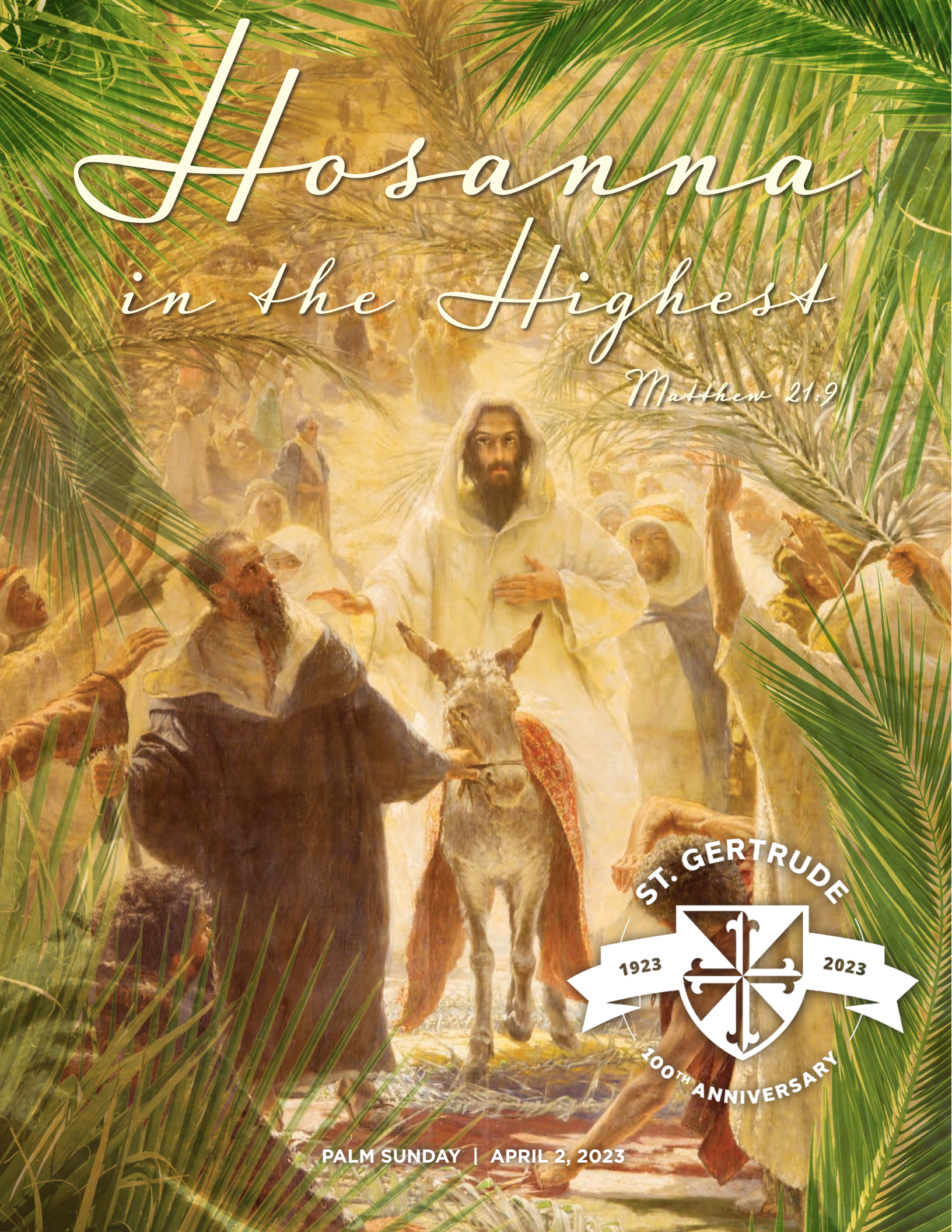


Hosanna in the Highest

Matthew 21:9



ST. GERTRUDE

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, April 3, Monday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Shari Siebert
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Terri & Lyle Glazier
- 11:30 a.m. † Tom Ruthman by Rita Johantges

