

I WILL ASK  
THE FATHER,  
AND HE WILL  
GIVE YOU  
ANOTHER

# Advocate

TO BE WITH  
YOU ALWAYS,  
THE SPIRIT  
OF TRUTH.

JOHN 14: 16-17



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 14, 2023

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, May 15, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. † Billie Pierre by Craig & Teresa Babcock
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, May 16, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Maria Luisa Castro by Elvira Carrillo
- 8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Michele Garvey by Elaine & Jeff Parker

### Wednesday, May 17, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mike Bennett by Dowling & Parra Family
- 8 a.m. † Richard Wenstrup by The Wenstrup Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

### Thursday, May 18, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by The Spurgin Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Frank Sommerkamp by Ray & Marylyn Clark

### Friday, May 19, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Joseph Pachuk by John & Michelle Pachuk
- 8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Russell Smith by Cynthia & Kelly King

### Saturday, May 20, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. Jon Jergens by The Isaacs Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 4:30 p.m. † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family

### Sunday, May 21, The Ascension of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. † Kelly Clark by Marian Clark
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Stephanie Conlon Hull by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 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.

## HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 17

7:30-8:30 P.M.  
ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH

Join us in praying for the defeat of the proposed "Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" amendment, which would enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for pre-born children and women. Learn more at [ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio](http://ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio).

Sponsored by St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry.



SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1, 2023

## DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



### COST

\$15 to reserve your spot +  
\$90/night for hotel + food  
*A donor has covered the  
bus cost*

### SIGN UP

To reserve your spot and  
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please visit  
[bit.ly/rosarypilgrimage](http://bit.ly/rosarypilgrimage)

### CONTACT

If you have any questions,  
please contact Father  
Joachim Kenney at  
[frjoachim@stgertrude.org](mailto:frjoachim@stgertrude.org).

### PLEASE JOIN US!

St. Gertrude Church is joining Catholics from around the country on September 30, 2023, in Washington, D.C., for the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage—a full-day, national event hosted by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. The event includes life-changing talks, Mass, adoration, and the rosary.

Our pilgrimage bus will depart on Thursday, September 28, visit the national shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on the way to Washington, D.C., and return to St. Gertrude on Sunday, October 1.

**There are only 39 spots available!**





## **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 *moms* 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. 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, or without children who share their maternal gifts with the rest of us in the Church through their compassion, service, and prayer. 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 religious sisters of the Church—especially our dear Dominican sisters who serve in our parish school—who live 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 mother and are grieving that loss. I pray for those who grew up in difficult family situations, who never got to know their own mother, 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 them to further share their maternal gifts, and most of all, may she lead them all closer to her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless,

*Rv. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



# *Save the Date*

## FOR THE **CENTENNIAL GALA** AT THE MANOR HOUSE

**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2023**  
**6:30-10:30 p.m.**

**The Centennial Gala Committee is currently seeking in-kind donations.** Some ideas include season ticket holders (Bengals, Reds, FC, Arnoff Theater, Cincinnati Ballet etc.), gift cards or goods from your small business, vendors (florist, photographer, video, etc.), guest experiences (bourbon tasting, wine pairing, restaurant private dining, etc.), and vacation homes.

Please email Beth Pavloff at [pavloffdogs@yahoo.com](mailto:pavloffdogs@yahoo.com) if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!

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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **May 15:** 8th Grade Awards Night
- **May 16:** Graduation
- **May 17:** 3rd Grade Field Trip to California Woods Nature Preserve
- **May 26:** Last Day of School; Field Day; Bulldog Bash

## NEWS FROM MS. ZETNER

Dear St. Gertrude Community,

*I will not be returning to St. Gertrude for the 2023-2024 school year. I am applying to enter the Congregation of St. Cecilia, to which our Sisters here at St. Gertrude belong, by the grace of God! I am truly grateful to our Lord for the opportunity to have been a part of this community, teaching and working with our students, families, and staff. I will miss you all, and I hope that the Lord brings me back to St. Gertrude in the not-too-distant future! Thank you for your prayers for me, and know that the St. Gertrude community will be in my prayers.*

*In Christ, Laurie Zentner*

We are grateful to Ms. Zentner for her time with us and will pray for her as she seeks to follow Christ's call to follow him. May this be a special time of grace for her.

