

# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 5, 2024

## MASSES AND CONFESSION

### Monday, May 6, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Dolly Varland by Anne Marie Schmidt
- 8 a.m. † Chris Imbus by St. Gertrude School
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, May 7, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Marian & Omer Scharold
- 8 a.m. † Ann Brockhoff Lucas by Cindy Hertzell
- 11:30 a.m. † Donald Kunkel by Joan Rettig Kunkel

### Wednesday, May 8, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. The Dominican Sisters at St. Gertrude by A friend
- 8 a.m. † Marilyn Sorrentino by Healing Rosary Prayer Group
- 11:30 a.m. † Nancy Stautberg by Ray & Marylyn Clark

### Thursday, May 9, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † The Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity by The Ladies of Charity
- 8 a.m. † Dorothy & Norman Heydeinger by Marsha & Mark Strominger
- 11:30 a.m. † Christa Brisken by Kevin & Anne Lynch

### Friday, May 10, St. Antoninus of Florence, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † John & Sarah Murray by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. † Don & Marilyn Sammons by Rick Sammons
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Barbara Clark

### Saturday, May 11, Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Mildred & Donald Busson by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ragusa
- 11:30 a.m. Bebe Broerman by Sherry Schuler
- 4:30 p.m. † Mary Bartel by Pete & Donna Marcello

### Sunday, May 12, The Ascension of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. † Kathleen Greiwe by The Family
- 12 p.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 6 p.m. Denise Cole by Tony & Sara Cole

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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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.



## SENIOR'S FUN BUNCH

A group of men and women age 55+ that comes together for fellowship, activities, prayer, and education

The theme for this month's meeting is "The Blessed Virgin Mary." Join us for lunch (chicken salad and egg salad), fellowship, and a talk by Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share.

**TUESDAY, MAY 21 | 12:15-2:30 p.m.**  
*Optional 11:30 a.m. Mass*  
**St. Gertrude Parish Center**

Walk-ins are welcome. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at mkennedy06@aol.com or (513) 791-6075 so we can get an estimated headcount for food.

**The Fun Bunch will take a break during the summer, so this is our final meeting until September! We hope you can join us.**

## 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!



**SPRING FACILITIES  
UPDATES, PART II  
SOME SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGES**

A few weeks ago, I shared about some of the projects happening around the parish this summer. I ended that letter by saying that what I had shared was only a partial list of this

summer’s projects. Today I would like to share the rest, including a few big changes that will impact both our school and our parish staff.

To begin in the school, many have already heard that we had such a large waiting list for kindergarten that we will be adding a third kindergarten classroom next year. This third kindergarten classroom will be located in the space that is currently the school chapel. That space was originally built to be a classroom and not a chapel, and so it will return to its original purpose.

The new location for the school chapel is the space currently occupied by the parish Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation staff. It is the perfect location for the chapel . . . right in the heart of the school, at a corner that every student (and teacher) will pass by every single day. Its very location will emphasize the deep spiritual reality that Jesus lies at the center of everything we do at St. Gertrude School. The interior walls in that space are not original but were added when it was first turned into offices; those will be knocked down to create a large, rectangular space that will be the ideal size for the chapel.

Over in the Parish Center, the current Little Flower Library will become the new home for the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation for the upcoming year. The books and bookshelves from the library will migrate over to the St. Joseph Room, which will serve as the library on Sunday mornings while remaining a general meeting space for other parish groups, ministries, and events at other times during the week.

The reason for all these changes can be summarized using three beautiful words: WE ARE GROWING! Demand for enrollment at our school is growing, the number of families joining our parish is growing, the number of parish groups and ministries requesting space for meetings and events is growing. *Everything is growing.* This is a fantastic “problem” to have! This growth has made us realize that, collectively as a parish, we have simply outgrown our available facilities. During this upcoming year, as part of our strategic planning implementation, we are going to be doing a very comprehensive study of our facilities space and our needs as a parish moving forward. Hopefully this will result in coming up with a plan to most efficiently utilize the space we currently have over the next few years, while also identifying our realistic needs for space five, ten, twenty years down the road in order to best fulfill our mission.

