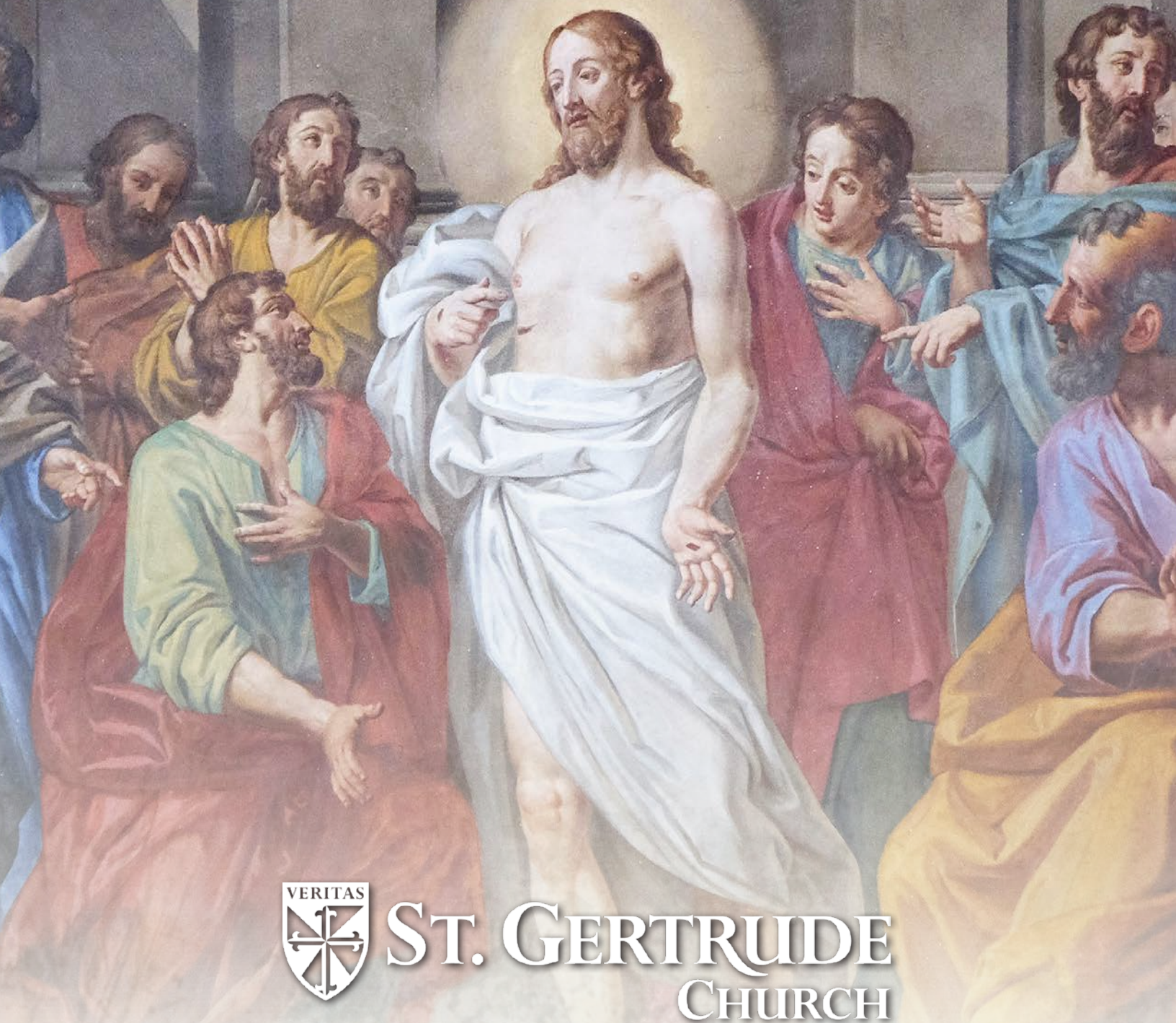


WHY ARE YOU TROUBLED?
AND WHY DO QUESTIONS
ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS?
LUKE 24:38



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 14, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, April 15, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Katie Stoiber
- 8 a.m. † Marilyn Sorrentino by Doug & Robin Postler
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, April 16, Dedication of St. Gertrude Church (S)

