

“For this purpose have I come.”
Mark 1:38



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 4, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, February 5, St. Agatha (M)

- 7 a.m. Maxine & James Daniel by The Daniel Family
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
- 11:30 a.m. † Rhea & Mike McCoy by The Albers Family

Tuesday, February 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions (M)

- 7 a.m. Thien Cao by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. † Dennis Imwalle by Anne Elise Smith
- 11:30 a.m. † Patsy "Ziggy" Scalo by Paula Scalo

Wednesday, February 7, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Timothy Brunke by Jeanne Johantges
- 8 a.m. † James Rybak by Mary Rybak
- 11:30 a.m. Fathers and Mothers of the Order of Friars Preachers

Thursday, February 8, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Al Stevenson by Sherry Schuler
- 8 a.m. † Ronald Bosken by Charlene Rettig Bosken
- 11:30 a.m. † Terry L. Scales by Tricia Speicher

Friday, February 9, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Bill & Marilyn Schutte by Ray & Jane Butschie
- 8 a.m. † Keith Noble by The Noble Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Muccino by Marian Clark

Saturday, February 10, St. Scholastica (M)

- 8 a.m. † Virginia Jean Winter by Gindy Schneller
- 11:30 a.m. † Dorothy Bierne by Nancy DeBrunner
- 4:30 p.m. † Mary Bartel by Pete & Donna Marcello

Sunday, February 11, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Pat Shannon by Pete & Vickie Petrie & Family
- 10 a.m. † Harry Bailey Jr. by The Zeisler Family
- 12 p.m. Larry Ball by Brother Bruno McHale
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

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
parishoffice@stgertrude.org

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

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

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



Mardi Gras Potluck

Celebrate Fat Tuesday at St. Gertrude
Parish's Mardi Gras Potluck!

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

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



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**
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A STRING OF PARISH UPDATES

Over the last few months, there have been a *lot* of things happening at the parish; some very visible, others behind the scenes. In fact, far too many updates to be able to fit into one pastor letter. But over the next several weeks, I plan to share some of these updates with our parish community.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Last Sunday's St. Gertrude School Open House was a phenomenal success. I know that the Sisters, our faculty, and school families loved the opportunity to welcome everyone into the school and share a little bit about what makes our parish school so special. To all those who came over after the Masses, thank you for your presence, your enthusiasm, and your continued support of the "largest apostolate" of our parish.

GALA FUNDRAISER AND FORTHCOMING IMPROVEMENTS

I am happy to share that after accounting for all of our income and expenses from the Centennial Gala Fundraiser last November, we raised approximately \$90,000 in profits. In the months leading up to the Gala, I shared that any profits would be used for upgrades around our parish. After consulting with a number of parish bodies, including our pastoral council, the parish finance council, and the parish staff leadership team, the first target is going to be the restrooms in the Parish Center. We chose this as the primary target for several reasons. The Parish Center and gym are used *extensively* by both the school and our church ministries. Virtually every "big" event in our parish throughout the year happens in that building. And almost anything—whether it is a special church event, an especially large school event, or athletic events through our sports boosters—that brings visitors to our parish property is held in that building; it's where we tend to welcome the most visitors to our campus. Those restrooms are certainly functional, but I don't think anyone would call them "nice," and they don't really give people a good "first impression" of our campus. While we certainly won't be putting in 24k gold faucet handles or using white Italian marble for the countertops, being able to refresh those two spaces and make them look more appealing than they currently are is something that will be welcomed, I am sure, by parishioners and visitors alike. We have already begun bringing in people to look at the spaces so that they can formulate initial proposals for the renovation. (Note: If anyone wishes to see a full accounting of the income and expenses from the gala, you can obtain that report from the business office.)

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

I know it seems like this sound system upgrade process has taken forever (because, quite frankly, it has) but I am able to share that we

have moved on to the next phase! We have in hand three finalized, very detailed and technical bids; one each from companies in Connecticut, New York, and St. Louis that are all experts in the acoustics of such spaces as our church. I have assembled an ad hoc committee, composed of a mix of parish staff and lay people, to sit down with me to evaluate those bids. The committee members have been given the three bids and are individually reviewing them as we speak. After giving them some time to read through everything, my plan is to convene the committee in the next couple of weeks. If all goes well, my hope is that it would take only one or two committee meetings to land upon a decision about which proposal we consider the strongest. Once that decision is made, the proposal (because of the amount of money involved), will need to be approved by the parish finance and pastoral councils and then forwarded to the archdiocese for final approval. I will continue to keep everyone posted on the progress. Related to all this, I'll put out one final appeal: if there is anyone in the parish who has any experience in acoustics, sound engineering, or related fields who has *not* already been invited by me to be a part of this committee and is willing to assist me, *please* reach out to me in the next week. Thank you very much.

