

# Blessed

are you

Luke 6:20-23



ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH

February 13, 2022

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, February 14, Sts. Cyril & Methodius (M)

- 7 a.m. †Carmelita Duckro by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. †Patsy Ricketts by Peter Bertoli
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, February 15, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Maria Alexander by Benny Alexander
- 8 a.m. † Dave Taylor by The Gerwel Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Sherry Huddle

### Wednesday, February 16, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Doris Schindler by The Heyob Family
- 8 a.m. †Beth McKinney by Michael & Jana Widmeyer
- 11:30 a.m. †Tim Ney by Mary & Terry Smithers

### Thursday, February 17, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Richard Retta, Sr. & Jr. by Laura & John West
- 8 a.m. † Loretta Holden by Judy Bayer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Bobbie Faye Gauche by Ray & Marylyn Clark

### Friday, February 18, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † James George Schuster by Brad & Katie Bursa
- 8 a.m. † Peter Horan by Ray & Marylyn Clark
- 11:30 a.m. †Wes England by Kevin & Anne Lynch

### Saturday, February 19, Weekday

- 8 a.m. † George Long by The Kuhlmanns
- 11:30 a.m. †Heidi Marie Seubert by Mary Jo Middelberg
- 4:30 p.m. Peggy MacMannis by Kevin & Jessica Conlon

### Sunday, February 20, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. †Jim Frank by Martha & Rich Grumbley & Family
- 10 a.m. †Patti Coit by Rita Gehring
- 12 p.m. †Joe Morrison by Bertie Eddingfield
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

Confession 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.

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will close at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, for the Super Bowl.

## Parish Information

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

### Parish Office Hours

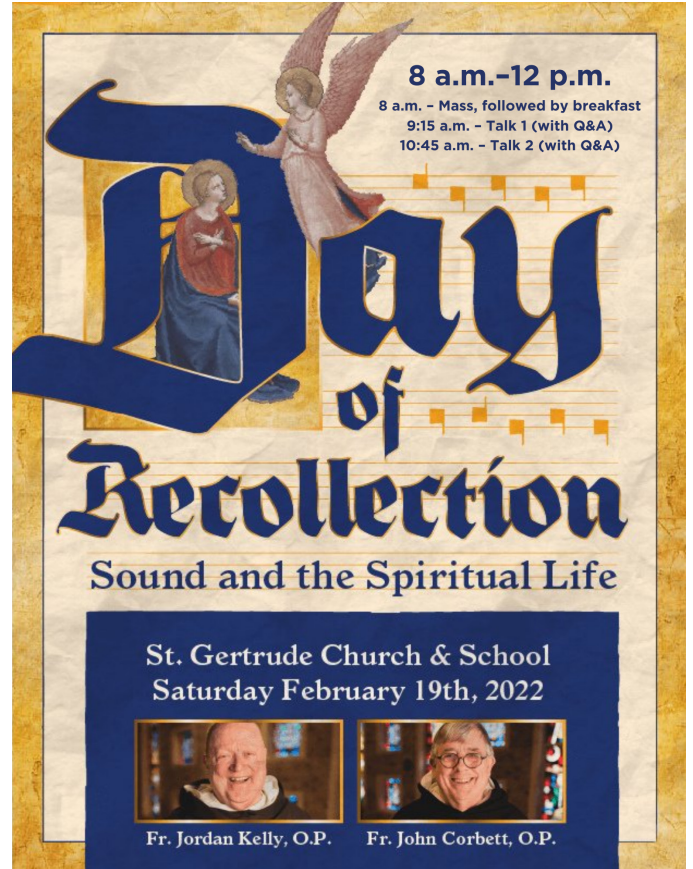
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### School Office Hours

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

### Church Hours

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





**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
8 a.m. - Mass, followed by breakfast  
9:15 a.m. - Talk 1 (with Q&A)  
10:45 a.m. - Talk 2 (with Q&A)

# Day of Recollection

## Sound and the Spiritual Life

St. Gertrude Church & School  
Saturday February 19th, 2022



Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P. Fr. John Corbett, O.P.

