



HE WALKS
AHEAD OF THEM,
AND THE SHEEP

Follow Him,

BECAUSE THEY
RECOGNIZE
HIS VOICE.

JOHN 10:4

ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 30, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

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

- 7 a.m. † Evelyn Smith by Lisa Pifher
8 a.m. † Rosemary Monahan by John & Jenny Ward
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, May 2, St. Athanasius (M)

- 7 a.m. † Jim & Marge Ferguson by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
8 a.m. † John Christopher Imbus
by the 4th Grade Volleyball Team & Coaches
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Petric Family
by Mary Petric

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

- 7 a.m. James Daniel by The Daniel Family
8 a.m. † Brandon Hepner by Pete & Donna Marcello
11:30 a.m. † Kevin Shannon by Dee Cianciolo

Thursday, May 4, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Cliff Robson by The Hughes Family
8 a.m. † Patsy Scalo by The Waincott Family
11:30 a.m. † Helen Romes by John & Hilda Bough

Friday, May 5, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Terry Kennedy by Sherry & Angie Schuler
8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Bob & Carol Connors
11:30 a.m. † Mary Teller by The Dorn Family

Saturday, May 6, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Benito Martinez & Petra Vasquez
by The Henderson Family
11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Patrick & Robbie Johnson
4:30 p.m. † Earl Leonhardt by Janice & Bob Tribbe

Sunday, May 7, 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. † Vincent & Catherine Sheehan
by David & Peggy Schlueter
10 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by The Vessey Family
12 p.m. † Stephanie Conlon Hull
by Knights of Columbus Elder Council
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

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
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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.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH SCHOLA CANTORUM

School of Singing for Children Ages 8-13

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

As part of the Schola Cantorum, your child will:

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

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



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

MOMS & LITTLES HOLY HOUR

MAY 2 & 23, JUNE 6, JULY 11

8:45-9:45 A.M.

St. Gertrude Church

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





**EVERYONE IS INVITED:
HELP MAKE
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH
EVEN MORE AMAZING!**

For several weeks now, we have been running “save the date” notices about the upcoming **All-Parish Convocation**, which is happening on **Wednesday, May 10,**

beginning at 6:30 p.m. With my letter this week, I would like to share a little more about this event and extend my personal invitation to every single parishioner to attend.

This convocation is the culminating event of a process of school and parish strategic planning that has been going on for over a year now. Many of our parish and school staff, as well as teams of parishioners and volunteers, have already invested hundreds of hours in this process. Why? Because we care deeply about our parish and our school, love all of the individuals and families who make up our St. Gertrude community, and want to be doing everything we possibly can to take all of the blessings we have received here at St. Gertrude and build upon them. Our Core Team for this planning process spent months analyzing every aspect of our parish and school and came up with a list of **seven challenges** we are facing at the current moment in history. These challenges will be the topic of our convocation. Solutions to these challenges have the potential to impact our parish and school for generations to come.

So what am I asking everyone to do?

First, **make the commitment to attend** the convocation and be a part of shaping our future—and **register in advance** at bit.ly/2023Convocation.

Second, **study the seven challenges** posted at stgertrude.org/convocation and begin to brainstorm (individually, as a family, with friends) ways we can address these challenges. Also on that webpage is a brief outline of the format for the evening.

Third, **spend time in prayer** between now and the convocation praying for our parish and praying that all of us might be open to the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us.

Fourth, **encourage other parishioners** you know to register and become a part of the process. We firmly believe everyone has something to contribute. We want to hear every voice!

Finally, when the day of the convocation comes, **please arrive early!** The convocation itself will start promptly at 6:30 p.m., but the doors will open at 6 p.m. *Please come as close to 6 p.m. as possible* so you can check in, get your nametag, enjoy some light refreshments, and mingle with your fellow parishioners, friars, and sisters. We will have an excellent team of volunteers working the check-in table, but as incredible as they are, it will be chaos if 400 attendees all decide to show up at 6:27 p.m. I realize people get off work at different times, there are family responsibilities, and so forth, but my personal request is, if it is at all humanly possible, please try to arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. so

that we can get everyone checked in and start right on time at 6:30 p.m.

I'm so very thankful and excited about what this night will bring. I hope you share in my excitement! I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on May 10.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS
CONVOCATION**



WHAT IS IT?

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

WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

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

WHO CAN ATTEND?

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

WHAT ARE THE SEVEN CHALLENGES?

