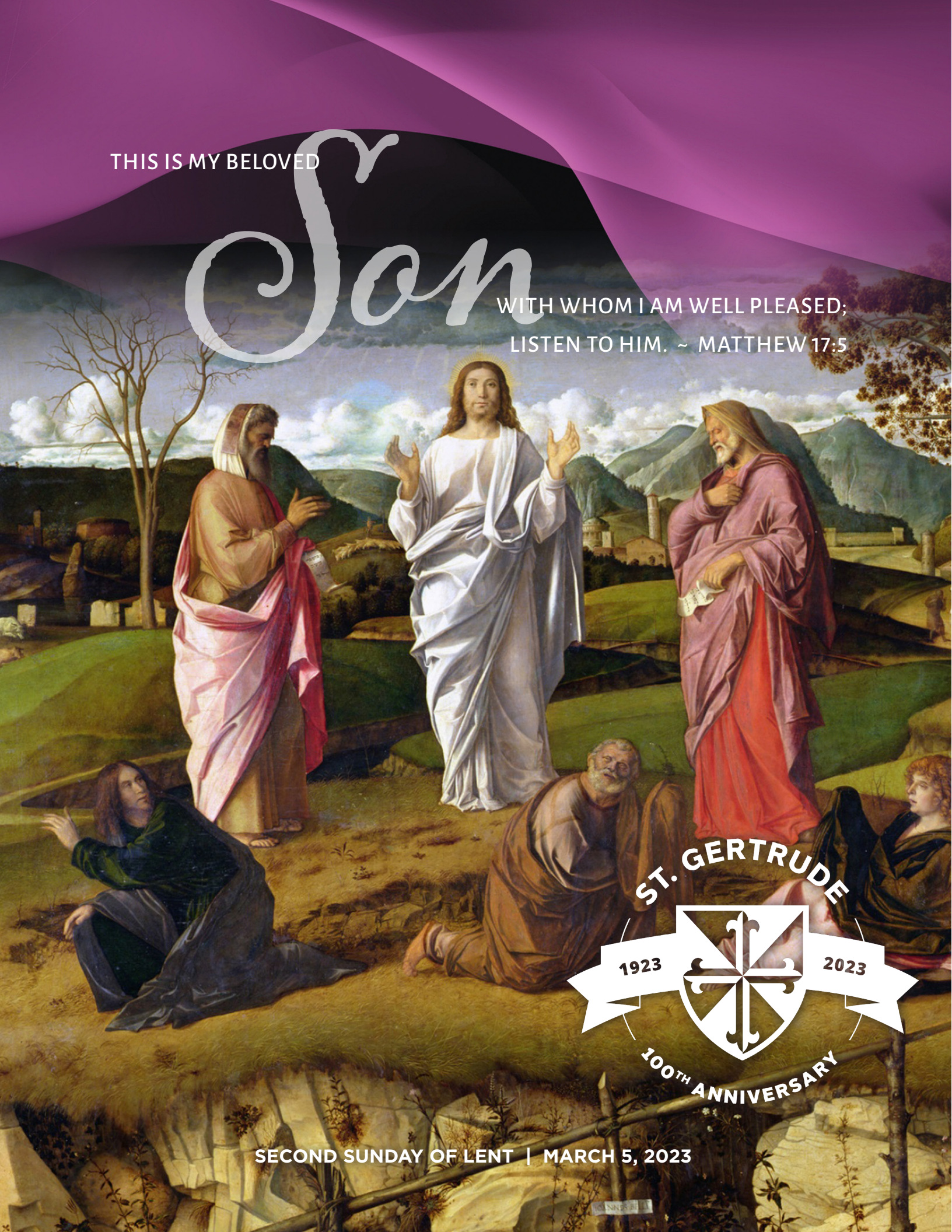


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WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED;  
LISTEN TO HIM. ~ MATTHEW 17:5



