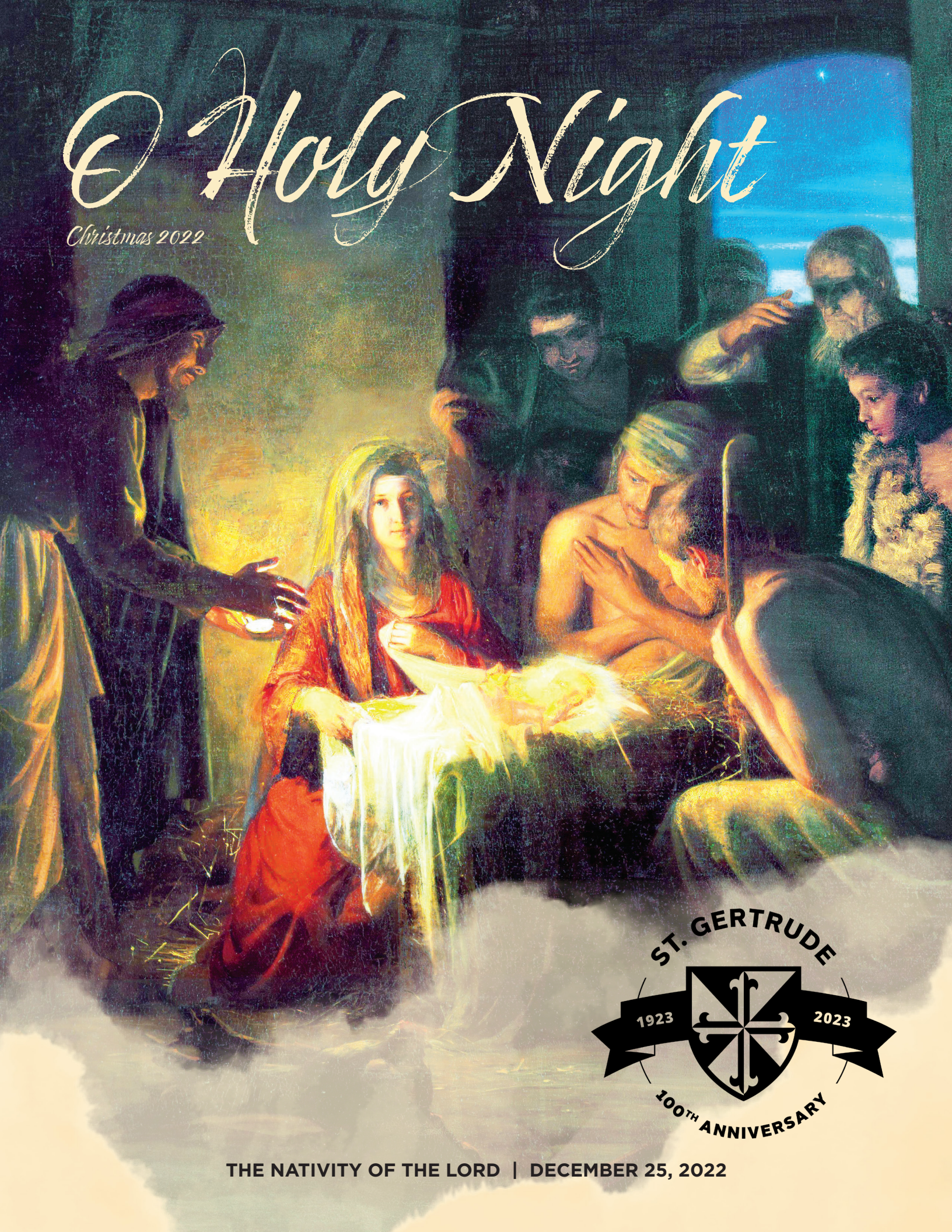


# O Holy Night

Christmas 2022



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | DECEMBER 25, 2022

# WELCOME TO ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

## Monday, December 26, St. Stephen (F)

- 7 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 8 a.m. † Stephanie Conlon Hull by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. † Anita Rand by Ray & Marylyn Clark

## Tuesday, December 27, St. John the Apostle & Evangelist (F)

- 7 a.m. † Bob Stein by Anne Marie Schmidt
- 8 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Lilly Alexander by Benny Alexander

## Wednesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents (F)

- 7 a.m. † Rosemary Reeder by Mike & Ellie Kenny
- 8 a.m. † Mary Abell by Peggy & Harry Robinson
- 11:30 a.m. Christmas Novena

