

Jesus

I TRUST IN YOU



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

April 24, 2022 - Divine Mercy Sunday

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

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

- 7 a.m. Easter Novena
- 8 a.m. †Mary Berg by Andy & Barb Schmitt
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, April 26, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Virginia Dare Hodges by Patty Raymond
- 8 a.m. †Alfreda Morris by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 11:30 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Kim & Linda Burke

Wednesday, April 27, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Mary & John McCormick by Pat & Bruce Buckley
- 8 a.m. †Cole Heisey by Dick & Eileen Pope
- 11:30 a.m. †Brian Holden by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Thursday, April 28, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

- 7 a.m. †Richard Retta, Sr. & Jr. by Laura & John West
- 8 a.m. †Deceased members of Kehoe Family by The Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Carl Schlotman, Jr. by Mike & Elaine O'Connell

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

- 7 a.m. †Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer
by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. †Jane Thole by Pat & Nealy Mechley
- 11:30 a.m. †Peter Horan by Steve & Mimi Leverone

Saturday, April 30, St. Pius V, O.P. (M)

- 8 a.m. †Anne Siebert by Jim & Diane Tomaszewski
- 11:30 a.m. †Richard Hoffman by Jennifer & Gary Black
- 4:30 p.m. †Patti Coit by Rita Gehring

Sunday, May 1, 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. †Thomas P. Cremons by John & Jan Cremons
- 10 a.m. Rita Johantges by The Family
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. The Siebert Family by Kevin & Susan Kane & Family

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

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243

(513) 561-5954 | www.stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 24, 2022

Come experience the power of God's unconditional mercy.

2-4 p.m. - Confession

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by the Consecration to Divine Mercy

"I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (Diary, 1109)

Spend Time with Jesus

The St. Gertrude Church Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. As you can see from the chart below, guardians (people who commit to spending an hour with our Lord at a set time each week) are still needed during many of these hours.

Please consider committing to spend just one hour each week with Jesus in his eucharistic presence.

Adoration Coverage Chart

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MIDNIGHT	●				●			MIDNIGHT
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Legend Updated 04/08/2022

● In need of adorers

● Empty, Most Urgent Need

"The Church and the world have a great need for eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him . . ."

- Pope St. John Paul II



For more information about adoration and to sign up, please visit stgertrude.org/adoration.



“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”

This exclamation of St. Thomas the Apostle in today’s gospel reading is a profound and powerful expression of faith. Thomas speaks these words when he sees the Lord and the wounds that remain in his resurrected body. He believes because he sees. In a rudimentary way, his experience

corresponds with our modern desire for scientific evidence. We have in our being a kind of “withholding of faith” until something is proved to us. We hold within ourselves the criterion of “I won’t believe it until I see it for myself.” It is a self-imposed limit that can prevent us from encountering and experiencing the Risen Lord.

To assist us and help us, God provides the gift of theological faith and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit “. . . who opens the eyes of the mind and ‘makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth’” (CCC 153); and this truth is always unfolding. The gift of faith that we receive at our baptism “is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop” (CCC 1253). We can and should always be growing in our faith so that we can more profoundly encounter the Risen Lord. “It is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith and to understand better what [h]e has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love” (CCC 158).

The graces of the Easter season help us to encounter the Risen Christ with the eyes of faith. Through the Scripture readings of the sacred liturgy and the sacraments, Christ presents himself to us. He stands in our midst and invites us to reach out to him. He invites us to touch the realities that we do not understand. St. Augustine once said, “I believe in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe” (cf. CCC 158). Our faith in Christ and our relationship with him began on the day of our baptism. Now it grows through prayer, spiritual reading, and participation in the life of the Church. Hence, we need not be discouraged because of our struggles in faith. Rather, we persevere in hope because we are the ones about whom Jesus speaks when he says to Thomas, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (Jn 20:29).

Our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter were made possible because of the labors and sacrifices of many people. Please join me in thanking the Dominican priests for their celebration of the liturgies, well-prepared homilies, and generous availability for sacramental confession; the parish choir and other musicians under the direction of Father Jordan Kelly for the beautiful music to raise our minds and hearts to God; the Knights of Columbus and all others who served as ushers at the Masses; the altar servers; the sacristans and volunteers who helped to clean and decorate; and the maintenance work of Gary Berning, Jim Andrus, and volunteers to set up, tear down, and clean in the church and parish center. Thank you to everyone.

