

*I am with you
always,*

*until the
end of the
world*

MT 28:20b



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | MAY 12, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima (M)

- 7 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. Members of Las Guadalupanas by Dina Henderson
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
- 7 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant (Dominican Rite Mass)

Tuesday, May 14, St. Matthias the Apostle (F)

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Bob & Carol Connors
- 8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Jean Ellert by St. Gertrude Parish

Wednesday, May 15, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Dennis Doherty by Rosemary Varga
- 8 a.m. † Christa Brisken by Gary & Lucy Negin
- 11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 16, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. Laura Clanton by The Clanton Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Rosemary Wetterstroem by Nancy DeBrunner

Friday, May 17, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Lee Badinghaus by The Conlon Family
- 8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Mark Crouch by Fitzpatrick Family

Saturday, May 18, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Llewlyn Fernandez by Meaghan & Rio Mascarenhas
- 11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 4:30 p.m. † Melissa Hoffman by The Stines Family

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday (S)

- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
- 10 a.m. † John Michael Bough, Jr. by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

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.

Spiritual Renewal for Pregnant Moms & Family Blessing

All pregnant women are invited to a special morning of renewal, which will include prayer, a meditation on the Annunciation, silence, and Mass—during which you, your unborn child, and your whole family will receive a blessing.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Prayer & Meditation
St. Joseph Room (Parish Center)

11:30 a.m.
Mass & Family Blessing
St. Gertrude Church

Husbands and children are invited to Mass to take part in the four-part blessing—first over the baby, second over mom, third over dad, and fourth over the whole family.



Curious about faith?

Join us for Alpha, a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free, and there's no pressure to come back.

Mondays beginning June 3
6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center



Learn more



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT


Bring your mothers, daughters (16+), and friends. No Bunco experience necessary.



 **SATURDAY**
June 8, 2024

 **7-10 P.M.**

 **ST. GERTRUDE GYM**
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira

 **\$25 per person**
includes heavy appetizers, drinks (alcohol included), and dessert

If you have questions,
contact Susie Bentley
at (630) 677-1197.



Scan to sign up!



A MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION
ON THE BLESSINGS, JOYS, AND HEARTACHES OF THE MATERNAL VOCATION

On this Mother's Day weekend, I would like to extend my thanks, prayers, and blessings to all the women of our parish. Please note I didn't say in that last sentence, "... to all the *mom*s of the parish," but, "... to all the *women* of the parish." That was intentional. As Pope St. John Paul II beautifully taught, *every* woman has a **fundamentally maternal vocation and identity**. At every moment of their lives, women are called to this maternal vocation in some form, though the way this maternal vocation is lived out varies greatly depending upon their states in life.

To all the mothers of our parish, I pray for you as you live out your motherhood in the course of family life, and I thank you for the beautiful witness you bring to us and to the whole world. While both fathers and mothers make great sacrifices in the course of their vocations and their responsibilities in family life, there is something inherently sacrificial about the vocation of motherhood that has no parallel. From the first moment of conception, a mother's body is already sacrificing for the sake of the child within her. This sacrifice, lived initially as a purely physical phenomenon over the course of those first nine months of life, is then lived out in so many other ways over the course of the many years and decades to follow. Is there any vocation in the world other than being a mother that is so filled with joy while so linked to the cross? So whether you are a new mom celebrating Mother's Day for the first time, an "empty nester" whose children are long grown and out of the house, or anything in between, I wish you a very happy and blessed Mother's Day!

But today is not only about the "moms." I also pray today for women who are unmarried or divorced or widowed and without children, who share their maternal gifts with the rest of us in the Church through their compassion, service, and prayer. You enrich all our lives by bringing to our church community your charisms and your "feminine genius" (to use another favorite phrase from St. John Paul II). For those who are single and yet deeply desire the vocation of marriage and motherhood, I pray that the Lord might shower you with the gift of his peace as you await the further unveiling of his calling in your life.

