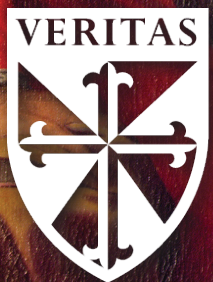


Receive the Holy Spirit.

Paraclete

John 20:20



**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

June 5, 2022 - Pentecost

MASSSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, June 6, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (M)

- 7 a.m. † Rose Ann Gingerich by Tom & Peggy Frank
- 8 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, June 7, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Rich Andolina by Mary's Mantle Pro-Life Group
- 8 a.m. † Loretta Holden by The Resurrection Choir
- 11:30 a.m. † David Taylor by Lucy & Ted Safrin

Wednesday, June 8, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Alvin Rusche by Mike & Beth Stoll
- 8 a.m. † Marty Jackson by The Cordier Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Anne Siebert by Charles & Mary Lou Garner

Thursday, June 9, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jane Kuhn by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. † Richard Retta Sr. & Jr. by Laura & John West
- 11:30 a.m. † Anne Siebert by Jane Wright

Friday, June 10, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Nancy Maidlow by The Wood Family
- 8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Martha & Rich Grumbley
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Kay Feighery by John Feighery

Saturday, June 11, St. Barnabas (M)

- 8 a.m. John C. Pachuk by Michelle Pachuk
- 11:30 a.m. † Anna Maria Stasioli by The Smithers Family
- 4:30 p.m. Kate, Brenna & James Lavin by The Lavin Family

Sunday, June 12, The Most Holy Trinity (S)

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. † Aida Gort by The Nieto Family
- 12 p.m. † Jane Sansalone by Tony & Keke Sansalone
- 6 p.m. † Clyde Dorn by Richard & Eileen Pope

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

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
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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.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

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

Spend Time with Jesus

The St. Gertrude Church Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. As you can see from the chart below, guardians (people who commit to spending an hour with our Lord at a set time each week) are still needed during many of these hours.

Please consider committing to spend just one hour each week with Jesus in his eucharistic presence.

Adoration Coverage Chart

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- In need of adorers
- Empty, Most Urgent Need
- Will be open when we have at least 2 adorers in each timeslot.

"The Church and the world have a great need for eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him . . ."
- Pope St. John Paul II



For more information about adoration and to sign up, please visit stgertrude.org/adoration.

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DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

Join us this July for an awe-inspiring 4-week speaker series on the Eucharist.

More details to come!

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



'TIS THE SEASON . . .

It is amazing how certain phrases become ingrained in our heads and can trigger an almost Pavlovian-reaction when we hear them. Who among us, when seeing the title of this column, didn't immediately have their brain start adding "to be jolly, fa-la-la-la . . ."? This week, I want to write about this topic—

but unless my calendar is off, you might be tempted to think I am rehashing a letter from five months ago.

It is not the Christmas season I wish to write about, but the "season" we have just been through in the last weeks here at St. Gertrude. It is not a season that appears on any secular or civil calendar, nor is it a strictly liturgical season in the Church. Rather, I would like to reflect on the present time as what I am calling the *sacramental season*.

We are just wrapping up a pretty amazing stretch right now. Earlier this spring at our celebrations of Easter and in the weeks after, our parish had six adults who received the sacrament of Confirmation, some of whom entered the Catholic Church from another Christian background and thus also received their first holy Communion. We had one of the eighth graders from our parish school receive Baptism, Confirmation, and first Communion at the Easter Vigil, to the great delight of her classmates and indeed our entire parish.

The weekend I arrived, less than a month ago, was the last of our string of first Communion Masses for the children of our parish, where around 70 of our second graders had the great gift of receiving Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament for the first time. Barely a week after that, our parish welcomed the vicar general of our archdiocese here to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for over 70 of our parish eighth graders. And of course, from the first day I have been here, I have witnessed long queues of people standing in line to go to confession every single time we offer that sacrament.

Just last weekend, several of the friars of our priory—along with all the novices—were present in Washington, D.C., for the ordination of 10 of our Dominicans to the priesthood. One of those 10 priests will be serving with us this summer and will have arrived by the time everyone is reading this bulletin.

We've had quite the steady stream of infant baptisms already this spring and have more coming up over the next few weeks. And the warmer weather finally arriving signals that the "wedding season" will soon be in full swing. As a priest, I cannot fail to mention the steady stream of requests that come in to administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, both to those facing series surgeries of various sorts, as well as for those who are in the final days of their earthly pilgrimage for whom the sacrament embodies the Last Rites of the Church to assist them as they leave this world for the next one.

