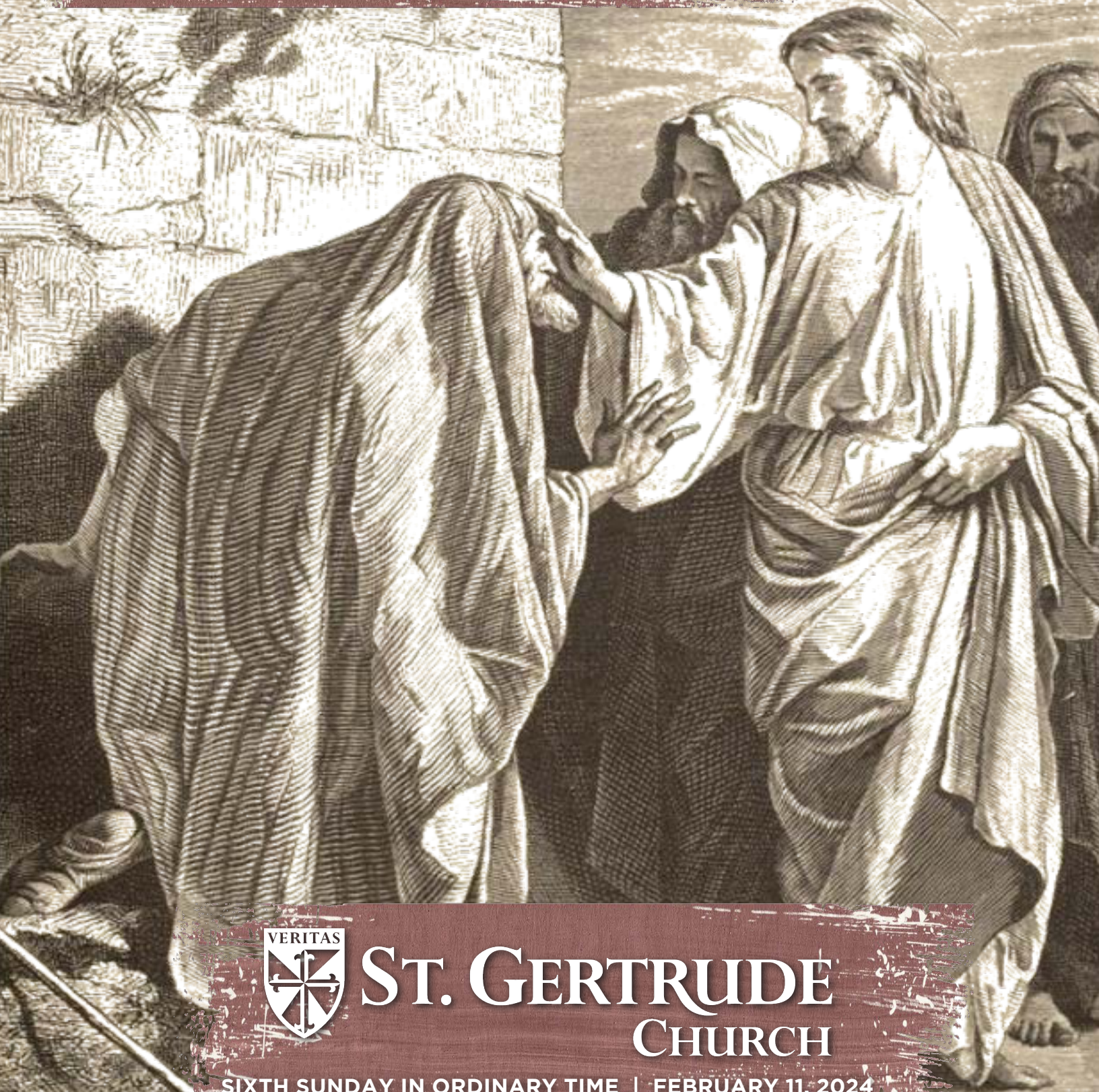


"If you wish, you can make me clean."
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 11, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, February 12, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
- 8 a.m. † Paul Arling by The Arling Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 13, Blessed Jordan of Saxony, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † Florence Thomas by Naoma & Ernest Thomas
- 8 a.m. Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., by The Bailey Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Tom Martino by Joe Martino

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Tom & Audrey Ruthman by Patty Connelly
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark
- 7 p.m. † Bob Shefcik by The Shefcik Family

