

I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME,
AND I IN HIM,
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.
JOHN 15:5



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 28, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

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

- 7 a.m. † Carol Ann O'Donnel by The Connelly Family
- 8 a.m. † Mark Crouch by Bill & Penny Cunningham
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

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

- 7 a.m. † Paul Wellage by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. Jo & Paul LeSaint by The Wenzel Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Mark Crouch by The Fitzpatrick Family
- 7 p.m. Dominican Laity in the Bishop Fenwick & Our Lady of Peace Fraternities (Dominican Rite Mass)

Wednesday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker (M)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Rita Gehring by St. Gertrude Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Rita Johantges by Jeanne Johantges

Thursday, May 2, St. Athanasius (M)

- 7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8 a.m. † Jane Hazelton by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
- 11:30 a.m. † Tim & John A. Petric by Mary Petric

Friday, May 3, Sts. Philip & James (F)

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Katie Stoiber
- 8 a.m. † Robert Reilly by Bill & Tish Shefeik
- 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Johantges by The Johantges Family

Saturday, May 4, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Marilyn Sorrentino by Dennis Schone
- 4:30 p.m. Dominic & Katherine Widmeyer by Jim & Anita Pappalardo

Sunday, May 5, 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. † Pat Shannon by Knights of Columbus
- 10 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Pat Dorn
- 12 p.m. † Tom & Audrey Ruthman by Patty Connelly
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

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

Parish Information

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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.



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 12 oz. soda*

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

9 a.m.
Doors open

9:15-11 a.m.
Viewing of Film
(In Spanish with
English subtitles)

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

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

Dominican Rite

In honor of St. Catherine of Siena



Join us for a beautiful,
ancient form of the Mass
that will deepen your
spiritual participation in
Mass in a powerful way.
You will also have the
opportunity to venerate
St. Catherine's relic.

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

Music
Messa à quattro (1642)
Chiara Margarita Cozzolani

Learn more about the Dominican Rite at stgertrude.org/dominicanrite



THREE GREAT DOMINICAN SAINTS AND OUR BLESSED MOTHER

This week on the liturgical calendar, the Church recognizes three Dominican saints, all of whom have a close link to Our Lady. This Sunday, April 28, is the liturgical feast day of St. Louis de Montfort. Since his feast falls on a Sunday it is not liturgically celebrated,

but nonetheless it is worth mentioning this very important saint. He was a diocesan priest and also a member of the Dominican Third Order. His spirituality was greatly influenced by his connection with the Dominicans. He is most famous for writing two of the greatest works about Our Lady in the entire history of our Catholic faith: *True Devotion to Mary* and *The Secret of the Rosary*. They are works that I personally believe every Catholic should read at some point in his or her life. No less an authority than Pope St. John Paul II related that reading *True Devotion to Mary*, and then undergoing the Marian consecration outlined therein, marked the “decisive turning point in my entire spiritual life.” Wow. I don’t know that any work could receive a better endorsement than that!

Then on Monday, April 29, we celebrate the feast of St. Catherine of Siena. As a consecrated Dominican tertiary, her own life was modeled after the Blessed Virgin, and she wrote of her with a tenderness and beauty rivaled by few other saints.

Finally, on Tuesday, April 30, we celebrate the great Dominican Pope St. Pius V. It was he who asked all of Christendom to pray the rosary as the Christian forces made their desperate attempt to turn the tide of Islam from overrunning the entire Mediterranean at the Battle of Lepanto. Then, after the stunning victory was won, he instituted on our liturgical calendar the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

As we prepare to head into May, which is known as the “month of Mary,” these three great Dominican saints can help lead us into a deeper love and devotion for Our Blessed Mother.

I’d like to end this reflection with a beautiful quote from one of the letters of St. Catherine of Siena, which is especially relevant during this Easter season:

“The Word was engrafted in her flesh, this blessed and sweet field of Mary, as the seed that is cast on the earth. Through the warmth of the sun, it germinates and draws out the flower and the fruit and the shell remains on the earth. So, truly, [it was] through the warmth and the fire of divine charity which God had for the human race, casting the seed of His Word in the field of Mary. O blessed and sweet Mary, you have given us the flower of the sweet Jesus! And when did this blessed flower produce the fruit? When He was grafted on the wood of the most holy cross. Then we received perfect life.” May Our Lady, St. Catherine, and all the saints help us to fully receive the gift of “perfect life” from he who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



THANK YOU, PHIL!

