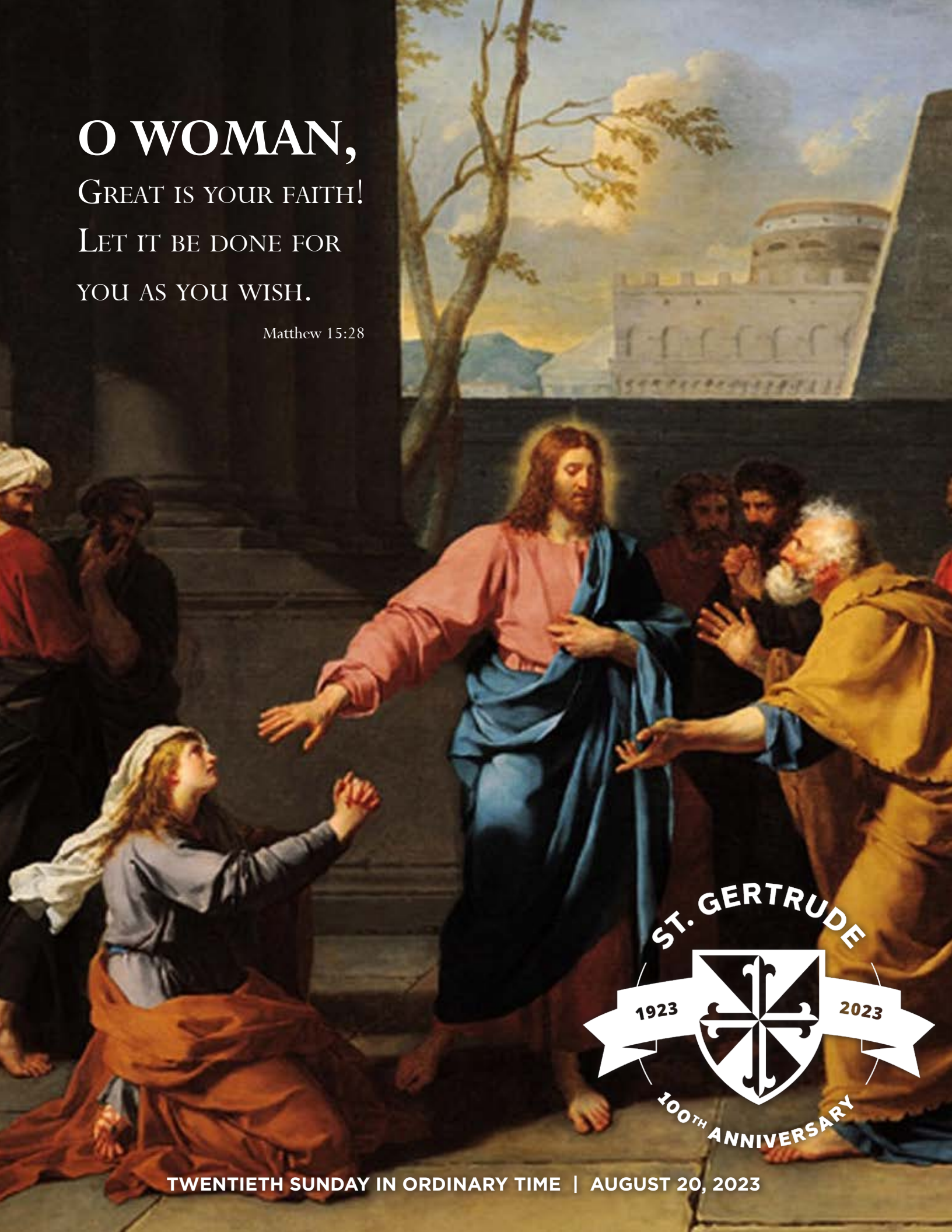


O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!
LET IT BE DONE FOR
YOU AS YOU WISH.