Thursday, February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Judy Bayer & Family
- 8 a.m. † Joseph Stegman by Gary & Denise Crouch
- 11:30 a.m. † Tommy Martino by Knights of Columbus

Friday, February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. † Margaret Davis by Harry & Peggy Robinson
- 8 a.m. † Richard Stephens by Robert & Joan Ragusa
- 11:30 a.m. Craig & Teresa Babcock by The Morris Family

Saturday, February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8 a.m. † Kathleen Schirmer by Anne Schirmer
- 11:30 a.m. † Brian Thomas O'Rourke by Ann & David Stein
- 4:30 p.m. † Mary Josephine Roe by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel

Sunday, February 18, 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. Randy Westendorf by The Westendorf Family
- 12 p.m. Dominic Beinke by Daniel & Cara Beinke Family
- 6 p.m. The Simbeck Family by The Runk Family

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no confession or Holy Hour on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. due to Ash Wednesday.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | stgertrude.org
parishoffice@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.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Ashes will be distributed at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m. Masses.

"Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return."



Mardi Gras Potluck

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 6-9 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE GYM

Visit bit.ly/2024mardigras or scan the QR code to sign up to bring a dish and/or help set up or clean up.



St. Gertrude Parish

FRIDAY FISH FRY

February 16, March 1 & 15

5-7:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

Dine-in and carryout available. View the menu, place your carryout order, or sign up to volunteer at stgertrude.org/fishfry.





PARISH UPDATES PART II

Over the past couple of weeks, I shared about the upcoming Called & Gifted Workshop this spring, where we are at in the sound system project, and a recap of the Gala proceeds and what work would be happening with those funds. This week, there are two other important updates I would like to share with our parish community.

PARISH GROWTH

Earlier this week, I looked at two metrics of parish growth—namely new parish registrations and total Sunday Mass attendance—and crunched the numbers going back the last year and a half. During the 18-month period from July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023, our parish registered **176 new households, totaling 518 new parishioners!** In an era where most Catholic parishes across the country are shrinking and often merging with other parishes due to declining numbers, our numbers here at St. Gertrude Parish are quite extraordinary. The other metric I looked at is a very basic one: How many people are in the pews each Sunday? I am pretty sure that, anecdotally based on how full the pews (and parking lot) have been, most would guess our numbers are up. And the data backs that up. Back in July 2022, Sunday Mass attendance averaged around 1,575 people. By December of this past year, that number had jumped to an average of 1,850 people . . . **a growth of roughly 17 percent.** This period of parish growth we are in is a blessing from God. It is also a reason for us to discern together what God might be asking of us in the future; “to whom much has been given, much will be expected” (cf. Luke 12:48). Let us also be sure to welcome our newest parish members with open arms and do our best to get to know each and every one of them.

STRATEGIC PLAN

One weekend this past fall at all of the parish Masses, Sister Mary Agnes and I spoke about our plans for the year ahead. We had recently received the full report that resulted from our strategic planning process. At the time we shared that, we had the parish centennial in November and many events in the fall leading up to it, so we planned to put the strategic planning process “on hold” for the fall semester and return to it in the first part of 2024. We also shared that, though there would be nothing “visible” happening regarding the plan during the fall, we would be doing some work on the backside (so to speak) helping to prepare for what was ahead.

When we first looked at the strategic planning report, one thing that was immediately obvious was that there were a lot of ideas contained in it. Quite literally dozens and dozens of suggestions for addressing the various needs of our parish . . . far too many to implement all of them or even a majority of them. So in such a situation, how does one decide which of all of these good ideas are the highest priority to implement? The natural answer to that needs to be based on the

needs that are the most critical *and* on another component: *the needs that are most central to the mission of our parish and the vision of what we want to be in the future.* So over the last several months, our parish leadership team (known as our “Family Leadership Team” through the Beacons of Light process) has been working to craft, from the ground up, a renewed parish mission statement as well as a vision statement about where we are going. It has taken months of work and, during the process, we incorporated feedback from various groups, including the parish pastoral council. We are confident that focusing on our mission and vision will help us to make good decisions about the implementation of aspects of the strategic plan. In the weeks ahead, we plan to share the mission and vision statements with the parish as a whole, as we will use these to guide not only the strategic plan but also every aspect of our parish life and ministry. We are super excited about this and can’t wait to share this with the entire parish population in the weeks ahead.

Lent is around the corner. I hope to see everyone with “dirty foreheads” this coming Wednesday!
God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone at St. Gertrude Parish who has pledged to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. You will find extra pledge envelopes on the table in front of the relic chapel for your convenience. To make a donation online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are unfolded.”

