

Father

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive
everyone in debt to us,
and do not subject us
to the final test.

Luke 11:2-4



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

July 24, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, July 25, St. James (F)

- 7 a.m. † William Stuebbe by Kathy & David Vessey
- 8 a.m. † Harold Noble by The Arling Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, July 26, Sts. Joachim & Anne (M)

- 7 a.m. † Mary Jilek by Richard & Kathy Jilek
- 8 a.m. † Rich Andolina by Mary's Mantle Pro-Life Group
- 11:30 a.m. † Thomas Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner

Wednesday, July 27, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Brian Wade Davenport
by Fred and Ann Thomas & Rev. Br. Columba
- 8 a.m. † Yolanda Klopp by Nora Klopp
- 11:30 a.m. † Joseph Listermann by Tom & Sue Brisken

Thursday, July 28, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Father Barry Windholtz by Greg & Connie Witte
- 8 a.m. † Peggy Kindt by Paul D. Kindt
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by James & Diane Tomaszewski

Friday, July 29, Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus (M)

- 7 a.m. Katie Stoiber by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 8 a.m. † Emily & Jerry Davis by The Carrington Family
- 11:30 a.m. Kathy Jilek by Nancy Lucas

Saturday, July 30, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Harry Fox by Nealy Mechley
- 11:30 a.m. Kenneth Walter Miller, Jr. by The Miller Family
- 4:30 p.m. † Ronald Louis Cardoza by St. Gertrude 4th Grade Class

Sunday, July 31, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Josie Shanks by The Cordier Family
- 10 a.m. † Mary Kay Feighery by John Feighery
- 12 p.m. † Anna Ruth Felton-Thompson by Luke & Amy Fickell
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

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

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.

DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

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

July 7, 2022

Ordered Toward Eternal Union with God
Brother Michael Donahue, O.P.

July 14, 2022

Meeting Christ in the Eucharist
Father Philip Nolan, O.P.

July 21, 2022

The Roads Less Traveled
Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

July 28, 2022

A Call to Love
Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.

LAST EVENT!

Thursdays | 7-8:30 p.m.

Oakley Kitchen

3715 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209

Please visit stgertrude.org/dwd2022 for more information. Please note, you do not need to be 21 to attend the event—all are welcome!

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PICNIC

WHEN

Saturday, August 20 | 5:30 p.m.
(Following 4:30 p.m. Mass)

WHERE

Church parking lot
(in front of the school)

WHAT TO BRING

A side item to share



The parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, metts, brats, fried chicken, dessert and an assortment of beer, soda, and water.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Face painting, balloon animals, playground

RSVP at forms.gle/zmL5qeXb18ZsLmC36



UPDATES FROM THE PASTOR, PART II

A few weeks ago, I used my bulletin letter to share some updates with everyone. While I touched on a number of important topics, I did not have enough space in that letter to share everything I wanted to share. So, today I will round out the updates I have to share for the present time.

PARISH FESTIVAL

This is certainly another topic that many people have brought up with me. Some people miss it terribly and very much want to see it return. Others expressed that it was an enormous amount of work that placed great strain on the organizers and was plagued by fewer and fewer volunteers willing or able to invest the amount of time and energy it took to pull it off. I also know that the decision to discontinue the festival had been made even before COVID was upon us. It seems to me that it is probably unrealistic to think we are capable of bringing back the festival, at least exactly as it had been before, in the near future. I think that the important conversation we ought to have as a parish family revolves around these two questions: What were the good things that the parish festival accomplished? Are there ways to accomplish those same good things via other current, or potentially even new, parish events?



COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

This is another request/question that has been raised with me a number of times in recent weeks, with some people very much desiring to have the Precious Blood available to the congregation at our Masses. Given the size of our parish and the traffic flow present at Communion time, especially with the use of the altar rail up front, this becomes a rather complicated logistical question. If we were to do this at all of our Sunday Masses, that would likely mean needing an additional 20 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) every single weekend . . . and I am not sure, at the present time, we have sufficient trained ministers to accomplish that. It would also, of course, add to the length of our Masses which, on Sunday, often already go over one hour. This is one of those situations where there

are “competing goods,” and one that I will need to weigh carefully, in consultation with my brother priests, before making any changes to the current practice. For now, please remember the deep truth of our Catholic faith that Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are all present in the host. So even when we receive only under one species, we receive the whole Christ, and not “just” his Body.

LAUNCHING NFP WEEK!

This weekend launches Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week throughout the dioceses of the United States. We have an extraordinary team of parishioners who have such an expertise in a wide variety of methods of Natural Family Planning. Their passion for sharing about the beauty of how our bodies are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14) and how knowledge of this can help couples grow closer together in their marriages is such a beautiful witness. Please see elsewhere in this bulletin for an introduction to our NFP instructors, and be sure to visit the table they will have set up after Masses to meet them and obtain more information.

PASTOR TRAVELS

By the time you are reading this, I will be on my way to Massachusetts to spend a week with my family. I’ll be back for the Sunday Masses next weekend, July 30-31. For most of the week after that, I will be in Nashville for the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. Between Father Jordan, Father John Mark, and Father Joachim, I know you will all be in good hands in my absence.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“The holy rosary is comprised of many holy elements; no one doubts that this devotion is very pleasing to God and the holy virgin. The devotion of the most holy rosary is powerful enough to transmit all graces and, as we are aware from experience, it has proven to be a remedy during times of war, plagues, hunger and other calamities; in addition, those who have been troubled in body or soul, if they had recourse to the rosary, always received consolation.”

– St. Anthony Mary Claret

COVER IMAGE: *The Infant Samuel*, Reynolds (1776)

2022 SGS SUMMER GATHERINGS

All St. Gertrude School families are invited to join us for our free weekly summer gatherings! Listed below is the last event for July. Please visit the SGS Facebook page (@stgertrudeschool) for more information about this gathering, 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 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.

UNIFORM SALE

Educational Apparel will be setting up a uniform shop in the cafeteria on Tuesday, August 9, from 1 to 7 p.m. It's the perfect opportunity to get all of your back-to-school uniform needs!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 9 – Educational Apparel Uniform Shop | 1-7 p.m.
Thursday, August 11 – New Family Welcome | 7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16 – Supply Drop-Off | 1-3 p.m.
Thursday, August 18 – First Day of School
Wednesday, August 24 – Back-to-School Night

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 to view the job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of July 25, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and closed on Friday.

Where students gather in Faith, are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.



For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

"We are building up our students in every way—teaching them to build intellectual and moral virtues so that they can go forth to build a culture of hope marked by freedom and peace that will radiate out to the whole world."

- Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

Now enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year.

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IT'S NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK!

BY JENNA BERNARDO, ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH NFP CONTACT AND MARQUETTE METHOD INSTRUCTOR

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a natural, church-approved, God-intended way to tap into a woman’s fertility, have optimal health, and space children with zero side effects. It is not the rhythm method; it’s scientific. In fact, NFP is up to 99 percent effective.

I was introduced to Natural Family Planning in 2014 when I was finishing nursing school and engaged to my wonderful husband, Chris. As a soon-to-be nurse, I was fascinated with my newfound ability to have another health marker. Through my charting, I discovered that I had a low functioning thyroid. Instead of having to deal with the heartbreak of miscarriages and difficulty conceiving and other problems such as weight gain, fatigue, and hair loss, I had my diagnosis—thanks to NFP—before there was a large impact on my life. At that moment, I decided it’s ludicrous for women to have such an important health marker masked by artificial birth control, and I was going to help fight this societal battle.

Once Chris and I were married, we experienced the fruitfulness of NFP: a marriage filled with communication, improved spiritual lives, and deeper levels of bonding. In addition, there is a decreased time when trying to conceive. Most importantly, it honors God’s design for married love. It complements the knowledge that children are a gift from God. With NFP, you are a co-creator with God.