- 7 a.m. Nancy Wallace by Anne Schirmer
- 8 a.m. † Ann Brockhoff Lucas by Cindy Hertzler
- 11:30 a.m. People of St. Gertrude

Wednesday, April 17, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. The Dominican Sisters at St. Gertrude
by St. Gertrude Faculty and Staff
- 8 a.m. Marty Cunningham by The Resurrection Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Johantges by John & Kate Werner

Thursday, April 18, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Kevin Johnson by The Family
- 8 a.m. Gabriella Bailey by Mom & Dad
- 11:30 a.m. † John Bough, Jr. by John & Hilda Bough

Friday, April 19, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Dorothy Pifher by The Pachuk Family
- 8 a.m. † Jane Hazelton by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
- 11:30 a.m. † Joseph W. Nordloh by Jo Anne Nordloh

Saturday, April 20, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Barbara Clark
- 11:30 a.m. Dolores Brandstetter by Jeannie Mueller
- 4:30 p.m. The Terry L. Scales Family by Tricia Speicher

Sunday, April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. † Herman & Leona Fay by Naoma & Ernest Thomas
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. Bob Wurzelbacher by Respect Life Committee
- 6 p.m. Paul Kindt, Sr. by Healing Rosary Prayer Group

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

Parish Information

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(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.

ORGAN CONCERT

Presented by Christopher Holman
Director of Music

All are invited to an organ concert with works by Bach, Mendelssohn, music from the time of the American Revolution, and more. The event is free, and a collection will be taken to support upcoming special musical projects at St. Gertrude.



Saturday, April 20 | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

Mother/Daughter Sand Volleyball Social

Sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish Athletic Boosters

Enjoy indoor and outdoor volleyball, corn hole, and camaraderie!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 | 4-8 P.M.
Setters Beach Volleyball & Outdoor Lounge
4005 Hopper Hill Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45255

COST: \$30/family, includes T-shirts and pizza



Visit bit.ly/mom-daughter-social or scan the QR code to register or volunteer.

Join us to watch the film

GUADALUPE: MOTHER OF HUMANITY

Saturday, May 4
Parkland Theatre

6550 Parkland Ave., Cincinnati 45233

\$11 per person
includes small popcorn and soda

RSVP to Dina Henderson by
April 30 to (513) 207-4246.

9 a.m.
Doors open

9:15-11 a.m.
Film (in Spanish with English subtitles)

11:15-11:45 a.m.
Rosary

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Social

Dominican Rite Mass



In honor of
St. Catherine of Siena

APRIL 30 | 7 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Venerate St. Catherine's relic



SOME PARISH FACILITIES UPDATES SPRING 2024 EDITION

As Catholics, it has been quite a busy past few weeks for us in the Church. I think you will all agree that the Holy Week and Easter liturgies were especially beautiful this year, and attendance at the various Masses and other

liturgies was through the roof. It was such a joy to see how so many people gave of their time and effort to make these liturgies as special as they were. It was also a joy to see the enormous numbers of people who immersed themselves in these mysteries of our faith over the past two weeks.

Now that Easter Sunday is behind us, it seems to be a good time for a whole slew of parish updates . . . as it is going to be a VERY busy spring and summer around St. Gertrude!

FACILITIES PROJECTS

There will be a number of very needed construction projects happening on the parish grounds this summer as we work to improve our buildings to best serve our mission. One of the most noticeable will be significant renovations to the Parish Center gymnasium. We recently learned that the floor, basketball hoops, and safety padding around the gym do not meet the current safety requirements as specified by the various governing bodies that oversee our youth athletics. As such, we will be replacing all of those items in the gym this summer. We have signed the contracts for this work, and we estimate it will begin mid-July. A portion of the cost of this work will be covered by the parish, with the remaining portion to be raised through fundraising efforts of the Athletic Boosters.

We are also moving along in the process of renovating the Parish Center bathrooms and possibly the kitchen, using the money raised from the Centennial Gala for this purpose. At this point, we have a good grasp of the scope of work we would like done to those spaces and are working to obtain bids for those projects from local contractors.

