



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

March 7, 2021



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MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, March 8, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Tom & Christin Spurr
8:00 a.m. †Margaret Eckenrode/Terry Overbey
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, March 9, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Pat Keeler/Steve Bay
8:00 a.m. †Suzanne Stegman/Gary & Denise Crouch
11:30 a.m. †Betty Schirmer Miller/Nancy & Scott Wallace

Wednesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. John Spilker/Lisa & James Bertke
8:00 a.m. †Elmer William Gardner/Heidi & Ron
11:30 a.m. †Lucy Tran/Thien Cao

Thursday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Rosemary Quinlan/Dennis Schone
8:00 a.m. †Claire Wolcott/Bob & Jan Tribbe
11:30 a.m. †Shirley Seeger/The Butschie Family

Friday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Heinen/Tricia Speicher
8:00 a.m. †Mary Lou Brockman/Susan & Herb Wandstrat
11:30 a.m. †Duane Steiner/Steve Leverone

Saturday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Evelyn Remenowsky/Carol & Jeff Remenowsky
11:30 a.m. †John & Margaret Solitario/Gerald Solitario

March 13-14, 4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

†Jeanette Watkins/The Wahl Family

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased

†Aida Gort/The Nieto Family

†Jack Schuler/Bill & Gindy Schneller

†Tom Bescanceney/Malissa & Nick Frohlich

†Jane Thole/John & Mary Jo Eimermacher

**Confessions will be heard in the church each week
Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.**

Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST. GERTRUDE

It is time once again to seek nominations for open positions on the Pastoral Council of St. Gertrude. 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 them.

Nominations will be accepted up to March 8th, 2021.

Submit nominations using the form below. Drop in the collection basket or bring/send to the parish office.
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I would like to nominate the following parishioner for consideration for St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council.

Name: _____

Contact Information: Telephone # _____ Email Address: _____

This person is being nominated by: _____



EASTER NOTES

As we progress through the Lenten season, it is time to look ahead to the schedule for Holy Week and Easter. The ongoing pandemic and the protocols to be followed require that we prepare with adequate time. The guidance provided from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati includes some special permissions for this year only (and is subject to clarification or revision should any specific guidance for 2021 be received from the USCCB or Rome). Permission is granted this year for a second Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday; and a second Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. These permissions are granted for the legitimate pastoral need of providing seating capacity while maintaining social distancing.

Additionally, some of the Masses and liturgies will be celebrated in accord with optional rubrics provided by the Church in the Roman Missal. Most notable will be the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday when the entire assembly will adore the Cross in silence while remaining in place. Other options will be followed that provide for a safe celebration for everyone. Please note, again, that these options are provided by the Church as worthy and legitimate in any year, not just in a time of public health concern.

We have the blessing here at St. Gertrude that many people have returned to church for Mass and the Sacraments. Our Masses are well-attended, and we have been able to accommodate everyone with an "overflow" Mass in the gym. The experience of previous years is a reminder that even more people participate in the Masses and liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. Following recommendations from the Archdiocese, there will be an **advance reservation requirement** for all these Masses and liturgies to gauge and regulate capacity. Overall, the reservation system worked very well at Christmas; and we can take that experience as guidance and use the system for Easter. We plan to use this system only when necessary, i.e. Holy Thursday, Good Friday (afternoon services only), the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. **The reservation system will be available on March 15, starting at 12:00 noon and will remain open through 11:59 p.m. on March 24.** Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will follow the regular Sunday schedule with overflow Masses in the gym as needed. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m., and outdoor Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil will begin at 9:00 p.m.

Please note that no additional times are scheduled for sacramental Confession, except during the St. Joseph Triduum (March 17-19). We will maintain the regular Confession schedule through Wednesday of Holy Week. No Confessions during the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. The regular schedule will resume on Easter Monday.

In the midst of options and reservations, we are celebrating moments of grace. These liturgies are the memorial of the events of our redemption and salvation. Trusting in the Lord's presence and action, these celebrations can fill us with joy, hope, and gratitude for the new life, freedom, and peace that we have in Jesus Christ.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

St. Joseph Triduum
March 17-19, 2021

Join the Dominican Friars for a special series of events to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph within the year dedicated to him.

For details, visit:
stgertrude.org/news/st-joseph-triduum

 **ST. GERTRUDE**
 CHURCH

COVER IMAGE: "Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well," photographed detail of Stained glass window from the church of St Alphonsus in Windsor, Ontario, by Very Rev. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Used with permission.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On February 23, 2021, St. Gertrude School second grade students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. During the school day they prepared for the sacrament by going to Mass, praying together, working in the atrium, and learning about their Baptismal promises. The novice brothers spent the day helping with activities with the students.