Tuesday, April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. † Peggy Kindt by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
- 8 a.m. † John Fasola by The Stines Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Betty Schommer by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Wednesday, April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. John A. Pachuk by John & Michelle Pachuk
- 8 a.m. † Robert J. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
- 11:30 a.m. Stephen Dawson by Amber Dawson

Thursday, April 6, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

No morning Masses are permitted

No scheduled confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Incense, Procession, Adoration until 10 p.m.
- 9:45 p.m. Night Prayer

Friday, April 7, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

No Masses are permitted

No scheduled confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion
- 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross with the Entombment of Christ

Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday

No Masses are permitted until the Easter Vigil

No scheduled confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 8:45 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 9 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Incense)
For the Catechumens baptized at this Mass

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
- 10 a.m. Easter Novena (Incense)
- 12 p.m. For the newly received Catholics at this Mass (Incense)
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Tuesday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. Confessions will resume on Tuesday, April 11.

Parish Information

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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.

Spent an hour
with Jesus every
week this Lent.



WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR + EUCHARISTIC HOLINESS SERIES

March 1, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
7:30-8:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church

Listen to a short reflection on the Eucharist and spend time in Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confessions.

April 5 Father Michael Dosch O.P.
The Eucharist and Mercy

LAST ONE

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

April 2 | Palm Sunday

4:30 p.m. (Vigil), 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m.,
6 p.m. Mass

April 6 | Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Mass of Our Lord's Supper*

April 7 | Good Friday (No Mass)

3 p.m. Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
(Communion Service)*
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross and
Entombment of Christ

April 8 | Easter Vigil

9 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass*

April 9 | Easter Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m.*, 6 p.m. Mass

*Indicates liturgies that will be livestreamed on
St. Gertrude Church's YouTube channel. Visit
stgertrude.org/lent2023 for more information.



TIME STOPS WHILE THE WORLD CONTINUES

With our celebration of the Passion of the Lord this weekend, we embark upon the holiest week of the year. The waving of the palms and the reading of the Passion narrative from St. Matthew’s Gospel this weekend are but a forerunner of the great Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday just days from now.

These most sacred days are meant to draw us into their mysteries. They are meant to snap us out of our regular day-to-day existence and transport us back to the sacred events of 2,000 years ago. As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we should feel that we are part of the crowd crying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” On Holy Thursday, we should feel as if we were there as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, as he instituted the great gift of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and as he gave us the gift of the ordained priesthood . . . and we should also feel ourselves there as the soldiers came to the garden with weapons and arrested him. Our silent adoration after Mass, and then leaving the church after, is meant to immerse us in that sense that at one moment we are with the Lord and the next, he is gone.

On Good Friday, we walk the horrible journey of the Passion along with our Lord Jesus, bewailing the cruelty of his executioners as did the holy women of Jerusalem. On that Good Friday evening and through the day on Holy Saturday, we are meant to feel the silence, the emptiness, in our churches and in our hearts as the Lord of life is put to death, because of the sins of men . . . and we are meant to both *understand* and *feel* the weight of the reality that *my* sins were a part of what caused this.

During the day on Holy Saturday, this emptiness continues. I am always moved by the first sentences of the second reading from the Office of Readings on Holy Saturday morning: “Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh...”

The liturgies of Holy Week, and especially the Triduum, are supposed to be different. They are beautiful but stark, and at times even jarring to the senses. They are anything but ordinary.

And yet, even on these days, the world goes on. I remember the sensation from a number of years ago when I was still living in Baltimore. We had just finished our 3 p.m. Good Friday service and, though the service was now over, I found my thoughts and emotions were still in turmoil as a result of the gravity of what we had just recalled. I was a passenger in a car driving through the city, and I remember looking out the window at the world passing by me.

