



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

June 20, 2021



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MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga (M)

- 7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 8:00 a.m. †Curtis Baggette/The Hertlein Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, June 22, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Dorothy Duffy Arata/Courtney Roberts
- 8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. Rev. William Holt, O.P./John & Hilda

Wednesday, June 23, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for all the Priests at St. Gertrude/
Alvin & Patricia Riesenberg
- 8:00 a.m. †Barbara Dugan/Pat & Nealy Mechley
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 24, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 7:00 a.m. †Scott Braun/Carol & Steve Rogers
- 8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. Nealy Mechley/Jeanne Johantges

Friday, June 25, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 8:00 a.m. †Marjorie A. McCarthy/Molly & Bruce Vollmer
- 11:30 a.m. †Lilly Alexander/Benny Alexander

Saturday, June 26, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Mercedes Corina Rodriguez de Guzman/
Nora Klopp Frias
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

June 26-27, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

†Robert Siebert/The Siebert Family

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

People of St. Gertrude

†LaVerne Graham/Knights of Columbus

†Jim Belmont/Peter Bertoli

Father's Day Novena

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.



Missa Cantata in the Dominican Rite

The Ancient and Unique Rite of the
Order of Friars Preachers

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul

Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 7:30pm





ON FATHER'S DAY

In the cultural calendar, today is Father's Day. It is the opportunity to honor and remember our fathers in gratitude for the many blessings of love, care and provision. The Church teaches us through the Catechism that "respect for parents (*filial piety*) derives from *gratitude* toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. 'With all your heart honor your father, and do not forget the birth pangs of your mother. Remember that through your parents you were born; what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?'[Sirach 7:27-28]"(CCC 2215). So, whether our fathers are living or deceased, we have the opportunity to fulfill the Fourth Commandment by expressing our gratitude to God for our fathers and asking the Lord to bless our fathers with whatever graces they need. We can fulfill our responsibilities toward our fathers by assisting them in their material and personal needs; and, if they have died, we can pray for the eternal repose of their souls. With these and other expressions of gratitude, we strengthen familial ties and develop within ourselves an ever-grateful heart.



We can also take the opportunity to grow in our relationship with St. Joseph through a greater devotion to him. As the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary, he can be a spiritual father to each of us. St. Joseph models for us and teaches us how to respond to God's will and welcome Jesus and Mary into our lives. St. Joseph trusted in Divine Providence for himself and his family. He possessed human skill, wisdom, and prudence, but all was submitted to God. He models humility and faith for us; and through our devotion to him, we can hope for the graces to grow in humility and faith before God.

A special series for men begins in a few weeks. The Catholic Men's Fellowship and Knights of Columbus Council of our

parish are facilitating "Into the Breach," which is a 10-part series produced by the Knights of Columbus utilizing national Catholic figures such as Scott Hahn, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Bishop Olmstead, and others. The series aims to encourage men to grow and become who God intended them to be and to experience the joy of living fully and becoming all they were meant to be by the Creator. Topics include Masculinity, Brotherhood, Leadership, Prayer, Sacramental Life, and more targeted to men, for men. The series starts on Saturday, July 10th, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM in the school cafeteria and will meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday thereafter. The series will culminate with an Annual Advent Retreat with Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P. Husbands, fathers, and single men are all invited to participate. The series is free. Registration is requested for the sake of planning. Visit stgertrude.org/intothebreach.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

COVER IMAGE: *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee* by Rembrandt, 1632.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



When I entered the chapel, once again the majesty of God overwhelmed me. I felt that I was immersed in God, totally immersed in Him and penetrated by Him, being aware of how much the heavenly Father loves us. Oh, what great happiness fills my heart from knowing God and the divine life! It is

my desire to share this happiness with all people. I cannot keep this happiness locked in my own heart alone... I desire to go throughout the whole world and speak to souls about the great mercy of God. Priests, help me in this; use the strongest words at your disposal to proclaim His mercy, for every word falls short of how merciful He really is. (*Diary, #491*)



ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Gertrude School is looking for full-time, professional teachers with appropriate Ohio licensure in the following areas:

- **First Grade Teacher**
- **Jr. High Science Teacher**

St. Gertrude School is also hiring a part-time (17 hours a week, 2:30-6:00 p.m.) After School Care Coordinator and Assistant.

Job Postings are listed at <https://www.stgertrude.org/employment.html>.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School Office hours for the week of June 20th are 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.