## GET YOUR PIZZA FOR THE SUPER BOWL!



The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council will be selling Take 'n' Bake Pizzas from Krimmer's Italianette this weekend.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 12 - After 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 13 - After 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses (until we run out)

**WHERE:** Outside St. Gertrude Church

**COST:** Large Cheese Pizza - \$11  
Large Pepperoni Pizza - \$13

*Credit cards accepted*

**WHO DEY!**

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 Knights of Columbus



**THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS**

Over the last two weeks, the second graders in our school and religious education program have approached the Lord for their first celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. These celebrations bring the children into a deeper relationship with Jesus as they express their sorrow for sin, repent of the wrong they have done or the good they have failed to do, and receive the merciful gift of God’s forgiveness of their sins. The joy of forgiveness and reconciliation radiates on the faces of the children. It is a beautiful moment of encounter, love, and grace.

The children’s formation in preparation for this sacrament uses the approach of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which is described on the CGS website as follows: “We believe that God and the child have a unique relationship with one another, particularly before the age of six; that growth of this relationship should be assisted by the adult, but is directed by the Spirit of God; that children need their own place to foster the growth of that relationship; and that the child’s spiritual growth is best served through tangible but indirect means.” The use of this approach here at St. Gertrude is a special offering to parents to help their children encounter the Lord, experience his love, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith.

At this young age, the children learn that the sacrament of Reconciliation is closely related to their baptismal identity. After the celebration of the sacrament for the first time, the children renew their baptismal promises with the help of their parents, light a candle from the Paschal Candle in remembrance of the light of Christ received at baptism, and are clothed in a white garment to recall outwardly the identity and dignity they have in Christ. These symbols are reminders that the sacrament of Reconciliation restores the innocence of Baptism and renews the relationship and covenant we have with God the Father.

My hope is that this first experience of the sacrament is motivation

to receive the sacrament regularly—not only for them, but for their parents and all parishioners as well. We all offend God and one another in innumerable ways and countless times in our thoughts and words, in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. Expressing sorrow for sins, repenting of them, and making a firm intention to amend one’s life is an act of faith in God, who loves his children and wants a personal and vibrant relationship with them. Confessing our sins is an act of humility that makes us receptive to the graces God offers so that we can grow in virtue and holiness. The Lord is kind and merciful. He does not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back to him and live. There are multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation here at St. Gertrude and multiple priests to serve you. The occasion of grace and mercy is offered to each of us so that we may experience the joy of reconciliation with God and with one another.

The bulletin for last Sunday was not delivered in time for the weekend because of the weather. My article in that issue provided information on the parish pastoral council and invited nominations from parishioners for new members. You can refer to that bulletin via the parish website. The nomination form is found below.

Father Ken Letoile, O.P., prior provincial of the Dominican friars and former pastor here at St. Gertrude, will be visiting the priests and novices in the priory from February 16-22. He will celebrate and preach the 10 a.m. parish Mass on Sunday, February 20. All are welcome.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

Father George Schommer, O.P.

**COVER IMAGE:** *Sermon on the Mount*, Bloch (1877)

**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 them. **Nominations will be accepted until March 7, 2022.**

Submit nominations using the form below. Drop in the collection basket or bring/send to the parish office (6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243).

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

- No School - February 14
- Early Dismissal - February 17
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - February 17
- No School - February 18
- St. Gertrude Players: Madagascar, Jr. - February 19 (2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and February 20 (2:30 p.m.)
- No School - February 21 (Presidents' Day)



## WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is seeking a **third grade teacher** (to join our faculty during the current 2021-2022 school year) and a **school receptionist**. Please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment) to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of February 14, 2022, the school office will be closed on Monday and open Tuesday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

Enroll by February 25 for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 scholarships.\*

*\*Names will be drawn randomly, allowing each student an equal opportunity. All enrollees are eligible.*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RECAP

We had a great time celebrating Catholic Schools Week with out-of-uniform days, Science Fair, a Spelling Bee, a special lunch for teachers, an event at Castle Skateland, and more! Here are some pictures from a few of the activities.





