

Jesus,
I TRUST IN YOU



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) | APRIL 7, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, April 8, The Annunciation of the Lord (S)

- 7 a.m. Easter Novena
- 8 a.m. † Barbara Myres by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, April 9, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Deceased Family & Friends of St. Gertrude School by St. Gertrude School
- 8 a.m. † Christa Briskin by Gary & Lucy Negin
- 11:30 a.m. † Jim Donnelly by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Wednesday, April 10, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
- 8 a.m. † Matthew Cameron by RoseMarie Cameron
- 11:30 a.m. † Paul Johantges by Jeanne Johantges

Thursday, April 11, St. Stanislaus (M)

- 7 a.m. Bebe Broerman by Sherry Schuler
- 8 a.m. † Joe Kist by Ray & Jane Butschie
- 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Johantges by The Johantges Family

Friday, April 12, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Nancy Gurney by The Hertlein Family
- 8 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Dee Cianciolo
- 11:30 a.m. † David Castrucci by a friend

Saturday, April 13, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. † James Rybak by Mary Rybak
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Allen Johnson by The Johnson Family
- 4:30 p.m. † Mary Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini

Sunday, April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter

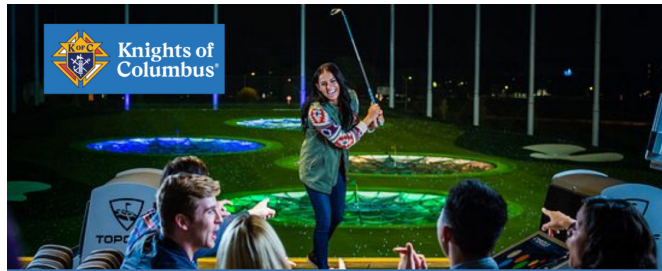
- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. † Patricia Shannon by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 12 p.m. † Tom & Audrey Ruthman by Patty Connelly
- 6 p.m. † Erlinda Felix by Michelle Linn

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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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.



SWING INTO SPRING

*Knights of Columbus Fundraiser benefitting
the American Wheelchair Mission*

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TOPGOLF

9568 Water Front Drive
West Chester Township

**\$70 per player
(includes brunch)**

**Payment due
April 10**

**Split the pot for
closest to the pin
and putting contest!**



For more information and to register, scan
the QR code or visit bit.ly/2024swing.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Discover God's Call for Your Life

Next weekend, don't miss the opportunity to learn what your spiritual gifts (charisms) are and how discerning your charisms can change your life, change the world, help spread the Gospel, and help transform and renew our parish.

Saturday, April 13

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center (Gym)

Cost: \$25*

**Includes workshop, participant book, and lunch.*

Visit bit.ly/cgworkshop-april or scan
the QR code to register!

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE
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THE MANY WAYS WE ARE SEALED

"Set me as a seal on your heart . . ."

(Song of Songs 8:6)

Large portions of the beautiful Old Testament book the *Song of Songs* are written in the form of a dialogue between two people in love. The phrase quoted at the top of this letter is spoken by one of them to his beloved. While it may seem, at first glance, to be nothing more than a sweet-sounding romantic phrase, it is far more than that. There is a profound depth to it that goes far beyond what we might realize at first glance.

The idea of the importance of the "seal" has been substantially lost in our modern society, but in the ancient and medieval worlds, seals were extremely significant. Authority figures like kings and princes, and even many "normal" people, would have a signet ring that they wore on their finger. If they were sending a message to someone, the letter would be folded over or rolled up, and then liquid wax would be dripped on the edge of the paper/parchment. As the wax hardened, the sender would press his ring into the soft wax. Once the wax completely hardened, that letter was clearly and permanently identifiable as belonging to the sender. Or if a king issued a decree, the decree would be written up and then hot wax dripped at the bottom of the page, into which the king pressed his ring, so that when the decree was posted in the public square, the king's seal was proof that the proclamation in question did, indeed, represent the authority of the king.

So when we read that passage from the Song of Songs in the context of romantic love (and from the standpoint of faith, the sacrament of marriage) we are saying that, in marriage, each of the spouses' hearts is like the soft wax into which the other spouse is pressed, marking each other clearly and permanently as belonging to each other and each other alone. That beautiful moment in the Catholic wedding ceremony when the bride and groom exchange their vows is the moment when this "pressing" into the wax of each other's hearts takes place. They are sealed, by each other and for each other, until death.

