



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

August 15, 2021 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, August 16, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Joe Hollmann/Jeanne Johantges  
8:00 a.m. †Jim Lichtenberg/Karen & Jerry Westerkamp  
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, August 17, St. Hyacinth of Poland, OP (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Connie Hanna/Susan Giuliani  
8:00 a.m. The Rentrop Family/Pat & Terry Baute  
11:30 a.m. †Michael Bell/Bill & Kathy Watkins

### Wednesday, August 18, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †William & Julie Murphy/Lisa Kuhr  
8:00 a.m. †Vinnie Englert/James Butschie  
11:30 a.m. †Rita Cucinotta/The Cucinotta Family

### Thursday, August 19, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Tom Queenan/A friend  
8:00 a.m. †Julie & Bill Murphy/Donna & Dave Kallgren  
11:30 a.m. †Ann Lukey/Kevin & Anne Lynch

### Friday, August 20, St. Bernard (M)

- 7:00 a.m. Julie Mitchell/Susan Kane  
8:00 a.m. Nealy & Pat Mechley/Elaine & Jeff Parker  
11:30 a.m. †Jane Thole/Ray & Marylyn Clark

### Saturday, August 21, St. Pius X (M)

- 8:00 a.m. †Margaretha Thung/Novilia Suhendra  
11:30 a.m. †Ray Meyer/Jane Wright

### August 21-22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

The Kang Family/The Isaacs Family

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

People of St. Gertrude

†The Kohus & Bough Families/

John & Hilda Bough

†Barbara Dugan/The Cordier Family

†Terry L. Scales/Tricia Speicher

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

## Parish Office Info

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: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

### Church Hours

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

**NEXT WEEKEND!**

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**2021 ST. GERTRUDE GOLF BALL DROP**  
*In memory of Jerry and Shirley Seeger*

**GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000**  
**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).



**NEXT WEEKEND**

**St. Gertrude Parish Picnic**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**  
*Immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass*  
**St. Gertrude Parking Lot**

**For more information (including what to bring) and to RSVP, please visit [stgertrude.org/parishpicnic2021](http://stgertrude.org/parishpicnic2021).**





The Dominican friars in the priory are pleased to welcome 14 men who were clothed with the religious habit of St. Dominic last weekend. They begin the year of their novitiate, being formed in Dominican life through prayer, study, and community practices and activities. They and the friars will engage in a time and process of discernment to determine if God

is giving the grace of a religious vocation. Their presence here at St. Gertrude is a great blessing to the parish. They give proof that God continues to call men to serve him and the Church. Their presence at Mass, outside after Mass, and in the school gives many people the opportunity to interact with them and benefit from their love of the Lord, their knowledge of Catholic faith and other disciplines, and to find the support of their prayers. Please remember them in your prayers.

Today is the day of Simple Profession of Religious Vows for the six novices who have completed their year of novitiate here. They have persevered in the process of discernment. Following profession, they will move to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, to continue their formal education for the priesthood. Years of education, human and spiritual formation, and experiences of apostolic work are in their future. Please keep them in your prayers, that they will persevere in the rigors of their formation toward the day of ordination to the priesthood.

Next weekend is our parish picnic after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, August 21. This will be a wonderful occasion for the parish community to gather for food, fellowship, and fun. I hope that many families will consider participating so as to help the parish heal from the detrimental effects of the pandemic. The social distancing and cancellation of gatherings have isolated people from one another. We will need to work together to rebuild the robust experience of community that has characterized the parish for decades. The parish pastoral council is leading the effort of organizing and serving at the event. More details regarding food and beverages are found elsewhere in this bulletin and on our website at [stgertrude.org/parishpicnic2021](http://stgertrude.org/parishpicnic2021).

The picnic will feature an event from past parish festivals—the Golf Ball Drop. Thanks to the generosity of the Seeger Family, this is a game of chance with a \$1,000 prize. Purchased golf balls will be dropped from the height of a ladder on a City of Madeira fire engine. The ball that goes into the cup or comes closest to it wins the prize. Chances can be purchased at the parish office or through volunteers working outside after Mass. Proceeds support the parish.

