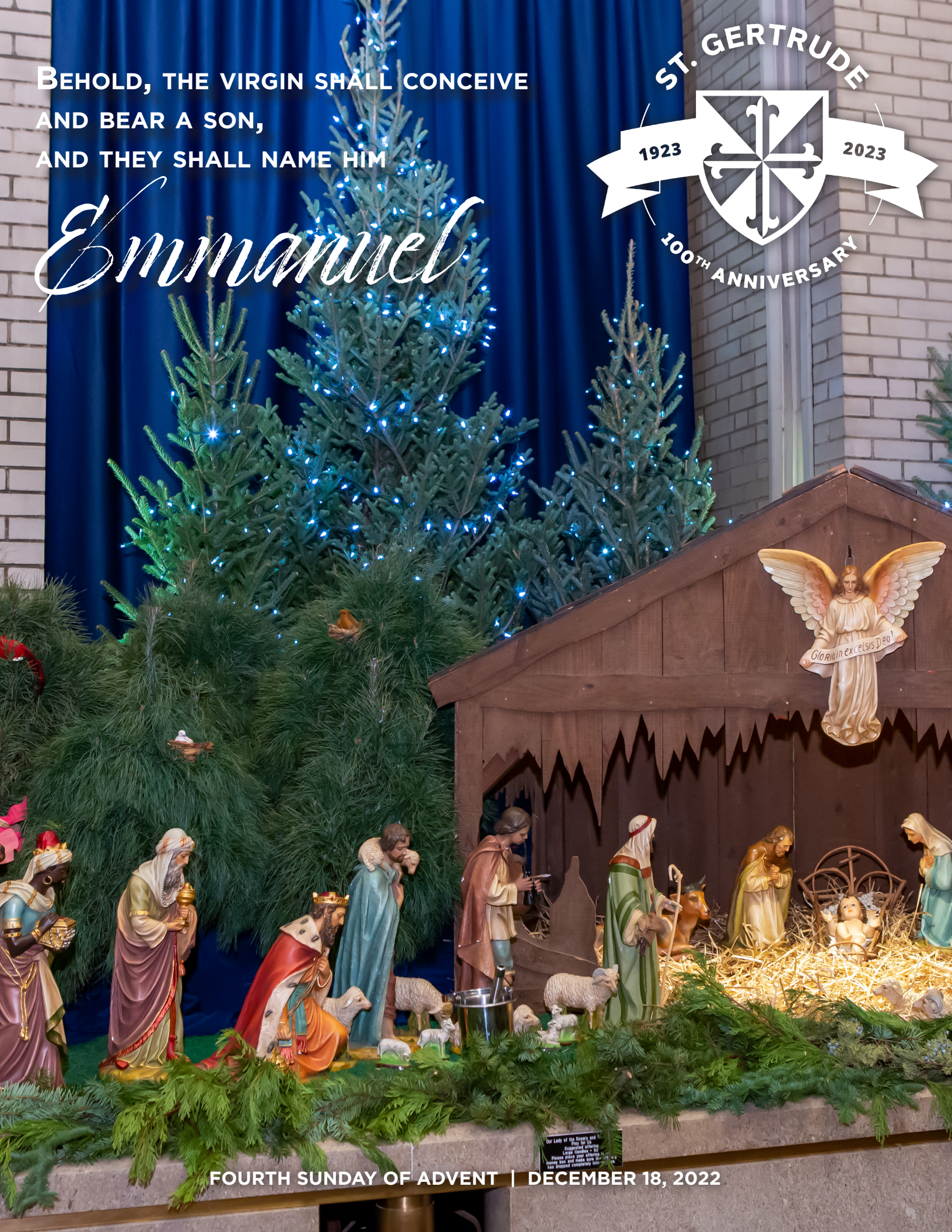


BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE  
AND BEAR A SON,  
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM

