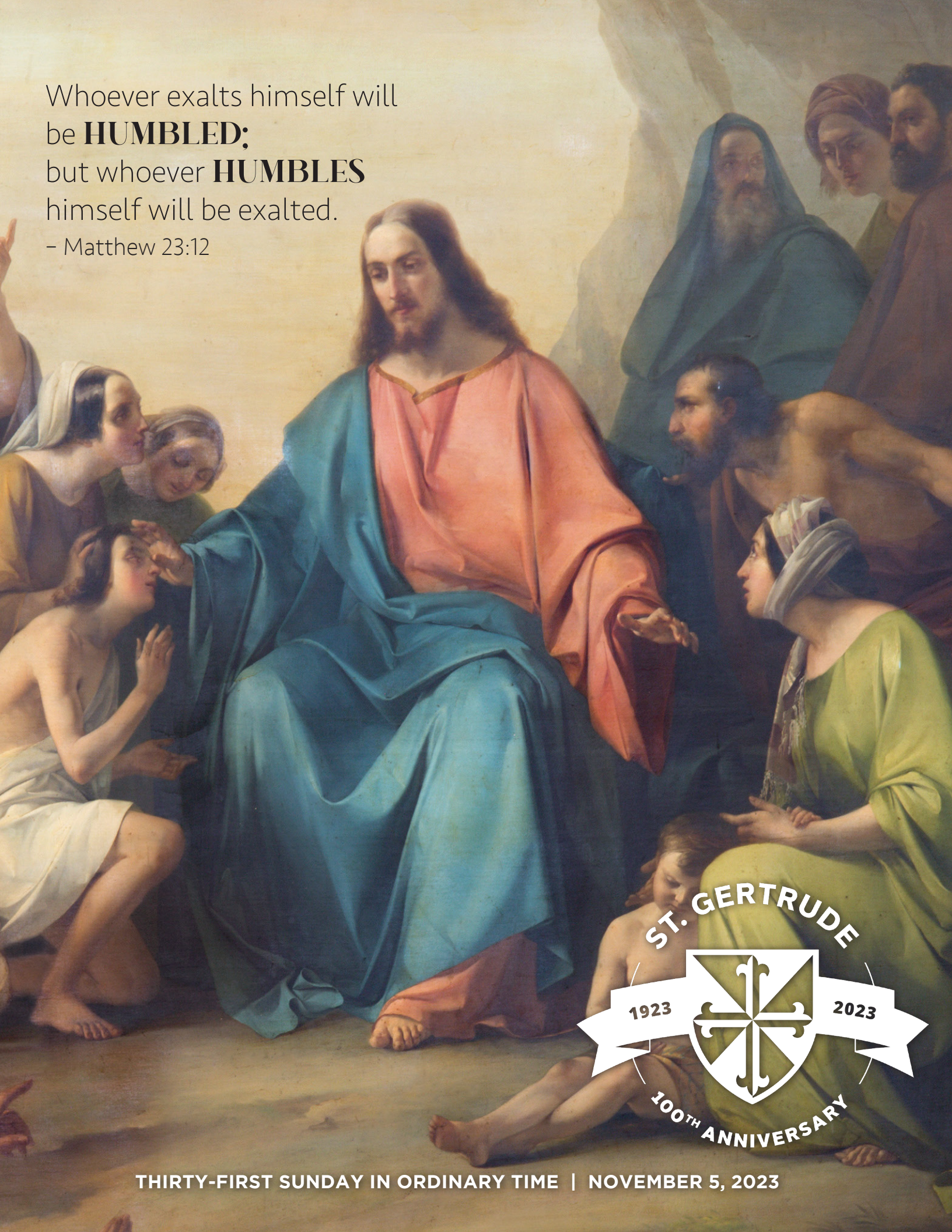


Whoever exalts himself will
be **HUMBLED**;
but whoever **HUMBLES**
himself will be exalted.

