

HE IS NOT GOD OF THE DEAD,
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE.

LUKE 20:38



ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, November 7, All Saints of the Dominican Order (F)

- 7 a.m. † David McSharry by Richard & Paula Maxwell
- 8 a.m. † John Marsicano by Tom & Christin Spurr
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne

Tuesday, November 8,

Anniversary of Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order

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

Wednesday, November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)

- 7 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Judy Bayer & Family
- 8 a.m. † Keith Noble by The Noble Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Rosemarie Fernandopulle by Dennis & Cecilia Ramenaden

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

- 7 a.m. † Sharon Buonauro Cullman by Beck & Diana Wyrick
- 8 a.m. † Tom Williams by Nancy Lucas
- 11:30 a.m. † Richard Retta, Sr. & Jr. by Laura & John West

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

- 7 a.m. † Rita Wellage by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. † Robby Hertzell by Cindy Hertzell
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Kay Feighery by John Feighery

Saturday, November 12, St. Josaphat (M)

- 8 a.m. † Bill Van Hise by Tom & Kim Hahn
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Jeanne Johantges
- 4:30 p.m. † Russ Bravard by Doug & Robin Postler

Sunday, November 13, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Paul Arling by Jeanne Johantges
- 10 a.m. † Joan Larason by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Carl E. Speicher by Tricia Speicher

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.

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.



St. Gertrude Parish 100th Anniversary Kickoff Events

In November 2023, St. Gertrude Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary! In preparation for our centennial, we will be hosting a variety of events during the coming year. And we invite you to join us for the festivities.

🎵 A Night of Beauty: Visions of Eternity
Friday, November 11 | 7 p.m. | Church

Christopher Holman, our director of music, presents a concert of organ music composed for the liturgy and performed chronologically from the earliest keyboard music ever written to the present. The concert will culminate with the world premiere of a newly-composed piece based on the Dominican chant *Salve Regina* by acclaimed British composer Caitlin Harrison.



✝️ St. Gertrude the Great Feast Day
Mass & Procession
Wednesday, November 16
6:30 p.m. | Church

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



Parish Celebration
Saturday, November 19 |
5:30 p.m. | Parish Center

Come to a festive celebration featuring authentic German food, live music, and plenty of fun to be had by all!



stgertrude.org/centennial



SAVE THE DATE

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 27
12-3 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center
\$25/Wreath Kit

More details to come.
Register at buytickets.at/stgertrude
by November 21!



**CENTENNIAL LAUNCH,
PART II**

Last week, I wrote about the beginning events to launch our year of preparation for our parish centennial. This week, I wish to pick up where the previous letter left off and highlight the events happening in the next couple of weeks.

First, for those reading this in advance of the weekend, a reminder that this Saturday, November 5, we welcome the Panivnyk Family, refugees from war-torn Ukraine, who will speak to us about their experience of fleeing their home and homeland because of the Russian invasion. They are an extraordinary family, and the strength of their faith in the midst of such trial is a testimony to the power of God's grace to overcome the sufferings of this world. We are so thankful they were willing to come to Cincinnati to share their story with us.

Next Friday, November 11, we will be hosting *A Night of Beauty: Visions of Eternity*, a concert tracing the whole history of organ music chronologically from its beginning to the modern time. Besides the extraordinary organ skills of our parish music director, Dr. Christopher Holman, we will also be graced with the presence of British composer Caitlin Harrison, whose original composition will be the capstone of the evening. As this will be the world premiere of this piece, Ms. Harrison will speak to us before it is performed, sharing the inspiration behind its composition.

The following Wednesday, November 16, is the liturgical celebration of the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great. Besides our usual three daily Masses, we will have a special solemn Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a procession with the statue of St. Gertrude around the parish grounds. The Saturday after that, November 19, is the all-parish dinner/party celebrating St. Gertrude's feast. The celebration will feature a live band, lots of food and beverages, and a promise of a good time to be had by all.

Don't forget that, as is our custom every year, we will be praying a novena to St. Gertrude in preparation of her feast day. Our novena prayers will begin on November 7 and continue until the eve of St. Gertrude's feast day. Novena prayer cards will be in the church, and we encourage everyone to join in the novena prayers, which will take place just before the beginning of each Mass.

Finally, we have one last piece of news. I'm happy to announce that we will be having a new friar, Father Darren Pierre, O.P., joining our Dominican community here at St. Gertrude Priory in the coming days. Father Darren will be engaging in a variety of community ministries, including some assistance with Masses and confessions in the parish. Father Darren is a former pastor of St. Gertrude who, for the past 12 years, has been serving in a variety of positions at our Dominican provincial headquarters in New York City. After serving for a brief period of time as our prior provincial, Father Darren came

to recognize that his gifts and talents were not the right match for the responsibilities of that position and recently resigned from that office. We're thrilled to have him joining us at St. Gertrude and look forward to his pastoral ministry among us.