ST. GERTRUDE

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 5, 2023

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Maria Phuong Hung by Thien Cao  
8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by The Clanton Family  
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, March 7, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Patsy "Ziggy" Scalo by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg  
8 a.m. † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family  
11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne

### Wednesday, March 8, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Sherry Schuler & Family  
8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Mike & Elaine O'Connell  
11:30 a.m. The Teller Family by Katie Stoiber

### Thursday, March 9, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Maxine Daniel by The Daniel Family  
8 a.m. † Mary Knause by Terry & Pat Baute  
11:30 a.m. † Sister Rita Stalzer, CSJ, by The Stein Family

### Friday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jeannette Hoffman by Jennifer & Gary Black  
8 a.m. † Ty Kane by Mary Smithers  
11:30 a.m. Grace Vogelsang by Rita Johantges

### Saturday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Don Conlin by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin  
11:30 a.m. † Paul Arling by Cynthia Hertzell  
4:30 p.m. † Joseph Pirriglia by Joy & John Belperio

### Sunday, March 12, 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. † Laura Johns by Dolores Brandstetter & Jeannie Mueller  
10 a.m. † William Farrell by Knights of Columbus  
12 p.m. † John Cataline by Charlene Bosken  
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  
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[parishoffice@st.gertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@st.gertrude.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.

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Join us for a viewing of



Friday, March 24, 2023

St. Gertrude Gym

5 p.m. Pizza | 5:45 p.m. Watch Party

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want to miss this event—or the surprise at the end  
of the episode!

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## ON FINE DINING AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

I found myself recently musing on how there is such a broad spectrum of restaurants in our culture. At one end of the spectrum, there are the “fast food” chains—quick, simple, low on atmosphere but cheap and convenient when in a hurry. At the other end

of the spectrum, there are places that offer the experience we generally refer to as “fine dining.” Having a meal at this sort of restaurant is radically different from stopping for a burger at McDonald’s. And while it is true that the quality of the food at a fine dining establishment is typically much higher than a fast food joint, the difference in the dining experience encompasses so much more than just the food.

What are some of these differences? Well, I suspect that for most of us, going out to a really nice restaurant is something we plan in advance. We likely make reservations so we will know a table will be ready for us and are certain to keep our schedule free of any other events that evening. If eating out is a relatively uncommon event, we might experience growing excitement in the days leading up to the “big night.” When the day comes, we dress up in extra nice clothes. Upon arriving, there’s no “rush” to order and eat quickly like at a fast food place. We might begin by ordering drinks while looking



over the menu. Perhaps order appetizers. Likely, our main meal will be preceded by salads and/or soups, and of course the ubiquitous basket of bread or fancy dinner rolls. We likely take advantage of the time between courses to engage in intentional conversation with the person (or people) we are with. We look around and soak in the ambiance of the room . . . the decorations on the walls, the centerpieces on the tables, the carpeted floors, perhaps the majestic views out the windows. There might be beautiful classical music (softly) playing in the background. The restaurant staff is likely much more nicely dressed than what is found among fast food workers. When the main course arrives we might “ooh” and “ahh” at each other’s selections, making comments about the intricacies of the presentation, seasoning, and so forth. And after the meal is over, lingering even longer over coffee and dessert is often the capstone of the evening’s meal.

So why, in a bulletin letter, would I spend so much time describing the difference between these two restaurant experiences? Because, I think there are a lot of parallels to be found in how we experience attending Mass. I’m convinced that, at least in many parishes throughout the country, many Catholics who regularly attend Sunday Mass do so in more of a “fast food” mindset. The goal is to get in and out as quickly as possible. There might be minimal

focus on taking in the “ambiance” of the Mass, perhaps not much intentional conversation (with God, i.e. prayer), and not much effort or desire to arrive early or linger afterwards. Are these people fulfilling their Sunday obligation? Yes, they are. But I suspect that the “fast food” attendees rarely experience Mass in such a way that it makes a significant impact in the rest of their lives.

