



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

August 1, 2021



## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, August 2, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Nick Iaria/Barbara Eades  
8:00 a.m. †Yvonne Parker/Mary Lee & Don Olinger  
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, August 3, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Kevin Holbrook/Nick & Malissa Frohlich  
8:00 a.m. †Lillian Claire Rentrop/Brad & Katie Bursa  
11:30 a.m. †Patricia Smyth/Jeanne Johantges

### Wednesday, August 4, St. John Vianney (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Donald Jackson/Kevin & Anne Lynch  
8:00 a.m. †William and Richard Steinkolk/  
Douglas & Maria Sunnenberg  
11:30 a.m. †Ann Lukey/Mary Lou Garner

### Thursday, August 5, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Lynn Lindhorst/Patty & Jack Norris  
8:00 a.m. †Marty Link/John & Rita  
11:30 a.m. †Tim Petric/Shari Siebert

### Friday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord (F)

- 7:00 a.m. Fr. John Corbett, O.P./Steve Bay  
8:00 a.m. †Arthur Leen, Jr./Craig & Teresa Babcock  
11:30 a.m. †Dorothy & George Arozarena/Julee & Diane

### Saturday, August 7, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Ted Bayer/Judy Bayer & Family  
11:30 a.m. †William Schlie/Nancy DeBrunner

### August 7-8, Holy Father Dominic (S)

#### Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

†Marge Ferguson/The Hertlein Family

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

People of St. Gertrude

Novices Receiving the Habit

†Dennis Imwalle/Anne Elise Smith

†Mike Bell/Pete & Claudia Kimener

## Parish Office Info

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243  
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### 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.



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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**PARISH LAWN / PICNIC**

You don't need to go golfing to get a hole-in-one. Join us at the parish picnic to watch as a fire truck raises and drops 1,000 numbered golf balls onto the parish lawn. The person whose ball makes it into the hole or lands closest to the hole will **win \$1,000!**

Golf balls are \$5.00/each, and only 1,000 balls will be sold. Purchase your golf balls with cash or check in the parish office or online at [my.stgertrude.org](http://my.stgertrude.org).



## 2021-2022 KICKOFF

AUGUST 29, 2021 | 7:00-9:00 P.M.  
PARISH CENTER / FRONT LAWN



### Let's Get the Party Started!

We invite all high schoolers to join us on Sunday, August 29, for an exciting night of . . .

- games
- food
- small group activities
- hanging out with friends  
—and making new ones

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**

#### CONTACT

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## LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPE

On July 1, 2021, Archbishop Schnurr addressed a letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati about *Beacons of Light*, a multi-year process of comprehensive pastoral planning for our archdiocese.

(If you have not read the letter, which we published in our July 11 bulletin, I encourage you to do so.)

Whether you are well informed about *Beacons of Light* or have a dozen questions, you are most likely feeling some level of anxiety and uncertainty about the future of St. Gertrude and other parishes in the archdiocese. This is very natural and “a testament to the deep affection” that you have for our parish and larger community.

God has blessed our archdiocese in many ways during its first 200 years. As Archbishop Schnurr said in his letter, “. . . we always have the responsibility to look ahead and make the best use of all the Lord has provided us. [. . .] We must prayerfully ask ourselves, ‘What in God’s plan must we do next?’ Are our resources properly and most effectively aligned with our God-given mission? Is each of our parishes a strong, vital community of evangelization, centered on the Eucharist, that continuously draws its parishioners and attracts new members into a more intimate relationship with Jesus . . . or is it just struggling to survive? If the latter, why is that? And what might we do about it?”

We all want to belong to a vibrant parish—one where Sunday Masses are full, people feel welcome and part of the community, the music is excellent, pastors are present to their flock and deliver engaging homilies, people are joyful and generous, worship spaces are beautiful . . .