Late summer will also see the replacement of the main chiller that provides air conditioning to the entire school building. Our current unit is the original from when the school was first built, and in recent years, the amount of downtime for repairs has increased in frequency and cost to the point that continuing to sink money into repairing an outdated piece of equipment no longer makes good financial sense. In addition, there will be some work done to repair/reseal the parking lot, which I am sure everyone has noticed is beginning to crumble in many places and can't be allowed further degradation without being addressed.

Finally, I have a major update regarding the **sound system**. The committee that I assembled to review the proposals has studied them and had the opportunity to interview and question the sound

engineers from the various companies. The committee and I have come to a unanimous decision about which company we are confident will do the best job. We are finalizing and tweaking some of the technical aspects of the proposed scope of work and expect to be in a position to have the contract signed in the next few weeks. Much of the high-end equipment being installed will need to be shipped from various places in Europe, so it is too early to say exactly when the work will happen, but we are estimating late summer for when the system installation will happen.

Believe it or not, that is not even the full list of projects on our summer radar, but those are the ones that are far enough along in the planning process that I am happy to share with the parish community. As we work very hard this summer to improve various buildings of our parish complex, I would encourage everyone to keep in mind that the most important work of building we can ever do is the spiritual work of building up our community of faith. "And, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house . . . to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"Jesus, when You come to me in Holy Communion, You who together with the Father and the Holy Spirit have deigned to dwell in the little heaven of my heart, I try to keep You company throughout the day. I do not leave You alone for even a moment. Although I am in the company of other people . . . my heart is always united to Him. When I am asleep, I offer Him every beat of my heart; when I awaken, I immerse myself in Him

without saying a word . . . I adore the Holy Trinity for a short while and thank God for having deigned to give me yet another day, that the mystery of the incarnation of His Son may once more be repeated in me, and that once again His sorrowful Passion may unfold before my eyes. I then try to make it easier for Jesus to pass through me to other souls."(Diary, #486)

SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUND THIS EASTER!

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 or visit bit.ly/SGSannualfund to give today.



St. Gertrude School
IS HIRING!

We are adding a third kindergarten class next year and are looking for a faith-filled **kindergarten teacher** who is passionate for forming students in wisdom, virtue, and holiness.

Visit bit.ly/sgsemployment or scan the QR code to apply today!

Other open positions include kindergarten/grade 1 teacher aide.



Schedule a Personal Tour!

A Catholic education is more affordable now than ever before!

We invite you to visit us for a personal tour to meet our principal, observe classes, and discover—first hand—the St. Gertrude School difference.



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025!



PASSION PLAY

Thank you to our seventh graders for their portrayal of Jesus' death and resurrection in this year's Passion Play!



WATCH PARTY

Fifth grade celebrated their completion of the book, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* with a watch party of the movie.



The students had refreshments and snacks—including Turkish Delight!

Our parish was blessed to have 18 people received into the Church this year at the Easter Vigil Mass. The following are reflections from some of our neophytes about their experiences receiving the sacraments. Please continue to pray for them and help welcome them into our parish community!

– Tyler Castrucci and Father Luke



Since being received into the Church, I am struck by the amazing physical affirmation of Jesus' love for me in the Eucharist. He is there, longing to be with us where heaven comes down to Earth—how beautiful!

– Ali Falcon

The Easter Vigil Mass was by far the most joyful experience of my life. It was truly a blessing to watch the others receive the sacraments of initiation and then to receive the sacraments myself. I never felt so close to God as I did when I received First Communion, and I truly hope and pray that everyone else can experience the same peace and joy I felt receiving God's grace in the sacraments.

– William Moeggenberg



“Blessed the people whose God is the LORD!” (Psalm 144:15). This happiness, found in adoring the true God in union with the people devoted to his service, is the foundation of my joy at being received into the visible flock of Christ and being pastured at the tables of his Word and his Body. This *holy adoration* of God, accomplished by loving him and keeping his commandments, is both an inestimable gift offered to all and a humanly impossible task requiring God's constant grace; and I will thus be forever grateful for receiving the sacraments as signs and instruments of our common gift and task of loving God and one another with the love with which he has loved us.

– HanHan Olsen



The whole experience was incredibly moving. My heart is overflowing with gratitude for everyone who helped us enter more fully into the Church.

– Jaye Bissmeyer



I loved everything about my experience receiving the sacraments. There was a great amount of support and excitement leading me to and through the Easter Vigil. Knowing what was happening that night improved my experience and outlook on my new Catholic life.