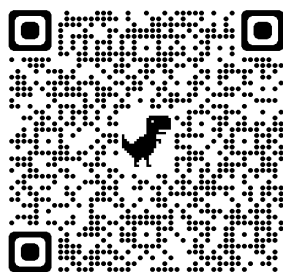
Catholic marriages that utilize NFP have a divorce rate of only 9.5 percent. Most couples report that practicing NFP has a positive impact on their marriage. It can be work, but it’s worthwhile work.

There are four main NFP methods: Cervical Mucus Methods (Billings and Creighton), Sympto-Thermal Method (Couple to Couple League, among others), and a Urinary Hormone Method (Marquette). The Archdiocese of Cincinnati—and St. Gertrude Church specifically—offers courses for all four instructed methods. How do you find which NFP method is for you? This page is dedicated to putting a face to each St. Gertrude Church instructor, finding the method that fits your situation, and realizing that you, too can value your body as God intended it to be.

If you have any questions, please reach out to nfp@stgertrude.org, and I’ll be happy to assist you! You can also visit St. Gertrude’s beautiful NFP webpage and/or the archdiocese’s NFP webpage via the QR codes below.



St. Gertrude Church
NFP Page



Archdiocese of Cincinnati
NFP Page



**Jenna Bernardo –
Marquette Method**

Jenna Bernardo is a wife, mother of three beautiful daughters, a nurse, and a Marquette Method instructor. Marquette allows women to test their urinary hormones with the ClearBlue monitor. The monitor reads low, high, or peak fertility, and women use that objective information, along with

protocols and complementary markers, to abstain or conceive a child with up to 99 percent effectiveness. With the help of a registered nurse, couples can determine their fertility in an objective manner while navigating normal cycles, and especially during postpartum and perimenopause, which are generally confusing phases in cycles. For more information, please reach out to Jenna at JennaMarquetteRN@gmail.com.



**David and Ann Stein –
Couple to Couple League’s
Sympto-Thermal Method**

David and Ann Stein are certified instructors for the Couple to Couple League International (CCLI) dedicated to helping couples build healthy

marriages and families in accord with the truth of married love. CCLI classes focus on the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP, the return of fertility after childbirth, and Catholic Church teaching on marriage and sexuality. Try NFP and experience the freedom that comes with working as one with your spouse. To learn more, visit www.ccli.org or call (513) 207-9673.



**Emily Young –
Creighton Model**

Emily Vork Young is a FertilityCare Practitioner-Intern teaching the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. She is also a founder and the Executive Director of the New Eve Foundation, a nonprofit whose mission is to bring women to an

encounter with Christ through the truth, beauty, and goodness of their femininity. For more information on charting with the Creighton Model or about the New Eve Foundation, you can reach Emily at eyoung@newevefoundation.org or (805) 798-7534.

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VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There is a two-hour altar server training on Friday, July 29, 2022, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church. This training is for boys in fifth grade and up who want to become altar servers, and for existing servers who would like to learn a new role, improve, or ask questions. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Hoffmann at pxaw@hotmail.com.

BAPTISM



Saturday, July 9, 2022
Child: Sophia Anne Ferguson
Parents: Jeremy & Joani



Sunday, July 10, 2022
Child: Bridget Louise Peck
Parents: Matthew & Alyssa

UPDATE FROM FATHER GEORGE

Thank you for all the prayers, Masses requested, and messages of condolence at the time of my mother's death. I was blessed to be with her, to pray the prayers of the Church, and to surrender her to the Lord as she took her last breath. She was 89 years old.

I do not yet have a new assignment and have started conversations with the provincial. I have been away on vacation the past two weeks and will be on retreat this coming week. Please continue to pray that God's plan will be made known to the provincial and to me.

May God bless you,
Father George Schommer, O.P.