*Emmanuel*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 18, 2022

Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Elizabeth  
Pray for the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Loretto - The  
House which our Saviour  
chose to dwell in  
and from which he  
was born

# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, December 19, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joan & Mickey Smith by Dorothy Stucker
- 8 a.m. Father George Schommer, O.P., by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, December 20, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Father Francis W. Voellmecke by Amber Dawson
- 8 a.m. Lee Badinghaus by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. † Joel Brink by Sal & Teri Forlini

## Wednesday, December 21, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Martha Arlinghaus by Amber Dawson
- 8 a.m. J. Nordloh & Family by The Carrington Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Anne & Bob Siebert by Shari Siebert

## Thursday, December 22, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Ronald Dean Anthony Francis Irvin by Angela Martini
- 8 a.m. † David DeMatteo by Mary Jo Rose
- 11:30 a.m. † Richard Retta, Sr. & Jr. by Laura & John West

## Friday, December 23, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. Missy Coors by Michael & Amy Geers
- 8 a.m. † Gene Cameron by Courtney Roberts
- 11:30 a.m. † Alberta & Dick DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner

## Saturday, December 24, Advent Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Lori Moore by The Hertleins

## December 24-25, The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas) (S)

- 3 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant
- 5:30 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant
- 12 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
- 12 p.m. Christmas Novena

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. There will be no confession offered on Saturday, December 24, or Sunday, December 25.

## Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243  
(513) 561-5954 | [stgertrude.org](http://stgertrude.org)

### 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.



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

- 3 p.m. Vigil Mass (church, gym)
- 5:30 p.m.\* Vigil Mass (church)  
\*5 p.m. choir concert
- 12 a.m.^ Midnight Mass (church)  
^11:30 p.m. choir concert

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

- 8 a.m. Mass at Dawn (church)
- 10 a.m. Mass During the Day (church)
- 12 p.m. Mass During the Day (church)

[stgertrude.org/christmas2022](http://stgertrude.org/christmas2022)



## SCHEDULE CHANGES

### DECEMBER 23, 2022-JANUARY 2, 2023

#### December 23, 2022-January 2, 2023

Adoration chapel closed

#### December 24, 2022

No 11:30 a.m. Mass or 4:30 p.m. Mass

#### December 25, 2022

No 6 p.m. Mass

#### December 26- December 27, 2022

Parish office closed

#### December 28, 2022

Parish office open 12:30-5 p.m.  
No 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour or confession

#### December 29, 2022

Parish office open 12:30-5 p.m.

#### December 30, 2022

Parish office closed

#### January 2, 2022

Parish office closed



**CHRISTMAS IS  
NEXT WEEK!**

As we look forward to our celebration of the Lord's birth just one week from today, I want to share a few thoughts and comments regarding our parish celebration of Christmas this year. It will be the first year since 2019 that we will be able to celebrate Christmas Masses without any

COVID-related restrictions. It will also be the first Christmas here at St. Gertrude for Fr. Joachim, Christopher Holman (our director of music), Matthew Young (our head sacristan), and myself! With so many "new" faces involved in the preparations, things might—without us even realizing it—not end up happening *precisely* as they have in the past.

First, a few words about the schedule and seating for the Masses. With COVID capacity limits and social distancing requirements now a thing of the past, we have eliminated the need to obtain "tickets" or sign up in advance for a particular Mass. All Christmas Masses will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. For the 3 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, we will fill the church first and then begin seating people in the gym. That means there will be two Masses happening simultaneously at 3 p.m. While we don't expect the 5:30 p.m. Mass to overflow into the gym, in the event that we have completely filled the church and more people are still arriving, we will be prepared to have an overflow Mass in the gym at that time, as well.

