

#### MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

#### Monday, April 10, Monday within the Octave of Easter

7 a.m. Easter Novena

8 a.m. † The Stevenson Family by Al Stevenson

11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

#### Tuesday, April 11, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7 a.m. † Mary Lee by Thien Cao

8 a.m. Easter Novena

11:30 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly

#### Wednesday, April 12, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schrimer Family

8 a.m. † Paul Johantges by Rita Johantges

11:30 a.m. Easter Novena

#### Thursday, April 13, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7 a.m. Easter Novena

8 a.m. † Joe Silvers by Jim & Anita Pappalardo

11:30 a.m. Mary Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini

#### Friday, April 14, Friday within the Octave of Easter

7 a.m. † John Murray by The Murray Family

8 a.m. Easter Novena

11:30 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Nancy DeBrunner

#### Saturday, April 15, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8 a.m. † Tom Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich

11:30 a.m. Easter Novena

4 p.m. † Marie Golias by Kevin & Susan Kane

#### Sunday, April 16, 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude

10 a.m. † Jeff Schubeler by Phil & Denise Motz12 p.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne

6 p.m. Easter Novena

There are no confessions on Easter Monday. Confessions will be heard in the church Tuesday-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 | stgertrude.org parishoffice@stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

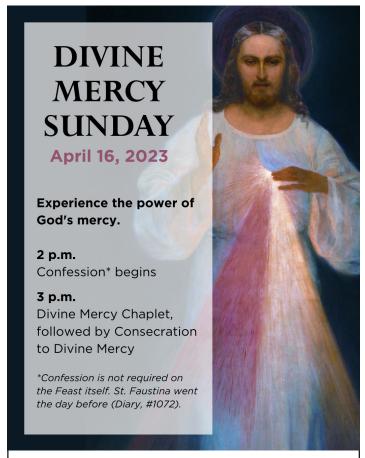
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.



#### The Power of Divine Mercy Sunday

"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 flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (*Diary of St. Faustina*, #699)

### Save the Date

**Strategic Planning Process Convocation** 

WEDNESDAY | MAY 10, 2023 6:30 P.M. ST. GERTRUDE GYM

Share your suggestions and vote on the top priorities for our parish and school.



### NEW LIFE, TRANSFORMED LIFE

#### "Christ is risen, Alleluia!" Truly he is risen, Alleluia!"

With all of Christendom throughout the whole world, we join our voices to the chorus of praises to our Risen Savior. This is

the day when Jesus Christ has forever broken the chains of death and opened the doors to eternal life.

But the promise of eternal life is not just a promise that points to some unknown time in the future. He who is the "Resurrection and the Life" has risen in order to usher each of us, right now, at this moment in our lives, into the new life that only he can give.

As we look around us, the signs of new life—even in the ordinary world around us—are everywhere. The temperatures are finally

starting to feel like spring (it has been an "up and down" journey this year for sure!), flowers are beginning to bloom, robins can be seen sitting on the tree branches and hopping along the ground looking for a meal. Soon the chirps of baby birds in their nests calling for their next meal from mom and dad will be filling the silence of these spring mornings. The days are getting longer, and the specter of any last, late spring snowstorm seems to have finally faded into the past. (Please tell me I'm correct in that optimistic analysis!)

Spring is always "new." New life, new growth, new possibilities. We see it everywhere we look.

The springtime of the Spirit brought about

by Easter is meant to be the same thing for each of us in our own spiritual lives. Our celebration of this great feast, this *greatest* of all feasts, the Resurrection of Our Lord, is intended to bring about an explosion of "newness" in us. The Easter season is a time of new life, new growth, new possibilities. And just as it takes time (weeks!) between when the green of a sprouting tulip bulb first pokes through the ground and when that flower appears in full bloom, so too the new life in the Spirit which Easter brings us takes time (weeks!) to fully grow and develop before it fully flowers in our spiritual lives. And so, Holy Mother Church gives us a full seven weeks of the Easter season so that the graces of this Easter Sunday might have time to grow and develop in us.

In light of that analogy, let me throw out two questions I would ask everyone reading this letter to ponder during the days ahead. First, in your own spiritual life, what is the *one area* in which you would like to grow during the Easter season that lies ahead? Maybe

it's improving your prayer life. Or perhaps it is growing in a certain virtue. Another option might be a renewed dedication to help those in need. Whatever it may be, I invite you to prayerfully discern that one area of your faith life where God is inviting you to grow. And then the second question is just as important: decide right now *specifically* what you are going to do over the next seven weeks to bring about this growth. Vague intentions for growth aren't enough—we need a solid game plan in order to really realize the growth we hope for. And this week is the perfect time to decide upon that plan.