## L'ALTO: JUNIOR HIGH BOWLING EVENT

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022**  
3-5 P.M.

- Who:** Anyone in 7-8 grade (bring a friend —three!)
- Where:** Crossgate Lanes  
4230 Hunt Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45242
- What:** Eating, hanging out with friends, and bowling
- Cost:** Pre-register at [my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list](http://my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list) for \$15/person, or pay \$17/person at the event



## 2022 SPRING RETREAT



**WHEN**  
7 p.m. Friday, March 25 –  
11:45 a.m. Sunday, March 27

**WHERE**  
Our Lady  
of the Holy Spirit Center  
5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood

**WHO CAN COME**  
Anyone in grades 9-12

**WHAT WILL WE DO**  
Spend a weekend  
reconnecting with God and  
good friends through small  
groups, prayer, talks, and  
recreation.

**COST**  
\$90/person

**REGISTER**  
[my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list](http://my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list)

Also, please download and  
complete the permission form and  
preparation list on our high school  
events page.

**QUESTIONS**  
Contact Walter Plummer,  
director of youth formation,  
at [wplummer@stgertrude.org](mailto:wplummer@stgertrude.org)



## Registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist training is now open!

For registration information, visit [stgertrude.org/news/cgstraining](http://stgertrude.org/news/cgstraining).

### Level 1

Teaching children ages 3-6

📅 June 3-8, 2022 (Part 1)

August 27-28, 2022

October 8-9, 2022

January 14-16, 2023

(Part 2)

📍 St. Gertrude Church

### Level 2\*

Teaching children ages 6-9

📅 July 20-25, 2022 (Part 1)

September 10-11, 2022

November 12-13, 2022

February 18-20, 2023

📍 St. Gertrude Church

\*Level One training must be completed before taking Level Two.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Dickert, coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, at [mbdickert@stgertrude.org](mailto:mbdickert@stgertrude.org) or (513) 561-8369, ext. 2110.



## WHAT CATECHISTS ARE SAYING

*"I'm so happy that I took the Level 1 training. I've been so blessed with this opportunity because I love seeing the Holy Spirit work in the children I work with."*

– Josie

*"CGS training led me to fall in love with the faith all over again. CGS is a simple yet profound way to help children experience the love and care of the Good Shepherd. The album pages that you develop while training provide your lesson guide so that you can confidently share the atrium work with the children."*

– Jana Widmeyer

*"Participating in catechist formation changed the way that I personally approach Scripture. I seek to receive and understand the words of Christ with a heart like a child - with trust, gratitude, love, and joy!"*

– MBD

# 2022 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

## 2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone at St. Gertrude Church who has participated in the 2022 CMA. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. There are pledge envelopes in the pews for your convenience or you can donate online at [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!



### DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN THIS PHOTO?

This is a picture of St. Gertrude School’s class of 1935—the school’s first graduating class! If you can identify anyone in the photo, please email Mark Holland at [mholland3353@gmail.com](mailto:mholland3353@gmail.com).

In 2023, St. Gertrude Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary! As part of the celebration, we are publishing a commemorative book entitled *St. Gertrude: The First 100 Years*, which will be available September 2023. If you have historical photos (like this one) from 1923 to 1980 and are willing to share them, please drop them off at the parish office. Be sure to include the name and date of the event, as well as your contact information so we can return your photos to you. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Holland.

### JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to Elizabeth’s New Life Center (Forest Park Center, 1230 W. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45240) on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 2 p.m. as Father George Schommer and Father Michael Mary Dosch bless the new ultrasound machine St. Gertrude helped purchase for ENLC. We hope to see many of you there!