And of course on this Mother's Day, I cannot forget the nuns and sisters of the Church, especially our dear Dominican sisters who serve in our parish school, living a unique vocation to consecrated spiritual motherhood that greatly enriches all of us in the Church. You who most perfectly represent the Church as the Bride of Christ witness to the joy that comes from drawing close to Jesus as the perfect Bridegroom and the greatest Love the world has ever known.

Finally, I extend perhaps my most powerful promise of prayers

to those who find today to be an especially difficult, trying, or even heartbreaking day. I pray for those moms who have lost babies from miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or early infant/child loss. I pray for those married women longing to be mothers but who have not yet been given the gift of a pregnancy. I pray for those who have recently lost their own mothers and are grieving that loss. I pray for those who grew up in difficult family situations who never got to know their own mothers, or whose memories of their mothers are anything but positive. For all those whose hearts are heavy this day for whatever reason, be assured we are aware of your heartache and are praying for you.

May our Blessed Mother Mary shower her special graces upon *all* her daughters, inspire you to further share your maternal gifts, and most of all, may she lead you all closer to her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Dominican Rite
 In honor of Blessed Imelda Lambertini, O.P.



Join us for a beautiful, ancient form of the Mass that will deepen your participation in Mass in a powerful way. You will also be able to venerate Blessed Imelda's relic.

Visit bit.ly/blimelda or scan the QR code to learn more about 9-year-old Blessed Imelda.

MONDAY, MAY 13 | 7 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

Learn more about the Dominican Rite at stgertrude.org/dominicanrite



UPDATE ON ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR

On Friday, May 3, Archbishop Schnurr received a postoperative diagnosis of stage 3 small bowel cancer. His doctor noted that, generally speaking, the archbishop's health is excellent, and that is certainly a source of optimism for the success of the treatment. The treatment plan includes a regimen of chemotherapy over the next six months, preparation for which began this past week. For the time being, the archbishop will continue to work from home. Please continue to keep Archbishop Schnurr in your prayers.

WE'RE PROUD OF THE CLASS OF 2024!

Our students are attending the following high schools next year:

- Archbishop Moeller High School
- Cincinnati Country Day
- Divine Mercy Co-Op
- Indian Hill High School
- Madeira High School
- McNicholas High School
- Mount Notre Dame High School
- St. Xavier High School
- St. Ursula Academy
- Summit Country Day
- Turpin High School
- Ursuline Academy



All together, they were offered over \$350,000 in scholarships for high school. SGS students will graduate on May 16. Go Bulldogs!

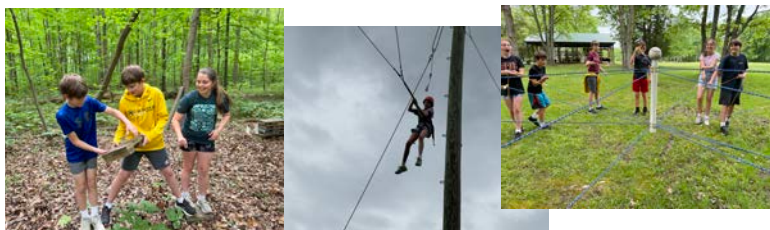
NEW STUDENT SOCIAL

We invited all new students for the 2024-2025 school year and their families to join us for our all-school Mass, followed by doughnuts and coffee on the playground. Here are a few of their smiling faces! We are so excited to welcome these new Bulldogs and their families to SGS.



6TH GRADE WOODLAND LAKES RETREAT

Our sixth graders spent the day at Woodland Lakes learning about and practicing being better Christian friends by supporting each other through various challenges and praying with and for each other.



We're Hiring

St. Gertrude School is looking for a part-time **director of alumni relations** to begin immediately!

This individual is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to engage and cultivate relationships with St. Gertrude School alumni. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in communications, marketing, or public relations. Experience in alumni relations, fundraising, or related fields is a plus. Requirements also include the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment process prior to start.



Visit stgertrudesch.org/employment/ or scan the QR code to view the position description and apply!

MAY CROWNING

One of the ways we honor Mary this month is with our annual May Crowning. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.