People were sitting at coffee shops sipping their coffee. Some college students were tossing around a Frisbee, laughing and joking. Couples were out pushing baby strollers or walking dogs. UPS and FedEx delivery trucks were doing their normal routine. It struck me that, to the “world,” this was just a normal day. Just a random Friday in the spring, nothing more.

And I remember feeling, in the very depths of my soul, that this was *so wrong*. I felt like shouting out to all these people I saw, “Don’t you understand what today is? Don’t you understand how much he loves you?!? Today isn’t a normal day . . . don’t you understand?”

If, to any degree, that is your reaction to the world around you when the Triduum comes this week, then count yourself blessed. If the normalcy of the world seems “wrong” this coming Thursday and Friday and Saturday, then in your spiritual life you can know you are doing something right. For this week is anything but normal. It is the holiest week of the year.

Waiting with you at the foot of the cross,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Palm Sunday

O Passion of Christ, fervent and brutal, which bore the whole burden of our sins: strengthen me; fortify me against all adversities; and impart to me the courage to endure with a strong and glad heart all insult and derision, for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem*, Tafsart (1896) | Photo ©shutterstock.com/RSEdmakova

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **April 2:** Mother/Son Bowling | 3-5 p.m.
- **April 3:** Passion Play | 7 p.m.
- **April 5:** Third Trimester Midterm
- **April 6:** Holy Thursday (No School)
- **April 7:** Good Friday (No School)
- **April 10-16:** Easter Break

FAITH FORMATION PRIMARY GRADE STUDENTS

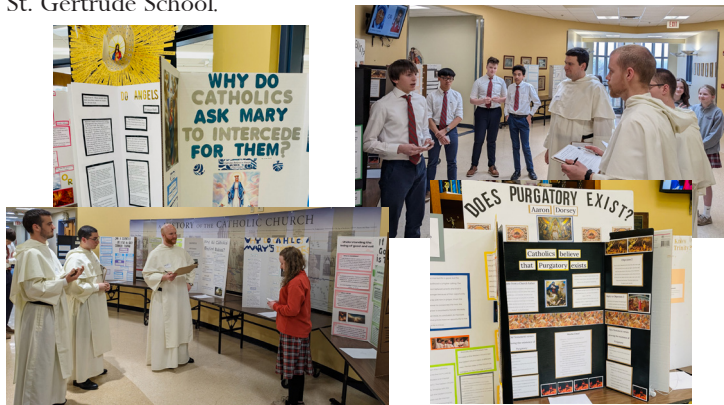
We are so blessed to be able to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) as part of our curriculum for our primary grade students. CGS is a Montessori-influenced faith formation experience that is threefold: the child (in a small group), the adult catechist, and the prepared environment called the atrium. The atrium is a space carefully created to help allow the teachings, joy, and mystery of God to be explored through concrete material integrating and depicting parables, biblical scenes, and parts of the Mass.

Here's a look at how our first graders recently spent their time in the atrium.



APOLOGETICS PROJECTS

On March 22, the 8th grade students presented their capstone apologetics projects to the Dominican brothers. They worked hard on researching a question pertaining to the faith; wrote a formal paper; designed a project board; and gave a polished, timed oral presentation with a question and answer period. All the students did an outstanding job of defending their faith and showcasing the excellent education at St. Gertrude School.



TRAVELING BACK IN TIME

Our students traveled back to the Middle Ages to learn about art . . . The first graders created their own medieval mosaics.

The second grade students learned all about medieval castles and created their own castle landscapes. They also created royal self-portraits, inspired by medieval royalty.

The seventh graders developed their own style of calligraphy, inspired by medieval manuscript, as they wrote down the definitions of various virtues.

The eighth grade students learned about illuminated manuscripts and created their own illuminated initials through metal tooling.



WE'RE HIRING!

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

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 3, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed April 6-7.