The amazing thing about our Catholic sacramental world is that this image of a wax seal is not limited only to marriage. For those who were able to attend the Easter Vigil just a week ago, where we had 18 adults receive the sacrament of Confirmation, you might have noticed the exact wording used at the moment the sacred chrism oil is applied to each candidate's head: "Be **sealed** with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Here, it is a case of our souls being the "soft wax" into which God himself places his seal. In this sense, the two sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation work together to convey the full sense of the ancient/medieval wax seal. In Baptism, our souls are first marked/sealed as belonging to God and God alone; we are sealed for the sake

of *being claimed by God*. And then in Confirmation, the "soft wax" of our souls are *again* sealed by God, this time so that, like those decrees of the kings of old posted in the public square, our very lives might be a living witness to God, and his seal upon our souls is the testimony that what we say and do publicly is meant to always faithfully reflect the truth, goodness, and beauty of our Risen Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

We are sealed. What a joy—and what a responsibility! May all of us faithfully live out the varied ways in which our hearts and souls have been sealed.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **We are at 136 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, 283 parishioners have contributed—that's 4 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



"My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy . . . You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere.

You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first—by deed, the second—by word, the third—by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me . . . Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy . . . By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."
(Diary, #742)

SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUND THIS EASTER!

This year, our parish school is raising funds to support growth of our Outdoor Curriculum, launch an alumni relations initiative, and add safety upgrades and enhancements for our playground. Please consider giving to help provide our students with the best in teaching and learning! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/SGSannualfund to give today.



St. Gertrude School
IS HIRING!

We are adding a third kindergarten class next year and are looking for a faith-filled **kindergarten teacher** who is passionate for forming students in wisdom, virtue, and holiness.

Visit bit.ly/sgsemployment or scan the QR code to apply!



Other open positions include a kindergarten/grade 1 teacher aide.

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I am so happy to be a part of this school. My children are succeeding and growing here—academically, socially, and spiritually. I am continually impressed by the teachers' dedication to the students and the school's dedication to constant improvement and growth. At St. Gertrude School, the students can work in an outdoor classroom at various times in the year, are engaged in regular STEM activities, learn Latin, develop leadership skills in a school household program, and have the ability in the upper grades to sign up for a variety of electives such as photography, Power of the Pen, and theater. I am very proud to be a part of this excellent, innovative community.

—St. Gertrude School Parent

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Schedule a Personal Tour!

A Catholic education is more affordable now than ever before!

We invite you to visit us for a personal tour to meet our principal, observe classes, and discover—first hand—the St. Gertrude School difference.



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025!



HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM PHOTOS

CHORAL TENEBRAE – Wednesday, March 27



For the first time ever, St. Gertrude Parish had a Choral Tenebrae. This special liturgy was conducted in near darkness—the only source of light was a series of candles on the altar. After each portion of the liturgy, a candle was extinguished until the entire church was dark. Throughout the service, the Capella and Noviate Choir chanted the great sorrowful psalms and lamentations from Scripture and motets that reflect upon the Passion, ending with the singing of an extremely special and legendary piece: Gregorio Allegri’s famous setting of Psalm 51, *Miserere mei*.

Mass of Our Lord’s Supper – Thursday, March 28



With this special Mass on Holy Thursday evening, we began the Easter Triduum and commemorated the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. This Mass is, first and foremost, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist. It is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Jesus’ mission and sacrifice is continued throughout the world. The Mass ended with the stripping of the altar and time for adoring the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose (the Mary altar).

Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30



The Easter Vigil is the “greatest and most noble of all solemnities” [*Missale Romanum*, “Rubrics for the Easter Vigil” (EV), no.2]. At this Mass, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. It is the culmination of the Triduum and marks Christ’s passage from death to life. This year, our parish had two catechumens, nine candidates (those seeking entry into full communion with the Catholic Church), and eighteen people receive Confirmation.

Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion – Friday, March 29



A continuation from the Mass of Our Lord’s Supper, this service has three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, personal veneration of the cross, and the reception of Holy Communion (using consecrated hosts from the Mass of Our Lord’s Supper). Veneration of the cross is one of the most ancient elements of this liturgy. To show reverence for the cross and our own embracing of the cross, each person present came forward to kiss the feet or hands of our crucified Lord. The service again ended in silence.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross & Entombment of Christ – Friday, March 29



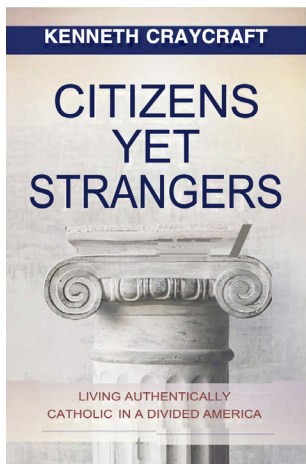
Praying outdoor living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday is a tradition here at St. Gertrude Parish and a powerful way to experience Jesus’ Passion and death. It was also a beautiful way to give witness to our Catholic faith, as we processed around our parish grounds and along Miami Avenue. The event ended in the church with the Entombment of Christ.

