

LENT

*"A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me."*

PSALM 51:12



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 17, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. William Cole by Tony & Sara Cole
- 8 a.m. † Christa Brisken by Tom & Kim Hahn
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, March 19,

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

- 7 a.m. Emmett Joseph Miller by Tricia Speicher
- 8 a.m. Alan Henderson by Dina Henderson
- 11:30 a.m. † Jerry DeBrunner by Nancy DeBrunner
- 7 p.m. For all the husbands and fathers of the parish

Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Katie Stoiber
- 8 a.m. † Walter Eugene Cameron by RoseMarie Cameron
- 11:30 a.m. † Ricky Wiederhold by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. Bebe Broerman by Sherry Schuler
- 8 a.m. † Warren Haug by Peggy & Tom Frank
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Forlini by Sal & Teri Forlini

Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. Sr. Catherine Arozarena by Laura Ringenbach
- 8 a.m. † Mark Crouch by Bill & Penny Cunningham
- 11:30 a.m. Jasmine & Zara Grimes by Dennis & Cecilia Ramenaden

Saturday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Elizabeth Schenk by Karen Schornak
- 11:30 a.m. † Ann Brockhoff Lucas by Jeanne Johantges
- 4:30 p.m. † Ernest & Elizabeth Thomas by Naoma & Ernest Thomas

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8 a.m. † Patricia Shannon by Peter Bertoli
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Mrs. Patricia Crotty Miserach by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel
- 6 p.m. The Fischer Family by The Runk Family

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.

LENTEN 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 last night of our Lenten Speaker Series. Enjoy a short reflection, followed by Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confession.

March 20 Faith: Nourished by the Sacraments
Father John Paul Walker, 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 benefiting 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, call or text Dale Walczak at (513) 720-6133. To register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2024swing.

St. Gertrude Parish March Madness Bracket Challenge

Athletic Boosters Fundraiser for New Sideline Chairs



Visit stgertrude.org/bulldogbracket to learn more and fill out your bracket!

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 19, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Please join us for a special Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a reception, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in the Parish Center.





AVOIDING CONFESSION THIS LENT

For anyone who has been Catholic for any length of time, or even for non-Catholics who have some sense of what Catholicism is all about, it is commonly known that of all the liturgical seasons of the year, the season of Lent is the one we most associate with going to Confession. As we are more than

halfway through the season of Lent at this point, many in the parish have availed themselves to this beautiful sacrament. And yet . . . I suspect there are many others who are wrestling with the idea. And so, for the benefit of those who are uncertain, who are divided, who haven't yet decided whether or not to go to Confession this Lent, I would like to address a few of the reasons that sometimes cause people to stay away from the sacrament.

I know I'm going to commit these same sins again, so by going to confession, am I not just being a hypocrite?

No, please never think that way! It is true that for most of us, there are habitual sins that we fall victim to time & time again. And so, even as we are confessing them, we have a sense that the odds are pretty good we are going to fall into them again. But as long as we have the **desire** to try to eliminate those sins from our lives, we can fruitfully receive the sacrament of penance. In fact, the grace we receive from God through that sacrament is perhaps the most powerful aid available to us in our battle to avoid those sins in the future. Now, if I am in a pattern of sin that I have absolutely *no desire* to leave behind and *no desire* to even to **attempt** to change . . . then yes, in that circumstance, to confess would be hypocritical. But when I am truly sorry about the patterns of sin that have a grip on me, and I wish to be free of them (even though I recognize I am very weak) . . . bringing those sins to confession can both ease our conscience of our past failures and strengthen us in our fight against those sins in the future.

I've done something terrible. I'm so ashamed of it, I can't imagine being able to say it out loud to anyone, not even a priest.

The first thing I would say to this (though it might sound a bit shocking) is it is GOOD that you feel ashamed! In the face of a serious sin, we *ought* to feel guilty and ashamed. This is a wonderful thing . . . because it tells us our "moral compass" is functioning as it ought to be. And while it is absolutely true that having to "say it out loud" can be a difficult thing . . . I promise you, it will be an incredibly FREEING thing as well. When we have to speak it out loud, we bring it out of the darkness inside ourselves and out into the light, where Christ our Light dwells. By bringing it to the Light, we allow His light and his love to dissolve away the darkness of that sin. So while, at a human level, I understand the difficulty . . . I encourage you to just "let go" and give it over to God. You'll feel 1,000 percent better. (And on a side note, my personal advice is that when you go to confession,

if you have 1 or 2 sins that are the really "big ones" you are most ashamed of . . . *name those first*. Begin with them. Right off the bat. You'll feel a weight lifted off your shoulders that will make the rest of the experience of that confession so much easier.)