– Pope Paul VI

St. Gertrude Players
Present

PETER PAN
JR.

February 17 | 2:30, 7:30 p.m.

February 18 | 2:30 p.m.

Medert Auditorium (Madeira High School)
7465 Loannes Drive

Advance Tickets - \$9 each
At the Door - \$10 each

Scan the QR code or visit
stgertrudesch.org/theatre
to get your advance tickets.



ANNUAL FAITH RALLY

Catholic Schools Week concluded on Friday, February 2, with our annual Faith Rally. In the morning, students gathered for catechesis on the Holy Eucharist, an activity, and to pray the rosary for the intentions of St. Gertrude parishioners. In the afternoon, all gathered around the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour, followed by praise and worship led by the 8th graders!

Schedule a
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A Catholic education is more
affordable now than ever before!

We invite you to visit
us for a personal tour
to meet our principal,
observe classes, and
discover—first hand—
the St. Gertrude School difference.



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025!



We Are
HIRING!

After Care Director

St. Gertrude School is seeking a director for its After Care Program that runs from 3 to 6 p.m. on school days. This is a part-time position that requires administration of the program, including program organization and supervision of students. The new director can begin as soon as possible and will assume full responsibility on April 8.

For more information and to apply, visit stgertrudesch.org/employment or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Mary Agnes at smagnes@stgertrudesch.org.





NEVER ALONE

A Theology of the Body Retreat for High Schoolers

Games | Prayer | Small Groups | Praise & Worship | Free Time | Adoration | Ice Cream | Mass

Are you searching for the truth about who you are, what's your purpose, and how to be happy in this life? Join us and your fellow high schoolers at St. Gertrude Parish's L'alto: High School Spring Retreat to discover who God created you to be—instead of who the world says you should be.

March 8-10, 2024

Begins on Friday at 6 p.m. and ends on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Woodland Lakes Christian Camp & Retreat Center

3054 Lindale-Mt Holly Rd, Amelia, OH 45102

**Cost is \$90 if you register by the end of the day on March 3.
Price increases to \$100 beginning March 4.**



Register at
bit.ly/hsretreat2024
or scan the QR code!



GET YOUR PIZZA FOR THE SUPER BOWL!

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council 1195 will be selling Krimmer's Italianette Take 'n' Bake Pizzas outside after all Masses (except 6 p.m.)—or until they run out.

Large Cheese Pizza - \$12
Large Pepperoni Pizza - \$14

Credit cards accepted



BAPTISM

Saturday, January 28, 2024



Child: Andrew George Schreck
 Parents: Peter & Alexandra Schreck



Child: Phoebe Frances Schuster
 Parents: Daniel & Colleen Schuster

ASK A PRIEST/SISTER/BROTHER/THEOLOGIAN/EXPERT

Do you have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, religious life, or something else? Submit your question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin!

K-8 TRACK AND FIELD REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All students in grades K-8 are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish track and field team! Practices begin the week of March 4 for students in grades 5-8 and the week of March 11 for students in K-4. The season runs through mid-May. For more information and to register your child(ren), visit stgertrude.org/trackandfield. Registration ends February 23.

We are also in need of assistant coaches and parent helpers for K-4. If you would like to help with our program, contact Cameron Simoneau at cameron@tristaterunning.com (no track experience needed). If you know high school age children who are looking to earn service hours, this is a fun way to get hours while helping out the track program!

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Discover God's Call for Your Life

Discover your spiritual gifts (charisms) and learn how discerning your charisms can change your life, change the world, help spread the Gospel, and help transform and renew our parish.

Saturday, April 13
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center (Gym)
Cost: \$25*
**Includes workshop, participant book, and lunch.*

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/cgworkshop-april to learn more and register by April 3!



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Linda Burke, Vicki Calonge, Carol Conners, Dan DeBow, Triset Defonseka, Beth Egbers, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Robert Lantz, Ed and Karen Larkin, Ted Leugers, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Ian Tester, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† Frank Albers, husband of Anne
 † Jake Lacey, father of Ken Lacey
 † Nancy Muenchen Simon, wife of John

9TH ANNUAL E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited to the annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 17, at East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN. The conference is from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and includes inspiring talks by renowned Catholic speakers, Mass and adoration, confession, a free book and rosary, lunch, and coffee and refreshments. Tickets are \$15 for high schoolers and \$45 for adults age 25+. Parking is free. To learn more about this powerful conference and register, please visit e6catholicmensconference.com or scan the QR code.