The reality is, there is a growing gap between what we want for our parishes and the current state of affairs. (I do believe that we do many of these things well here at St. Gertrude, but there is always room for improvement.) Much has changed in the archdiocese over the past two centuries, and not all of it has been for the better: declining religious practice and engagement, declining Sunday Mass attendance, changing demographics in the Midwest as the Catholic population moves south, smaller families, increasing number of priests who are at or beyond retirement.

As a recent article about *Beacons of Light* points out, “our resources are spread too thin. Our current infrastructure and schedules are built for a different era. Combine these factors and you are left with the current reality most Catholics experience: most of our church buildings are grossly underutilized, our priests are stretched to the limit, and many of our parishes are not vibrant communities of faith.”

*Beacons of Light* is going to change that.

Archbishop Schnurr has assembled a team to lead this initiative, which includes meeting with outside consultants who specialize in diocesan and archdiocesan planning, listening to pastors and priests, and soliciting participation and feedback from parishioners. This part

of the process has begun.

The *Beacons of Light* plan will be finished by the end of this year, but implementation will take several years. In October, you will all have the opportunity to comment on the plan before it is finalized and then assist me in executing that plan at St. Gertrude.

As Archbishop Schnurr said in his letter, “*Beacons of Light* will challenge each of us to place the best interests of the Church and our future generations at the forefront of our planning. It will require us to be open to solutions with which we may not immediately feel comfortable.” We are in this together. I urge you to learn about *Beacons of Light*, engage in the process, stay informed, ask questions, and continue to pray.

To help you stay abreast of the developments, the *Beacons of Light* team has created two resources:

1. **Beacons Update** – This free, monthly e-newsletter contains updates on what is happening, plans for what will happen next, and opportunities to provide feedback or ask questions. Sign up at [catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light](http://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light).
2. **Beacons of Light Overview** – This four-page PDF (available in English and Spanish) explains the entire *Beacons of Light* process in detail. Download the resource at [catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light](http://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light).

I will also be transparent with all of you as I am made aware of updates and developments.

Even in the midst of anxiety and uncertainty, this can be an exciting time for the archdiocese and our parish as we look forward, with hope, to a brighter and better future.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

## FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



When I started the Holy Hour, I wanted to immerse myself in the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Olives. Then I heard a voice in my soul: **Meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation.** And suddenly the Infant Jesus appeared before me, radiant with beauty. He told me how much

God is pleased with simplicity in a soul. **Although My greatness is beyond understanding, I commune only with those who are little. I demand of you a childlike spirit.** (*Diary, #332*)

**COVER IMAGE:** *Panem Vitæ*, Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.  
Stained glass detail from St. Lawrence church in Chicheley.  
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**AUGUST FAMILY FUN GATHERINGS**

We invite all of our St. Gertrude School students and families to two exciting and free events this month! Check out our Facebook page and future bulletins for more information. Please contact Leah Naumann at leah\_naumann@yahoo.com or (513) 260-5441 if you have any questions. We hope you'll join us for one or both of the gatherings, otherwise we'll see you on August 19—the first day of school!

When	Where	What
Wednesday, August 4 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Cincinnati Art Museum 953 Eden Park Drive Cincinnati	Explore the Cincinnati Art Museum, go on a scavenger hunt, and do arts and crafts in the Rosenthal Education Center. Parking and admission are free.
Tuesday, August 10 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	St. Gertrude Church/School Playground 6543 Miami Avenue Madeira	Attend the beautiful 11:30 a.m. Mass to give thanks and pray for all our teachers, administrators, and school staff. After Mass, head down to the playground at 12:30 p.m. for gaga ball, basketball, kickball, foursquare, and other activities. Bring sunscreen, snacks, and sports equipment.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

School office hours for the week of August 1 are 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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## MEET THE TEAM: MARY BETH DICKERT

*Each month, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature an interview with a member of the Evangelization team at the church. This month, we're highlighting Mary Beth Dickert, coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.*

### **St. Gertrude Bulletin: Can you explain a bit about what you do at St. Gertrude?**

Mary Beth: I have the honor of praying with and teaching children of our parish through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). I plan and coordinate our team of adult catechists and assistants to serve the 12 CGS classes we offer, as well as planning the sacramental formation for our second grade students and their parents. Maintaining the atrium is also an important part of my role: preparing the environment where the children learn, making and repairing the materials used, and keeping the space beautiful!

