

WAS IT NOT
NECESSARY THAT
THE MESSIAH
SHOULD SUFFER
THESE THINGS
AND ENTER INTO

His glory?

LUKE 32:26



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 23, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, April 24, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Virginia Goedde by The Goedde Family
8 a.m. † Marjorie A. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, April 25, St. Mark the Evangelist (F)

- 7 a.m. James Daniel by The Daniel Family
8 a.m. † Mary Francis Fencl by Craig & Teresa Babcock
11:30 a.m. † Howard DoBell by Dolores Brandstetter

Wednesday, April 26, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Paul Wellage by The Murray Family
8 a.m. † George Capehart by Friends at Kroger
11:30 a.m. † Tom Ruthman by Elaine & Jeff Parker

Thursday, April 27, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Louis & Martha Kreck by Maxine Daniel
8 a.m. † Shawn O'Brien by Mike & Elaine O'Connell
11:30 a.m. † Sister Mary Louis Russley, O.P., by Natalie Moore

Friday, April 28, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort (M)

- 7 a.m. † Don Conlin by The Spurgin Family
8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family by The Family
11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Catherine Fishlock

Saturday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, O.P. (F)

- 8 a.m. † Mary Teller by Finnegan Family
11:30 a.m. † Jeanne Schellman by Steve & Mimi Leverone
4:30 p.m. † Deceased St. Gertrude Alumni by St. Gertrude Alumni

Sunday, April 30, 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. † Laura Johns by Dolores Brandstetter & Jeannie Mueller
10 a.m. † Marge Forsthoefel by Knights of Columbus
12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
6 p.m. † Jane Castrucci by The Castrucci 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.

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Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Church Hours

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

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH SCHOLA CANTORUM

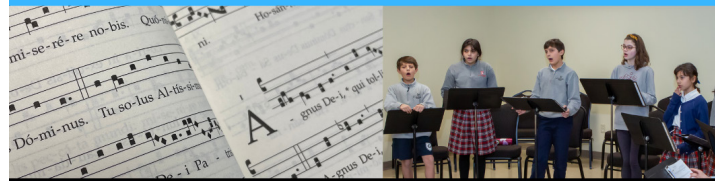
School of Singing for Children Ages 8-13

Does your child love to sing and have a passion for music? Sign up him or her for our Schola Cantorum for the 2023-2024 school year!

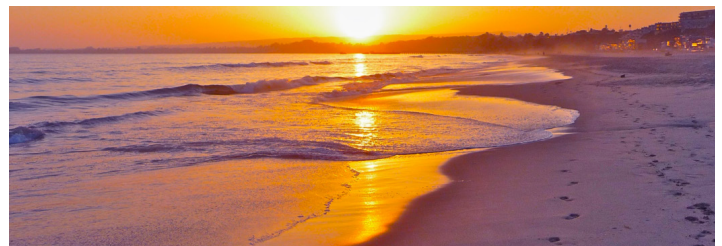
As part of the Schola Cantorum, your child will:

- learn the great music of the Church
- receive private voice lessons
- develop skills in reading music, ear training, music theory, and sight-singing
- sing weekly at 12 p.m. Sunday Mass as part of St. Gertrude Parish's intergenerational choir

Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. during the school year.



To learn more and sign up, visit bit.ly/2324scholasignup



NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

Monday, May 1, 2023 | 6:30-8 p.m.
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

Join us for an important and informative end of life panel discussion, presented by Dayton Right to Life and sponsored by St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Committee. The presenters, including an attorney, nurse, and Dayton Right to Life staff, will discuss the following topics:

- Church teaching on end of life
- How to talk with your family and/or doctor
- End of life planning

There will be a short Q&A session following the presentations, and refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Motz at (513) 238-4389.



**NEW FRIARS
ARRIVING SOON!**

As we announced in last weekend's bulletin, Father John Mark will be concluding his time at the parish as a parochial vicar and moving on to a new assignment in Washington, D.C., at the end of next month. Several people have asked me if he would be replaced on the parish staff, and the answer

is a resounding "of course!" I am happy to announce that at the end of May, **Father Luke VanBerkum** will be joining our parish staff as a parochial vicar. Father Luke was a novice here in 2016-2017 and was ordained to the priesthood last year. He is eager to have me share the following message with all of you:

Happy Easter! I was excited to find out that I will be returning to St. Gertrude Church, now to serve as a priest. I grew up just outside of Detroit, Michigan, and I am the second of seven kids, my older brother also being a Dominican priest of the Province of St. Joseph. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2016, immediately entered the novitiate here at St. Gertrude, and was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ in 2022. I look forward to joining you soon. In the meantime, you are in my prayers, and please pray for me!