**DATE WITH FATHER NATE:
A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

You and your spouse are invited to join us and other couples on Saturday, April 27, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the St. Gertrude Parish Center for an evening to relax and focus on your marriage. Using humor and inspiration, Father Nathan Cromly helps to make sense of the ordinary struggles couples face and gives you tools to renew and re-energize your marriage. This Date with Father Nate is a celebration of marriage and allows couples to take time out of their busy lives to reflect on what is truly important. The event is presented by the Saint John Leadership Network and includes live music by Easter Rising Band! Tickets are \$95/couple and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks throughout the evening. Young parents needing support to offset the costs of a babysitter can receive a \$20-off discount on their couple's ticket. Please email Margaret Pluta at margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org to obtain the discount code. For more information and to register, please visit brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/saint-john-leadership-network/569727.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Gertrude Parish Family,
Thank you very much for all of the prayers and support after the sudden and unexpected passing of my beloved husband, George. I am incredibly grateful to those of you who came to the visitation and/or funeral, reached out to me, sent cards, requested Masses for the repose of George's soul and for me, and contributed to the beautiful spiritual bouquet that I received on my first day back at the office this past Tuesday. You are all a gift, and I am thankful to be part of this wonderful parish community, especially during this time of immense pain and anguish. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Michelle Dushensky
Director of Communications



**KENNETH CRAYCRAFT
BOOK READING &
SIGNING**

Kenneth Craycraft, author and professor of moral theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, will be doing a book reading and signing at the St. Gertrude Parish Center on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us for this event. Signed copies of the book at a reduced price will be available, and refreshments will be provided.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us in the church this Sunday, April 7, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Confessions will begin at 2 p.m. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m., followed by the Consecration to Divine Mercy and the Litany of Trust.

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*** On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity . . . Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” (Diary of St. Faustina, #699)

**Confession is not required on the feast itself. St. Faustina went the day before. (Diary, #1072)*



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:

† Raymond Clark, husband of Marylyn
† Robert Conners, husband of Carol

HOPE EMERGENCY COLLECTION

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 6 and 7** collecting items for Hope Emergency Center, an agency serving about 250 families 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 Pod laundry detergent, and dish soap). Additionally, they need Tupperware bowls with lids for leftovers and air mattresses with built-in air pumps for their clients. Cash and check donations are also appreciated. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

The Legion of Mary invites you to a Consecration to Jesus through Mary, Mass and reception on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at St. James of the Valley Church (411 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215). Father Rob Jack will lead the event. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 7, 2024, to Gloria Dodd at (937) 999-1263.



PRAISE & WORSHIP
WITH
PROROMET MINISTRIES®

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
7 P.M.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH
5720 HAMILTON MASON RD.
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OH 45011

ALL ARE WELCOME

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Learning, planning, and being prepared is part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so that planning end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Attend a complimentary preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, April 23, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

CONNECTED THROUGH CHRIST

Connected Through Christ is a group for parents of children who suffer from gender dysphoria. Parents meet to share and discuss experiences regarding their children who identify as transgender. The group is intended for parents to support each other through challenging times and to pray together. The core values of *Connected Through Christ* are based on a Christian understanding of male and female as articulated in sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are held twice a month at a Cincinnati east side parish. Please email cincyctc@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group.

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 catholibearcat.com/banquet or scan the QR code.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FRIARS

Join Father David Mott, O.P., and pilgrims from Saint Thomas Aquinas University Parish on a pilgrimage to Italy this July 15-25! This trip features three nights in Assisi, three nights in Florence, and three nights in Padua with day trips to Oviato, Loreto, Siena, Bologna, and Venice. You will have the opportunity to attend daily Mass with ample time for prayer and reflection along the way. With four-star hotels, private bus transportation, sumptuous meals, and time for shopping and exploration, this is the trip of a lifetime. The cost is \$4,940 and includes roundtrip airfare from Washington Dulles. Everything is included except several meals. For more information or to register, please visit prorometours.com/friars/, scan the QR code, or contact ProRome Tours at office@prorome.com or (434) 953-1112.