Unlike in some previous years, we will not be having a Mass at 7:30 p.m. There were notes left for us from last year saying that attendance at that Mass was not all that great and suggesting that Mass be discontinued in the future. In addition, after discussing the schedule with the other friars, it was clear that, as a Dominican priory responsible for forming novices, it was very important for the community to be able to pray together and have a meal together on Christmas Eve. The only possible opportunity to do that in a reasonable way was during this early evening time slot, where there is a brief window between the end of the 5:30 p.m. Mass(es) and the beginning of Vigils and ultimately Midnight Mass. During this window, the three parish priests will be joining with the rest of the Dominican community in our communal celebration of Christmas Eve.



In recent past years, our "Midnight Mass" has (inexplicably, to me) begun at 11:30 p.m. This year, we decided to make it a proper Midnight Mass and begin the Mass at midnight! There is a long and deep history of Christmas Midnight Mass, going back (in the west) to

the year 440 AD when Pope Sixtus III began celebrating it, citing the tradition that Jesus was born at midnight. We know that even earlier than that, Christmas Mass was celebrated at midnight in Bethlehem. So, if it's good enough for Rome and Bethlehem, I say it's good enough for Madeira! In addition to the Mass, there will be a 30-minute program of Christmas carols beginning at 11:30 p.m. for those who wish to arrive early and share in some extra singing. Our Christmas Day schedule will remain unchanged from recent years, with Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m.

Finally, I'd like to extend a personal request that comes from deep in my heart to all of you, our wonderful and faithful parishioners. As you well know, many of our fellow Catholics are not very regular Mass goers, but do show up for major celebrations like Christmas and Easter. I ask you, from the bottom of my heart, *be as warm and welcoming to them as you can*. If you've been coming here for 20 years and always sit in the same pew yet you show up for Christmas Mass this year and there's some family that you've never seen before sitting there . . . smile at them. After Mass is over, introduce yourself and welcome them. Wish them a Merry Christmas. Maybe it will be your smile and warmth that brings them back to the parish again . . . sometime before next Easter.

For three weeks of Advent, we have been praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Now we await the final week of our Advent vigil.

See you at the manger,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**PRAYER FROM  
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



**A Prayer for Advent**

*Lord Jesus, surpassingly sweet, who has said with your own gracious lips that your delights are to be with the children of men: my soul longs for you, my heart yearns now toward you. Come, Lord Jesus, incomparable in your loveliness; come, O beloved of my heart's vows; come and be present with me in the meager chamber of my heart. And though I have made ready nothing which is becoming of your dazzling magnificence, yet there will you find that heart which you love, which tends to you alone, and gives affections only to you. Amen.*

**COVER IMAGE:**

Nativity Scene inside St. Gertrude Church

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **December 19, 2022-January 2, 2023:** Christmas Break
- **January 3, 2023:** School resumes

## CHRISTMAS MYSTERY READERS

The first graders had two special Mystery Readers visit their classrooms within the past week. Sister Maria Christi read *The Crippled Lamb* last Wednesday, and Father John Paul read *The Legend of the Candy Cane* (a story that teaches about Jesus' love). After Father John Paul shared his story, he gave each child their own candy cane. The kids loved having their principal and their pastor as guests in the classroom—it was such a treat!



## WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is seeking a strong Catholic teacher to join our faculty as a long-term substitute teacher for third grade for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. This position includes teaching religion, math, writing, phonics, spelling, literature, and history. The long-term substitute teacher will be responsible for following and executing the teacher's curriculum plans, including creating weekly lesson plans and managing all classroom duties and responsibilities. For more information and to apply, please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment).

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of December 19, 2022, the school office will be closed for Christmas break.

# MAKE AN IMPACT

## Support the St. Gertrude School Annual Fund

For over 85 years, St. Gertrude School has been making a difference in the lives of our students—inspiring spiritual growth, intellectual challenge, and compassion for others. We invite you to support our mission and work by participating in the St. Gertrude School 2022-2023 Annual Fund.

Whether you offer a gift of prayer, finance, or involvement, your contribution makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Student Services

**GOAL**  
**\$30,000**

Math tutor, nurse,  
school counselor

To make your gift to the 2022-2023 Annual Fund, please visit [stgertrudesch.org/donate](http://stgertrudesch.org/donate) by June 30, 2023. Thank you for your support!