Looking forward to sharing with all of you these upcoming days of grace!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Here are some pictures from our kick-off Mass with Archbishop Chris Cardone on Sunday, October 30, and our first centennial kick-off event, Vigil of All Saints, on Monday, October 31.



**PRAYER FROM
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



In Praise of St. Leo the Great

Hail, Holy Leo the Great, illustrious confessor of Christ and glory and adornment of his Holy Church. You are the sweet budding rose of charity, the lily of purity, the beaming star of sanctity. Like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and as the full moon, so did you shine forth in splendor of your virtues. O blessed Leo, most holy friend of Jesus, remember me, a miserable sinner, who invokes you with all the devotion of my heart. I commend to you my life and my death, and especially my last parting breath; beseeching you, by the love with which you served God so devoutly, that you would offer to God in repayment for my sins all the humiliation, the restraint, and the penance which you so willingly undertook and lovingly accomplished for the glory of His Name. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: Jesus Christ descended to hell © shutterstock.com/VKostic

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Wednesday, November 9:** Open House; End of First Trimester
- **Thursday, November 10:** In-Service/No School
- **Friday, November 11:** In-Service/No School
- **Wednesday, November 16:** St. Gertrude the Great Feast Day
- **Thursday, November 17:** Principal's Coffee (Junior High Parents)

ARCHBISHOP CARDONE'S VISIT

On Friday, October 28, Archbishop Chris Cardone, O.P. (Archbishop of Honiara in the Solomon Islands), visited with our students. We had an all-school assembly during which the archbishop shared about his life as a missionary and a Dominican bishop.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Last Friday evening, October 28, we had our annual SGS Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot. The food truck was a hit, and the children had tons of fun walking from car to car to trick or treat. Congratulations to Elyse Akhtar, Angie Haering and Jay Gates, and Angel Proano and Analinda Palencia (parents of Anasofia Proano) for winning best dressed student, parents/adults, and car, respectively. (This year's Trunk or Treat was in memory of Megan Johnson.)



GALLERY OF SAINTS

After 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 30, and on Tuesday morning, November 1, our second grade students presented our annual Gallery of Saints. They did a great job getting into character and sharing what they learned about their saints' lives.



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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



DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

Gather in Faith. Guide in Truth. Grow in Excellence.

Please join us for our Open Houses!

November 9, 2022
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
7-8 p.m.

January 29, 2023
1-3 p.m.

Visit stgertrudesch.org/open-house-rsvp
to schedule your personal tour.



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MAKING MORAL CHOICES

Below is an excerpt from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, a teaching document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the political responsibility of Catholics. This section of the document, along with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's iVoteCatholic website, is a great resource as you thoughtfully evaluate candidates for Tuesday's elections.

31. Decisions about political life are complex and require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with outright opposition to laws and other policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. **Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil.**

32. Sometimes morally flawed laws already exist. In this situation, the process of framing legislation to protect life is subject to prudential judgment and “the art of the possible.” At times this process may restore justice only partially or gradually. For example, St. John Paul II taught that when a government official who fully opposes abortion cannot succeed in completely overturning a pro-abortion law, he or she may work to improve protection for unborn human life, “limiting the harm done by such a law” and lessening its negative impact as much as possible (Evangelium Vitae, no. 73). Such incremental improvements in the law are acceptable as steps toward the full restoration of justice. However, Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

33. Prudential judgment is also needed in applying moral principles to specific policy choices in areas such as armed conflict, housing, health care, immigration, and others. This does not mean that all choices are equally valid, or that our guidance and that of other Church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, we urge Catholics to listen carefully to the Church's teachers when we apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations. The judgments and recommendations that we make as bishops on such specific issues do not carry the same moral authority as statements of universal moral teachings. Nevertheless, **the Church's guidance on these matters is an essential resource for Catholics** as they determine whether their own moral judgments are consistent with the Gospel and with Catholic teaching.

34. **Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote.** This is why it is so important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. **A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act**, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, **if the voter's intent is to support that position.** In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of

formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

35. There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil.

36. When all candidates hold a position that promotes an intrinsically evil act, the conscientious voter faces a dilemma. The voter may decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate or, after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods.