What is Father going to think of me if I tell him my sins?? He's going to think I'm some terrible, horrible person! He'll never look at me the same way again!

Okay, so first of all, all the confessionals at our parish are currently set up so the penitent goes to confession "behind the screen," so that the priest will not see who you are. And believe it or not, screens really muffle people's voices. But no matter what, I promise you, priests DO NOT CARE about the sins you confess. Sin is boring. Other people's sins are especially boring. Even if we somehow do recognize your voice (which is extraordinarily rare), I can assure you, what we hear in confession does not remain in our memory. Next time we see you we aren't going to recoil in horror at your presence like some swamp creature has just walked into the room. My attitude (and some of you who have had your confession heard by me have heard me say these exact words to you) is this: "Okay, so you're a sinner? Perfect. You'll fit right in with the rest of us here. Welcome to the club." Because that's the reality. We're all sinners, and we all have particular sins we are more susceptible to. There is nothing you are going to confess that will shock or scandalize any of the priests. That said, if you are truly so self-conscious about confessing to a priest you know that it might keep you away from the sacrament, then research when confessions at another parish (or shrine or wherever) are offered and go there. The important thing is that you GO, and receive the beautiful grace of this sacrament.

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 124 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, 236 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!

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.

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.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Why does St. Gertrude School need to raise money to grow its Nature Studies/STEM Program?

Imagine students studying life, physical, and earth sciences through outdoor learning, growing in wonder and in knowledge of God as they experience and delight in the design, majesty, and order he has placed within creation. We have some of this in place now - but we want to grow! With funds raised through this year's Annual Fund, SGS aims to hire a part-time director to oversee and expand our Outdoor Curriculum. The director will create and implement age-appropriate lessons that include projects in animal and garden management and STEM challenges guided by the Engineering Design Process. These lessons and projects will provide an essential foundation in observation and exploration that enhances the overall science curriculum. Thank you for your support of this important initiative!

“

It is such a blessing having my daughters enrolled in St. Gertrude School. This is our first year in the school, and we couldn't have had a better welcoming reception. All my concerns regarding affordability, special education needs, and education of moral values were fully addressed by the school staff from the principal to teachers, and everyone else in the school community. SGS prepares your children to effectively do what is right and good in the world through academic excellence. This goal is embedded in a deep Catholic environment, providing the students, families, staff, and faculty with a special communion of people willing to praise God by fulfilling their role in education. I couldn't be any happier!

-St. Gertrude School Parent

”

WE'RE HIRING!

We're adding a THIRD Kindergarten class next year and are looking for a faith-filled candidate passionate for forming students in wisdom, virtue, and holiness. Apply today!

<https://stgertrudesch.org/employment/>

Other open positions include:

- After Care Program Director
- 4th/5th Grade Math & Science Teacher

Help Make an SGS Education More Affordable

While reducing your Ohio income tax liability!



SCAN TO GIVE NOW

You can help a student attend St. Gertrude School without costing you any money. Ohio taxpayers who donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) are able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 for joint filers).

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is a certified SGO, and St. Gertrude School is a participating school. That means that if you pay Ohio income tax, you can choose whether you pay taxes to the State of Ohio or donate to our parish school.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners below who have claimed the tax credit. You have until April 15, 2024, to make your donation for the 2023 tax year. Your gift will go directly to tuition assistance for St. Gertrude School students.



*In honor of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the patron of the universal Church in 2020, Pope Francis released the apostolic letter, *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*. The following is an excerpt from the concluding section, "a father in the shadows":*

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczynski, in his book, *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled" (*Deut 1:31*). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (*1 Cor 4:15*). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (*ibid.*). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (*4:19*).

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility,

discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfillment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless," when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (*Mt 23:9*).

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (*Mt 5:45*). And a shadow that follows his Son.

**TAKE ACTION:
OPPOSE THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT
TO ENSHRINE IVF AND OTHER
RELATED PRACTICES INTO LAW**

The need to accompany and support the increasing number of families struggling with infertility is real. But after largely misunderstanding a recent ruling by the Alabama State Supreme Court, many members of Congress—including those who consider themselves pro-life—are in a rush to impose a new national "right" to in vitro fertilization (IVF) and other such technologies that threaten preborn human lives and treat people like property (like surrogacy, gene editing, and cloning). At least one of the current proposals could also threaten religious hospitals, charities, schools, and other organizations that do not enable or cover these medical procedures, and could even apply to minors.