The Lord's resurrection marks something wonderfully beautiful and new. Let us open our hearts fully to the new life, the new growth, and the new possibilities he has willed for us this Easter season. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walden, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



### PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



### A Prayer of Thanksgiving on Easter Sunday

I adore, praise, and bless you, O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, and I give thanks for all the love and faithfulness with which you overcame death and rose from the dead, and glorified our flesh by ascending in it to the right hand of the Father. Amen.

**COVER IMAGE:** Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Kinnaird Resurrection) by Raphael, 1502

#### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 10-16: Easter Break
- April 17: School Resumes
- April 18: 3rd Trimester Progress Reports Published
- April 20: Talent Show
- April 21: Spirit Wear Dress Down; 8th Grade Retreat
- **April 22:** First Communion

#### **PASSION PLAY**

We entered into Holy Week on Monday, April 3, with our annual St. Gertrude School Passion Play, presented by the seventh graders. Here are a few pictures from the powerful production.



#### **GREAT JOB 4TH GRADERS!**

The fourth graders are learning about Early American History this semester. They each read a biography on an American Revolution figurehead, wrote a five-paragraph essay, and combined their knowledge to produce a theatrical performance of the Boston Tea party. All the students were happy to present their research to parents after the show. Great job fourth graders!



#### **NEWS FROM MRS. MONAHAN**

Dear St. Gertrude Families,

After much thought, prayer, and deliberation, I have decided that I will not be returning to St. Gertrude for the 2023–2024 school year. I have loved teaching first grade here for the past 12 years! I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful school community. I am deeply grateful for the friendships and beautiful relationships that I have built with all of you and your children. I will miss seeing you all.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Monahan

Mrs. Monahan has been a vital member of our faculty since 2012; we thank her for her service, will miss her and wish her well.

#### KINDERGARTEN SIGNING DAY

On March 28 and 29, we welcomed 34 of our 37 amazing new Kindergarteners into the Bulldogs pack! Each of them "officially" signed the Bulldog pledge and received an SGS team hat and their



#### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 10, 2023, the school office will be closed Monday–Friday for Easter Break. The office will reopen on Monday, April 17, at 7:30 a.m.



### 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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# CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024 OFFERINGS

### **Registration Opens Thursday, April 13!**

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Age 3-Grade 3

#### **Weekly Sessions**

Choose from one of the following options:

- Sunday, 8:30-9:45 a.m. (Level 1 & Level 2)
- Sunday, 10-11:15 a.m. (Level 1 & Level 2)
- Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (Level 1 & Level 2)
- Monday, 3:30-5 p.m. (Level 1 & Level 2)
- Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. (Level 1 & Level 2)
- Wednesday, 3:45-5:15 p.m. (Level 2 & Level 3\*)
- Thursday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Level 1)

\*Pilot session with limited capacity. Cost: \$80/child

### Sacramental Formation Parent/Child | Generally for Grade 2

#### Monthly Parent/Child Sessions (October-April)

Choose from one of the following options:

- 2nd Sunday, 1:30-2:45 p.m.
- 2nd Tuesday 4:30-5:45 p.m.
- 3rd Sunday, 1:30-2:45 p.m.

#### **Opening Session**

Sunday, September 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25/child

#### **Family Faith**

Grades 4-6

#### **Bi-Monthly Sessions**^ (September-April)

Choose from one of the following options:

- 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10-11:15 a.m
- 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m
- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays\*, 6-7:15 p.m.

^Family Faith meets two times per month, once with parent and children together, and once with children only.

Cost: \$80/child

### **Confirmation Preparation Grades 7-8**

### Session Times

- Parent-Candidate Sessions: August 27, 2023;
   January 14, 2024; April 28, 2024 | 10-11:15 a.m.
   or 11:30-12:45 a.m.
- Formation Meetings (candidates only): September-April, 2nd and 4th Sundays | 10-11:15 a.m. or 11:30-12:45 a.m.
- Regular Personal Spiritual Plan Meetings
- Teaching Mass: January 16 or 30, 2024
- Sponsor Meeting: February 4, 2024, 1:15-3 p.m. (8th grade only)

Cost: \$80/child

## Junior High Youth Ministry

Grades 7-8

#### Sessions

Our junior high youth ministry will meet in small groups. Meeting dates and times will be set by parents and group participants

Cost: FREE

### L'alto: High School Grades 9-12

#### Sessions

- Weekly large/small groups (September-May): Sunday, 7-9 p.m.
- Other small group sessions (dates and times determined by determined by participants and parents)
- Retreats and outings throughout the year

**Cost: FREE** 

To learn more, visit <u>stgertrude.org/childandyouth</u>. To register for Summer 2023 and these offerings, visit <u>buytickets.at/stgertrude</u>.

