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ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

May 1, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, May 2, St. Athanasius (M)

- 7 a.m. † Marcia Kuhlman by Mark & Maria Kuhlman
8 a.m. † Mike Morgan by The Morgan Family
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, May 3, Ss. Philip & James (F)

- 7 a.m. † Richard A. Retta by Knights of Columbus
8 a.m. † Ken Charleville by The Family
11:30 a.m. † Dorothy M. Grant by Karen Paul

Wednesday, May 4, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Pamela & † Minnie Rose Speicher by Tricia Speicher
8 a.m. † Mary Saul by The Stuntebeck Family
11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Michael & Diane Kennedy

Thursday, May 5, St. Vincent Ferrer, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. The Hachten Family by Riley Kane
8 a.m. † James Scheidler by John & Jan Cremons
11:30 a.m. † David Taylor by Lucy & Ted Safrin

Friday, May 6, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Loretta Holden by Don & Nancy Beimesche
8 a.m. † Carmelita Duckro by The Cordier Family
11:30 a.m. † Kitty Newton by Rita Johantges

Saturday, May 7, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke
11:30 a.m. † Don Kunkel by Joan Kunkel
4:30 p.m. Janet Jennison by The Jennison Family

Sunday, May 8, 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. † Elizabeth Kossowan by Peter Bertoli
10 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
12 p.m. † Pauline Elizabeth Eggers by Sal & Teri Forlini
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
(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.

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 child-centered, family-based faith formation programs throughout the year, including:

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

Registration is now open for our summer 2022 and 2022-2023 academic year faith formation programs.

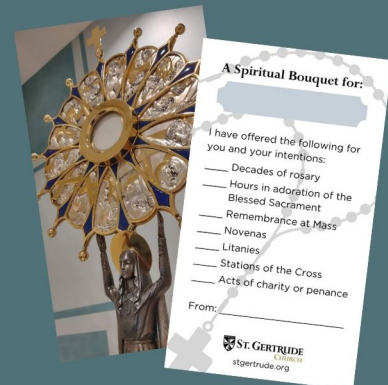
View each program, the sessions offered, and the faith formation handbook, at stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth. To register for a program, visit buytickets.at/stgertrude.



ST. GERTRUDE
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Spiritual Bouquet Card

Let others know that you are praying for them with our new spiritual bouquet card, found in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel.





THE MONTH OF MAY

Today is the beginning of the month of May. For many years in the history of the Church, this month has been dedicated to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. She always leads us into deeper communion with Jesus, her Son. She prays for us that we may grow in discipleship with the Lord who comes to us in the holy Eucharist. She leads all her children on the narrow way of the Lord Jesus into eternal life.

We, the Dominican friars, have a centuries-old association with the rosary of Our Lady—preaching and encouraging the praying of the rosary so that all people can meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus while holding onto the beads of Mary in our hand. It is a simple prayer, a humble prayer, a scriptural prayer, a powerful prayer, and a meditative prayer. Generations of people have found help, strength, and consolation through this prayer.



Through the repetition of the basic prayers of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be (which many Catholics learned as children), we find that Jesus and Mary accompany us through all the joys and sorrows, highlights, and ordinariness of our lives. No circumstance or experience is excluded from their loving presence and compassion for us.

Quite truthfully, the rosary should be a devotion that is a part of every Catholic life. Popes, saints, and spiritual directors have recommended it for hundreds of years. The holy beads are not meant to be a kind of jewelry worn around the neck or a decoration over the rearview mirror of a car; rather, they are meant to glide through our fingers with loving attention to the presence, love, and mercy of Jesus and Mary. Learn the rosary, teach the rosary, pray the rosary! Through Mary to Jesus, we find every grace we need to persevere on our pilgrimage of faith, filled with hope that God will bring us to the perfection of charity and make us saints.

We have received notification that the parish will host a deacon for a summer ministerial experience. He is Brother Michael Donahue, O.P., and we expect him to arrive in late May and stay through the beginning of August. This assignment will be an excellent opportunity to learn about parochial ministry, develop gifts and skills in preaching, and contribute to the spiritual and communal life of the parish.

