

# PREPARE

THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
**MAKE STRAIGHT**  
HIS PATHS.

LUKE 3:4



DECEMBER 5, 2021

# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, December 6, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Paul Rinderknecht/Courtney Roberts
- 8:00 a.m. †John Caffaro/Janet Buchert
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, December 7, St. Ambrose (M)

- 7:00 a.m. Andy Beimesche/Don & Nancy Beimesche
- 8:00 a.m. †Robert Ellert/Julie & John Murdock
- 11:30 a.m. †John Perin, Sr./Kathy LoPiccolo
- 7:00 p.m. †Fr. Ron Piepmeyer/Kim & Cheryl Hunchuck

## Wednesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S); Holy Day of Obligation

- 7:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 8:00 a.m. †Margaret Mary Holt/The Holt Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity/  
Ladies of Charity
- 7:00 p.m. †Barbara Dugan/TDM - Erie, PA

## Thursday, December 9, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Oreen Mendez/The Mascarenhas Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Thomas Tran/Thien Cao
- 11:30 a.m. †Mary Grace Schlie/Nancy DeBrunner

## Friday, December 10, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Joe Morrison/Jack & Ginny Cecil
- 8:00 a.m. †Jane Sansalone/Clyde & Pat Dorn
- 11:30 a.m. †Marguerite Crema/Kevin & Anne Lynch

## Saturday, December 11, Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Patrick Higgins/Marcia Ribariu
- 11:30 a.m. †Danielle Martino/Carlos Martino

## December 11-12, Third Sunday of Advent

### Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Mary Ellen Martin/Ron & Charlene Bosken

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. †Mary Schone/Dennis Schone
- 12:00 p.m. †Tim Petric/Shari Siebert
- 6:00 p.m. †Marlene Tisher/Martha Coors

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. **There will *not* be confessions at 7:30 p.m. or a Holy Hour on Wednesday, December 8, since it is a holy day and there is Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the church.**

## Parish Office Info

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

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

### Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & SIGN UPS

You're invited to celebrate Christmas at  
St. Gertrude Church.

### Christmas Eve Masses

- 3:00 p.m. (church, gym)
- 5:30 p.m. (church, gym)
- 7:30 p.m. (church only)
- 11:30 p.m. (church only)

### Christmas Day Masses

- 8:00 a.m. (church only)
- 10:00 a.m. (church only)
- 12:00 p.m. (church only)

To best manage the large crowd, improve your experience, and help you plan your Christmas celebration, **we are requiring reservations for our 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses only.** Unlike last year, there will be open seating, meaning you will not be assigned a seat.

To reserve your free tickets, please visit [buytickets.at/stgertrude](http://buytickets.at/stgertrude) beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, December 16. These Masses will fill up quickly!

Visit [stgertrude.org/christmas2021](http://stgertrude.org/christmas2021) for more details.



JOIN US FOR

## Christmas Caroling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021  
2:00-4:00 P.M.  
MADEIRA NEIGHBORHOODS

For more information, visit  
[stgertrude.org/christmas2021](http://stgertrude.org/christmas2021)

 ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH





**FINAL FAMILIES OF PARISHES**

Below is a letter from Archbishop Schnurr regarding the final Families of Parishes. We are still a family of one, but I encourage you to read the archbishop's letter and view the final Families of Parishes at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org), as it impacts our entire archdiocese.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past June 19 was the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, marking an important milestone in the life of the local Catholic Church. We give thanks to our generous God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us over our first 200 years and look forward with expectant faith to what is to come.

Today likewise marks an important milestone. I am pleased to announce the final Families of Parishes, bringing to close the first major phase of Beacons of Light. Beginning at noon today, these Families of Parishes can be viewed online at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org). Thank you to the thousands of Catholics in the archdiocese whose thoughtful feedback has significantly shaped this phase of our pastoral planning. I am deeply grateful.