**ASK A THEOLOGIAN—
CONTRADICTIONARY
SCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS**

MATTHEW C. GENUNG, SSD, ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S
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Q: How does one reconcile these two scriptural teachings that seem

contradictory: “Pray in your innermost room, keep your fasting and almsgiving a secret” and “Do not hide your light under a bushel basket, be a city shining on a hill.”

A: Both of these teachings of Jesus are found within the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel. The first teaching mentioned in the question is found in Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. [. . .] When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you” (NABRE).

The second teaching is found earlier, in Matthew 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

What seems to be contradictory is that first Jesus exhorts his followers to publicly *display the fruits of their faith in him in order that others may observe them*, while a short while later in the same sermon he commands his disciples to be sure not to *perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them*. Matthew 6:1 is an introductory verse where Jesus teaches what not to do in general. Righteous deeds is a generic term later specified by Jesus as three basic religious practices: almsgiving, prayer, and then fasting. These are to be done secretly rather than publicly. “Go to your inner room . . . and pray to your father in secret” (Matthew 6:6). But we pray publicly all the time, and in fact it is a grave sin not to assemble with the Church in public prayer on Sundays and other obligatory days. How should this be understood?

The basic point of Jesus’ teaching in 6:1 is that the intentionality of one’s religious deeds matters. If a Christian prays, fasts, or gives alms in order to win the respect of others, those good deeds are done for a worldly reward and are not pleasing to God. In the following verses, Jesus refers to people who act with self-interest as hypocrites. The underlying Greek term refers to a theater actor, and indicates someone who is pretending to be something he or she is not. Later in Matthew, Jesus refers to the religious leaders of Israel by the same term (see Matthew 23), because they perform righteous deeds in order to achieve a worldly reward, and in so doing, they not only lose the heavenly reward themselves, but also impede the path of those they are responsible for shepherding. “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them” (Matthew 23:13).

The antidote to this type of hypocrisy is a particular sort of secrecy. St. Augustine has a beautiful explanation of Jesus’ teaching about praying in secret. He interprets this saying metaphorically. The inner room is a figure for the human heart or inner sanctuary of the mind.

The closed door refers to the intellectual barrier locking out those thoughts which can intrude and destroy the intimacy of prayer, which ought to be directed to God and not to one’s neighbor (De sermone Domini in monte, 2:3,11). The secret space refers to the pure heart with which righteous deeds are carried out. The metaphor can be applied to all righteous deeds. The hypocrite does good deeds out of self-interest, while the one who acts in secret maintains a pure heart that is directed toward God. The metaphorical interpretation of Augustine shows that deeds done in secret can at the same time be observed in the world. The secrecy of a pure heart does not act out of mundane self-interest, but is intent on the will of God.

This teaching is expressed similarly in John 3:21: “Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” Jesus does not forbid doing righteous deeds before others, but he forbids doing such for the purpose of being seen. When one performs good deeds for the pure love of God, these deeds ought to be seen by others so that one may become a channel of God’s grace for the good of others. The one who acts in accordance with Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 6 is the one whose deeds God manifests as light to shine before others, and whose deeds glorify God.

Matthew C. Genung holds a bachelor of science from Boston College, a baccalaureate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and both a licentiate and doctorate in sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Dr. Genung is associate professor and Ruth J. and Robert A. Conway Foundation chair in Biblical Studies at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary & School of Theology. He, his wife Cristina, and their five children are parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish.

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 8	Tuesday, April 9	Wednesday, April 10	Thursday, April 11	Friday, April 12	Saturday, April 13	Sunday, April 14
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II		Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	KofC Baby Bottle Handout After all Masses Outside Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Dr. Kenneth Craycraft Book Presentation 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Called & Gifted Workshop 9 a.m. Gym	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1, 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room
	Sacramental Formation 4:30 p.m. Atrium II	Cub Scouts – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria			KofC Baby Bottle Handout After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:30 a.m.
	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					L’alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
4/10/24

BULLETIN
4/21/24

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for March 31**

Collection	\$	48,883
Weekly Budget	\$	50,000
Weekly Deficit	\$	(1,117)
Second Collection – Good Friday/Holy Land: \$4,280		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,659,256
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,506,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	153,256

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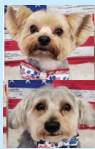
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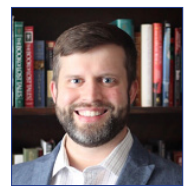


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