**Where students gather in Faith,
are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.**



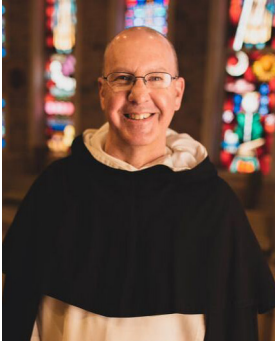
For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year.

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MEET OUR DOMINICANS

St. Gertrude Parish has been staffed by Dominican friars from the Province of St. Joseph since it was established in 1944. The St. Gertrude Priory, which is attached to the parish, is home to a community of Dominican friars who, led by their elected prior, live and pray together. The priory is also home to the novitiate for the Province of St. Joseph.

Currently, there are 20 Dominican friars (8 priests and 12 novices) in residence at St. Gertrude Priory—many of whom you have probably seen celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and serving in a variety of ways at St. Gertrude Parish and in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. To help you get to know the lesser-known men, the St. Gertrude Bulletin will feature interviews with each of them over the coming months. This weekend, meet Father John Langlois, O.P., the Prior of St. Gertrude Priory.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Hi, Father John! Would you please tell us a little bit about yourself?

Father John Langlois: I was born and raised in Berlin, New Hampshire, just north of Mt. Washington and the White Mountains. I attended Providence College, which is where I met Dominicans for the first time and discovered my Dominican vocation. I entered the Order right after graduation and did my novitiate at St. Gertrude from 1985 to 1986. I was in the second class of novices here! After completing philosophy and theology at the House of Studies in Washington, D.C., I was ordained in 1991. I've spent most of priesthood teaching Church history and doing formation work for the province. I was elected prior of St. Gertrude in 2020 and have very much enjoyed living and working here the past three years!

SBG: What drew you to the priesthood and the Order of Preachers specifically?

Father John: I've felt a call to the priesthood ever since I can remember! But I also always wanted to be a teacher. When I met the Dominicans at PC, I discovered that I could be both a priest *and* a teacher! The preaching of the friars on campus was of a quality I hadn't experienced before, so that was definitely a factor in my wanting to become a Dominican as well. Another attractive aspect of the Order to me was life in community, and particularly the chanting of the Divine Office that is at the heart of our daily prayer.

SBG: How is one elected prior, and what are your responsibilities as prior at St. Gertrude Priory?

Father John: One is elected prior by the professed members of the local community. However, the provincial has to confirm the election. He can also cassate or veto the election. When confirmed, a prior serves for a term of three years and can be elected to one consecutive term.

The prior is the religious superior of the community. His role is primarily to inspire the community in being faithful to its life of prayer and contemplation, study, and ministry. He gives monthly spiritual conferences to the community and presides over the monthly chapter meeting where the community discusses various business matters. Because St. Gertrude is a formation house for our novices, the prior's role here is also to assure a healthy environment for their formation under the direction of the novice master. Finally, the prior has primary responsibility for the physical maintenance of the priory. For example, last summer I oversaw a major renovation of our kitchen, which was in need of serious updating.

SBG: What do you enjoy most about being a priest?

Father John: I love celebrating Mass, preaching, and hearing confessions! The opportunity to make a difference in people's lives through my ministry is what I find most fulfilling.

SBG: What do you like to do for fun/in your free time?

Father John: Being from New Hampshire, I love to hike. While Cincinnati doesn't have mountains like back home, I've discovered some wonderful trails at places like the Cincinnati Nature Center and Mt. Airy Park. I also enjoy biking, particularly the Milford Rail Trail. And finally, I love to cook and try my hand at new recipes and different cuisines! Fortunately, I get to exercise that hobby rather often for the Dominican community!

SBG: Thank you for taking the time to help us get to know you better and for everything that you do to serve St. Gertrude Parish and the priory!

Children & Youth Faith Formation

SUMMER 2023 | 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

St. Gertrude Church is committed to supporting parents in the Christian formation of their children. We do this by offering child-centered, family-focused faith formation programs throughout the year, 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)

Registration for summer 2023 and 2023-2024 academic year faith formation programs opens Thursday, April 13.