### **SGB: What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, exactly?**

Mary Beth: This form of religious education involves a particular method and a curriculum, using a Montessori-based approach to children's hands-on learning in a prepared environment called the atrium. It is an opportunity for children to truly encounter Jesus and his immense love for them. Through prayerful meditation on Scripture and presentations on the liturgy, children gain an experiential knowledge of God. The catechist prepares and invites the children to ponder the most essential truths of our Catholic faith, leading them deeper into a relationship with the Lord. At age three, children can begin catechesis in Level 1, and at age six, the lessons take on even greater depth as they enter into Level 2.



### **SGB: How did you come to know about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?**

Mary Beth: In January 2009, I stepped into an atrium for the first time and was captivated by its beauty. I witnessed how the catechist brought even her youngest students to a profound knowledge of Christ. I realized how open children are to the love of God and how ready they are to respond to him. I repeatedly

saw the effectiveness of this method of catechesis and was trained in Levels 1 and 2 of CGS in 2015-2016.

### **SGB: Had you always planned on doing ministry?**

Mary Beth: When I received Confirmation, I experienced a real desire to share Christ with others. I became very involved in the high school youth ministry program here at St. Gertrude and saw ministry as not only a possibility for my life but also perhaps a vocation. I studied theology and catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and upon graduation I entered the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. My time of discernment, formation, and in the apostolate of teaching were a tremendous blessing. I am grateful for those years, and my experiences have helped prepare me for this new part of my journey.

### **SGB: Were you born and raised in Cincinnati?**

Mary Beth: Yes, I am from and still live in Loveland, the "Sweetheart of Ohio."

### **SGB: Describe your family a bit, if you don't mind.**

Mary Beth: My parents, Tom and Mary, have been parishioners at St. Gertrude for many years. They are faith-filled, generous, and joyful people to be around. I have two older brothers, Matthew and Michael, and three younger sisters, Megan (St. Gertrude's former director of youth ministry), Michelle, and Maria. Yes, you got that right—we all have names starting with "M" (except Dad). We enjoy spending time together and love to laugh.

### **SGB: Can you explain a bit about what St. Gertrude Church has meant for you personally?**

Mary Beth: St. Gertrude has been a significant place of spiritual formation for me. As a child, I attended St. Gertrude School. I was involved in the high school youth ministry. It was an important place to come home to when I was away at college. The Dominicans have been my role models, mentors, and friends. It has been a blessing to see things come full circle and to now be serving the parish in this new capacity.

### **SGB: What do you like to do for fun?**

Mary Beth: Although I love to teach children and to see them learn and have fun, in my spare time I enjoy singing, playing the guitar, cycling on the Little Miami bike trail, hiking, kayaking, baking, and playing Frisbee. I like to travel to new places and visit friends throughout the country.



**PARISH PICNIC -  
FOOD, FUN, AND FRIENDS**



We invite all St. Gertrude parishioners and families to our parish picnic on Saturday, August 21, 2021, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Come and enjoy tasty food, music, and an evening of fun with your St. Gertrude friends. There will be plenty of games and activities for the kids, and the Golf Ball Drop will take place on the parish lawn at 7:00 p.m. The parish will provide the main dishes. We are asking that people with last names A-M bring side items and people with last names N-Z bring desserts. For more information and to RSVP, please visit [stgertrude.org/parishpicnic2021](http://stgertrude.org/parishpicnic2021).

