

Which of these three was

# NEIGHBOR

to the robbers' victim?

Luke 10:36



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

July 10, 2022

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, July 11, St. Benedict (M)

- 7 a.m. † John & Rosemary Marsicano by Julie & John Murdock
- 8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, July 12, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Bill Stuebbe by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 8 a.m. † Julie Nemzik by Bob & Jere Pulte
- 11:30 a.m. † Lilly Alexander by Benny Alexander

### Wednesday, July 13, Weekday

- 7 a.m. The Louis Family by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 8 a.m. Courtney Campbell by Lisa Campbell
- 11:30 a.m. † Jane Thole by Lou Thole

### Thursday, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha (M)

- 7 a.m. † Paul Sharpshair by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Saul by Sherry Schuler

### Friday, July 15, St. Bonaventure (M)

- 7 a.m. † Verna Schumann by Pat & Al Riesenberg
- 8 a.m. † Janet Hauck by John Hauck
- 11:30 a.m. † Anthony Thieu Tran by Thien Cao

### Saturday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (M)

- 8 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke
- 11:30 a.m. Donald Sammons, Jr. by Rick Sammons
- 4:30 p.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family

### Sunday, July 17, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Loretta Holden by Judy Bierschbach
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Josephine Shanks by Tom & Christin Spurr
- 6 p.m. † Moira Flynn by John Baele

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  
(513) 561-5954 | [www.stgertrude.org](http://www.stgertrude.org)

### Parish Office Hours

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

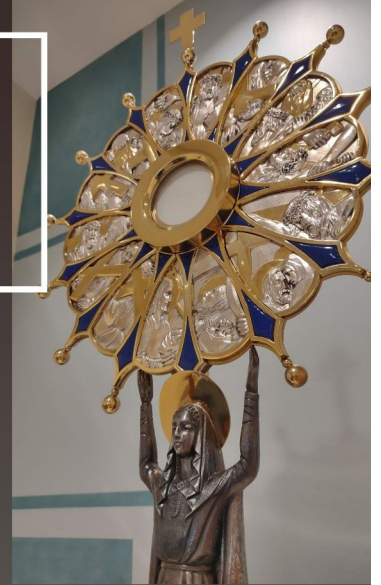
### School Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; Friday: Closed

### Church Hours

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

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FOR YOU



**MOTHER OF MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL**  
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## DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

Join us for our July speaker series on the Eucharist. Bring your friends, enjoy a few drinks, and get ready to dive into relevant and spiritually rich content that will transform your friendship with Jesus.

July 14, 2022

### Meeting Christ in the Eucharist

Father Philip Nolan, O.P.

July 21, 2022

### The Road Less Traveled

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

July 28, 2022

### A Call to Love

Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.

Thursdays | 7-8:30 p.m.

### Oakley Kitchen

3715 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209

For more information, please visit  
[stgertrude.org/dwd2022](http://stgertrude.org/dwd2022). Please note, you do not  
need to be 21 to attend—all are welcome!

ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



**SOME UPDATES  
FROM THE PASTOR**

This weekend marks the two month anniversary of my arrival at St. Gertrude Parish. In my homilies during my first weekend here, I invited people to share with me their thoughts about the parish, what we do well and what could be improved, and what they are passionate about. Many people

have taken the opportunity to share their thoughts with me, and so I wanted to provide some news and updates on what I've been hearing from you.

**OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Our new parochial vicar, Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., will be arriving in the middle of next week. I know Father Joachim very well, as he was one of my parochial vicars at my previous parish in New Haven, Connecticut. He grew up in the Dominican parish of St. Louis Bertrand in Louisville, Kentucky, where his family is still parishioners. I can't wait to have all of you meet him!



**FEEDBACK I'VE RECEIVED**

Many people shared with me how moved they were by our celebration of Corpus Christi, especially the procession with stops at the three altars. The ice cream social seemed to be a hit as well. I did receive a note from one parishioner who was upset that there was no blessing of fathers at the end of the Mass (as it was also Father's Day). In case any other dads out there were also upset by this, please know there was no intention to slight the fathers present. It was just that, in the midst of the preparations for the procession, the fact it was Father's Day slipped under the radar. I can assure you that next year we will be back to blessing the fathers as always.

My bulletin letter regarding children being welcomed in church received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback, both from young families feeling very supported and from a variety of parishioners of all ages. There were also a few negative comments from people worried about noise in the church. Most of those concerns seemed to be focused on not being able to hear the readings/homily/etc. Indeed, probably the single biggest "complaint" (if you want to call it that) that people have brought up to me during these first two months is the state of the sound system in the church. Along those lines, I'd like to share . . .