Matthew 15:28



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 20, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, August 21, St. Pius X (M)

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
- 8 a.m. † Chris Flanagan by The Angelico Project
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, August 22, Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 7 a.m. † Melissa Hoffman by The Stines Family
- 8 a.m. † Donald & Mildred Busson by Robert & Joan Ragusa
- 11:30 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

Wednesday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † Betty Shefcik by The Shefcik Family
- 8 a.m. † Jack Reichert by The Spurgin Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family
by John & Hilda Bough

Thursday, August 24, St. Bartholomew the Apostle (F)

- 7 a.m. Craig & Teresa Babcock by The Bursa Family
- 8 a.m. † Jeremy Krupsa by Anne Schirmer
- 11:30 a.m. † 1st Lt. Thomas Holden, USMC by Charlene Bosken

Friday, August 25, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joshua George Egan by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. † Joyce Moore by Shari Siebert & Family

Saturday, August 26, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Richard Thomas by Susan Brokaw
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by The Dorn Family
- 4:30 p.m. † Ted & Marian Scherpenberg
by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg

Sunday, August 27, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family by The Family
- 10 a.m. † Ronald Nieto by Nieto Family
- 12 p.m. † Regina Kosmalski by Knights of Columbus
- 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

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Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Church Hours

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

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH MOMS & LITTLES HOLY HOUR

Are you a parent, grandparent, or babysitter of young children? Bring your little ones to a special hour of adoration just for you and your kids. Silence isn't expected, so don't worry if your youngsters cry, won't sit still, or talk.

Every Tuesday
(starting August 22)
9:30-10:30 a.m.

St. Gertrude Church
6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati

Stay up to date, receive reminders and schedule changes, and chat with other parents by joining the Adoration with Kids GroupMe group. Simply scan the QR code!



A FATHER/SON EVENT #UNBREAKABLE

All dads and their sons (K-8th grade) are invited for an epic afternoon that includes . . .

- fun games and activities
- a motivational talk from Bengal Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz
- a challenge for each father/son
- pizza and refreshments (pizza served toward the end)

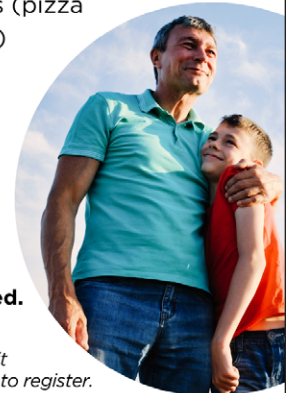
September 23, 2023
12:30-3:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Campus

Sign up by August 30 to get t-shirts and a \$5 discount. Prices go up August 31, and shirt orders won't be accepted.



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2023unbreakable to register.

Hosted by the St. Gertrude Parish Boosters and the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195.





**TRANSITIONING FROM
SUMMER TO FALL
(INCLUDING A REQUEST
FROM THE PASTOR)**

This past week has been a busy one indeed! On Tuesday, the solemnity of Our Lady’s assumption, we had the joy of celebrating the first profession of vows for our 12 novices who have been with us this past year. Thursday was the first day of school for all of our students attending St. Gertrude School, with other local schools starting this week as well. And then, this Saturday evening is the annual parish picnic—a special centennial celebration this year with tons of food (a full pig roast), lots of games for the children, and live music. For those reading this letter sometime before Saturday, I do hope you are able to come and share in the joy of this event with your fellow parishioners.

These three events, which historically all fall during the same week, collectively mark the end of summer and the beginning of fall for our St. Gertrude Parish community. And with that transition, we also are seeing some “goings and comings” among those who serve at the parish. With the summer ending, the time has come for our two “summer help” clergy to return to Washington, D.C., to continue their studies. Having Father Brendan and our deacon Brother Christopher with us was truly a joy. I hope you agree that their ministry and presence at our parish these past few months was truly a great gift to our community. And at the same time, I can say without any doubt that the witness of faith, joy, and love that the two of them experienced from our parishioners made a profound impact upon them. Both of them were effusive in the way they spoke about the effect that being here at St. Gertrude had on them. So I would like to thank all of you—our amazing parishioners—for embracing them the way you did this summer.

This is also a time of year when we tend to see a higher number of new faces in the parish. Last month alone, we had 13 new households register as parishioners! And just in the past week, I have personally met two families who are newly-arrived and just joined the parish. So during the weeks ahead, as your pastor, *I am asking every single member of the parish* to keep your eyes open for new faces. If you see someone you don’t recognize, go out of your way to say hello and introduce yourself. It is my hope that every first-time visitor to our parish experiences a warm welcome, not only from our priests and parish staff, but also from all of you. And I have to say, very few things warm my pastor’s heart more than seeing new individuals or families being embraced and warmly welcomed when they first come to St. Gertrude.