Please visit votervoices.net/USCCB/Campaigns/112541/ Respond to tell your members of Congress to oppose bills and resolutions that claim to protect these problematic "rights" to IVF and other "assisted reproductive technologies" (ART) that cause the death of countless human embryos and violate human dignity.

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.

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 (moms and daughters). Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/mom-daughter-social to register or sign up to volunteer.



SCHOLA CANTORUM TO SING AT OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 4:45 p.m., the children of the St. Gertrude Schola Cantorum will take part in a combined open house with the Cincinnati Oratory's children's choir on choral training for children. Sponsored by the Angelico Project and held at Sacred Heart Auditorium (2733 Massachusetts Ave., Cincinnati), the event will include rehearsals by both choirs; talks on choral training for children from musical, spiritual, and liturgical perspectives; and chanted vespers by both choirs beginning at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. If you plan to attend the open house, please RSVP to sdecker@osmshcincinnati.com.

SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus. When you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, you are showing God's love to your neighbors. Thank you, also, for the successful food drive, which allowed us to restock our pantry and deliver food to St. Williams Food Pantry located on the West Side of town.

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:

† George Dushensky, husband of Michelle

BAPTISM

Sunday, March 3, 2024



Child: Noah James Hackett
Parents: James and Mary Kathryn Hackett



Child: Sophia Valentina McCracken
Parents: Casey and Gabriela McCracken

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nancy Aichholz | Greg & Jean Holubeck |
| Noah Belemjian | Nicholas & Tina Johnson |
| Mark & Amanda Fairbanks | Jackie Ardrey |
| John & Maria Ference | Jason & Evelina Plummer |
| Mark Gerald & Mary Jane Gaspar | Robert & Kathleen Prangley |



SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Join Divine Mercy Family of Parishes for a sacred music concert featuring Musica Sacra of Cincinnati Chorus and Orchestra on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of the Visitation Church. First performed in Prague in 1880, Dvorak’s Stabat Mater is based on the 13th century hymn to Mary as she mourns her son, Jesus, during his crucifixion. The piece earned Dvorak international recognition following its performance in London in 1884 and continues to be his best known and most often performed sacred work. The concert is 85 minutes (no intermission). The event is free, and tickets are not required. Freewill offerings are gratefully accepted.

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

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHURCH
 LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OH

FEATURING: DYNAMIC PRESENTATIONS FROM COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS SEMINARIANS, MASS, RECONCILIATION, PRAYER, SPIRIT FILLED MUSIC, & SMALL GROUPS

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND. FREE WILL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!
 QUESTIONS? CONTACT LIVINGWATERS@SAINT-MAX.ORG

REGISTER BY MARCH 27
WWW.SAINT-MAX.ORG/LIFEINTHESPIRIT

SPONSORED BY: ST. MAX LIVING WATERS AND
 COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS

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/.

CISE PARTY AT THE PITCH

You are invited to participate in this year’s CISE Party at the Pitch on Friday, April 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. at TQL Stadium (The Pitch View Club). Proceeds will help fund student services for students attending 10 Catholic inner-city elementary schools in Cincinnati. Cost is \$70 per person and includes fabulous food, open bar, and free parking. Enjoy a silent auction, raffles, and yard games, and dancing with a live DJ. To purchase your event and raffle tickets and view the different raffles, please visit CISEKids.org/party. For more information, please contact Kelly at the CISE office at (513) 263.3473 or kcamm@cisekids.org. Must be 21 or over to attend.

Join us for a morning of Family Fun!

HEARTBEATS For Life 5K
 APRIL 20, 2024

5K Run/Walk & Kids Dash
 Saturday, April 20, 2024
 Lunken Airport Playfield
 Registration Opens at 8 a.m.
 Race Starts at 10 a.m.

Raffle Food & Live Music!

Event Director - Adam Schad
 Race Director - Ben Groh, Cincy Race
 Benefiting the work of Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

runsignup.com/heartbeatsforlife5k

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

St. Gertrude Church parishioner Lisa Pifher is planning a Medjugorje Pilgrimage, leaving from Cincinnati, from October 6-15, 2024. The pilgrimage package price of \$2,790 includes airfare, transfer, hotel, and two daily meals. If you are interested, please contact Lisa at (513) 377-6780 or lpifher@hotmail.com.



ASK A PRIEST—HOW CAN GOD THE FATHER KNOW SOMETHING JESUS DOES NOT?