The enduring mission of the Catholic Church, our mission, entrusted to the apostles by Jesus, is to proclaim the Good News of salvation and make disciples. We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue this sacred mission. The purpose of Beacons of Light is to ensure that all our resources – human, physical and financial – are properly ordered to missionary discipleship. I am convinced that Beacons of Light, born of great hope, will enable us to form stronger parishes, centered on the Eucharist, that radiate the love of Christ and joy of the Gospel in a world that is frequently indifferent or even hostile.

We now move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, the implementation of the new Families of Parishes on July 1, 2022. This will involve a great deal of planning and preparation over the coming months. Please pray for me and all the priests and lay people of our archdiocese who will play significant roles in this effort. Please also know of my prayers for you.

Our life in Christ is always a response to God's initiative. As we continue this challenging but exciting endeavor, may we stay attentive to all that the Lord is doing in our midst. God has abundantly blessed our first two centuries and will certainly bless the next. He has promised to never leave us. May God bless and keep all of us as we journey together toward the celebration of the birth of our Lord with

certainty in our hearts that Christ remains with us always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Dennis M. Schnurr*

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

**VIEW THE FINAL FAMILIES OF PARISHES ONLINE AT**  
**BEACONSAOC.ORG**  
*Available at noon on Sunday, December 5*

**December 8, 2021 - Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**MASS TIMES:**  
**Tuesday, December 7 (Vigil Mass)**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, December 8**  
7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

*"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, [ . . . ] was preserved free from all stain of original sin."*  
- Pope Pius IX

**ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

SGS is getting ready for our annual Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Unfortunately, the pageant will be for school families only and not open to the public. Stay tuned for more information regarding how to get your tickets. In the meantime, here are some pictures from last year's pageant.



**Do You Have a Gift  
for Being Warm and  
Friendly?**

St. Gertrude School is seeking a **full-time receptionist**—and we want you on our team!

View the job description and apply at [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment).

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

School office hours for the week of December 6 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Where students gather in Faith,  
are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.**



For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

*"We are building up our students in every way—teaching them to build intellectual and moral virtues so that they can go forth to build a culture of hope marked by freedom and peace that will radiate out to the whole world."*

- Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

**Now enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year.**

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### **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS:** **TOM DORSEY**

*For the next several months, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature an interview with one of our dedicated volunteers. This month, we're highlighting Tom Dorsey, one of our L'alto: High School core team members.*

#### **St. Gertrude Bulletin: How did you get involved with high school youth ministry, and why did you join core team?**

**Tom:** Years ago, two of our kids were involved in youth group at St. Gertrude Church. I saw how their faith was being strengthened by going to youth group. Also, the friendships they developed gave them a good group to walk with in their faith journey. Sometimes you have to give back in different ways—sometimes it's money, sometimes it's volunteering time. Each year, youth group core team members move on. One year, Brad Bursa, then director of youth ministry, was looking for new members to join core team. I sat down with Brad and talked about joining the core team. Well, bam! Brad put the spell on me, and I joined core team nine years ago, only taking one year off while my wife, Lauren, got her BSN. (Lauren and my family deserve a lot of credit for giving up Sunday night dinners together to allow me to come to core team on Sunday nights. So, God bless Lauren and the kids for their sacrifice.)

#### **SGB: What do you do as a member of the L'alto: High School core team?**

**Tom:** My job is to support Walter Plummer, director of youth formation, in whatever adventures he comes up with. Mainly, Luke Danis (a seminarian) and I co-lead a group of young high school men. Sometimes, I will also go on the fall and spring retreats.

#### **SGB: What do you like best about being on core team?**

**Tom:** There are a couple of things I enjoy about being on core team. The friendships I have developed over the years with the core team have helped me to continue to grow. Three out of four of my past co-leads have gone on to become priests. (I am still working on the fourth



one!!) I have a great appreciation for the younger core team members, who are there every Sunday night. They don't have children in the programs, yet they are there walking side by side with the kids, helping them grow in their faith. That is a blessing for both the L'alto: High School ministry and St. Gertrude Church. Those young core team members—not married, no kids, no real investment like I have—deserve a lot of credit for being there week in and week out.