Additionally, we have received notification that a newly-ordained friar will be serving in the parish for a couple of months in the summer. He is currently Brother Philip Nolan, O.P., who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 21, in Washington, DC. His arrival date remains unknown, but he will provide coverage in the liturgical

and sacramental life of the parish so that other priests will be able to take time for vacation.

Today is the last day of my pastorate here at St. Gertrude. Father John Paul Walker, O.P., will arrive on Thursday, May 5, and preach at all the Masses during the weekend of May 7-8. His process of on-boarding as pastor of the parish will be intense, especially with the schedule of first holy Communion, Confirmation, and eighth grade graduation. If I may say so, please give him the opportunity to learn names and the multifaceted reality of the parish. Please give him the chance to settle in and determine how he will offer his gifts and talents in service to God and the parish. Please allow some time before making requests or asking questions.

My next assignment is not yet known. I do know that I will remain here until the end of June. The Dominican friars are convening for a provincial chapter in June, wherein a new provincial will be elected and many other appointments to positions will be made. The expected assignment changes resulting from the chapter may influence my next assignment. I am trusting in God's providence for the future. In the meantime, I will be available to assist Father John Paul with the transition of leadership and help with the liturgical and sacramental ministry of the parish when requested.

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to have served as pastor of this parish. I am grateful for the prayers and support I have received. I pray that God will continue to bless this parish with his grace so that his light and truth will bring everyone into a deeper encounter with Jesus.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“The holy rosary introduces us into the very heart of faith. With our thoughts fixed on it, we greet repeatedly, joyfully, the holy Mother of God; declare blessed the Son, the sweet fruit of her womb; and invoke her motherly protection in life and in death.”

– Pope St. John Paul II

COVER IMAGE: *Feed My Sheep* (Detail-Fresco, St. Mary Abbots Church, London), Clayton (c Late 19th cent.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, May 3 - May Crowning | 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 10 - Yearbook Pictures
- Wednesday, May 11 - 1st Grade Field Trip
- Thursday, May 12 - Candle Mass
- Sunday, May 15 - Confirmation | 2 p.m.
- Monday, May 16 - 8th Grade Awards | 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 - Graduation | 7 p.m.

WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year: **Third grade teacher** and **Latin teacher**. Please visit stgertrude.org/employment to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of May 2, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAYLA MINTON

Kayla Minton, one of St. Gertrude School's eighth grade students, received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 16. Special thanks to Sister Maria Francesca, O.P., who prepared Kayla over the past year.



APPLY TODAY for the 2022-2023 School Year

www.stgertrudesch.org/apply

MEET OUR MINISTRIES: BECOME CATHOLIC

St. Gertrude Church has many ministries, programs, and groups for children, youth, and adults—some you may be familiar with and others you may not even know exist. To give you a deeper look into some of these offerings, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature interviews with members of some of these ministries, programs, and groups throughout the year. This month, we're highlighting Become Catholic.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: If a stranger approached you on the street and asked you about Become Catholic, what would you say?

Become Catholic: St. Gertrude Church has a unique and powerful program for people who wish to join the Catholic Church! A succession of Dominican priests in cooperation with lay leaders have shaped a widespread introduction to the Catholic faith. Known as Become Catholic (formally Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), we foster “a process of coming to know and love Jesus Christ through the Church he founded and heads.” We hold Monday night meetings September through late May/early June to provide adult non-Christians and non-Catholic Christians with the sacramental, spiritual, and theological formation they seek. Sometimes adult Catholics who have missed Confirmation join, too.

We have witnessed how helpful it is for inquirers to work closely with our priests and to build relationships with parishioners who serve as mentors. This helps candidates to know the right time to enter the Church. Every person has a unique situation and calling, even if the goal is Catholic unity.

SGB: Why did the name change from Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to Become Catholic?