FATHER DAVID ENDRES, PROFESSOR AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Q: In Matthew 24, Jesus says no one knows when the world will end. He says that the Son does not know, only the Father. The Son is consubstantial with the Father in the Trinity. How can the Father know and the Son not know? This puzzles me.

A: The Gospels of Matthew (24:36) and Mark (13:32) record that the “day and hour” of the Second Coming “no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” The attribution of certain knowledge to God the Father—and not to Jesus—is puzzling and the questions that arise from it are not new. The Evangelist Luke, though he offers a nearly identical account as Matthew and Mark in terms of the prediction of the Second Coming, does not include this saying in his Gospel. Some early manuscript sources for Matthew and Mark even omit “nor the Son” because of the theological difficulties it seemed to present.

The Church Fathers wrestled with the question, but did not arrive at a common interpretation. Origen surmised that “nor the Son” referred to the church since Christ is the head and the church “knows not the day nor the hour.” St. Athanasius offered the possibility that while Jesus professed His ignorance, He did in fact share in some way in the Father’s knowledge of the Second Coming. St. Basil, similarly, suggested that Jesus did not know on His own, but through the Father who knew “first.”

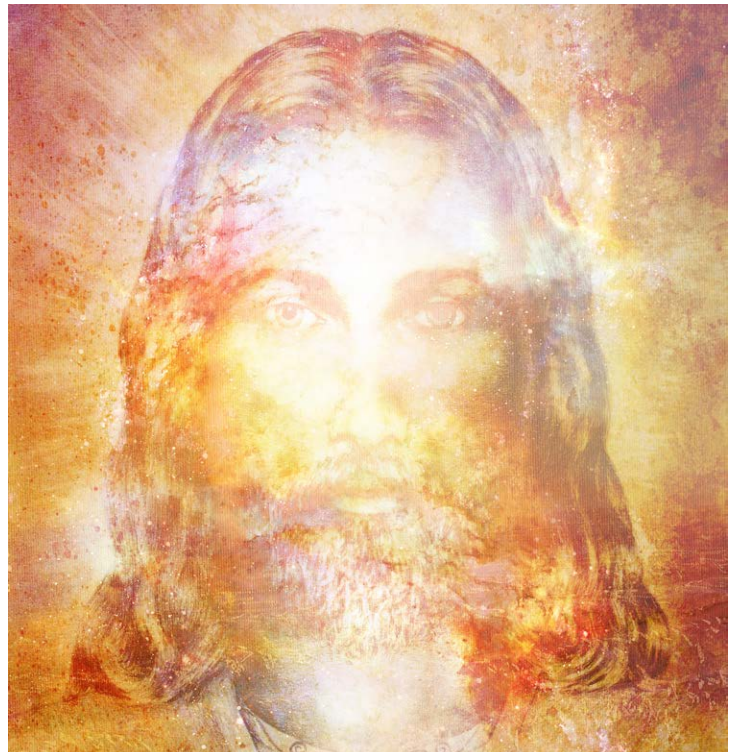
That the knowledge of Father and Son could be unequal can be explained by Jesus’ two natures, human and divine. In coming among us as a man, God “emptied himself.” As God and man, Jesus acquired knowledge not only as a divine person, but as one who was human. Any lack of knowledge can be attributed to His human nature. As St. Gregory Nazianzen wrote, “He knows as God and knows not as man.”

More particularly, this difficult question is usually framed by considering the consciousness of Christ. Beginning in the Middle Ages, theologians divided Jesus’ consciousness into passive and active knowledge. He knew all as God but could not access that in His active human consciousness. While it can be said that He knew the time of the Second Coming, it was not actively known.

In many ways, this places Jesus in the whole flow of Revelation from the very beginning. As Louis Bouyer argued, along with the Church Fathers, all has been revealed, but all is not realized. Jesus was the “secret,” or mystery, of the Hebrew Scriptures which could only be realized in His Incarnation. In like manner, Jesus’ human knowledge was fully realized in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. When Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple, Scripture says He

went home with them and “increased in wisdom and stature” (Luke 2:52). He was able to grow in His human condition toward divine wholeness.

None of this can serve as the definitive answer to your question, but just as we cannot fully grasp Jesus as “true God and true Man,” neither will we completely figure this “secret” out. The question itself, however, can draw us toward the mystery of the Trinity and can inspire vigilance and combat laxity. As we follow the words of both Matthew and Mark, we can be assured that Jesus, not knowing the day or hour, can lead us more surely into the mystery of our faith and the desire to possess that mystery more fully.