Congratulations, First Communicants!

Last Saturday, May 4, children in our Sacramental Formation program received their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration of the Mass, full of smiling children excited to receive Our Lord.



Youth Ministry Summer 2024 Events

Join us for some fun events that build virtuous friendships and share the Good News.

Junior High Grades 7-8

Slip 'N Slide Kickball Game
Sunday, June 23 | 3-5 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center Front Lawn

- FREE!
- Bring a snack or a drink to share.
- No registration required. Please bring a completed and signed permission form to the event.

L'alto: High School Grades 9-12

Ultimate Frisbee Night
June 9 | 7-9 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center Front Lawn

- FREE!
- No registration required. Please bring a completed and signed permission form to the event.
- Open to incoming freshman through newly graduated seniors.

Junior High & High School Kayak Trip
Tuesday, July 16 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Scenic River Canoe Excursions (Milford)

- \$45/participant (pays for kayak rental).
- Registration coming soon!
- Open to all incoming 7th-12th graders and newly graduated seniors.

Scan the QR code or visit stgertrude.org/summer2024 for permission forms and registration.



Due to the work being done in the school over the next few months, we will not be offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3-3rd grade) sessions over the summer.

RESPECT LIFE FLOWER SALE

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

SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS

Here’s a great way to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati. St. Gertrude Church parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, June 16. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Signups will be outside (or in the Parish Center lobby if bad weather) before and after 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. Masses next Sunday, May 19. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.

ST. GERTRUDE BOOSTERS GYM PROJECT

St. Gertrude Boosters is excited to announce the “Built by Bulldogs” fundraising campaign, to support the replacement of our gym floor and upgrade the facility in its entirety. We are very excited to create a safe and functional space that properly showcases our mighty Bulldogs, and we invite you to join us! The funds raised will support the replacement of the floor and other components of the gym that need replacing/ updating now and for years to come. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/bulldogsgym.



ST. GERTRUDE BOOSTERS HALF-COURT SHOT

Join us on Friday, July 5, for the St. Gertrude Boosters first annual Half-Court Shot! Teams of 4-10 players will race the scoreboard timer to make half-court shots. It only takes one teammate to make a shot from half-court to move your team on to the next round. The last team standing will win the cash prize! There will be an adult bracket and an under 21 (high school and college) bracket. All funds raised will go directly to support all of our athletic programs. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.




WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Patrick & Julia Earley | James & Tracie Martella | Oliver & Meredith |
| Derek Elliot | Keith & Andrea | Shepherd |
| John Fenner | McCluskey | Sharla Spear |
| Sam Fowler | Robert & Elizabeth | Alicia Falcon |
| Victoria Groebner | Meiszer | Herb & Maria Vallier |
| David & Tara Justice | Kurt Merling | Nadia Zogbi |
| William & Rebecca Losekamp | Carson Hall | |
| | Meghan Schmitt | |

CORPUS CHRISTI
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Join us on **Sunday, June 2**, for 10 a.m. Mass and our second annual Corpus Christi procession down Miami Avenue to downtown Madeira. Busses will be available to bring everyone back to the gym for an ice cream social.



MASS
10 a.m. | Church

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION
After Mass | Miami Avenue

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Following Procession | Gym

FLOWER GIRLS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

All girls age 6 and up are invited to participate in our Corpus Christi procession by spreading flower petals along the route. The girls should wear a white (or light-colored) dress and bring their own basket for the flower petals (which will be provided by the church). There will be parents acting as chaperones and helping to fill/refill the girls’ baskets as they process. Please contact Michelle Dushensky, director of communications, at mdushensky@stgertrude.org if your daughter would like to be a flower girl in the procession.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Linda Burke, Vicki Calonge, 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, 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:

† Carol Connors

SPECIAL HEALING SERVICE WITH ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES

Join us at St. Susanna Parish in the main Church at 7pm on Saturday, May 18th for a special Healing Service with the team from Encounter Ministries. There will be Praise and Worship, Corporate Group Prayer, and Individual Prayer Ministry. This event is FREE and no RSVPs are required. Questions? Contact calpins@stsusanna.org.

ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES SCHOOL OF HEALING

Come and experience God's supernatural love at the School of Healing hosted by Encounter Ministries. This event will equip you in Encounter's model for healing prayer in a short one and half day format. It begins at the St. Susanna Meyer Center (500 Reading Road) on Friday, May 17th (6:15pm-9:30pm), and continues Saturday, May 18th (9:00am-4:00pm) followed by a special Healing Service in the main Church at 7pm. Registration for the school is required at encounterschool.org/cincinnati.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Everyone is invited to a day of remembrance and prayer on the sacred ground of Gate of Heaven Cemetery at the Annual Memorial Day Field Mass on Monday, May 27. The event will open with a presentation at 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 11 a.m. celebrated by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr and then a patriotic rosary in Section 28 (Veterans Garden) at 2 p.m. Please bring folding chairs. Light refreshments will be provided after Mass. For more information, please visit gateofheaven.org or call (513) 489-0300.

SUMMER COURSES AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

University of Dayton is pleased to offer an array of summer session courses in both Scripture and pastoral ministry. These include three mini-courses in pastoral ministry that take place over a Friday and Saturday. All of their summer courses may be taken as stand-alone courses for professional enrichment, as part of our certificate programs in Marian Studies or Disability and Ministry, or as part of their MA degree programs in theology and pastoral ministry. The courses available include:

- REL 518: Gospels
- REL 531: Theology, Bioethics, and the Body
- REL 577: Mary in Liturgy
- REL 587: Bible for Ministry
- REL 591-61: Ministry in a Synodal Church
- REL 591-81: Ministry as Story
- REL 591-82: Management & Leadership in the Work of Ministry

For more information or to register, contact Coordinator of Graduate Studies Amy Doorley at adoorley1@udayton.edu.

BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, June 7, 2024
9-11 a.m. | 12:15-3 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym**



To schedule your appointment, visit hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude, scan the QR code, or call Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments suggested. If you cannot donate on this date, you can donate anytime using the St. Gertrude Church group code SEQ during registration.

**Every donor receives a
Hoxworth floppy hat!**



*Hosted by Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder
Council #1195 and St. Gertrude Parish*



All high school men (incoming sophomores to outgoing seniors) are invited to one of two Ember Days, hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati seminarians. Ember Day is a day of discernment and includes Mass, adoration, discussions, speakers, food, sports, and games. The Ember Days will be held on Friday, June 7, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology and Saturday, June 8, at Sacred Heart, McCartyville. For more information and to register, please visit catholicaoc.org/vocations.

THE SURRENDER INITIATIVE

Stella Maris Family of Parishes, in partnership with Glenmary Home Missioners, will host a special event called The Surrender Initiative on Friday, June 7, at St. Thomas More Church in Withamsville, Ohio. The Surrender Initiative Mass focuses on prayer and intercession for loved ones who have left the Church. Sacred music and Reconciliation will begin at 6 p.m., with Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 p.m. Incense will be used. A reception will follow. All are welcome to pray for those no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Visit stellamarisfamily.org/the-surrender-initiative for more details.



MOTHERS AND MOTHERHOOD IN THE BIBLE

FATHER JOSEPH ALOBAIDI, O.P.

There is a joke about the creation of the first human beings that circulates in some European feminist gatherings. It goes like this: God created the man. He looked at him and was not impressed. So God said

to himself, “I think I can do better,” and he created the woman. A joke, mildly funny, but one that has a deep biblical foundation. There are three stages of womanhood—virgin, wife, and mother—that are highly praised in Scripture. Because it is Mother’s Day, I will briefly touch on a few aspects of motherhood, usually neglected because of the technical or linguistic knowledge they require. Also, I will limit my brief investigation to the motherly dimensions in God and the Virgin Mary.