**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Toward the end of his time as pastor, Father George hired a very well-respected Chicago-based sound engineering company to come to St. Gertrude and do an analysis of the sound system in the church. I have their final report on my desk, which includes a series of recommendations from them on how the sound volume and, more importantly, sound *clarity* in the church can be improved. The next step will be to locate and identify companies capable of making the needed upgrades and getting bids for those upgrades. I will keep everyone informed as things progress. *If there is anyone in the parish who has professional training in acoustics, sound engineering, or similar fields who would be willing to help advise me on this, please get in touch with me through the parish office.*

Many people have also made me aware that the one lone pew we have set aside in the front right of the church for those in wheelchairs, walkers, et al. is insufficient for the demand we have at some of the Sunday Masses. I have observed this issue myself on multiple occasions and am currently weighing a couple of possible options for how to increase seating for those with limited mobility (and their families). I expect to be able to have a solution in place in the near future.

As always, I welcome your feedback and look forward to the amazing things I know the Lord is calling us to do and to be as a parish over the months ahead!

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**THE POWER OF THE ROSARY**



"The immense good that this noble devotion [the rosary] has done to the world is well known. How many, by its means, have been delivered from sin! How many led to a holy life! How many to a good death, and are now saved!"

– Pope Benedict XVI

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Good Samaritan* (adapted), Slovak National Gallery

### 2022 SGS SUMMER GATHERINGS

All St. Gertrude School families are invited to join us for our free weekly summer gatherings! Listed below is the schedule for July. Please visit the SGS Facebook page (@stgertrudeschool) for more information about each of these gatherings, and be sure to check out the SGS Parent Communications Group page on the day of the event for weather updates. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Naumann at Leah\_naumann@yahoo.com or (513) 260-5441.

- **Tuesday, July 12: Makino Playground, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Makino Park is a beautiful, new, butterfly-shaped park that encourages interaction and recreation opportunities for multi-generational users of all abilities in a peaceful and welcoming setting. The one-of-a-kind park includes Common Ground Playground, FCC Field mini pitch soccer, a shelter area for gathering and programming, and restrooms.

- **Wednesday, July 20: Cincinnati Art Museum, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Join us for a free and spectacular experience nestled in the hills of Mt. Adams. Enjoy exploring the museum with fun scavenger hunts, as well as spending time creating in the Rosenthal Education Center, which is packed with free art activities and crafts for all ages. Pack a lunch or order at the Terrace Cafe. Free parking and admission.

- **Tuesday, July 26: Cottell Park, 6-8 p.m.**

Come climb, swing, shoot hoops, catch-and-release fish at the pond, or play soccer, football, baseball, or tennis. There will be a Knockout Challenge, Free-Throw Shooting Contest, and Fishing Contest. Please bring your favorite basketball and fishing rod/tackle box if you choose to participate in the contests.

### OPEN POSITIONS

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022–2023 school year:

- Math and science teacher for grades 4-5
- Substitute teachers for grades K-8
- Latin teacher for grades 3-5 (part-time)
- Instructional aide for grades K-4 (part-time)

Please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment) to view the job descriptions and to apply.

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

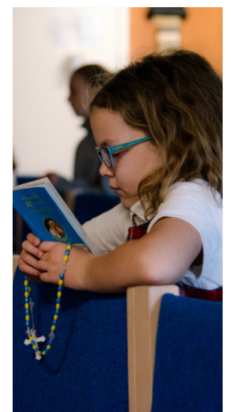
For the week of July 11, 2022, the school office will be open Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and closed on Friday.

## THANK YOU!

We are very grateful to everyone who generously gave to the 2021-2022 St. Gertrude School Annual Fund, which ended on June 30. We raised \$55,046 (220 percent) of our \$25,000 goal! We will use these funds for ongoing school-wide programming, professional development for our teachers and faculty, and curriculum enhancements.

Thank you for supporting us in this endeavor and for making a difference in the lives of all students here at SGS. You are critical to the success of our school!

## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



Apply at [stgertrudesch.org/apply](http://stgertrudesch.org/apply)

6543 Miami Ave.  
Madeira, OH 45243  
(513) 562-8020



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## MEET OUR MINISTRIES: USHERS MINISTRY

*St. Gertrude Church has many ministries, programs, and groups for children, youth, and adults—some you may be familiar with and others you may not even know exist. To give you a deeper look into some of these offerings, the St. Gertrude Church bulletin will feature interviews with members of some of these ministries, programs, and groups throughout the year. This month, we're highlighting our ushers ministry.*

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** What does being an usher at St. Gertrude Church entail?