## Discover the Dominican Tradition



**OPEN HOUSE**

**January 29**  
**1-3 p.m.**

Please RSVP at  
[stgertrudesch.org](http://stgertrudesch.org)

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## CHRISTMAS JOY

BY JOSHUA MOORE, PARISHIONER

Hi, my name is Joshua Moore. I attended my first Christmas Mass at St. Gertrude in 2020 and came into the Catholic Church on Easter of 2021. My first experience of Christmas Mass may be different from other non-Catholics' first experiences of this Mass because I was already in the Become Catholic (RCIA) program here at

St. Gertrude. I had just gotten engaged to my beautiful wife, and I was already in love with Christ's Church. Nevertheless, I was taken aback by the entire Advent season.

I grew up Pentecostal, and we really only celebrated Christmas Day. There was always an emphasis on the "true meaning of Christmas," but only after seeing, learning, and experiencing the season of Advent that first year did I feel like I understood what that truly meant. The annual time of Advent allows us to appreciate and prepare for the joy of Christmas—the birth of our Savior. To me, St. Gertrude Church embodies this very thing.

During that first Advent, I noticed that St. Gertrude was decorated simply but elegantly with an arrangement of poinsettias. At that first Christmas Mass, the church was vibrant with color and was decorated with Christmas trees and the beautiful nativity scene.

Up until this first Christmas, I had only experienced a cantor singing during Mass—which I loved. Pentecostal praise and worship, while fun, can be less than reverent. I always loved it as a kid, but the music (and specifically, the cantor) in a Catholic parish just feels more intimate and beautiful—which I have enjoyed as an adult. To my surprise, the full parish choir was singing at my first Christmas Mass. I vividly remember being shocked and just curious about what that was going to be like, if it was going to be too much, or if I was even going to like it. The choir was rejuvenating and brought so much fullness into the church.

I have to admit, I'm sometimes guilty of slipping into spiritually dry spells because I let myself fall into a routine and just go through the motions. Take singing at Mass, for example: I love singing at church and even doing my best to sing in Latin, but there are just times when I lose the sense of "I want to sing" and it becomes "I'm singing just so I feel like I'm participating." I was very excited to join the Church, but I had been reading and listening to tons of material that by the time we hit Advent in 2020, I was



struggling with feeling burnt out. At Christmas Mass when the choir began to sing and the whole church joined in, a smile came across my face that was just pure joy—a joy I hadn't felt in a long time. By this time, I had been attending Mass for months, attending Become Catholic, and had just gotten engaged. All of these things had brought me closer to God, and each one came with a new sense of joy and happiness. But the joy I felt at that Christmas Mass was different; it was a moment of clarity. Growing up, I attended Sunday school. There, we talked about the angels singing at the birth of Jesus, but that evening at Mass, for the first time, it felt like we were singing with them.

You may remember in the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* that when the lights on the house finally light up, you hear a choir singing, "Hallelujah!" It felt like that, as if this bright light was shining on us. It sounds silly, but it's truly how I felt. A cartoonish moment that gave the realization of, "Oh, this is what that feels like." Joy is something that hasn't always been plentiful in my life and definitely not in my walk in faith. It is something that I found at St. Gertrude Church. I hope to see all of you at Christmas Mass, and I encourage you to bring someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic faith or looking for a new home parish. You never know how Christmas Mass will impact them, but I do know that my first Christmas Mass will always hold a special place in my heart.

## L'ALTO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Enjoy ice skating, snacks, and social time with your friends! Christmas sweaters are highly encouraged.