#### **SGB: Can you tell us a little bit about your family and what you like to do for fun?**

**Tom:** A majority of my life has been spent here in Cincinnati. I have been blessed to be married 30+ years to Lauren, and we have seven kids. Some of our best laughs and memories come from sitting around the dinner table with family. Over the years, I enjoyed coaching kids in a variety of sports. Now that the kids are older and my days of playing softball and volleyball are over, I guess I am looking for new adventures.

*L'alto: High School & L'alto: Junior High*

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Ice skate, eat, and get together with other teens before Christmas break!**

**WHEN: Sunday, December 19, 2021  
4:00-6:00 p.m.\***

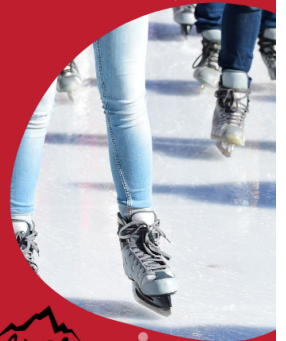
**WHERE: Northland Ice Center  
10400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241**

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

**COST: \$12/person**

**To register, please visit  
[my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list](http://my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list).**

*\*Come between 3:45 and 4:30 p.m. If you are being picked up, please ask your ride to arrive by 6:00 p.m.*





### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Christmas by enrolling them in our Christmas novena of Masses offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena will begin on Christmas Day, December 25, 2021, and go through Sunday, January 2, 2022. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the church office in the school. You can return your novena offering envelope in the collection or send it to the church office.



### **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/christmas2021](http://stgertrude.org/christmas2021) for a list of their contact information, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954.

### **INTRODUCING: BREAKING FREE**

St. Gertrude Church is happy to provide a group for men who are struggling with pornography and lust. The group will meet weekly on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Music Room (lower level), beginning December 9. For more information, please visit [stgertrude.org/breakingfree](http://stgertrude.org/breakingfree).

## LET US PRAY

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

#### THE SICK:

Tim Brinkman, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

#### THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Samuel C. Bascom, Patrick Burke, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Charles Genug, father of parishioner, Matthew Genug

### **NEXT ST. ANNE GUILD MEETING**

All girls in fifth through eighth grade are invited to the next St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild meeting on Saturday, December 11, from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center.



We will be making beautiful floral Christmas centerpieces, and each girl attending must bring pruning shears. We need a few volunteers to help with this meeting and to bring breakfast items. If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact Ann Cordier at [cordiermom@gmail.com](mailto:cordiermom@gmail.com) or Ann McCormick at [ann.mccormick@ymail.com](mailto:ann.mccormick@ymail.com). (All volunteers must have completed the SafeParish children protection training.)

### **A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION**

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday, November 20, for our St. Gertrude the Great celebration. Here are some pictures from the festivities.



## BAPTISM



November 21, 2021

Child: Joseph Samuel Ford

Parents: Hannah & Samuel Ford





## **EVENTS AT GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY**

You are invited to the following two upcoming events at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Cincinnati. For more information, visit [gateofheaven.org](http://gateofheaven.org).

1. **Pre-planning Seminar: Are You Prepared?**  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
2. **Wreaths Across America**  
Saturday, December 18, 2021 | 12:00 p.m.  
Veterans Garden

## **SECOND ULTRASOUND MACHINE**



**ELIZABETH'S  
NEW LIFE CENTER**

Toward the end of September 2021, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati informed the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 of an opportunity to help Elizabeth's New Life Center (ENLC) purchase a new ultrasound machine for their Forest Park Center. Thanks to the generosity of St. Gertrude's parishioners, the council was able to donate the surplus dollars (\$16, 712.07) from last year's 2020 Raffle for Life to this effort. St. Leonard Council in Centerville donated the additional money to reach the 50 percent threshold, and the paperwork has been submitted to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council for matching funds (the other 50 percent). Stay tuned for the date of the blessing ceremony, where our pastor, Father Geroge Schommer, O.P., will bless the new machine.