SHARE THE LOVE DINNER/DANCE

Celebrate with your Valentine at the elegant and lively "Share the Love" Dinner/Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Receptions Event Center (1379 Donaldson Hwy, Erlanger, KY 41018). This delightful date night includes dinner, dancing, open bar, and fun life-loving adults. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The program is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and dancing continues until 11 p.m.. Tickets are \$50 per person; table sponsorship available. Religious/clergy can attend for free. All proceeds sustain the mission of Heaven's Gain Ministries, a local Catholic pro-life organization that works to preserve the dignity of human babies by serving families experiencing pregnancy loss. For more information about this valuable ministry or to purchase tickets, please visit heavensgain.org or contact Donna Murphy at (513) 607-6083.



BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Learning, planning, and being prepared is part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so that planning end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Attend a complimentary pre-planning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, February 20, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT!

Don't miss the opportunity to see renowned speaker Jason Evert live on February 21 at All Saints-St. Joseph Campus in West Harrison, Indiana, at a special double-feature event for teens and adults, ages 13+. Jason's two talks, *Purified* and *Gender and the Theology of Your Body*, will provide answers to life's tough questions about love, dating, and relationships. This family retreat evening will also include Eucharistic adoration, Reconciliation, and free resources for all attendees. The event is from 6 to 9 p.m. and is \$25 per person. Please visit shop.chastity.com/products/double-feature-with-jason-evert-2-21-24-in-lawrenceburg-in for more information and to purchase your tickets.



A Pro-Life Gathering for Her

Saturday, February 24th

8:00am: Mass, followed by coffee
9:15am-2:30pm: Conference Presentations

at St. Susanna Church
616 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio 45040

National & Local Speakers!



Emily Macke



Rebekah Hagan



Donna Murphy



Tickets: \$40
Purchase online: cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org
or call 513-728-7870
(Event includes lunch, and priests will be available for confession)



JOIN THE WORLD'S LARGEST CATHOLIC FRATERNAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to protect the families of the Catholic Church. He had a vision to establish an organization of local councils whose members sought to strengthen their faith, serve the needs of others, and protect their families through our insurance program. Want to be a part of that and become an insurance member? Go to KofCohio.org and click Join Us. For more information, please contact Pete Marcello, Archbishop Elder Council 1195 Grand Knight, at grandknight@elderkofc.org or (703) 447-3978.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: IGNATIAN PRACTICES FOR FINDING GOD

Women of all ages are invited to a retreat this Lenten season. With a focus on seeking to know how to best respond to the call of Jesus and follow him in daily life, this retreat will help you slow down and complete God's presence in a way that will lead you to a deeper spiritual connection with him and our world. The retreat begins at 5:45 p.m. on March 8 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford and ends on Sunday, March 10. Dr. Nicki Verploegen will be the retreat leader. The retreat is \$310, which includes a private room and meals during your stay. If you have any questions and would like to register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats.



**ASK A PRIEST—
CAN A SOUL IN HELL
ENTER HEAVEN?**

FATHER DAVID ENDRES, PROFESSOR
AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY &
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Q: The Catechism defines hell as “eternal separation from God” (1035). However, it says that at the last judgment “before [Jesus] will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another. . . . And [some] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (1038). If one dies before the second coming and is in hell, will he or she be re-judged when Christ returns? Is there a possibility of going to heaven at that time?

A: The permanency of heaven and hell and the impossibility of passing between them is witnessed to in Scripture. In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in the Gospel of Luke, Lazarus is brought into heaven and the rich man is sent to the “netherworld.” From his place of suffering he begs the patriarch Abraham to send Lazarus to help him. Abraham responds: “Between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours” (Luke 16: 26).

To appreciate this permanence, one must understand that there are two judgments: the particular judgment and the universal judgment. The universal judgment will occur at the end of time—what is also called the second coming” or the Parousia (from the Greek for “coming” or “arrival”). Those who die prior to the universal

judgment will be judged at the time of their deaths (particular judgment). The soul that is judged will either be taken into God’s presence (heaven), removed from the divine presence (hell), or will experience a temporary state of purification (purgatory).