## Thursday, December 29,

### Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 7 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 8 a.m. † Gregory Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Pat Dorn

## Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (F)

- 7 a.m. † Betty Schommer by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 8 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Antonina Sciacca by Pete & Donna Marcello

## Saturday, December 31,

### Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 8 a.m. † Edna & Harry Clavin by The Isaacs Family
- 11:30 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 4:30 p.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by The Vessey Family

## Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (S)

- 8 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. Christmas Novena
- 6 p.m. Father John Paul Walker, O.P.,  
by St. Gertrude School & Parish Staff

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no Holy Hour or confessions at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28.

## 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.

## Interested in Joining St. Gertrude Church?

**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 copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office.



**We look forward to meeting you!**

## ALL YOU CAN EAT!

### Pancakes, eggs, sausage

Gluten-free pancakes, dairy-free scrambled eggs available



## ENJOY BREAKFAST AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Gertrude Gym

**COST\*:** \$9/adult \$5/children grades K-8  
\$30/family Children 5 and under free

\*Credit cards accepted

All proceeds will go toward funding Elder Council's charitable programs.





**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND PRAYERS**

On behalf of all the Dominican friars and the entire staff of St. Gertrude Parish, I would like to extend my heartfelt merry and blessed Christmas wishes to you and your loved ones. We are so happy that you are able to join us for the celebration of this most holy feast.

*... in the midst of a world that can be, at times, full of sorrows and suffering, Jesus enters in by the power of his love.*

And indeed, there is so much to celebrate as we gather this Christmas, for “a child is born for us, a son is given us” (Isaiah 9:5), and this child is the hope of all the world. This is the day when we are called to hear anew the words the angels spoke to the shepherds in the field that first Christmas night: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:10-12).

By our presence here, all of us have heard the call to come to the manger to encounter the infant lying there. This baby changed the history of the world by his birth; he changed the course of eternity by his death and resurrection. And just as he came to a manger in the city of Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, he comes to us this day to again bring to our hearts and lives tidings of great joy. For in the midst of a world that can be, at times, full of sorrows and suffering, Jesus enters in by the power of his love. His presence is with us always, especially in those moments when life is especially challenging. Christmas is a beautiful reminder to us that he is always wanting to draw closer to us; all he needs is an openness on our part. We are called to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ, rather than have our hearts be like the inns in Bethlehem where the doors were closed and there was no room for Joseph, Mary, and the Christ child Mary carried.



It is my deepest prayer that this day and throughout the upcoming year your hearts may be filled with all of the joy and peace, the truth and grace, the mercy and love that Christ came to the earth to bring. These last years have been difficult ones for many reasons, and in the midst of these challenges so many have struggled to keep as close to the Lord and their faith as maybe they had before. If perhaps that applies to you, then know that we at St. Gertrude would love to help you draw closer to the Lord during this upcoming year. We have a

parish community filled with amazing, wonderful, beautiful people and so many different opportunities to grow deeper in faith.

It is my hope that all our parishioners, indeed everyone who attends Christmas Mass with us, might grow in their faith, hope, and love during the upcoming year. If you are uncertain the best way to do that, please feel free to reach out and we will do everything we can to help.

With the angels, let us all sing out this day, “Glory to God in the highest!”

Kneeling with you at the manger,  
Merry Christmas,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



**A Prayer on the Nativity of the Lord**

*O good Jesus, I give you thanks for your most sacred Nativity, when you did come forth from the womb of the Virgin Mary, a tender Infant, in a stable, on a rough and bleak winter's night. Hail, O sweetest Babe; hail, O King of Glory, Light of the nations, Savior so long desired, who did not disdain to be wrapped for me in swaddling clothes, to be laid on straw in a manger, to draw your sustenance from the Virgin's breast. What can I offer to you for this your compassion and your tender mercy? Behold, I offer you my body and my soul for your everlasting praise and glory. Amen.*

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Holy Night*, Bloch (1867)

Dear Friends,

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given” (Is 9:5).

Merry Christmas! As we gaze upon the nativity scene and see the infant Christ, may we rejoice in the truth of God’s love, manifest in the coming of Christ, his Son.

The students, faculty, and staff of St. Gertrude School wish you a very Merry Christmas and promise our prayers for you this Christmas and throughout the new year!

Blessed Christmas!

*Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P.*

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## DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

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

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1-3 p.m.

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61st St. Gertrude School Christmas Pageant



## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

CLAIRE RAYBURN, CGS CATECHIST  
IN FORMATION, CURRENT CGS  
VOLUNTEER, AND ST. GERTRUDE  
SCHOOL MOM

A couple of weeks ago at bedtime, I was reading a rhyming children’s book about the human body with my five-year-old son. When we got to the colorful pages about the heart and the circulatory system, he said in a slightly disgusted but mostly concerned tone that Jesus bled on the cross. Thinking I could simply explain that we bleed from wounds, that it didn’t just happen randomly and not to be afraid, I reached over, grabbed the crucifix from his cluttered dresser, held it in front of us and, pointing to the hands and feet of Christ, asked, “Where did Jesus bleed?”

“Jerusalem,” he answered.

I chuckled but have since reflected and wondered in amazement what Michael—and actually, each child—absorbs from time well-spent in the atrium for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Imagine having a space prepared for you where time is not meant for rushing or efficiency but for quietness, work, prayer, and the ability to reflect on the most critical and profound concepts available to your mind and soul.

The atrium at St. Gertrude Church offers this for children. I heard about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from many who volunteered in the atrium, and I had seen my children’s darling work coming home. (Like the one that hung on our fridge for so long: a delicate page with a shepherd carrying a little lamb on his shoulders with the words, “The Lode is my shepherd,” traced in pencil by my daughter.)

During quiet time in this Montessori-style setting and approach, children explore, sing, pray, work at a child-sized model altar, and work with a wooden Good Shepherd and his sheep. They also work with a small globe and three-dimensional maps of the Land of Israel and Jerusalem. All of these articles help the children absorb the life of Christ and the life of the Church. Children make collages, arrange flowers, trace images and Scripture, and work prayerfully, reflectively, and in good time—as children are naturally in tune with God’s time. Children and two or three adult catechists and volunteers will gather at a small and simple prayer table with a lit candle. “Do you want to hear what God is saying to us today?” An adult might ask at the prayer table. “Yes,” the children (usually) answer, because they know God loves them and speaks to them. They know he hears their voices.

“The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.”

It’s a twist on that often-recited Scripture verse, simplified for the children’s ears. I heard it back in June during training for Level One of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and it began to slowly sink in deeper. Did I forget somehow that the Lord counts my hairs? Did I doubt that he truly guides me and leads me to good places, that all I must do is follow him? Hearing the message of this Good Shepherd—listening in that still and peaceful room—felt to me something like the sound of hearing my name called out clearly by my closest friend while in a foreign land.

When I am in the atrium, I am amazed to observe beautiful children at work and in prayer and to hear their pure young voices praise and thank God directly from their own hearts, delighting in and being delighted in by their Creator.

Children respond to this environment and experience because it is what we are all truly made for: to know God, to love God, and to serve him with

the gifts and treasures he gives so generously. Children work and pray in the atrium, moved by the Holy Spirit, while reflecting on the life of Jesus and the life of the Church.

Earlier this year, I began to feel a gentle nudging—there was no guilt, no overshadowing sense of obligation, but an open invitation. And then the clear and direct voice of a close friend who knows and loves both the Good Shepherd and me called me to say, “Get the training!” It did seem like time was the last thing I had to give with a busy family at home, but when God asks something of us, he doesn’t leave it to chance. I signed up for the training and watched



how the Lord cleared a path in both my heart and my calendar. Soon after the training began, it was very clear that this gift, this treasure, was for me, too; I was receiving far more than I could ever give. The Good Shepherd would clear a path for me to share some time in the atrium, as well. Being in the atrium is both a gift and an honor, as I observe and assist the children, watch and try to remember how to be small again myself, but remain open hearted to listen and allow the space and time for God to work in my own daily life, my heart, my calendar, and the plans he lays out for me. The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*A faith formation experience for children*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-influenced faith formation experience for children age three through grade three that introduces young ones to Jesus the Good Shepherd and nurtures a deep, personal relationship with him through prayer, Scripture, reflection, and hands-on work (activities).

We also offer a beautiful parent/child program for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.



For more information about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please visit [stgertrude.org/cgs](http://stgertrude.org/cgs).





St. Gertrude Bulletin talked with parishioners Ryan and Corey Longtin about their recent experiences in our Become Catholic (RCIA) program.