37. In making these decisions, **it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose policies promoting intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions.** These decisions should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. In the end, this is a decision to be made by each Catholic guided by a conscience formed by Catholic moral teaching.

The full text of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is available at [usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title](https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title).

iVoteCatholic

Get a fuller picture of what the Church teaches and why—and vote with your faith in mind.



Family, Community, & Participation



Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers



Option for the Poor & Vulnerable



Life & Dignity of the Human Person



Solidarity



Rights & Responsibilities



Care for God's Creation

[ivotecatholic.org](https://www.ivotecatholic.org)

CALLING ALL VETERANS

St. Gertrude School's student council is celebrating Veterans Day on Monday, November 14, with four small assemblies at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 2 p.m. During each assembly, the students will pray for the United States, hear stories from our veterans, and honor our veterans' service to our nation. If you are a veteran who is able to join us for one of these assemblies, please contact Sister Maria Francesca Wiley (SGS student council moderator) at smfrancesca@stgertrudesch.org or (513) 561-8020, ext. 1015.

COAR PEACE MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, November 12 and 13, a representative from the Community of Oscar A. Romero (COAR) Peace Mission will be speaking at all Masses to spread awareness about the mission and ask for prayers and support. Founded in 1980 at the beginning of El Salvador's civil war, COAR is a school, foster care facility, clinic, and resource for the impoverished children of El Salvador. We will have a second collection to aid COAR. Donations may be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish and either placed in the second collection or brought or mailed to the parish office with "COAR" in the memo. For more information about COAR, please visit coarpeacemission.org or call (440) 943-7615.

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 before or after any Mass the weekend of 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.



St. Anne's Guild

A Spiritual Group for Girls in Grades 5-8

All girls in grades 5-8 are invited to the next St. Anne's Guild meeting. We'll enjoy breakfast and social time, care for the church, hear a short talk, and do a fun activity or craft.

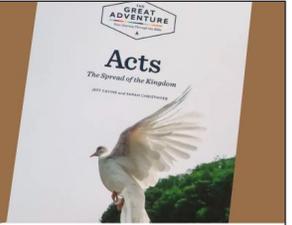
Saturday, November 12
9-11:15 a.m.
Parish Center



For more information, please visit stgertrude.org/stanneguild or contact Ann McCormick at ann.mccormick@gmail.com.

LEARN THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS IN Acts

A 20-PART BIBLE STUDY



Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Beginning Saturday, November 26, join us 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.

- WHO:** Adults 18+
- WHEN:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, beginning November 26
- WHERE:** St. Gertrude School Cafeteria
- COST:** Free, or \$40 if you would like to order a workbook (bulk discount)

For more information and to register, visit

stgertrude.org/acts



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

Stephanie Hull, sister of Kevin Conlon
Laura Johns, daughter of Pat Tartaron

LADIES OF CHARITY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It's time again for the Ladies of Charity Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The following is the list of requested items, which is different from previous years:

- Pineapple
- Peanut butter
- Gravy (packages or 15 oz. cans preferred)
- Boxed desserts
- Spices
- Cooking oil
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Shampoo
- Canned sweet potatoes (15 oz.)

You can drop off your items next weekend, November 12 and 13. Monetary donations (made payable to Ladies of Charity) are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your generosity!

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

The Village of Indian Hill Veterans Committee is planning a Veterans Day observance on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 11 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Shawnee Run Road and Drake Road. The committee members invite veterans and residents to join them in honoring and remembering the service and sacrifices our veterans have made throughout history to preserve and protect this great country.

The program will begin with patriotic music at 10:45 a.m., followed by various tributes, including readings by Mayor Don McGraw and other distinguished speakers. Indian Hill Rangers and Boy Scouts will place an honorary wreath at the memorial.



GET ON THE SOUL TRAIN

Praying for your departed loved ones just got easier with parishioner Jeanne Johantges' My Little Book of Souls. This 9.5" x 8" monthly organizer provides pages (5" x 8") for you to write down the dates that your loved ones passed away and contains pockets where you can keep their holy cards. Then, on their anniversaries, you'll be able to pray for your dearly departed in a special way. Each book is \$45, and \$5 from each purchase goes toward a Mass said for the holy souls in purgatory. Jeanne started this apostolate to encourage prayer and devotion to the holy souls, and assembles each book by hand. To purchase your My Little Book of Souls, please contact Jeanne at (513) 984-3688.



MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

At this pivotal time in history, when marriage and family are under attack, receive blessings and strength for your marriage at the Married Couples' Retreat at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH 45660). The retreat begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 11, with adoration and continues until the afternoon of Saturday, November 12. A variety of speakers will give inspiring talks from an authentically-Catholic perspective on living as a fully-alive married couple. Guest rooms are available, meals are provided, and the cost is simply a freewill offering. Space is limited, so register today at presentationministries.com/events/view/event-married-couples or by calling (513) 373-2397.

PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for the following positions in the Cincinnati area:

- RN/RDMS: Perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds
- Consultant: Work with women clients facing crisis pregnancies
- Men's Consultant: Mentor, coach, and educate fathers
- Community Relations Officer: Work with area organizations to ensure communities are aware of ENLC services

For more information and to apply, please visit elizabethnewlife.org/careers/.

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Join us for our 2nd Annual
Advent Concert at
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
11000 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

Thursday
12-1-2022
7PM - 8:30PM

Vocalists:
Archbishop Moeller High School Choir
Ursuline Academy Choir
and
Friends of Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Refreshments are included too.
Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org
by November 25th.



ASK A PRIEST— THE SIGN OF PEACE

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: What is the background to the sign of peace at Mass? I always thought it was a very meaningful part of Mass, but I realize that some people don't mind when it is omitted. In an ideal Catholic Mass, how important is this gesture?

A: You ask a very good question. And you're accurate to detect that, somewhat ironically, the sign of peace is a practice that can divide Catholics—at least according to personal preference, if not in deeper ways. I will answer according to your line of questioning.

Like many parts of the Catholic Mass, the sign of peace has a complex history. I won't even begin to comment on how it is or is not practiced in other rites, such as the Maronite Catholic Liturgy or the Ukrainian Catholic Liturgy. You'll have to discover these on your own! It appears that the "kiss of peace" gained popularity in the Roman Rite (i.e., our own patrimony, along with the Dominican Rite) by the turn of the first millennium. This kiss, a common social greeting in the ancient world, was exchanged among the clergy in the sanctuary and often made its way into the congregation (a separation between the sexes also frequently being in practice when people went to church). For obvious reasons, often the "kiss" instead became a simple embrace, the passing of folded hands from one person to another, or the passing of an object that everyone kissed. By a certain point in time, the gesture became an option only exercised by certain ministers in the sanctuary or on certain occasions.¹ Of course, it was again made more widespread with the Novus Ordo Mass of Vatican II.

More deeply, what does this gesture mean? Its place in the Mass is highly significant: it follows the Lord's Prayer and the greeting, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." There is also a reference to our Lord's promised gift to the Apostles in a prayer of the priest: "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins but on the

faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will."² At the heart of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist is a desire for unity initiated by Jesus himself. This is the proper context for the sign of peace.

Our present ritual for Mass, as found in the *Roman Missal*, leaves the invitation to extend the sign of peace to the discretion of the deacon or priest. The rubrics go on to say: "And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion, and charity. The Priest gives the sign of peace to a Deacon or minister."³ There is room for discretion on the part of priest and people, but some sign of this other type of "holy communion" is asked for by the Church in our present form of the Mass. As always, the Church's liturgy keeps us on our toes and calls us to the conversion of heart essential to the Gospel. And there, meeting the Lord, we find peace.

¹ For more historical information, see Josef Jungman, S.J., *The Mass of the Roman Rite: Its Origin and Development*, Vol. 2 (Benzinger, 1955).

² See Jn 14:27 and *Roman Missal*, The Communion Rite.

³ *Roman Missal*, The Communion Rite, no. 128.

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



Monday, November 7	Tuesday, November 8	Wednesday, November 9	Thursday, November 10	Friday, November 11	Saturday, November 12	Sunday, November 13
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Caná Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 Masses Gym
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	St. Gertrude School Open House 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús 4:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room	St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	LofC Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop-offs After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Outside Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Caná Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	Musical Concert 7 p.m. Church	Respect Life Committee Meeting 9:15 a.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	St. Gertrude School Open House 7-8 p.m.		Musical Concert Reception Following the concert St. Dominic Lobby	LofC Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop-offs After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				L’alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
						L’alto: Confirmation Night 7 p.m. Parish Center



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MEN’S ADVENT RETREAT

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

Father Henry Stephan

Center in Milford. Come and discover how to live with peace of heart in a world that’s gone off-kilter. Registration is open now through November 28—or until tickets sell out. Space is limited, so register today at buytickets.at/stgertrude or by scanning this QR code.



OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for October 30

Collection	\$	34,754
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(1,746)
2nd Collection – Fifth Sunday: \$4,122		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	588,052
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	657,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(68,948)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
11/20/22

MATERIALS DUE
11/9/22

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