Father David J. Endres, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is academic dean of the Athenaeum of Ohio and professor of Church history and historical theology at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and School of Theology. He holds a doctoral degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and is editor of the scholarly quarterly U.S. Catholic Historian. In addition, Father Endres is a regular contributor to The Catholic Telegraph.

This article appeared in the December 2022 edition of The Catholic Telegraph Magazine and is reprinted here with permission. For your complimentary subscription, visit thecatholictelegraph.com.

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, March 18	Tuesday, March 19	Wednesday, March 20	Thursday, March 21	Friday, March 22	Saturday, March 23	Sunday, March 24
St. Gertrude School No School	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Cana Family - Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room
Parish Office Open 12-5 p.m.	Seniors Fun Bunch 12:15 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II			CGS Parent Groups 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. SGS Classroom 15
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	33 Days to Merciful Love 1:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby			Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:30 a.m.
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Parent Groups 6 p.m. SGS Classroom 15	Cub Scouts - Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	SGS Educational Apparel Sale 3:30-6 p.m. School Cafeteria			Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Lenten Speaker Series + Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Evangelization Team meeting 7 p.m. SGS Classroom 15			Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	KofC St. Joseph Feast Day Social Following 7 p.m. Mass St. Dominic Lobby		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room		SGS PTO Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria			
	SGS SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library					

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
3/20/24

BULLETIN
3/31/24

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for March 10**

Collection	\$	32,242
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	\$	(4,759)

CISE: \$2,784

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,552,139
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,382,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	170,139

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.

Parish Staff

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

Dominican Friars in Residence

Father John Langlois, O.P., prior
 Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
 Father John Corbett, O.P.
 Father Darren Pierre, O.P., novice master

St. Gertrude School – (513) 561-8020

Principal – Sister Mary Agnes Greiffendorf, O.P. ext 1101
 Vice Principal – Mr. Travis Johnson ext 1101
 PTO President – Ashlee Wooten ashleebwot@hotmail.com
 School Advisory Council

Office of Administration – (513) 561-5954

Receptionists – Susan Kane & Teri Forlini parishoffice@stgertrude.org
 Business Manager – Don Regan businessmanager@stgertrude.org
 Business Office Admin Assistant – Emma Golias egolias@stgertrude.org
 Bereavement ext 2101
 Bulletin Editor bulletin@stgertrude.org
 Director of Music – Christopher Holman cholman@stgertrude.org
 Safe Environment Coordinator – Emma Golias egolias@stgertrude.org

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation – (513) 561-5954

Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation –
 Walter Plummer wplummer@stgertrude.org
 Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd –
 Mary Beth Thiemann mbthiemann@stgertrude.org
 Coordinator of Adult Evangelization –
 Tyler Castrucci tcastrucci@stgertrude.org
 Director of Communications –
 Michelle Dushensky mdushensky@stgertrude.org
 Office Coordinator – Kristen Eggers kristen@stgertrude.org

Corporal Works of Mercy

Helping Hands (Funeral Reception Ministry) –
 Nancy Lucas stgerthh@gmail.com
 Knights of Columbus – Pete Marcello grandknight@elderkofc.org
 Ladies of Charity – Jean Wilkinson jeanhwilkinson@gmail.com
 Parish Health Ministry – Jeanne Palcic jpalcic@fuse.net
 Pregnancy Center East (for all pregnancy needs) (513) 321-3100
 Soup Kitchen – Andy Cordier soupkitchen@stgertrude.org
 St. Vincent de Paul Society – Jennifer Mansfield (513) 561-5954, ext 2112

Vocations Directors

Archdiocese of Cincinnati – Father Dan Schmitmeyer (513) 421-3131
 Dominican Friars – Father Mario Calabrese, O.P. DominicanFriars.org
 Nashville Dominican Sisters – Sister Mara Grace, O.P. (615) 256-5486

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Circle of Prayer – Barbara Rose prayercirclesg@gmail.com
 Communion to Sick – Judy Hartmann jhartma2002@yahoo.com
 Eucharistic Adoration adoration@stgertrude.org
 Natural Family Planning – Jenna Bernardo nfp@stgertrude.org
 Pastoral Council – Ryan Schilling rryanschilling@gmail.com
 Prayer Ministry for the Dying – Pat Collins (513) 265-1897
 Respect Life – Lisa Campbell lisaredig61@gmail.com
 Rosary Making – Larry Ball (513) 831-8572
 Unbound (Ministry of Forgiveness and Healing) –
 Nealy Mechley (513) 505-1740