But there are others who experience Sunday Mass more along the lines of fine dining. It is the calendar item that has the highest priority on their schedules. They look forward to it for days in advance. They dress up extra nicely. They show up early to spend time before Mass in prayer, or perhaps reading the readings ahead of time (the “appetizer.”) They intentionally focus on every detail of the Mass while it’s happening and actively “pray through” the entire Mass as one big, intentional conversation with God. Rather than rushing out as soon as Mass is over, they remain behind for some time (even if only a couple of minutes) to pray a prayer of thanksgiving (the “dessert”) for the sacred banquet in which they have just participated. In short, they invest themselves in every aspect of this beautiful gift known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

And as for most of us? I suspect that for most of us, most of the time, we are somewhere in between. Lots of factors (some within our control, others often out of our control) can impact our ability to arrive early, focus while we are there, or spend time in prayer afterward. Often, we might desperately wish to do these things, but “life circumstances” (sometimes known as “toddlers” haha) currently make them a near impossibility. If that describes you, that’s okay. Relax. God sees your heart, and he knows all.

To whatever degree it is possible this Lent, may all of us focus and try to make our experience of Sunday Mass a little closer to the experience of fine dining. The price of admission is free, and the benefits are out of this world.

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

## PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



### A Prayer during Lent

O Lord Jesus, defend and protect me from the malevolent enemy, who prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; lest my enemy say: “I have prevailed against them.” Amen.

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Transfiguration*, Bellini (1480)

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 6-10:** Cognitive Ability Tests (Grades 2, 3, 5, 7)
- **March 7:** Second Trimester Report Cards Published
- **March 16:** Primary Program
- **March 17:** Grandparents' Day; 1:30 p.m. Dismissal

## LENTEN MADNESS

Lenten Madness (a spin-off of March Madness) has begun! In this fun activity, the students will learn about Eucharistic saints, who have been put into brackets (like the March Madness bracket). Saints will advance in the competition based on votes from the student body. The students have already learned about Pope St. John Paul II and St. Peter Julian. The brackets are in the cafeteria.

## FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

On Tuesday, February 28, the fourth graders went on a field trip to visit the Washington Heights School, also known as The Little Red Schoolhouse. The kids learned about 1795 history and the Treaty of Greenville, touched on 1800s school history, and engaged in interactive stations. They were even called in from the schoolyard by the ringing of a bell. A big thanks to the Indian Hill Historical Society for engaging our students in a one-room schoolhouse experience!



## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of March 6, 2023, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## DISCIPLINE ISN'T A BAD THING!



## POSITIVE PARENTING AND BEHAVIOR COACHING

### ABOUT THIS CLASS:

Scott Borchers, LPCC will provide practical ways for parents to set and enforce expectations and boundaries.

### OUR MAIN TOPICS:



#### Emotional Regulation

How to help children develop this important ability



#### Behavior Modification

How parents can discipline in a consistent, non-emotional way

**DATE AND PLACE**  
March 14, 2023 - 7:00PM  
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

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**MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS: ANN MCCORMICK**

*Every once in a while, the St. Gertrude Church bulletin features an interview with one of our dedicated volunteers. This month, we're highlighting Ann McCormick, who leads our St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild.*

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Would you tell us a little bit about yourself and your family?

**Ann McCormick:** I was born and raised in Indiana and moved to Cincinnati after college to work at Cincinnati Children's Hospital where I am a physical therapist. My husband, Martin, and I have been married for 15 years and have a daughter, Maggie, who is an eighth grader at St. Gertrude School. I also have three grown stepchildren. We live in Madeira with our backyard chickens and dog. I joined St. Gertrude Parish when I got married, but my husband is a lifelong parishioner.

**SGB:** What is the St. Anne & the Child Mary Guild, and what inspired you to get involved?

**Ann:** The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild (St. Anne's Guild) is a spiritual group that was created to give the girls of our parish an opportunity to grow in faith and friendship, and learn about the various vocations God may be calling them to, and to be more tangibly involved in serving the parish community. We meet monthly for

breakfast and fellowship and typically have a speaker, do a craft or activity, and clean the church. My daughter, Maggie, has absolutely loved this group, so when I was invited to help lead, I was excited about the opportunity.

