

Do not think that
I have come to
abolish the law
or the prophets.
I have come
not to abolish
but to

fulfill
Matthew 5:17

ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 12, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, February 13, Bl. Jordan of Saxony, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., by The Baileys
- 8 a.m. † Karen Hassman by Joe & Elaine Stegman
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 14, Sts. Cyril & Methodius (M)

- 7 a.m. † Elizabeth I. Greve by Jan Cyr
- 8 a.m. † Billie Pierre by Bill & Tish Shefcik
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne

Wednesday, February 15, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Kevin Shannon by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
- 8 a.m. † Carl Ware by Peggy & Harry Robinson
- 11:30 a.m. † Sister Mary Doeker by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Thursday, February 16, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Gordon & Elizabeth Zentner by Laurie Zentner
- 8 a.m. † Tom Ruthman by Monica Wenstrup
- 11:30 a.m. Molly Morande by The Family

Friday, February 17, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Jack Spilker by The Skurow Family
- 8 a.m. James Cassidy by John & Patricia Foote
- 11:30 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly

Saturday, February 18, Fra Angelico (Bl. John of Fiesole, O.P.) (M)

- 8 a.m. Everardo Del Cid & Florinda Reyes
by The Henderson Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Teller by Katie Stoiber
- 4:30 p.m. † Carleen Gehling Davis by Judie Taphorn

Sunday, February 19, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. Claire Boone by Tracy & Scott Boone
- 12 p.m. † Betty Schommer by Tom & Peggy Frank
- 6 p.m. † Frank O'Neill by Elaine & Jeff Parker

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.,
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | 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.




Mardi Gras Potluck

Celebrate Fat Tuesday at St. Gertrude Church's Mardi Gras Potluck! RSVP and sign up to bring a dish at bit.ly/fattuesday2023. Jazz Renaissance will provide live entertainment.

Tuesday, February 21 | 6 p.m.
St. Gertrude Gym

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 19.

All are invited to come early to pray the rosary with the Knights of Columbus at 5:30 p.m. in the church.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

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

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



**ST. VALENTINE
(AND WHY HE MATTERS)**

Next week, most of the people in our country will be celebrating Valentine’s Day, or as we Catholics know to call it, *St. Valentine’s Day*. While St. Valentine is a saint who dates back to the earliest time in the Church, knowing a bit about his story makes clear that

he is very much a saint relevant for today.

While there are some conflicting stories and differing accounts of St. Valentine, everyone seems to agree on certain key aspects of his life. He was a priest (and quite possibly a bishop) who lived in central Italy in the mid-200s AD. He ministered in secret to the Christians of that region who were undergoing pretty intense persecution from the Roman authorities. He was eventually caught and placed under house arrest. When the judge presiding over his case demanded a miracle to prove the validity of Christianity, Valentine healed the judge’s daughter of her blindness. In response, the judge and his whole household converted to Christianity and Valentine and all the other Christians held captive under his authority were released. But soon thereafter, Valentine was again arrested and, this time, sent directly to the emperor. Valentine attempted to convert the emperor to Christianity, but he refused and ordered Valentine to be beaten and then beheaded. His execution took place on February 14 in the year 269 AD, which would be known to history thereafter as St. Valentine’s Day.

While the story of his ministry to Christians and ultimate martyrdom is itself inspirational, what is unique about the story of St. Valentine is one particular ministry that he was especially known for: performing secret weddings for Christians. Valentine had a deep

understanding that the union of a man and woman in a permanent, unbreakable bond had deeply profound spiritual significance. In a time when the Roman government claimed sole authority over this institution as a purely human and governmental reality, St. Valentine risked his life so that Christian men and women could be united in a *spiritual* bond, forged by God himself as a sign of his goodness and blessing. He realized that for two Christians to be married only by the government was a tragedy; he knew well that there were profound graces offered by God that only came when two people were bound in a sacramental bond. It pained his heart to think of Christian couples being deprived of those graces because they were joined only by a government official. And so, St. Valentine risked his life—and eventually gave up his life—to provide sacramental marriage to the Christian faithful.

So when next Tuesday comes, let us remember him not so much by giving flowers or chocolates, but by taking a few moments of prayer to thank God for the great gift that is sacramental marriage. And in a special way, please be assured of my prayers for everyone in the parish who is currently living this difficult but beautiful vocation. May the witness of your sacramental marriage be a light shining in our world. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

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NOMINATIONS FOR ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It is time once again to seek nominations for open positions on the St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council. The council represents the people of the parish and serves as a consultative body to the pastor. Council members are selected from among registered adults (age 21 or over) who have been parishioners for at least one year. The council meets the fourth Monday of the month during the school year. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think may be called to this important ministry. Please do not nominate someone without first speaking with him or her.