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Tell us a little bit about yourselves and your family.

**Ryan and Corey:** We are from Milford, Ohio. We have three children: Colin (11), Kyra (7), and Elizabeth (8 months). We have been attending St. Gertrude for two years now and came into the Church on May 24 of this year! Elizabeth has been baptized, and Colin and Kyra are currently catechumens and planning to come into the church at Easter in April 2023.

**SGB:** What inspired you to join the Become Catholic program at St. Gertrude?

**Corey:** I was baptized as a Baptist, and my family did not attend church. My father-in-law asked us to attend Mass with him at St. Gertrude. (Before this, I had never been inside a Catholic church). When we walked in, I felt true peace for the first time. I became emotional. Then during Mass when we saw the priest hold up the Eucharist, we knew this is where we belonged. We had such a strong desire to be able to receive Communion. We knew, in that moment, that Jesus was truly present! And in order to be able to fully have his grace within the sacraments,

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we would need to go through the Become Catholic program.

**SGB:** What did you enjoy most about the program?

**Ryan and Corey:** We most enjoyed being able to understand the Catholic faith on a much deeper level, asking any question with no judgment, and making lifelong friendships.

**SGB:** How has becoming Catholic changed your lives?

**Ryan and Corey:** In every way! We have become closer as a family. Our faith has grown stronger, and we look at the world in a whole new light. We were truly able to find love and truth in our life that we never could get anywhere else.

**SGB:** That's beautiful! What would you say to a non-Catholic who is interested in the Catholic faith but hesitant to join the Become Catholic program?

**Ryan and Corey:** If you are interested in the Catholic Church, the best place to start is the Become Catholic program. You're able to ask questions and get answers, have great discussions amongst other people who are thinking about becoming Catholic, and you can dive into the faith and truly get a good look at what it means to be Catholic.



Have you ever wondered what your purpose is or what is the best way to live?

**Our Become Catholic program may be for you.**

Formerly known as RCIA, Become Catholic is for men and women who would like to join the Catholic Church for the first time or become fully initiated members of the Church.

**For more information, please visit [stgertrude.org/become-catholic](http://stgertrude.org/become-catholic).**



## AN HOUR IN SILENCE?

JEANIE NAUMANN, PARISHIONER

It is difficult to admit one's ignorance, but as a 30-year convert to Catholicism, I did not understand Eucharistic adoration until St. Gertrude opened the Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. To be candid, I spent my first years as a Catholic without an understanding of the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Often, lifelong Catholics assume others understand when speaking Catholic language. In many ways, converts are like aliens in a new land when entering the Church.

The first time I was confronted about our belief in the True Presence was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land 10 years ago. The leader of the pilgrimage, a Presbyterian pastor, commented to me, "I can't believe you Catholics think Jesus is in that piece of bread." I did not know how to respond. When I returned home, I decided that if I was going to be a Catholic, it was imperative for me to understand the teachings that I did not absorb in RCIA. Father Bill Marks, a diocesan priest in Indiana, is my spiritual director. His wisdom and guidance and my frequent attendance at Mass, studying the Catechism, Catholic literature, and media has clarified so many Catholic teachings and doctrines over the years. My son and his wife brought my husband and me to St. Gertrude, and the Dominicans' pursuit of teaching opened my heart to the truth of Catholicism.

When St. Gertrude was blessed with the opening of the adoration chapel, our Lord led me to become a Eucharistic guardian. When I first entered the adoration chapel, I knew it was consecrated ground that held a peace like no other.

One aspect of faith that I have struggled with is sitting in silence with our Lord. The thought of being silent and still for an hour seemed impossible. Now, often an hour of adoration is not enough. I personally relate to the Gospel story of Martha and Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to him.

I know that adoration is one of the most important practices in my faith journey. Joining the team of Eucharistic guardians is my anchor every week. I now have time to be in the chapel two days a week. My commitment to being a guardian in the chapel is not always easy, because I need to see that my week is organized around my scheduled adoration times.

There are so many ways to be a part of this ministry. You can share with a partner, like I do with my husband. Also, being on the substitute list and filling in is of service. I have found that being a guardian has given me so much more than I could

have imagined. Helping to sustain the availability to adore and be with Christ who is always waiting for us, seven days a week, is paramount in my religious quest.

