

LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation."*

2 COR 6:2



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 18, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, February 19, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Tom & Peggy Frank
- 8 a.m. Claire Boone by Scott & Tracy Boone
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 20, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Father Matt Gamber, S.J., by Nancy DeBrunner
- 8 a.m. † Janet Wray by Michael & Jana Widmeyer
- 11:30 a.m. † Audrey Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich

Wednesday, February 21, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Elizabeth Schenk by Karen Schornak
- 8 a.m. Emily Pachuk by The Pachuk Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Pat Shannon by John & Joy Belperio

Thursday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)

- 7 a.m. † Adaline Winkler by Mary Beutler
- 8 a.m. † Mark Crouch by The Fitzpatrick Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Bartel by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin

Friday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Hope Balint by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. † Wilbert Luthman by The Shappie Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Patricia Kohus by John & Hilda Bough

Saturday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Al & MaryAnn Stevenson by Tom & Kim Hahn
- 11:30 a.m. † John Weiss by Bill & Becky Karlak
- 4:30 p.m. † Kevin Fischer by The Runk Family

Sunday, February 25, 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. † Charles Hertlein by Dave & Therese Hertlein
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † David Gregory by David & Ann Stein
- 6 p.m. Dr. Angela Beale Martin by Respect Life Committee

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

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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



LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES + HOLY HOUR Nurturing Faith in a World of Distractions

Wednesdays in Lent | 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Church

Are you overwhelmed, tired, and preoccupied with things of this world? Lent is the perfect time to refocus on what matters most and deepen your relationship with Jesus. Join us this Wednesday as we kick off our Lenten Speaker Series. Enjoy a short reflection, followed by Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confession.

February 21 Faith: Received as a Gift
Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.

Check out the rest of the schedule and all our Lenten offerings at stgertrude.org/lent2024.

SAVE THE DATE

Lenten True Presence Night with The Vigil Project

Nationally acclaimed music group The Vigil Project is back for 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.

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





**TWO OPPORTUNITIES
NEXT WEEK TO HEAR
ABOUT OUR VISION
FOR THE FUTURE**

Last week in my pastor letter, one of the items I shared with you was that, before we could implement the strategic planning report for the parish, we realized the need to completely redo the parish mission and

vision statements. I also shared that we would be revealing how we would share the statements with the parish.

This week, I am very excited to report that, over the next 10 days or so, we will be providing two opportunities for parishioners to hear about this directly from me, your pastor. The first opportunity will be **next Sunday, February 25, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Center. This will allow those who have attended the 10 a.m. Mass to remain and hear the presentation, as well as the opportunity for those attending the 12 p.m. Mass to come early to hear it before heading to the church for Mass.

The second opportunity will be the following **Wednesday, February 28, at 6:45 p.m.**, once again in the Parish Center. This repeat presentation will exactly mimic what was presented the previous Sunday for those who could not make the Sunday presentation. It is also the perfect opportunity to hear the presentation before attending the Lenten Speaker Series and Holy Hour at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Each of these two presentations will consist of a four-part unveiling of the spiritual and practical framework for who we are and where we are going as a parish. The four parts of this include:

- parish mission (who we are and what we are called to do),
- parish vision (what we wish to be three or five or ten years in the future),
- parish values (those virtues that will shape and craft the parish culture that we need to accomplish our mission and vision), and
- parish strategic anchors (those concrete criteria we will use to make strategic decisions about our parish moving forward).

Our parish will use these four things in virtually every decision we make as we move forward into the future. I am very excited to share these with everyone at these presentations and answer any questions that might arise after hearing the presentations.

To repeat a Scripture passage I shared in my letter last week, “to whom much has been given, much will be expected” (cf. Luke 12:48). God has given St. Gertrude Parish so incredibly much. And so it is no surprise that I believe he will be asking very much from us in the future. This is the hour when we have the chance to respond to his calling with great generosity and enthusiasm. It is my fervent hope and prayer that these elements of our mission and vision will provide us with the tools to respond to that calling with a wholehearted “yes” that is clear, generous, and grounded in who we are.

It is my hope that everyone in the parish can attend one of these two presentations. I am so very excited for what the future holds from St. Gertrude Parish; please join me as we begin to launch into the incredible future God has planned for our parish.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**CALLED & GIFTED
WORKSHOP**
Discover God's Call for Your Life

God has a unique purpose for you (yes, you!), and he has given you special spiritual gifts to help you fulfill that purpose.