BC: RCIA is the name for the formal, liturgical, process whereby

non-Christians enter the Church, usually in the months leading up to Easter. At St. Gertrude Church, we still follow RCIA, but we offer Become Catholic as a weekly program that prepares non-Christians (who come to be called “catechumens” after their initial commitment) to understand and undergo these sacred rites. We also utilize Become Catholic to welcome fellow Christians and even some Catholics who wish to complete initiation as Catholic Christians. They may not need the full RCIA, but Become Catholic offers them a place to receive important formation on various levels.

SGB: You mentioned that you hold weekly Monday meetings. What do these meetings consist of?

BC: Our weekly sessions (beginning in September each year) involve introductory-level classes in Catholic belief and practice, time for personal and communal reflection and conversation, and prayer. They are usually led by a Dominican priest (a unique aspect of our program) who is supported by a lay team from the parish. There's no commitment required for the first several weeks of the program. Further on, inquirers are asked to share their intentions about whether they will or will not join the Catholic Church the following Easter.

SGB: How does someone get involved with Become Catholic, whether they want to join the church or be part of the team?

BC: Call the parish office and ask to speak with Father John Mark Solitario, director of Become Catholic, or fill out the interest form on our website at stgertrude.org/become-catholic so Father John Mark can get in touch. He can answer questions about how to join the next Become Catholic class or how to support next year's program.



NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

You should have received an email last week with more information about our new online giving platform and action steps for you to take regarding the transition to OnlineGiving.org. If you did not receive an email or have any questions, please visit stgertrude.org/give for all the details.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Remember your mother, grandmother, aunts, sisters, and/or friends in a beautiful way this year 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 8, and ends May 16. Novena cards will be available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office after Easter.

CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS

Are you looking for a way to share ideas with other moms on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? A new Cana Family Called to Motherhood group is being formed for fall 2022! We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Pope St. John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. We share stories and advice on how to be better wives and mothers. Please come to the Parish Center on Thursday, May 5, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to meet current members and learn more. Babysitting will be provided. You can find information at canafamilyinstitute.com. Please contact Anita Pappalardo at pappacinci@gmail.com or (513) 375-9320 with any questions.



CALLING ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN

Is your child going to be a freshman for the 2022-2023 school year? They're invited to join us on Sunday, May 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. for our L'alto: High School end-of-the-year celebration. (L'alto: High School is our parish's high school youth ministry.) There will be games, food, a chance to hear from seniors about their experience with L'alto, and a time to recognize and welcome our new participants. If you have questions or want to learn more about our ministry, visit stgertrude.org/highschool, or contact Walter Plummer, director of youth formation, at wplummer@stgertrude.org.

2022 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

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. **Registration ends next Sunday, 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.



Little Sisters of the Poor

Dear Friends at St. Gertrude Church,
Your contribution of \$8,218 toward our mission is gratefully appreciated. We would not be able to continue to provide for the elderly of our city without your help.

St. Gertrude Church and its parishioners have always been so generous to our home. We are grateful we were able to join you in the celebration of Mass once again. It is lovely to share our mission with you in person, we appreciate your support of our work.

We are keeping you and your loved ones in our prayers. Thank you for your generosity and support of the residents of St. Paul's Archbishop Leibold Home.

Blessings,

Sr. Marie

Sister Marie Edward, lsp
Mother Superior

PS. Thank you for your "spirit of almsgiving" especially during this sacred time of year. We appreciate your spirit of generosity toward God's elderly poor.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

The St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 7-8. These baskets are a perfect gift for Mother's Day or addition to your own garden. Cash and check (made out to Right to Life) are accepted. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Ragusa at rjragusa1@gmail.com.

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

Russell Bravard, father of Kathy Vessey

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5, 2022, is the 71st National Day of Prayer. The Village of Indian Hill and the City of Madeira will hold a brief program at Veterans Memorial (corner of Shawnee Run and Drake roads) beginning at 7:30 a.m. All are invited. In case of inclement weather, the gathering will be in Council Chambers at the Village of Indian Hill Administration Building.

