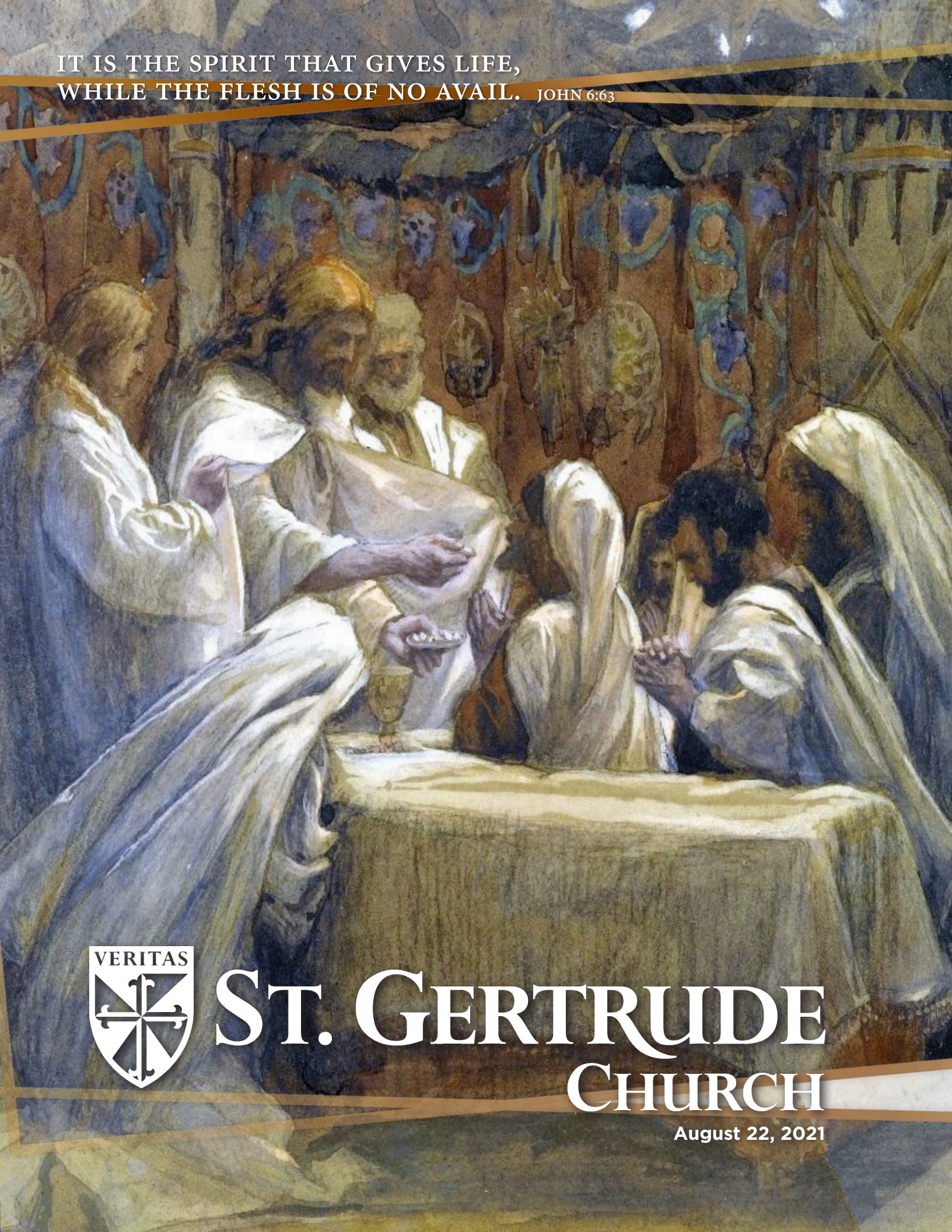


IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES LIFE,
WHILE THE FLESH IS OF NO AVAIL. JOHN 6:63



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

August 22, 2021

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima, OP (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Kevin Kuethe/Ruthanne Palmer
- 8:00 a.m. †Irene Woll/Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, August 24, St. Bartholomew (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †Emily Albers Davis/Jeanne Johantges
- 8:00 a.m. †David Slobodien/Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel
- 11:30 a.m. †Tim Petric/Mary Petric

