

But I say to you,
love your enemies,
and pray for those
who persecute you.

Matthew 5:44



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 19, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, February 20, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Peter & Catherine Morris by Craig & Teresa Babcock
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Doug & Robin Postler
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 21, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Sue Roberts by The Ries Family
- 8 a.m. † Mary Gemma Knause by Don & Nancy Beimeche
- 11:30 am † Rosemarie Fernandopulle
by Dennis & Cecilia Ramenaden

Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.,
by St. Gertrude School & Parish Staff
- 8 a.m. † Mitzi Smith by Cynthia & Kelly King
- 11:30 a.m. † Jane Sansalone by Tony & Keke Sansalone
- 7 p.m. † Kathryn Bravard by The Vessey Family

Thursday, February 23, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. † Trevor Meuthing by Mary Smithers
- 8 a.m. † Marie Dickman by Terry & Pat Baute
- 11:30 a.m. † Lilly Alexander by Benny Alexander

Friday, February 24, Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. Jeanne Palcic by Maria Palcic
- 8 a.m. † Denis & Michael Wagner by The Widmeyer Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Josephine Obermiller by Joy & John Belperio

Saturday, February 25, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8 a.m. † Beatrice & Stanley Henderson by The Henderson Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Tom Dean by Rita Johantges
- 4:30 p.m. † Stephanie Conlon Hull by Kevin & Jessica Conlon & Kids

Sunday, February 26, 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. † Laura Johns by Sherry Schuler
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Marge Forsthoefel by Knights of Columbus
- 6 p.m. † Kevin Shannon by The Shannon 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 22, at 7:30 p.m. due to Ash Wednesday.

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."



OUR PARISH CELEBRATION OF MARDI GRAS!

This coming Tuesday evening, our parish will be having its first annual parish Mardi Gras potluck dinner. As far as I can tell, our parish hasn't had any celebration of Mardi Gras in recent years. But during this special year of preparation for our parish centennial, we decided to combine a celebration of Mardi Gras with the time-honored tradition of a good, old fashioned potluck dinner.

Why is a Catholic parish celebrating Mardi Gras? Isn't that some raunchy night of drinking and debauchery that happens each year in New Orleans?

Certainly the manner in which Mardi Gras has been celebrated in New Orleans in recent decades is both infamous and, well . . . not exactly within our Catholic understanding of upright moral behavior. But Mardi Gras is celebrated in many countries, especially the traditionally Catholic countries of Western Europe and South America. In most of these countries, Mardi Gras (literally "Fat Tuesday," i.e. the day before Ash Wednesday and thus the fasting of Lent) is simply the final day of what has been several weeks of celebration of *Carnival*, a time of rejoicing and festivity that begins on the feast of the Epiphany in early January and runs until Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras is a Catholic celebration through and through!

Why a parish potluck?

In whatever form the celebration of *Carnival* and Mardi Gras takes in various countries, there is always an emphasis upon food. Since Lent is a season of fasting and abstinence, and many Catholics choose to "give up" one or more food items they particularly enjoy as a form of special Lenten penance, the weeks (and especially the final day) before Ash Wednesday are naturally a time to enjoy such foods before the time of fasting begins. In the context of our parish, what better way to have a "celebration of the goodness of food" than through a potluck? A potluck

is a wonderful way for people to share a little bit about themselves with their fellow parishioners through the food they make for the purpose of sharing it with others.

What if I'm not a good cook / I don't like cooking / I don't have time to cook?

It doesn't matter! Come anyway. Bring something. Anything. Heck, stop off at a KFC and bring in some fried chicken. Stop at a bakery and buy a package of nice dinner rolls. I don't want anyone to avoid coming just because they are self-conscious about their cooking. If you can't or don't want to cook, stop at the store and buy something to bring. Just come! It's my hope that *everyone* in our parish comes to enjoy this evening.

What if I don't know anyone in the parish? Am I going to be stuck sitting at a table all by myself, feeling awkward and out of place?

No! One of the purposes of a parish event like this is to help people meet and get to know each other. Along those lines, I would encourage everyone in the parish to take advantage of the potluck to get to know some new people. Don't just sit with the same friends that you see all the time. Branch out. Sit at a table with someone you don't know. Introduce yourself. Hear their story of being at St. Gertrude Church (however long or short they have been) and share your story. The more we all get to know each other, the stronger our parish will become.

Is the event kid-friendly?

Absolutely! Bring all the little ones. We'll have decorations, live music, and other ways of helping even the smallest of our parishioners share in the fun.

