

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, April 4, Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Michael

by Jeff & Elaine Parker

8 a.m. † David Taylor by Lucy & Ted Safrin

11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, April 5, Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. The Bonjour Family by The Bursa Family

8 a.m. † Anne Siebert by Sal & Teri Forlini

11:30 a.m. †Robert J. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer

Wednesday, April 6, Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. † Edward G. Droste by Dominican Sisters 8 a.m. † Loretta Holden by Ray & Marylyn Clark

11:30 a.m. †Tony Bang Tran by Thien Cao

Thursday, April 7, Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. † Richard Michael Retta by Knights of Columbus

8 a.m. †Mary Ann Stevenson by Al Stevenson 11:30 a.m. †Lucy Tobin by Kevin & Anne Lynch

Friday, April 8, Lenten Weekday

7 a.m. † Paul Wellage by The Murray Family

8 a.m. Richard & Gail Hutzler by The Lavin Family

11:30 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Judy Bayer & Family

Saturday, April 9, Lenten Weekday

8 a.m. †Edward Beck by The Zimmermans

11:30 a.m. Maureen Taylor by Don & Nancy Beimesche

4:30 p.m. Chris & Jo Tappel by Kevin & Susan Kane

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8 a.m. †Paul Johantges by Jeanne Johantges

10 a.m. †Aida Gort by The Nieto Family

12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

6 p.m. Aislyn Tyler by Kelly Tyler

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.

Jesus Is Waiting for You

"The Church and the world have a great need for eucharistic worship. Jesus awalts us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him . . ." - Pope St. John Paul I

Our 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. Nevertheless, we will begin overnight adoration on Wednesdays, starting with Ash Wednesday, March 2.

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

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



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

No reservations are needed for any of these liturgies.



PARISH MISSION

The parish mission this week draws our community together for a common spiritual exercise. For three days (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday), we gather for Mass and spiritual conferences that aim to renew, revitalize, and intensify our relationship with God. Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P., is our mission preacher who will guide and

encourage us to live in the presence of God each day.

In the promotional remarks about the mission, we read, "St. Augustine says that God is nearer to us than we are to ourselves—and everyone wants to believe it's true. But with the business of ordinary life, the roar of conflicting ideologies, and worries about money, politics, and war, it can be hard to know what it really means to have God so close. Over the course of three nights, Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P., will explore different aspects of this urgent subject." All parish meetings have been suspended for the days of the mission so that everyone can participate. Priests will be available for sacramental confession in the evenings. Participating in this mission will be a wonderful way of preparing for Holy Week and Easter. I encourage everyone to attend and receive the graces of this spiritual exercise. Additional information is found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Last weekend, I announced my resignation as pastor, effective May 1, 2022. Not everyone was present for the announcement, so my letter to the parish is reprinted here so that everyone will have the same information.

March 25, 2022 Dear Parishioners:

Nearly two years have passed since I began my assignment here at St. Gertrude. I arrived at a time of crisis in the parish and during the tumultuous time of the pandemic. The parish has experienced a lot of change on the staff during my tenure; and there has been a lot of stress as we managed the protocols of the pandemic and its impact on parish life. As we continue to rebuild and revitalize the life of the parish, the leadership that is needed is a high priority.

For the past number of months, the demands of duties and responsibilities as pastor have been affecting my health. These health issues are having a negative impact on the effectiveness of my leadership role as pastor.

With the support of the provincial and my local superior, to whom I have an obligation to be obedient, I am resigning as pastor of St. Gertrude effective May 1, 2022. I know this comes as a shock and disappointment to many. This is not an easy decision,

and I am saddened that it must be made, but the life, renewal, and administration of the parish should not be hindered by my current health concerns.

I want to make it clear that my resignation as pastor is not an indication of vocation questions or some impropriety. There is no one to blame. The decision to resign is freely mine made in consultation with the provincial, my local superior, a spiritual director, and a counselor. Each has supported me in prayer, listening, and the recommendation that I need to attend to my personal health.

A new pastor has been named by the provincial and appointed by the archbishop. He is Father John Paul Walker, O.P. He is 51 years old and 20 years a priest. He has previous experience as a pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, and campus ministry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. Father will arrive the first week of May and preach at all the weekend Masses of May 7-8.