#### ANNUAL FRIARS FORMATION APPEAL

The Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph's Annual Friars Formation Appeal (AFFA) is critical for providing for the formation expenses of the next generation of priests and brothers. Each family in our parish should have received a letter asking for support of the AFFA. There are also donation forms near the entrances to the church. Please give prayerful thought to your annual gift according to your means and current circumstances. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **DEFEAT THE PRO-ABORTION BALLOT**

The St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Committee is hosting the Leadership Institute on Wednesday, April 19, for a special training on defeating the pro-abortion ballot initiative. In short, the abortion industry recently proposed a dangerous amendment, which would outlaw basic health and safety protections for women, eliminate parental notification and consent laws that protect minor girls, and allow painful abortions up until birth in the State of Ohio. The training is open to everyone (families are welcome), and dinner will be provided.

Here's a complete schedule:

5:30-6 p.m. - Sign in, Dinner, Social time

6-6:30 p.m. - Introductions and information from local leaders

6:30-7 p.m. - Campaign Strategy 101

7-7:45 p.m. – Pro-Life Communications

7:45-8:30 – Voter Education and Slowing Down Circulators

For more information, please visit <u>protectwomenohio.org</u> and <u>resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/respect-life-ministries/media-events/being-pro-life</u>.

#### **BAPTISM**

#### Saturday, March 26, 2023



#### **LEFT SIDE:**

Child: Peter Joseph Westendorf Parents: Randy & Emily Westendorf

#### **RIGHT SIDE:**

Child: Peter Vincent Brennan Parents: Matthew & Gabrielle Brennan

#### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Parishioner Lisa Pifher is planning a Medjugorje Pilgrimage (leaving from Cincinnati) June 12–22. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$2,720 per person and includes airfare, transfer, hotel, and two daily meals. If you are interested in going, please contact Lisa at (513) 377-6780 or lpifher@hotmail.com.

#### **FALL 2023 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Is your daughter interested in playing volleyball next fall? St. Gertrude Parish's volleyball is open to all girls of the parish who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2023-2024 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 28. Regular registration ends May 17. For more information and to register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org.

#### **BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION**

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 <a href="mailto:sgsbulldogs.org/registration">sgsbulldogs.org/registration</a>. If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact Mark Lemmel at <a href="mailto:lems51@msn.com">lems51@msn.com</a> or (513) 703-9336, Tony Shirmann at <a href="mailto:tshirm4@gmail.com">tshirm4@gmail.com</a> or (513) 760-4165, or Chris Lohr at <a href="mailto:Chris.Lohr@hotmail.com">Chris.Lohr@hotmail.com</a> or (513) 646-6343.

#### **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:

† All Our Beloved Dead

#### **HEARTBEATS FOR LIFE 5K**

Please join us on April 15, 2023, at Lunken Airport Playfield for the annual Heartbeats for Life 5K Run/Walk. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and the race begins at 10 a.m. The Heartbeats for Life 5K is sponsored by Cincinnati Right to Life and Cincinnati Life Runners to bring the pro-life community together for a family-friendly day full of fun, fellowship, and life. Proceeds go toward pro-life efforts to affect culture and public policy. For more information or to register, please visit runsignup.com/HeartbeatsForLife5K or CincinnatiRighttoLife.org.

# LIVINGINREALITY

**APRIL 21-23, 2023 AT** 

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DISCIPLESHIP CENTER, PEEBLES 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

### RETREAT FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Office for Persons with Disabilities invites adults with special needs (18 and older) to a retreat on April 22, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Albert the Great (3033 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, OH 45429). The retreat, hosted by NET Ministries, will include a Family Mass at 12 p.m. with Father Kyle Schnippel. The cost is \$25, and caregivers/parents are welcome to attend. To register, visit resources.catholicaoc.org/event/adults-with-special-needs-retreat. (Registration required; limited space.) If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Averion at <a href="mailto:laverion@catholicaoc.org">laverion@catholicaoc.org</a> or (937) 281-4128.

#### **BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING!**

Lent prepares us for Easter Joy—and now we sing, "Alleluia is our song." In hope, we sing of new life in Christ. In faith, we believe that one day we will share in that new life. Being prepared is everything! Setting aside time to prepare for final arrangements will be hope-filled. Gate of Heaven Cemetery Family Services advisors invite you to attend the April Preplanning Seminar on April 25, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249). Please RSVP by April 24 to <a href="mailto:community@gateofheaven.org">community@gateofheaven.org</a> or (513) 489-0300.

#### **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 Avenue, 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.