Nominations will be accepted until March 5, 2023.

Submit nominations using the form below. Drop the form in the collection basket, bring/send it to the parish office (6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243), or email your nomination to the pastoral council chair, Ryan Schilling, at rryanschilling@gmail.com.

I would like to nominate the following parishioner for consideration for St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

This person is being nominated by: _____

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Now-February 17, 2023:** Re-Enrollment Period
- **Now-February 24, 2023:** Priority Enrollment for New Students
- **February 16, 2023:** 1:30 p.m. Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **February 17, 2023:** No School
- **February 18-19, 2023:** School Musical
- **February 20, 2023:** No School (Presidents' Day)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RECAP

From dress up days and a spelling bee to an all-school Mass, Castle Skateland event, and more, we had another successful and fun-filled Catholic Schools Week!



ST. GERTRUDE PLAYERS presents **THE WIZARD of Oz** YOUTH EDITION

Saturday, February 18
2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 19
2:30 p.m.
Madeira High School

Tickets on sale January 29
For tickets, visit stgertrudesch.org/theatre

The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition
By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and Distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

THE WIZARD OF OZ: YOUTH EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC
www.concordtheatricals.com

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL
NOW ENROLLING
FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Apply at stgertrudesch.org/apply

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of February 13, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and closed on Friday.



**MEET THE TEAM:
MATT YOUNG**

Every so often, the St. Gertrude Bulletin features an interview with a member of St. Gertrude Church's staff. This month, we're highlighting Matt Young, head sacristan, who joined the St. Gertrude Parish staff at the beginning of April 2022.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Please tell us a little bit about yourself and your family.

Matt Young: I was born and raised in New Orleans, but my wife, Emily, and I moved to Cincinnati almost five years ago to serve as youth ministers with VIA Missionaries. After our placement was complete, we ended up sticking around. Emily is from Ojai, California, and we met while attending the University of Alabama (Roll Tide). She is far more interesting than I am, having founded her own Catholic nonprofit, the New Eve Foundation, in 2021. Together we have two daughters, Maria (3) and Sophia (1), who I think are pretty cool. We have been official parishioners for almost two years now, though we've been attending St. Gertrude for longer than that.



SGB: What are your responsibilities as head sacristan?

Matt: I'm responsible for maintaining the sacristy. This involves making sure the church has the supplies necessary for the liturgy, preparing the sanctuary for the many different liturgical celebrations throughout the year, and keeping things as orderly and tidy as possible. My biggest chunk of time each week is spent caring for the liturgical linens, ensuring that they are purified, washed, and ironed. I also spend an absurd amount of my time scrutinizing the many candles in the church. On top of that, our wonderful priests are replete with strange and varied requests, which I am more than happy to oblige.

SGB: You've been working at St. Gertrude for almost a year now. What do you enjoy most about being part of the St. Gertrude team?

Matt: Since I began attending St. Gertrude, I have been very impressed with the culture of the parish as a community centered fully around Jesus. To help foster that community as part of my job is truly a blessing. In particular, I feel quite privileged in regards to

my access to the sacrament each day and the opportunity to help bring Christ to our parish in some small way.

SGB: What do you like to do for fun?

Matt: I'm a massive nerd, so I enjoy gaming of any sort (video, tabletop, or otherwise) in my limited free time. Otherwise, my kids are a blast, and I like to play with them.



WINTER RETREAT
February 17-19, 2023

What does it mean to be a child of God? How can I hear God speaking to me? How do I share God's Word and love with others?

Get answers to these questions and more at the L'alto: High School Winter Retreat, God Dwells in Me: Identity & Mission.

- WHO** All teens in grades 9-12
- WHEN** Friday, February 17, 7 p.m. — Sunday, February 19, 1 p.m.
- WHERE** Woodland Lakes Christian Camp & Retreat Center
3051 Lindale Mt. Holly Road, Amelia, OH 45102
- WHAT** Team building activities, small group discussions, keynote talks, prayer, confession, and Mass
- COST** \$90/person (includes meals on Saturday and Sunday)
- REGISTER** stgertrude.org/highschool

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Potter, coordinator of high school ministry, at lpotter@stgertrude.org.