### MOUNT NOTRE DAME HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following St. Gertrude Church parishioners who made the Mount Notre Dame High School second quarter honor roll:  
**First Honors:** Elizabeth Mansfield, Meagan Steltenkamp, Allison Staudigel, Elle Seeger, Maya Corsmo, Andrea Endaya, Mary Lu Lacey  
**Second Honors:** Caitlin Devitt, Hailey Eversole, Sydney Huwel

## LET US PRAY

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

#### THE SICK:

Dolores Brandstetter, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Diane Kosobud, 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:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, 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

Richard J. Wenstrup

## BAPTISM



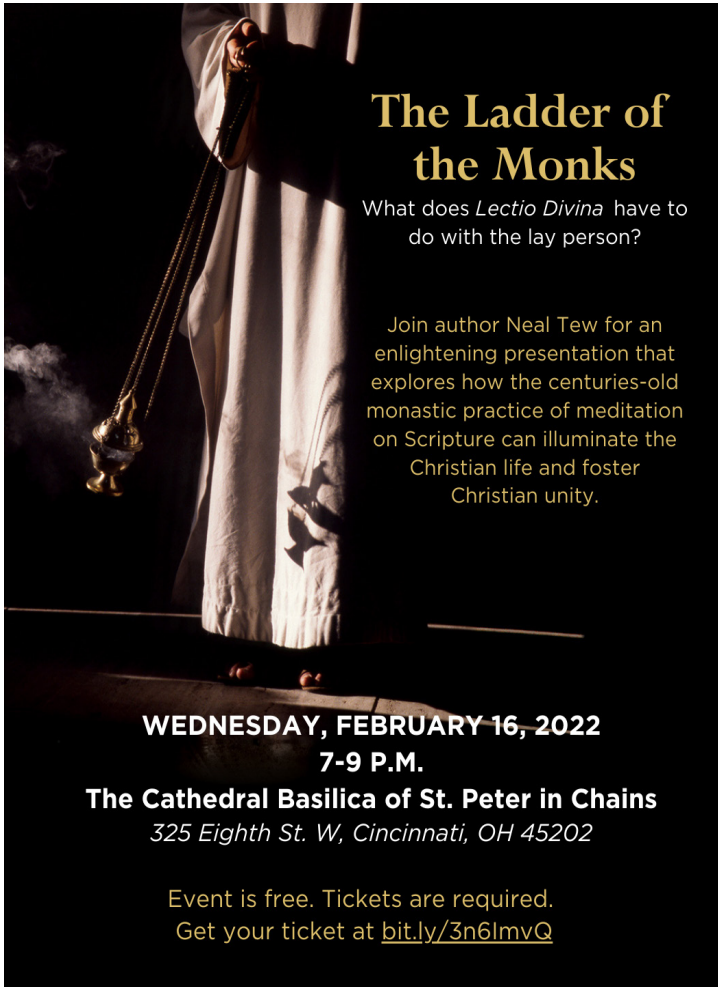
Saturday, January 22, 2022

Child: Josephine Therese Day  
Parents: Paul & Amber Day



Sunday, January 30, 2022

Child: Lucia Aubrey Purple  
Parents: Andrew & Meghan Purple



**The Ladder of the Monks**

What does *Lectio Divina* have to do with the lay person?

Join author Neal Tew for an enlightening presentation that explores how the centuries-old monastic practice of meditation on Scripture can illuminate the Christian life and foster Christian unity.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**  
**7-9 P.M.**

**The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**  
 325 Eighth St. W, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Event is free. Tickets are required.  
 Get your ticket at [bit.ly/3n6lmvQ](https://bit.ly/3n6lmvQ)

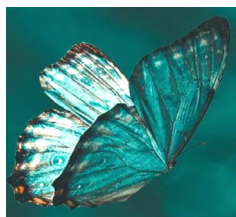
**MEN, ARMOR UP!**

Become the leaders, protectors, and providers God called you to be at the E6 Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, February 26 in St. Leon, IN. Featuring Matthew Kelly, Gus Lloyd, and recently added Father Vincent Lampert, the conference includes inspiring talks, confession (available all day), Mass, and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. This event will sell out—so get your tickets now at [www.e6cmc.com](http://www.e6cmc.com). Can’t make it in person? Watch the conference via livestream for only \$10.00.