**SGB:** Why is it important to have a group (like the St. Anne Guild) for young girls in today's culture?

**Ann:** This group is important because it gives our girls an opportunity to see the beauty and value of living their Catholic faith day-to-day and to meet and be mentored by Catholic women. In today's secular world, it's critical for girls to have examples of Catholic women who beautifully live their faith in all walks of life.

**SGB:** What do you enjoy most about leading the St. Anne Guild?

**Ann:** I love the energy and enthusiasm the girls bring to each meeting. They are a joy to be with. We have a fantastic group that really has fun both socializing and working together.

**SGB:** What do you like to do for fun?

**Ann:** My family and I love to camp and travel. I enjoy time outside and like to walk and garden, but I also love to curl up with a good book.



**Come as you are**

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

**"If you can reach the heart, the behavior will take care of itself."**

Lisa Brenninkmeyer  
Founder and Chief Purpose Officer, Walking with Purpose

We so badly want to teach our children well, but how often do we discipline our children for outward behavior rather than reaching the heart? This week, the women of Walking with Purpose invite you to join us to watch the *Opening Your Heart* video, *Children—Reaching Your Child's Heart*. Together we will learn to discipline those we love in the way that God intended, with the truths that God values.

Come with a desire to better the next generation, have great conversation, and drink good coffee.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 10th  
Social time with treats 8:30-9 am  
Video and discussion 9-10:30 am

**WHERE:** St. Dominic Lobby in the Parish Center  
\*Childcare available

For more information, contact:  
[www.st.gertrude@gmail.com](mailto:www.st.gertrude@gmail.com)

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

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**St. Anne's Guild**

A Spiritual Group for Girls in Grades 5-8

All girls in grades 5-8 are invited to join the St. Anne Guild. We meet once a month during the school year (September-May), usually on the second Saturday, for breakfast and social time, to care for the church, hear a short talk, and to do a fun activity or craft. Meetings are from 9 to 11:15 a.m. at the Parish Center.



**For more information, please visit [stgertrude.org/stanneguild](http://stgertrude.org/stanneguild) or contact Ann McCormick at [ann.mccormick@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mccormick@gmail.com).**

Spend an hour  
with Jesus every  
week this Lent.



**WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR +  
"EUCHARISTIC HOLINESS" SERIES**  
7:30-8:30 p.m | St. Gertrude Church

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

Wednesday, March 15

Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.  
*The Eucharist and Thanksgiving*

Wednesday, March 29

Father John Langlois, O.P.  
*The Eucharist and Spiritual Hunger*

Wednesday, March 22

Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.  
*The Eucharist and the Saints*

Wednesday, April 5

Father Michael Dosch, O.P.  
*The Eucharist and Mercy*

**SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS**

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude Church parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, March 26, and Sunday, April 23. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up in the Parish Center lobby before or after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Masses next Sunday, March 12. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at [SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org](mailto:SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org).

**BAPTISM**

Sunday, January 29, 2023



Child: Richard Francis Stein  
Parents: David & Monica Stein

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY**

Do you pray the rosary every day? The St. Gertrude Chapter of the Confraternity of the Rosary will be enrolling new members during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Members of the confraternity make a commitment to pray at least the original 15 mysteries of the rosary at least once every week for the rest of their lives and to include in the intentions of each rosary the intentions of every other member of the confraternity throughout the whole Church. In return, members benefit from the prayers of every member of the confraternity throughout the world, from a share of the prayers of the Dominican Order and, in a particular way, from the prayers of all of the saints in heaven. Both parishioners and nonparishioners of St. Gertrude Church may be enrolled, and you can be enrolled even if you cannot attend the ceremony (though the enrollment ceremony is highly encouraged). Learn more about the confraternity at [rosaryconfraternity.org](http://rosaryconfraternity.org). If you would like to be enrolled, please RSVP with your name, address, and phone number to [rosary@stgertrude.org](mailto:rosary@stgertrude.org). As a part of the enrollment ceremony, new enrollees receive a blessed medal, rosary, and candle. Please consider helping offset the cost of these items by making a freewill offering of \$20.

**BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION**

All children of St. Gertrude Church who will be in grades K-8 for the 2023-2024 school year are invited to join the 2023 Bulldogs football program. Practices begin the third week in July. Learn more, and register today at [sgsbulldogs.org/registration](http://sgsbulldogs.org/registration). If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact one of the coordinators listed on the registration page.

**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

THE SICK:

Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Richard Mahler, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Judy Sullivan, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Ian Tester, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

All Our Beloved Dead

**MOTHER OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend collecting items for Mother of Christ Food Pantry, which serves the poor and needy families in the St. Bernard Parish area who are struggling to make ends meet. In addition to all nonperishable food items, the pantry has special needs for toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers like Pine-Sol, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash and check donations are welcome, too. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you very much for your help!

**LADIES OF CHARITY CEREMONY & LUNCHEON**

The Ladies of Charity annual Investiture Ceremony for all new members will take place next Saturday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m. Mass, followed by their annual luncheon in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. All current Ladies of Charity are asked to make every effort to attend this important event—and invite a friend. If you did not RSVP by March 1 and would still like to attend, please contact Marilyn Scherpenberg at jmscherp@yahoo.com or (513) 831-4667.

Any practicing Catholic woman who is 18 or older from any parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is welcome to join the Ladies of Charity! There are currently women in the organization who range in age from young professionals to retired senior citizens. There is no strict time commitment, and there are plenty of opportunities throughout the year to help. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

**LENTEN LUNCH WITH THE LORD**

Join Dr. Ceil Dorger for the Lenten Lunch with the Lord series at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (325 W 8th St., Cincinnati) on March 15, 22, and 29. The series will be a meditation on the art that illustrates the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. As Mary said “yes” to being the Mother of God, so also did she accept the sufferings that went with the role. Come for the three Wednesdays in Lent as you and others discover the depth of Mary’s love manifested in her own suffering. Bring a friend and a brown bag lunch if you wish. The event is free and begins right after 11:30 a.m. Mass downstairs in Synod Hall.



**WOMEN’S RETREAT – THE IDENTITY OF THE CATHOLIC WOMAN**

Knowing and understanding our dignity as beloved daughters of the Father, fashioned for spiritual and physical receptivity and modeling the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may be the most important step in knowing and receiving God’s love and healing in our lives. This retreat, based on the teachings of Pope

St. John Paul II, is for women of all ages and consists of Mass, adoration, and confession. Meals and guest rooms available for a donation. The retreat will be held March 17-18 at Presentation Ministries’ Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles, Ohio 45660). For more information or to register, visit [presentationministries.com](http://presentationministries.com) or call (513) 373-2397.

# I AM WITH YOU

PARISH MISSION 2023

**Wednesday, March 8**

He is in Our Midst  
7PM | Chris Stefanick Presentation  
Meet & Greet Book Signing

**Thursday, March 9**

Worthiness & Forgiveness  
6PM | Dinner (RSVP)  
7PM | Fr. Ryan Ruiz, S.L.D. & NET Ministries  
Exposition & Confessions available

**Friday, March 10**

Divine Mercy & Personal Relationship  
6PM | Pizza & Ponderings for Grades 6-12  
7PM | Stations of the Cross  
8PM | Holy Mass with Pastor Jim Riehle

**TO REGISTER, VISIT: [WWW.SAINT-MAX.ORG/PARISHMISSION](http://WWW.SAINT-MAX.ORG/PARISHMISSION)**

## NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

**FEATURING:**  
**Jonathan Roumie**

**CONFERENCE DETAILS:**

**Where:** Cintas Center, Cincinnati, OH

**When:** Saturday, March 25th, 2023

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

**Theme:** Your Role as the Body of Christ

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



**ASK A PRIEST—THE  
“PURGATORY” OF THE  
PRESENT MOMENT**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** This year, I had the sense that God was asking me to do something very specific for Lent. However, now I feel depressed as to how grumpy and disheveled I get when I give up certain comforts and commit to

other, higher things. Do you have any spiritual advice for this?