Work on most of the projects mentioned in this letter will commence later this month.

Finally, the entryway (lobby) at the front of the school building, the area just outside the doors to the parish and school offices, will be getting a significant “facelift” to make the space more beautiful and welcoming. This will be happening in early June. While that work is in process, there will be no access through those doors to the parish office. Once we have the exact dates for that work, we will announce them in the bulletin and provide information on how parishioners can reach the office while the work is happening.

So many good things! It is going to be quite the summer, and the results of all these projects will be a wonderfully transformed St. Gertrude. Between now and then, let me say in advance: please pardon our dust!

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



**2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are at 142 percent of our parish goal! As in previous years, 50 percent of all pledges in excess of our parish goal of \$99,541 will remain here at St. Gertrude for our own use. Additionally, a \$5,000 rebate will be awarded to the top 10 parishes in the archdiocese with the highest percentage increase in donor participation over last year’s total parish donors. Last year, 273 parishioners contributed to the CMA; as of now, 302 parishioners have contributed—that’s 11 percent more than last year! There’s still time to make your gift if you have not already done so. You will find extra pledge envelopes on the table in front of the relic chapel for your convenience. To make a donation online, please visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

**THE POWER OF THE ROSARY**



*“The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual . . .”*

– Fulton John Sheen

WITNESS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the whole 7B class, our most recent Witnesses of the Week! According to the nomination, "The 7B class is always promptly obedient. They have demonstrated this virtue consistently throughout this school year. Whether they are directed to do something related to academics or to classroom management, they can be counted on to obey cheerfully and completely." Thank you, 7B, for your witness!

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Five children were baptized and confirmed and received their first Holy Communion at our all-school Mass on April 25. Congratulations to Hailey Achor, Quinn Barnhart, Juels Brown, Charlie Huls, Rylee Little! Please keep these children in your prayers, that they might grow in the new life they have received.



St. Gertrude School IS HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is growing, and we have some exciting new positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

- third grade teacher
- K-8 librarian
- director of alumni relations
- coordinator of outdoor learning and STEM

Visit [bit.ly/sgsemployment](https://bit.ly/sgsemployment) or scan the QR code to view all open positions and apply.



“ There is no place other than St. Gertrude School where we would feel confident entrusting our kids for eight hours each day. The Dominican sisters have fostered a loving environment where my children frequently encounter Jesus and learn to be more like him. The teachers make Christ present in every aspect of the school and throughout their entire curriculum. We couldn't be happier with the literature our children are reading, the math program, and the incredible sacramental prep. We feel very blessed to be a part of this amazing school family.

-St. Gertrude School Parent



Back by Popular Demand  
**DRINKING  
WITH  
DOMINICANS**

Join us this summer for another insightful four-week speaker series!

**July 11, 18 & 25  
August 1  
7 p.m.**

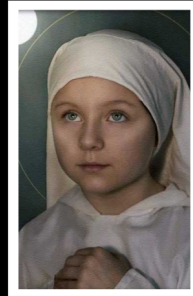
**Oakley Kitchen**  
3715 Madison Road

More details to come!



# 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](http://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](http://stgertrude.org/dominicanrite)

# 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](http://stgertrude.org/summer2024) for permission forms and registration.



**RESPECT LIFE FLOWER SALE**

The St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets after all Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 11 and 12. 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.

**MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES**

Our Mother’s Day novena of Masses will begin on Mother’s Day, May 12. Enrollment cards and envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Kindly return remittance envelopes before Mother’s Day. Donations go to support the Dominican priory here at St. Gertrude.

**REGISTER FOR FALL SPORTS**

It’s time to register your children for the following sports for the fall 2024 season:

**Girls Volleyball:** Open to all girls of St. Gertrude Parish who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration for the fall 2024 season is open now through June 1. Scan the QR code or visit [stgertrude.org/girlsvolleyball](http://stgertrude.org/girlsvolleyball) to learn more and register.



**Cheerleading:** Open to all girls of St. Gertrude Parish who will be in K-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration for the fall 2024 season is open now through May 31. Scan the QR code or visit [stgertrude.org/cheerleading](http://stgertrude.org/cheerleading) to learn more and register.