GOD'S LOVE IS UNLIMITED

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our Father and, just as a parent's love for his or her children is unlimited, so is God's love for us unlimited.

During the month of July, the St. Gertrude Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society has been able to extend rent and utility assistance to neighbors in our area. We were also able to share food and personal care items with the Food Distribution Center on Bank Street for those living in the downtown area.

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, 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, 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

THANK YOU!

The Ladies of Charity wish to thank St. Gertrude Church families and friends for making this year’s Treasure Mart a success! Your donations and support will go a long way in our efforts to help the poor and children of our area.



Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week is July 24-30, 2022. This year’s theme, selected by the USCCB, is “Called to the Joy of Love.” This week also includes the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother, which has been designated by Pope Francis as World Grandparents Day.

HEALING SERVICE

Come to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) on Wednesday, July 27, to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, and participate in a healing service. The rosary begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Come to a preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (Administration Building Chapel, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249) on August 16 at either 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and can be helpful in communicating your wishes to loved ones, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar time you plan to attend.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Make a pilgrimage to Medjugorje through Croatian Mir Center on October 16-26, 2022. Cost is \$2,390, based upon double occupancy and includes travel/transfers, lodging, tour guide, and two meals per day. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Pifher at (513) 377-6780 or Croatian Mir Center at 1-800-220-PRAY for additional details.



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Young Catholic Professionals is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit on a mission to challenge, train, and inspire young adults working in various professions to work in witness for Christ.

Cincinnati is starting a YCP Chapter, and we need your support and prayers.

DONATE	PARTICIPATE	NETWORK
 Donations are much appreciated—no amount is too small. Just scan the QR code below. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	 Are you a seasoned business professional? Consider a YCP Board of Directors position.	 Know someone who would be interested in serving on our board, being a mentor, donating, or participating in our program? Please contact us.
Are you a young Catholic professional? Send us an email to get on our email list to stay in the loop!		

Email: ycpcincinnati@gmail.com
youngcatholicprofessionals.org/cpages/home



ASK A PRIEST—RECEIVING COMMUNION AT A PROTESTANT SERVICE

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

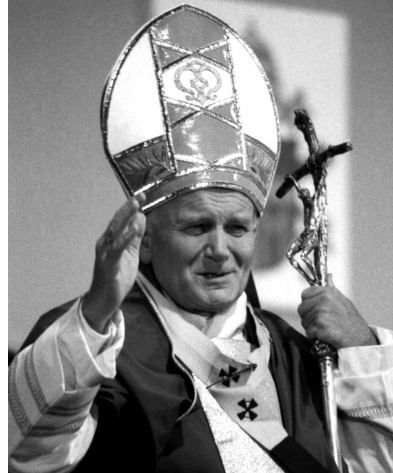
Q: I am a Catholic through and through but find myself in Protestant settings sometimes for Bible studies, etc. When I am present at a Protestant service, may I partake in their

communion service? I know that it is not the Real Presence we Catholics have at Mass; these particular Protestants only see it as a symbol.

A: With all due respect, this is not a good idea nor is it allowed for Catholics. While it is true that many Protestant Churches do not hold the doctrine of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist, we must acknowledge the significance that partaking in holy Communion has among Christians and particularly for us Catholics. The word "communion" itself implies more than a solely internal belief and devotion toward the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacrament. Nor should it stand for merely human togetherness if it is to be the eternal-life-giving thing Jesus spoke of in John, Chapter 6.

