

LENT

*"The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want."*

PSALM 23:1



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 10, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph Kist by Judy Bayer & Family
- 8 a.m. † Christa Brisken by Gary & Lucy Negin
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
- 8 a.m. † Mark Crouch by The Fitzpatrick Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Pete & Donna Marcello

Wednesday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Donald Beimesche by Mike & Elaine O'Connell
- 8 a.m. † Patricia Shannon by Jim & Kim Gusweiler
- 11:30 a.m. † Dan Riehle by Bill & Becky Karlak

Thursday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Phil Schneider by Joe Kimener
- 8 a.m. † Joe Kruthaup by Ray & Jane Butschie
- 11:30 a.m. † Father William Holt, O.P., by Peggy & Tom Frank

Friday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Deceased Family and Friends of St. Gertrude School
by St. Gertrude School
- 8 a.m. † William J. Eisenhower, Sr. by The Lohr Family
- 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Johantges by The Johantges Family

Saturday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. Anne Pachuk by The Pachuk Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Christopher Fellonius by Patty Connelly
- 4:30 p.m. † Charles Hertlein by Nate Hertlein

Sunday, March 17, 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. † Miguel Antonio Carrillo by Elvira Carrillo
- 12 p.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 6 p.m. † Tom & Audrey Ruthman by Patty Connelly

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.



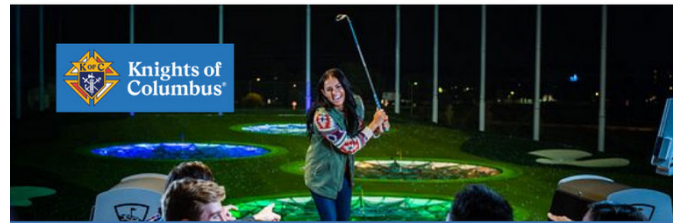
LENTEEN SPEAKER SERIES + HOLY HOUR Nurturing Faith in a World of Distractions

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

Join us this Wednesday for the fourth night of our Lenten Speaker Series. Enjoy a short reflection, followed by Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confession.

March 13 Faith: Nourished by the Sacraments
Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P.

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



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
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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, call or text Dale Walczak
at (513) 720-6133. To register, scan the QR code
or visit bit.ly/2024swing.

St. Gertrude Parish

LENTEEN FISH FRY

March 15

5-7:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

View the menu, place your
carryout order, or sign up to
help at stgertrude.org/fishfry.

**LAST ONE
THIS YEAR!**





STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION: BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Over the past couple of weeks, I have shared with the parish (via multiple channels) the new parish mission, vision, core values, and strategic anchors. As I said in those presentations, establishing these was a needed precursor to have in place before returning to the strategic planning final report that the consulting group ISPD (the Institute for School and Parish Development) gave us. Now that these are in place, we will immediately begin focusing on the report that emerged from our strategic planning process and begin the work of implementing aspects of that plan.

The first step in this is assembling a Strategic Planning Executive Committee. This will be a small group (4 to 6 parishioners) who will assist Sister Mary Agnes and me in guiding the entire implementation process of strategic planning in the church and the school over the years ahead.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

The executive committee will work closely with the pastor and principal in guiding the entire strategic planning implementation. The committee will not determine the priorities to be addressed; the pastor and principal, in consultation with multiple other bodies, will determine what the priorities will be. The role of the executive committee will be to take these priorities and draft a plan to achieve/implement the priorities and establish a “roadmap,” if you will, to accomplish the identified goals.

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS AND TALENTS WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE?

We are looking for people who are gifted at analyzing the big picture and who are able to take large goals and break them down into smaller pieces that are measurable and attainable; to be able to say, “In order to accomplish X, we are going to need to implement A, B, and C,” and then to be able to help *identify and find the right people* to work on tasks A, B, and C. In order to do this, the committee will need to include some people who have previous strategic planning experience and understand the process of breaking down and organizing larger goals into smaller pieces. We also need people who are well-connected in the parish and thus can help identify the right individuals to lead smaller implementation teams tasked with accomplishing specific sub-parts of the larger whole. Finally, we need at least one or two gifted communicators on this committee, as the committee will be the main conduit of information passing from the pastor and principal to the various implementation teams, and also the conduit of information from those implementation teams back to the pastor and principal. The committee will also serve as the conduit

of information from those directly involved in the implementation to the rest of the parish and school communities as a whole.