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 18, 2022  
4-6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Northland Ice Center  
10400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati

**WHO:** Anyone in grades 7-12

**COST:** \$10/person online  
Due by 11:55 p.m. on December 16  
\$12/person at the door

To register online, please visit  
[tickettailor.com/events/stgertrude/801707](https://tickettailor.com/events/stgertrude/801707)

Permission forms are available at  
[stgertrude.org/highschool](https://stgertrude.org/highschool) and [stgertrude.org/jrhigh](https://stgertrude.org/jrhigh)



**ST. GERTRUDE MUSIC PROGRAM**

**Schola Cantorum:** Does your child love to sing? Sign them up for St. Gertrude Church’s Schola Cantorum. This mixed-voice ensemble sings weekly at the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass and consists of children ages 8-13, professional singers from the Cincinnati area, and our high school Choral Scholars. For information about the rehearsal schedule and what the children will learn, please visit [stgertrude.org/schola](http://stgertrude.org/schola). Rehearsals begin again January 4, and the cost is \$200/student. Please contact Christopher Holman, director of music, at [cholman@stgertrude.org](mailto:cholman@stgertrude.org) for more information and to sign up your child. Need-based scholarships are available.

**Choral Scholars:** The St. Gertrude Church music program is seeking a soprano, an alto, and a tenor to join our Choral Scholars program, a scholarship program for high school students who pursue rigorous vocal training by singing in St. Gertrude’s Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum on a weekly basis. Each \$3,300 scholarship includes free weekly voice lessons, opportunities to learn from and sing alongside many of the finest professional singers in the Cincinnati area, a monetary award, and professional experience being part of a significant church music program. Interested teens should contact Christopher Holman, director of music, at [cholman@stgertrude.org](mailto:cholman@stgertrude.org).

**WISH THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

If you are interested in wishing friars and sisters who formerly served at St. Gertrude Church a very Merry Christmas, please visit [stgertrude.org/christmas2022](http://stgertrude.org/christmas2022) for a list of their contact information or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954.

**BAPTISM**

Saturday, December 3, 2022



Child: Emerson Juliana Prampero  
Parents: Christopher & Meagan Prampero

Sunday, December 4, 2022



Child: Maria Joy Plummer  
Parents: Walter & Abigail Plummer

**Looking for a memorable Christmas gift?**

Give your loved one *St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years\** and a signed, limited edition print of the book cover.

Through 200 pages of stories and pictures, this timeless hardcover book captures our parish’s 100-year legacy and presents a lavish look at its fascinating history.



**PRESALE PACKAGE \$100**

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\*Books will be available in 2023. Limited edition prints are available by presenting a copy of your email confirmation to the parish office.



**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, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, 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, 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, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Marianne Klekamp, wife of Donald  
John Sweeney, son of Michael  
All Our Beloved Dead

## **CAREGIVER NEEDED**

A parishioner who lives in Madeira is in need of a caregiver Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Assistance is needed with breakfast, lunch, and personal care. The caregiver will be paid \$15/hour. Spanish-speaking is a plus but not absolutely necessary. If you are interested, please contact Judy Silva at (404) 771-2359.

## **ENJOY DINNER WITH 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 to meet and develop friendships with people who share their faith. The next event is dinner on Friday, December 30, at 5 p.m. at Kreimer's Bier Haus (6052 S.R. 128, Miamitown). Call Don at (513) 574-8573 to RSVP.

## **TWO WEEKS TO SIGN UP**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at any and all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the January 6–8, 2023 weekend, please call (513) 486-6222 or visit [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com)

## **SEMINAR FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

“Leadership in an Age of Apathy,” a seminar for young adults, will take place January 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. This seminar will serve to form young adults, ages 18 to 35, with knowledge and practical leadership skills. From the foundational spirituality of leadership to instruction on how to be an excellent Catholic parent, young adults who are seeking impact and connection will find it here. They will be formed to better understand their own vocation and what their role is in society to share the gift of faith. The cost to attend is \$25; morning coffee and lunch included. Register online at [athenaeum.edu/category/events](http://athenaeum.edu/category/events).