- Matthew 23:12



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 5, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, November 6, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Tom Trischler by Mike & Elaine O'Connell
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family
by John & Hilda Bough

Tuesday, November 7, All Saints of the Order of Preachers (F)

- 7 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 8 a.m. † Dorothy & Joe Sparer by Heidi & Ron Sparer
- 11:30 a.m. † Audrey Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich

Wednesday, November 8, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Friars Preachers
- 8 a.m. Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Friars Preachers
- 11:30 a.m. Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Friars Preachers

Thursday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)

- 7 a.m. John Cavadini by Katie Cavadini & Family
- 8 a.m. † Jim Donnelly by Ned & Anne Donnelly
- 11:30 a.m. Dominic Beinke by The Beinke Family

Friday, November 10, St. Leo the Great (M)

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
- 8 a.m. † Raymond Duckro by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 11:30 a.m. † Tom William by Nancy Lucas

Saturday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours (M)

- 8 a.m. † Robby Hertzelt by Cindy Hertzelt
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by The Dorn Family
- 4:30 p.m. † Nancy Weiss Gregory by The Noble Family

Sunday, November 12, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Shirley Seeger by The Seeger Children
- 10 a.m. † Robert & Virginia Fishlock by Catherine Fishlock
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Josephine & Ubald Ramenaden
by Dennis & Shirly Ramenaden

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.

24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

with the International Pilgrim
Virgin Statue of Fatima

NOVEMBER 6-7

Begins 7 p.m. Monday,
ends 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

St. Gertrude Church
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira



Join Catholics across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on the eve of the election and on election day as we ask Our Lady's intercession for peace in the world and the defeat of Issue 1.

View the full schedule at
stgertrude.org/fatima or scan
the QR code.



Learn more about the statue at
bluearmy.org or fatimatourforpeace.com.



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!





GOD IS STILL CALLING (AND OPEN HEARTS ARE STILL ANSWERING)

Generally speaking, when we look at the current state of our Catholic faith among the young, most of the data we see is not good. As we look at “age strata” of the population, the regular practice of the faith (measured via

attendance at Sunday Mass) is highest among the elderly and drops off with each successive generation. Among the youngest generation (the “millennials,” as they are often called), it is estimated that of those who were baptized as Catholic, less than 10 percent are currently attending Sunday Mass with any regularity. This is a great crisis for the Church that all of us are called to try to understand and address—lest Catholicism all but disappear from our country in the decades ahead.

However, the news is not all bad. God is still calling, and our young men and women are still answering. This fall, we had **four** of our St. Gertrude Church parishioners enter seminary or religious life. Two of the young men of our parish, both in their twenties, entered the seminary for our Archdiocese of Cincinnati and are beginning their propedeutic year at the Athenaeum. (The propedeutic year is, for diocesan seminarians, something *roughly* akin to the novitiate year for religious men.) Another one of the young men of our parish has begun a novitiate with a small religious order based in France. And one of the women of our parish, who up until last year taught at our St. Gertrude School, has entered the postulancy for the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia at their motherhouse in Nashville.

For a parish to generate even one priestly and religious vocation in a year is a beautiful thing. For our parish to generate four in a year is truly quite extraordinary; it is a testimony to not only the faith and openness of these four, but also their families and the spiritual nourishment they have received from our St. Gertrude family as a whole. Please pray for them and their continued openness to the Holy Spirit during the months and years ahead.

Of course, we have a unique opportunity here at St. Gertrude to see the truth that our young people are answering God’s call, in the persons of our novices who spend the year with us. One thing that our novices teach us is that there is no “cookie cutter” snapshot of a man who is called to be a Dominican friar. Here are a few facts about our seven novices:

- Five are cradle Catholics and two are converts (one in high school, the other just out of college).
- They come from states as far west as California and Arizona, as far north as Connecticut and Massachusetts, and as far east as New York, New Jersey, and Virginia.
- As for their elementary and high school studies, three of them partially or entirely attended Catholic schools, three entirely public schools, and one was homeschooled.
- As for college, only two attended Catholic universities; the

other five attended public or non-religious private colleges (including two Ivy League schools).

- When looking at their college majors, only one majored in theology. The other majors ranged from classics to civil engineering, from economics to political philosophy.

Quite the variation indeed! It goes to show that one never knows who God might be calling to “leave the world behind” to pursue a religious vocation. In light of that, if you know of any young person who seems to perhaps give indicators that he or she might have a religious vocation—mention it to them! Let them know what you see in them. Many young people do consider this possibility, but often don’t act on it until someone says something to encourage them. For one young man or woman, perhaps that “someone” is you. This upcoming week is National Vocations Awareness Week. It is a perfect time to say something to someone you feel might have a religious vocation.

I would also ask every person reading this to please pray for these young men and woman who have embarked upon the beginning stages of priestly or religious life. Pray for their continued discernment and (if it be God’s will) their perseverance. Please also pray for the young men and women out there whom God is still calling, that they might answer the call.