## **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

A parish family with two children, ages nine and five, is in need of babysitting help and after school care on Tuesdays and Fridays each week, starting January 4, 2022. Must be able to drive children to and from school and other activities, and pay is hourly based on experience and availability. If you are interested, please contact Dina at (513) 207-4246 for more information.

## **CISE IS HIRING**

Are you seeking a rewarding job—one that makes a difference in the lives of others? Catholic Inner-city Schools Education (CISE) has open positions:

- **Substitute Teachers** - All that is required is a bachelor's degree, a background check, and a genuine concern for students. Please reach out to Frances Dudley at the CISE office at [fdudley@catholicaoc.org](mailto:fdudley@catholicaoc.org) or (513) 263-3477.
- **Office Coordinator/Donor Relations Manager (Full-Time)** - This is a great opportunity for someone with excellent organizational skills and verbal and written communication skills, and who is proficient at Microsoft Office. For a complete job description, go to LinkedIn, click on Jobs, and search "CISE Donor Relations Manager," or email [cise@cisekids.org](mailto:cise@cisekids.org).

## **A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools you need to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information about or to register for the January 2022 program, visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com), or call (513) 486-6222.



## **A SYNOD ON SYNODALITY?**

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what Pope Francis has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is targeting January and February 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. More information will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.

## **THE WORD INCARNATE RUNNING FESTIVAL**

On May 21, 2022, people of the faith are invited to come together for a 33k run to celebrate the life of Jesus Christ. The celebration includes three races of varying lengths, excellent speakers and musicians, and great food and drink. For more information and to register, please visit, [www.thewordincarnaterun.com](http://www.thewordincarnaterun.com). (And if running isn't your thing, there are plenty of opportunities to help with the event.)





## ASK A PRIEST— THE CHARACTER AND KEEPING OF ADVENT

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** Is it appropriate to call Advent a penitential season? What is the difference between Lent and Advent in terms of daily Christian practices?

**A:** During Advent, we turn toward the Lord, the “King who is to come.”<sup>1</sup> This spiritual posture easily follows the celebration of Christ the King and the emphasis on the Second Coming in the final days of Ordinary Time. But as Christmas approaches with its remembrance of the first coming of the Son of God, our fundamental orientation does not change: “The Lord is close at hand, come let us worship him.”<sup>2</sup> Indeed, Jesus Christ our Savior has already come! While it is important to remember all the things he said and did during his first time on this earth, we would be missing the point if Christmas were simply an annual trip down memory lane!

The Church explains that the four weeks of Advent are meant to accomplish two things. First, to prepare for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ with the solemn celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany. Second, Advent “is a time when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming in the last days.”<sup>3</sup> This means that, by remembering the beginning of Jesus’ life on this earth, we are meant to increase our expectation for when Jesus will come again. This shouldn’t dilute our experience of Christmas but underscore how very significant this annual season can be, spiritually speaking. Jesus came once because he will come again. If we have loved the first coming, then there is no reason to fear the second.

So, how are we supposed to treat Advent? Should we hunker down as Catholics of strict observance who expect Christ’s return any day? Yes and no. The Church explains that Advent is “a period of devout and joyful expectation”<sup>4</sup> and “a time of waiting, conversion, and of hope.”<sup>5</sup> Yes, this season is important. We shouldn’t shirk it off as if we had no need of it. You and I probably have a lot of room to grow in love of God and neighbor! We will be judged on this someday. No, the Advent season cannot be a dour time of doom and gloom.

This is against St. Paul’s attitude and prayer: “I pray always with joy in my every prayer for you, because of your partnership for the gospel . . . and this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”<sup>6</sup>

Like the rest of life, we should aspire for our Advent days to be marked by simple joy, sober awareness, acts of love for God and neighbor, and a determination to leave sin behind so that we can fully possess Christ. Advent may not be explicitly penitential like Lent, but to remove all penance would be un-Christian. The point is to do or to suffer those things—even if unpleasant—that help us turn toward the Lord.