**TRANSFORMATION:  
 A LENTEN DAY RETREAT**

February 26 | 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Prepare your soul for Lent with Father Kevin Scalf on Saturday, February 26, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. This one-day retreat is \$40.00 (includes lunch and snacks) and concludes with a 4 p.m. vigil Mass. To register, visit [stpeterinchainscathedral.org](http://stpeterinchainscathedral.org). Registration ends February 15. If you have any questions, please call the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains office at (513) 421-5354.



**PRESENTATION MINISTRIES RETREAT**

The first question in life is, “Who is Jesus?” The second question in life is, “Who am I?” Only in Christ can we truly know who we are. That’s why you’re invited to attend Presentation Ministries’ “Who Am I in Christ?” retreat on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch will be provided) at St. Columbkille Parish (73 N. Mulberry Street, Wilmington, OH 45177). The only cost to attend is a freewill offering. For more information and to preregister, visit [presentationministries.com](http://presentationministries.com) or call (513) 373-2397.

**THE INCARNATION CLASSIC**

May 21, 2022 | 8 a.m. | Morrow, OH

Calling all runners! You don’t want to miss this exciting event celebrating the life of Christ and your love for running. Join other runners for a 33K run along the Little Miami

Scenic Trail, a 3.3 mile run, or a 0.33 mile fun run for kids. For more information and to register, please visit [theincarnationclassic.com](http://theincarnationclassic.com).



**SWING INTO SPRING**

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser at Topgolf

Sponsored by  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.–1 P.M.**

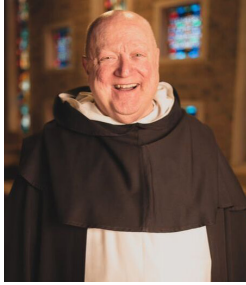
Check-in and registration at 9:30 a.m., golf bays open at 10 a.m.

**TOPGOLF**

9568 Water Front Drive West Chester Township

- Regular Rate:** \$60/person (includes three hours of Topgolf, free game instruction, clubs, breakfast, and more! Payment due by March 11, 2022.
- Early Bird Discount\*:** Purchase a bay for \$325 and save 10 percent for your group (up to six people per bay).  
 \*Ends February 25, 2022.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Dale Walczak at (513) 720-6133, Mark Holland at (513) 478-2291, or Craig Babcock at (513) 720-6902.



**ASK A PRIEST -  
LENT 2022 AT  
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH**

FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

St. Gertrude Bulletin recently visited with Father Jordan to discuss what the approaching season of Lent would be like this year at St. Gertrude Church.

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Father Jordan, when you think about Lent and the liturgies of the Lenten season, what are the first thoughts that come to your mind; where do you begin?

**Father Jordan:** I would like to begin my answer to this question from what might seem to be a very strange starting point.

One of my happiest memories, whether as a child or an adult, is my parents' home on a Sunday afternoon. From the moment I walked through the door, I was enveloped by aromas that said, "you are home, Jim," and, "this is love in action." My mom's cooking was without comparison (every son says that but . . .)! Whether it was a roast, a ham, or her award-winning gravy (some people say red sauce) and meatballs, I instantly knew I was home, I was safe, and I was loved. Walking into our home, you would also be greeted by my dad's music: big band music, lots of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Frank Sinatra. To this day, whenever I hear this music or smell any of these aromas, I am back on Minor Street and with my mom and dad.

How is this tied to the season of Lent and the Lenten liturgies? Because the sights, sounds, and aromas that greet us when we walk through the door of St. Gertrude Church should remind us that we are in the season of Lent (or whatever season we are celebrating).

**SGB:** So, what does Lent smell and sound like?

**FJ:** Smells might be tough, but I would start here: beeswax. When we enter a church during Lent, we should be greeted by the aroma of burning beeswax candles or beeswax candles that have just been extinguished.