And for any of the young out there reading this, let me simply say this: If you think you may be feeling God calling you to this vocation . . . listen. Don’t ignore his call or pretend you aren’t hearing it. I tried that myself for several years. Trust me—it won’t work! (Haha.) Please know that if he is calling you to this life, then to say your “yes” will put you on the greatest adventure, and bring you a greater joy, than you can possibly imagine. It is an *amazing* thing to follow him in a priestly or religious vocation. All he needs is your open heart. He will do the rest. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



All Dominican Souls

Hail, all faithful souls of Christ; may he give you rest, who is himself the one true rest. May Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who for our salvation and for that of all mankind was born of the Immaculate Virgin, and redeemed you with his precious Blood, bless you, release you from your pain, raise you up in the day of judgment, and place you with his holy angels. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *The panting of Sermon of Jesus in Duomo Nuovo* by Michelangelo Grigoletti (1801-1870)



How is Technology Impacting Our Children?

- What are the social, emotional, and cognitive effects technology has on our children?
- What drives the desire to use technology?
- How do we navigate the use of technology with our children?

Scott Borchers, LPCC



Scott is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and has practiced in Cincinnati for the last ten years. He has practiced clinical counseling in several settings – in a school, in a pediatric medical practice, and in private practice. Scott has focused his clinical work mainly on anxiety, depression, and behavior modification.

**Thursday, November 9
7-8:30 p.m., School Cafeteria**

Child Care is Available

Let us know
you're coming!



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 Woebkenberg at mwoebkenberg@stgertrudesch.org if you have any questions.



Discover the St. Gertrude School Difference

FALL PREVIEW DAY

Are you looking for an exceptional K-8 school for your son or daughter? Join us for our second Fall Preview Day! You'll meet our principal, observe classes, and talk with current parents of St. Gertrude School students.

November 8 | 9-11 a.m.



RSVP for
Preview Day



Schedule a
Personal Tour



EMBRACING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE: OUR JOURNEY

**DAVID AND ANN STEIN,
PARISHIONERS AND NFP
INSTRUCTORS**

Life is a precious and miraculous gift that we, as members of St. Gertrude Parish, have been called upon to contemplate deeply.

In this article, we will share our journey toward understanding the essence of being pro-life. We will explore how various experiences and teachings have influenced our perspective on this serious matter.

Witnessing the Miracle of Life

Our path toward embracing a pro-life stance began with a profound moment of awe when we saw the sonogram of our first child. The image of a tiny beating heart on the screen opened our eyes to the undeniable reality of life within the womb. This experience deepened with the birth of our baby. Holding our newborn's tiny head in our hands during those precious early days reinforced our understanding of the sanctity of human life, setting the stage for our pro-life convictions.

Coping with the Loss of Life at All Stages

Our commitment to the pro-life cause strengthened when we came upon the documentary "The Silent Scream" on public access cable. Through the lens of a sonogram, we confronted the terrible reality of abortion. We wondered how this could be happening. How could we not have realized this before now?

The sudden loss of a relatively young mother also exposed us to the reality of death and the absence of precious life. This profound loss underscored the value of every moment we have with our loved ones and reinforced our commitment to cherish and protect life at all stages. We have also found that having our aged and infirm parents nearby has allowed us to appreciate the value of all stages of life. Respecting life means valuing every person, regardless of their age and wellness.

Encountering Goodness in Faith and Returning to the Sacraments

One of the most significant steps forward for us on the path of respecting life was returning to the Sacrament of Confession. Meeting a holy young priest, characterized by his kindness and generosity, played a pivotal role in our return. Encountering a devout Catholic within our age group provided a powerful witness that greatly aided our understanding and trust in the teachings of the Church.

But honestly, re-establishing the practice of confession proved challenging. It had been a long time, and many sins had piled up!

Another problem is that, as a couple, we were not seeing eye-to-eye on matters of faith. Accepting the Church's teachings on contraception was a struggle—a sensitive topic that was difficult to address.

Of Human Life and the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World

Despite our initial apprehension, we eventually embraced and practiced natural family planning (NFP). Through this process, we discovered its positive impact on our marriage, family life, and overall well-being, which was a big surprise. These positive outcomes solidified our belief in the correctness of the Church's stance on this matter.

We realized that the gospel of life is closely connected to God's plan for marriage and the gift of children. Unfortunately, this valuable knowledge remains relatively unknown to many, motivating us to teach and spread the word to others. Pope St. John Paul II's exhortation for families to be a community of life and love became our guiding mission.

Growing Closer to God and Others

By inviting God into our marriage, we realized that the closer we each came to God, the closer we grew in our union. Our faith became the bedrock of our relationship, strengthening our commitment to the sanctity of life.