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MEET THE TEAM: MICHELLE ROBERTS

Each month, the St. Gertrude Bulletin will feature an interview with a member of the Evangelization Team at the church. This month, we're highlighting Michelle Roberts, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd assistant.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Can you explain a bit about what you do at St. Gertrude?

Michelle: As the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant, I am blessed to work with both the Church and School children from ages 3-9 years old. Here in the atrium, we continue to discover the many ways that God reveals Himself to us. I present various works such as The Kingdom of God parables and Infancy Narratives to the children. After these presentations, they have the opportunity to work silently and prayerfully. Also, loving music as much as I do, we also sing in the Atrium, hand motions are a must!

SGB: Had you always planned on doing ministry?

Michelle: I grew up in the church. I was a member of The Legion of Mary, faithfully attended Youth Group, World Youth Days, and led Music Ministry groups in college. Now that I think about it, ministry runs through my veins. After graduating from Franciscan University, my first "grown-up" job was as a Youth Minister at a parish in Lancaster, PA. From there I went on to Campus Ministry in Fort Worth, TX and then to Royal Oak, MI. I enjoyed working with teens on retreats, prayer services and liturgies. It was always such a great experience to see the youth encounter Christ. And here I am now, working with children who have a deep love for Jesus.

SGB: How did you come to know about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Michelle: My own children attend St. Gertrude School and I signed up to volunteer during their atrium time when my youngest was in the 1st grade. After some prayer, discernment (and some gentle prodding from Cindy Wurzelbacher) I completed The United States Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Course. I am certified to teach both Levels 1 and 2.

SGB: Let's switch gears and move from professional responsibilities to personal life. Were you born and raised in Cincinnati?

Michelle: I was born in 1974 in Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean. We moved to Mississauga, Ontario, Canada in January of 1982. We moved from the warm and sunny hammock lounging pace of island life to the dead of winter where the frigid air hurts your face. We now consider Cincinnati our home. Although, we have never tried Skyline Chili.

SGB: Describe your family a bit, if you don't mind.



Michelle: I'm married to my college sweetheart, Nathan. We met at Franciscan University and dated for 4 years. After an 11-month engagement, we were married in my home parish of St. Catherine of Siena in October 2000. We have four beautiful children. Kolbe (19) who is currently in Basic Training for the Army. Clare (18) who is a 2nd semester Freshman at UC Blue Ash. Claudia (12) is in 7th grade. She was born in Grenada, West Indies. My husband attended Medical School on the island. Nathan (10) is in 5th grade and currently a Level 7 gymnast.

SGB: How did your family end up at St. Gertrude?

Michelle: During the summer when we moved here from Michigan, I took all four children to a local park. A person at the park noticed my scapular (I was wearing a tank top) and he said



"I've seen those before, but never on a person, only hanging on door knobs" We began chatting about the promises of the Brown Scapular and our faith. He asked what church I attended and I told him we were looking for a parish. He suggested St. Gertrude because he was also a parishioner and it was such a family centered parish. The following Sunday we went to Mass here, and as they say, "The rest is history." We've been parishioners for 10 years and I've yet to meet the mysterious man from the park.

SGB: What do you like to do for fun?



Michelle: I love to dance! I took ballroom dancing lessons for 6 years. I love it so much that I wanted to dance and exercise at the same time, so I became a Zumba Instructor ten years ago. I love to read. Singing is an all time favorite for me. You can find me singing and dancing with a broom or mop in my house. Music from the 80s is an all time favorite. I also love walking with my husband. During the lockdown we discovered our love of evening walks. And finally, any family time. We have a family trip tradition to play mini golf wherever we go. We always have a blast of competitive fun.

Lenten Fish Fry Drive-Thru

Fridays

February 26 & March 12 & 26

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Take-out Only
at the School Entrance

Fish Plate
2 Hand Dipped Fried Haddock Filets
or
Roasted Lemon Dill Salmon
with french fries, garlic green beans & cole slaw
\$12

Pizza
Large Italianette Cheese Pizza
\$12



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS CANCELLED

The St. Gertrude School Passion Play will take place the evening of March 12, therefore Stations of the Cross for March 12 in the church has been cancelled. The Passion Play is not a public event this year due to COVID.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

We have volunteer positions available on our board. If you are interested in getting involved with our athletic program, now is the time. We are accepting nominations for: President, Treasurer, Interim-secretary, and Cheer coordinator.