**Ushers:** Each Sunday Mass—whether it's the Saturday vigil Mass or the Masses on Sunday—and each holy day Mass has a head usher. The head usher is responsible for making sure collection baskets are in place, confirming whether there is one or two collections, and ensuring there is a total of five ushers available for the collection(s). A few of the ushers greet parishioners and help distribute liturgy programs before Mass and collect them after Mass. A few of the more heavily attended services require an usher or two to assist with seating. A few of the ushers assist with the Communion process to ensure it is orderly and reverent. Ushers also provide help if someone becomes ill during Mass, and they straighten up after Mass.

**SGB:** How did this ministry get started in the Catholic Church?

**Ushers:** The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church! According to sources, the doorkeepers of the temple during the time of Christ were the forerunners of today's ushers, but the more immediate predecessor is the clerical order of porter. Instituted in the third century A.D., porters (or ushers) guarded the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service. The porter duties were so important that they came to be included in the rite of Ordination, where they were specified as "to ring the bells, open the church and sacristy, and open the book for the preacher." In 1972, Pope Paul VI abolished the order of porter, and this important task was given over to the laity.

**SGB:** That's fascinating! What is the most challenging aspect of being an usher?

**Ushers:** It's very difficult to seat parishioners when the Church is approaching capacity.

**SGB:** What is the most fulfilling aspect of being an usher?

**Ushers:** It can vary for each person, but being of service to the Church and the parishioners at St. Gertrude is very worthwhile.

**SGB:** Who can be an usher, and how does someone become an usher?

**Ushers:** Anyone 16 or older can serve as an usher. All the Masses have a core of regular ushers, but there is always a need for extra help. There are no meetings or special training sessions, and you don't have

to make a commitment for a specific Mass each week. When you arrive for Mass, simply let the head usher know you are available if help is needed. He or she will provide direction. You can also contact Doug Postler at (513) 791-6298 or [postman8905@gmail.com](mailto:postman8905@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need more information.

**SGB:** Is there anything else you would like to share about this ministry?

**Ushers:** One person can't do it all, and there are a few people who deserve to be recognized for their support. Thank you to Megan Runk and Eileen who helped wipe down the pews after every Mass during those first months after COVID. They never hesitated to stay after Mass and never complained! Larry Ball has been Tom Hahn's right-hand man, helping with seating, counting heads, assisting with Communion, and covering for Tom when he wasn't able to make it. David Ball and Tony have been faithful and dependable helpers with the collection each week. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

### A PERSONAL WORD FROM SOME OF OUR USHERS

*"I have been an usher since the early 1980s. Initially, I was tapped and asked to help on an occasional basis, but by the mid-1980s, I was a regular at the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass, and eventually became the co-head usher at that Mass in the mid-1990s. In the early 2000s, I was tapped by Father Ken to head up the Usher Ministry and have been blessed to work with a number of very dedicated individuals in the Usher Ministry. It's a pleasure and a privilege to provide some assistance at the various services."*

- Doug Postler

*"I've been the head usher at the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass since Masses started back after the COVID shutdown in May 2020. Lawain McNeil asked me if I could help and, since I had always attended the 12:30 Mass and am a Knight of Columbus, I thought it would be an appropriate way to give back to the parish. What I enjoy about the role is seeing the regular 12 p.m. Mass goers every week. I feel a little like the shepherd and the people are my sheep; I know them and they know me! I recognize many of the regulars and, if the husband or spouse comes in after the rest of the family, I can usually direct them to where their family is sitting. I know the folks who need a gluten-free host. The other thing I like about the 12 p.m. Mass is that we get the "special" events like the Corpus Christi procession or the sports Masses so there is always a little variety to that Mass."*

- Tom Hahn

*"I have been an usher for three years, and I cherish this ministry. As an usher, it has been an honor and privilege to meet, interact with, and know many of my fellow parishioners as we pray together and give proper worship and adoration as we gather at our Lord's table at 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays."*

- Kevin Graham

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND TO SUPPORT PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS & AGENCIES**

Now that *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned, our joyful outpouring of love and support for pregnant women—especially those most in need—is more important than ever. To that end, we will be taking a second collection at all Masses next weekend, July 16-17, to benefit more than 30 pregnancy care centers and agencies across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

If you are not able to donate at Mass next weekend, you can give directly at [commit2women.org](http://commit2women.org). One hundred percent of the funds collected will be distributed to the various centers. Please be generous! Thank you.

**VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED FOR THE FALL**

The Bulldogs girls volleyball program is in need of head coaches for the 2022–2023 fall season. Practices begin in August, and the season runs through mid-October. Practices are twice a week on weeknights, and there is typically one game per weekend. The time commitment is 4-5 hours per week. If you have a passion for volleyball and want to make a positive impact on young athletes, please consider offering your time and talent. If you are interested, please contact Shannon Schuler at (513) 325-0873.



**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

**THE SICK:**

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, 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, Patricia Scherer, Marian Scherpenberg, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Joseph Silvers, 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, Dominic Lloyd, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

All our beloved dead



**2022–2023 Bulldogs Wrestling Team**

**All boys in grades K-8 are invited to join the Bulldogs wrestling team for the 2022–2023 school year!**

**THE TEAM**

- Boys in grades K-6 must be either an active St. Gertrude, St. Andrew, or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioner; a student at a school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, or a parishioner at church in the archdiocese.
- Boys in grades 7-8 must be either a student at a school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or homeschooled through an archdiocesan school.
- Boys who attend a school or parish that does not offer wrestling.

**THE SEASON**

- Regular Season: November 1, 2022–February 15, 2023
- State Qualifying Season: February 16, 2023–April 1, 2023

**PROGRAM FOCUS**

- Tradition
- Community
- Family
- Catholic Virtues
- Wrestling Fundamentals
- Fun

**PRACTICES**

- Location: St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center  
552 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150

**Times**

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>K-3</b>           | <b>4-6, Junior High (7-8)</b> |
| T-Th, 5:30–6:45 p.m. | T-Th, 7–8:30 p.m.             |
| Sat, 9–10:15 a.m.    | Sat, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.       |

**REGISTRATION**

- **Open July 1–November 1, 2022**
- Cost - \$160/athlete\*
- **Early Bird Discount: Total of \$25 off if you register between July 1 and September 15, 2022.**

*\*Includes: Training, use of team singlet, t-shirt, pre-selected events at our gym and cost of pre-selected tournaments per age group*

**For more information, email our program coordinators, Jonathan Fritinger and Alex Linz, at [bulldogwrestling413@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogwrestling413@gmail.com).**

Follow us on Facebook at [St. Gertrude/SASEAS Bulldog Wrestling](https://www.facebook.com/St.Gertrude/SASEASBulldogWrestling).



**REGISTER TODAY AT [SGSBULLDOGS.ORG](http://SGSBULLDOGS.ORG)**

**BOOTS & BOTTLES**  
BENEFITING PREGNANCY CENTER EAST

Thursday, July 14  
5:00-9:00pm  
Big Ash Brewery  
5230 Beechmont Ave  
Cincinnati, Ohio

1 Ticket for \$25 or  
Two for \$40

10% off Early Bird  
Rate Ends July 1

Jon Wayne Hatfield

### **PCE SUMMER SOCIAL**

Join Pregnancy Center East for its first annual summer social featuring live music from three of Nashville's hottest up-and-coming artists: Jon Wayne Hatfield, Brooke Hatala, and Allie Roar. Kick back with friends and enjoy food trucks, refreshments, and raffles. Learn more and get your tickets at [supportpce.com/boots-bottles](http://supportpce.com/boots-bottles).

**CREATED**  
*A Theology of the Body Teen Retreat*

Live Music

**AUGUST 3-5 2022**  
7th & 8th: 9am-3pm  
9th-12th: 6pm-9pm

Free Event | Meals Included  
Jesuit Spiritual Center, Milford

All teens are invited to a free Theology of the Body Retreat on August 3–5. There will be games, reflection, and discussion as we dive into the essence of what it means to be human and how we are called to love. Space is limited, so register today at [supportpce.com/created-a-theology-of-the-body-teen-retreat/](http://supportpce.com/created-a-theology-of-the-body-teen-retreat/).

### **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

- Saturday, August 13, at 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Dayton; Celebrant: Father Brian Phelps
- Sunday, August 14, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati; Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Please register to attend one of the Masses by completing the online form at [centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request](http://centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request).

### **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Serra Club Cincinnati invites men and women to a retreat on August 6, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (325 W 8th Street). The retreat begins with a continental breakfast and includes Mass, confession, two conferences on Mary's words ("Do whatever he tells you"), lunch, and guest speaker Janette Howe (founder of Seven Sisters Apostolate). There is no cost to attend; however, donations are welcome. Please RSVP by August 1 to Julie VanHoose at (740) 352-1984 or [JulieVanHoose57@gmail.com](mailto:JulieVanHoose57@gmail.com) and include your lunch entrée choice (sandwich or salad). On the day of the retreat, please park in the covered garage, enter the Cathedral on the left side, and take the elevator down to the undercroft. For more information, please visit [cincyserravacations.org](http://cincyserravacations.org).