KOC BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

After all Masses last weekend (April 23–24), the Knights of Columbus handed out empty baby bottles for their annual baby bottle fundraiser, benefiting the Pregnancy Care Center at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Knights will be collecting your filled baby bottles this weekend and next weekend (May 7–8), so please bring your bottles with you when you come to Mass. You can also return your filled bottle to the parish office during the week. Over the past 11 years, the generous parishioners of St. Gertrude Church have donated \$80,000 to help Old St. Mary's provide education and care for women during and after pregnancy. Thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity.

MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE COLLECTION

The weekend of May 7–8, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting items for Mary Magdalen House, a center in Over-the-Rhine that serves the homeless by providing bathrooms and shower facilities, telephone use, and the laundry of one set of clothing. Please visit stgertrude.org/news/marymagdalenhouse for a list of needed items. Cash donations are also appreciated. If you have any questions about Mary Magdalen House or Ladies of Charity, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085. Thank you so much for your help!

CALLING ALL LADIES OF CHARITY

There will be an organizational meeting on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby. We will make our plans for our upcoming summer and fall activities, including the Treasure Mart and Craft Fair. Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join us for the meeting. Come meet new friends and enjoy serving fellow members of our community. For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085.

JOIN THE SOCIETY



In today's Gospel, the disciples struggle to finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!" Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Vincetians strive for growth in holiness, friendship, and service. If you would like to learn more about what we do, please call the SVdP voicemail line at (513) 561–5954, ext. 4, and leave your name and phone number. A volunteer will call you.

SACRED ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Did you know that the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains is one of America's most unusual cathedrals and that it was once the city's tallest structure? Join Father Jan Schmidt on Saturday, May 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. for The Angelico Project's Sacred Architecture Tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. You'll see a replica of Michelangelo's *Pieta*, be dazzled by an original Caravaggio and a host of European delights, discover anew the massive mosaic that St. Peter in Chains is famous for, and more! If you loved our fall tour of Covington's Cathedral Basilica, you won't want to miss this! Get your tickets today at angelicoproject.org.

ICON WORKSHOP - JUNE 27-JULY 2, 2022



Paint your own icon of Archangel St. Michael or St. Gabriel during this six-day workshop at Iconic Studio. You will learn the ancient techniques of gilding with 24 kt gold leaf on burnished clay and painting with egg tempera paint, as well as the meaning behind the image you're painting and the symbolism involved in the materials, colors, and drawing. The workshop, taught

by Tatiana and Dmitrii Berestov, will take place Monday, June 27, 2022–Saturday, July 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (there will be an hour break for lunch). There is a \$90 deposit due by June 6 with your registration form, plus a \$250 tuition and materials fee due the first day of the workshop (June 27). All materials and tools are included. Download the registration form at stgertrude.org/news/archangel and mail it (along with your deposit) to Jenny Ward at Iconic Studio, 7886 Camargo Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243. For more information, contact Jenny at jward7400@yahoo.com or visit iconicstudio.org.

STEP BACK AND GO ON RETREAT

This summer, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is offering 8-day personally directed retreats—an opportunity to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus through the great treasures in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On retreat, you will spend a week in silence, meet with a spiritual director each day, and have the opportunity to rest, pray, walk, and enjoy the beautiful retreat grounds. Upcoming retreat dates include June 3–10, July 8–15, and August 5–12. For more information or to reserve your spot, call our office at (513) 248–3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR

Join Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 17–28, 2022. This pilgrimage will be a spiritual journey to the land where Jesus was born, where he preached and healed, suffered, died, and rose again. For more information and to register, visit catholiccincypilgrimage.com.



ASK A PRIEST—ENDURING CATHOLIC TEACHING

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Can Church teaching change? I've heard some Catholics suggest to others to "wait things out" if they're dissatisfied with certain Catholic positions. Although this feels friendly, I suspect it will sow false expectations

especially among young Catholics.

A: Older generations of Catholics may have talked about enduring their *teachers* (revered and feared religious sisters placed at the helm of over-full elementary school classrooms!). But for that generation, Catholic *teaching* and practice was "enduring" in another sense of the word: it was recognized as something constant, stable, and reliable. Granted, much has changed in a hundred years. However, current-day Catholics who expect the Magisterium to function like a progressive democracy do indeed set themselves up for disillusionment. True: the Church is always reforming herself so as to live and preach more effectively to new generations. This is a sign of health and life. But her basis is always the Gospel, and this message does not change.