For questions, nominations, or other information, please contact Marc Gerwel, Athletic Boosters President at 513-774-7779.



Got your fill of Winter yet?



It's time to plan for a HOT Summer!

The Bulldog Football program is gearing up for the 2021 season. Be a proud part of the Dog Pack and join our long-standing tradition of player safety, character information and competitive excellence.

Registration opens **March 1st**
and will close on March 31st.

To find contacts and information,
and to register, visit the St.
Gertrude Booster's site at
www.sgsbulldogs.org



INTRODUCING MyStGertrude

We are happy to announce the forthcoming launch of MyStGertrude, an online platform that will handle your parish needs! MyStGertrude will allow your online experience as a parishioner to be more centralized with *improved communications, easier registration processes, and housing your giving data and payments all in one place.* Be on the lookout for emails and bulletin updates in the coming weeks.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Anthony Alvarez, Michael Bell, Lisa Bertke, Bettie Caudill, Larry & Pat Collins, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Joe Holly, Hummel Family, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Ann Lukey, Frank Merle, Sandra Munyon, Leo Napuri, Gerry Patterson, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, John Sweeney, Mary Saul, Mary Valker and Bill Van Hise

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Michael J. Simon – brother of John Simon

BAPTISM



Child: Sawyer Kathleen Smith
Parents: Kaitlin & Matthew Smith

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

From February 17th to March 28th our community will unite with many others from coast to coast – and internationally – for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a **vision** to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.

The **mission** of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

- **Peaceful Vigil:** We will be standing for life throughout the campaign at the local **Planned Parenthood** abortion facility, 2314 Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati.

St. Gertrude Church will participate in 40 Days for Life on Monday March 22nd at Planned Parenthood. The hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for this will take place after the Sunday Masses, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 21st. Questions? Contact Debbie Graham at 513-984-4766 or 513-703-5252.

If you still need more information to help you decide where to get involved beyond St. Gertrude's, you may:

- Contact Mary Clark at 513-791-4039/513-365-2606 or cincy40days@fuse.net.
- Take time to pray and ask God to show you His plans for your involvement.

SUPER CASH BONANZA

The Knights of Columbus invite you to help support their charitable efforts in the St. Gertrude parish and around the greater Cincinnati community by purchasing tickets for their annual Super Cash Bonanza fundraiser. You could win one of the 25 cash prizes awarded to the winner in a drawing on May 22nd! The Knights will be outside after Masses on March 13-14 selling tickets for \$5.00 per ticket. Thanks to St. Gertrude parishioners for their continued support of the Knights of Columbus!



CALLING ALL LADIES OF CHARITY

Our annual Investiture Ceremony for all new members will take place on Saturday, March 13th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by our Annual Luncheon in the School Cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend this important event. Invite a friend. Any practicing Catholic woman who is 18 or older from any parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is welcome to join! There are currently women in the organization who range from young professionals to retired senior citizens. Whatever your age, whatever you do, you will find life's greatest fulfillment comes through serving those who need you. There is no strict time commitment! It's as little or as much time as you have available and there are plenty of opportunities throughout the year to help. New (and/or prospective) members should contact Jean Wilkinson, at 513-498-5085, before March 3rd. Please RSVP for lunch to Marilyn Scherpenberg at jmscherp@yahoo.com or 513-831-4667 by March 6th.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Caregiver needed. Caregiver needed for an elderly long-term parishioner. \$20.00 per hour; perfect for a retired nurse or medical person. Please call Vicki at 403-2509.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Some thoughts to consider are to offer prayer and fasting for someone you know is struggling, refrain from buying yourself that treat, and place that money in the SVdP Poor Boxes at the church entrances, or place nonperishable food items in the SVdP Food Barrel inside the Sacristy Door. If you know of an individual or a family that needs assistance, have them call 513-561-5954, ext. 2112 and leave a message on the SVdP line. A St. Gertrude's SVdP Volunteer member will contact them within twenty-four hours.



**ASK A PRIEST –
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Many people in the parish talk about Eucharistic Adoration. Do I have to participate in order to be a good Catholic?

A: Catholics learn to love the Eucharist. Everyone, from the Pope to the youngest child at St. Gertrude, began by learning to genuflect as a sign of adoration before the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a “first step” before making one’s first Holy Communion. Most Catholic Churches enjoy the privilege of housing the consecrated Host in a Tabernacle so that the Eucharistic Lord may be brought to the sick for Holy Communion or adored by the faithful outside of Mass. Substantially, this is the same Jesus Christ present under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine who was adored by the three Magi (see Mt 2:11) and the women at the tomb (see Mt 28:8) two thousand years ago! Like the disciples who recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread on the road to Emmaus, our hearts can also burn with love and gratitude when we welcome “under our roofs” the Lord who fulfills faith’s expectations (see Lk 24:13-35). Which of us would not want to experience their insight and joy through such an extraordinary encounter?