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, we look forward to the upcoming celebrations of first Communion and Confirmation, additional sacraments of initiation that bring our children into a deeper encounter with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. May our witness of the fullness of life in Christ inspire them to approach these sacraments with faith and a deep desire to receive all the graces that God offers and provides in these sacraments. The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be held in our archdiocese next weekend, April 30–May 1. This annual, national collection helps support the work of six organizations (Catholic



Relief Services, the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., the USCCB Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church, the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development and the Holy Father's Relief fund) and is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“A wondrous recollection filled my soul and lasted throughout the whole festal season. The kindness of Jesus is so great that I cannot express it.. I heard a voice saying, “My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls... On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them.” (Diary, #206)

COVER IMAGE: *Image of the Divine Mercy*, Eugeniusz Kazimirowski (1873-1939)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, April 29 - School First Communion Retreat
- Saturday, April 30 - School First Communion | 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3 - May Crowning | 7 p.m.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE CULTURAL FAIR

Here are some of our fourth and fifth grade students who shared their projects on “The Who and What of Early America” at our Cultural Fair on April 6.



WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year: **Third grade teacher** and **Latin teacher**. Please visit stgertrude.org/employment to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 25, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS - WE HAVE A WINNER

After four weeks of reading, re-reading, and voting, we have a champion of St. Gertrude School's first Tournament of Books: *The Barnabus Project*, written and illustrated by the Fan Brothers (Terry, Eric, and Devin). Combining themes of hope, compassion, fortitude, and selflessness with a pinch of wonder, *The Barnabus Project* teaches young readers to respect the dignity of all creatures, that nothing is impossible with faith, and that they are worthy of love and friendship.



The Tournament of Books was designed in part simply to remind students that reading is fun! Reading isn't just homework or something they “have” to do for class; it's a way to spend time with family members, create common interests among classmates, and comprehend complex concepts in an age-accessible way.

Many students were very interested in the tournament and turned in brackets with their guesses in early March. Those brackets have been tallied, and we had quite a few savvy readers who correctly guessed which titles would be the most popular. Congratulations to our three runners-up, with a tied score of 17 points: JP Conlon (5th), Caroline Clanton (4th), and Lilli Bursa (4th). We also had two first place brackets, both earning a total of 18 points: Bennett MacConnell (4th) and Laykon Fickell (1st).



APPLY TODAY for the 2022-2023 School Year

www.stgertrudesch.org/apply



MEET THE TEAM: DON REGAN

Every so often, the St. Gertrude Bulletin features an interview with a member of St. Gertrude Church's staff. This month, we're highlighting Don Regan, business manager. Don joined our team in November of 2020.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Are you from the area, Don?

Don: I was born in Chicago and raised in its northwest suburbs. So, I'm not from the area, but I am from the Midwest. When college called, I headed to New Hampshire, attending and graduating from Magdalen College. I remained at Magdalen, working there for 18 years in the business office. Part-time I pursued and completed an MBA degree from Plymouth State University. I very much enjoyed my time in New Hampshire, which is a beautiful and interesting state. It is truly beautiful in its landscape and environment. It is interesting in its colonial history and town meeting political structure, which is rooted in early New England governance. Its state motto, "Live free or die," and its "Old Man of the Mountain" profile give voice to a gritty, independent colonial spirit that was very evident in native New Hampshireites. I noticed, however, that quaint ruggedness fading with time and cultural influence. A tangible sign of this was when the "Old Man" collapsed in 2003. [Sigh!]

During those years at Magdalen, I had the privilege of working with a host of college students in campus and facility service, philosophy classes, liturgy, and choir. Shortly after graduating, I started a polyphony choir to augment the main choir. Lent and Eastertide always bring back memories of the countless hours preparing with the students for the liturgies of the Triduum and the Easter season.

SGB: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and your family?

Don: Sure. My wife, Alison, is a Texan, born and raised in Lufkin (East Texas). She is one of ten children, seven girls and three boys. I am one of eight children, four girls and four boys. Alison also graduated from Magdalen and, shortly after her graduation, worked in food service at the college. Our common college and work experience brought us together, and we married in 2005. Five years and two New Hampshire offspring later, we moved to the Cincinnati area. I worked as finance director at the Couple to Couple League for nine years before coming to St. Gertrude, and Alison works in eye surgery as a surgical tech. We



now have four children, two boys and two girls, and live in northern Kentucky.

We do have something of a Dominican connection. Alison's family lives fairly close to the Dominican Monastery of the Infant Jesus in Lufkin. The nuns there were instrumental in the revitalization of her family's faith. Sure enough, over time the nuns roped in one of the girls and Alison's older sister, Victoria, is now Sister Mary Rose of Joy at that monastery.

Speaking of being roped in, Alison's youngest sister, Catherine, is also a nun, but a cattle-ranching nun in Colorado. Catherine, aka Sister Maria of Jesus, will be professing her final vows with the Benedictine Abbey of St. Walburga in Virginia Dale, Colorado. This abbey sustains itself on ranching, so Sister Maria's *ora et labora* includes rounding cattle, training ranch dogs, and chasing away mountain lions!