The Walk to Remember a couple of weeks ago was a great success. There was great support from sponsors, volunteers, participants, and the Madeira Police Department. The Chief of Police already has ideas to promote the event next year more widely in our community. This is a partnership that can provide opportunities to engage with our

neighbors and share the love of Jesus with them. All the names of persons enrolled in the walk this year were remembered by name in a private Mass celebrated on August 10. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Some questions have come forward regarding liturgical matters. To inform everyone in a simple manner, please understand the parish follows the guidelines that come from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Even though many COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted and our celebration of Mass has pretty much returned to normal, we have yet to receive direction from the archdiocese regarding the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine, the Sign of Peace, and holy Communion with the Precious Blood. Unfortunately, until the archdiocese provides more guidance, we will continue to refrain from observing these actions at Mass.

School reopens this coming Thursday! The summer has passed quickly, and we look forward to welcoming our faculty, staff, and students to another year of learning and growing. Appropriately, the academic year will begin with an all-school Mass on the first day of classes. We will turn our attention to God, the source of all truth and wisdom, and ask for his grace and blessing to embrace the discipline of learning, growing in knowledge and virtue, and learning to live with one another in charity.

May these waning summer days be restful and relaxing for all. Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

**FROM THE DIARY OF  
ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**



On the day of the Assumption of the Mother of God... I prayed fervently in my cell. After a short time, I saw the Mother of God, unspeakably beautiful. She said to me, "My daughter, what I demand from you is prayer, prayer, and once again prayer, for the world and especially for your country. For nine days receive Holy Communion in atonement and unite yourself closely to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During these nine days you will stand before God as an offering; always and everywhere, at all times and places, day or night, whenever you wake up, pray in the spirit. In spirit, one can always remain in prayer." (*Diary*, #325)

**COVER IMAGE:** *Assumption of Mary*, Guido Reni



**WELCOME**

We Missed You!

**BACK STUDENTS**

First day of school is August 19!

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Gertrude School is looking for a full-time, professional **third grade teacher**. Candidate will be required to obtain a valid Ohio license, fingerprints, a background check, and SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé, and contact information for three references to Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P., principal, at [smchristi@stgertrudesch.org](mailto:smchristi@stgertrudesch.org). Catholic Candidate: Required

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of August 15 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**COMING SOON:**

**NEW St. Gertrude School branding!**



**ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL WALKATHON SPONSORSHIP**

The St. Gertrude School Walkathon is coming up on October 8, 2021! This high-energy school fundraiser would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors.

**If you are interested in sponsoring the Walkathon or would like more information about the sponsorship levels and what each one includes, please visit [stgertrudesch.org/walkathon2021](http://stgertrudesch.org/walkathon2021).**

Sponsorship forms, checks, and logos must be returned by August 27, 2021.

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## OUR OWN BLESSED MOTHER

BY: MARY BETH DICKERT

*Whenever I say Hail Mary, / The court of heaven rejoices / And the earth is lost in wonderment. / And I despise the world / And my heart is brim-full of the love of God. / When I say Hail Mary; / All my fears wilt and die / And my passions are quelled if I say / Hail Mary; / Devotion grows within me / And sorrow for sin awakens / When I say Hail Mary. / Hope is made strong in my breast / And the dew of consolation / Falls on my soul more and more – / Because I say Hail Mary / And my spirit rejoices / And sorrow fades away / When I say Hail Mary...*

– Blessed Alan de la Roche

“I have two moms!” my little cousin declared as I was babysitting one day. His mischievous grin caught my attention, and I probed him for more of an explanation—knowing his family very well and certain my aunt and uncle were his only parents.

“Everyone has two moms,” he continued confidently. I smiled as I began to understand. He proudly announced, “We have our mom on earth, and our Mother Mary in heaven!”