With Father John Paul's approval, I will remain at St. Gertrude through June to support the transition of leadership and to assist in the parish as needed. My love for the parish has not waned and I am grateful that I can remain with you for the near future. Please pray for me.

I ask you please to pray also for Father John Paul and for the parish. We all know that change and transition are never easy. With God's grace, the parish will have all the help it needs to persevere into a future that belongs to Christ.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George P. Schommer, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Although I was ill, I made up my mind to make a Holy Hour today as usual. During that hour, I saw the Lord Jesus being scourged at the pillar. In the midst of this frightful torture, Jesus was praying. After a while, He said to me, "There are few souls who contemplate My Passion with true feeling; I give great graces to

souls who meditate devoutly on My Passion." (Diary, #737)

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SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, April 11, 7 p.m. Passion Play
- Thursday, April 14 No School (Holy Thursday)
- Friday, April 15 No School (Good Friday)
- Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22 Easter Break

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is offering a limited number of Welcome Scholarships for the 2022–2023 school year to preschool and kindergarten students who are the first in their immediate families to attend a Catholic school. For more information and to apply, please visit <u>catholicbestchoice.org</u>.

WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

- School receptionist
- Second grade teacher
- Third grade teacher
- Latin teacher

Please visit <u>stgertrude.org/employment</u> to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 4, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

PRIMARY PROGRAM

We recently had our Primary Program, a short production in which our students in kindergarten through third grade sing songs, many of which have hand motions. The theme for this year's program was "Spend a While on the Nile." Here are a few pictures from the event.





Children & Youth Faith Formation SUMMER 2022 | 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

St. Gertrude Church is committed to supporting parents in the Christian formation of their children. We do this by offering various child-centered and family-based faith formation programs throughout the summer and academic year, including:

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

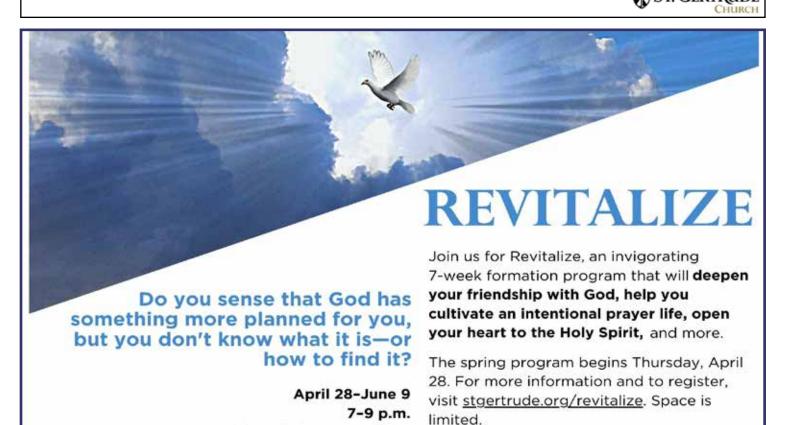


St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby



Learn about each program and the sessions offered and view the faith formation handbook at stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth. To register for a faith formation session, please visit buytickets.at/stgertrude.

St. Gertrude



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VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR PARISH LIBRARY

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the Little Flower Library, which is open two Sunday mornings each month. During his or her shift (8-10 a.m. or 10 a.m.-12 p.m.), a library volunteer checks books out and in; shelves books; and identifies new books to purchase, catalog, and label. The library frequently receives book donations, and volunteers help identify the books we have already, what we want to keep, and what can go on the giveaway rack. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Susan Santos at (513) 504-0205.

EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Easter by enrolling them in our Easter novena of Masses, beginning Easter Sunday and ending Monday, April 25. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office.

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude Parish is looking for a coordinator of youth formation, and a director of music to join our dynamic team. Learn more about these positions and apply at <a href="style="style-type: style-type: style

BAPTISM

Child 1: Charles James Michaels Child 2: Hunter Thomas Michaels Parents: Rachel & Robert Michaels



Child: Sophia Scholl Newsom Parents: Lauren & Russell Newsom

Child: George Hamilton Thompson Parents: Martha & David Thompson



Child: Charlotte Rose Johnson Parents: Bobby & Kristen Johnson

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has once again asked parishes around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. When you donate to this collection, you not only provide support for parishes, schools, and homes for orphans, but also help ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. For more information about the collection and the Christians in the Holy Land, please visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

2022 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Is your daughter interested in playing volleyball next fall? Sign her up for volleyball! St. Gertrude Parish's volleyball is open to all girls who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Practices will tentatively start in August, and the season runs through mid-October. Early bird registration (save \$25) is open now through April 24. Regular registration ends May 8. For more information and to register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org/registration. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Shannon Schuler at shannon_schuler@hotmail.com. You do not need to have a daughter on the team to coach.