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July 1

Social Media and Your Soul

July 8

Rejected but Not Dejected

July 15

Divine Drinking

July 22

Discovering Peace in Everyday Life

July 29

The Gospel Value of Friendship

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Ferrari's Little Italy & Bakery
7677 Goff Terrace, Madeira, OH 45243

For more information, visit stgertrude.org/dwd



**ST. GERTRUDE
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Register Now!

A call to action for all men to “Step into the Breach” and actively engage in the Spiritual Battle that is raging around our families and communities!

10 Part Series Starts Sat, July 10th

1. Deepen Your Faith
2. Prepare Yourself for the Challenge
3. Learn from Men's Experiences!

Learn more and register at stgertrude.org/intothebreach



CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW THROUGH JULY 3RD

All girls of the parish entering grades K-8 are welcome to participate in cheerleading. Go to sgsbulldogs.org to register. Contact Joy Zielinski at joy.zielinski@yahoo.com with any questions.

CAMPUS TOURS

Have questions about the church architecture? Curious to know more about our campus? Join Brad Bursa, director of adult formation, for a tour of our church and campus on June 27 at 9:05 a.m. Space is limited. Please RSVP by emailing Kristen Eggers at kristen@stgertrude.org.

GARDEN CLUB

St. Gertrude is fortunate to have a committed corps of volunteer hands to help maintain the appearance and health of the garden beds around the church, parish center and gym. But this is a big property for even the most dedicated gardeners, so additional help is always needed and welcomed. Since we have an “adopt a plot” philosophy, it allows volunteers to choose how much they want to take on and work at their leisure as their schedule permits. Currently, we have spaces that could use a little TLC, so if this is something that interests you, please let Susan Brokaw know by emailing sabrokaw54@gmail.com or by phone or text message at 513-702-6877.

UPDATE ON OVERFLOW MASSES

After a full year of extra Sunday Masses in the gym as part of the fight against COVID-19, we are pleased to announce that all Sunday Masses have returned to the consecrated space of our parish church and *we will no longer offer the overflow Masses in the gym.* **Sunday Mass times will remain the same:** 4:30 p.m. Saturday Anticipated Mass (sung Mass), 8:00 a.m. (no music), 10:00 a.m. (solemn Mass with Dominican community), 12:00 p.m. (sung Mass), and 6:00 p.m. (w/contemporary music ensemble).

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Sandra Munyon, Gerry Patterson, Christina Rettig, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker and Bill Van Hise

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Samuel C. Bascom, Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Lillian Claire Rentrop – child of Joe & Amy

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome
New Members

Bradley & Leslie Westendorf
Rodel & Candice Cacas
Catherine Stine



Treasure Mart

Saturday, July 17, 2021

On Saturday, July 17th, the Ladies of Charity will hold their Annual Treasure Mart from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Gym. We gladly accept most items! All proceeds go directly to programs that help the poor. Unsold items are donated to Hope Emergency or St. Vincent de Paul. Donations can be dropped off at the parish gym beginning Tuesday, July 13th-Thursday, July 15th from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. On Friday, July 16th donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – both men and women – to help with setup, moving large items, and cleanup. General questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085. Furniture, call Patti McKie Atkins at 513-505-0151, or Monica Walker at 434-282-4963. Thank you for your support!



2ND ANNUAL SVDP FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY JUNE 26 & SUNDAY JUNE 27

Join us in helping our local Neighbors in Need as well as our twin parish Resurrection of Our Lord in Price Hill!

Food and cash donations are welcome!

Items needed: canned protein sources (such as tuna, chicken, hearty soups, canned meatballs and spaghetti), peanut butter, canned vegetables, cereal, kid-friendly fruit and veggie pouches, and macaroni and cheese.

Two Convenient Drop-off Options

Saturday – Drive-thru at Miami Avenue circular drive between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

- Drive into circle. Stay in your car. Volunteers will remove food from your car, and/or accept cash donations.

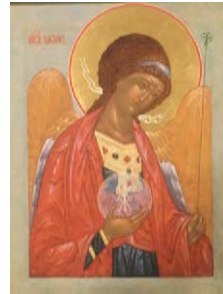
Sunday – Drop off to the food barrel before/after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses.

- Barrel located outside church in walkway near sacristy door for food donations. A volunteer will be present at the barrel.

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER SERVICE IN MEMORY OF FR. JIM WILLIG

June 24, 2021, marks the 20th memorial anniversary of Fr. Jim Willig, beloved priest from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, who died at the age of 50 after a two-year battle with Stage 4 kidney cancer. Heart to Heart, a Catholic media ministry, founded by Fr. Jim Willig in 1991, will dedicate the month of June to the sick and suffering. Inspirational quotes and videos will be sent daily to all those who sign up on the website. On Thursday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m. EST, Fr. Jim's nephews, Fr. Jacob Willig and Deacon Michael Willig, will be officiating a prayer service at Fr. Jim Willig's gravesite at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio. On Sunday, June 27, at 11:00 a.m. EST, Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass from Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House Chapel, Barrington, Illinois. The Mass will be live streamed on YouTube and from the Heart to Heart website (www.htoh.us).