While the aroma of beeswax will increase, the pleasing scent of flowers will be gone from church, except on Lactare Sunday, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, and the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

At all times, but especially during seasons like Lent, the celebration of the liturgy is guided by the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*, or GIRM. The GIRM

teaches that "during Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Lactare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities, and feasts are exceptions" (305).

As far as sound is concerned, we will experience more times of silence—just enough organ to support the singing, and no instrumental music. Again, the GIRM instructs:

In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only to support the singing. Exceptions are Lactare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities, and feasts (313).

[The *Gloria*] is sung or said on Sundays outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on solemnities and feasts, and at special celebrations of a more solemn character (53).

The *Alleluia* is sung in every season other than Lent. The verses are taken from the Lectionary or the *Gradual* (62, a). During Lent, in place of the *Alleluia*, the verse before the Gospel is sung, as indicated in the Lectionary. It is also permissible to sing another psalm or tract, as found in the *Gradual* (62, b).

**SGB:** Sounds like it could be a little depressing?

**FJ:** It's not always easy to embrace these disciplines, but like any discipline, they are for our own good and our better and deeper participation in the Lenten restraints that lead to a glorious Easter! Next week, we will learn more about the musical shape and other liturgical matters for Lent 2022 at St. Gertrude. Stay tuned!

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





Monday, February 14	Tuesday, February 15	Wednesday, February 16	Thursday, February 17	Friday, February 18	Saturday, February 19	Sunday, February 20
St. Gertrude School No School	Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC Music Room	Prayer Shawl 10 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room	PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	St. Gertrude School No School	Day of Reflection 8 a.m. Mass 9 a.m. Cafeteria	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. Atrium I	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby			Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5 p.m. Atrium II	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			L'alto: High School 7 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 6:30 p.m. Atrium II	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room			
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School					
	KofC Rosary Social 7 p.m. Church					
	SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library					

**THE FIRE DISTRICT NEEDS YOUR HELP**

As the Madeira and Indian Hill Joint Fire District continues to evolve, we are aspiring to redefine our mission statement and identify a set of core values. We are asking for your input in this endeavor. Please scan the QR code to the right to complete a short 3-question survey. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, please visit [stgertrude.org/news/firesurvey](http://stgertrude.org/news/firesurvey). Thank you for your participation and feedback!



**OFFERING**

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for February 6

Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Collection	\$ 40,946
Weekly Surplus	\$ 5,652

2nd Collection: \$4,151 CISE

(Catholic Inner-City Schools Education Fund)

**Fiscal Year-To-Date**

(for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,174,408
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,221,544
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 47,136

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN  
2/27/22

MATERIALS DUE  
2/16/22

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org)  
6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243  
(513) 561-5954 | FAX (513) 561-7184 | [www.StGertrude.org](http://www.StGertrude.org)

## Parish Staff

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

## Dominican Friars in Residence

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

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

Principal - Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P. ext 1101  
Vice Principal - Mr. Travis Johnson ext 1101  
PTO President - Emily Baute (513) 646-9321  
School Advisory Council

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Bereavement ext 2101  
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Director of Music - Father Jordan Kelly, O.P. ext 2213  
Safe Environment Coordinator - Emma Golias ext 2103

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Mary Beth Dickert ext 2110  
Director of Youth Formation - Walter Plummer ext 2122  
Communications Coordinator - Michelle Dushensky ext 2121  
Executive Assistant - Kristen Eggers ext 2109  
Rites of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) ext 2101  
Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.

## Corporal Works of Mercy

Helping Hands - Nancy Lucas stgerthh@gmail.com  
Knights of Columbus - Phil Motz (513) 444-5072  
Ladies of Charity - Jean Wilkinson (513) 498-5085  
Parish Health Ministry - Jeanne Palcic (513) 317-4123  
Pregnancy Center East  
(for all pregnancy needs) (513) 321-3100  
Soup Kitchen - Andy Cordier soupkitchen@stgertrude.org  
St. Vincent De Paul Society -  
Jim Spurgin (513) 561-5954, ext 2112

## Vocations Directors

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