Stay tuned for more information!



CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

As we head into Holy Week—the holiest of all weeks in the liturgical year—we are adding additional opportunities to experience God’s merciful love in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession will be offered in the church Monday at 4 p.m., Tuesday at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please note: There will be no confessions during the Easter Triduum; Wednesday, April 5, will be the last day to receive this sacrament before Easter. There will be no confessions on Monday, April 10.

CLOSURES DURING HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

The parish office will be closed Friday, April 7, through Monday, April 10, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Thursday, April 6, through Easter, April 9, and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 10.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, April 7, we will have the annual Pontifical Good Friday collection for Christians in the Holy Land. These people need our support. Last year, the generosity of Catholics across our country helped to create more than 1,500 jobs and rehabilitate over 100 homes for Christian families in the Holy Land. With your contribution to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection this year, you can help ensure that Christians living in the Holy Land now and in the future will have a place to live and thrive.

BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All children of St. Gertrude Church who will be in grades K-8 for the 2023-2024 school year are invited to join the 2023 Bulldogs football program. Practices begin the third week in July. There is a \$190 registration fee and a \$75/player nonrefundable deposit. Final payment is due May 31. All our coaches are USA Football certified. Learn more, and register today at sgsbulldogs.org/registration. If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact Mark Lemmel at lems51@msn.com or (513) 703-9336, Tony Shirmann at tshirm4@gmail.com or (513) 760-4165, or Chris Lohr at Chris.Lohr@hotmail.com or (513) 646-6343.

SUPPORT SVDP

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of weeks in the Catholic faith. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Did you know that the donations you place in the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes at the entrances of the church stay here at St. Gertrude Church’s SVdP conference? Our conference has recently extended its boundaries to assist additional neighbors in the surrounding areas. Please pray that God will provide us with the grace to show Christ’s face to the neighbors we serve in order for us to bring his love, hope and peace.



JONATHAN ROUMIE AT ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

Last weekend, over 600 people gathered in the gym to watch an episode of the critically-acclaimed series *The Chosen*—and were delighted when Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in the show, made a surprise appearance at the end of the episode!



EASTER NOVENA

The Dominican fathers will be celebrating a novena of Masses starting on Easter, April 9. If you would like them to include any special intentions, please fill out a novena card (available at the entrances of the church) and return it, along with the remittance envelope, before Easter. All donations go to support the priory.

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, 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:

† Marilyn Riehle, sister of Sherry Schuler & Denny Riehle

HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION

This weekend, 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 Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties. The center’s greatest needs this year are sheets, blankets, hand/bath towels, Crock-Pots, and handheld can openers. Items needed on a regular basis include personal hygiene items (bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and men’s and women’s deodorant) and practical household items (paper towels, toilet paper, Tide PODS laundry detergent, and dish soap). Additionally, they need Tupperware bowls with lids and mattresses with built-in air pumps for clients. Cash or check donations are also gratefully appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced “retro-vi” with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2023 program, beginning with a weekend April 14-16, 2023, call (513) 486-6222 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

PREGNANCY CENTER WEST IS HIRING

Pregnancy Center West, saving the unborn since 1981, seeks a new executive director for its westside ministry. If you, or someone you know, have wanted to take a leadership role in the pro-life cause, here’s a wonderful opportunity. For more information and to apply, please visit: catholicjobs.com/job/5042157038.

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 this 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.



Join Us!
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Lunken Airport Playfield
 Benefiting the work of Cincinnati Right to Life



REGISTER NOW! RUNSIGNUP.COM/HEARTBEATSFORLIFE5K
 Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., Race starts at 10!

PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth’s New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Cincinnati area, especially RN/RDMS positions. Please visit enlc.life/careers/ for more information or to apply.