At the time of the second coming, those who are alive will also be judged. For those already judged, the general judgment will serve as a confirmation of the particular judgment. However, there is one significant difference between the two. Whereas at the particular judgment, only the soul comes before God, at the general judgment, soul and body will be reunited and judged. This “resurrection of the flesh” is difficult to understand and has been intensely debated by theologians. It is professed in the Apostles’ and Nicene-Constantinopolitan creeds. In the Apostles’ Creed, we affirm, “I believe in . . . the resurrection of the body.” In the Nicene Creed, we say, “We look for the resurrection of the dead.” In both cases, our belief in the union of soul and body is in reference to the general judgment.

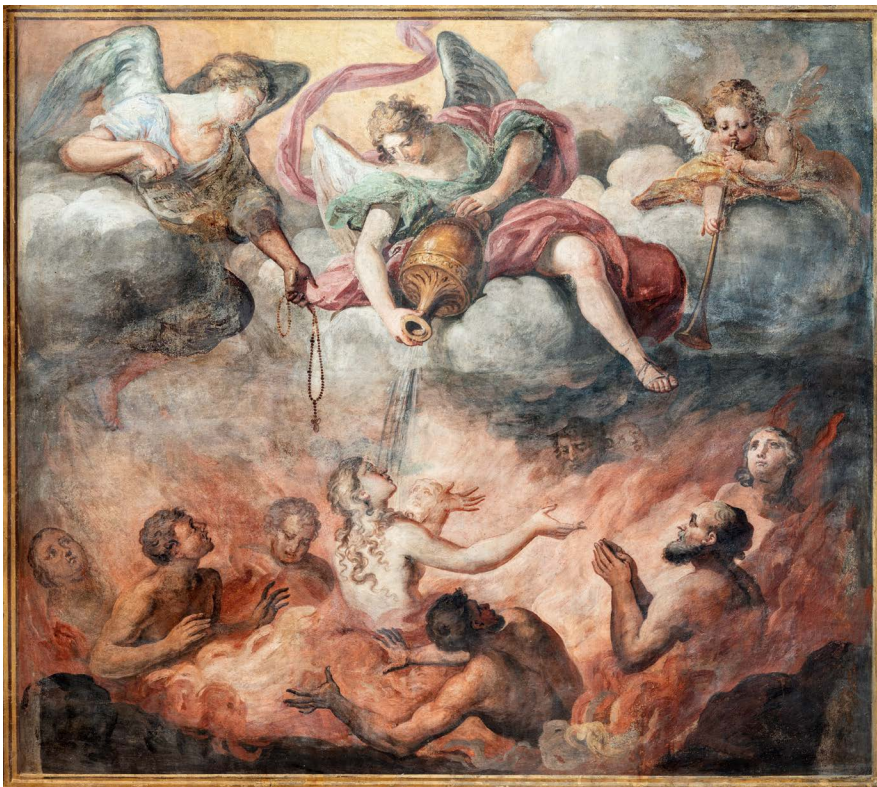
While in this world, before we die, we have the opportunity for second chances and can rely on the mercy of God. At the time of our judgments, God’s perfect justice will separate those souls that will experience life eternal with God and those that will not. For those already judged, a new verdict will not be possible at the general judgment. At Christ’s second coming, the time of purification of souls (purgatory) will be concluded and souls will experience either union with or separation from the divine.

As we live out our Christian lives, we should not focus on whether Christ’s second coming is near and which judgment we will experience, but instead seek God in such a way as to be prepared to meet Him face to face whenever we are called into His presence. We can pray along with the early Church, “Maranatha!” (Come, Lord Jesus!), awaiting the end of the Church’s pilgrimage on earth and our hoped for entry into eternal life.

Father David J. Endres, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is academic dean of the Athenaeum of Ohio and professor of Church history and historical theology at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and School of Theology. He holds a doctoral degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and is editor of the scholarly quarterly U.S. Catholic Historian. In addition, Father Endres is a regular contributor to The Catholic Telegraph.

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Monday, February 12	Tuesday, February 13	Wednesday, February 14	Thursday, February 15	Friday, February 16	Saturday, February 17	Sunday, February 18
St. Gertrude School No School	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	SGS PTO Meeting 8:10 a.m. School Cafeteria	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude Players Present <i>Peter Pan, Jr.</i> 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. Madeira HS Auditorium	Rite of Sending/Election (Become Catholic) At 12 p.m. Mass
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 p.m. Parish Center		Become Catholic Social 1 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Moms & Littles Fellowship Gathering 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Choir 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church		NFP Class 1 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group 7 p.m. School Cafeteria			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Sacramental Formation 4:30 p.m. Atrium II					St. Gertrude Players Present <i>Peter Pan, Jr.</i> 2:30 p.m. Madeira HS Auditorium
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Mardi Gras Potluck 6 p.m. Gym					L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?
 We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
 Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcstrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at firluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
2/25/24

MATERIALS DUE
2/14/24

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

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
 Collection for February 4

Collection	\$	50,967
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	13,967

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,322,757
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,197,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	125,757

Parish Staff

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., pastor
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St. Gertrude Church

LENT 2024

FEBRUARY 14-MARCH 31



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday

7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Saturday

8 a.m., 11:30 a.m. | 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.