## **FOOT CARE FOR THE SOULS**

St. Francis Seraph Ministries offers a unique, personal connection to those who need special care for their feet. Those who are underserved and/or experiencing homelessness spend so much time on their feet, frequently walking long distances daily. The Foot Care for the Souls program depends on trained volunteers and community support. Volunteers provide foot care, foot massages, new socks, and shoes to the homeless and working poor in Greater Cincinnati! If you are interested in learning more and/or volunteering, please reach out to Theresa at [tdiersen@sfsministries.org](mailto:tdiersen@sfsministries.org) or (513) 276-7037.

## **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 employees in the Cincinnati area. Please visit [elizabethnewlife.org/careers/](http://elizabethnewlife.org/careers/) for more information or to apply.

Save the Date

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195

**Wednesday, December 28, 2022**  
**9-11 a.m., 12:15-3 p.m.**

**St. Gertrude Parish Gym**  
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, OH

Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome. Schedule your appointment at [hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude](http://hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude) or by calling (513) 451-0910.

**Every donor receives a Cincinnati NFL Sweatshirt!**



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from *Word on Fire's The Mass*. **Also available in Spanish.**

**Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and experience the Mass in a whole new way.**

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### **ASK A PRIEST— WHO CAN RECEIVE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** When is the right time to request a priest for Anointing of the Sick and/or last rites?

**A:** Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church and can stand on its own, apart from the other last rites. As a

sacrament of the new covenant, it involves “powers that come forth” from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving.”<sup>1</sup> The special blessing or grace of Anointing of the Sick is the removal of sin and its effects (as a compliment to sacramental confession, normally received first) and the raising and strengthening of the soul. It can have wonderful effects that I have witnessed during my relatively short time as a priest: strengthened endurance, ability to resist temptations, and even physical healing.

So, who is supposed to receive anointing? The Second Vatican Council says the following about the recipients of this sacrament: “as soon as any of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”<sup>2</sup> The pope and bishops emphasized that Anointing is *not* only for those who are at the point of death. In fact, it is right to benefit from the graces and effects of this sacrament sooner, whenever one’s “health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.”<sup>3</sup> As always, the sacraments are meant to provide the graces we need in the concrete calls and challenges of life. Jesus wouldn’t want us to wait

until we “feel better” or, at the other extreme, we or our loved ones feel there’s no hope left.<sup>4</sup>

Among the baptized whose health is seriously impaired, children can be anointed once they have reached the age of reason. Those who have lost the complete use of reason (for instance, those with dementia) may receive the sacrament if they requested it, even implicitly, when they were in good health. Those about to undergo surgery due to serious illness can be anointed. Finally, Anointing of the Sick may be received multiple times, such as when an illness worsens or a new health problem arises.

Jesus doesn’t promise to take away all our suffering every time, but he does promise to help us find divine support, purpose, and even salvation when we approach the sacraments in faith:

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”<sup>5</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1116.

<sup>2</sup> Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Liturgy, no. 73.

<sup>3</sup> Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, General Introduction, no. 8

<sup>4</sup> See Lk 5:27-32.

<sup>5</sup> Mt 11:28-30

*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, December 19	Tuesday, December 20	Wednesday, December 21	Thursday, December 22	Friday, December 23	Saturday, December 24	Sunday, December 25
St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	KofC Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	Adoration Chapel Closed		
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Moms of Special Needs 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				
KofC Executive Meeting 7 p.m. KofC Hall						
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby						
Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room						

**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 Monday, January 2, 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.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?**  
 We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit [stgertrude.org/register](http://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.

**OFFERING**

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report**  
 Immaculate Conception: \$5,122  
**Collection for December 11**

Collection	\$	38,600
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	2,100

Second Collection – Religious Retirement: \$6,384  
**Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)**

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	848,834
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	876,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(27,166)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN 1/1/23	MATERIALS DUE 12/21/22
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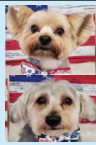
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