LIVING IN REALITY
APRIL 21-23, 2023 AT
 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DISCIPLESHIP CENTER, PEBBLES OH
THE KEY TO BUILDING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Many people, even Christians, are not in touch with reality because of sin and our secular humanistic culture. Therefore, in the preface of this retreat, we consider four basic realities revealed by Christ. Then we focus on repentance from sin and total commitment to Jesus. The retreat concludes by showing how to build a new life and life-style in the Spirit through family relationships.

INTRODUCTION: BUILDING A NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
 Preface: Four Realities
 1. CLEARING THE BUILDING SITE
 2. BUILDING AND DEFENDING
 3. BUILDING THROUGH FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Hosted by Fr. Al Lauer’s Presentation Ministries
 Register online at www.presentationministries.com or call Betty at 513.373.2397



ASK A PRIEST— VEILED STATUES AND “PASSIONTIDE”

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Why are the statues and the crucifix covered in the church?

A: On Good Friday as he solemnly shows the cross to the faithful, the priest sings three times:

“Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.”

Everyone in the congregation responds:

“Come let us adore.”

It is a dramatic moment, stretched even further as clergy and people alike reverence the wood of the cross. It begins the part of the solemn Good Friday liturgy in which we sing about that “noble tree” on which Christ conquered sin and death itself. But right now, the large crucifix at St. Gertrude Church is veiled in order to prepare for that special moment.

Veiling the cross, statues, and images in our churches is a very old custom which traces its way back more than a thousand years. Currently, it is a liturgical option in the United States during the final two weeks of Lent or “Passiontide.” The Church teaches by words and symbols, just like Jesus did when he walked the earth. The Lord spoke about the moment when he would be “lifted up” so that all could realize he is the Son of God (see Jn 8:28). By veiling the cross and then unveiling it on Good Friday, the Church helps us hunger for this amazing revelation: the Passion Gospel proclaims God’s victory over sin and death.

Hiding Christ’s figure and those of the saints helps to invite each one of us into this greatest of dramas: Christ’s act of redeeming love that culminated on the cross. We are not mere spectators but rather *actors* alongside Jesus: by faithfully meditating upon his Word and frequenting the sacraments, we enter the drama. He is “lifted up” in our own acts of self-emptying love united to his. Perhaps this is why the statues of saints are covered too; it reminds us that saints are not



GOOD FRIDAY FASTING & ABSTINENCE REMINDER

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Good Friday (April 7 this year) is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his resurrection.

made of plaster or wood but of human hearts converted by Christ.

The veiling and unveiling of the crucifix and other statues helps us anticipate the commemoration of Jesus’ great act of love on Good Friday. It also encourages us to imitate the great saints in the “real time” of our lives so that our celebration of Easter is that much more meaningful.

Ask a Priest is the 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 3	Tuesday, April 4	Wednesday, April 5	Thursday, April 6	Friday, April 7	Saturday, April 8	Sunday, April 9
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	33 Days to Merciful Love 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I & II 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Morning Prayers with the Friars & Novices 8 a.m. Church	Easter Sunday Masses 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 6 p.m. Church
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Special Lenten Holy Hour with Reflection & Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Morning Prayers with the Friars & Novices 8 a.m. Church	Parish Office Closed	Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:45 a.m. Church	
SGS Passion Play 7 p.m. Church			Mass of our Lord's Supper 7 p.m. Church	Morning Prayers with the Friars & Novices 8 a.m. Church	Easter Vigil 9 p.m. Church	
				Celebration of Our Lord's Passion & Communion Service 3 p.m. Church		
				Stations of the Cross & Entombment of Christ w/the Novices 7 p.m. Church		

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?

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!

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for March 26**

Collection	\$	33,127
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	(\$	3,373)

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,482,780
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,437,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	45,780

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
4/16/23

MATERIALS DUE
4/5/23

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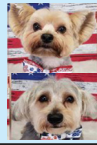
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