Motherhood Dimension in God

One of the words that most describes God is *mercy*. The Hebrew Old Testament used it 39 times (plus one, in Aramaic, in Daniel). It is one of those irregular words that, while plural, denotes a singular meaning. It’s almost always applied to God. Such is the case of the Book of Psalms that uses it seven times, often in dramatic ways: *Let your mercy reach me, then I will live* (Ps 119:77). What does this have to do with our topic of motherhood? The answer is that the word mercy refers to the womb. It is a Hebrew word, *rehamim*, in plural form whose singular form, *reham*, is usually translated to womb. To be exact, the translation of this word to “womb” is approximate. Its exact meaning is not “womb” (we have a particular word for that) but the part of the womb where the fetus is formed. The exact translation, avoided for its inconvenience, is “uterus.” Why is it that this part of woman’s anatomy applies to God? The answer is that human beings wanted to describe God’s love for the men and women he created. The difficulty is that human words are inadequate to describe God. No limited means, which is the human language, can describe God who is unlimited. To resolve the problem, the Bible (and Semitic) mentality asked another question: What is the highest and most intense feeling between two human beings? The answer is the link between a mother and the child that is formed in her. That is how the genius Semitic mentality ended up using the word “uterus” to speak of God’s mercy and love for us.

Motherly care of the Virgin Mary

Virgin, wife, and mother are three stages of womanhood that are highly praised in the Bible. Yet, it is the “mother” that is the most praised in Scripture. The first woman called mother in the Bible is no other than Eve, the mother of the living (Gen 3:20). There is a play on words in the original Hebrew text of Genesis, between the name Eve (*heva*), living (*hai*) life (*haym*) that translations to non-Semitic languages, such as English, are unable to render. Indeed, the biblical

word **mother** hints to the gift of life (while the word **father** originally refers to the individual capacity to decide and to command). Eve, according to Genesis, is the mother of the living because she is the first woman, the first mother. The Christian churches, at least churches before the reformation, establish a parallel between Eve and the Virgin Mary. The first is the mother of the



first creation. The second is the mother of the new creation. This fact that Mary is the mother of those redeemed by her son is a title she received from her son when, on the cross, he told her to be the mother of his beloved disciple: “Woman, there is your son” (Jn 19:26). The new motherhood of Mary and the comparison with Eve can be confirmed by a dogma, modern and controversial at its promulgation: The Immaculate Conception. It is a fundamental truth in the history of salvation. Mary is the first beneficiary of the redemption brought by the sacrifice of her son *who is the first risen from the dead* (Col 1:18). Like Eve is the mother of all because all came from her, and after her, Mary, conceived without sin, is the Mother of all those who will be freed from original sin. Like Eve, having no ancestor, shows that she is the absolute beginning in the order of creation; Mary, having no one before her that is freed from original sin, becomes the Mother of all who will be freed from original sin, the Mother of the New creation.

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.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“To give worthy praise to the Lord’s mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother. For then our hymn will be more pleasing to You because She is chosen from among men and angels. Through her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through her, man became pleasing to God. Through her, streams of grace flowed down upon us.” (*Diary, #1746*)

| Monday, May 13 | Tuesday, May 14 | Wednesday, May 15 | Thursday, May 16 | Friday, May 17 | Saturday, May 18 | Sunday, May 19 |
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| CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II | CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II | Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby | CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II | | | Soup Kitchen Sign-ups After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Outside Church or St. Dominic Lobby |
| Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room | Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby | Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room | | | | Family Faith – Parent & Child Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria |
| Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room | St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room | CGS Level 1, 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room | | | | Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church |
| Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby | Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria | Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church | | | | Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room |
| Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria | | | | | | |
| Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden | | | | | | |

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
5/15/24

BULLETIN
5/26/24

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for May 5**

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| Collection | \$ | 50,770 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ | 37,000 |
| Weekly Surplus | \$ | 13,770 |

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

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| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$ | 1,860,754 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$ | 1,691,000 |
| Fiscal YTD Surplus | \$ | 169,754 |

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

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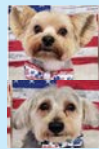
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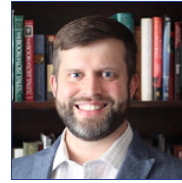


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