**PRAYER FROM
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



A Prayer to Sts. Cyril and Methodius

O holy Cyril and Methodius, I praise you through the sweetest Heart of Jesus, beseeching you to offer unto God for me that faithfulness and constancy with which you continued with Jesus in his temptations, and gathered unto him a faithful people by your preaching. Amen.

**2023 CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL (CMA)**



Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Gertrude Parish who has pledged to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. The CMA makes it possible for ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese to continue their great work. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY REMINDER

All registered adult parishioners should have received an email with a link to the Disciple Maker Index Survey. We have gotten a great response so far! If you haven't completed the survey, there's still time to do so. If you prefer a hard copy of the survey, paper copies are available in the parish office. Please return your paper survey to the office once it is complete. If you did not receive an email and would like to complete the survey, please visit portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ytdbp3. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org. Thank you for helping with this important project!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Respect Life Committee meeting is on Saturday, February 18, at 9 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center. Anyone interested in this ministry is invited to attend.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the boys volleyball spring season is now open! All boys in grades 3-8 who are parishioners of St. Gertrude Church are welcome. No experience is required; a men's college volleyball coach will be helping form the boys in volleyball basics. The cost is \$80. To register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org and click "Online Registration" in the left column. Registration ends February 11. If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Kaufman at bridget_kaufman@yahoo.com.

TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Is your child interested in being on the St. Gertrude Parish track team? Registration is now open for spring 2023! Practice for 5th-8th grade begins the week of March 6, and practice for kindergarten-4th grade begins the week of March 13. The season runs through May. For more information or to register your child, visit sgsbulldogs.org. Registration ends March 5. We are also in need of assistant coaches and parent helpers for K-4th grade. If you would like to help with our program (no experience needed), please contact Cameron Simoneau at cameron@tristaterunning.com. This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to help out and earn service hours.

CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN!

On January 24, children in St. Gertrude Parish's Sacramental Formation program received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith journey. Congratulations!



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, 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, Richard Mahler, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Joseph Silvers, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Judy Sullivan, 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

Mary Valker, wife of Louis

GET YOUR PIZZA FOR THE SUPER BOWL!



The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council will be selling Krimmer's Italianette Take 'n' Bake Pizzas for the big game.

WHEN: Saturday, February 11 - After 4:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, February 12 - After 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses (or until we run out)

WHERE: Outside St. Gertrude Church

COST: Large Cheese Pizza - \$11
Large Pepperoni Pizza - \$13
Credit cards accepted

Sponsored by



Cheer on your favorite team!

DISCOVER YOUR ESSENTIAL ROLE

You are cordially invited to attend the amazing, interactive retreat "Discovering the Essential Role of the Lay Person in God's Plan" from 7 to 9 p.m. on February 17 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 18, at St. Philip the Apostle Church (944 US-22, Morrow, OH). The retreat, based upon the teachings of Pope St. John Paul II, includes reflections from Father David Endres and others. The cost of the retreat is a freewill offering, and lunch will be provided on Saturday for all who preregister. To learn more or preregister, visit presentationministries.com or call (513) 373-2397.

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE IS NEXT WEEKEND!

The 2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference is next Saturday, February 18, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, Indiana (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). Every man is invited to attend this 8th annual event, which will include inspiring talks, confession (available all day), Mass, and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. This will be a quality, substance-driven, inspirational, and faith-filled event that will change your life and help equip you to be the man Christ calls you to be. Speakers include Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk, author and EWTN host Bear Woznick, Father Jonathan Meyer, and more! For more details and to purchase your tickets, visit e6cmc.com.

HEALING SERVICE

All are invited to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) on Wednesday, February 15, to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, and participate in a healing service. The rosary begins at 6:45 p.m. and Mass is at 7:15, followed by the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Heaven's Gain Ministries (an organization that assists families experiencing miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant death) invites you to its Valentine's Dinner Dance, Share the Love Fundraiser, on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at The Woodlands (9680 Cilley Road, Cleves, OH 45002). Doors open at 5:40 p.m., dinner is served at 6:15 p.m., and there is dancing until 11 p.m. Ticket prices are \$60/person, \$480/table of 8, and \$600/table of 10. Corporate sponsorships are also available. To purchase your tickets, become a corporate sponsor, or learn more about Heaven's Gain Ministries, visit heavensgain.org or scan the QR code.