## MAY CROWNING

The evening of Tuesday, May 2, was our school May Crowning, a beautiful ceremony honoring Our Blessed Mother! We are grateful to the second and eighth graders for their prayerful participation. Mary, Mother of Christ, pray for us.



## SECOND GRADE MARY SHRINES

Our second graders made Mary shrines in religion class to mark the month of May—the month dedicated to Mary. They also learned the Latin hymn, “Regina Caeli,” to sing when they crown the Mary statue in class each day.



## LOGIC

The SGS 8th grade students have been studying logical fallacies and how to recognize manipulative propaganda. As part of their studies, they created posters of real-world examples. Equipping our young people with a knowledge of logical reasoning will sharpen their ability to discern the truth from falsehood.



## KINDERGARTEN POETRY READING

On Friday, April 28, our kindergarteners had a poetry reading to celebrate the end of poetry month (April). Each student memorized a poem and presented it to the class, using good posture, speaking loudly and clearly, and reciting with great expression. The audience of children were all attentive and supportive, politely applauding each of their friends when they finished. To really set the mood and give it a “coffee shop” poetry reading feel, parents provided pastries and chocolate milk in coffee cups.



## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of May 15, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*We Are*  
**HIRING!**

Are you passionate about educating children and forming them in the Catholic faith? Do you have experience teaching primary grades or junior high math? Would you like to be part of a dynamic and faith-filled team?

**APPLY FOR OUR OPEN POSITIONS!**

Visit [stgertrudesch.org/employment](https://stgertrudesch.org/employment) to view our job postings and apply.

Congratulations to all the children and teens who received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this spring!



## Have you registered your children for our 2023-2024 faith formation programs?

**SESSIONS ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

Sign up your son or daughter for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Sacramental Preparation, Family Faith, Confirmation Preparation, or L'alto: High School at [tickettailor.com/events/stgertrude](https://tickettailor.com/events/stgertrude)



**MOTHER'S DAY  
RIGHT TO LIFE FLOWER SALE**

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

**2023-2024 SCHOLA SIGN UPS**

Does your child love to sing and have a passion for music? Sign up him or her for our Schola Cantorum for the 2023-2024 school year! As part of the choir, your child will learn the great music of the Church, receive private voice lessons, develop skills, and sing weekly at 12 p.m. Sunday Mass. To learn more and sign up, visit [bit.ly/2324scholasignup](http://bit.ly/2324scholasignup).

**BAPTISM**

Sunday, April 23, 2023



Child: Leo James Breitenbach  
Parents: Joseph & Kelsey Breitenbach



Child: Josephine Ann de St. Aubin  
Parents: Edwin & Emily de St. Aubin



Child: Dominic Augustine Dressler  
Parents: Daniel & Sofia Dressler

**GIFT OF LIFE LAYETTE**

As is a long-standing tradition, a Pack 'n Play has been placed outside the relic chapel in the church to collect donated new baby items throughout the month of May. The items will be delivered to Old St. Mary's pregnancy center, which serves mothers and babies in Over-the-Rhine. Most needed items include diapers (N-6 months), baby wipes, shampoo, lotion, baby wash, onesies, sleepers, blankets, socks, warm weather outfits, baby bottles, and formula. Please donate new items only; no books or toys. If you have any questions, please contact Mary or Terry at (513) 305-3787.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION -  
LAST CHANCE**

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. **Registration ends May 17.** For more information and to register, please visit [sgsbulldogs.org](http://sgsbulldogs.org).