At the Called & Gifted Workshop, you will not only discover your spiritual gifts (charisms), but also 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.*

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



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE
EPISTOLIC FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

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



“I began Holy Lent in the way that Jesus wanted me to, making myself totally dependent upon His holy will and accepting with love everything that He sends me. I cannot practice any greater mortifications, because I am so very weak. This long illness has sapped my strength completely. I am uniting myself with Jesus through suffering. When I meditate on His Painful Passion, my physical sufferings are lessened.” (*Diary, #1625*)

St. Gertrude School

2024 Annual Fund

February 13-March 27

Every year, we launch the St. Gertrude School Annual Fund. Contributions to the Annual Fund fill the gap between what we receive through tuition and subsidy, making it possible for us to provide the best tools for teaching and learning.

Last year, your gifts made it possible for us to hire a school nurse, school counselor, and math specialist for this year. This year, we are hoping to raise funds in three areas:

2024 SGS Annual Fund Goals

\$35,000

Nature Studies /
STEM Program
Development



\$35,000

Alumni Relations
Initiatives



\$30,000

Safety Upgrades &
Playground
Enhancements



Goal for 2024: \$100,000

NATURE STUDIES / STEM PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

This fund will support the hiring of a part-time director to oversee the expansion of our Outdoor Curriculum. The director will create and execute age-appropriate lessons that allow students to experience the wonder and majesty of God's creation through life, physical, and Earth sciences. Additionally, the fund will provide materials for the program.

ALUMNI RELATIONS INITIATIVES

This fund will enable us to hire of a part-time director of alumni relations to develop and manage our alumni records and communications. It will also support reunion gatherings over the first year.

SAFETY UPGRADES & PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENTS

This funding will enable us to add a gate to close off the playground to vehicles and to add needed enhancements to our playground, including a backstop for our basketball court.

Please consider making a gift to the 2024 Annual Fund to give back to your parish school and to help us provide our schoolchildren with the best tools for teaching and learning. You also may be able to double your gift with a corporate matching gift (check with your employer)!

If you are making your donation by check, please make the check out to St. Gertrude School and note "Annual Fund" in the memo line.

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/SGSannualfund to donate. Thank you for your generosity!



**MEET OUR MINISTRIES:
LENTEN FISH FRY**

St. Gertrude Church has many ministries, programs, and groups for children, youth, and adults—some you may be familiar with and others you may not even know exist. To give you a deeper look into some of these offerings, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature interviews with members of some of these ministries, programs, and groups throughout the year. This month, we're highlighting our Lenten Fish Fry.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: How long has St. Gertrude Parish been doing a Lenten Fish Fry, and how did this ministry get started?

Lenten Fish Fry: St. Gertrude Parish has a long tradition of a Friday Lenten Fish Fry! For years, the Knights of Columbus managed the Fish Fry. Then, the Boy Scouts ran them until 2019 when Father André-Joseph (previous pastor) gave Matt and Cristina Genung and Rob Mancini the responsibility of making the Fish Fry more of a parish-wide ministry with increased participation, attendance, and outreach.

SGB: How has the Fish Fry grown or changed over the years—have you added new items to the menu, added a carryout option, etc.?

LFF: Beginning in 2019, the menu changed and now only fresh ingredients are used. The fish is hand-dipped just before it is fried, and the macaroni and cheese is homemade—as are the garlic green beans, coleslaw, and desserts. Nashville hot haddock and roasted lemon dill salmon were also added to the menu that year. Everything is fresh and made with love. In 2019, we moved the dining room to the parish gym so that more people could gather together. In 2023, we added fried shrimp to the menu, which has become a favorite as a main course as well as a side to share with the table. In 2021, we offered online ordering for carryout. Improved this year is drive-through pickup in the school bus circle. You don't even need to leave your car!

SGB: How many people are part of the core team that runs the Fish Fry, and how many other volunteers are needed to help make each Fish Fry a success?

LFF: There are about a dozen core volunteers who meet to prepare for the Fish Fry and about 60 volunteers to make each Friday Fish Fry a success. They cook and serve 200 pounds of haddock and 70 pounds of salmon, not to mention the delicious homemade sides and desserts and Italianette pizzas by the dozen.

SGB: How is the money raised from the Fish Fry used?

LFF: The Fish Fry is a fundraiser to support the parish. This year, the proceeds will also go to the Knights of Columbus fund for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

SGB: Why is this ministry important and necessary at St. Gertrude Parish?

LFF: More than the funds raised, the Fish Fry is one of the largest social gatherings for the parish and facilitates fellowship among parishioners and members of the local community. Plus, how else are people going to be able to eat an amazing fish dinner during Lent? We have the best Fish Fry in town!