Liturgical Ministries

Parish Choir – Christopher Holman cholman@stgertrude.org
 Contemporary Music Ensemble – Paul Kindt pkindt@zoomtown.com
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion frluke@stgertrude.org
 Resurrection Choir – Marty Cunningham martyc.music@gmail.com
 The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild –
 Ann McCormick ann.mccormick@ymail.com
 Sons of St. Joseph (Altar Servers) pxaw@hotmail.com
 Ushers – Douglas Postler postman8905@gmail.com
 Viri Selecti – Ben Hoffmann pxaw@hotmail.com
 Youth Choir – Christopher Holman cholman@stgertrude.org

Spiritual Groups

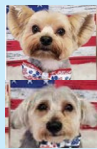
Angelic Warfare Confraternity – (513) 561-5954
 Benedictine Oblates – Mark Milliron mmilliron@fastmail.com
 CANA Family For Mothers –
 Anita Pappalardo pappacinci@gmail.com
 Catholic Men's Fellowship – Stan Lloyd stan.lloyd@gmail.com
 Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary –
 Brian Zappia brian.zappia@gmail.com
 Dominican Laity (Bishop Fenwick) –
 Mrs. Margaret Brecount, O.P. stgertrude.org/bishopfenwickfraternity
 Dominican Laity (Our Lady of Peace) –
 Mr. Fred Thomas, O.P. stgertrude.org/ourladyofpeace
 Healing Rosary – Cindy Hertz (513) 368-8941
 Moms of Special Needs Support Group –
 Laura Nanista laura_nanista@outlook.com
 Seasons of Hope – Cindy Hertz (513) 368-8941
 True Devotion to Mary – Anne Collins acollins4mary@aol.com
 Walking with Purpose Bible Study (Women) –
 Martha Thompson www.st.gertrude@gmail.com

Parish Groups

Athletic Boosters – Rob Gruber rlgruber5@gmail.com
 Boy Scouts – Rob Schuette (513) 333-0040
 Cub Scouts – Matt Frye (574) 529-0427
 Garden Club parishoffice@stgertrude.org
 Lenten Fish Fry – Rob Mancini rbmancini73@gmail.com
 Little Flower Library – Susan Santos susansantos2@gmail.com
 Parish Coffee – Mark Findley mark.findley@epilepsy-ohio.org
 Seniors' Fun Bunch – Tyler Castrucci tcastrucci@stgertrude.org

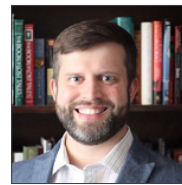


STRAWSER & STALEY
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICE



Meet Eli and Bennett, our two fur-children! We understand how much pets mean to people, and we are proud to offer pet death care to the area with the same dignity that we show for all we serve!

Area's Oldest Death Care Leader
StrawserFuneralHome.com
513-791-7203



Castellum Financial Advice
Robert L. Franer III, AAMS®
513-434-3583 (C)
robert@castellumfinancialadvice.com
castellumfinancialadvice.com

Parishioner & Founding Member
of The Catholic Financial Planners Network
Securities offered through LPL Financial, a Registered Investment Advisor, member FINRA/SIPC



- Cincinnati's first Joint Commissioned Private Duty Company
- 3 full-time nurses on staff for caregiver supervision and emergency consultation
- Specialized and Trained for Parkinson's and Dementia Care
- 24/7 and Live-In specialists, but also offer 4 hour minimum care

19 years in Business • Call 513-321-4444

KLEKAMP PAVING
Asphalt Paving
Patching
Asphalt Sealcoating
513-561-4600
www.klekamp.com

ERIC D. BENDER
Attorney at Law
Moeller (1984)
University of Notre Dame (1988)
U.C. Law (1991)
Family Law • Wills & Probate
Lawsuits • Guardianship
Adoption
(513) 891-5630
9764 Kenwood Road in Blue Ash
Visa/Mastercard Accepted

mosquito shield
Enjoy outdoor living all summer long!
Amy Resch - 513-436-4690

ROYALMONT ACADEMY
200 Northcrest Drive, Mason, OH
Catholic Preschool • High School • Full and 1/2 day Preschool
Enrolling Now
Scholarships Available

VolzCPA
Jim Volz
CPA & Trusted Advisor
794-1551
9900 Carver Rd., Blue Ash

Bailey Family Catering
Welcome to the Family
Planning your next party just became a breeze! Call us to help you customize a menu that will bring your vision to life while respecting your budget and honoring your dietary needs. We specialize in weddings, corporate functions and social events and are preferred catering partners with many local venues. Best of all, we are right in your neighborhood! Call today to check one more task off your list!
513-873-3900 • www.baileyfamilycatering.com

James W. Logeman, D.D.S., M.S.
ORTHODONTICS
Kenwood | 791.0260
5240 E Galbraith Rd
ORTHODUDE.COM
Mason | 398.0133
318 Reading Rd

For all your real estate needs please contact me, a faithful and hard-working St. Gertrude parishioner and professional realtor.