**Football:** Open to all students who will be in K-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year and who are active parishioners at St. Gertrude, St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, or St. Louis parishes (this includes homeschool students and students enrolled at one of the parish schools or faith formation classes). Registration for the fall 2024 season is open now through May 31. Scan the QR code or visit [stgertrude.org/football](http://stgertrude.org/football) to learn more and register.



**BAPTISM**

Sunday, April 28, 2024



Child: Edie Ward Fairbanks  
Parents: Mark & Amanda Fairbanks



**ST. GERTRUDE**  
*Half-Court Shot*

**REGISTER TODAY**  
for the  
**ST. GERTRUDE BOOSTERS’  
FIRST ANNUAL HALF-COURT SHOT!**

**FRIDAY JULY 5, 2024**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

**THE SICK:**

Linda Burke, Vicki Calonge, Carol Connors, 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:**

† All Our Beloved Dead

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

St. Gertrude Church parishioner Lisa Pifher is planning a Medjugorje Pilgrimage, leaving from Cincinnati, from October 6-15, 2024. The pilgrimage package price of \$2,790 and includes airfare, transfer, hotel, and two daily meals. If you are interested, please contact Lisa at (513) 377-6780 or lpifher@hotmail.com.

## **MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE COLLECTION**

This weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) collecting items for Mary Magdalen House in Over-the-Rhine. The center serves the homeless by providing bathrooms and shower facilities, use of the telephone, and laundry of one set of clothing. They do not provide meals. Mary Magdalen House has special needs for the following items, in addition to cash donations and gift cards (Walmart, Amazon):

- Clothing (gently used unless noted)
  - Men's and women's thermal tops/bottoms, shirts/tops, and gym shoes
  - Men's underwear (new) sizes 30-36 (most needed 32-34), T-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies (L, XL, XXL), and sweatpants (M, L, XL, XXL), work pants/jeans/shorts (30-36), belts, white socks (new), and work boots
  - Women's bras (especially new sports bras), underwear (new) sizes 5-9, and washable pants
- Cleaning Supplies: Liquid Drano/Lysol, HE laundry detergent, stain remover (Shout, etc.), dryer sheets, Clorox II, window cleaning supplies, cleaning cloths, Top Job/Mr. Clean, plastic trash bags (13-55 gal), paper towels, toilet tissue, and Kleenex
- Personal Care Items: Disposable razors, spray deodorant, toothbrushes, Vaseline Petroleum Jelly, wash cloths, combs, and brushes

Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions about Mary Magdalen House or the Ladies of Charity. Thank you very much for your help!

## **HIGH SCHOOLERS, JOIN US AT UD FOR WAYFINDERS!**

Wayfinders is a summer program in Catholic theology aimed at rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who want to go deeper into their faith or who want to explore questions about faith. The program allows high schoolers to earn one college credit that fits into religious studies and theology programs at University of Dayton. Registration is \$150, which includes a four-day stay on UD's campus, all materials, excursions, meals, swag, and fun! Scan the QR code or visit [go.udayton.edu/cit](http://go.udayton.edu/cit) to learn more and register by May 15.



## **CALLING ALL LADIES OF CHARITY**

The Ladies of Charity is having an organizational meeting next Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. We will make our plans for the upcoming summer and fall activities, including the Treasure Mart and Craft Fair. Current Ladies of Charity, please plan to join us—and invite a friend. Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join the Ladies of Charity and attend this meeting to meet new friends and learn more about how the Ladies of Charity serve the community. For more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

## **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](http://gateofheaven.org) or call (513) 489-0300.

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

- Saturday, September 7 | 4 p.m. | St John the Baptist, Tipp City
- Sunday, September 8 | 11 a.m. | Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains | Celebrant - Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form at [bit.ly/weddingcertificate](http://bit.ly/weddingcertificate). If you have any questions about these Masses, please contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at [cne@catholicaoc.org](mailto:cne@catholicaoc.org)



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](http://catholicaoc.org/vocations).