Finally, I wanted to share that, for a little over a month, we are going to be without Father Joachim. As some of you may know, over the past year, he has applied to become a chaplain in the Naval Reserves. Toward the end of next week, he will be departing for

Navy Officer Development School which is located at Naval Station Newport (Rhode Island), where he will undergo a five-week period of initial training as a Navy officer. He will finish that and return to St. Gertrude sometime around September 29. So please join me in praying for his safety as he travels and undergoes this period of training. During the time he is away, Father Luke and myself will be doing the work of three, which means that, with the extra sacramental duties that will be on our plates, we may not be able to get to some of our non-sacramental responsibilities as quickly as usual. So if we seem slow to return an email or a phone call or to get to a project we thought we would be able to finish, at least you will know the reason why. Please know we will be doing our best!

The beginning of fall is an exciting time around St. Gertrude. May our hearts be fully open to the graces the Lord surely will be showering upon us during the weeks and months ahead.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



CENTENNIAL GALA

Friday, November 3, 2023
6:30-10:30 p.m.
Manor House | Mason, OH

*Benefitting St. Gertrude Church
and School*

Included with Your Ticket

- Dinner with your choice of three entrees
- Open bar during cocktail hour
- Live music from The Jazz Coasters—Cincinnati’s premiere swing dance band—and swing dance instruction
- Presentation about St. Gertrude Parish and its fascinating history
- Opportunity to participate in basket raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction, emceed by Father Henry Stephan, O.P.






Visit bit.ly/100anniversarygala or scan the QR Code to get your tickets! Prices increase September 1! Must be 21 to attend.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY & STAFF!

St. Gertrude School has eight new faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year! To help you get to know them better, we'll be introducing them in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks.



Ms. Lauren Mays: 1st Grade Teacher

Ms. Mays is currently living in Northern Kentucky after recently graduating from Western Kentucky University with a degree in child studies. She is also currently working toward her master's degree in primary education at Xavier University. Ms. Mays is trained in Levels 1 and 2 of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and will instruct the first grade students in their weekly atrium lessons. Lauren enjoys spending time with her family, playing a round of golf or tennis, watching a Reds or Bengals game with her friends, and traveling. Lauren is incredibly humbled and honored that the Lord has given her this opportunity to teach at St. Gertrude School and is so excited to be in a community that is so faithful.

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Mrs. Maureen Montgomery: 3rd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Montgomery is a transplant to Cincinnati but has made it her home for the last 14 years. She completed her studies at Franciscan University with degrees in theology and religious education and a minor in human life studies. She has 15 years of teaching experience, including preschool, first grade, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) to middle schoolers, art, and most recently, high school theology. Mrs. Montgomery started the CGS atrium at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco and helped start St. Gertrude Church's first CGS atrium. She also worked with an NGO at the United Nations to help pass a resolution to stop human trafficking at the Beijing Conference on the Status of Women. In her free time, Mrs. Montgomery loves DIY projects, painting, writing, going on adventures, and spending time with her family. She is thrilled to be a part of the St. Gertrude School community as a teacher and parent and can't wait to help our students develop and grow into the people God has called them to be.

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Miss Megan Soellner: 3rd Grade Teacher

Miss Soellner grew up and currently lives in Blue Ash, Ohio. She recently graduated from the University of Dayton with her pre-kindergarten through fifth grade licensure (BSE). Some of her interests include walking, baking, and spending time with her new puppy, Daisy! She

looks forward to being surrounded by her students' enthusiasm for their faith and being a part of the wonderful St. Gertrude community!



What Parents Are Saying

"St. Gertrude School offers an authentic Catholic education! There are so many opportunities for students to grow in their faith and be challenged academically. Our daughter is heading to high school with a strong sense of her Catholic identity and confident in her academic abilities. I am so grateful for the love and support that she received during our time at SGS"

-Tracy Boone, St. Gertrude School Parent



Discover the Dominican Tradition

St. Gertrude School is a K-8 Catholic school that fosters excellence in each student through exceptional Catholic academic development and faith formation. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for over 85 years, our school is a place where learning and communion flourish and children build a lasting relationship with God, form treasured friendships with each other, and graduate ready to meet the challenges of high school and beyond.



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GATHER IN FAITH



GUIDE IN TRUTH



GROW IN EXCELLENCE



Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

INVITE THEM TO COME & SEE.

To kick off our 2023-2024 Become Catholic program, we are hosting a Come & See event—a relaxed evening of food, drink, and fellowship for adults who are interested in Catholicism. Help us spread the word by inviting someone who is considering becoming Catholic. Oftentimes all people need is an invitation from a friend.