Wednesday, August 25, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Joseph Tran/Thien Cao
- 8:00 a.m. †Jane Castrucci/Tyler & Molly Castrucci
- 11:30 a.m. †Bill Brandstetter/Dolores Brandstetter

Thursday, August 26, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †John Gillum/St. Gertrude School Faculty & Staff
- 8:00 a.m. †George Arozarena/Laura Ringenbach
- 11:30 a.m. Margaret Ann Bollin/Nealy Mechley

Friday, August 27, St. Monica (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Maureen Knubbert/Diane & Michael Kennedy
- 8:00 a.m. †Deceased members of Kehoe Family/
The Kehoe Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Dorothy Arozarena/Rita Roberts

Saturday, August 28, St. Augustine (F)

- 8:00 a.m. †Tom & Marilou Smith/Craig & Teresa Babcock
- 11:30 a.m. †Henry Wordeman/John Spilker

August 28-29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

†Mary Lou Brockman/The Cucinotta Family

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

People of St. Gertrude

†Ed & Martha Fischer/The Fischer Family

†Jack Scaggs/Sarah Saalfeld

†Mary Ellen Martin/Doug & Ann Oppenheimer

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

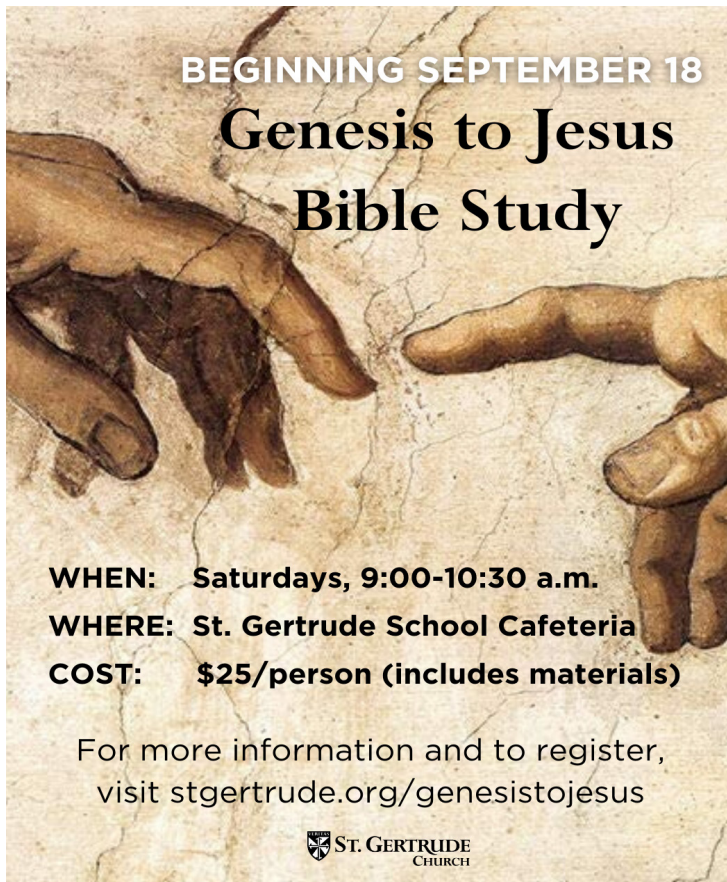
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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.



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/genestojesus

 **ST. GERTRUDE**
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 **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, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for an exciting night of games, small group activities, food, and hanging out with friends—and making new ones!

CONTACT
Walter Plummer | Director of Youth Formation
wplummer@stgertrude.org (513) 561-8369

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SUMMER TRANSITIONS INTO FALL

The parish continues to return to the fullness of life as the summer transitions into fall. School began last week with 316 students. Faculty, staff, and students started the academic year with an all-school Mass (what a blessing to be all together again). We

celebrated a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit praying that God will give the Holy Spirit so that all may learn, grow, and be filled with wisdom and understanding in all disciplines of the arts and sciences. We pray this way because we believe that all that is good, beautiful, and true comes from God and leads us into a deeper relationship with God. His glory is reflected in every person and in everything he has created. Learning and understanding the divine order for humanity and the natural world leads toward a flourishing that brings peace to hearts and joy in relationships.