– Kurt Merling



Being received into the Church and receiving the sacraments as a family during the Easter Vigil was amazing. The church has so lovingly responded to our journey. We are humbled by God's call to us, and we are excited to grow in our faith at St. Gertrude.

– Jordan, Julian & Jessica Yehnert & Sharla Spear

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

You and your spouse are invited to join other couples on Saturday, April 27, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the St. Gertrude Parish Center for an evening to focus on your marriage. Using humor and inspiration, Father Nathan Cromly will help you make sense of the ordinary struggles couples face and give you tools to renew and re-energize your marriage and reflect on what is truly important. The event is presented by the Saint John Leadership Network and includes live music by Easter Rising Band! Tickets are \$95/couple and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks throughout the evening. Young parents needing support to offset the costs of a babysitter can receive a \$20-off discount on their couple's ticket. Please email Margaret Pluta at margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org to obtain the discount code. For more information and to register, please visit brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/saint-john-leadership-network/569727.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 is again organizing a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Over the past 13 years, the generous parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish have donated over \$96,000 to help Old St. Mary's provide education and care for women during and after pregnancy. After all Masses this weekend, April 13-14, the Knights will distribute baby bottles. Simply fill them with change, currency, or checks, and bring them back when you attend Mass next weekend, April 20-21, or April 27-28. You can also return the filled bottles to the parish office. The Knights will donate 100 percent of the funds raised to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center on behalf of St. Gertrude parish. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support of life!



SENIOR'S FUN BUNCH
A group of men and women age 55+ that comes together for fellowship, activities, prayer, and education

The theme this month is Spring and Baseball! We will be having ballpark fare for lunch, including hot dogs with all the fixings. There will also be games and prizes.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 | 12:15-2:30 p.m.
Optional 11:30 a.m. Mass
St. Gertrude Parish Center

Please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkennedy06@aol.com so we can get a headcount for the food.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **We are at 138 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, 293 parishioners have contributed—that's 7.3 percent more than last year!** There's still time to make your gift if you have not already done so. 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!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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| Stephen & Diana Ackman | Dominic & Samantha Meyers |
| Lexi Adams | Nicholas & Grace Rohlfs |
| Clayton & Devon Carmody | David & Nicole Winterhalter |
| Rami & Heidi Edmondson | Andrew & Catherine Wright |
| Patrick McCracken | |

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, Bill Hoffman, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Robert Lantz, Ed and Karen Larkin, Ted Leugers, Mimi Leverone, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† All Our Beloved Dead

ROSARY SOCIAL & EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invites you to the next rosary social on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the church. Following the rosary, head on over to the Parish Center for an educational seminar on life insurance entitled, "Understanding Life Insurance." Chad Muhlenkamp, assistant general agent at the Knights of Columbus Staas Insurance Agency, will lead this informative session. From its beginnings, the Knights of Columbus has provided financial protection to members and their families. Today, the Knights of Columbus remains committed to its founding vision through its top-rated multi-billion dollar insurance program. All are welcome to attend the seminar to learn more about life insurance and make an informed decision for you and your family. You do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to attend; the seminar is open to everyone, regardless of membership status. Refreshments will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: 44TH ANNUAL TREASURE MART

Mark your calendars now for the Ladies of Charity 44th Annual Treasure Mart on Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Parish gym. Have you been spring cleaning and saving your donations? You can drop off your items in the gym Tuesday, July 9, through Thursday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept items prior to these dates due to lack of storage. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

TREASURE MART 2024 PLANNING MEETING

All Ladies of Charity members are invited to attend the organizational and planning meeting for the 2024 Treasure Mart on Saturday, April 20, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center.

Are you interested in joining this fun and dynamic group of women who are deeply committed to serving the poor of our community? After the organizational meeting, the Ladies of Charity at St. Gertrude Parish invites you to join them for a social hour/meet and greet at 10:30 a.m. to learn more about this ministry and meet some new friends! Any woman who is 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic is welcome to attend. Please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 to RSVP.