**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

THE SICK:

Simon Berry, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Judy Sullivan, Debbie Van Hise and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Krumb, John Krumb, 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

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kemen & Amanda Alexander | Nicholas & Madeline Morgan |
| Ryan & Meg Brenner       | Jacob Sandquist            |
| William & Caren Laverty  | David & Kari Staples       |
| Paul & Kathleen Maus     | Christopher Timmerding     |

## **ASK A DOMINICAN**

Don't miss this rare opportunity to gather with *The Angelico Project* on Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria as we invite the audience to "Ask a Dominican." An illustrious panel of highly trained and experienced Dominican friars—Father John Corbett, O.P., Father Paul Keller, O.P., and Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.—will field your probing questions with intelligence, skill, and humor! Wondering about the meaning of life, what makes us "human," the problem of suffering, is free will possible when God already knows everything, and much more? Join us, armed with your inquiring mind! Light refreshments will be served.

## **THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING!**

The Ladies of Charity 2023 Annual Treasure Mart is July 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Parish gym. Donations can be dropped off (in the gym) Tuesday, July 11, through Thursday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Friday, July 14, donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please note, there is no storage space to accept donations earlier than these dates. Stay tuned for more details about the Treasure Mart. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

## **ROSARY SOCIAL**

Join the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 and their families on Tuesday, **May 16, at 7 p.m.** to pray the rosary and then listen to a presentation about *The Angelico Project*. Brad Torline, recently hired executive director of *The Angelico Project*, will discuss the mission and vision of the organization and the concept of evangelization through beauty, thought, and culture. Nancy-Carolyn Smith, director of the Angelico Catholic Arts Guild, will discuss the Guild, its mission, and the growing community of Catholic artists in our region. Both presenters will be available to answer questions afterwards. **We will pray the rosary in the school chapel and then move to the school cafeteria for the presentations/social.** Refreshments will be provided.

## **ADDITIONAL LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

Do you have the feeling there is something missing but you don't know what it is? Life in the Spirit Seminars have led millions of people to the fullness of life in the Spirit. The next seminar is May 19-21 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles, OH 45660). The cost of the seminar is just a donation, so everyone can afford to come. Meals and lodging included. To learn more or register, visit [presentationministries.com](http://presentationministries.com) or call (513) 373-2397.



*A Morning  
with Mary*

## **WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION**

As we honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May, take time to slow down and meditate on the beauty of Mary and her role in our lives. Join us on Tuesday, May 16, 2023,

from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Jesuit Spiritual Center Arrupe Retreat House (5361 S. Milford Rd., Milford, OH 45150) for coffee and pastries, followed by praying the rosary while walking on the sacred grounds of the Jesuit Spiritual Center. We will end with a reflection in the chapel. Free will offering. **To register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or email [reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com](mailto:reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com).**

## **SUPPORT ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER**

For 34 years, Elizabeth's New Life Center (ENLC) has been a leader in helping women choose life, saving more than 45,000 babies. This cannot be done alone, and we must all work together to make this happen. We provide the tools and ask you to provide the resources. Because of our community partners, we operate nine women's centers in Ohio from Cincinnati up to Sidney. In addition, classes are available for marriage, sexual risk avoidance, and parenting.

Mother's Day is a great time of the year to remember mothers who need help. We are asking you to partner with us so that mothers can carry their babies to term. To give to ENLC, simply visit [enlc.life](http://enlc.life), click Support, and click "Mother's Day Link." You can also give by credit/debit card over the phone by calling Lori at (937) 226-7414, ext. 430. Thank you for giving and praying for mothers and the gift of life.


## **RUAH WOODS ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

Ruah Woods Institute invites you to its annual luncheon on Thursday, May 18, at the Kenwood Country Club (6501 Kenwood Rd.). Dr. Andrew Sodergren, director of Ruah Woods psychological services, will explore "Who Am I? Discovering Our Identity in Christ." Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch and program will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$65/person or \$500 for a table of eight and sponsorship.

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 NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM



## ASK A PRIEST—PRAYING THE ROSARY WELL

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** How might I learn to pray the rosary more effectively? Sometimes the repetitiveness of the prayers serves more to distract than to aid my meditation on the Word.

**A:** Repetition: this is the dynamic of the rosary, perhaps the most popular Catholic

devotional prayer. Repetition can bore, but it can also soothe. It can distract, but it also can train our meditation on Christ. As with pedaling a bike, none of us wants to get caught up in the mechanics, but we hope to enjoy the ride and go somewhere. Learning how to finger the beads and pronounce the venerable prayers of the rosary is as important as learning to pedal a bicycle; memorizing and recounting the mysteries is like changing its gears. Once these skills are perfected, hopefully we're on our way—even if our spiritual “muscles” are aching from lack of use!