The parish picnic also signals the end of summer and a return to varied activities of the parish. The members of the parish pastoral council hosted this event and coordinated its planning and fulfillment. We are grateful for their efforts to bring the parish community together for food, fellowship, and fun. Included in the picnic was a feature of past parish festivals—the Golf Ball Drop. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Seeger family in memory of their parents, a City of Madeira fire truck raised and dropped 1,000 numbered golf balls onto the parish lawn where a hole was prepared. The person whose ball made it into the hole or landed closest to the hole won \$1,000. The proceeds from golf ball sales/chances support the operating budget of the parish.

Faith formation opportunities are resuming for children and adults. Newly designed programs for families, junior high, and senior high students offer a more robust catechesis that engages the mind, heart, and body. Every effort is being taken to bring families and their children to a personal encounter with Jesus and to nurture and support that encounter with formation that encourages an intentional response to Jesus' continual call: "Follow me." A Bible study, From Genesis to Jesus, begins in September, as does Become Catholic (formerly RCIA). Sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage are also receiving a makeover.



For nearly one and a half years, the parish has been celebrating holy Mass on a schedule of 4:30 p.m. anticipated Mass on Saturday; and 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. During this time, and even before the pandemic, an attendance count has been recorded for each Mass. The data shows a decrease in Mass attendance over the years; and recent data over the last 13 months of my pastorate shows that the current schedule accommodates the needs of the parish. Here are five newly discovered benefits of this schedule:

1. More time for a beautiful celebration of the Mass without the pressure of "getting out to prepare for the next Mass."
2. Less congestion in the parking lot.
3. More time for greeting and socializing with and among parishioners after Mass.
4. More time for the Faith Formation programs provided on Sunday.
5. More reasonable time for the celebration of Baptisms after the last Mass.

With all these benefits, the current Mass schedule will remain in place.

There is no real need to lose these benefits, which enhance the life of the parish and support its mission.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I began a novena to the Mother of God. This novena consisted in the prayer, "Hail, Holy Queen," recited nine times. Toward the end of the novena I saw the Mother of God with the Infant Jesus in Her arms, and I also saw my confessor kneeling at Her feet and talking with Her. I did not understand what he was saying to Her, because I was busy talking with the Infant Jesus, who came down from His Mother's arms and approached me. I could not stop wondering at His beauty. I heard a few of the words that the Mother of God spoke to my confessor... I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your Mother. And at that moment She stretched out her right hand, in which She was clasping her mantle, and She covered the priest with it. (*Diary, #330*)

COVER IMAGE: *The Communion of the Apostles*, Tissot (1886-1894)

MEET THE TEAM

Several new faces have joined our St. Gertrude School faculty this year. To help you get to know them better, we're going to take the opportunity to introduce them in the bulletin over the next few weeks.



Amy Pugliano, Art Teacher

Miss Amy Pugliano recently graduated from Northern Kentucky University in December of 2020 with a BA in Studio Arts and a BA in Secondary Education. She has her certification to teach visual art for grades K-12. This past summer, Miss Pugliano spent her time running youth art camps and classes at Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center in Covington, Kentucky. During her four years at NKU, she was a member of the women's golf team, and she currently coaches and gives instruction to junior golfers and adults in the area. As someone who attended Catholic schools her whole life, Miss Pugliano is so excited to be at a Christ-centered school with such a noble mission. She is thrilled to be the new art teacher and can't wait to share her passion for art with the students!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: AUGUST 25 | 7:00 P.M.

Parents, come meet your child(ren)'s teachers and hear all about their plans for the 2021-2022 school year. You'll also get a first peek at our new school branding!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Junior High Social Studies Teacher – St. Gertrude School is looking for a full-time, professional junior high (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) social studies teacher. Candidate will be required to obtain a valid Ohio License, fingerprints, a background check, and Safe Parish 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. Catholic Candidate: Required

St. Gertrude School is a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and offers academic excellence in the Dominican tradition.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of August 22 are 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

COMING SOON:

NEW St. Gertrude School branding!

WELCOME

BACK STUDENTS

The 2021-2022 school year is underway!

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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.

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

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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: TABOO

BY BRAD BURSA

Talking about this issue is taboo for many parents.

Some know it is a problem, but they simply do not know what to say or how to keep up with tech and app developments. For

them, distraction, dismissiveness, and avoidance become key strategies for navigating parenthood in the twenty-first century.