With such childlike simplicity, he was communicating a great truth: the Mother of Jesus is indeed our own Blessed Mother. Just as our earthly mothers care for us in our most vulnerable and helpless moments from the very beginning of our lives, Mary is our heavenly mother and intercessor who guards the divine life in our souls from the moment of our Baptism.

We all know the comfort that a mother’s kiss can bring when a child runs to her after falling or getting hurt. He finds refuge in the embrace of her arms. He seeks her tenderness and understanding. He does not fear revealing the wounded knee or the bump on the head. In a similar way, I desire to turn to Our Lady. When I have “fallen” or been hurt, or when I have lost my way and can’t seem to see or hear Jesus, Mary’s gentle presence is always there. She does not chide or rebuke. She looks on me with love, holds me, and turns my face to her Son, our merciful Lord.

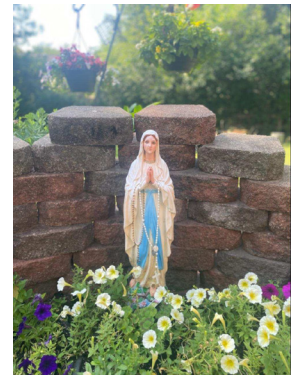
My own mother delighted in speaking to my siblings and me as infants when we first began to babble. She would prompt us, “Who bathes you? Who cleans you? Who feeds you? Say ‘mama!’” I remember this clearly with my twin sisters. They would often say “Dada!” and then deliver a hearty belly-laugh, and the playful game would be repeated.

When I was a child, I had no concept of all the things my mother did for me and my siblings. Yet, her life revolved around caring for her children. Yes, she bathed, cleaned, and fed us. She did the housework, the shopping, the transporting of kids, and the teaching. Endless hours were spent reading together and playing games. All was done with such generosity, whether or not appreciation and understanding was shown. (Yes, Dad was very present and had an important role, but this reflection today is on motherhood. I love you, too, Dad!)

As I’ve grown and formed an “adult” relationship with my mother, I see that, although the ways in which she cares have adapted slightly, her motherly heart beats as strong as ever before. She still delights in her children. She loves to provide their favorite meals. She provides the best ironing service, although attributes it to “Edna” when a previously wrinkled shirt or dress has been smoothed and given the perfect creases. She welcomes us home (and still has trouble sleeping when she knows there are children out late at night).

If my mother on earth cares for me so deeply, how much more does our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Heaven? Sitting on our back porch by the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in the mornings, seeing the image of her Immaculate Heart framed on the wall, grasping the beads of my rosary, and wearing the Miraculous Medal around my neck are all ways that I am reminded of our Blessed Mother’s loving presence in my life. Not a day passes by when a mother does not think of her children. Not a day passes by without Mary’s intercession for us. May not a day go by without approaching Our Lady with love saying, “Hail Mary.”

*May you see and love in us, what you see and love in your Son. Amen.*



BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18

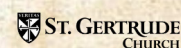
## Genesis to Jesus Bible Study

**WHEN:** Saturdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

**COST:** \$25/person (includes materials)

For more information and to register,  
visit [stgertrude.org/genesistojesus](http://stgertrude.org/genesistojesus)



# Introducing Immersion

A Baptism Formation Retreat

A mini-retreat for parents who desire to have their children baptized in the Catholic Church.

Visit [stgertrude.org/immersion](http://stgertrude.org/immersion)



## 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

Francis Cruise

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING

Have you heard wonderful things about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)? Want to be part of this incredible ministry and pass on the Catholic faith to the next generation? Become a catechist. The next training session for CGS Level 1 (3- to 6-year-olds) begins in September and meets one weekend a month through April 2022. Training will take place in Anna, OH. If you would like more information or are interested in registering, please contact Mary Beth Dickert, St. Gertrude's coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, by August 27. St. Gertrude will cover the cost of the course if you can commit to serving as a catechist at the parish for two years.

### PRAY FOR THE NOVICES

Six Dominican novices have completed their year of formation here at St. Gertrude Priory and are making their simple profession of religious vows today, Sunday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. Please keep these brothers in your prayers as they begin their formal seminary education and formation at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. The Mass of Simple Profession will be livestreamed on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stgertrudechurch>.