ICON WORKSHOP

Beginning icon workshop July 19-24, 2021, at Iconic Studio, 7886 Camargo Road, Madeira, 45243. Instructors Tatiana and Dimitrii Berestov from the Prosopon School will teach you to paint an icon of Archangel Michael, explaining all symbolism and meaning of the image, the materials, and the method. At the end of the six days you will have completed your own icon. The cost is \$340.00 and it includes tuition and all materials. Please come! For more information, email Jenny at jward7400@yahoo.com.

Discover the Hidden Dominican Vocation



Virtual Vocation Day – Saturday, June 26

We invite young women age 16-27 to draw closer to Jesus and Mary and learn more about our vocation as cloistered

Dominican nuns: MarburyDominicanNuns.org/vocation-days

Cloistered Dominican Nuns, Marbury, Alabama



**ASK A PRIEST –
THE UNIQUE GRACE
OF MARRIAGE**

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Since every one of the seven sacraments is “the visible sign of an invisible grace,” what grace is unique to the Sacrament of Marriage? As someone who is married, I’d like to make better use of what I have from this sacrament!

A: You present an important point: if you’ve received a sacrament, there is a unique sacramental grace from which you’re meant to benefit! Regarding marriage, the Catechism explains that “since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.”¹ Let’s take a moment to “squeeze the juice” out of that sentence:

First, **Marriage signifies a grace.** Many people choose Ephesians 5:22-33 for a reading at their wedding. The imperatives toward obedience and devotion are memorable not only for the mutual expectations they establish but because of their special reference point: Jesus Christ. Jesus leads the Church and died giving the last drop of His Blood for love of her. St. Paul reminds his listeners that the profound union of husband and wife does not end in itself. Marriage further signifies Christ and the Church, the Savior who redeemed His “Bride.”

Second, **Marriage communicates a grace.** There’s a part of the nuptial Mass that even can confuse the priest: the nuptial blessing. At Mass, it comes after the readings, vows, and consecration of the Eucharist. It is somewhat awkwardly sandwiched in between the Our Father and the Sign of Peace. But the prayer is very intentionally placed: “Look now with favor on these Your servants, joined together in Marriage, who ask to be strengthened by Your blessing. Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit and pour Your love into their hearts, that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.”² The blessing the Church imparts here flows from the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood, offered up for all the

members of the Church. Married love takes its very power to function properly from Christ’s supreme gift of love.

St. Thomas Aquinas says that the grace of Marriage “includes” already-baptized husbands and wives in the union that Christ has with His Church. There is a specific grace of marriage that is “most necessary to them, that in this way in fleshly and earthly things they may not purpose to be disunited from Christ and His Church.”³ Furthermore, Christian Marriage “is able to confer the grace which enables us to do the good works which are required in matrimony.”⁴ Since wedding vows and the nuptial blessing are just the beginning, the graces of Marriage should help Christian couples dodge habits that are beneath their dignity *and* rise to meet the challenges of Christ-like love. Every day presents an opportunity to rise to this vocation confident in God’s help. Those who are married can testify towards just how much divine help is needed and provided for particular situations! If husbands and wives remain open to God’s guidance and love through the Sacraments in general, they should be assured of Jesus’ special presence and help in living the daily demands and joys of family life.

¹ CCC 1617.

² From The Order of Celebrating Matrimony.

³ See Summa contra Gentiles IV, a 78, 4-5.

⁴ See Summa Theologiae, Suppl., q. 42, a.3.

“Ask a priest” will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!



Monday, June 21	Tuesday, June 22	Wednesday, June 23	Thursday, June 24	Friday, June 25	Saturday, June 26	Sunday, June 27
SportsLeader 6:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Ressurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	SVDP Food Drive <i>After Morning Masses</i> Outside
Boosters 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		L'Alto HS Summer '21 6:30 p.m. School Playground			SVDP Food Drive 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Front Circular Drive	
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Church		LFL Book Club 7:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.				
		Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit: stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for June 13

Weekly Budget	\$	38,235
Collection	\$	45,614
Weekly Surplus	\$	7,379

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2021)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,953,529
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,899,797
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(53,732)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
7/4/21

MATERIALS DUE
6/23/21

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