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

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



**PRAYER FROM
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



Prayer to Sts. Philip and James

O holy martyrs St. Philip and St. James, I praise you through the sweetest Heart of Jesus, beseeching you to offer unto God for me that patience with which you continued with Jesus in your preaching and shed your blood for his love. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *The Icon of Christ as the Good Shepherd* (detail), Pelligrini © www.shutterstock.com/g/sedmak

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **April 30:** Confirmation, 3 p.m.
- **May 2:** May Crowning, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 5:** 5th Grade Retreat; Spirit Wear Dress Down
- **May 10:** 1st Grade Field Trip to Cincinnati Nature Center
- **May 12:** Candle Mass

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH, LIAM AND JACK!

At the Easter Vigil on April 8, two of our students, Liam (fourth grade) and Jack (second grade) Hamilton, received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion! To welcome them into the Church, their classmates had a joint sacrament celebration on Monday, April 17. They enjoyed treats, played Sacraments of Initiation Jeopardy, and gave a few gifts to Jack and Liam. Congratulations, boys!



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) NOMINATIONS

Sister Maria Christi and Mr. Johnson are looking to expand membership in the St. Gertrude School Advisory Council (SAC). Council members provide invaluable input to school leadership and assist in the development of strategic initiatives to benefit the school. We especially need support in the area of education. Meetings are held monthly during the school year, and members work independently and on subcommittees during that period. If you feel called to use your skills to serve the SAC or know someone who might be a good fit, please visit bit.ly/2324SACnominations to complete a short survey to express your interest and to share your professional background. We're grateful for your consideration!



JOURNEYING TO HIGH SCHOOL

Our second annual Journeying to High School event for our 8th graders was a big success! Thank you to Mr. Mike Mason, Mrs. Katie Ward, and Mrs. Emma Greve for sharing your time and wisdom with the Class of 2023.

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) NOMINATIONS

It is time once again to seek nominations for open positions on the St. Gertrude School Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think may be a great fit for vice chair, treasurer, or secretary on the 2023-24 PTO Executive Board. No experience is necessary. All you need is a willingness to share your time and talents in service of our school. Please submit your application at bit.ly/2324PTOnominations by Monday, May 1!

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT & MASS

On Friday, April 21, our second graders spent the day on retreat in preparation for their First Holy Communion, which was on Saturday, April 22. The retreat day included confession, time in the atrium, an outdoor rosary, recess with the novices, decorating their candles (which they carried in at the beginning of the First Communion Mass), praise and worship/prayer time in the school chapel, Mass, lunch together, and procession practice for First Holy Communion. Here are some pictures from the retreat and their First Communion Mass. Congratulations, second graders!



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of May 1, 2023, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



WE'RE HIRING!

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

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



For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia 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 ONE OF OUR
NEWEST CATHOLICS:
MOLLY CASTRUCCI**



This past Easter, we welcomed two adults—Molly Castrucci and Robert Alley—into the Church. Those of you who were at the Easter Vigil witnessed Robert’s Baptism and reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Molly

was baptized and received the sacraments of initiation at the 12 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. To help you get to know our newest members a little better, we asked them two simple questions. Here are Molly’s responses.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: How did you become interested in the Catholic faith?

Molly Castrucci: I was raised Jewish and was always planning on having a Jewish family. When my husband, Tyler, and I started dating, he was a “fallen away” Catholic. About four years ago, Tyler began a reversion to the faith. When we were expecting our first child, we decided—after many, many talks—to raise him Catholic. I felt a lot of resentment and resistance at first. After attending weekly Mass and learning more and more through Tyler and through RCIA, I discovered a relationship with God I had not experienced before. It was a long process, but I know everything was meant to unfold as it did—from meeting Tyler at a Halloween party (that we both almost skipped) in Maryland, to moving back to Ohio where we are both from, to learning about my own family’s Catholic heritage, to becoming a part of the community at St. Gertrude, and finally receiving the sacraments of initiation.

SGB: What is your life like now that you are Catholic?

Molly: I couldn’t have imagined that such a huge weight would be lifted after becoming Catholic. Already our marriage and connection to each other and our children is stronger. I feel so blessed and excited to continue learning and growing my faith.

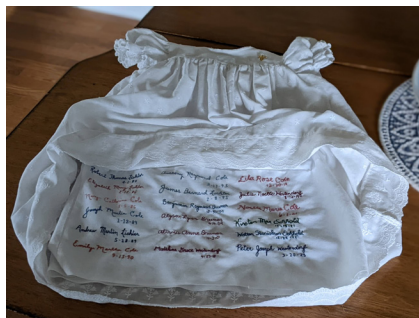
FAMILY BAPTISMAL GOWN

MOLLY WESTENDORF, PARISHIONER

On March 26, 2023, little Peter Joseph Westendorf was baptized here at St. Gertrude Church, wearing the same baptismal gown that his siblings, mother, and dozens of other relatives wore at their baptisms. Here, Peter’s mother, Molly, shares the beautiful story of the family baptismal gown.