### CROSS COUNTRY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to join the cross country team. (As in years past, we are partnering with All Saints Parish and School.) Practices began August 2 and will be every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Swaim Park. Races are two miles, and the cross country season runs through October. For more information and to register your child, visit [allsaintsboosters.sportssignup.com/site/](http://allsaintsboosters.sportssignup.com/site/).

### SIGN OF PEACE UPDATE

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### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Laura Beltran Rodriguez	Sean & Maura O'Keefe
MaryAlice Dadosky	Jim & Stacy Rodarte
Christopher Kelley	Thomas & Cathy Rodeheffer
Lauren & Zorya Kluska	Jess & Sara Uhl
Christopher & Katie Lape	Randy & Emily Westendorf
Michael & Shannon Morelli	

## **NANNY/CAREGIVER NEEDED**

A warm, welcoming family in Anderson Township is looking for a loving nanny to care for their two-year-old son and help with light housekeeping duties. (Parishioner Steve Leverone is the child's grandfather.) Full-time nanny preferred. Must be comfortable with a medium-size dog. If you are interested, please call or text Emily Kendall at (513) 305-2247 for more information. Thank you!

## **RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES**

Retrouvaille is a program that offers couples who have been having difficulties in their marriages the chance to heal and rebuild loving relationships. The program consists of a weekend experience and six follow-up sessions. The next Retrouvaille weekend for the Cincinnati/Tri-State area is September 10-12, 2021. Registration is \$250, which includes food and lodging, however, no couple is ever denied the opportunity to renew their marriage because of financial difficulties. For more information and to register, visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

## **ARE YOU PREPARED?**

Let Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery help you and your family preplan. Attend one of our preplanning 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).

## **FATHER ANDRE-JOSEPH LACASSE RECEIVES NEW ASSIGNMENT**

Father Andre-Joseph was recently appointed pastor of St. Joseph and Holy Trinity parishes in Somerset, Ohio. St. Joseph Church, founded in 1805 by then Father Edward Dominic Fenwick, O.P., is the first Catholic Church in Ohio. Located in rural Perry County, the two parishes have been under the care of the Dominicans since their founding. May God grant Father Andre-Joseph an abundance of grace as he begins his new assignment. He may be contacted at St. Joseph – Holy Trinity Church, P.O. Box 190, Somerset, Ohio 43783.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Francis Ralph, O.P., who died on August 8 after a long illness. He was 76 years old. Father Ralph was pastor and prior here at St. Gertrude from 1982 to 1988. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

## **ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE NEWS**

**Banquet** – Looking for an evening to enjoy with friends and family? What if you could support moms and babies at the same time? Sign up to attend or host a table at Elizabeth's New Life Center's 2021 South Partnership Banquet on October 14 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio. Kirk Walden of Heartbeat International will be the guest speaker. For more information, visit website [www.ElizabethNewLife.org](http://www.ElizabethNewLife.org), or contact Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414, ext. 430 or [lernerst@ElizabethNewLife.org](mailto:lernerst@ElizabethNewLife.org).

**Employment** – Want to be part of an organization that saves babies and changes lives? Elizabeth's New Life Center works hard every day to do just that—and we could use your help. In the Cincinnati area, we are currently hiring an associate director of women's centers and a consultant. Please visit [elizabethnewlife.org/careers](http://elizabethnewlife.org/careers) to view these job postings and all career opportunities.

## **ORGAN DONOR NEEDED**

A parishioner's brother is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are or someone you know is interested in being an organ donor for this man, please contact Barb at (513) 315-4251. Thank you!



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## ASK A PRIEST – HOW IS MARY OUR “MOTHER?”

BY: FR. JOHN MARK SOLTARIO, O.P.

**Q:** As Catholics, we believe that Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother when he said to St. John at the foot of the cross, “Behold your mother.” Is this teaching simply based on tradition? Is there something more concrete we can share with non-Catholics?