Other parents were raised in households where family members rarely talked about such topics, and they only came to understand the Church's teaching on human relationships and sexuality in terms of a rather rigid "no" that was offered with little explanation. Only the weirdos or perverts or sinners engaged in that kind of behavior. At the same time, the revolutionized mainstream culture urged forward with a "yes" to all sorts of expressions, causing a tremendous gap between the Catholic position on such matters and the more progressive secular one. Then, when issues did arise in the home, people found themselves speechless and embarrassed, and it would all get brushed under the rug. As a result of such silence in their childhood, some of today's parents do not know where to begin when it comes to having a conversation or talking about the Church's teaching on this subject matter in a positive way.

Yet for others, the silence is more personal, wrapped up as it is in the darkness of a wounded and shameful history that leaves one painfully mute.

I understand all of these positions, because they basically express my own tendencies. For the sake of this generation of children—one that has been dubbed "the porn generation"—we cannot remain silent about pornography any longer.

On average, children will be exposed to pornography between ages 8 and 11 (the average age for a child in the United States to own a smartphone is 10). By age 15–17, 80 percent of teenagers will be exposed to hardcore pornography. For most children, it is not a question of *if* they will be exposed to porn, but *when*. From billboards and pop-ups to TV screens and some 4.2 million websites, pornography is everywhere. It is not some sort of odd, "fringe" behavior but something that has become so normalized that 90 percent of teens are encouraging, accepting, or neutral when it comes to talking about porn with their friends. We, quite honestly, live in a "pornified" culture.

Learning to Drive (the Conversation)

I grew up in Tiffin, Ohio. It is a small town of around 15,000 people and surrounded by farmland in the middle of Seneca County. When I turned 15½ and my parents taught me to drive, they taught me how to drive in a small town and on narrow county roads. My wife, however, learned how to drive in the suburbs of Cincinnati. She had to navigate city traffic and master the interstate highway just to safely arrive in her high school parking lot.

I think this anecdote illustrates an important point: the roadways and traffic patterns shape how we teach our kids to drive. More broadly, the cultural environment in which we live impacts how we parent our children. It seems clear to me that we live in a "pornified" culture. But, am I willing to parent accordingly? Are you? Are we willing to talk about the dangers of pornography with each other and with our children in order to help them navigate this mess?

At St. Gertrude, we have launched an initiative called Illuminate. This series, offered multiple times throughout the year, provides a venue for parents to begin (or to continue) this tough conversation by illustrating the prevalence of the issue and presenting practical strategies for prevention and healing.

The Question

Matt Fradd, an international Catholic speaker and host of the wildly popular podcast *Pints with Aquinas*, once made this point, "We only have one decision to make when it comes to parenting in the digital age: Do we want our children to be protected from hardcore pornography, or not?" If we are serious about protecting our children, it is time for parents to talk about the issue—as difficult, awkward, and painful as it might be—band together, and take action. Given the prevalence of digital media, there's not a moment to spare.

The fourth Sunday of each month, we'll feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in the ordinariness of life.

ILLUMINATE
*Helping Parents Raise Children
 in a "Pornified" Culture*

**Join us for our 3-part
 Fall 2021 Series:**

**WHEN: 8:30-9:30 a.m. on September 30,
 October 7, October 14**

WHERE: St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby

COST: \$10/person

REGISTER: stgertrude.org/illuminate

All sessions will be taught by Brad Bursa, PhD, director of adult formation at St. Gertrude.

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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

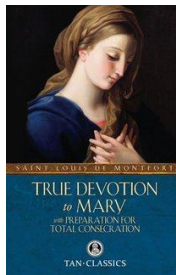


INTRODUCING: IMMERSION

This fall we are excited to launch Immersion, a new formation offering for parents who are bringing a child forward for the sacrament of Baptism. Offered every other month, Immersion is a mini-retreat that gives parents who are having their first child baptized at St. Gertrude—or any parents looking for spiritual renewal—the opportunity to attend Mass, spend time in personal reflection, hear engaging talks, participate in small group discussions, connect with other parents of young children, and renew their own baptismal promises. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To learn more about Immersion and register for an upcoming retreat, visit stgertrude.org/immersion.

TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY DVD SERIES

Join your fellow parishioners in studying St. Louis de Montfort's spiritual classic, *True Devotion to Mary*, in preparation for consecration to Jesus through Mary. The next study begins Tuesday, August 31, and runs through May 2022. Sessions will take place in the St. Gertrude Center Lobby on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. To register and to sign up for email updates, please contact Anne Collins at stgertrudedtm@gmail.com or (513) 984-4708. For more information, visit stgertrude.org/TDM.



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!

REINVIGORATING OUR PARISH

For nearly 100 years, St. Gertrude Church has been a dynamic faith community. Even so, the pandemic took its toll on our parish, forcing us to cancel Masses and gatherings, social distance, and feel isolated from one another. Thanks be to God that restrictions are being lifted, life is getting back to normal, we can hold events, and more and more people are coming back to Mass. As we come back together and rebuild our robust community, there are bound to be some tensions. This weekend, you will notice a new sticker on the back of the hymnal covers. We ask that you take the time to read it. May it be a visual reminder of the charity we are all striving for in our relationships with one another.

PARTIAL INDULGENCE

This is a reminder that, in commemoration of the archdiocese's bicentennial, Archbishop Schnurr has decreed "that the faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who devoutly pray to God, asking him to satisfy the needs of our local Church and graciously bless all the members thereof, [. . .] may gain a partial indulgence, the usual conditions being satisfied, during the time period of June 19, 2021, through June 18, 2022." For more information on this partial indulgence and what it means for you, please visit stgertrude.org/news/partial-indulgence.

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, Peter Fox, 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

BEACONS UPDATE

BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP

Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including St. Gertrude. To stay on top of the latest developments on *Beacons of Light*, sign up for the free monthly *Beacons Update* newsletter at www.BeaconsAOC.org.

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? Fall 2021 morning and evening Cana Family:



Called to Motherhood groups are forming now! Groups meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, the Catechism, and Pope St. John Paul II'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. Join us in the Parish Center on Thursday, August 26, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to learn more and meet current members. Babysitting will be provided. Please contact Anita Pappalardo at pappacinci@gmail.com or (513) 375-9320 with any questions. For information about the Cana Family Institute, visit <http://www.canafamilyinstitute.com>.

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 CGS Level 1 (3- to 6-year olds) training session 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 serve as a catechist at the parish for two years.

SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? Sign up to serve lunch at the Over the Rhine soup kitchen on September 26 and/or October 24. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up outside (in the Parish Center if it's raining) before or after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 29. You can sign up online at my.stgertrude.org beginning the evening of August 29. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.

SACRED ART WORKSHOP



This fall, learn techniques involved in the ancient art of illumination as you paint a small, beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The workshop, taught by Jed Gibbons, will take place at Iconic (7886 Camargo Road, Cincinnati) on October 4-8, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and October 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration, and \$250 is due on the first day of class. (These costs cover the instruction, materials, pigments, etc.) For more information and to register, please contact Jenny Ward at jward7400@yahoo.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - HEARING THE CRY OF THE POOR



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the Good News of his love for us and for others. Is the Word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us, and call us to hear the cries of the poor? If you would like to make a monetary donation to St. Vincent de Paul, the poor boxes are located at the entrances of the church. If you would like to donate nonperishable food, you can place it in the SVDP Food Barrel, located just inside the side sacristy door. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

THE Angelico PROJECT

MASS
for Artists

8/26 @ 7pm
St. Peter in Chains

Father Ambrose Dobrozsi, presiding
Reception to follow

325 W 8th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202
Free Parking next to the Cathedral



ASK A PRIEST - CONTINUING THE LATIN MASS?

BY FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO

Q: Given Pope Francis' recent liturgical directives, will we still have the Latin Mass at St. Gertrude?

A: This question hits on something near and dear to many Catholics, myself included. I can offer you a qualified “yes” in answer to this question. I hope that some personal background will help explain where I am coming from and contribute to the rationale that the friars want to implement at St. Gertrude Church.