**2021 ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Married couples from our parish who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, or 75) this year are invited to attend the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gertrude on Sunday, September 26, 2021, Father George Schommer, O.P., our pastor, will bestow an anniversary blessing to honor these couples. Reserved seating will be available for you and your family members. If you are planning to attend our parish anniversary Mass, please contact Brad Bursa at [bbursa@stgertrude.org](mailto:bbursa@stgertrude.org) or (513) 561-5954 no later than August 15, 2021 to register.

**IMPORTANT VIRTUS UPDATE**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has moved from VIRTUS to SafeParish™ as the new platform for child protection training. Every person in a position which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults must complete the SafeParish edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training before they can work or volunteer within any of the parishes, schools, or institutions in the archdiocese. If you are a current VIRTUS account holder or you will be working or volunteering in a capacity which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults, please see the news post on our website at [stgertrude.org/news/safeparish](http://stgertrude.org/news/safeparish).

**COMING SOON: MORE HANDICAP  
PARKING SPACES**

To welcome and accommodate parishioners and visitors, we will be adding new handicap parking spaces in the parking lot. Both new and existing handicap spaces will be painted in blue. Thank you for observing the qualifications to use these spaces.

LET US PRAY

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

THE SICK:

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Clyde Dorn, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Matt Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Mike Kennedy, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp. Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O’Connell, Gerry Patterson, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

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

BAPTISM



Child: Remi Sammarco Eusanio  
Parents: Nicholas & Emily Eusanio



Child: Evelyn Loraine Schneider  
Parents: Christina & Benjamin Schneider



## **HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION**

On August 7 and 8, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6:00 p.m.) collecting items for the Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties. The center serves about 250 families that are struggling to make ends meet. We are collecting school supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, paper, notebooks, crayons, pencils, etc. Special needs this year are socks and underwear (sizes pre-school to young adult). This is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of Ohio's sales tax holiday on August 6-8. Cash and check donations are also appreciated! Anything and everything that we supply goes a long way toward preparing our future leaders. If you have questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

## **PREGNANCY CENTER WEST NEWS**

Pregnancy Center West (PCW) is excited to welcome Shawn Carney (co-founder, president, and CEO of 40 Days for Life) as guest speaker for PCW's 40th Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, August 12. To register for the event, please visit [pc-west.org](http://pc-west.org). For more information, please call (513) 244-5700 or email [richard@pc-west.org](mailto:richard@pc-west.org). We thank you all for your continued support as we work to help women in our local community choose life!

PCW is seeking a new executive director to lead the center's pro-life ministry in defense of the unborn. This professional level management role is key to advancing PCW's work in our local community, serving women in need in a time of crisis. Please visit our job posting <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job5042145789> for details about the position and to apply.

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## **ARE YOU PREPARED?**

Let Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery (Archdiocese of Cincinnati) help you and your family pre-plan. Attend one of our pre-planning seminars on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building. Call (513) 489-0300 or email [community@gateofheaven.org](mailto:community@gateofheaven.org) to RSVP. Please let us know your name, contact information, parish, which seminar you will be attending, and how many will be attending with you.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery is located at 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati 45249. To learn more, visit [gateofheaven.org](http://gateofheaven.org).



## **MEET OTHER CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Are you looking for a Catholic community but don't know where all the single Catholics are hanging out? Come find them in Denver, Colorado, August 20-22, 2021. Join us in-person with hundreds of other attendees, or attend virtually with people from around the globe. This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles from all over. There will be dynamic presentations by Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci, and others, as well as music, socials, prayer, fellowship, and more! Register before August 6 to save \$30, and use our special discount code NCSC21 to get \$20 more off. For more information and to register, visit [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com). Call (512) 766-5798 with questions.

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**ASK A DEACON —  
DIES NATALIS**

BY BROTHER DAMIAN MARIE DAY, O.P.

**Q:** I've heard Dominicans talking about 2021 and something called the *Dies Natalis*? What does that mean?

**A:** August 6, 2021, is the 800th anniversary of St. Dominic's death. The Church refers to the day of a saint's death as his or her *dies natalis*—literally, “day of birth.” Because we understand that the saints skip purgatory and have a straight shot to heaven, we celebrate the day of their deaths as their heavenly birthdays.