Pope St. John Paul II was truly dedicated to the work of ecumenism, that movement central to Christian faith that makes us work to achieve Jesus' prayer from the Last Supper "that they may all be one" after the model of his union with the Father and the Holy Spirit (see Jn 17:21). Quoting the Second Vatican Council's document on ecumenism, Pope St. John Paul II respectfully acknowledged the ardent belief of many Protestants: "when they commemorate the Lord's death and resurrection in the Holy Supper, they profess that it signifies life in communion with Christ and they await his coming in glory."¹ Nevertheless, he went on to say that "the Catholic faithful, therefore, while respecting the religious convictions of these separated brethren, must refrain from receiving the communion distributed in [Protestant] celebrations, so as not to condone an ambiguity about the nature of the Eucharist and, consequently, to fail in their duty to bear clear witness to the truth. This would result in slowing the progress being made towards full visible unity."² Ecumenism is a precious and arduous undertaking in which we should all be invested. But in our heartfelt desires to achieve Christian unity, we need to avoid preemptive steps that focus solely on outward unification but really overlook—or even frustrate—the deeper communion of faith and life which holy Communion is meant to signify.

For Catholics (and certain non-Catholic Christians), receiving holy Communion implies both invisible assent *and* visible conformity with the Church in her Eucharistic belief, way of life, and hierarchy. St. Paul teaches: "The bread that we break, is it not



a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we partake of the one loaf" (1 Cor 10:16-17). Church Fathers like St. Ignatius of Antioch strongly acknowledged the connection between sharing in the Eucharist and being united together *in sync* with our local bishop. If we ignore this social and ecclesial aspect of holy Communion,

we deprive the sacrament of its full potential impact. And if we partake with those who do not yet believe in the Real Presence or obey the Catholic hierarchy, we might become obstacles to the Lord who wishes to strengthen unity of heart and mind through giving this sacrament to his Church. But if we humbly do our best to uphold Catholic belief and practice surrounding holy Communion, then we can trust that Jesus will bless our forbearance and still hear our prayers for unity with our separated brethren, for whom we pray at each Mass.

- 1 Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis Redintegratio*, 22 quoted in Pope Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 30.
- 2 Pope Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 30.

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



Monday, July 25	Tuesday, July 26	Wednesday, July 27	Thursday, July 28	Friday, July 29	Saturday, July 30	Sunday, July 31
CGS Level II Catechist Formation 8:30 a.m. Atrium II	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Gym	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Room	College Student Summer Group 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Server Training 3 p.m. Church	L'alto: High School Core Team Day 9 a.m. Parish Center	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				The Angelico Project – Hillbilly Thomist Concert 2 p.m. Gym L'alto: Junior High Summer Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for July 17

Collection	\$	22,010
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(14,490)
2nd Collection – Archdiocese of Cincinnati Pregnancy Care Centers: \$8,503		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	92,670
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	109,500
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(16,830)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
8/7/22

MATERIALS DUE
7/27/22

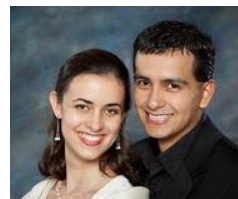
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**Darcie Hester –
Billings Ovulation Method**

Darcie Hester is a wife of three years, a mother of a fifteen-month-old boy, and a certified instructor for the Billings Ovulation Method. Billings focuses on the sensation felt from cervical mucus to help women realize and chart their own unique pattern of fertility. Using four consistent rules, couples can understand where they are in the woman's cycle and use that knowledge to either achieve or space a pregnancy that month, based on their discernment. This method is also a powerful tool that any woman (married or single) can use as a strong indicator of her health. Please reach out to darcie.hester@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in learning more.



**Samuel and Adriana Vásquez –
Billings Ovulation Method**

Married in 2010, Samuel and Adriana Vásquez are blessed to work together at home and for the Church. Their children, Julian and Zoe, attend St. Gertrude School and Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori. Samuel serves as the Director of Hispanic Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and Adriana as the Director of Marriage and Family Life. They are instructors in the Billings Ovulation Method, focusing primarily on teaching the local Hispanic communities. Their particular niche at St. Gertrude Church is to support couples on the fertility journey who are struggling with the crosses of miscarriage or infertility. They also welcome questions about the different NFP methods to help couples decide which NFP method best suits their needs. They can be reached at avasquez@catholicaoc.org and vasquez@catholicaoc.org.

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