Father Luke will not be the only new friar to arrive soon. Like last summer, we will also be receiving two friars who will be with us just for the summer months as additional help. The first to arrive, somewhere around Memorial Day, will be one of our student brother deacons, Brother Christopher Daniel. If that name sounds familiar, it should: Brother Christopher was actually just here in March for the annual Dominican Friars Formation appeal. This summer, he will serve as a deacon on our parish staff—preaching at Masses, assisting with baptisms, and being involved in many of our summer programs

**PRAYER FROM
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



Prayer during Easter

O height inaccessible of wondrous power!
O unfathomable depth of hidden wisdom!
O boundless breadth of fervently desired love!
O Lord my God, may your eminent wisdom, widest and generous mercy, and most profound justice praise you for me.
Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *Jesus with the disciples on the road to Emmaus* (from Emmauskirche, mosaic by Deutschen Glasmosaik-Gesellschaft Puhl & Wagner) ©2017shutterstock.com/g/sedmak

and ministries.

The second to arrive will be one of our friars who will be ordained a priest next month, (soon-to-be) Father Brendan Baran. We expect him to be joining us in mid-June, and he will partake in all of the usual facets of priestly ministry in a parish: celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, administering the anointing of the sick, and so forth.

Both Brother Christopher and Father Brendan will be with us through early-/mid-August before returning to Washington, D.C., for the upcoming academic year.

We are so blessed to have these men joining us. I am sure you will join me in giving them all a warm welcome (or rather . . . welcome back) to St. Gertrude!

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

P.S. Back by popular demand, Drinking with Dominicans will once again be happening this summer! Details to follow later this spring.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS
CONVOCATION**



WHAT IS IT?

A key component of the strategic planning process, the Convocation allows all church parishioners and school families the opportunity to share their wisdom and suggestions to help solve the seven identified challenges that St. Gertrude Church and School will face over the next one, three, and five years.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

Attendees will be divided in small groups to come up with creative solutions to the challenges. One unique aspect is the "multi-vote" process, which allows attendees to vote on the top priorities they would like to recommend to church and school leaders. Every vote counts!

WHO CAN ATTEND?

All adult (18+) St. Gertrude Church parishioners and school parents are invited to attend the Convocation. This will help ensure that we move forward as one parish.

WHAT ARE THE SEVEN CHALLENGES?

Over the past year, our strategic planning process leaders have gathered input—through assessments, surveys, planning sessions, and interviews—on challenges that our parish faces. They arrived at seven challenges, which are posted on our website at stgertrude.org.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
6:30 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE GYM
RSVP at bit.ly/2023convocation**



WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!

SCHOOL NEWS

FIFTH GRADE FUN!

Before Easter break, our fifth grade students read the book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and closely examined the biblical allegory present in the novel. They then had a celebration—their parents created a Narnia setting and provided snacks while the students watched the movie by the same name.



SIXTH GRADE PSALM RECITATION

On Wednesday, April 5, in the church, our sixth graders recited memorized Psalms for their classmates, parents, grandparents, relatives, and family friends. Each student presented their chosen Psalm in a manner that attempted to capture the emotion and meaning of the poem. Great job, sixth graders!



SAFETY UPDATE

The safety of our students and your children is a top priority at St. Gertrude School. Last November, we received a \$100,000 safety grant. This money is being used to upgrade and improve building access and control in both the school lobby area and gym. These projects have been scheduled for this summer. There are additional safety grants that we have applied for that are pending. These and future projects will provide added safety and security reinforcement of our school.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **April 30:** Confirmation, 3 p.m.
- **May 2:** May Crowning, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 5:** 5th Grade Retreat; Spirit Wear Dress-Down

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 24, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WE'RE HIRING!

Check out our new open positions for the 2023-2024 school year at stgertrudesch.org/employment.