Please see the ad on Page 1 in this bulletin for info on how to RSVP. I hope to see everyone on Tuesday evening!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

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: _____

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Now-February 24, 2023: Priority Enrollment for New Students
- February 18-19, 2023: School Musical
- February 20, 2023: No School (Presidents' Day)
- February 24, 2023: End of Second Trimester

CONGRATULATIONS, SECOND GRADERS!

On Tuesday, February 7, our second graders participated in a retreat to help them prepare for their First Reconciliation. On their retreat day, they spent extra time in the atrium, prayed a walking rosary, had recess time with the novices, prepared items for their first confession, went to Mass, and had a talk with Father John Mark. Later that evening, they received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! The following day, Father John Paul handed out their First Reconciliation certificates. Please keep the second graders in your prayers as they grow in their faith and their relationship with our loving and merciful Father.



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of February 20, 2023, the school office will be closed on Monday and open Tuesday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ST. GERTRUDE PLAYERS presents **THE WIZARD of OZ**

Saturday, February 18
2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 19
2:30 p.m.

Madiera High School **YOUTH EDITION**

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. Herburg**
Background Music by **Herbert Stothart**
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by **Peter Howard**
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Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by **Turner Entertainment Co.** and
Distributed in all media by **Warner Bros.**

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Apply at stgertrudesch.org/apply

Spend an hour with Jesus every week this Lent.



WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR March 1, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 7:30-8:30 p.m

Listen to a short reflection from one of our Dominican friars and spend time in Eucharistic adoration. Three priests will be available to hear confessions. Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

 THE
VIGIL
PROJECT

TRUE PRESENCE NIGHT Wednesday, March 8 7:30-9 p.m.

This nationally acclaimed music group presents an evening of live music, dynamic Lent-themed reflections, and Eucharistic adoration to help you experience Jesus' presence in a powerful way.

Event co-sponsored by The Angelico Project.

**All events are at
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thevigilproject.com



Save the Date

FOR THE
CENTENNIAL GALA
AT THE MANOR HOUSE

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2023
6 p.m.

Planning committees are forming now.
If you are interested in helping, please contact
Kelly Woodward at (513) 378-9929 or
kellywoodward2014@gmail.com.

GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect." As we prepare for Lent, let us be reminded that Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Through your almsgiving, you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus who has asked us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Some are within walking distance of our parish.



**LENTEN REMINDERS -
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Good Friday (April 7) 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.



Prayer Service
Tuesday, February 28 | 7 p.m.

St. Gertrude Church's Special Needs Moms Support Group is hosting a special prayer service on Rare Disease Day, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited to come, support, and pray for those who struggle with health issues. Enjoy refreshments in the Parish Center after the service.

stgertrude.org/momsofspecialneeds

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, 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

Joseph Silvers, husband of Nancy

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Alan & Amanda Arguello
Patricia Borger
William & Brittany Bruns
Ryan & Laura Cook
Edwin & Emily de St. Aubin
Brian & Alison Dearborn
Kyle & Chelsea Dragan
Marc Gallenstein
Matthew Hoffmann
Robert Lantz

Grayden & Michele Losekamp
Edward & Lori Palmer
Joe & Kristen Schmidt
Michael & Mary Jo Voto

Welcome
New Members

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Ladies of Charity annual Christmas Giving Tree project benefits many people in need in our community, such as those in the St. Bernard Church (Spring Grove Village) area. We received the following thank-you note from the St. Bernard St. Vincent de Paul members:

Thank you for your help with Christmas gift card donations. We have many families in our area, and we are a small church. The parents were very grateful for the help for Christmas for their children. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

PARISH VITALITY REPORT

If Beacons of Light fulfills the vision set for it, our churches will be full, our liturgies will be joyful, our priests will be present for their people, and our communities will be fully alive! The Parish Vitality Report helps us understand the progress being made in each of our 57 Families of Parishes. This honest snapshot of the work our pastors and leadership groups are undertaking shares wins to celebrate and also obstacles to overcome. To read more, visit pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report.

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.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2023?

Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources. Anniversary certificates will be mailed once a month through March 2023. For requests from March 1, 2023 through June 15, 2023, anniversary certificates will be mailed to your parish in late June 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

CARE FOR CREATION CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 4 | 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Curran Place, University of Dayton

Connect with others from across the archdiocese to pray, grow in fellowship, learn about the Laudato Si' Action Platform, and act together to care for God's creation. Everyone (all ages) who has a passion for caring for God's creation and who wants to be part of something big, bold, and vital is invited. Register at tinyurl.com/careforcreation2023 by Saturday, February 25, to attend this free conference (lunch included). Additional information is available on the website or by contacting Andrew Musgrave at (513) 263-6691 or amusgrave@catholicaoc.org.



NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE



FEATURING:

Jonathan Roumie

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Where: Cintas Center, Cincinnati, OH

When: Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Cost: \$30 - \$60 per ticket | Discount Codes Available

Theme: Your Role as the Body of Christ



To Purchase Tickets Please Visit:

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100% of proceeds will go toward covering the costs and labor for the event. Any excess proceeds will be applied toward funding Christian speakers.

THE AWARD-WINNING ULTIMATE GUIDE TO LENT IS BACK!

The annual Ultimate Guide to Lent is back for 2023 and filled with inspirational content to help you and your family experience the life-changing power of Lent. With stories of hope, meditations for kids, reflections on sacred art and, of course, meat-free recipes, there is something for everyone in this free digital publication. Visit thecatholictelegraph.com/Lent2023 for your copy.

FEELING CALLED TO
SERVE?

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ASK A PRIEST— RE-TRANSLATED ABSOLUTION FORMULA FOR PRIESTS

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: I heard that the words used by the priests in confession will be different soon, similar to the translation changes in the Mass about a decade ago. Would you please explain the changes?

A: This is an important question to answer so that people understand why the absolution formula whereby they are forgiven for their sins sounds different starting this Lent!

As mentioned, the newly translated words of sacramental absolution (see below) are part of a larger project initiated under Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI to ensure that translations of the official Latin prayers of the Roman Rite are adequately rendered in vernacular languages. Whereas a previous theory of translation allowed for a looser “dynamic equivalency,” the emphasis behind our new liturgical translations strives for “formal equivalency.” In short, the Church wants Roman Catholics to understand the artistry and theological meaning conveyed by the ancient prayers, even if they don’t usually access them in the official Latin. This is not to discourage praying in our mother tongue with more familiar turns of phrase, especially in less formal settings. But the official prayers of the liturgy (such as the formula used in confession) must cultivate a truly Catholic spirit within us so that we can then faithfully carry the faith into our daily lives and prayers.



Here are the English language changes that are optional for priest-confessors in the United States to use as of Ash Wednesday and mandatory as of Divine Mercy Sunday:

CURRENT:

God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

NEW FORMULA:

God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God grant you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The changes (underlined in the “new formula”) are few but not without significance: the mention of “pouring out” the Holy Spirit reminds us that Jesus wants us to be *bathed* in God’s merciful love. Blood and water poured out of Jesus’ side for our sake from the cross, and the risen Christ “breathed” the Holy Spirit on the disciples. The new translation helps us remember that we make similar contact with God’s refreshing grace in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The second change, which uses the verb “grant” instead of “give,” better reflects the humble prayer-language of the Church. None of us have an automatic claim on God’s pardon and peace, but we trustingly implore it nonetheless as a gift from our loving Father through Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

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!

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Ash Wednesday

O Lord, I a poor sinner, guilty and unworthy, come unto your overflowing well of compassion, that I may be washed from every stain and cleansed from every sin. Bless the Lord, for he knows our frame: he remembers that we are but dust. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *Heart of Jesus Christ*, Dite (1862-1944)

Monday, February 20	Tuesday, February 21	Wednesday, February 22	Thursday, February 23	Friday, February 24	Saturday, February 25	Sunday, February 26
Parish Office Closed	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	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
St. Gertrude School No School	K of C Rosary 5:30 p.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Altar Server Training 3 p.m. Church	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Mardi Gras Potluck 6 p.m. Gym		SGS SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church		CGS Level I & II Catechist Formation 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I & II 6 p.m. Atrium I & II					L'alto: Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Meeting 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					Rite of Sending (Become Catholic) At 12 p.m. Mass
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall						Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room

SWING INTO SPRING
Knights of Columbus fundraiser to support the American Wheelchair Mission

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
10 A.M.-1 P.M.
TOPGOLF
9568 Water Front Drive West Chester Township

Cost: \$60/person **Payment due by March 17, 2023.**
Early Bird Discount*: \$325 for a bay (up to 6 people per bay). *Ends March 7, 2023

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

Scan to register

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for February 12

Collection	\$ 41,105
Weekly Budget	\$ 36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$ 4,605

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,259,293
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,218,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 41,293

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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 Brian Zappia (513) 791-7299
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 Laura Nanista (513) 301-6317
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