Many more updates to share, but those are a few big ones for now. Looking forward to what the coming spring and summer are going to bring to St. Gertrude Parish!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"Almost every feast of the Church gives me a deeper knowledge of God and a special grace. That is why I prepare myself for each feast and unite myself closely with the spirit of the Church. What a joy it is to be a faithful child of the Church! Oh, how much I love Holy Church and all those who live in it! I look upon them as living members of Christ, who is their Head. I burn with love with those who love; I suffer with those who suffer, I am consumed with sorrow at the sight of those who are cold and ungrateful; and I then try to have such a love for God that it will make amends for those who do not love Him, those who feed their Savior with ingratitude." (*Diary, #481*)

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We celebrated National Catholic Schools Week last Sunday, January 28, through Friday, February 2—a whole week dedicated to highlighting the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. From our Open House and Science Fair to Student Appreciation Day and our Faith Rally, each day had a special theme and included fun activities to show our appreciation for our parish, Dominican roots, school community, students, teachers, and Catholic faith. Here are a few photos from the week!

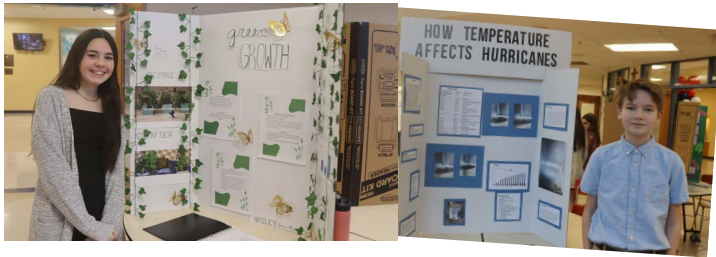
Open House | Sunday, January 28 |

St. Gertrude Church parishioners, current school families, and prospective families visited classrooms, heard from teachers, toured the school, and more!



Science Fair | Monday, January 29 |

St. Gertrude School 7th graders presented their Science Fair projects.



Spelling Bee | Tuesday, January 30 |

Congratulations to Adelynn Woodward, one of our 8th grade students, for winning this year's Spelling Bee!



Student Appreciation Day | Wednesday, January 31 |

The Woodward siblings got to enjoy the perks of being principal for a day! They kicked off the morning by distributing to each classroom outdoor toys from each class' outdoor wishlist.



Student Appreciation Day | Wednesday, January 31 |

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council 1195 treated our students to a pancake breakfast for lunch! Thank you to the 10 Knights who prepared and served the delicious meal to the whole student body!



St. Gertrude Players Present

PETER PAN JR.

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

February 18 | 2:30 p.m.

Medert Auditorium (Madeira High School)
7465 Loannes Drive

Scan the QR code or visit
stgertrudesch.org/theatre to get
your \$9 advance tickets.





LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES + HOLY HOUR

Nurturing Faith in a World of Distractions

7:30-8:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church, Madeira

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 every Wednesday this Lent for a short reflection from one of our Dominican friars, followed by Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confession.

- February 21** **Faith: Received as a Gift**
Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.
- February 28** **Faith: Nourished in Prayer**
Father John Langlois, O.P.
- March 6** **Faith: Nourished by the Word of God**
Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
- March 13** **Faith: Nourished by the Sacraments**
Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P.
- March 20** **Faith: Acted Upon and Lived Out in the World**
Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Check out all our Lenten offerings at stgertrude.org/lent2024.



St. Gertrude Parish

LENTEN FISH FRY

February 16
March 1 & 15
5-7:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym

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



ASK A PRIEST/SISTER/BROTHER/
THEOLOGIAN/EXPERT

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

BOYS SPRING VOLLEYBALL
REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All boys in grades 3-8 for the 2023-2024 academic year are invited to join the St. Gertrude Parish boys volleyball team! This is a recreational rather than competitive program. Practices will begin the week of February 6, and regular season games run from March 6 through April 25. Registration ends Sunday, February 4! Learn more and register at stgertrude.org/boysvolleyball.

GET YOUR PIZZA FOR
THE SUPER BOWL!



Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council 1195 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 - \$12
Large Pepperoni Pizza - \$14
Credit cards accepted



K-8 TRACK AND FIELD
REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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

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

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:

† All Our Beloved Dead

BAPTISM

Saturday, January 21, 2024



Child: Henry Augustine Valin
Parents: Abigail & Nicholas Valin

HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) collecting items for Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties. The center serves about 250 families who are struggling to make ends meet. Everyone who comes for food and clothing receives it. The Center's greatest needs this month are food, diapers, formula, and baby food. Items of urgent need include men's and boys' clothing and shoes. Items needed on a regular basis include nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash or check donations are also appreciated. Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

It's Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. This year's CMA goal is \$5,500,000, and our parish goal is \$99,541. You should have received a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr with a pledge card. Please complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided or put it in the collection basket at Mass. There are extra envelopes and pledge cards in the church on the table in front of the relic chapel. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you for your support!

BEACONS OF LIGHT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Want to learn more about Beacons of Light and how this process will enable your parish to continue to fulfill the mission of the Church in the 21st century? Attend an upcoming Beacons of Light Information Session to hear from archdiocesan leadership and ask questions. (Questions should be about Beacons of Light in general, not specific to one's parish, Family of Parishes, or pastor, as those should be addressed locally.)