SGB: Is the Fish Fry open to St. Gertrude Parishioners only, or can people from other parishes and the local community stop in for some fish?

LFF: We are very proud to welcome members of the local community to join in our parish Lenten tradition.

SGB: How can someone get involved in this ministry?

LFF: Please support the Fish Fry by coming for dinner or ordering online for pickup. We are always looking for volunteers to help continue the success of St. Gertrude's Fish Fry.

Visit stgertrude.org/fishfry for more information and to get involved.

St. Gertrude Parish

**LENTEN
FISH FRY**

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.



SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS

Looking to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude Church parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, March 10, and Sunday, April 21. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up in the Parish Center lobby before or after 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, February 25. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.

FUN BUNCH

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fun Bunch meeting on January 23! It was an exciting afternoon with good food, fellowship, and an



informative presentation from the Cincinnati Art Museum about Christian artwork. **All parishioners age 55+ are invited to join us this Tuesday, February 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Center for lunch, fellowship, and a special Lenten talk from Father Joachim to help you enter more fully into this season.** If you plan to attend, please contact Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkenedy06@aol.com so we can get an estimated headcount. We hope to see you there!

**NEVER ALONE:
RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS**

Are you searching for the truth about who you are, what's your purpose, and how to be happy in this life? Join your fellow high schoolers March 8-10 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. The retreat will be at Woodland Lakes Christian Camp & Retreat Center. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/hsretreat2024 to learn more and register.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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| Christopher & Abigail Barker | Jarbas & Patricia Santos Pinheiro |
| Caitlin Cleary | James & Shelly Ralston |
| Joe & Mary Cordier | Gabriel & Maria Rubio-Mejia |
| Ryan & Miriam Gibbs | Eric & Britney Stout |
| Jason & Madeline Hinson | Brian & Jessica Vaughan |
| Benjamin & Kelly Jacoby | Katherine Wallace |
| Martha Kerkhoff | |

Prayer Service
For Those Who Struggle with Health Issues
 St. Gertrude Parish's Moms of Special Needs Support Group is hosting a special prayer service on Rare Disease Day to pray for and support those who struggle with health issues. All are welcome! Reception in the Parish Center immediately following the service.
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
 7 P.M. | CHURCH**

ROSARY SOCIAL - FEBRUARY 20

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council 1195 invite you to join them on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. in the church to pray the rosary. After the rosary, head on over to the Parish Center to hear a presentation on Elisabeth Leseur entitled "Elisabeth Leseur: The Model of Evangelization." Elisabeth Leseur's life is a powerful witness to the transformative power of prayer and sacrifice. Our presenter will be Lawain McNeil, a St. Gertrude Church parishioner, national director of evangelization for Glenmary Home Missioners', and founder of The Surrender Initiative. You can follow Lawain's ministry work at thecalltoholiness.com.

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:

† Sarah Patterson Stem, daughter of William & Jill Patterson
 † Mary Devitt, mother of Tom, Beth & Stewart Devitt and Katie Overberg

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are at 47 percent of our parish goal. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider doing so this week. 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!

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.

Pregnancy Center Plus FUNDRAISER

AMERICAN LEGION POST #484

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22 7PM

LIVE MUSIC - Sean Fitzpatrick - Michael Paulik - Michael Johns
FOOD - That Guys BBQ (10% proceeds donated)

ALL CASH DONATIONS EQUALLY MATCHED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 484

1837 Sutton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45230

WINE & CHEESE GATHERING FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

The Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club invites Catholic singles to a wine and cheese gathering on Sunday, February 25, at 2 p.m., in the Anchor Room of the Knights of Columbus building (3617 Glenmore Ave.). Please contact Don at (513) 574-8573 or Larry at (513) 520-1323 if you have any questions.

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)

Logos: Life, Right to Life, St. Susanna Catholic Church

Knights of Columbus

SWING INTO SPRING

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser benefitting the American Wheelchair Mission

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TOPGOLF

9568 Water Front Drive
 West Chester Township

Split the pot for closest to the pin and putting contest!

\$70 per player (includes brunch)

Early Bird Discount
 Purchase a bay for \$375 and save 10 percent for your group (up to 6 golfers per bay). Payment due by April 1, 2024.

For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2024swing.



ASK A SISTER— DISCOVERING YOUR VOCATION

SISTER MARIA FRANCESCA WILEY, O.P.