**A:** The Gospels give indispensable testimony regarding what our Lord Jesus Christ did and said to achieve our salvation. The picture the Gospels form of Jesus cannot be fully appreciated apart from the portrait they form of his mother, Mary. Her motherhood turns out to be just as spiritually significant as it was biologically important. Of course, for information on these matters, we Catholics rely on those things handed down by word of mouth (i.e. sacred Tradition) just as much as we do the written accounts recorded by apostolic men (sacred Scripture). So, with the help of Church teaching such as that which we find in the Catechism, we’re able to appreciate Mary based on *everything* that has been handed down.

Starting with Scripture, the Church directs our focus toward these passages:

**John 19:26-27** *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.*

**Romans 8:29** *For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

**Revelation 12:17** *Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God’s commandments and bear witness to Jesus.*

Catholics interpret Scripture using the principle of canonicity, that is, recognizing that the Scriptures are to be approached with a knowledge of the whole.

Certainly, each book must be appreciated for what it says and how it uniquely says it. However, we believe that the Scriptures are “all of a piece,” all part of God’s one revealed Word. Another principle, the ecclesial context of Scripture, reminds us that sacred Scripture finds its proper “home” in the Catholic liturgy. This is a theological truth and a historical fact: the Bible was put together for and is best appreciated when the Church gathers for its official worship.

What do these readings tell us about Mary? How do they contribute to the “image” we are meant to have of the Mother of Jesus? First, we see that Mary is Jesus’ most faithful disciple. Their connection is much more than simple biology! She stays with the world’s redeemer as he hangs on the cross, despised and rejected even by friends. She actively participates in his saving work. Second, we see that Mary’s motherhood extends to *all of Jesus’ disciples*, to all those who strive to be faithful like St. John the Beloved and the many generations who would endure persecution for following God’s commandments and honoring the name of Jesus. Today, I will end with an inspiring passage from the Second Vatican Council:

“This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties. . . .”

<sup>1</sup>See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 501, footnote.

<sup>2</sup>Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, no. 62. Trans. Austin Flannery, O.P.

*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 16	Tuesday, August 17	Wednesday, August 18	Thursday, August 19	Friday, August 20	Saturday, August 21	Sunday, August 22
<b>Charism Lunch 'n Learn</b> 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Rosary Makers</b> 3:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	<b>Regina Veritatis Team Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room		<b>Parish Picnic</b> 5:30 p.m. Church Parking Lot	<b>Parish Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses Gathering Space
<b>SportsLeader</b> 6:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	<b>KofC Rosary Social</b> 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden	<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church			<b>Golf Ball Drop</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center Front Lawn	<b>Baptisms</b> 1:15 p.m. Church
<b>Booster meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room						

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

**Healing Rosary**  
7:00 p.m.  
Rosary Garden  
(weather permitting)

**L'Alto Confirmation Adult Core Team Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
School Cafeteria



## ROSARY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 | 7:00 P.M. | OUTDOOR ROSARY GARDEN

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them and their families for the glorious mysteries of the rosary and an ice cream social.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends you may not have seen in awhile—and meet new ones. Kids are welcome!

The Rosary Garden is located next to the Miami Ave. parking lot across from the gym. If it rains, we will pray the rosary in the church and then meet in the Knights' Hall for ice cream.



## OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report

### Collection for August 8

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	30,511
Weekly Deficit	(\$	4,783)

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	211,764
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	206,201
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	5,563)

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN  
8/29/21

MATERIALS DUE  
8/18/21

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org)  
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**Parish Staff**

Fr. George Schommer, O.P., pastor  
 Fr. John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar  
 Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P., parochial vicar

**Dominican Friars in Residence**

Fr. John Langlois, O.P., prior  
 Fr. Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.  
 Fr. John Corbett, O.P.  
 Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P.  
 Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

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Principal - Sr. Maria Christi Greve, O.P. ext 1101  
 Vice Principal - Mr. Travis Johnson ext 1101  
 PTO President - Emily Baute (513) 646-9321  
 School Advisory Council

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