## ASK A PRIEST—SIGN OF THE CROSS AND CRUCIFIXES

FATHER JOACHIM KENNEY, O.P.

**Q:** When did Christians first start tracing the Sign of the Cross on themselves? What is the history of images of the cross? When did the corpus start getting removed from images of the cross?

**A:** From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have had a special devotion to the cross, tracing it on themselves and later depicting it in art when it was safe to do so. Some argue that it is the seal or sign referred to in the Book Revelation 7:2-3, “Then I saw another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads.’” In a couple places in his letters, St. Paul also speaks of the seal and the marks of Jesus, which could be a reference to the Sign of the Cross.

In a beautiful little book from Word on Fire called *The Sign of the Cross: Recovering the Power of the Ancient Prayer*, Bert Ghezzi tells us that St. Basil the Great wrote in the 300s AD that “the Apostles ‘taught us to mark with the sign of the cross those who put their hope in the Lord’—that is, those who presented themselves for Baptism.”<sup>1</sup> Ghezzi also relates that the ancient Christian writer Origen shows us that, by his day (c. 185–c. 253 AD), tracing the Sign of the Cross on oneself had become pervasive in the Christian world, as he wrote, “The shape of the letter tau presented a resemblance to the figure of the cross and that this represented a prophecy of the sign that Christians make on their foreheads. For all the faithful make this sign when they undertake any activity, especially prayer or reading Holy Scripture.”<sup>2</sup>

This writing of Origen reveals an interesting point: there have been different ways of representing the cross and tracing it on ourselves throughout Church history. The Greek letter tau, written as a **T**, is the first letter of the Greek word *Theos* which means “God.” Some crosses the Romans used in their punishments were in this shape, so sometimes, in the early church, this was the Sign of the Cross that was used because it had the added reminder that Jesus was God. Originally, the cross was mainly just traced on the forehead and in a small and discreet gesture. It was in later centuries that the larger sign we use today, tracing it from the head to the torso and across the shoulders, started to become more popular. This was in response to the Monophysite heresy which denied that Jesus had a human nature. This was also a time when Christians would hold two fingers or thumb and forefinger together when making the Sign of the Cross to represent the two natures of Christ, divine and human.<sup>3</sup>

Because early Christians were persecuted, they did not publicly display images of the cross in art or architecture. But they did do it in secret, especially in the catacombs. The Catholic Encyclopedia tells us that to further reduce chances of being discovered, they also originally would frequently depict the cross in a disguised way. The anchor and the trident are examples of this in the catacombs.<sup>4</sup>

Initially, depictions were almost always of just the cross without the body of Jesus (that is the crucifix). Because of the ignominy in the Roman world of being crucified, Christians were reticent to depict the body of Christ on the cross, though occasionally it did happen.<sup>5</sup> The Catholic Encyclopedia relates that examples have been found of a lamb lying at the foot of an anchor and of a dolphin wrapped around a trident as symbols of the crucifixion. Perhaps even more surprisingly it says: “In the Catacomb of St. Callistus a sarcophagus, dating from the third century, was found, the front of which shows Ulysses tied to the mast while he listens to the song of the Sirens; near him are his companions, who with ears filled with wax, cannot hear the alluring song. All this is symbolical of the Cross, and of the Crucified, who has closed against the seductions of evil the ears of the faithful during their voyage over the treacherous sea of life in the ship which will bring them to the harbour of salvation.”<sup>6</sup>

The legalization of Christianity by Constantine and the discovery of the True Cross by Constantine’s mother, St. Helena, in 326 AD was the beginning of the public depiction of the cross and more gradually of the Crucifixion in Christian art and architecture. Churches began to be built in cruciform shape. Over the years, crucifixion scenes became more realistic and fully developed, including the thieves on either side of Christ and the holy women and St. John at the foot of the cross. There continues to be, to this day, variations in the way that Christians make the Sign of the Cross, the prayer they say with it, and the ways they depict it in art. But, in all instances, it is meant to remind us of the grace and power Christ affords us whenever we recall the moment when he redeemed the world.

*Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, or something else? Submit your question to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin.*

<sup>1</sup>Bert Ghezzi, *The Sign of the Cross: Recovering the Power of the Ancient Prayer*, (Park Ridge: Word on Fire, 2021), 13.

<sup>2</sup>Ghezzi, *The Sign of the Cross*, 14.

<sup>3</sup>Ghezzi, *The Sign of the Cross*, 15.

<sup>4</sup>Marucchi, Orazio. “Archæology of the Cross and Crucifix.” *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Vol. 4. New York: Robert Appleton Company, 1908. <[newadvent.org/cathen/04517a.htm](http://newadvent.org/cathen/04517a.htm)>.

<sup>5</sup>Marucchi, Orazio. “Archæology of the Cross and Crucifix.” <[newadvent.org/cathen/04517a.htm](http://newadvent.org/cathen/04517a.htm)>.

<sup>6</sup>Marucchi, Orazio. “Archæology of the Cross and Crucifix.” <[newadvent.org/cathen/04517a.htm](http://newadvent.org/cathen/04517a.htm)>.



| Monday,<br>May 6   | Tuesday,<br>May 7  | Wednesday,<br>May 8   | Thursday,<br>May 9                               | Friday,<br>May 10 | Saturday,<br>May 11   | Sunday,<br>May 12   |
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| CGS Level 1 & 2<br>3:30 p.m.<br>Atrium I & II            | Cana Family - Year 2<br>9:00 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby   | Resurrection Choir Practice<br>8:45 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby       | SGS PTO Meeting<br>8:10 a.m.<br>School Cafeteria |                   | Catholic Men's Fellowship<br>7:30 a.m.<br>School Cafeteria                              | Right to Life Mother's Day Flower Sale<br><i>After all Masses</i><br>Outside Church |
| Schola Cantorum<br>3:30 p.m.<br>PC Choir Room            | Moms & Littles Holy Hour<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Church          | Schola Cantorum<br>3:30 p.m.<br>PC Choir Room                       | CGS Level 1<br>11:00 a.m.<br>Atrium I & II       |                   | LofC Board Meeting<br>9:00 a.m.<br>St. Joseph Room                                      | Little Flower Library Open<br>8:45-11:30 a.m.                                       |
| Become Catholic (RCIA)<br>7:00 p.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby | True Devotion to Mary<br>12:30 p.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby | CGS Level 1, 2 & 3<br>3:45 p.m.<br>Atrium I & II, School Music Room | Parish Choir<br>7:00 p.m.<br>PC Choir Room       |                   | St. Anne & Child Mary Guild Tea Party<br>9:00 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby                 |   |
| Healing Rosary<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Church                    | CGS Level 1 & 2<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Atrium I & II            | Cub Scouts - Den Meeting<br>6:30 p.m.<br>School Cafeteria           |  |                   | Respect Life Ministry Retreat<br>9:30 a.m.<br>School Cafeteria                          |   |
| Seasons of Hope<br>7:00 p.m.<br>St. Joseph Room          | CGS Parent Group<br>6:00 p.m.<br>SGS Classroom 15        | Holy Hour with Confessions<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Church                   |  |                   | LofC Organizational Meeting<br>10:00 a.m.<br>St. Joseph Room                            |   |
|  | Boy Scouts<br>7:00 p.m.<br>School Cafeteria              |   |  |                   | Right to Life Mother's Day Flower Sale<br><i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i><br>Outside Church |   |

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

MATERIALS DUE  
5/8/24

BULLETIN  
5/19/24

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org).

**OFFERING**

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for April 28**

|                |    |        |
|----------------|----|--------|
| Collection     | \$ | 38,117 |
| Weekly Budget  | \$ | 37,000 |
| Weekly Surplus | \$ | 1,117  |

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

|                    |    |           |
|--------------------|----|-----------|
| Fiscal YTD Actual  | \$ | 1,809,884 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget  | \$ | 1,654,000 |
| Fiscal YTD Surplus | \$ | 155,884   |

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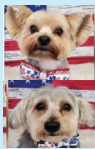
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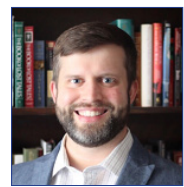


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