The days each of our children were baptized were some of the happiest days of our lives. In my family, there is a very special tradition involving the baptismal gown.

In 1984, the first grandchild was born on my mom’s side of the family. My aunt did not have a gown for my cousin’s



Family baptismal gown

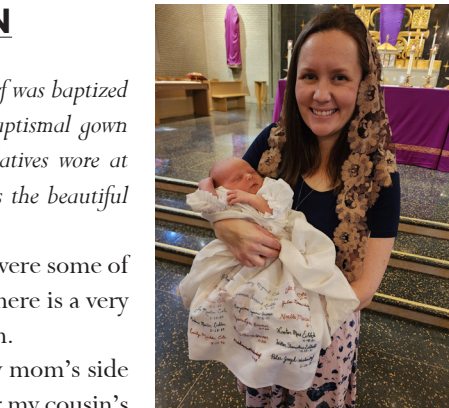
baptism, so she and my grandmother made the gown. I’m not sure she knew then that it would be worn 17 more times over the next 39 years (and still counting). As our souls are marked forever as God’s children when we are baptized, our mothers marked our names on the gown. Every child who wore the baptismal gown had his or her name written and hand embroidered on it by his or her mother.

My three children were baptized within the first weeks of life. In preparation for their baptisms, I wrote their names on the gown then spent those precious first moments at home embroidering it, sometimes while the baby napped in my lap. Every stitch was sewn into the gown with a special hand stitch that is difficult to undo. I couldn’t help but think of the symbolism between the stitches of thread marking the names on the gown and the permanent mark my children’s souls were going to receive. As the thread would work its way into the gown, so God would work in them beginning with this sacrament. Each moment spent hand stitching their names was a moment to pray for them—so the gown is also sewn with individual prayers for each child.

My cousins, sister, brothers, nephew, nieces, cousins’ children, and my own children



Molly embroidering her daughter’s name



Peter Joseph’s baptism



Molly Westendorf’s baptism

have all worn this gown, and many of us have stood as godparents next to our nieces and nephews wearing the same gown. Each of us who has worn the gown has our birth date marked under our names. Recently, we thought about adding each child’s baptism date under his or her name. I can’t help but smile to think how many more souls and how many more generations will be welcomed into the faith in this gown. We all share the gown in common but, more importantly, we all share our lives in Christ beginning with the day we wore it.

MOTHER'S DAY

RIGHT TO LIFE FLOWER SALE

The St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13 and 14. These baskets make a perfect gift for Mother's Day or for your own garden and can be purchased with cash or checks made out to Right to Life. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Ragusa at rjragusa1@gmail.com.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open for our 2023-2024 faith formation offerings for children and youth. With programs such as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family Faith, Confirmation and Sacramental Preparation, and L'alto: High School, we have something for children and youth of all ages! We also have fun summer opportunities that you don't want to miss. Learn more and register for our 2023-2024 programs and summer offerings at tickettailor.com/events/stgertrude.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday," when we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

NEED A ROSARY?

There are blessed rosaries from Medjugorje on the table in front of the relic chapel. Feel free to take one or give a rosary to someone in need. The rosaries also include a blessed St. Benedict medal.

BAPTISM



Friday, April 14, 2023

Child: Ryan Levi Burwinkler

Parents: Allan & Shannon Burwinkler

Priest: Father Ezra Sullivan, O.P.

NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

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

Join us for an important and informative end of life panel discussion, presented by Dayton Right to Life. The presenters will discuss Church teaching on end of life, how to talk with your family and/or doctor, and end of life planning. There will be a short Q&A session, and refreshments will be provided.

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

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Remember your mother, grandmother, aunts, sisters, and/or friends in a beautiful way 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 14, and ends May 22. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church. Please return remittance envelopes before Mother's Day. Offerings 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, Debbie Van Hise and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† Chris Flanagan, husband of Danielle

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Today, April 30, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please join the Church throughout the world in praying in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. You could even pray a rosary for more young men and women in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to respond to God's call.



GLENMARRY FESTIVAL OF MERCY

Come celebrate God's love at the Glenmary Festival of Mercy on Sunday, April 30, at Glenmary Home Missioners (4119 Glenmary Trace, Fairfield, OH 45014). There will be an Open House from 12 to

4 p.m., a free bounce house and games for kids, music, and food for cash purchase. We will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every half hour, rotating between English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Learn more about the home missions at the festival and glenmary.org.

MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 6-7, 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 is in need of the following items, in addition to cash donations and Wal-Mart and Amazon gift cards:

- **Clothing** (gently used unless noted): Men's and women's thermal tops/bottoms, shirts/tops, gym shoes; men's underwear (new) sizes 30-36 (most needed 32-34), T-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies (large and up), sweatpants (medium and up), work pants/jeans/shorts (sizes 30-36), belts, white socks (new), work boots; 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 gallon), paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex tissues.
- **Personal Care Items:** Disposable razors, spray deodorant, toothbrushes, Vaseline Petroleum Jelly, wash cloths, combs, and brushes

Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions. Thank you for your help!

MADE FOR MORE

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

CALLING ALL LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity will have an organizational meeting on Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. We will make our plans for the upcoming summer and fall activities, including the annual Treasure Mart and Craft Fair. All current Ladies of Charity should please plan to join us—and invite a friend! Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join; come meet new friends and enjoy serving fellow members of our community. If you need more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

DEVOTION & FAMILY CAMPOUT RETREAT

You are invited to Presentation Ministries' Devotion and Family Campout Retreat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio, June 9-11. Enjoy family, fellowship, and teaching—in addition to daily Mass, confession, and spending time in the True Presence of God in the Eucharist during 40 hours of devotion. This is for those beginning in their faith journey, as well as those who have been on the path for a while. The Lord will meet you where you are. The cost is a freewill offering. Register early for dorm rooms and to view the schedule for meals and other details. To register, visit presentationministries.com/events/view/event-40-hours-devotion-and-family-campout or call (513) 373-2397.

MARIEMONT UKULELE SUMMER CAMPS AT THE BARN

For the third year in a row, Wyoming Primary music teacher and St. Gertrude Church parishioner, Kelly James, is teaching ukulele summer camps at The Barn in Mariemont (6980 Cambridge Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45227) for children in grades 2-6. The children will jam for eight hours over four days of fun and learn three to four songs. Beginners with no experience and intermediate players who want to keep their skills fresh are welcome to attend. The cost is \$130/child, and there are two sessions available:

- June 6-9, 2023 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- June 27-30 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

For more information, please visit ukulelekidz.com/camp. To register, please visit ukulelekidz.com/camp-registration.



ASK A PRIEST— CHILDREN'S PRAYERS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Our daughter just received her First Holy Communion. What prayers should we teach her to say after she returns to the pew following Holy Communion at Mass?

A: I would heartily recommend any of the

following prayers to teach Catholic children (and adults!) for use at Holy Communion time:

Jesus, Meek and Humble

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

Eucharistic Prayer Taught by the Angel at Fatima:

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Pardon Prayer Taught by the Angel at Fatima:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee.

Anima Christi¹

Soul of my Savior, sanctify my breast.

Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;

Blood of my Savior, bathe me in thy tide;

Wash me in water flowing from his side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;

O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;

Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;

So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;

In death's drear moments make me only thine;

Call me and bid me come to thee on high,

Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

In the words of Mary Beth Thiemann, our coordinator for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: "After receiving Holy Communion is a perfect time to speak to Jesus from the heart—to thank him, to ask his help, and share with him all that's on our mind. The formal prayers are great prompts to begin that conversation with our Sacred Guest."

¹ See St. Michael Hymnal, no. 759., to learn this to a beautiful tune.

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, May 1	Tuesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 3	Thursday, May 4	Friday, May 5	Saturday, May 6	Sunday, May 7
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Moms & Little Ones Holy Hour 8:45 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 2 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	L of C Mary Magdalen House Collection <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> Sharing Van
“Now & At the Hour of Our Death” End of Life Presentation 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		First Saturday Anointing of the Sick <i>After 11:30 a.m. Mass</i> Church	Rosary Sales <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> St. Dominic Lobby
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School May Crowning 6:30 p.m. Church	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall		Faith Formation First Communion 2 p.m. Church	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m. PC Little Flower Library
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		L of C Mary Magdalen House Collection <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Sharing Van	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						L’alto: High School End of Year Party 7 p.m. Parish Center

Interested in Joining St. Gertrude Church?

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for April 23

Collection	\$	27,882
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	(\$	8,618)
2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services (CRS): \$2,816		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,635,811
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,596,500
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	39,311

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
5/14/23

MATERIALS DUE
5/3/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
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 Father John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar
 Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., parochial vicar

Dominican Friars in Residence

Father John Langlois, O.P., prior
 Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
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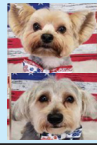
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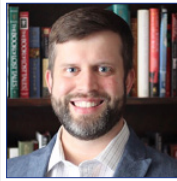
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