On behalf of our entire parish, I would like to thank parishioner Phil Motz, who put his woodworking skills to use in crafting and donating two beautiful tables to the church, which have been placed in the back on either side of the center aisle to hold worship programs and other items, replacing the very old and damaged tables that were there before. Thank you, Phil!

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **We are at 141 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, 301 parishioners have contributed—that’s 10 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!

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“When I entered the chapel, once again the majesty of God overwhelmed me. I felt that I was immersed in God, totally immersed in Him and penetrated by Him, being aware of how much the heavenly Father loves us. Oh, what great happiness fills my heart from knowing God and the divine life! It is

my desire to share this happiness with all people. I cannot keep this happiness locked in my own heart alone... I desire to go throughout the whole world and speak to souls about the great mercy of God. Priests, help me in this; use the strongest words at your disposal to proclaim His mercy, for every word falls short of how merciful He really is.”(Diary, #491)

SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN SIGNING DAYS



AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

FIFTH GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



CONFIRMATION



We're Hiring

St. Gertrude School is looking for a part-time director of alumni relations to begin immediately!

This individual is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to engage and cultivate relationships with St. Gertrude School alumni. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in communications, marketing, or public relations. Experience in alumni relations, fundraising, or related fields is a plus.

Requirements also include the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment process prior to start.

Visit stgertrudesch.org/employment/ or scan the QR code to view the position description and apply!



ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

May Crowning

Thursday, May 2
6:30 p.m. in the Church

All are invited to attend!

Confirmation

This past Sunday, April 21, 71 young men and women received the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish! Celebrated by Father Steve Angi, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and dean of our parish deanery, the Mass was a beautiful liturgy. Please pray for our new confirmands and their sponsors and families. Congratulations to all who received this powerful sacrament!





CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS

Are you looking for a way to share ideas with other moms on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? A new Cana Family Called to Motherhood group is being formed for fall 2024! We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Pope St. John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. We share stories and advice on how to raise faith-filled children and be better wives and mothers. Come learn more on Thursday, May 2, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. You can find more information at canafamilyinstitute.com. If you have any questions, please contact Anita at cana@stgertrude.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be collecting your filled baby bottles this weekend, April 27-28. You can also return your filled bottles to the parish office. One hundred percent of the funds raised will be donated to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center on behalf of St. Gertrude Parish.

BEARING MUCH FRUIT

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor, we can "bear much fruit," and we find that, with Jesus, we can do everything. Because of your generosity, in January through March of 2024, your St. Gertrude Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been able to assist 12 neighbors with rent bills, five families with Duke bills, one family with a water bill, and one family with a car payment so their car was not repossessed. Thank you for bringing Jesus' love to our neighbors!



REGISTER FOR FALL SPORTS

It's time to register your children for the following sports for the 2024 fall season:

Girls Volleyball: All girls of St. Gertrude Parish who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to join the St. Gertrude girls volleyball program for the 2024 fall season! Registration is open now through June 1. Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org/girlsvolleyball to learn more and register.



Cheerleading: All girls of St. Gertrude Parish who will be in K-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to join the Bulldogs cheerleading program for the 2024 fall season! Registration is open now through May 31. Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org/cheerleading to learn more and register.



Football: All students who will be in K-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year and who are active parishioners at St. Gertrude, St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, or St. Louis parishes (this includes homeschool students and students enrolled at one of the parish schools or faith formation classes) are invited to join the Bulldogs football program for the 2024 fall season. Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org/football to learn more and register.



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, 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:

† Arthur de St. Aubin, father of Ed de St. Aubin

BAPTISM

Sunday, April 14, 2024



Child: Colette Elizabeth Bonjour
Parents: Joanna & Andrew Bonjour

4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC BEARCAT BANQUET



Catholic Bearcat, the Newman Center for University of Cincinnati, invites you to its 4th Annual Banquet on May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Graduate Hotel. This wonderful evening benefiting campus ministry includes dinner, fellowship, and keynote speaker Dr. John Bergsma (vice president for Biblical Theology and Mission Effectiveness at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville). You will also hear mission milestones and ministry updates from Catholic Bearcat's new chaplain, Father Jeff Stephens; meet our new pastor, Father David Doseck; and hear a Catholic Bearcat student testimony. There will also be a silent auction of donated gift items and experiences. Reserve your table or individual seats at catholicbearcat.com/banquet or scan the QR code.



MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 4-5, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) collecting items for Mary Magdalen House in Over-the-Rhine. The center serves the homeless by providing bathrooms and shower facilities,

use of the telephone, and laundry of one set of clothing. They do not provide meals. Mary Magdalen House has special needs for the following items, in addition to cash donations and gift cards (Walmart, Amazon):

- Clothing (gently used unless noted)
 - o Men's and women's thermal tops/bottoms, shirts/tops, and gym shoes
 - o Men's underwear (new) sizes 30-36 (most needed 32-34), T-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies (L, XL, XXL), and sweatpants (M, L, XL, XXL), work pants/jeans/shorts (30-36), belts, white socks (new), and work boots
 - o Women's bras (especially new sports bras), underwear (new) sizes 5-9, and washable pants
- Cleaning Supplies: Liquid Drano/Lysol, HE laundry detergent, stain remover (Shout, etc.), dryer sheets, Clorox II, window cleaning supplies, cleaning cloths, Top Job/Mr. Clean, plastic trash bags (13-55 gal), paper towels, toilet tissue, and Kleenex
- Personal Care Items: Disposable razors, spray deodorant, toothbrushes, Vaseline Petroleum Jelly, washcloths, combs, and brushes

Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions about Mary Magdalen House or the Ladies of Charity. Thank you very much for your help!

PRAYERS FOR ARCHBISHOP SCHURR

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati asks all Catholics to please keep Archbishop Schnurr in their prayers. Archbishop Schnurr was admitted to the hospital on Friday, April 19, for observation due to recent health complications.

MASS FOR SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS

All are invited to a special Mass for Survivors of Suicide Loss at 9 a.m. next Sunday, May 5, at St. Francis de Sales Church (20 Desales Avenue, Lebanon, Ohio 45036). We ask for the intercession of St. Dymphna, patron saint of people living with mental illness, and pray for the souls of loved ones who died by suicide and for all those impacted by suicide.

RESPECT LIFE FLOWER SALE

The St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. These baskets make a perfect gift for Mother's Day or a beautiful addition to your own garden. Baskets can be purchased with cash or check made out to Cincinnati Right to Life. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Ragusa at rjragusa1@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOLERS, JOIN US AT UD FOR WAYFINDERS!



Wayfinders is a summer program in Catholic theology aimed at rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who want to go deeper into their faith or who want to explore questions about faith. The program allows high schoolers to earn one college credit that fits into religious studies and theology programs at University of Dayton. Registration is \$150, which includes a four-day stay on UD's campus, all materials, excursions, meals, swag, and fun! Scan the QR code or visit go.udayton.edu/cit to learn more and register by May 15.

MILES FOR MARY



Pregnancy Center West invites you to honor Mary during the month of May by joining the Miles for Mary challenge. It's simple: all you have to do is walk, run, cycle, swim, dog walk, or elliptical one mile every single day in May (totaling 31 miles). Everyone who successfully completes this challenge will be entered in the Split-the-Pot on June 10. PCW also encourages honoring Mary during the challenge by reciting a decade of the rosary, the entire rosary, or any other Marian devotional. The Split-the-Pot proceeds will go toward PCW's operational needs. To register, scan the QR code, text MILES4MARY to (513) 957-GIVE, or visit supportpcw.org/event/miles-for-mary. If you have any questions, email jame@pc-west.org or call (513) 244-5700.

Once a month over the next few months, we are going to feature “The Bible Ladies,” Father Joseph Alobaidi’s short series on women in the Bible. You’ll read about our mothers of faith, including Eve, Sarah, Hagar, Mariam, Rebekah, Ruth, and Esther. This is the fourth article in “The Bible Ladies” series. You can find the first article on Eve on page 7 in the January 21 bulletin, the second article on Sarah on page 7 in the February 25 bulletin, and the third article on Hagar on page 7 in the March 24 bulletin. All bulletins are available at stgertrude.org/bulletin.



THE BIBLE LADIES — REBEKAH

FATHER JOSEPH ALOBAIDI, O.P.

Rebekah, the New Sarah

There are many ways to consider the “birth” of Israel. One way is to reflect on the significant moments that shaped God’s plan to save humanity through the “creation” of a new people, Israel. The

liberation from Egypt and the gift of the Law and the land are certainly major elements in forging Israel’s identity. The beginning of the Israel saga, however, starts with the call to Abraham. Two women, also, played unique roles in the realization of God’s promise: Sarah and Rebekah. The first, Sarah, by excluding Abraham’s first son, Ishmael; the second, Rebekah, by excluding Isaac’s first son, Esau. Sarah and Rebekah have not only identical roles in the history of salvation, but also lives that are surprisingly similar. Here are a few stages where the two Mothers of Israel share the same characteristics.