The Gospel is first and foremost the Good News of Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God who became a human being like us, taught us how to live as adopted children of God, and suffered, died, and rose again for our redemption and eternal salvation. He commissioned the Church to baptize in his name, to do what he did and to teach what he taught. The sacred Scriptures as well as the Church's body of teachings and practice carry this Gospel as "coming from the mouth of Christ or being inspired by the Holy Spirit and preserved in continuous succession in the Catholic Church."¹ The Tradition can certainly come down to us by different "avenues," such as through a specific

experience of the liturgy or a special apostolate with which we might be involved. But to take a cafeteria-style approach regarding the core beliefs of our religion misses the point entirely: God has come and has given us what we could never have dreamt up or given ourselves. Will we let him nourish us with the "food" he wants to provide?

Can some Catholic practices change? Yes, and sometimes this helps people better receive the essence of the Gospel. Can Catholic doctrine develop? Yes, because there will always be new insights to glean based on what God has revealed through his Son and entrusted to the Church. (And as the Church learns and lives through the experience of her saints, her moral teaching will be enriched, too). But will the Church reverse her teaching on fundamental questions of faith? Of morality? No. Catholic preachers and teachers may do a less-than-great job handing on these teachings at one time or another, but God loves his people too much to keep from them the truths they need for salvation. Jesus, after all, is the same "yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 12:8).

If you or someone you know is confused or frustrated about a teaching of the Church, *yes*, please do encourage them to remain Catholic! But help them to see the Gospel-principle at work in the teaching they find difficult, rather than telling them that someday it might change. The Lord may use this challenging proposition to help them see something they did not see before. And hopefully they will love him more for having seen it.

1. Council of Trent: Decree on the Reception of the Sacred Books and Traditions. See Denzinger, 1501.

Ask a Priest is a 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 2 | Tuesday, May 3 | Wednesday, May 4 | Thursday, May 5 | Friday, May 6 | Saturday, May 7 | Sunday, May 8 |
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| 33 Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration 12:15 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC Music Room | Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | Cana Family "Come & See" 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | L'Alto High School End of Year Party 7 p.m. Parish Center | Genesis to Jesus 9 a.m. School Cafeteria | Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 Masses Gym |
| Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. Atrium I | Peer Ministry Team Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria | Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room | | Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting 10:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby | K of C Baby Bottle Pickup After all Masses Breezeway |
| Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church | Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5 p.m. Atrium II | Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church | Faith Formation First Communion Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church | | First Saturday Prayer Service 12 p.m. Church | LOC Mary Magdalen House After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Sharing Van |
| | Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria | | KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall | | Faith Formation First Communion 2 p.m. Church | Mother's Day Flower Sale After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Breezeway |
| | St. Gertrude School May Crowning 7 p.m. Church | | | | K of C Baby Bottle Pickup After 4:30 p.m. Mass Breezeway | Little Flower Library 8:30-11:30 a.m. |
| | | | | | LOC Mary Magdalen House After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van | Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church |

WE'RE HIRING: COORDINATOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

Are you passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing and implementing faith formation content and programming for children in grades 4-8? Apply to be St. Gertrude Parish's coordinator of youth formation. Learn more about this position and apply at stgertrude.org/employment.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for April 24

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| Collection | \$ | 39,683 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ | 35,294 |
| Weekly Surplus | \$ | 4,389 |
| 2nd Collection (Catholic Education): \$ 2,645 | | |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022) | | |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$ | 1,632,274 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$ | 1,557,348 |
| Fiscal YTD Surplus | \$ | 74,926 |

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
5/15/22

MATERIALS DUE
5/4/22

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243
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 Father John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar
 Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., parochial vicar

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

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 Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.

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 St. Vincent De Paul Society -
 Jennifer Mansfield (513) 561-5954, ext 2112

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