I am a priest because I love Jesus, however imperfectly, and that comes from knowing *his love for me* in the holy Eucharist. I did not grow up in a parish with a celebration of the Mass as cultivated as one finds regularly at St. Gertrude: Gregorian chant, use of an altar rail, orthodox hymnody, the use of Latin, a plenitude of liturgical ministers, etc. For me, a strong dose of traditional Catholic worship came only after I met the Dominicans as an altar server for our cloistered nuns in West Springfield, Massachusetts, at age 12. Soon after, I joined a *schola* (an ensemble of singers performing Gregorian chant or other sacred music) at a Catholic school and began to be more immersed in the Church's life of study and prayer. I relished the opportunity “to feel with the Church” (*sentire cum Ecclesia*) and to pray at her heart through official liturgical prayers such as Mass and the Divine Office.

Like the majority of Roman Catholics, most of my experience of the Catholic liturgy—beginning in junior high school, continuing through college, and while in formation as a Dominican—has been within the *Novus Ordo* of the Roman Rite (i.e. the Mass of Vatican II). Starting with the Dominican nuns in West Springfield, then especially with teachers and friends at Christendom College, as well as throughout my time as a Dominican, I've experienced beautiful, even transcendent, liturgies influenced by various elements of our tradition: *ad orientem* posture (where priest and people face a common direction during the Eucharistic Prayer); frequent use of the Latin language (still the official language of our Roman Rite); Gregorian and Dominican Chant (some of our chant melodies are over 1,000 years old!); and the use of incense, bells, an array of vested liturgical ministers, etc.

Notably, the generous allowance of the Tridentine Mass and the Dominican Rite allowed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007 has helped me understand the roots of our current liturgy. Like many other Catholics, I have been deeply impressed by the atmosphere of

reverence cultivated in the smoke and silence of the “old rite.” I've also come to appreciate some elements of the post-conciliar reforms, for example more flexibility in the use of sacred music, ready allowance of the vernacular languages, and an expanded lectionary with the proclamation of the Word of God facing the people. Of course, I'm grateful to God for many beautiful Dominican Rite Masses last year, for the men and women who served and chanted these Masses with precision and grace, and to my fellow friars who celebrated, sang, and preached each month.

Honestly, Pope Francis' recent apostolic letter, *Traditiones Custodes*, regarding the use of the Tridentine Mass came as a surprise to me! Yet, I see it as an installment in a long series of papal directives and interventions in recent years about how Roman Catholics are to worship according to their specific Rite. Popes St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis have been trying to restrain people from abusing the pastoral flexibility that's built into the Mass of Vatican II. They've also been concerned to see that the faithful who have suffered through poorly-celebrated liturgies don't leave the visible communion of the Church in frustration. There has been an overarching desire to affirm traditional principles while recognizing that the Church can change the outward ritual of the Mass without, of course, altering the sacred mysteries themselves. Pope Francis has made a decision—one which I imagine Pope Benedict XV foresaw—that it is time to return to one expression of the Roman Rite.

Flowing from our personal and communal prayer, our discussion, and especially our vowed desire to “feel with the Church,” the priests of St. Gertrude Church wish to recommit ourselves to a beautiful and traditional celebration of the Roman Rite according to what has been decreed officially by the Second Vatican Council and recent Popes. Father George, Father Jordan, and I deeply love our Dominican “usage” of the Roman Rite that has formed us and so many of our parishioners. Two years of celebrating the Dominican Rite periodically at St. Gertrude has only enhanced our appreciation. In light of Pope Francis' decision, we will not offer a cycle of Dominican Rite Masses this year. But, we do intend to make more generous use of the treasury of traditional Roman and Dominican elements that remain at our disposal in the *Novus Ordo*. With time, we will develop a concrete plan that will help us to continue to pray the Mass in the heart of the Church.



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 for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

Monday, August 23	Tuesday, August 24	Wednesday, August 25	Thursday, August 26	Friday, August 27	Saturday, August 28	Sunday, August 29
Charism Lunch ‘n Learn 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Cana Family Come & See 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		Into the Breach 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Soup Kitchen Sign-ups <i>After Morning Masses</i> Outside
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)		SGS Back to School Night 7:00 p.m. Gym	Cana Family Come & See 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby			Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
L’Alto: HS Core Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria		Little Flower Library Book Club 7:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.				Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
		Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				L’Alto: High School 5:00 p.m. Parish Center

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for August 15

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	41,958
Weekly Surplus	\$	6,664

Fiscal Year-To-Date

(for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	247,058
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	248,133
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	1,075

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
9/5/21

MATERIALS DUE
8/25/21

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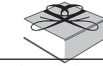
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