COME & SEE

September 11

6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Church

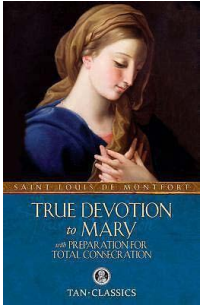
Parish Center

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**ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH**

stgertrude.org/become-catholic



TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY STUDY

Join us in studying St. Louis de Montfort’s spiritual classic, *True Devotion to Mary*, a book considered by many as “the greatest single book of Marian spirituality ever written” (TAN Publishers). An in-depth DVD series on the book will begin on August 29 in the Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary will be May 31, 2024, following 11:30 a.m. Mass. To receive the full schedule and meeting reminders, email Anne Collins

at stgertrudedm@gmail.com. Visit stgertrude.org/tdm for more information.

CANA FAMILY INSTITUTE
Strong Catholic Marriages & Families



CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS

Are you looking for a way to share ideas with other moms on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? A new Cana Family Called to Motherhood group is forming for fall

2023! We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Pope St. John Paul III’s writings on the dignity of women. We share stories and advice on how to raise faith-filled children and be better wives and mothers. Please come to the Parish Center on **Tuesday, August 29, at 8:45 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.** to learn more. (These sessions are before and after the Moms & Littles Holy Hour.) You can find more info at canafamilyinstitute.com. Please contact Anita Pappalardo at pappacinci@gmail.com or (513) 375-9320 with any questions.

JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR!

St. Gertrude Church’s Parish Choir is seeking new members to join us in singing at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Some ability to read music is helpful, but not required. If you’re on the fence, please come to our first Thursday rehearsal on September 7 in the Parish Center and see how it goes! Please email our director of music, Christopher Holman, at cholman@stgertrude.org for more information.



FATHER MICHAEL MARY DOSCH UPDATE

Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., has finished his term as Master of Novices at St. Gertrude Priory and will be moving to St. Dominic Priory in Washington, D.C. (630 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20024-2598). He will first take a two-month sabbatical with his 95-year-old father who has been wanting to travel cross country with him. Father Michael will be in charge of a new preaching initiative for the Province of St. Joseph, organizing regional events where various friars will preach. He will be in Washington, D.C., by November and remain there until reassigned. If travels bring you through Washington, he would love to see you. Leave a message for him by calling St. Dominic Priory at (202) 554-7863.

Top 10 Reasons

TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

at **St. Gertrude Parish**

- 10 Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- 9 WWP fits into your busy schedule.
- 8 No prior Scripture knowledge required.
- 7 WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in study God’s Word.
- 6 We offer “rolling admission.” Join anytime.
- 5 Meet new women for fellowship and connection
- 4 Be better prepared to share the biblical principles of our faith.
- 3 There is no actual walking involved.
- 2 We share everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

And the number 1 reason to join WWP: **Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on him this year.**

Join us for an **Open House this Friday!**

August 25 | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center

Meet other ladies, check out materials, and ask questions. Childcare available.



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Simon Berry, Vicki Calonge, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Michael Stoll, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Debbie Van Hise, Brigitte Vielhauer and Kerry Walden

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† All Our Beloved Dead

SUPPORT THOSE IMPACTED BY MAUI WILDFIRES

Catholic Charities USA and the Knights of Columbus are assisting with relief efforts following the devastating wildfires which struck parts of the island of Maui, Hawaii, on August 8 and 9. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution to these relief efforts may do so by visiting catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23 or kofc.org/en/donate/disaster-relief.html. Let us pray for all those affected by this disaster and for those assisting with recovery and rebuilding efforts.



BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Come to a pre-planning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, August 22, at 11 a.m., 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 you plan to attend. The seminar will be in the St. Peter's Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).

HEALING SERVICE

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood) is having a Healing Service on Wednesday, August 23. The rosary will begin 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.



2023 DAYS OF PRAYER AND MERCY

Our Lady of Light Ministries invites you to its 31st Days of Prayer and Mercy on August 31 and September 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45212). Bud McFarlane, Jr., the most popular Catholic novelist in America, will be the featured speaker! Please mark your calendar for this special once-a-year event and secure your reservation by visiting ourladyoflight.org or by calling Our Lady of Light office at (513) 531-MARY to register.

THE ARCHDIOCESE IS HIRING

The Catholic Social Action of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is looking to fill a full-time Dayton regional director position. This person will work with the greater Dayton Catholic community and the northern deaneries of our archdiocese to honor the life and dignity of all people. You can find more information at tinyurl.com/CSA-Regional-Director. For any questions, please contact Andrew Musgrave at amusgrave@catholicaoc.org.