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: THE MYSTERY OF LITURGY HEALS US

WALTER PLUMMER, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

In his *Catholicism* series, Bishop Barron said that when he heard his seminarians latch onto a new concept about God, they'd say, "I've got it!" He confessed that his gut response was, "Drop it," because God is *totaliter aliter* ("totally other"), so infinitely beyond us that to say we know him is only to speak analogically. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts," says the Lord through his prophet Isaiah (Is 55:9). God is bigger than we think. Much bigger.

And yet, contrary to postmodern claims that we don't know anything at all because reality is so big, the Lord immediately follows his revelation of his "bigness" to Isaiah by saying, "Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Is 55:10-11). Though he is *totaliter aliter*, he is also the giver of life, whose very word brings forth life in those things to which it is sent. His vastness and mystery does not destroy us or simply overwhelm us by his presence, it gives life. It calls forth joy and peace, song and dance, life even in the driest places (cf. Is 55:12-13). In our littleness, our humility, he still comes to us in his greatness *and we know him*. Not all the way, not perfectly, but we do know him. As St. Thomas Aquinas put it, knowledge is always received according to the mode of the receiver. What we're ready for, we can receive. What we're ready for, he's ready to give us.

This mystery of God's greatness and his presence with us has been a great source of hope and gratitude for me in my faith life. I feel like in my thirties, I'm just beginning to scratch the surface of the riches the Father has entrusted to his children; just beginning to wonder at the love of God and the treasures of the Church and the great depths to which they extend. Which brings me to Good Friday liturgy and the reason I'm writing this for you.

I was sore for three days. My wife looked at me at the end of the service and said, "This was definitely where we were supposed to be, but if we'd known how long it would take, we probably wouldn't have come." Our two-year-old got a 90-minute nap in my arms and our six-month-old got a two-hour nap on my wife . . . during the liturgy. Our four-year-old and six-year-old hit their afternoon low-energy points, bounced back, and were ready to play . . . during the liturgy. I saw my friends, the people I serve, the people who serve me, leaders

and followers, the old and the young walk up the center aisle, very slowly, to reverence the cross and again to receive communion during the liturgy. I groaned (only on the inside) as Father John Mark invited us to kneel yet again as we prayed for the Church, the world, the Jews, the pope, and everybody else we could possibly list and wondered if I could be exempt because I was holding a thirty-pound child. My wife and I chanted, listened, and (almost) fell asleep at a couple points. We experienced a vague concern about what on earth we would feed our children for dinner. And as we sat there, aching, a bit numb, tired, and wondering what else the Lord would have for us, I also experienced a deep sense of peace. Because the God who is *totaliter aliter* was also in that place, had come to us as we had been able to receive him, and was doing his work in us and with us and through us.



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "[t]he word 'liturgy' originally meant a 'public work' or a 'service in the name of/on behalf of the people.' In Christian tradition it means the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God.' (cf. Jn 17:4) Through the liturgy, Christ, our redeemer and high priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church" (CCC 1069). I was being redeemed, and you were, too. The Ancient of Days had stepped into the room and, somehow with all of our human-ness and fallen-ness, he was redeeming us. He was drawing us close to his heart through the prayer of his Son, and not one part of me or you was left out of that redemption. Spirit, soul, and body, the God of peace was making us holy in preparation for his Son to come again and wipe away every tear, where there is no more death or pain (cf. 1 Thess 5 and Rev 21). Somehow, in some great mystery, by our participation in his work, the liturgy was drawing us out of ourselves and into his blessed life (cf. CCC 1). He was conforming us to himself, and it was both greater than I imagined and just what I was able to receive.

By sharing my experience with you, I wanted to communicate how the liturgy draws us out of our fallenness and into the life of God. But as I write this, I realize that even more than that, I hope these words are a catalyst for you to enter into the mystery of God's presence, his work, his liturgy with "conscious, active, and fruitful participation" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 11). He is the Alpha and Omega, he holds the depths of the earth and the mountains in his hands. And he holds you, too. Let him.

FIELD CLOSED UNTIL MAY 15

The field next to the school playground was reseeded this past week. The ground maintenance crew has asked that the field be **closed to all foot traffic** until approximately May 15. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in not using the field during this time.

OPEN SPOTS FOR SUMMER CAMP!

St. Gertrude Parish has five male spots (incoming grades 9-12) open for this year’s Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC), at Damascus Mission Campus in Centerburg, OH, from June 25 to 30. You will join 65 other St. Gertrude Parish high school students for high adventure activities and an experience you will never forget! Register at cysc.com using the code GERTRUDE2023.