There are many prayers and customs that can help us remain expectant for Christ who has come and will come again: the use of Advent wreaths, Jesse trees, the rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, frequent attendance at Mass (especially on Sundays and December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception), singing hymns like *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, and the installment of Nativity scenes. Other practices are better saved for the celebration of Christmas itself: Christmas carols, the Christmas tree, gifts, Christmas feasting, and the placing of the Christ Child in the manger. Even if no Catholic family or parish will execute the timing of these things perfectly, we should remember to use Advent according to its purpose: devout and joyful expectation of the King who is to come.

*Ask a Priest will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin.*

<sup>1</sup> “Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come.” The Invitatory Antiphon from the Liturgy of the Hours during the first half of Advent; i.e. the first words of the Church’s official prayer every day until the Christmas novena begins.

<sup>2</sup> These are the words of the Invitatory Antiphon during the final seven days of Advent leading up to Christmas Eve.

<sup>3</sup> Ceremonial of Bishops, no. 235.

<sup>4</sup> Ceremonial of Bishops, no. 235.

<sup>5</sup> Directory on Popular Piety in the Liturgy, no. 96.


<sup>6</sup> Philippians 1:4-5; 9-10.





Monday, December 6	Tuesday, December 7	Wednesday, December 8	Thursday, December 9	Friday, December 10	Saturday, December 11	Sunday, December 12
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>True Devotion to Mary</b> 12:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Cub Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>SGS PTO meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús</b> 4:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	<b>Catholic Men's Fellowship</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Parish Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses Gym
<b>Dominican Laity - Our Lady of Peace</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Children's Choir</b> 3:00 p.m. PC Music Room		<b>Merciful Love</b> 9:45 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby		<b>St. Anne &amp; Child Mary Guild</b> 9:00 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Little Flower Library Open</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m.
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7:00 p.m. Church	<b>Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 3:30 p.m. Atrium I		<b>Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			<b>Family Faith</b> 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
	<b>Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 5:00 p.m. Atrium II		<b>Cana Family Year 1</b> 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room			<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School		<b>Adult Choir</b> 7:00 p.m. Church Choir Loft			<b>Baptisms</b> 1:15 p.m. Church

### FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I will spend this Advent in accordance with the directions of the Mother of God: in meekness and humility. I am reliving these moments with Our Lady. With great longing, I am waiting for the Lord's coming. Great are my desires. I desire that all humankind come to know the Lord. I would like to prepare all nations for the coming of the Word Incarnate. O Jesus, make the fount of Your mercy gush forth more abundantly, for humankind is seriously ill and thus has more need than ever of Your compassion. You are a bottomless sea of mercy for us sinners; and the greater the misery, the more right we have to Your mercy. (*Diary, #793*)

**Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation**  
1:30 p.m.  
Atrium II

**L'Alto Confirmation**  
7:00 p.m.  
Gym

### OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish**  
**Weekly Collection and Budget Report**  
**Collection for November 28**

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	35,433
Weekly Surplus	\$	139
Thanksgiving (2nd Collection) \$2,583		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date</b>		
<b>(for year ending June 30, 2022)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	776,468
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	752,067
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	24,401)

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit [stgertrude.org/covid19](http://stgertrude.org/covid19).

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN 12/19/21	MATERIALS DUE 12/8/21
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## Parish Staff

Fr. George Schommer, O.P., pastor  
 Fr. John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar  
 Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P., parochial vicar

## Dominican Friars in Residence

Fr. John Langlois, O.P., prior  
 Fr. Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.  
 Fr. John Corbett, O.P.  
 Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P.  
 Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

## St. Gertrude School - (513) 561-8020

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 Vice Principal - Mr. Travis Johnson ext 1101  
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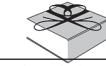
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