### **RUAH WOODS 2022 FALL BANQUET**

Join Ruah Woods on Thursday, September 15, 2022, for the organization's biggest event of the year: its Annual Fall Banquet and Fundraiser. What's more exciting is that **this year's keynote speaker is the courageous good shepherd of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. You'll also hear an update on the developments and milestones taking place at Ruah Woods Institute. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. This event will sell out, so reserve your spot early. For more information and pricing and to register, please visit [ruahwoods.wufoo.com/forms/z1e180rr1xa7p2j/](http://ruahwoods.wufoo.com/forms/z1e180rr1xa7p2j/).

21<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS

**NCSC 2022**

DISCOVERING IDENTITY THROUGH *relationship*

SEPTEMBER 16-18 DC METRO AREA

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[NATIONALCATHOLICSINGLES.COM](http://NATIONALCATHOLICSINGLES.COM)

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS**

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics the weekend of September 16–18, 2022, at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA (D.C. Metro Area). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food, and more. **Register between July 5 and July 25 with promo code PARISH22 to get \$100 off the general admission! Discount limited to the first 50 people nationwide to use this code.** Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register.



**ASK A PRIEST—  
THE SACRAMENTS  
FOR PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** Is there official sacramental guidance for parents rearing children with disabilities or for adults who have disabilities?

**A:** Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Mt 19:14).

The Church teaches that the sacraments are the ordinary ways of salvation for God’s people. Therefore, Catholics and their pastors receive and administer them as a matter of privilege and duty. Based on his or her own merits, nobody is worthy to receive a participation in God’s life. Nevertheless, this is the great possibility of the sacraments. Teaching in Jesus’ name, the Church wishes the sacraments to be as open as possible to those who approach them with the right spirit.

The bishops of the United States have offered specific guidelines<sup>1</sup> for administering the sacraments to persons who experience various mental or physical limitations. There are a lot of possibilities to cover, from prenatal diagnoses and physical and cognitive disabilities in children and adults to gluten and wine intolerance. Here are some general principles:

- Approach your parish priest at a mutually convenient time so he can understand your unique needs (or those of a person in your care).

- Those who are properly disposed and ask at an appropriate time have a right to the sacraments. The Church is more accommodating than one might assume for particular disabilities and/or illnesses. Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion should be sought with great solicitude. Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick can be provided for persons who many of us may be tempted to write off—and the possible benefits can be great. Marriage and Holy Orders further shape and provide for *all* Christians as they seek holiness.
- Parishes must work to integrate persons with disabilities into their activities, especially participation in the sacred liturgy and catechesis. This makes a Catholic parish more what it is called to be.

I finish today’s column with words from the National Directory for Catechesis: “The Church owes persons with disabilities her best efforts in order to ensure that they are able to hear the Gospel of Christ, receive the sacraments, and grow in their faith in the fullest and richest manner possible.”<sup>2</sup> Let us know how we can help you!

*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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<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2017). Available online.  
<sup>2</sup> National Directory for Catechesis (NDC) (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005), 49.





Monday, July 11	Tuesday, July 12	Wednesday, July 13	Thursday, July 14	Friday, July 15	Saturday, July 16	Sunday, July 17
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			Treasure Mart 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Parish Center	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						L'alto: Junior High Summer Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

**Have you started your spring cleaning yet?  
Wondering what to do with all those gently used  
“treasures”? Donate them!**

- Drop off your gently used donations at the gym door July 12, 13, or 14 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. or Friday, July 15, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- All proceeds go directly to programs that help the poor. Items that aren't purchased will be donated to Hope Emergency or St. Vincent de Paul.



**TREASURE  
MART**

**Saturday, July 16  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
St. Gertrude Gym  
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira**

**A lot of volunteers are needed to help with setup, moving large items, and cleanup! Thank you for your help and support!**

**Items We Cannot Accept**

- BBQ grills/ propane tanks
- Computers/computer equipment
- Combustibles/tires/paint
- Blinds/draperies
- TVs/stereos
- Cribs/playpens/car seats
- Mattresses
- Encyclopedias
- China hutches/desks

**CONTACTS**

**Furniture  
Nancy Lucas: (513) 940-2643**

**General  
Jean Wilkinson: (513) 498- 5085**

We began a new fiscal year on July 1, 2022. That means that we have a new annual offertory budget, and our year-to-date numbers started back at zero.

**OFFERING**

**St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for July 3**

Collection	\$	36,079
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	421

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	36,079
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	36,500
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