Adoration or worship of the Eucharist happens first of all at every Mass, which the Catechism calls “the center of the Church’s life.” Jesus designed this Memorial of His Passion and commanded His apostles to repeat it, as the Church requires of Catholics to this day.¹ Jesus’ powerful words, “This is my Body...this cup...is the new covenant in my blood” (Lk 22:19) are the reason we kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite at Mass. It is the reason for our noble altar rail and all the other adornments in the church and sanctuary that make us feel like we have entered a great King’s court. The proclamation of the “Mystery of Faith” after the consecration of the Mass cues us into the truth that the same Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to save the world by His death and Resurrection two thousand years ago, still lowers Himself to come to our altar several times a day so that we can experience the grace of salvation in our own bodies. What’s (or *who’s*) not to love and adore!

Eucharistic Adoration is highly encouraged outside of Mass as well, whether in the quiet of the Church before the flickering sanctuary lamp (signifying that the Tabernacle is occupied) or in a chapel dedicated to adoration of Jesus in the Blessed

Sacrament. Shortly following the Second Vatican Council, the Sacred Congregation of Rites published an Instruction called *Eucharisticum Mysterium* that contains a profound defense of Eucharistic Adoration and how it can help Catholics better participate in the Mass. Paragraph 50 is worth close consideration:

“When the faithful adore Christ present in the sacrament, they should remember that this presence derives from the sacrifice [of the Mass] and is directed toward both sacramental and spiritual Communion.

In consequence, the devotion which leads the faithful to visit the Blessed Sacrament draws them into an ever deeper participation in the Paschal Mystery. It leads them to respond gratefully to the gift of Him who through His humanity constantly pours divine life into the members of His body. Dwelling with Christ our Lord, they enjoy His intimate friendship and pour out their hearts before Him for themselves and their dear ones, and pray for the peace and salvation of the world. They offer their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, and receive in this wonderful exchange an increase of faith, hope and charity. Thus, they nourish those right dispositions which enable them with all due devotion to celebrate the memorial of the Lord and receive frequently the bread given us by the Father.”

The faithful should therefore strive to worship Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, in harmony with their way of life. Pastors should exhort them to this, and set them a good example.”



Eucharistic Adoration, inside as well as outside of Mass, is a foundational practice for all who wish to know and love Jesus more deeply. It will happen at

different times and intervals depending on our responsibilities and mobility. For all, it has a way of making the many aspects of one’s Catholic life “click” together. It will lead to our hearts being “set on fire” with the gift Jesus came to give.

1 See Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 1341-1344 and 2042 for the rationale behind the sanctification of Sundays and holy days firstly through participation at Mass. When, for serious reasons, the faithful are not able to attend Mass, the Church asks them to “devote themselves to prayer for a suitable time alone, as a family, or, as the occasion permits, in groups of families.” See Code of Canon Law 1247, para 2.

“Ask a priest” will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

Monday, March 8	Tuesday, March 9	Wednesday, March 10	Thursday, March 11	Friday, March 12	Saturday, March 13	Sunday, March 14
1:30 p.m. Parish Office Opens	True Devotion 12:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Consoling the Heart of Jesus 9:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Stations of the Cross CANCELLED	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Religious Education 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria & Atrium
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria		Ladies of Charity Investiture Mass 11:30 a.m. Church	HSYM Discipleship Cells 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Dominican Laity: Our Lady of Peace 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Religious Education Flexible Family Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	PHM Health Cabinet Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.				
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Parish Center Gym	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				
RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Dominican Laity: Bishop Fenwick Chapter 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby					
	SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Library					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.					

On March 8, the Parish and School staff will be on their annual Lenten retreat. Therefore, the Parish Office will be closed until 1:30 p.m. Please keep the staff in your prayers.

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit:
stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/.

CMA UPDATE

2021 Goal:	\$ 93,470
Current Gifts/Pledges:	\$ 52,737
% of Goal:	56%

Please note that there is a 2nd collection supporting CISE on March 13-14.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for February 28	
Weekly Budget	\$ 38,235
Collection	\$ 38,017
Weekly Deficit	(\$ 218)
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2021)	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,378,235
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,376,648
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$ 1,587)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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MATERIALS DUE
3/10/21

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

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