#### "BEING PRO-LIFE" PODCAST

Groups in Ohio are proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution that would enshrine abortion rights at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. In his latest podcast, Bob Wurzelbacher, director of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Respect Life Ministries and St. Gertrude Church parishioner, talks with Peter Range, executive director of Ohio Right to Life, about the 2023 Ohio Ballot Initiative, "Right to Reproductive Freedom." Listen now at <a href="resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/respect-life-ministries/media-events/being-pro-life">resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/respect-life-ministries/media-events/being-pro-life</a> to learn more about this extreme amendment that will instill a right to abortion and other "reproductive services" with no restrictions.



#### **Rosary Procession**

Everyone is encouraged to bring roses for each intention you wish to pray for during the rosary. At the end of the rosary procession, you will lay down your roses at the foot of the Blessed Mother statue.

WHEN: May 13, 2023 | 2 p.m.

WHERE: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center

5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, 45212

CONTACT: support@rosesformary.org or (330) 635-5828

For more information about Roses for Mary and all the event details, visit rosesformary.org.



# ASK A PRIEST—THE MEANING AND ROOTS OF THE CHRISTIAN "EUCHARIST"

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: What is the actual meaning of the term "Eucharist"? Is this concept unique to Catholics?

A: The sacrament of the Lord's Body

and Blood, the Holy Eucharist, is at the center of Catholic life. That's especially visible during the sacred rites of Holy Week and Easter: Holy Thursday and the Last Supper mark Jesus' initiation of this sacrament, Good Friday and his death on the cross are referred to in his very words of institution, and Easter and the Resurrection teach us that what he said and did could not be sealed in the past. The Greek word *eucharistia* means "thanksgiving" and matches the verb used in the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper as well as St. Paul's recounting of this earliest Christian tradition. Broadly speaking, the concept has clear and significant Jewish origins. More strictly speaking, it is a sacrament unique to the Catholic Church and the other Christian Churches that hold and pass on the authentic apostolic Tradition.

The early Church fathers speak of the consecrated bread and wine as "eucharist-ed." This is because at Mass they are offered to God in a spirit of *thanksgiving* for what he has done and continues to do through his Son, Jesus. Yes, the Passover meal of the Jewish people at the time of Jesus included a "eucharistic prayer" thanking God for life, land, deliverance from Egypt, the giving of the Law, and daily sustenance. Our Lord Jesus Christ very intentionally and meaningfully adjusted the order of the Passover by introducing the sacrament of his Body and Blood into its midst. He established a new, everlasting covenant with a new memorial meal that referred to his unique sacrifice on the cross for mankind's redemption. This Eucharist would allow his disciples "always and everywhere to give thanks" for his gift of salvation.

Ask a Priest is the regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to <u>bulletin@stgertrude.org</u> for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

- 1 "...this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28)
- 2 Eucharistein = to give thanks. See Mt 26:27; Mk 14:23; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24.
- 3 See Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), no 1355. See also CCC 1359-1361.



Monday, April 10	Tuesday, April 11	Wednesday, April 12	Thursday, April 13	Friday, April 14	Saturday, April 15	Sunday, April 16
St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	KofC Baby Bottle Hand-out After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	KofC Baby Bottle Hand-out After all Masses Outside Church
Parish Office Closed	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall	NFP Instructor Meeting 10 a.m. St. Joseph Room		Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m. PC Little Flower Library
Become Catholic (RCIA) 5 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church		Angelico Project Planning meeting 12 p.m. St. Joseph Room		CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church			33 Days to Merciful Love 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Family Faith – End of Year Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room			Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús 4:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room		Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions & Devotions 2 p.m. Church
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 <i>p.m.</i> Church	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room			Respect Life Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room		L'alto: Confirmation Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?  We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out  7 p.m.					_

#### **OFFERING**

#### St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for April 2

Collection	\$ 42,462
Weekly Budget	\$ 36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$ 5,962

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

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Fiscal YTD Actual				\$ 1,525,297
Fiscal YTD Budget				\$ 1,473,500
Fiscal YTD Surplus				\$ 51,797

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN 4/23/23 MATERIALS DUE 4/12/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org 6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243 (513) 561-5954 | FAX (513) 561-5184 | www.StGertrude.org

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Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

Father Darren Pierre, O.P.

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#### Corporal Works of Mercy

Helping Hands (Funeral Reception Ministry)- (513) 940-2643 Nancy Lucas stgerthh@gmail.com Knights of Columbus - Pete Marcello (703) 447-3978 grandknight@elderkofc.org Ladies of Charity - Jean Wilkinson (513) 498-5085 Parish Health Ministry - Jeanne Palcic (513) 317-4123 Pregnancy Center East (for all pregnancy needs) (513) 321-3100 Soup Kitchen - Andy Cordier soupkitchen@stgertrude.org St. Vincent De Paul Society -Jennifer Mansfield (513) 561-5954, ext 2112

#### **Vocations Directors**

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