WHAT IF I'M MORE OF A “GET THINGS DONE” KIND OF PERSON?

While there are some people who excel at looking at the picture from 10,000 feet (and those are the types we need on the executive committee), there are many more people who are more gifted at simply *getting things done*. These are the folks who thrive when they are at ground-level, making things happen, doing the work and getting their hands dirty (so to speak) to accomplish concrete tasks. If that sounds like your set of gifts, then we don't need you on the executive committee—we're going to need you on one of the (many!) implementation committees. Once we have the executive committee in place and it has begun its work, then our next task will be filling up the implementation committees so they can really get working on their assigned tasks. So if you're more of a “do-er,” just sit tight and you'll be hearing more about your way to contribute soon.

However, if you think you have the right set of gifts to be of service on the executive committee—most especially if you have experience in the implementation phase of strategic planning—and if you have the *time* to be able to contribute to our parish by serving on the executive committee, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to either Sister Mary Agnes or me to express your interest, and we will take it from there.

I am so very excited about the future of our church and school. I pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up for us the leaders we need to make our dreams a reality.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **We are at 110 percent of our parish goal!** As in previous years, 50 percent of all pledges in excess of our parish goal of \$99,541 will remain here at St. Gertrude for our own use. **Additionally, a \$5,000 rebate will be awarded to the top 10 parishes in the archdiocese with the highest percentage increase in donor participation over last year's total parish donors. Last year, 273 parishioners contributed to the CMA; as of now, 217 parishioners have contributed.** 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!

SUPPORT OUR 2024 ANNUAL FUND!

This year, our parish school is raising funds to support growth of our Outdoor Curriculum, launch an alumni relations initiative, and add safety upgrades and enhancements for our playground. Please consider giving to help provide our students with the best in teaching and learning! Scan the QR code to give now.



USED UNIFORM SALE THIS SUNDAY!

St. Gertrude School is having a used uniform sale this Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. Stop by to get your St. Gertrude School uniform needs for the 2024-2025 school year.

BOOK FAIR

This Sunday, stop by the Parish Center lobby after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. or 12 p.m. Mass to visit the St. Gertrude School Ignatius Book Fair! Items for sale include:

- award-winning childrens' books;
- Easter and spring books;
- gifts for children and adults from small Catholic businesses including items such as keychains from Tiny Saints, high quality vinyl stickers from Just Love Prints, small toys from Wee Believers, and a variety of pencils with a faith based message; and
- a dozen titles from the past reading lists of the nationally known book club *Well-Read Mom*.

SAVE THE DATES!

Special Holy Week Events Presented by St. Gertrude School Students

Monday, March 25: Passion Play

7 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church

St. Gertrude School seventh graders will re-enact the Lord's Passion. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday, March 27:

Sixth Grade Presentation on the Psalms

12:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church

The sixth grade students of St. Gertrude School will present Psalms of the Bible. Each student will recite a psalm from memory and present it in a manner that attempts to capture the emotion and meaning of their selected psalm. Parents, grandparents, relatives, and family friends are invited to our presentation.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Why does St. Gertrude School need to raise money for alumni relations?

This coming fall, SGS will begin its 90th year of operation! Since the first graduating class of six in 1935, we have educated and formed thousands of students.

Contributions to this year's Annual Fund will enable us to hire a part-time director of alumni relations and to support reunion gatherings. The director of alumni relations will perform crucial tasks including:

- developing an alumni records database,
- organizing milestone reunions, and
- facilitating regular communications to alumni.

A healthy component of any school's development efforts is its connection with graduates. Help us connect with our Bulldog family from across the generations . . . for the good of our school now and in the future!

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL ARTISTS

The seventh grade art students at St. Gertrude School recently completed Madonna and Child portraits, inspired by artists of the Renaissance. Through this project, students learned about art history and the importance of art and beauty to our Catholic faith.