A combination of personal experiences and the teachings of the Church has shaped our journey. We attribute the success of our marriage to our adherence to these beautiful teachings, and our dedication to defending the sanctity of life has become a central part of our Christian discipleship.

We believe practicing faithful citizenship, aligning with the Church's teachings, and engaging in legislative advocacy to support the vulnerable and uphold human dignity are vital aspects of living the gospel of life. Just as important is our daily commitment to witness to the love of Christ, which provides true freedom and abundant life. We hope our story illustrates that every human person, born or unborn, is made for such a life.



SACRISTY LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED!

Are you looking for a simple way to serve at St. Gertrude Parish? Volunteer in our sacristy. We are looking for multiple volunteers to help wash big items (surplices, cassocks, albs, concelebrant chasubles) on an ongoing basis. You can bring the items home to clean, and you only have to commit to helping once a month. Please contact Father Luke at fluke@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954, ext. 2204, or speak with him in person. Thank you!

BULLDOGS WRESTLING REGISTRATION

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.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The St. Gertrude Parish Catholic Men's Fellowship meets every second and fourth Saturday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria for prayer, fellowship, Scripture, and to discuss faith topics as they apply to our lives as Catholic men. All men are welcome to attend! Upcoming topics include Calls to Action (November 11) and Your Favorite Scripture (November 25). Come, and bring a friend! For more information, contact Stan Lloyd at (513) 289-5268 or stan.lloyd@gmail.com.

WE'RE HIRING!

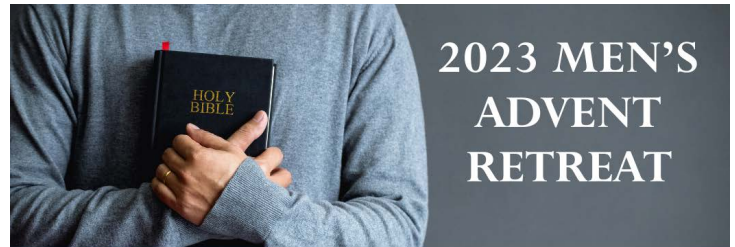
Are you passionate about forming teens in the Catholic faith? Do you have experience leading teams and empowering others? You could be our coordinator of youth ministry! To view the job description and apply, please visit stgertrude.org/employment.

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 next weekend, November 11 and 12. Thank you for your generosity!

- Denture cleaner/grip
- Crossword/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.



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 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



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:

† Christa Brisken, mother of Thomas Brisken

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.



Cincinnati Women's Conference 2023

Embracing Solitude: Discover the Secret of How to Influence the World for God.

The day will begin with rosary and Mass, inspiring talks by Father Nathan Cromly and an opportunity for adoration and confession.

Saturday, November 11, 2023
7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

St Maximilian Kolbe Parish
5720 Hamilton Mason Rd
Hamilton, OH 45011
(Main conference location will be in their gym)


Cost: \$60 per person, including continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Coffee, tea, and water are also available throughout the day.

[Registration link](#)



Scan me!






The 54-day rosary novena will continue until election day on Tuesday, November 7

Please continue to pray for the defeat of this dangerous amendment. For the final three days of this novena, the glorious mysteries will be prayed each day.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at pray54ohio.org or by scanning the QR code.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Ladies of Charity have kicked off their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. A list of needed items is available at the entrances to the church through this weekend. You can drop off your items next weekend, November 11 and 12. The following items are especially needed during this time:

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

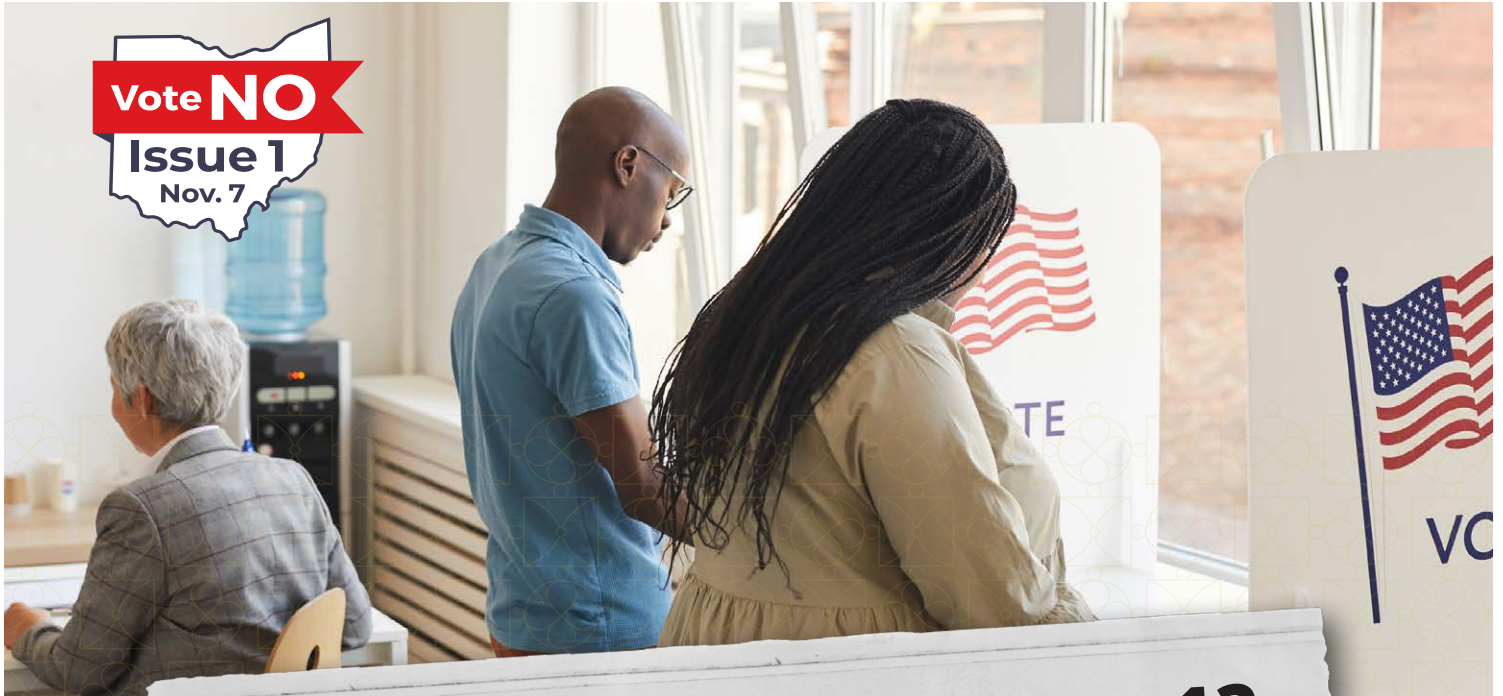
Please consider donating the items mentioned above to help someone in need have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you cannot bring an item, cash/check donations (made payable to Ladies of Charity) are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you!

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, what 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).

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.



Confused about Issue 1?

What You Need to Know Before Voting

There is a lot of confusion and misinformation surrounding Issue 1. People have questions about the impact Issue 1 will have on miscarriage care, parental rights, and late-term abortions. Many want to know what the amendment actually says. Below you will find videos and articles explaining the language and proposed changes contained within Issue 1 to help you make an informed decision in the voting booth.



Miscarriage Care Will Remain Legal in Ohio, Even if Issue 1 Fails.



Are Late-Term Abortions Safe for Women?



What Does Issue 1 Actually Say? An Ohio Lawyer Takes a Look.



What Does Separation of Church and State Mean?



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Don't forget to get out and vote!
Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Monday, November 6	Tuesday, November 7	Wednesday, November 8	Thursday, November 9	Friday, November 10	Saturday, November 11	Sunday, November 12
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Removal of Crosses of the Holy Innocents After 7 a.m. Mass PC Front Lawn	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	LofC Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop-off Before & After 8, 10, & 12 Masses Outside church
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	SGS Fall Preview Day 9-11 a.m. School	CGS Parent Group Meeting 11 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	K of C VA Collection After all Masses Outside Church
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	SGS PTO Moms' Bunco Night 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	24-Hour Prayer Vigil with Fatima Pilgrim Statue Closing 7:30 p.m. Church	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	Technology Talk with Scott Boerchers 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		K of C VA Collection After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
24-Hour Prayer Vigil with Fatima Pilgrim Statue Begins 7 p.m. Church		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			LofC Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop-off Before & After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside church	Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
						Significant Wedding Anniversary Blessings At 12 p.m. Mass Church
						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 October 29

Collection	\$	27,486
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	9,514)
Second Collection – St. Vincent de Paul & Ladies of Charity: \$4,444		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	621,937
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	666,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	44,063)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
11/19/23

MATERIALS DUE
11/8/23

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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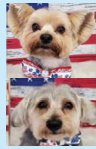
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