SGB: What do you do in your role as business manager?

Don: In summary, the business manager is responsible, in collaboration with the pastor and school principal, for all the business and financial operations of the parish. The "operations" include financial responsibilities such as budgeting, banking, accounting, and tax/labor filings. Operations also includes managing personnel onboarding, records maintenance, and benefits administration. And operations involves a host of administrative and management duties such as IT management, liability and property insurance, and involvement in the Archdiocesan Parish Business Managers Association. Lastly, the position includes facilities management and all the responsibilities surrounding the care of parish property.

SGB: Wow! Sounds like you wear a lot of hats. What do you enjoy most about your role and working at St. Gertrude Parish?

Don: Yes, there are many tasks and buckets of responsibilities that need to be stewarded. And, as in other areas of life, intensity can build at busier times of the year or when our own expectations are misaligned with mission or reality! Fortunately, the fact is that we have some very good people on staff here that make things work and a good cohort of faithful volunteers.

One thing appealing about financial operations is its cyclical nature: generally, there is a beginning, middle, and end. For example, in accounting, every month starts afresh and every year starts afresh, and each cycle has a new goal for that new period. Ideally, you learn from the past periods and make improvements and adjustments for the next. In this work context, I enjoy collaborating to make course corrections, to find solutions, to reduce complexity, and to provide employees or volunteers a better sense of purpose to a given task or project. Of course, solutions are not always cleanly planned and smoothly delivered. Sometimes there isn't an obvious solution. Sometimes a solution works itself out even despite ourselves, and we can say like Hannibal on the A-Team, "I love it when a plan comes together!" Ultimately, in this daily grind of operations support, we are collaborating in the work of God so that his plan comes together.

NEW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND GIVING PLATFORM

Our current church management system, which includes our online giving capabilities, was recently bought out. Father George took this as an opportunity to look at other options. We are happy to share that we are transitioning to a new church management system (Ministry Platform) and an online giving platform (OnlineGiving.org.) Providing a variety of benefits, including integration with our church website (stgertrude.org), both Ministry Platform and OnlineGiving.org will be a significant upgrade from our current tools. In order to make this a smooth transition, we will need your help. Please look for an email this week with more information.

ST. GERTRUDE MAGNETS ARE AVAILABLE

St. Gertrude Parish car magnets and Mass times fridge magnets are available in the church on the tables near the entrances/exits. The magnets are free and limited to one of each magnet per family.

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA

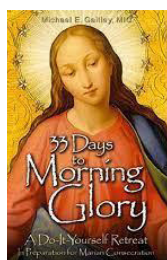
Remember your mother, grandmother, aunts, sisters, and/or friends in a beautiful way this year by enrolling them in the Mother’s Day novena to be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena, consisting of nine Masses, begins on Mother’s Day, May 8, and ends May 16. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office.

REVITALIZE

Do you sense that God has something more planned for you, but you don’t know what it is – or how to find it? Join us for Revitalize, an invigorating seven-week formation program that will deepen your friends with God, help you cultivate a more intentional prayer life, open your heart to the Holy Spirit, and more. The spring program begins Thursday, April 28, and runs through June 9. Meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Center Lobby. For more information and to register, visit stgertrude.org/revitalize. Space is limited.

MARIAN CONSECRATION

Are you interested in entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her? Our parish will once again be offering the video-based program for Father Michael Gaitley’s *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration*. The 33-day journey begins on Monday, April 25, concluding with the consecration on Tuesday, May 31, after 11:30 a.m. Mass. We will meet to watch the videos and pray the rosary on April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, and May 23 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Books will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Finnegan at kackyb@woh.rr.com.



SEE AND BELIEVE

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” Indeed, the mercy of God centers our hearts in peace.

When you place a gift into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box, you help those who are hungry to “see and believe” in the goodness of Our Lord. He is risen! May God bless you abundantly!

CALLING ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN

Is your child going to be a freshman for the 2022-2023 school year? He or she is invited to join us on Sunday, May 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for our L’alto: High School end-of-the-year celebration.. (L’alto: High School is our parish’s high school youth ministry.) There will be games, food, a chance to hear from seniors about their experience with L’alto, and a time to recognize and welcome our new participants. If you have questions or want to learn more about our ministry, visit stgertrude.org/highschool, or contact Walter Plummer, director of youth formation, at wplummer@stgertrude.org.

WE’RE HIRING!

Are you passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing and implementing faith formation content and programming for children in grades 4–8? Apply to be St. Gertrude Parish’s coordinator of youth formation. Learn more about this position and apply at stgertrude.org/employment.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Richard Andolina, husband of Alice; Rita Cole; Jane Dunham, mother of Jerin; Jeff Shubeler, husband of Carol; Jane Kuhn;

DATE NIGHT WITH FR. NATHAN CROMLY

Enjoy an evening with your spouse on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212) as you learn how your marriage can change the culture. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$90 per couple and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and live music. Register at bit.ly/DateNightFrNathan4302022.