Gladys Bonjour



Maggie Roebel



Theresa Finnegan



YOU SHOULD COME

MOLLY MORANDE, SCHOOL PARENT & SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT

I was 23 years old and freshly married. Six months later, we found out I was pregnant. I was the only person in my friend group married, let alone becoming a mother. The king of lies kept whispering in my ear that I was alone and

different than all my friends, and I believed him.

My first year of motherhood was challenging. It felt like God was stripping away my selfishness overnight, and my old routines didn't fit into my new role. I could no longer participate in the same activities as before. I quit my job to stay home and felt void of the comforts I had grown accustomed to. I quickly realized I needed solid ground to stand on. A desire grew within me for deeper friendships and a deeper faith, but I didn't know how to obtain it. Then, three tiny words changed everything, "You should come!"

I had run into a childhood friend who asked me how I was doing as a new mom. After listening for a few moments, she casually invited me to a "Catholic moms group" that she was a part of at St. Gertrude Parish. I walked into my first meeting not knowing what to expect. The group talked about marriage, family, and selflessness and unknowingly answered many of the questions I had kept inside my heart. The women shared their stories and knowledge of our faith. The group read encyclicals and the *Catechism* and dove deep into theological texts. At first, I didn't understand all the content they were referencing, but I desired to know more. I listened. I listened and learned for an entire year before I felt ready to share anything myself. It was as though a

veil lifted, and I could see into a new world rich in truth and friendship—and I wanted to be a part of it. It was the first time I was with a group of women who all shared the common bond of our motherhood and the Roman Catholic faith. That first meeting grew to four years of fellowship and learning with my Cana group.

Twelve years later, these women are still my closest friends. We continue to share our faith and help each other grow closer to Christ. We have taken part in Bible studies and book clubs and even led new Cana groups ourselves. I can honestly say that one small invitation changed my life. I began to live out my vocation as a wife and mother with a new purpose. I understood that "to serve is to love," and I embraced that message in my daily life. God often orchestrates profound conversion through the smallest whisper.

If you are reading this and have a desire to understand more about the beauty of your vocation as a wife and mother, here is my friendly invite to you—"You should come!"

New Cana groups for fall 2024 will be forming this spring and summer. If you are interested in learning more about Cana, we invite you to contact Anita Pappalardo at cana@stgertrude.org. We will also be holding a Come and See event this spring.



CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Discover God's Call for Your Life

Discover your spiritual gifts (charisms) and 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.*



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



SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE TICKETS

Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195, in conjunction with the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, will be selling Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets after all Masses this weekend. All ticket sale proceeds will go toward subsidizing local charities supported by Archbishop Elder Council and those of the Ohio Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. The drawing will be on Saturday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m. during the 2024 Ohio State Convention. There are 25 chances to win and over \$108,000 in cash prizes!

- 1st Prize: \$49,680 (payable at \$414/month for 10 Years)
- 2nd Prize: \$18,780 (payable at \$313/month for 5 Years)
- 3rd Prize: \$12,720 (payable \$212/month for 5 Years)
- 4th Prize: \$4,000
- 5th Prize: \$3,000
- 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Prizes: \$1,500
- 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th Prizes: \$1,250
- 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th Prizes: \$1,000
- 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st Prizes: \$750
- 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th Prizes: \$500

**DATE WITH FATHER NATE:
A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

You and your spouse are invited to join us and other couples on Saturday, April 27, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the St. Gertrude Parish Center for an evening to relax and focus on your marriage. Using humor and inspiration, Father Nathan Cromly helps to make sense of the ordinary struggles couples face and gives you tools to renew and re-energize your marriage. This Date with Father Nate is a celebration of marriage and allows couples to take time out of their busy lives to reflect on what is truly important. The event is presented by the Saint John Leadership Network and includes live music by Easter Rising Band! Tickets are \$95/couple and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks throughout the evening. Young parents needing support to offset the costs of a babysitter can receive a \$20-off discount on their couple's ticket. Please email Margaret Pluta at margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org to obtain the discount code.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Gertrude Parish Mother/Daughter Sand Volleyball Social

The St. Gertrude Boosters invite moms and their daughters to Setters Beach Volleyball and Tiki Lounge on Saturday, April 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. for indoor and outdoor volleyball, corn hole, and camaraderie. If you are not up for all the activity, you are welcome to attend as a non-player or to lend a hand with the fun (with or without your daughter). Registration is \$30 per family and includes a T-shirt and pizza for your entire team (mom and daughters). Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/mom-daughter-social to register or sign up to volunteer.