Baptism. Reconciliation. Eucharist. Confirmation. Matrimony. Ordination. Anointing.



The full extent of the Church's sacramental life has been played out before our very eyes during these weeks. We are so incredibly blessed as Catholics to have the sacraments, these pre-eminent sources of grace in our lives that convey the very realities they signify and cause God's divine life to fill our souls. And, if we are docile and open to these graces, they overflow from us like a fountain to become streams of blessings to those around us.

I invite all of you to join me in praying very intensely for all of the members of our parish who recently have, or are about to, receive any of the sacraments. Let us pray that their hearts might be fully open to the graces the Lord wishes to shower upon them, so that we, as an entire parish family, might share in the holiness and joy of these special sacramental moments.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



"A noble and delicate soul, even the most simple, but one of delicate sensibilities, sees God in everything, finds Him everywhere, and knows how to find Him in even the most hidden things. It finds all things important, it highly appreciates all things, it thanks God for all things, it draws profit for the soul from all things, and it gives all glory to God. It places its trust in God and is not confused when the time of ordeals comes. It knows that God is always the best of Fathers and makes little of human opinion. It follows faithfully the faintest breath of the Holy Spirit; it rejoices in this Spiritual Guest and [h]olds onto Him like a child to its mother. Where other souls come to a standstill and fear, this soul passes on without fear or difficulty." (*Diary, #148*)

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR - PART 1

We ended this school year with grateful hearts for all that God had accomplished and blessed us with at St. Gertrude School. Over the next three weeks, we are going to share a list of SGS accomplishments for the 2021-2022 school year:

School Accomplishments

- We welcomed 34 new families.
- All St. Gertrude School English teachers (K-8) received certification in Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW). SGS is officially recognized as an accredited IEW school.
- We offered four new junior high enrichment courses: Lego Robotics, Chess Club, Gregorian Chant, and Stock Market and Finance 101.
- We restructured Households into all-boy and all-girl groups, in which students were charged with determining the new Household saint and building their newly established Household culture.
- We introduced our “Writing Excellence” initiative, celebrating and showcasing student writing pieces each trimester.
- We held our 60th annual Christmas Pageant performance.
- We hired a full-time reading resource specialist.
- We increased our intervention specialist hours to full-time.
- We added four part-time classroom aides for our primary grades.
- Since 2020, we successfully renewed eight professional teaching licensure certifications, along with two professional principal licensure certifications.
- We had one acceptance into and completion of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s Aspiring Leadership program through the Catholic Schools Office.
- Two teachers completed master level course work and degree programs.
- We upgraded and streamlined our admission and enrollment process for greater efficiency.
- With support from the PTO and SAC, we coordinated and completed a successful school rebranding campaign, including a full St. Gertrude School website overhaul and new marketing materials.
- We obtained a \$2,500 safety grant through the Ohio Attorney General’s Office for faculty and staff safety training and safety communications expenses.
- We updated our Emergency Operations Plan and obtained a score of full compliance from the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security.
- We upgraded to a new security camera system and added 15 new security cameras throughout the building and grounds.
- We upgraded and overhauled our public address and bell schedule system.
- To better understand our students’ abilities and achievement levels, we expanded Iowa Assessments to the 1st and 8th grades and extended CogAT testing to 3rd and 7th grades.
- We held the first annual Tournament of Books during March Madness.
- We met our \$20K fundraiser goal for the Day of Giving to Catholic Schools campaign.
- We provided five \$1,000 scholarships to families for the 2022-2023 school year from funds collected from the Day of Giving to Catholic Schools campaign.
- We selected Dimensions (Singapore) Math Curriculum with implementation beginning during the 2022-2023 school year.

- We successfully completed our second year with the Saxon-Phonics reading curriculum in the primary grades with overall positive growth.
- We finished outfitting all classrooms with interactive Dell Boards.
- We purchased a mobile chicken coop for our outdoor classroom and organized a school-wide spring cleanup of the classroom.
- *The Catholic Telegraph* magazine featured a story about our unique outdoor classroom space.
- We began an official partnership with Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE) and a three-year strategic planning and school renewal program, which will kick off during the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

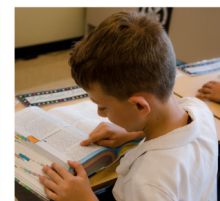
St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year: Music teacher, Latin teacher. Please visit stgertrude.org/ employment to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of June 6, 2022, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m to 3:45 p.m.