This is why a saint's feast is often the day that he or she died. However, since St. Dominic died on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6, 1221), his feast day gets bumped to August 8.

We don't usually celebrate deaths like we celebrate birthdays. But the death of a saint gives us a different, deeper view of what it means to pass from this life. The biblical Book of Wisdom talks about the death of the holy: “In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died . . . [but] their hope is full of immortality” for they are at peace in the hand of God (Wisdom 3:1-4).

This is the paradox of Christian hope: in dying, we pass to eternal life. While it is natural and good to grieve, we have a hope full of immortality that comforts us. That means we're never totally cut off from those who have gone before us in the faith. The bonds of family or friendship may change, but they don't end. The same is true of our relationship with St. Dominic, the

founder of the Dominican Order.

As St. Dominic lay on his deathbed, his brothers, the first Dominican friars, gathered around him. They wept because they were losing their father. They wondered how they would continue without him. St. Dominic consoled them, assuring them that he would be more helpful to them after death than he had been during life. Blessed Jordan of Saxony, St. Dominic's successor as Master of the Order, said that Dominic “was certain that there was laid up for him a crown of justice which would increase his power to obtain requests the more firmly it rooted him in the Lord's power.” St. Dominic knew the Lord was calling him home to heaven, not to be idle, but to lead his order from that heavenly vantage point.

That great promise, that St. Dominic's prayers would guide his sons and daughters, has been the great hope of the Dominican Order. We have a beautiful chant, *O Spem Miram (O Wonderful Hope)*, that recalls this promise and asks St. Dominic to come to aid.

For the Dominican brothers, sisters, and laity, and all parishioners at our Dominican parishes, the *dies natalis* of St. Dominic is an occasion of great hope. As we celebrate his heavenly birthday, we know we have St. Dominic as a loving father and great intercessor in heaven. He is working even now to prepare us to join in his hope.

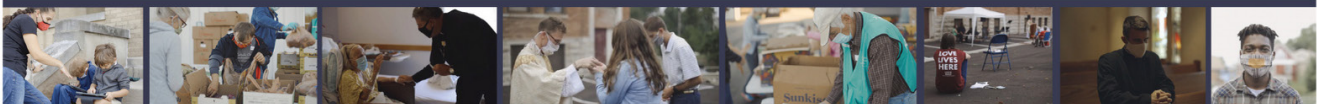
*Ask a Priest will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to [parishoffice@stgertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*



Monday, August 2	Tuesday, August 3	Wednesday, August 4	Thursday, August 5	Friday, August 6	Saturday, August 7	Sunday, August 8
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>K of C Chapter Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Regina Veritatis Team Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		<b>LOC Hope Emergency</b> After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	<b>Parish Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> After 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses Gym
<b>Peer Ministry Team Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria		<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church				<b>Used Uniform Sale</b> After all Morning Masses Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby
						<b>LOC Hope Emergency</b> After all Morning Masses Sharing Van

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit [stgertrude.org/covid19](http://stgertrude.org/covid19).

# 2021 CMA+ CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL Thank You!



Archbishop Schnurr, all the ministries supported by the CMA, and the thousands of people served by those ministries, extend their sincerest thanks to all CMA donors who have made this the best CMA year ever with over \$5.8 million pledged!

St. Gertrude's goal was \$93,470. As of July 20, 305 parishioners have pledged \$105,684, representing 113 percent of our goal! This response is a great testament to the generosity of our parish community. We will be receiving an initial CMA parish rebate this fall for half of our over-goal funds, which we will use for our own ministry needs. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to this year's CMA!



## OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
 Collection for July 25

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	35,263
Weekly Deficit	(\$	31)

Fiscal Year-To-Date

(for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	141,176
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	143,760
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	2,584

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN  
8/15/21

MATERIALS DUE  
8/4/21

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