† St.Vincent de Paul

COMPASSION & KINDNESS

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross

and to follow Jesus through death to new life. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

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

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.) this weekend, April 2-3, collecting items for Hope Emergency Center. The greatest needs this month are for mens' and boys' clothing and shoes, food, diapers, formula, baby food. Additionally, items needed on a regular basis include nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash or check donations are also appreciated. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions. Thank you!

ANNUAL CISE PARTY IN THE CITY

You are invited to the 12th Annual Catholic Inner-City Education Fund (CISE) Party in the City on Saturday, April 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Backstage Event Center (625 Walnut Street, Cincinnati). Proceeds



provide summer learning opportunities for students attending ten Catholic inner-city elementary schools in Cincinnati. Tickets are \$85/ person in advance or \$100/person at the door and include open bar, live music, dancing, fun, food, friends, raffles, and a silent auction. For more information or to purchase your tickets, contact Mikayla at the CISE office at (513) 263-3474 or mbishop@cisekids.org. You can also purchase tickets at secure.qgiv.com/event/cise.

BANQUET FOR LIFE

Join Pregnancy Center East at its Banquet for Life on Monday, April 11, at the Hyatt Regency as the center celebrates 40 years of serving families in Greater Cincinnati. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and presentations from three keynote speakers (Anthony Muñoz, Bob Trumpy, Dave Lapman) and special guest Rocky Boiman. This lively, inspiring evening is PCE's biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the center to keep its doors open. Tickets are \$100 for individuals and \$1,000 for a table of 10. For more information, visit SupportPCE.com, or contact Karen at (513) 236-8006 or Anne at (513) 207-1631.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

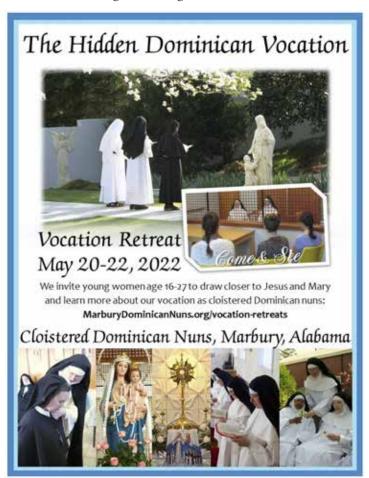
Come to a pre-planning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (Administration Building Chapel, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249) on April 19 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and can be helpful in communicating your wishes to loved ones, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven. org or (513) 489-0300 by April 18, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO LENT

The Catholic Telegraph's 2022 Ultimate Guide to Lent is beautifully designed to help you experience a life-changing Lent. Equal parts practical and inspirational, the Guide is packed with recipes, ideas for prayer, saint stories, and other enjoyable content. It's totally free and sent right to your email inbox. Get yours today at thecatholictelegraph. com/lent2022.

GENDER IDENTITY: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR ACCOMPANIMENT

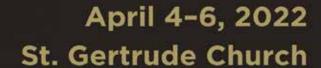
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Center for the New Evangelization (CNE) is hosting a luncheon on Friday, April 22, 2022, that offers formation on the beauty of the Church's teachings on sexual identity with tips for accompaniment. The event is geared toward parents, educators, parish catechists—anyone desiring formation on this important topic. Damon and Melanie Owens, founders of Joyful Ever After and contributors to various marriage enrichment initiatives will give the keynote presentation. The luncheon is \$10 and begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Engelwood, OH. Childcare is not available, however, mothers with infants are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit centerforthenewevangelization.org/events.



PARISH MISSION

Living in the Presence of God

With all the "noise" of the everyday, it can be hard to feel close to God. Join Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P., for a three-day mission that will open your eyes to how you can truly live in God's presence.