CAROLYN TRAUTH
Realtor
SIBCYCLINE REALTORS
513-706-4239
www.sibcycline.com/ctrauth

Litwin
BORIS
CUSTOM JEWELERS
(513) 621-1123 • litwins.com

CASTRUCCI COLLISION

SCHUMACHER DUGAN CONSTRUCTION, INC
General Contractors and Land Development Company

DALEY
DESIGN + BUILD
www.DaleyDB.com

MILFORD
Body Shop Direct Call
831-5460

AHP Anderson Hills Plumbing
Residential – Commercial – FREE ESTIMATES
Over 69 Years Experience & Satisfaction
Ernie, Jack, Ralph & Barb Vilardo
6229 Beechmont Avenue 513-232-3821

OVERBECK Auto Services
Your Automotive Expert Since 1976
Now 2 Locations!
6403 Madison, Madisonville • 271-1570
1793 Ohio Pike, Amelia • 797-4888

Find freedom and flexibility in your career. Become a Knights of Columbus insurance agent.
LIFE INSURANCE | DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE | LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE | RETIREMENT ANNUITIES
Contact me today to learn more:
Apply today. kofc.org/careers
Knights of Columbus
Jason Staas General Agent
800-484-0304 • jason.staas@kofc.org

Skyline Chili
Skyline Chili, Loveland Ohio 10640 Loveland Madeira Rd. Bring this bulletin to receive a FREE Cheese Coney
With the Purchase of a (3,4,5) Way
Feeling good, it's Skyline Time!

Megie Funeral Home & Crematory
Caring for families through life's most difficult time with care and compassion
529 Main Street Millford, OH 45150 104 Spice Street Mt. Orab, OH 45154
(513) 831-3134 (937) 444-2677
www.megiefuneralhome.com
We offer onsite crematory, traditional funeral services, and funeral pre-planning

Spruce Home Services
Window Cleaning
Pressure Washing and More!
Family Owned
spruceservices.com • 513-278-8438
info@spruceservices.com

Sharon Nursery
7319 Columbia Road
Garden Center & Landscaping
398-1008
www.sharonnursery.com

HODAPP FUNERAL HOMES
www.HodappFuneralHome.com
513-777-8433

James M. Schirmer, DDS
The Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Countryside
513-932-9991
1726 Deerfield Rd. Lebanon OH, 45036
www.schirmeroralsurgery.com

HALPIN PLUMBING, INC.
"WE'LL MAKE IT HALPIN"
513-631-2001

T&J Electric and Controls
513-368-2700
www.TJElectric.com
7441 Shawnee Run Road
Madeira, Ohio 45243

Call Greg now at (513) 257-6124 for your free quote
RICHARDSON CUSTOM PAINTING
WHEN EXCELLENCE MATTERS
Building Our Community One Brushstroke At a Time

Dial ONE Security, Inc.
(513) 527-4400 • DialOneSecurity.com
Servicing Maderia and Indian Hill since 1979

Treating Your Home Like Our Own
CALL TODAY! 513-755-ROOF
10 Year Workmanship Warranty
Locally Owned & Operated
titan SIDING AND ROOFING
7100 Sennet Place
West Chester, OH 45069
TitanSidingAndRoofing.com
0% INTEREST for 24 months Financing Available


Please Patronize Our Advertisers – To Place an Ad, Call 1-800-292-9020.