The lasting effect of silence with our Lord is more important than ever in our noisy, complicated world. When our grandchildren returned from Catholic Youth Summer Camp, I asked our 15-year-old grandson and 13-year-old granddaughter what their favorite activity was at camp. They both said their time in Adoration. Adoration is for everyone including our young people.

Our adoration chapel needs committed guardians. Prior to COVID, there seemed to be more parishioners who were willing to guard Jesus for an hour a week. It is such a privilege to watch over Jesus in the Eucharist. I am a witness to the reality that when entering the chapel, there is a knowing that there is only the Lord and myself. I give thanks for those who share in this important ministry. Together, we can grow in faith, hope, and love helping to sustain St. Gertrude Church and the Catholic Church through Eucharistic adoration.

Blessings and Love abide in the chapel.

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# JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU

DISCOVER THE PEACE OF HIS PRESENCE



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH  
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Open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Learn more at [stgertrude.org/adoration](http://stgertrude.org/adoration).



## ASK A PRIEST— HOW TO MAKE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT LAST

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** With all the intense buildup to Christmas Day, December 25 seems to pass so quickly! What are some ways to make the Christmas spirit last?

**A:** “On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me . . .” As you probably know well, the 12 days of Christmas *begin* on Christmas Day. Here are some ways to keep the Christmas season going so that the wonder of this day can truly trickle into the other days of the year.

- 1. Celebrate the 12 days of Christmas.** Don’t take down the decorations yet! As the fun carol suggests, there can be more celebration and gift-giving in the days to come. God has more gifts to give us, too: come to Mass for some of the days of the Octave of Christmas, including January 1, the Solemnity of the Mother of God. What other kinds of “gifts” can you give loved ones, as well as strangers, during these days? Take a hint from the Church’s liturgical calendar, especially trying to do something special on Twelfth Night or Epiphany.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. Visit the Creche each day.** Keep a Nativity scene somewhere prominent and peaceful in your home so that you can stop by in a free moment and say a quick prayer. If you’re passing the church, visit the outdoor Nativity or stop inside for a moment of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Sing quietly, “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” or repeat one of the Church’s many prayers for adoration of the God-made-man, our Savior Jesus Christ.
- 3. Read or listen to something Christmas-relevant.** Have you ever read Charles Dickens’ masterful *A Christmas Carol*? Or how about listening to Handel’s exuberant *Messiah*? There is also the spiritual treasure of reading the infancy narratives from the holy Gospel (Mt 1-2; Lk 1-2), or meditating on the First Letter of St. John or a theological/spiritual book about these accounts.<sup>2</sup>

Finally, remember the Good News: for a Christian, every day is a little “Christmas,” that is, a day when the Savior comes in humble appearance to meet us. Jesus would have us recognize his presence in the breaking of the Bread and in service to the least and in the peace of our hearts, if we would welcome him there.

<sup>1</sup> The feast that marks the Adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, traditionally January 6 though normally moved to a Sunday so that more Catholics can attend Mass.

<sup>2</sup> I recommend Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* (2012).

*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!



## Join us for *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Father Mike Schmitz!

Do you want to understand the essentials of the Catholic faith, transform your relationship with the Church and Jesus, and get all your questions about what it means to be Catholic answered?

Listen to the podcast daily on your own, beginning January 1, 2023, and then gather with your fellow parishioners and Dominican friars to discuss what you heard.


**1st and 3rd Tuesdays**  
Beginning January 17, 2023  
**9-10:30 a.m.**  
**St. Joseph Room**  
St. Gertrude Parish Center  
6543 Miami Ave.



You can find this podcast on any podcast app or YouTube, or at [ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://ascensionpress.com/ciy).



Monday, December 26	Tuesday, December 27	Wednesday, December 28	Thursday, December 29	Friday, December 30	Saturday, December 31	Sunday, January 1
Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
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		
Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed	K of C Blood Drive 9-11 a.m., 12:15-3 p.m. Gym		Parish Office Closed		
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church						



**Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**  
**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
 Masses will be at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 6 p.m.

**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

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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**

John Sweeney, father of Michael

**OFFERING**  
**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report**  
 Collection for December 18

Collection	\$	52,397
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	15,897
Second Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$2,883		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	901,336
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	912,500
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(11,164)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN 1/8/23	MATERIALS DUE 12/28/22
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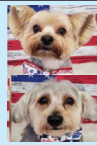
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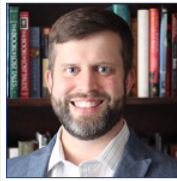
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