**MOMS & LITTLES
HOLY HOUR**

MAY 2 & 23, JUNE 6, JULY 11
8:45-9:45 A.M.
St. Gertrude Church

Bring your little ones to a special hour of adoration for parents, grandparents, and babysitters of young children. Silence is not expected, so don't worry if your kids cry, won't sit still, or have the urge to talk.

ST. XAVIER THIRD QUARTER HONORS

Congratulations to the following St. Gertrude Church parishioners for achieving first and second honors at St. Xavier High School for the third quarter.

First Honors	Michael Park	Second Honors
Francis Chan	Matthew Pung	Daniel Berry
Andrew Coburn	Andrew Robbins	Sean Crapsey
Anthony Dorsey	Jackson Robbins	Ernes Florkowski
Joseph Geiser	James Stein	John McMurry
Vincent Goedde	Nikolai Sweeney	William Schwartz
Ryan Herzig	Charles Walsh	John Sulfsted
Sean Herzig	Nikolas Wibowo	
Evan Hoynes		

**Children & Youth
Faith Formation**

Registration for our summer 2023 and 2023-2024 academic year faith formation programs is now open!

We have programs for children and teens of all ages, including:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3-grade 3)
- Sacramental Formation (generally grade 2)
- Family Faith (grades 4-6)
- Confirmation Preparation (grades 7-8)
- Junior High Youth Ministry (grades 7-8)
- L'alto: High School (grades 9-12)

Register today at buytickets.at/stgertrude.



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, 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, Debbie Van Hise 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



BABY BOTTLES FUNDRAISER - RETURN YOUR FILLED BOTTLES

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 is holding its annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center located in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. Last weekend, the Knights handed out baby bottles after all Masses. **Please bring back your filled bottles this weekend (April 22-23) or next weekend (April 29-30).** You can also return them to the parish office. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support of life!

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING!

Lent prepares us for Easter Joy—and now we sing, “Alleluia” is our song. In hope, we sing of new life in Christ. In faith, we believe that one day we will share in that new life. Being prepared is everything! Setting aside time to prepare for final arrangements will be hope-filled. Gate of Heaven Cemetery Family Services advisors invite you to attend the April Preplanning Seminar on April 25, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249) Please RSVP by April 24 to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

HEALING SERVICE

All are invited to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood) on Wednesday, April 26, to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, and participate in a healing service. The rosary begins at 6:45 p.m. and Mass is at 7:15, followed by the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

CISE PARTY AT THE SIGN MUSEUM

You are invited to this year's Catholic Inner-City Schools Education (CISE) Party at the Museum on Friday, April 28, from 6 to 10 p.m. at The American Sign Museum (1330 Monmouth Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45225). Proceeds will help fund support services, which improve the emotional and behavioral wellness of students attending 10 Catholic inner-city elementary schools in Cincinnati. At the event, you'll be able to explore the fun and unique venue while enjoying dinner by-the-bite with a drink in your hand. In addition to great food from Vonderhaar's Catering and an open bar, you will be able to play games, bid on the silent auction, enjoy the scavenger hunt, and participate in multiple raffles. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. Admission is \$50/person (must be 21 or older to attend). Purchase party and raffle tickets online at CISEKids.org. For more information, contact Kelly at the CISE office at (513) 263 3473 or kcamm@cisekids.org.



GLENMARRY FESTIVAL OF MERCY

Come celebrate God's love at the Glenmary Festival of Mercy on Sunday, April 30, at Glenmary Home Missioners (4119 Glenmary Trace, Fairfield, OH 45014). There will be an Open House from 12 to 4 p.m., a free bounce house and games for kids, music, and food for cash purchase. We will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every half hour, rotating between English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Learn more about the home missions at the festival and glenmary.org.

MADE FOR MORE

Renowned speaker and author Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione are coming to St. Susanna Catholic Church (616 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040) on May 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with a beautiful multi-media event called *Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land*. This is being offered through a collaboration of St. Ignatius, St. Gertrude, and St. Susanna parishes, The Angelico Project, *Embodied* magazine, and The Cor Project. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at M4Mcincy.eventbrite.com. Bring your family and friends.