Gertrude, Cincinnati, OH-Inside Ads-#5622-MS-2/9/24

TRADITIONS AT CAMARGO
 INDEPENDENT LIVING
 ASSISTED LIVING • MEMORY CARE
 7650 CAMARGO ROAD • MADEIRA, OH 45243
 513-422-5499 • WWW.TRADITIONSATCAMARGO.COM

TIM BEATRICE
beatrice HOME IMPROVEMENT
 513-254-5620
 timbeatrice5@yahoo.com

Dr. Frederick A. Heiselman
 General • Implant
Dentistry
Parishioner
 513-561-8600
 7140 Miami Ave., Ste. 201
fheiselmandds.com



HYDE PARK PAINTING and CARPENTRY
 321-4100
 Remodeling
 Roofing/Gutters • Concrete
 Plumbing/Electric
 Drywall • Int./Ext. Painting
Your Complete Home Repair Company

Knights of Columbus
 Archbishop Elder Council
 Email grandknight@elderkofc.org
 Join today. kofc.org/joinus

Kitchen & Bath Remodeling
Kinsella
 561-5285
 7880 Camargo Rd.
kinsellakitchens.com

Engraved gifts for all occasions
 7116 Miami Ave.
891-0730
GILSON'S
 ENGRAVING
 ELEGANT GIFTS
www.gilsonsonline.com

Gilligan Funeral Homes
Family Owned & Operated
 ESTABLISHED 1877

WITTE LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS, INC.
 Hardscape Landscape
 • Walkways & Patios • Installations
 • Driveways • Renovations
 • Retaining Walls • Maintenance
 • Drainage Systems • Snow Clearing
Quality Service for Over 35 years
396-6400
 Ed Witte, Parishioner

MADEIRA DENTISTRY
 Keith D. Jackson DDS
 Laura K. Jackson DDS
 7113 Miami Avenue
 Madeira, OH 45243
 Tel: (513) 561-5318

KANE ELSWICK LLC
 Your Catholic Small Business Law Firm
 KaneElswick.com



8225 MONTGOMERY RD
 CINCINNATI, OHIO 45236
513-891-8373
 PETER J. GILLIGAN, SR.




Walter St. Clair Roofing
 Serving Cincinnati Since 1923
 Roofing & Sheet Metal Work
 Slate & Tile Repair
 Box Gutters & Seamless Gutters
 JERRY ST. CLAIR, PARISHIONER **641-3265**

ENDRES GATEWAY DENTISTRY
Accepting New Patients
 Dr. Eleanor Endres Parishioner
513-791-8880
www.endresdentistry.com
"Oral Health is the Gateway to Healthy Living"

Pendery CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Remodeling by professionals
 Kitchens • Bathrooms
 Room Additions
 Screen & Covered Porches
 Lower Levels & Basements
513.492.8429
 7264 Columbia Rd., Ste. 600, Maineville
www.PenderyConstruction.com

ESTD 2020
REDDEN FINE MEATS
 (513) 407-8998

Nick Baute Parishioner
513-236-2234
Nick@tbrgincincy.com



the BAUTE | ROBERTS GROUP
Comey & Shepherd REALTORS.
Cristina Genung Parishioner
513-404-6011
Cristina@tbrgincincy.com



Protect your most important assets – your loved ones. Let's talk.
Modern Woodmen FRATERNAL FINANCIAL
 Kristina Markiewicz
 Suite 130, 12500 Reed Hartman Highway
 Cincinnati, OH 45241
 B 513-387-0489 | C 505-463-8966
kristina.markiewicz@mwarep.org



Evans Funeral Home
 Traditional Funeral & Cremation Services
 Funeral Pre-Planning Available
www.evansfuneralhome.com
 741 Center St., Milford 1944 St. Rt. 28, Goshen
 513-831-3172 513-722-3272

MATHNASIUM
 The Math Learning Center
 Blue Ash/Hyde Park/Mason/West Chester
(513) 275-7000
TOTAL LIFE SAFETY, LLC
 Commercial Fire Protection Services
 Fire Extinguisher/ Exit Lights/Fire Alarm
 Sprinkler/Backflow/Special Hazard
866-955-2318

FIND YOUR BRILLIANCE
 McNicholas High School

GEO. H. ROHDE & SON
Funeral Home
 Since 1910
 3183 Linwood Ave., Mt. Lookout Sq.
 Serving Eastern Hills, Mt. Lookout & Hyde Park
513-321-0404
www.rohdefuneral.com
 Directors: Steve Rohde, Denise Mercier & Darrell Schneider

bmwstore.com
 cincinnati.mini.com
THE BMW STORE
Passion Loves Company
MINI CINCINNATI MINI
Passion for the Drive



Buying or Selling?
Let's Make It Happen!
Monika DeRoussel
 513-289-1039
mderoussel@hotmail.com
www.deroussel.com



exp REALTY **MD**

Please Patronize Our Advertisers – To Place an Ad, Call 1-800-292-9020.

Gertrude, Cincinnati, OH #3800-JM/2/26/24