**A:** It sounds like you’re facing purgatory—but here and now! You have my sympathy. At the very least, you should know that what you describe suggests to me *that you’re doing something right*. And why do I say that? Because Lent is a kind of “purgatory”—a period of purification—from all that which distracts us from God and the promise of eternal life with God.<sup>1</sup> Scripture tells us that this process, even if painful in the moment, turns out to be a great blessing: God’s beloved sons and daughters are purified in the course of their trials like precious metal is purified by intense temperatures.



During Lent, we respond to Christ who tells us, “Repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:15) and the Church which vividly reminds us on Ash Wednesday, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” (Gen 3:19). So our Lenten practices keep the reality of sin, mortality, repentance, and faith in eternal life keenly before our eyes. During this time, we train ourselves to embrace the “purgatory” of the present moment so that selfish ways are “melted away” and our hearts better reflect the “shimmer” of God’s love.

Specifically, the practice of fasting—hunger pangs and all—becomes a bodily expression of prayer’s desire for a deeper, purer love. When fasting, we can learn to pray like this:

*“One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God”* (Jesus in Matthew 4:4; see also Deuteronomy 8:3).

And like this:

*“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work”* (Jesus in John 4:34).

And like this:

*“O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup; it is you yourself who are my prize”* (Psalm 16:5).

So don’t be distraught when fasting and other Lenten disciplines show you your limits, both physical and spiritual. In these moments, Jesus teaches us to rely on God’s love and care for us. God will provide! Most of all, this experience teaches us that our physical strength and good psychological and moral dispositions all rely on God’s mercy, building upon the normal and healthy ways in which we take care of ourselves. Ultimately, solely human efforts pale. Someday, each of us will “return to dust.” However, we have come face-to-face with the Son of Man who is also the Son of God. By his grace, he has made even temptation and suffering profitable.

<sup>1</sup> For more about the Catholic teaching on Purgatory as a place of purification after death, see Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1030-32.

*Ask a Priest is the regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*

**LENTEN REMINDERS -  
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Monday, March 6	Tuesday, March 7	Wednesday, March 8	Thursday, March 9	Friday, March 10	Saturday, March 11	Sunday, March 12
<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Catechism in a Year Discussion Group</b> 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Resurrection Choir Practice</b> 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>CGS Level I</b> 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	<b>Walking with Purpose Bible Study</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Catholic Men's Fellowship</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>KofC Super Cash Raffle Sales</b> After all Masses Outside Church
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Strategic Planning Executive/Core Team Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Parish Choir</b> 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>NFP Instructor Meeting</b> 10 a.m. PC Choir Room	<b>LofC Investiture Mass</b> 11:30 a.m. Mass	<b>Soup Kitchen Sign-ups</b> After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses St. Dominic Lobby
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 p.m. Church	<b>CGS Level I &amp; II</b> 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	<b>Cub Scouts</b> 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria		<b>Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús</b> 4:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>LofC Investiture Luncheon</b> After 11:30 a.m. Mass School Cafeteria	<b>Parish Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
<b>Seasons of Hope</b> 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Strategic Planning Workshop #2</b> 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Lenten True Presence Night with Adoration, Confessions &amp; Music</b> 7:30 p.m. Church		<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 7 p.m. Church	<b>K of C Super Cash Raffle Sales</b> After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	<b>Little Flower Library Open</b> 8:45-11:15 a.m.
	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7 p.m. Gym	<b>The Vigil Project Reception</b> Following Lenten program St. Dominic Lobby				<b>CGS Level I &amp; II</b> 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II

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**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report**  
Collection for February 26

Collection	\$	33,664
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	(\$	2,836)

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,338,048
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,291,000
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