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 preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, April 23, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

THEATER EVENT: SAVED BY BEAUTY—THE LIFE OF DOROTHY DAY

Join us for a unique Catholic theater experience on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori (4460 Berwick Street, Cincinnati 45227). Performed as "Readers Theater," the event will include a post-performance live Q&A with the playwright, Reverend Albert J. DeGiacomo of Lexington, KY. *Saved by Beauty* is a play about the life of Dorothy Day that explores the dramatic question, "Can the world be saved by beauty?" It presents the cost of Day's conversion to Catholicism and her long-suffering fidelity to God and the Church following the abortion she had in her youth. Over and above her well-known protests, arrests, newspapers, and houses of hospitality, Day's life also embraced critically important yet little-known commitments to people, such as her common-law husband Forster, her daughter Tamar, and her comrade-playwright Eugene O'Neill. All these commitments and relationships together created a saving beauty. To learn more and to reserve your seats, visit AngelicoProject.org.

MARY IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION EXHIBIT

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an integral component of Catholic educational culture as both a subject of teaching and an exemplar for educators. From now through June 28, 2024, the University of Dayton Roesch Library is having a Mary in Catholic Education exhibit (first-floor gallery and the Marian Library, seventh floor). In this exhibit, teacher education students at the University of Dayton used materials from the Marian Library's collections to explore how Catholic ideals have been shared with different audiences through various media. The exhibit is free and open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For parking, directions and other information, please visit go.udayton.edu/mary-in-catholic-ed.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

This fall, the Cincinnati Centurions, the local field hockey club team, is launching a middle school program for girls in grades 6-8. Mount Notre Dame, Ursuline, St. Ursula, Summit Country Day, Indian Hill, and Walnut Hills high school all have field hockey teams, and this is a great opportunity for girls to try out the sport before getting to high school. Players will learn the skills of field hockey and play games. For more information, please visit cincinnati-centurions.com or contact us at cincinnati-centurions@gmail.com.



New players are invited to attend the following introductory events:

- April 20 - Summit Country Day Field Hockey Day | Contact Emily Betz at summitfieldhockey24@gmail.com.
- May 28-30 - Mount Notre Dame Middle School Camp | Learn more at mndhs.org/summer-camps-2024/
- June 17-20 - Ursuline Academy Field Hockey Camp | Learn more at ursulineacademy.org/summer



ASK A PRIEST—DOMINICAN RITE MASS, PART 1

FATHER LUKE VANBERKUM, O.P.

Q: I hear we have these special Dominican Rite Masses once in a while. What is that all about?

A: Let's start by thinking about tradition. One of my family's traditions while growing up was on Christmas morning. We could not open any

presents until we had done a procession around the house with the baby Jesus and then placed him in the manger. We did this every year. We never wrote it down—in fact, wouldn't it seem somewhat odd to write down family traditions? Instead, we enacted it—we *lived* it—and that is how it was passed down. In a similar way, the Dominican Rite is a tradition that has to be enacted to be passed down.

The Dominican Rite is an older form of the Mass. There is only one sacrifice on the cross that saves us from our sins and that our Lord memorialized in an unbloody manner by giving us the Eucharistic sacrifice. Crucial point: there is only one Mass. However, there are different *forms* of the Mass. At St. Gertrude, we are very used to the *Novus Ordo Missae*, or the Mass according to the Roman Rite promulgated in 1969. But, there are many different rites. There is the very old Ambrosian Rite and the Mozarabic Rite. There are also Eastern Catholic rites, such as the Maronite Rite (as at St. Anthony of Padua here in Cincinnati). The Dominican Rite goes back to the thirteenth century, when the Master of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) wanted a rite in which all the friars could be unified in worship.

The Dominican Rite is a tradition of the Order of Preachers, and therefore it should be enacted in order to be passed on. Now, unlike what I just said above, there is a written component to the tradition. There are written rules (called rubrics) that tell the priest and servers what to do. You will notice that their movements are prescribed for them. Just reading those rubrics, however, would not be enough to preserve the tradition. Just practicing would not be enough. We are meant to enter into the Mass, to participate in the Mass, and therefore the Mass has to take place. We have to worship. When we worship the Father through the Son and in the Holy Spirit, then we are living the tradition and passing it on. This is what we do as a community and what you do with your family every Sunday at Mass, no matter the rite.