NOW ENROLLING

FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



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MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS: LARRY BALL

Every once in a while, the St. Gertrude Church bulletin features an interview with one of our dedicated volunteers. This month, we're highlighting Larry Ball, a parishioner of 24 years who is admired for his generosity, humility, and heart of service.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Would you tell us a

little bit about yourself and your family?

Larry Ball: I'm just a regular guy, really nobody special. I grew up in the Eastgate area—before it was the Eastgate area. I met my wife, Mary, in high school when I was a senior and she was a sophomore. We got married in July 1969, just six days after I got back from Vietnam. Prior to going to Vietnam, I was a corpsman in the Navy and ran an eye clinic in Seattle for two years. After I got hurt in the war, I was sent to the hospital and ended up doing ophthalmology surgery for the rest of my time in Vietnam.

Back in the states, I was a police detective for the Cincinnati Police Department for 26 years. My specialty was interviewing prisoners, suspects. I really enjoyed that. After retiring from the police department in 1995, I worked for three summers for the Forest Hills School District, driving the bus for their summer program. It was like being a grandpa for 120 kids, and I enjoyed it immensely. After that, I worked for a group of insurance companies for 14 years, retiring at 65—and that was 11 years ago now.

Mary and I have two adult sons, Dave and Jeff, and four grandchildren. We have been parishioners at St. Gertrude since 1998, when we moved from Anderson Township to the little community of Miamiville.

SGB: Wow! Sounds like you have quite a story! What inspired you to start volunteering at St. Gertrude, and in what ways do you give of your time to the parish?

Larry: Well, actually, my dad was involved with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul when he lived up here. When he moved to Florida, he got involved with Meals on Wheels. I thought that would be cool; that's something I'd like to do. Being a policeman all those years, I spent time in some pretty rough places and saw the more seedy side of life. And I thought, well, I want to see the other side. So I started trying to help people who really needed it.

At St. Gertrude, I've done some carpentry work for school. I've made tables, bookshelves, cabinets, and all kinds of rolling around shelves [for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd], and I fix things here and there. I put in posts and made a case for the Mary statue and the patron saint of farmers statue behind the school where the garden is. There are two atriums in the school—I made those. I made the platform, and the backdrop, and the little tables in there. I also made seven wood Christmas scenes for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

200 sheep, shepherds, a dog, a wolf, corrals, and all sorts of things. And I made eight wood sets of the Holy Land.

I also make various crosses of different sizes out of different kinds of wood. And I make Dominican crosses, each one taking about 10 hours. Some I sell, some I give away. I also make and send rosaries and crosses to Bishop Chris Cardone, O.P., in the Solomon Islands. Oh, I also made Way of the Cross over at the rosary garden. I didn't carve them, but I cleaned them, polyurethaned everything, built little houses for them, added a little cross to the top of each one, and put electricity to them so you could see them at night

Aside from all that, I was president of St. Vincent de Paul for about 17 years, and I enjoyed that tremendously. My son, Dave, and I are currently in the Knights of Columbus, and my wife and I run the rosary makers—we make rosaries and sell them at Mass on the first Sunday of the month. I've been a eucharistic minister at church for many years and hope to be a Mass captain again. My son, Dave, and I are ushers at the 12 p.m. Mass, and I take the Eucharist to the sick, too.

SGB: You're a jack of all trades! How did you get into woodworking? Have you been doing it all your life?

Larry: No, I picked it up when I was about 50. I was just kind of curious as to how some things were made. I'm self-taught. So I just got a scroll saw and a couple of other things I needed to make a few items, like bird houses and bat houses and things like that. And I started making cross when I saw a cross on the robe of one of the newly ordained priests. (You know, they carry a 15-decade rosary.) I thought it looked very nice. (It was from Rome.) He let me copy it, and I made it into three different sizes. From there I expanded and did the Dominican cross.

SGB: Aside from volunteering at St. Gertrude and woodworking, what other things do you like to do for fun?

Larry: We have about 1.5 acres of land—my little piece of heaven. I have a 60x60 garden, and I grow green beans, potatoes, tomatoes, zucchini, squash, cucumbers, radishes, carrots, kale—you name it. Every year, I have around 32 tomato plants of all different varieties. I have more tomatoes than I can eat, so I'll take a bowl full of grape tomatoes up to the nuns, and drop some off at the priory, and give them to the neighbors.

Other than that, I do things around the house (we're remodeling the basement, and I made a picnic table). My wife grows flowers around the house. I've been a fisherman most of my life, so I'll take my little fishing boat and go out fishing. And my brother-in-law and I go on a three-day fishing trip every spring.