FOOD FOR ALL

Nutritional, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located. Are you interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry, or learning more about hunger in our area? Call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at (513) 672-3720 or email ahoak@ccswoh.org.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio continues to grow and serve more people in our community. As such, there are new opportunities for social workers, legal aids, and more! If you or someone you know is seeking a career change, keep an eye on our career page at ccswoh.org/careers2.

UPCOMING RETREATS

Presentation Ministries invites you to these upcoming retreats at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles, OH 45660). The cost of each retreat is simply a donation and includes meals and lodging. To register, visit presentationministries.com or call (513) 373-2397.

- **The Consolation of the Holy Spirit: Strength in the Challenge of Widowhood** – September 15-17, 2023
- **Healing the Brokenhearted: Retreat for the Divorced or Separated** – September 15-17, 2023
- **Singles Retreat (age 30+)** – September 22-24, 2023

GET PAID TO HELP DEFEND LIFE IN OHIO

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America is now hiring full-time and part-time pro-life field representatives. Help defeat the Ohio abortion ballot initiative and promote a culture of life in Ohio. Field representatives go to targeted doors in their community to conduct a simple survey on pro-life issues with voters. Field representatives' starting pay is \$15-20/hour with \$0.30/mile expense reimbursement for their travels. Hours are flexible (up to 40 hours per week). Must be 16 or older, able to abide by strict daily reporting requirements, and committed to our pro-life mission. To apply, contact Katie Froman at (847) 922-5913 or katie@sbalistfield.org.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Office of the Archbishop

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August 12, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On November 7, 2023, Ohioans will have the opportunity to demonstrate how our state views the sacredness of life and the dignity of women. On the November ballot will be a proposed amendment (deceptively named “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety”) to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine the “right” to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process.

An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support. That is why Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born.

By contrast, the proposed amendment does none of that. If enacted, it would amend the Constitution of Ohio to effectively:

- **Put women at risk.** This amendment would enable elimination of some of the most basic, fundamental safety regulations on abortion clinics, including the current requirement for an abortion to be performed by a licensed physician.
- **Threaten parental rights.** The vague language in the amendment opens the door to anyone under 18 having an abortion, or even beginning cross-sex hormone treatment, without parental consent or notification.
- **Allow abortion through 9 months of pregnancy.** The amendment provides caveats such that a healthy, fully-formed infant in the womb who otherwise could be delivered with no issues would still be a candidate for a surgical dismemberment abortion.

We must reject this extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life.

The amendment’s supporters will claim that its passage is necessary to preserve medical treatment for women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. This is not true. No Ohio laws – or the laws of any U.S. state, for that matter – prevent such treatment. Hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, and physicians have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

Some may insist that the Catholic Church should not be involved in politics. However, the defense of life and care for women compels our participation in this critical moral issue. As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children. We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November. The Church must not remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity and the primacy of the family.

Ohio does not need a constitutional amendment that only perpetuates violence and a culture of death. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate yourselves and your family and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on November 7. Beyond that, we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children and families.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and Savior, and St. Joseph, protector of the family, intercede for Ohio and its families in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis M. Schnurr".

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati

RADIATE CHRIST

Pastoral Center

| 100 East Eighth Street

| Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

| www.CatholicAOC.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 21	Tuesday, August 22	Wednesday, August 23	Thursday, August 24	Friday, August 25	Saturday, August 26	Sunday, August 27
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Walking with Purpose Open House 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Become Catholic Team Training 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room			Respect Life Interfaith Breakfast & Panel 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Catechist Orientation 10 a.m. Atrium I & II
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	SGS Back to School Night 7 p.m. Gym				Confirmation – Initial Parent & Child Meeting 10 & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall						L'alto Core Team Training 3 p.m. School Cafeteria

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer to Our Lady, Mother and Queen

May the most serene Queen of heaven, the most chaste Virgin Mary, magnify and extol you, O God my Creator; and together with her the ten thousand times ten thousand companies of blessed spirits, and the countless host of your saints, may they sing praises to you for me for ever. Amen.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office.

We look forward to meeting you!

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for August 13

Collection	\$	31,735
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	5,265)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	238,248
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	259,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	20,752)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
9/3/23

MATERIALS DUE
8/23/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
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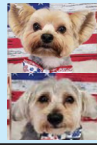
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