**NOMINATIONS FOR
ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL COUNCIL**

It is time, once again, to seek nominations for open positions on the St. Gertrude 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 feel may be called to this important ministry. Please do not nominate someone without first speaking with him or her. Email the following information to the pastoral council chair, Ryan Schilling, at rryanschilling@gmail.com. For those nominated, please plan to attend our informational meeting on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights' Hall.

- Name of nominee
- Nominee's contact information (phone number, email, address)
- Your name (person doing the nominating)

EASTER NOVENA

We will be celebrating an Easter novena of Masses starting on Easter, March 31. If you would like to enroll your loved ones, please fill out a novena card and return it, along with the remittance envelope, before Easter. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church. Proceeds go to support the St. Gertrude Priory.

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 Out Beloved Dead

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, March 26, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
 "A LIFE CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT"

SATURDAY, APRIL 6: 8:30AM-8:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 7: 11AM-2PM

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SPORTS TRIVIA CUP— BENEFITTING DAMASCUS, HOME OF CYSC

On April 13, 75 10-person teams of sports enthusiasts will compete in the Sports Trivia Cup— an all-day sports and adventure competition. The Sports Trivia Cup will be the *largest sports trivia event ever held in the state of Ohio and will be the largest of its kind anywhere in 2024.* This inaugural event will be quarterbacked by four Ohio legends: Elvis Grbac, Bernie Kosar, Bobby Hoying, and Trevor Harris. In addition to these great former QBs, there will be a living legend from a wide range of sports and categories in each of the 10 rounds. For more information on how you can register, be a sponsor, or volunteer, please contact Mary Kettinger at (740) 480-1288, ext. 5, or visit sportstriviacup.com or damascus.net/stc for more information. (This is an adult-only event.)

HELP FOR STRENGTHENING TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue . . . or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 5-7, 2024, please call (513) 486-6222 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

GODSPLAINING DAY OF COLLECTION

Have you heard of the Godsplaining podcast, hosted by Dominican friars Father Gregory Pine, Father Bonaventure Chapman, Father Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, Father Patrick Briscoe, and Father Joseph-Anthony Kress? Well, Father Gregory Pine and Father Bonaventure Chapman will be hosting a single-day event themed *Eucharist: Sign and Sacrament* at St. Patrick Church in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, April 6. The event is free and includes two conferences, two podcasts, adoration, confession, and lunch. To learn more and register, please visit godsplaining.org/events-2/eucharist-sign-and-sacrament/.



HEARTBEATS FOR LIFE 5K RUN/WALK

Cincinnati Right to Life is excited to announce its 36th Annual Heartbeats for Life 5K Run/Walk & Kids Dash! With the devastating passage of Issue One, it is so very important to come together to defend human life at its most vulnerable stage. Please join us for a morning of family fun at Lunken Airport Playfield on Saturday, April 20! Registration opens at 8 a.m., and the race begins at 10 a.m. Enjoy food, live music, and a basket raffle! For more information or to register, please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org, runsignup.com/heartbeatsforlife5k or contact Adam Schad, event director, at aschad@cincinnatirighttolife.org or (513) 728-7870.

4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC BEARCAT BANQUET

Catholic Bearcat, the Newman Center for the University of Cincinnati, invites you to its 4th Annual Banquet on May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Graduate Hotel. This wonderful evening benefiting campus ministry includes dinner, fellowship, and keynote speaker Dr. John Bergsma (vice president for Biblical Theology and Mission Effectiveness at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville). You will also hear mission milestones and ministry updates from Catholic Bearcat's new chaplain, Father Jeff Stephens; meet our new pastor, Father David Doseck; and hear a Catholic Bearcat student testimony. There will also be a silent auction of donated gift items and experiences. Reserve your table or individual seats at catholibearcat.com/banquet or scan the QR code.



LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR

March 4, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is no doubt we live in polarized times. Virtually every topic seems to be fodder for political division. In such times, our Catholic faith can be tested even more intensely than usual, especially when our faith runs up against public policy. Of course, Catholic teaching is not just for the United States in the 21st century; it is universal and enduring. When we strive to live our Catholic faith and pursue the common good, our work can alternatively be praised or attacked . . . and sometimes both at the same time.

We experience this dynamic regularly in our advocacy for the unborn and pregnant mothers in need, for example. Now, we are facing vitriolic backlash online and even in some mainstream media for our care for our migrant brothers and sisters who, like everyone else in our communities, are children of God.

Our nation has a broken immigration system. Our nation's migration and border policies fail us. For decades, the U.S. Catholic bishops have urged Congress and administrations of both parties to revamp immigration law and processes in a way that restores order and promotes human dignity. To be clear, this does **not** mean that we condone unlawful immigration or advocate for open borders. However, in the midst of a broken system and broken world, we **do** always advocate for every person's God-given dignity.

As faithful Catholics, we have a responsibility to carefully discern between provocative narratives and the truth of the Church's work with migrants and refugees in need. The objectification of any human being or set of human beings is not in keeping with the commandment to love one another.

Through our parishes, schools, and social services agencies in which migrants find themselves, the Church provides an opportunity for us to leave behind political agendas and offer the goodness of basic human interactions inspired by the faith and charity which come from God. Any of the thousands of volunteers and supporters who help make our humanitarian work possible can attest to the great gift this has provided for their own faith journeys and our communities. Working with migrants and refugees is a wonderful way to put our Catholic faith into action, just as is serving any other person in need.

The types of services for which migrants are eligible varies greatly depending on their immigration status. In providing support for migrants and refugees, it is important to clarify what the Church does and does not do, especially through our local charitable agencies, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.

- We provide humanitarian assistance to **anyone** who comes through our doors should we have a service for them. This may involve food assistance, case management and mental health counseling, all supported through private philanthropy.
- We do not aide or assist in any unauthorized entry into the United States.
- We provide legal refugee resettlement. This federal program, which has existed for over 40 years, partners with local agencies to resettle those who have been identified by the United Nations and thoroughly vetted by the U.S. government. "Refugee" is a formal designation given to a minority of U.S. migrants who have demonstrated a well-founded fear of persecution for their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. When a refugee is qualified for permanent resettlement, it is established through multiple federal agencies that they cannot return to their country of origin and that they pose no threat to our national security. Our agencies transparently receive federal and local funds to assist in this work.
- We provide case management services to unaccompanied minors to ensure that they are safe and free from exploitation and human trafficking. Those children that receive these services are placed by the federal government in our area, and we have no role in directing them here. Our Catholic Charities is assigned their cases and receives federal funds to assist in this work as well.

If you have a concern about immigration law or practice, please address it with your government representatives. But always remember your deepest calling as Christians: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers [and sisters] of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati



Monday, March 11	Tuesday, March 12	Wednesday, March 13	Thursday, March 14	Friday, March 15	Saturday, March 16	Sunday, March 17
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family - Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 p.m. Parish Center		CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church		Family Faith – Child Only Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1, 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room				Third Scrutiny of the Elect (Become Catholic) At 12 p.m. Mass
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. Holy Family Conf Rm	Sacramental Formation 4:30 p.m. Atrium II	Lenten Speaker Series + Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II					NFP class 1:30 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church					L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.”

– Archbishop Fulton Sheen

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
3/13/24

BULLETIN
3/24/24

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OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for March 3**

Collection	\$	68,562
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	31,562
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,519,897
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,345,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	174,897

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!

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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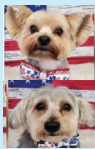
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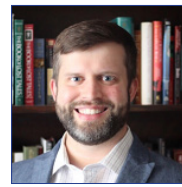


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