Origin. Sarah was most likely Abraham’s half-sister, from the same father but not the same mother (Genesis 20:12). The tradition of choosing a sibling (same father, different mothers) as a spouse was well attested to in Abraham’s time, or the second millennium before Jesus Christ. Rebekah was not from Isaac’s family, but she was from the same tribe. She was the granddaughter of Nahor, Abraham’s brother (Genesis 22:23, 24:15). This makes her Isaac’s cousin. Indeed, marriage between cousins is still practiced in the Middle East in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic societies.

The Difficulty of Childbearing. Like Sarah, Rebekah had difficulty getting pregnant. It may be said that Sarah’s difficulty in getting pregnant is *natural*, given her advanced age, while Rebekah’s difficulty is *unnatural*, since she was at the age when expecting a child is a real possibility. The explanation concerning Sarah is wrong, since she was Abraham’s wife from his youth. As for Rebekah, all modern explanations about the difficulty of conceiving a child can be evoked. When Sarah and Rebekah did get pregnant, both pregnancies are presented as miraculous—the result of Abraham’s prayer (Genesis 15:2-3) and Isaac’s prayer (Genesis 25:21). We also know that in Bible-mentality, conception is often perceived as God’s decision and not just the result of an encounter between a man and a woman alone.

The Mistreatment of Ishmael and Esau. It is difficult for the

modern mind to justify Sarah’s harshness in dealing with Hagar and her son Ishmael. The same can be said about Rebekah’s harshness toward her own son Esau. Modern mentality, rightly so, does not tolerate such



mistreatment. However, the inspired scribe had another intention in mind than exposing the cruelty of Sarah and Rebekah. By excluding Ishmael and Esau, the two Mothers of Israel preserved the realization of God’s promise to Abraham and his descendants from being diluted by merging Israel with the region’s populations. Such danger would be real if Ishmael, whose mother was Egyptian (Genesis 16:1-2) and Esau, who married a Canaanite woman (Genesis 28:15) became the heirs of the promise. The same theological dimension is present in the insistence that neither Isaac (Genesis 24:3) nor Jacob (Genesis 28:1-2) should have Canaanite wives.

Both Women Saved Their Husbands’ Lives. In the article about Sarah, we saw how ungentlemanly Abraham asked Sarah to say that he is her brother in order to spare his life. The episode (Genesis 12:11-16) presents Abraham in danger of losing his life if Pharaoh knew that Sarah was his wife. The same demand was repeated by Abraham (Genesis 20:8-13) when facing Abimelech. Both cases ended with Pharaoh and Abimelech discovering Abraham’s ruse and compensating him, for fear of incurring God’s wrath by touching Abraham’s wife. Rebekah also saved her husband’s life. Because of the famine, they had to move to Gerar (Genesis 26:1.6). There, Isaac feared that the inhabitants would kill him if they discovered that Rebekah was his wife. He used the same stratagem as his father, asking his wife to say that he is her brother. But, unlike the case with Sarah, the king learned about Isaac’s ruse in a different way. He came to know they are husband and wife when he saw “Isaac fondling his wife Rebekah” (Genesis 26:8).

Rebekah, the Ideal Wife. There is a verse that did not attract much attention in the history of Christian interpretation of Genesis, yet it became famous among Jewish masters. Here is the verse: “Isaac brought her [Rebekah] into the tent of his mother Sarah and he took Rebekah as his wife. Isaac loved her and thus found comfort after his mother’s death” (Genesis 24:67). Because of this verse, old Jewish masters spoke about the ideal wife: while she is the intimate partner of her husband her tenderness includes motherly care for the man of her life.

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 29	Tuesday, April 30	Wednesday, May 1	Thursday, May 2	Friday, May 3	Saturday, May 4	Sunday, May 5
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family "Come & See" 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Respect Life Meeting 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Baptisms At 8 a.m. Mass Church
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	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		Faith Formation First Communion 2 p.m. Church	Boosters Kickoff for the Gym Revitalization Project & Fundraiser After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Parish Center
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Collegium Rehearsal 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Parent Group Meeting 11 a.m. St. Joseph Room		L of C Mary Magdalen House Collection After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	May Crowning 6:30 p.m. Church			L of C Mary Magdalen House Collection After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Sharing Van
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room			K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall			Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Outside Church or St. Dominic Lobby
						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
5/1/24

BULLETIN
5/12/24

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for April 21**

Collection	\$	28,896
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	\$	8,104

Second Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$2,392

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,771,767
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,617,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	154,767

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

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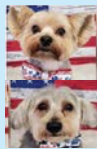
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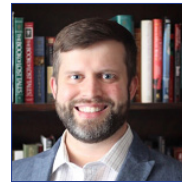


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