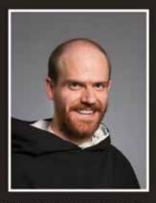


11:30 a.m Mass followed by adoration

7 p.m Talk followed by adoration, Benediction (confession available)

> Learn more at stgertrude.org/lent2022





Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P.

Monday, April 4	Tuesday, April 5	Wednesday, April 6	Thursday, April 7	Friday, April 8	Saturday, April 9	Sunday, April 10
Merciful Love Video Series 12:30 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC Music Room	Parish Mission – The Presence of God 7 p.m. Church	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús 4:30 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Little Flower Library Open 8-10 a.m.
Parish Mission – The Presence of God 7 p.m. Church	Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. Atrium I		Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church	St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
	Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5 p.m. Atrium II		Cana Family Year 1 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room			Family Faith 9 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
	Parish Mission – The Presence of God 7 p.m. Church		Cub Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
			KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall			Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
						L'alto:



LENTEN FASTING REMINDER

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholics are obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN 4/17/22

MATERIALS DUE 4/6/22

Confirmation 7 p.m.

L'Alto: High School

School Cafeteria

Gym

7 p.m.

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for March 27

Collection	\$	31,532
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Weekly Deficit	\$	(3,762)
Fiscal Vear-To-Date (for year	ending June 30	2022)

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,460,237
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,421,466
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 38,771

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Staff

Father George Schommer, O.P., pastor Father John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., parochial vicar

Dominican Friars in Residence

Father John Langlois, O.P., prior Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P. Father John Corbett, O.P. Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

St. Gertrude School - (513) 561-8020

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Director of Youth Formation - Walter Plummer ext 2122

Communications Coordinator - Michelle Dushensky ext 2121

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Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Helping Hands - Nancy Lucas		stgerthh@gmail.com
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Ladies of Charity - Jean Wilkin	son	(513) 498-5085
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Pregnancy Center East		
(for all pregnancy needs)		(513) 321-3100
Soup Kitchen - Andy Cordier	soupkit	chen@stgertrude.org
St. Vincent De Paul Society -		
Jim Spurgin	(5	513) 561-5954, ext 2112

Vocations Directors

Archdiocese of Cincinnati -	
Father Dan Schmitmeyer	(513) 421-3131
Dominican Friars -	
Father Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, O.P.	DominicanFriars.org
Nashville Dominican Sisters -	
Sister Mara Grace, O.P.	(615) 256-5486

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Regina Veritatis Prayer & Healing -	
Nealy Mechley	(513) 505-1740
Respect Life - Debbie Graham	(513) 984-4766
Rosary Making - Larry Ball	(513) 831-8572
Unbound Ministry - Nealy Mechley	(513) 505-1740

Liturgical Ministries

Adult Choir - Father Jordan Kelly, O.P. (51	13) 561-5954 ext 2213
Contemporary Music Ensemble - Paul K	indt (513) 697-9208
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Commun	nion (513) 561-5954
Lectors -	(513) 561-5954
Resurrection Choir - Marty Cunningham	(513) 891-4226
The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild -	
Ann McCormick	(513) 272-1533
St. Joseph the Worker Society	(513) 561-5954
Ushers - Douglas Postler	(513) 791-6298
Viri Selecti - Ben Hoffmann	pxaw@hotmail.com
Youth Choir - Catherine Fishlock	(513) 561-5954

Spiritual Groups

Adult Bible Study -	(513) 561.5954-
Angelic Warfare Confraternity -	
Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.	(513) 561-5954
Benedictine Oblates - Mark Milliron	(513) 536-6275
Catholic Men's Fellowship - Stan Lloyd	(513) 289-5268
Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary	_
Brian Zappia	(513) 791-7299
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Mrs. Joan Ratajczak, O.P. js	sratajczak@gmail.com
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Special Needs Moms Support Group -	

Parish Groups

Tina Rolfes

True Devotion to Mary - Anne Collins

Athletic Boosters - Rob Gruber	(513) 256-2566
Boy Scouts - Robert Dinga	(612) 616-8242
Cub Scouts - Chris De Brunner	(513) 379-1010
Garden Club - Susan Brokaw	(513) 702-6877
Lenten Fish Fry - Rob Mancini	(513) 520-6360
Little Flower Library - Susan Santos	(513) 504-0205
Parish Coffee - Mark Findley	(513) 417-9227

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