PREPLANNING SEMINAR

Are you prepared? Let us help. Attend a Preplanning Seminar on Tuesday, February 21, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery - St. Peter Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road). You'll learn why the decision to be in a Catholic cemetery is so important, why Gate of Heaven Cemetery provides greater value than for-profit secular cemeteries, and all the benefits of preplanning now. Please RSVP by February 20 to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

DISCERNMENT "101" RETREAT

Are you discerning consecrated life? Join us for a weekend retreat on how to discern God's will. The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on February 24 and ends at 12 p.m. on February 26. All single, Catholic men and women ages 18-45 are welcome to attend. The retreat is sponsored by Greater Cincinnati Catholic Vocations Ministers and will be at the Sisters of Notre Dame campus (1601 Dixie Hwy, Park Hills, KY 41011). To register, visit forms.gle/bugX9Kb8kA6kt1JV9 or scan the QR code.



GIVE THE GIFT OF YOURSELF

Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your spouse? Do you want to spend a weekend alone with your husband or wife? Give the gift of yourself, better communication, more romance, and a weekend together at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 3-5, 2023, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH. Sign up at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. Not available that weekend? Visit esharing.org for other upcoming weekends. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or application@esharing.org, or visit our website.



ASK A PRIEST—ARE THE DOMINICANS “MARIAN”?
FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Besides spreading the rosary, can St. Dominic’s order be called “Marian?”

A: If a religious order can be called “Marian” because its members make vows in part to the blessed Virgin, sing to her as “queen” and “mother” each night, wear special garb in her honor, meditate on

the life of Christ especially through her eyes, and hold that she is an indispensable part of God’s plan for the salvation of the world, then yes, I think the Dominicans could rightly be called Marian!

Today is the feast of one of the Dominican Order’s earliest saints, Blessed Reginald of Orleans (1183?-1220). He was personally recruited by St. Dominic, and it is due to him that Dominicans wear a white “scapular” (the apron-like garment worn over the shoulders and draping down past the knees in front and behind) that is blessed in honor of Mary. A short time after meeting St. Dominic, Blessed Reginald fell deathly sick and, at the founder’s prayers, received a heavenly visit from the Blessed Virgin and two other saints. She showed Blessed Reginald the white scapular, which St. Dominic’s friars began to wear once they were told that it would be a sign of Mary’s maternal

care. Blessed Reginald was healed and went on to draw many recruits through his preaching before dying two years later.

Since our earliest days, the friars and sisters of the Order of Preachers have learned to treat Jesus’ mother as our own mother. Yes, even the religious vows of the friars are shaped according to the realization that Mary can never lead a follower of Christ astray:

“I, Brother _____ make vows and promise obedience to God, to blessed Mary, to Saint Dominic, and to you, Brother _____ in place of Brother _____, Master of the Order of Preachers . . .”

God puts certain people in our lives who we can look back and say were indispensable; without them, we wouldn’t be who we are today. Maybe we wouldn’t “be” at all (e.g., our parents)! The Blessed Virgin Mary is one such person in the order of God’s redeeming and sanctifying grace. In the prayer of the rosary, we recognize just how closely Mary is associated with the life and actions of Jesus Christ. This is no mere child-bearing person but a loving mother to Jesus and to every faithful disciple (see Jn 19:27). Here we might discover that, in some fashion, we’re all meant to be “Marian.”

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



Monday, February 13	Tuesday, February 14	Wednesday, February 15	Thursday, February 16	Friday, February 17	Saturday, February 18	Sunday, February 19
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Cana Family – Year 2 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School No School	CGS Level II Catechist Formation 8:30 a.m. Atrium I	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		Respect Life 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Family Faith – Child only Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		Scouts Event 10:00 a.m. Gym	CGS Level II Catechist Formation 1 p.m. Atrium I
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	SGS PTO Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria			NFP class 1 p.m. School Cafeteria
Hospitality Team Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					L'alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria



SWING INTO SPRING
Supporting the American Wheelchair Mission

Saturday, March 18, 2023
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Topgolf

9568 Water Front Drive West Chester Township



For more information (including cost) and to sign up, visit bit.ly/SwingIntoSpring2023 or contact Dale Walczak at (513) 720-6133, Mark Holland at (513) 478-2291.



OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for February 5

Collection	\$	43,442
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	6,942
2nd Collection – Catholic Inner-City Schools Education: \$3,531		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,218,188
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,181,500
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	36,688

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
2/26/23

MATERIALS DUE
2/15/23

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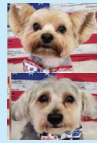
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