SGB: Fascinating! Larry, it's been delightful to get to know you. Thank you for all that you have done—and are doing—for St. Gertrude, and thank you for your service to our country.

THE EUCHARIST: THE SOURCE OF OUR HEALING AND HOPE



Beginning on June 19, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the bishops of our country have called for a revival in our Catholic faith surrounding the Real Presence of Jesus—body and blood, soul and divinity—under the forms of bread and wine.

Join us on Sunday, June 19, for the solemn 12 p.m. Mass, followed by the Corpus Christi Procession.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALTAR SERVERS AND FIRST COMMUNICANTS

All altar boys, past and present, are invited to be part of the Corpus Christi Procession at the conclusion of the 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 19. Please contact Father Jordan at fjordan@stgertrude.org or Ben Hoffman at pxaw@hotmail.com to register for the procession or for more information about this Mass.

In addition, any of this year’s first Communicants are invited to be a special part of this eucharistic procession. All first Communicants are invited to wear their first Communion suits and dresses. Please contact Father Jordan to register or for more information.

FATHER’S DAY NOVENA

Remember your father, grandfather, uncles, and friends in a special way this year by enrolling them in the Father’s Day Novena that will be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. This novena, consisting of nine Masses, begins on Father’s Day, June 19, and ends June 27. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office.

CREATED TO BELIEVE: CALLED TO MOTHERHOOD

Do you want to grow in who you are as a woman, wife, and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms? Grow closer to God while meeting other moms at St. Gertrude Parish by joining Created to Believe: Called



to Motherhood. As part of this Catholic small group for mothers of young children, you will develop lasting friendships, learn about the beautiful teachings of the Catholic Church, grow in your Catholic faith, and enrich your vocation as a wife and mother! Small groups begin in September 2022 and meet through May 2023. To register, visit canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS®

Did you know that you can earn money for St. Gertrude Church just by shopping at Kroger? It’s easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. To get started, sign up with your Kroger Plus Card at kroger.com/communityrewards. Search for “St. Gertrude Church” or use our unique ID# BN609. Thank you for your support.



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LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester


THE RECENTLY DECEASED

All of our beloved dead

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S TASTE OF LEBANON

Father George Hajj and his parishioners welcome you, once again, to St. Anthony of Padua's Taste of Lebanon Mediterranean Summer Food Festival on Sunday, June 5 from 12 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy delicious Mediterranean cuisine, free admission and parking, dine-in and carryout menu options, and lots of fellowship and fun! St. Anthony of Padua is wheelchair accessible and located at 2530 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Visit staparish.org for more information.

<p>Visit the Relics of St. Bernadette</p> <p>June 8th-9th</p> <p>SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH 1479 Locust Lake Rd Amelia, OH • 45102</p>		<p>For more information, visit:</p> <p>stbameliaparish.org/relic-tour</p>  <p>Questions?</p> <p>Call (513)753-5566 ext. 101 or email admin@stbameliaparish.org</p>
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ROSES FOR MARY ROSARY PROCESSION

On Saturday, June 11, at 1 p.m., Roses for Mary is holding a rosary procession at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to bring roses for each intention they wish to pray for during the rosary. At the end of the procession, everyone will lay their roses—their intentions—at the foot of the Blessed Mother statue. There will also be a raffle in which you could win a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary! After the rosary procession, we will head to Humble Monk Brewery (1641 Blue Rock St., Cincinnati, OH 45223) for fellowship. For more information about the event, visit rosesformary.org or contact us at support@rosesformary.org or (330) 635-5828. We hope you'll come pray with us!



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2022

If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022 (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 years, etc.) you can request an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis at elemosineria.va/product-category/wedding-anniversary/. There is a fee for postage and a donation to Papal Charities.

In addition, you can also request a certificate from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at tinyurl.com/yck4ysma. **Please submit your request no later than June 15, 2022.** Wedding anniversary certificates will be mailed to your parish in late June. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ana Ramirez at aramirez@catholicaoc.org.

EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RETREAT CENTER

5701 Lawshe Rd, Peebles, OH 45660

40 Hours of Devotion & Family Campout

Bring the whole family to Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat Center June 17-19 and spend time with the Lord. You can camp out in your tent or camper or reserve a dorm room or cottage. (Overnight accommodations in beautiful dorms, cabins, and trailers are available on a first-come, first-served basis). The weekend includes 40 hours of eucharistic adoration, family games to play indoors and outdoors, hiking trails, bonfires—prayer interspersed with family, friends, and fun. Come for as long or as short a stay as you can. Because this is a very popular event, meals are on your own. Call (937) 587-5464 for more details, or email retreats@presentationministries.com to register.