THE Angelico PROJECT

SACRED ARCHITECTURE TOUR

with Fr. Jan Schmidt • 9-11 am • Sat. May 7
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica
325 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

\$10 Person

Visit us at angelicoproject.org

SACRED ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Did you know that the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains is one of America's most unusual cathedrals and that it was once the city's tallest structure? Join Father Jan Schmidt on Saturday, May 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. for The Angelico Project's Sacred Architecture Tour, where you'll go behind the façade and through the masterpieces of architecture, art, and craftsmanship nestled under St. Peter in Chain's single-spired roof. See a replica of Michelangelo's *Pieta*, be dazzled by an original *Caravaggio* and a host of European delights, and discover anew the massive mosaic that St. Peter in Chains is famous for. If you loved our fall tour of Covington's Cathedral Basilica, you won't want to miss this! Get your tickets today at angelicoproject.org.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF CHARITY

There will be an organizational meeting on Saturday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby. We will make our plans for our upcoming summer and fall activities, including the Treasure Mart and Craft Fair. Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join us for the meeting. Come meet new friends and enjoy serving fellow members of our community.

For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

FOOD FOR ALL

Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to Covid-19, our pantries are now drive-thru. We could use your help! If you are interested in serving or donating, please contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at ahoak@ccswoh.org or (513) 672-3720. Learn more at ccswoh.org/programs/food-for-all/.

HEALING SERVICE

Come to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) on Wednesday, April 24, to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, and participate in a healing service. The rosary begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR

Join Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 17-28, 2022. This pilgrimage will be a spiritual journey to the land where Jesus was born, where he preached and healed, suffered, died, and rose again. For more information and to register, visit catholiccincypilgrimage.com.



**ASK A PRIEST -
PRAYING THE CHAPLET
OF DIVINE MERCY**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: I've heard about people praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy using their rosary beads. Would you recommend this devotion?

A: I grew up in Western Massachusetts, only an hour away from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy. Nestled in the Berkshires, I always looked forward to visiting this hilltop sanctuary with my family. If you've ever seen or heard a sung recording of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, it may well have been produced in the beautiful stone chapel in Stockbridge, decked with its wood-carved statues of the apostles, frescoed ceiling, and smelling like incense. It's a place of pilgrimage (especially on Divine Mercy Sunday) for many who are seeking to better know and experience God's mercy in their day-to-day. The chaplet is prayed there every day at 3 p.m., the hour of mercy.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy immerses the devotee in the tide of "blood and water" issuing from Jesus' side for our forgiveness and holiness. The prayers are very simple: the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Apostles' Creed at the beginning, and then the following two prayers on the interspersed single and decade sets of beads found on

a normal rosary:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." (single beads)

"For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (decades)

Pretty simple, right? Of course, this relatively new Catholic devotion is very much in line with our apostolic lineage. One can recognize here the spirituality of the Mass wherein the faithful unite their small offerings to the incomparable offering of Jesus on the cross. The words used are very traditional too, such as the prayer recited three times at the end of the chaplet:

"Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

If you're looking for a devotion that will help you connect daily to all the graces of Jesus' saving passion, death, and resurrection this Easter season, you may need look no further! Finger your rosary beads, listen to a sung version, and/or fix your gaze upon the glorious Divine Mercy image of the resurrected Christ as you pray.

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!



Jesus I trust in You

Monday, April 25	Tuesday, April 26	Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30	Sunday, May 1
33 Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration 12:15 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room	St. Gertrude School PTO meeting 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria		SGS First Communion 2 p.m. Church	K of C Baby Bottle Pickup <i>After all Masses</i> Breezeway
Seasons of Hope Mass 5:30 p.m. Church	Family Faith 6 p.m. School Classrooms	True Devotion to Mary 12 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series 9:45 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby		K of C Baby Bottle Pickup <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Breezeway	Rosary Sales <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby
Seasons of Hope Social 6 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School SAC Meeting 7 p.m. School Library	Cub Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Cana Family Year 1 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room			Alternative First Communion Option 12 p.m. Mass Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Revitalize – Spring Series 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
L'Alto HS Core Team Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria						L'Alto High School 7 p.m. Parish Center

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for April 17**

Collection	\$	51,323
Weekly Budget	\$	30,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	21,323

Good Friday – \$ 4,705

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,592,167
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,522,054
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	70,113

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
5/8/22

MATERIALS DUE
4/27/22

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org, 6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243 (513) 561-5954 | FAX (513) 561-7184 | www.StGertrude.org

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