- Wednesday, February 7 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Elder High School (Cincinnati)
- Thursday, February 8, 7-8:30 p.m. | St. Teresa (Springfield)

Register at pathway.catholicoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions/.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICKOFF RALLY

40 Days for Life is holding a Kickoff Rally on Sunday, February 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Holy Name Church (2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 4521—two blocks from Planned Parenthood) to launch the 40 Days for Life Cincinnati spring/Lenten prayer campaign, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and runs through Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. Rachel Citak, president of the board of Cincinnati Right to Life, will be the speaker. Please join us to learn more about the upcoming prayer campaign! In the meantime, visit 40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.

BEING AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC IN A DIFFICULT CULTURE

Join Father David Endres on February 10 for "Being Authentically Catholic in a Difficult Culture—Maybe You Were Born for Such a Time as This," a retreat at St. Stephen Parish (3804 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, 45226). The retreat will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Mass and then continue with a brief history of the Catholic Church and the very difficult times through which she valiantly survived. Short presentations by gifted speakers will be followed by small group discussions that will give great hope and new insights to help you navigate the future. The retreat will end at 3 p.m. Prayer teams will be available at the end of the retreat. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy at the lunch break. Babysitting will be available for those who register early. For more details and to register, visit presentationministries.com (scroll down to find the list of retreats) or call (513) 373-2397. Cost is a freewill offering, so everyone can afford to attend!

9TH ANNUAL E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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



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.

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

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



ASK A PRIEST— ANOINTING OF THE SICK

FATHER LUKE VANBERKUM

Q: I have several questions about the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. My first question is: Who can receive this sacrament?

A: That's a great question! Here is what the introduction to the rite says about who can receive this sacrament:

“Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.”

“The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious.”

“A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.”

“Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.”

“Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.”

Q: What happens during Anointing of the Sick?

A: If time allows, this sacrament will be preceded by confession, a short reading, intercessions, a laying on of hands, and a prayer over the already blessed oil of the sick. The anointing, the prayer after anointing, the Our Father, and the final blessing follow. In an emergency situation, however, the sacrament can be reduced to the absolute essentials: the anointing with the oil of the sick and the sacramental words. Ideally, the anointing is done on the forehead and the palms of the hands but, if necessary, it can be done on any body part. Here are the essential words of the sacrament: “Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”

Q: What does this sacrament do? Will it heal me?

A: There is always the possibility that the anointing will physically heal someone. God can heal someone if he desires, especially to strengthen the sick person's faith or the faith of someone else. But, whether or not a person is physically healed, there are so



many other wonderful effects of this sacrament that are often unseen. First, a person is joined to the suffering and healing Christ for an extended period of time. As Christ suffered for our salvation, the sick person's suffering, so joined to Christ, can become sanctifying, both for himself or herself and for those whom the sick person wishes to pray. The hospital bed becomes like an altar. Second, sins are forgiven, if the person has a habitual desire for reconciliation. Third, the grace of the Holy Spirit spiritually strengthens the person against any temptation to sadness or despair in the face of suffering.

Q: Where do you hear about Anointing of the Sick in Scripture?

A: We could look in the Gospels, for example Mark 6:13, but the text read in the sacrament itself is James 5:14–16: “Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.”

Q: Do you have to be conscious to receive this sacrament?

A: No! If someone is not conscious, the priest asks the person's spouse or family if the person would at least implicitly have wanted to receive the sacrament. If the person would have wanted to receive the sacrament, the priest can anoint the person even though he or she is unconscious.

Q: Is Anointing of the Sick the same as Last Rites?

A: No! Last Rites is an older term that refers to a whole series of sacraments and blessings that take place before death. For example, if possible, a person can go to confession, receive the Apostolic Pardon (a special blessing for the remission of some effects of sin), receive the Anointing of the Sick, and receive the Eucharist as Viaticum (food for the journey). All of this need not be timed precisely minutes before dying—please call us early! Anointing of the Sick is not only for the dying. It is a sacrament to strengthen all those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, as explained above.

Q: How do I schedule an anointing?

A: Whether it is an emergency or not, please call the parish office at (513) 561-5954. One of our amazing secretaries will help you. If the parish office is closed and it is an emergency, that same number will help you reach the priest who is on call.

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 5	Tuesday, February 6	Wednesday, February 7	Thursday, February 8	Friday, February 9	Saturday, February 10	Sunday, February 11
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir 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
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	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	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	KofC Super Bowl Pizza Sale After 8, 10, & 12 Masses Outside Church
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Collegium Rehearsal 6 p.m. PC Choir Room			Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Cub Scouts – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria			KofC Super Bowl Pizza Sale After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
2/18/24

MATERIALS DUE
2/7/24

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

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

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



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for January 28

Collection	\$	60,862
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	23,862

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,271,790
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,160,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	111,790

Parish Staff

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., pastor
 Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., parochial vicar
 Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., parochial vicar

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Father John Langlois, O.P., prior
 Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
 Father John Corbett, O.P.
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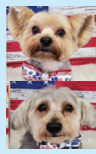
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