MASTERS OF ARTS PROGRAMS

The University of Dayton is a Catholic Marianist university serving the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with masters of arts programs in both theological studies and pastoral ministry and certificates in Marian studies, ministry and disability, and pastoral care. Assistantships that provide full tuition, a stipend, and professional experience are available. Admissions are rolling. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/UDTHEO and contact Amy Doorley at adoorley1@udayton.edu.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING SERVICE

The 40 Days for Life closing service, coordinated by Cincinnati Right to Life, took place on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. St. Gertrude Church. Pastor, Father John Paul, led outdoor Stations of the Cross (supported by the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195) and shared a closing message with all present. The outdoor Stations of the Cross began in the parking lot of Holy Name Church and processed to Planned Parenthood. Ms. Laura Strietmann, Cincinnati Right to Life executive director, delivered a message about the recently proposed dangerous amendment, which would outlaw basic health and safety protections for women, eliminate parental notification and consent laws that protect minor girls, and allow painful abortions up until birth in the State of Ohio.





ASK A PRIEST—GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: What is the difference between the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit? And how do we receive more of the fruits? Is it prayer? Good works?

A: As we continue to celebrate Easter

and many in our community approach the altar for special sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion), it's great to reflect on the Gift (i.e. the Holy Spirit) and gifts (virtues) that Christ breathes into his modern-day followers.

Here are some definitions from the Glossary to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC):

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Permanent dispositions that make us docile to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The traditional list of seven gifts of the Spirit is derived from Isaiah 11:1-3: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: The perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the “first fruits” of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church identifies twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity].

These gifts and perfections/virtues belong to Christ “in their fullness” since the Holy Spirit filled his humanity so he could save ours (see CCC 536). This is apparent from the time of Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan when the dove, representing the Holy Spirit, was seen descending upon him. We hear that Jesus was “driven” into the desert for his 40-day fast and during his passion was set on doing the Father’s will no matter the cost. These are examples of the gifts of counsel and fortitude at work in our Lord’s human nature. It’s all part of God’s plan to redeem and elevate us.

It’s clear that Jesus meant for these gifts to “sustain” the lives of his followers (see CCC 1830). At the Last Supper, he spoke about a promised Gift from his Father who would guide and support his followers once he returned to heaven. The risen Jesus “breathed” this Holy Spirit on his disciples immediately on Easter Sunday, granting them peace and the power to reconcile sinners to God. Again, at Pentecost, the disciples were “clothed with power from on high” so that they could witness to Jesus and make disciples throughout the whole world (see Luke 24:48-49). While some of these gifts are sacramental powers (e.g. to baptize, to forgive sins, etc.), others would fall among the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We should never believe that we’re separated from either the Gift of God, the Holy Spirit, or his gifts even though we live many

years apart from the first disciples. We need the gifts of the Holy Spirit to “complete and perfect” the other virtues we receive and develop throughout our lives (CCC 1831). Whereas the gifts function as “detectors” of God’s inspirations and movements in our lives, the fruits reflect the long-term transformation that takes place when we live alongside God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Supernatural “stuff” for those called to a supernatural destiny!

Yes! We can and should grow in our ability to use the gifts via sacred learning and the experience of living in communion with God



and neighbor. Our experience of the gifts and fruits is initiated by the sacraments of the Church and fostered by meditation, prayer, and living works of love. It may not be easy to be a Christian, but neither is it impossible. God wouldn’t do that to us. To become perfect like his Father is perfect, Christ gives us a share in his own Holy Spirit.

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

Monday, April 24	Tuesday, April 25	Wednesday, April 26	Thursday, April 27	Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking with Purpose Planning Meeting 8:30 a.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Faith Formation First Communion Retreat 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	K of C Baby Bottle Drop-off <i>After all Masses</i> Outside Church
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	Altar Server Training 3 p.m. Church	K of C Baby Bottle Drop-off <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m. PC Little Flower Library
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room		Confirmation Rehearsal 6 p.m. Church		Confirmation Mass 3 p.m. Church
Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				L'alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria

Interested in Joining St. Gertrude Church?

Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for April 16

Collection	\$	36,384
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	(\$	116)

2nd Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$2,753

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,607,354
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,560,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	47,354

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
5/7/23

MATERIALS DUE
4/26/23

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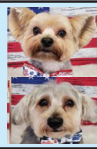
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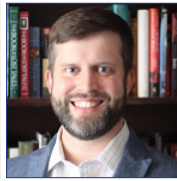
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