Family Vacation with the Lord

Enjoy time with your family and friends away from the stress of the world at Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat Center, June 20-24—all for a freewill donation. Mornings include Catholic Vacation Bible School for children and teachings for adults, while afternoons are free for you and your family to explore beautiful Adams County, walk the trails on our 54 acres of fields and wooded hillsides, or play organized games with other families. Overnight accommodations are available, but space is limited. Meals are on your own. For more information, call (937) 587-5464 or (513) 373-2397, or email retreats@presentationministries.com to register.

GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY PREPLANNING SEMINAR

You're invited to Gate of Heaven Cemetery's next Preplanning Seminar on June 14 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. The 90-minute seminar will take place in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery Administration and Chapel Building (11000 Montgomery Road 45249) and will be worthwhile for all who attend. There are many benefits of preplanning your cemetery needs:

- Communicate your wishes and ensure that they are carried out
- Reduce stress for your family and friends during an emotional time
- Save money
- Guard against inflation
- Give the gift of Peace of Mind, to your family
- Relieve your loved ones of the financial responsibility at a stressful time

Please RSVP to (513) 489-0300 or community@gateofheaven.org by June 10 and include the number of family and friends who will attend, the parish you are from, and the time (2 p.m. or 6 p.m.) you will attend.



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June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord's Church and the fulfillment of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The scene from the Acts of the Apostles is filled with drama, as "a noise like a strong driving wind" and "tongues as of fire" accompany the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. What was the effect of this outpouring? We read that the apostles went forth confidently, speaking in the many languages of the visitors to Jerusalem. In the words of St. Bede, "Now the Holy Spirit appeared in fire and in tongues because all those whom He fills He makes simultaneously to burn and to speak – to burn because of Him and to speak about Him."

From the beginning of time, the Holy Spirit has been at work with the Father and the Son on the divine plan for our salvation. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at our baptism, we are each called to be cooperators with that plan, not only for our own sanctification, but for the sanctification of the whole world. The Catholic Church is God's sacramental presence on earth, imbued with the Holy Spirit, given to us as a means for our salvation. All the resources of the Church – human, physical, financial – must be ordered to Jesus' great commission to proclaim the Good News of salvation and make disciples of all nations.

This is the purpose of Beacons of Light, to best enable the proclamation of the Gospel in our own archdiocese. On July 1, we will move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, implementation of the new Families of Parishes and the start of intentional pastoral planning within each of those Families. This planning will be rooted in sincere prayer and open collaboration as each Family together discerns the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist. There will undoubtedly be hard decisions involving sacrifice and loss, but which will bear great fruit in the future. This is the enduring Christian journey, one which needs to be offered up in prayer to God's providence.

In a 2006 homily, Pope Benedict XVI said, "in Pentecost the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, demonstrates that His presence unites and transforms *confusion* into *communion*." As we move forward into an unsure and sometimes confusing future, let us stay united as the Body of Christ, confident that the Holy Spirit is with us until the end of time. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your commitment to the flourishing of our local Church. May God bless and keep all of us as we journey together on the path of discipleship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

RADIATE CHRIST

Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7	Wednesday, June 8	Thursday, June 9	Friday, June 10	Saturday, June 11	Sunday, June 12
CGS Level I Catechist Formation 8:30 a.m. Atrium II	CGS Level I Catechist Formation 8:30 a.m. Atrium II	CGS Level I Catechist Formation 8:30 a.m. Atrium II	Church Anniversary Committee Meeting 1 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room		Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room				
		Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC Music Room				
		Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT

Our Lady of Light Ministries invites you to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Light, who appeared in the tri-state area from 1992–1999. This celebration, entitled “Days of Prayer and Mercy,” will take place at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center on August 31–September 1, 2022, and feature all-day adoration, daily Mass, opportunities to pray the rosary and go to confession, two presentations from guest speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza, and more! This two-day event will sell out, and there is limited seating available. For more information and to purchase your tickets, please visit ourladyoflight.org/events/days-of-prayer-and-mercy-aug-31st-2. If you have any questions, please call (513) 531–6279.



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Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for May 29

Collection	\$ 23,842
Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Weekly Deficit	\$ 11,452

2nd Collection – Fifth Sunday: \$4,607

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,804,401
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,733,818
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 70,583

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