What we see is that we do not continue the tradition of the Dominican Rite for the sake of tradition. We do not continue the tradition of the Dominican Rite for the sake of beauty (we have a very beautiful *Novus Ordo* liturgy already!). We continue the Dominican Rite because, through it, we worship God in the way that so many of my saintly brothers and sisters in the Dominican Order—St. Raymond of Peñafort, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Blessed Imelda (all of whom we are honoring this year at our Dominican Rite Masses)—worshipped God.

You will notice that the Dominican Rite places a different emphasis on how that worship of God takes place. What at first may seem the most unfamiliar—the priest does not face the congregation and the Mass is entirely in Latin—is not actually what is distinctive about the Dominican

Rite. In the *Novus Ordo* (what we are most familiar with), the priest is allowed to face away from the people (check out St. Cecilia's in Oakley) and can say the Mass entirely in Latin (as he might say it in Spanish). The priest, no matter the rite, is ordained to unite God and the people, to lift up the sacrifice to him on the people's behalf. That is why the sanctuary is elevated. That is why the priest sometimes stands between the people and the altar. That is why the priest can stand facing the same direction as the people—toward God, leading the people, like Moses, to the Promised Land through the Eucharistic sacrifice of the cross that has opened heaven for us.

What is distinctive about the Dominican Rite are certain elements that *emphasize* this role of the priest. Here are two examples. First, the priest begins the Mass with the prayers at the foot of the altar. Here he asks pardon for his own sins and the sins of the people to be prepared to approach the holiness of God. He follows this with another prayer when he goes up to the altar. The priest has to recognize the enormity of what he has been ordained to do. The people share in this moment by kneeling and listening to the *Kyrie*—Lord, have mercy!—sung by the choir. Second, you will notice that the priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer quietly while the *Sanctus* is being sung. The priest has been ordained to approach God through the Eucharistic sacrifice—that is his role in the Body of Christ—to join heaven and earth on the altar in the Eucharist. The quiet of the Eucharistic Prayer emphasizes this priestly role. The choir assists the people and the priest in preparing to behold this miracle by singing “Holy, Holy, Holy.” This is the song of the angels: heaven is being opened, where we go together.

Here is why I love, and am grateful, that at St. Gertrude we can offer both the Dominican Rite and the *Novus Ordo*. The way the Dominican Rite emphasizes the role of the priest helps to solidify in me the priestly identity of standing before God through the Eucharistic sacrifice. The way the *Novus Ordo* emphasizes the role of the priest helps to solidify in me the priestly identity of bringing the prayers and sacrifices of God's beloved people to him through the Eucharistic sacrifice. Neither element is missing in the other, but each rite emphasizes the role of the priest differently. Living both rites helps bring out the goodness of each and helps us worship God.

Tune in next week to hear from Dr. Christopher Holman, our director of music.

The next Dominican Rite Mass will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m., the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, O.P. The musical setting of the Ordinary will be the seventeenth century Benedictine nun Chiara Margarita Cozzolani's *Mass for Four Voices* (1642). A relic of St. Catherine of Siena will be available for veneration after Mass.

St. Gertrude Church offers our sincere thanks to The Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, and The Very Reverend Allen Moran, O.P., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, for their kind permission to offer the Dominican Rite.

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, April 15	Tuesday, April 16	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19	Saturday, April 20	Sunday, April 21
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	SGS PTO Meeting 8:10 a.m. School Cafeteria	Confirmation Rehearsal 6 p.m. Church	L of C Planning Meeting 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	K of C Baby Bottle Pick up After all Masses Outside Church
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Seniors Fun Bunch 12:15 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby		L of C Meet and Greet 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	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	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II		K of C Baby Bottle Pick-up After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	Family Faith – Child Only Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		Christopher Holman Organ Concert 7 p.m. Church	Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					Confirmation Mass 2 p.m. Church
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. Church Vestibule	SGS SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library					

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
 Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at frluka@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
4/17/24

BULLETIN
4/28/24

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for April 7**

Collection	\$ 44,439
Weekly Budget	\$ 37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$ 7,439

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,704,577
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,543,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 161,577

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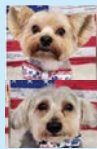
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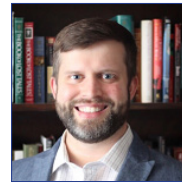


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