Why is the rosary so important? Why is it worth the effort to learn to do this prayer well? Shouldn't praising God together at Mass, reading Scripture, and praying in our hearts be enough? The rosary should *help us* to do each of these. It does this through making us students in the “school of Mary”: the one who first learned to ponder

the mysteries of Christ in her heart from Nazareth to Jerusalem and remain faithful (see Luke 2:51 and Acts 1:14). Mary's meditation on the Incarnate Word of God was so deep and personal that she became the model and helper for all who would know and love Jesus Christ.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls Mary the exemplary “prayer” and the one chosen by Jesus to support the entire Church in this way of adhering to God.<sup>1</sup> The Rosary is an ideal “tool” for those who want to spend serious time learning from Mary. As a tool, the rosary ultimately should lead us to deeper union of mind and heart with Christ; meditation on Christ's life through the rosary should serve our contemplative, “inner prayer.”<sup>2</sup>

Here are some practical tips to praying the rosary more effectively:

1. **Frequency.** Keep your rosary beads in your pocket or purse, close at hand. Hold them as you would hold Mother Mary's hands. Pray them frequently, even if only one decade at a time when you have a few moments.
2. **Use with Scripture.** The Bible gives us direct insights into the person of Jesus, the object of our meditation. A simple guide to the rosary, such as the scriptural rosary, can help ground our meditation in the sacred Word and give it a launching point to our prayers.
3. **Keep things fresh.** Here's a secret I received from other Dominicans: it's okay to make up your own mysteries. That is, even if the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries give us a beautiful array of meditations on the life of Christ, there remain many more facets of the Incarnate Word to contemplate. Use the rosary to meditate on any aspect of the mystery of Christ that moves you. Let Mary teach you to treasure these things in your heart.

1 Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), no. 2679.  
2 CCC 2707-8.

*Ask a Priest* is the regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!



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## PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



### A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Blessed Mother

I praise you, O most compassionate Jesus, through your own sweetest Heart, for the incomparable perseverance with which your most blessed Mother persevered in virtue and in good works, even to the end imitating your unresting, unwearingly zeal in the work of our redemption. Amen.



Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17	Thursday, May 18	Friday, May 19	Saturday, May 20	Sunday, May 21
<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Catechism in a Year Discussion Group</b> 9 a.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Parish Choir</b> 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>St. Gertrude School PTO Ladies' Bunco Night</b> 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Respect Life Meeting</b> 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Little Flower Library Open</b> 8:45-11:15 a.m. PC Little Flower Library
<b>Boosters Meeting</b> 6 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7 p.m. Lower Fish Lobby	<b>Rosary Makers</b> 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>St. Gertrude School PTO Meeting</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		<b>Natural Family Planning Class (Spanish)</b> 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Confirmation Transition to Year 2 Meeting</b> 9 a.m. School Cafeteria
<b>The Angelico Project "Ask a Dominican"</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>K of C Rosary &amp; Social</b> 7 p.m. School Chapel & Cafeteria	<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room				<b>Natural Family Planning Class</b> 1 p.m. St. Joseph Room
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		<b>Holy Hour with Confessions</b> 7:30 p.m. Church				<b>Baptisms</b> 1:15 p.m. Church
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 p.m. Church						
<b>K of C Executive Meeting</b> 7 p.m. K of C Hall						



**INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?**

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit [stgertrude.org/register](http://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!

**OFFERING**

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for May 7**

Collection	\$	43,830
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	7,330

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,714,754
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,669,500
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	45,254

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN  
5/28/23

MATERIALS DUE  
5/17/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org)  
6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243  
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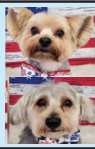
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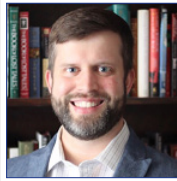
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