Q: I am a senior in high school and have been thinking a lot about my future and wondering what my vocation in life is. I

have a vocation in mind that I think I would want and have often wondered if there was a reason I have this idea in mind. Is it God's way of showing me what I am called to do, or is it just an idea that I want and not what God wants? My question for you is, when did you realize your calling in life, and how did you discover your vocation?

A: Growing up, I was enamored with the beauty of marriage and family. Because marriage is intrinsically so good and beautiful, I assumed this was God's plan for me as well. When I became aware that there was a possibility that God could be calling me to a vocation of consecrated life, I thought I ought to consider this possibility as a sort of "due diligence." Along with a group of friends, I visited the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee. While I was visiting, I was captivated by the joy and the beauty of a life given totally to God. Toward the end of that first visit, I made a bold prayer in the back of the sisters' chapel. I said, "Lord, if you ever called me to this life, I would say yes." I said this prayer very confidently because I was certain that the Lord would never invite me to this life. I was certain that I was the last person who was the "type" to become a religious sister.

The following year, I told a friend I would accompany her on a vocation retreat in Nashville. To my surprise, on this visit I didn't feel like a life given totally to God in this particular way was just something good and beautiful for someone *else*, but there was a desire in my heart to live that life myself. Remembering that God will give us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 34:4), I decided to take seriously this desire God had placed on my heart.



Sister Maria Francesca with her sisters

In the coming months, I found the conflicting desire that I had always had (to be married and have a big family) and this new desire

(to give myself totally to God in consecrated life) to be confusing. Why would God ask me to give up something so beautiful? How did I know I wouldn't be completely unhappy? I was confused and frustrated with the seeming contradiction. It was at this point that my mom gave me excellent advice in discerning my vocation. My mom said, "Stop discerning. Just fall in love with Jesus." At this, my anxiety melted away. I could do that. I could focus on falling in love with Jesus. I began making a Holy Hour with our Lord in Eucharistic adoration every day. During these moments of closeness with Jesus, I read Scripture and paid close attention to Jesus' words in the Gospels.



Sister Maria Francesca with her nieces and nephews

Over and over again, the Scriptures led to the same question from Our Lord. He was gently asking, "Can you give me everything?" I knew this was an invitation to consecrated life, and I knew I didn't want to say "no" to such a beautiful invitation. I had a sense that God wasn't going to force me to respond; he left me completely free. He knew the path that would lead me to the greatest freedom and joy but his was an offer, not a demand. It was really in trusting that God knew my heart better than I knew my own heart that gave me the grace to say "yes" to his plan as it unfolded. Confusion, lack of peace, and anxiety are not from God. Peace, joy, and patience are the marks of the Holy Spirit.

Though it sounds paradoxical, the best way to discern may be not to discern. Rather, stay close to Jesus in daily prayer and especially in the sacraments. Trust that Jesus will open the next door. If you stay close to Jesus, he will make his beautiful plan for your happiness very clear. And when he does finally unveil his plan to your heart, it's worth trusting him enough to leap in with your whole heart.

Sister Maria Francesca Wiley, O.P., is a Franciscan University graduate who grew up in Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. She is currently one of St. Gertrude School's phenomenal eighth grade teachers.

Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, 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.

Monday, February 19	Tuesday, February 20	Wednesday, February 21	Thursday, February 22	Friday, February 23	Saturday, February 24	Sunday, February 25
St. Gertrude School No School	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
Parish Office Closed	Seniors Fun Bunch 12:15 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Mentor Couple Event 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Scouts Pinewood Derby Registration 6 p.m. Gym	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Soup Kitchen Sign-ups After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1, 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room	Altar Server Training 7 p.m. Church	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church	Scouts Pinewood Derby 10 a.m. Gym	CGS Classes 8:30, 10 & 11:30 Atrium I & II, School Music Room
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Parent Groups 6 p.m. SGS Classrooms 15	Cub Scouts - Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			CGS Parent Groups 8:30, 10 & 11:30 SGS Classroom 15
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Lenten Speaker Series + Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
KofC Executive Meeting 7 p.m. KofC Hall	Evangelization Team meeting 7 p.m. SGS Classroom 15					Parish Mission & Vision Presentation 11:30 a.m. Parish Center
	KofC Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
	SGS SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library					Eucharistic Congress Teen Pilgrimage Information Meeting 4:30 p.m. School Cafeteria
						L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

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

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!

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for February 11

Collection	\$	48,645
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	11,645
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,371,802
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,234,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	137,802

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.

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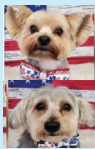
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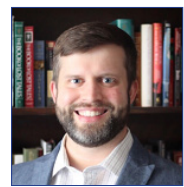


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