There will be no morning Masses on Holy Thursday (March 28) or Good Friday (March 29). There will be no morning Mass or 4:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday (March 30).



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

St. Gertrude Church will celebrate Mass at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

RECONCILIATION

God is always ready to forgive. Experience his merciful love this Lent through the sacrament of Reconciliation, offered Monday-Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

There will be no confessions on Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. or during the Easter Triduum. Wednesday, March 27, will be the last opportunity to receive this sacrament before Easter.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES + HOLY HOUR

February 21 & 28; March 6, 13 & 20

7:30-8:30 p.m. | Church

Nurturing Faith in a World of Distractions

Listen to a short reflection from one of our Dominican friars that will help you focus on what matters most, then spend time in Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confession. The evening will end with Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

February 21 - Faith: Received as a Gift

Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.

February 28 - Faith: Nourished in Prayer

Father John Langlois, O.P.

March 6 - Faith: Nourished by the Word of God

Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.

March 13 - Faith: Nourished by the Sacraments

Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P.

March 20 - Faith: Acted Upon and Lived Out in the World

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel

Open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Stop in to spend some time with Jesus this Lent. (The chapel is tucked in to the right side of the Parish Center. You can access it from the parking lot by walking down the sidewalk between the Parish Center and the church; the chapel will be on your left.)



VIGIL PROJECT



LENTEN TRUE PRESENCE NIGHT

Monday, March 4 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Church

Nationally acclaimed music group The Vigil Project presents an evening of live music, dynamic Lent-themed reflections, and a time of Eucharistic adoration to help you pray more deeply into this season and prepare for Christ's resurrection at Easter. Reception to follow in the Parish Center gym.

The Vigil Project is a nonprofit apostolate founded in 2016 by a community of musical artists with a common mission to make Catholic music for Catholic prayer. Featuring a collective of seasoned singer/songwriters and music leaders, TVP exists to invite the Church to a fresh encounter with God and to deep prayer through the experience of beautiful music. Learn more about The Vigil Project and listen to their music at thevigilproject.com.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

February 16, March 1 & 15
5-7:30 p.m. | Gym

Our Friday night Fish Fry is back for 2024 with the same delicious meals you've come to love. Dine-in and carry-out available.

Visit stgertrude.org/fishfry to view the menu, place your carryout order online, or sign up to volunteer.

CHORAL TENEBRAE

March 27 | 8 p.m. | Church

For the first time ever, St. Gertrude Parish is having a Choral Tenebrae. This special liturgy, also known as the Service of Darkness, is conducted in near darkness—the only source of light is a series of candles on the altar. After each portion of the liturgy, a candle is extinguished until the entire church is dark. Throughout the service, the Capella and Novitiate Choir will chant the great sorrowful psalms and lamentations from Scripture and motets that reflect upon the Passion. Our service will include Dominican elements of Tenebrae and the singing of an extremely special and legendary piece: Gregorio Allegri's famous setting of Psalm 51, Miserere mei.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
7 p.m. | Church

Recall and meditate on 14 specific events of Jesus' passion and death by praying the Stations of the Cross with us every Friday during Lent.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES

March 24-31 | Church

March 24 | Palm Sunday
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. Mass

March 27 | Wednesday of Holy Week
8 p.m. - Choral Tenebrae

March 28 | Holy Thursday
8 a.m. - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
7 p.m. - Mass of Our Lord's Supper

March 29 | Good Friday (No Mass)
8 a.m. - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
3 p.m. - Our Lord's Passion (Communion Service)
7 p.m. - Stations of the Cross and Entombment of Christ

March 30 | Easter Vigil
8 a.m. - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
9 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

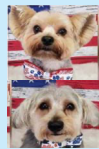
March 31 | Easter
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. Mass



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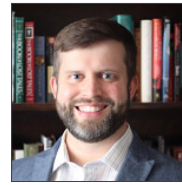


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