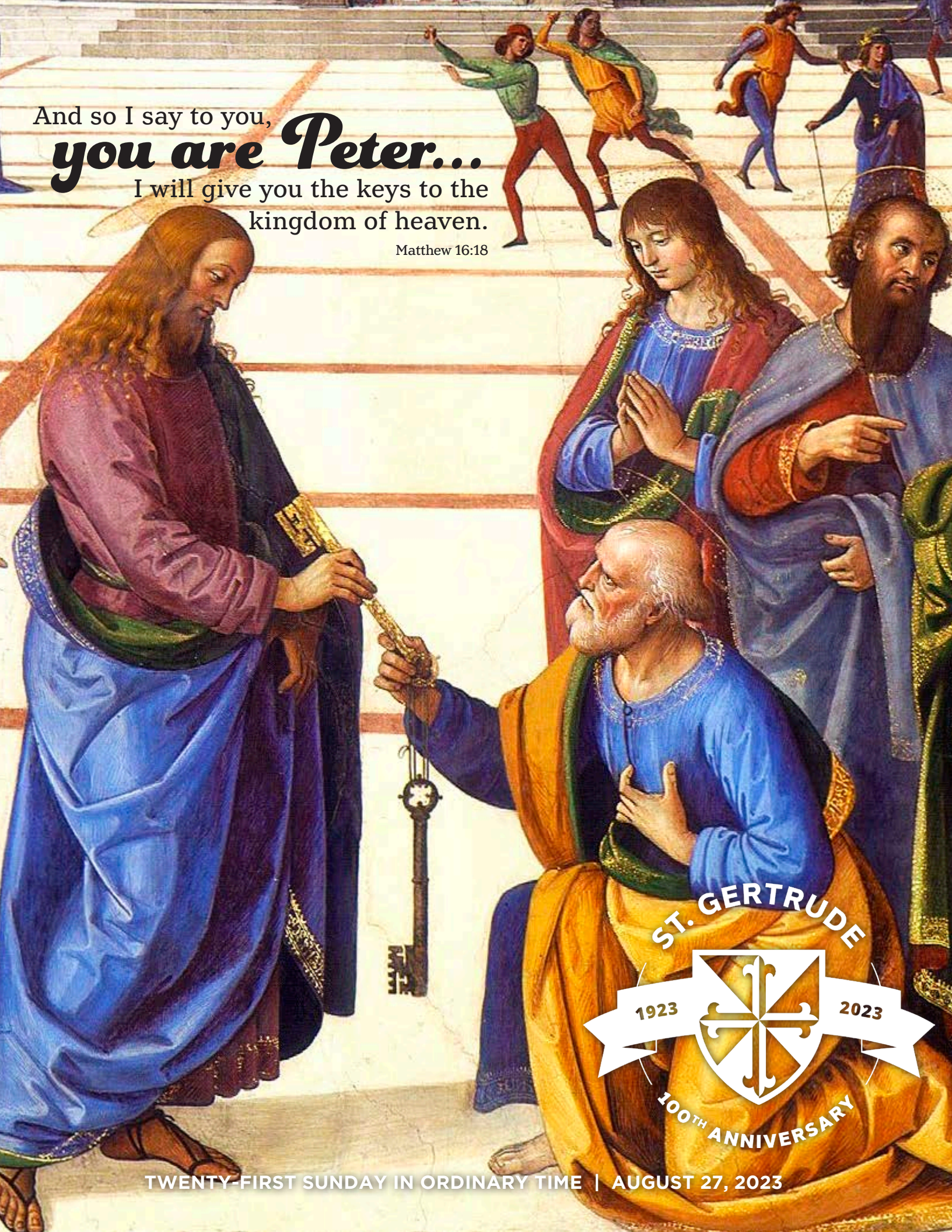


And so I say to you,  
**you are Peter...**  
I will give you the keys to the  
kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 16:18



ST. GERTRUDE

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 27, 2023



## MASSES AND CONFESSION

### Monday, August 28, St. Augustine (F)

- 7 a.m. Sister Maria Christi, O.P., by Travis & Kirsten Johnson  
8 a.m. † Mary Teller by The Teller Family  
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)

- 7 a.m. Craig & Teresa Babcock by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin  
8 a.m. † John Spilker by Lisa & James Bertke  
11:30 a.m. † Laura Johns by Dec Cianciolo

### Wednesday, August 30, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Madeleine Boone by Scott & Tracy Boone  
8 a.m. † Carmelita Duckro by Jim & Anita Pappalardo  
11:30 a.m. † Natasha Strauss by Patricia Strauss

### Thursday, August 31, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Melissa Coors Hoffman by Stuart & Molly Jackson  
8 a.m. Terri Huwel by Mary & Terry Smithers  
11:30 a.m. † Audrey Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich

### Friday, September 1, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph Tran by Thien Cao  
8 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Jim & Anita Pappalardo  
11:30 a.m. Carolyn Bowman by Steve Leverone

### Saturday, September 2, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Donald & Mildred Busson by Robert & Joan Ragusa  
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of Kohus & Bough Family  
by John & Hilda Bough  
4:30 p.m. † Anne & Bob Siebert by Shari Siebert & Family

### Sunday, September 3, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude  
10 a.m. † Aida Gort by The Nieto Family  
12 p.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Bob & Carol Conners  
6 p.m. † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family

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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[parishoffice@stgertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgertrude.org)

### 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.

## HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 30  
7:30-8:30 P.M.  
ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH

Join us in praying for the defeat of the proposed "Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" amendment, which would enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for pre-born children and women. Learn more at [ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio](http://ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio).

Sponsored by St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry.



## St. Anne's Guild

### A Spiritual Group for Girls in Grades 5-8

Is your daughter interested in growing in prayer and faith, learning about various vocations for women, serving the parish community, and developing deep friendships with other girls and women mentors? The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild is for her!



- WHO** All girls in grades 5-8  
*Girls in grades 9-12 are welcome to help in leadership roles*
- WHAT** Breakfast, social time, care for the church (tidying, cleaning the pews, changing the holy water and candles), short talk, and fun activity or craft
- WHEN** Second Saturday of the month, 9-11:15 a.m.  
**Beginning Saturday, September 9**
- WHERE** St. Gertrude Parish Center

For more information, including meeting dates, please visit [stgertrude.org/stanneguild](http://stgertrude.org/stanneguild) or contact Ann McCormick at [ann.mccormick@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mccormick@gmail.com).



**CENTENNIAL EVENTS:  
A RECAP AND A LOOKING  
FORWARD**

It's been roughly nine months since Archbishop Christopher Cardone, O.P., came to celebrate the opening Mass for our year of preparation for our parish centennial. Since that time, we have had a slew of events. Last fall, we had the inaugural Vigil of the Saints prayer service, an evening with a Ukrainian refugee family that came to tell their story, and the Visions of Eternity recital by Dr. Holman with organ music spanning the history of the Church. This past spring, we had the all-parish Mardi Gras potluck, the Vigil Project's True Presence Night, and the viewing of *The Chosen* with special guest appearance by actor Jonathan Roumie. And this summer, we welcomed internationally acclaimed Catholic author and speaker George Weigel, expanded our Corpus Christi procession (which gained national media coverage), and celebrated a special centennial pig roast version of the parish picnic just last weekend.

There are only a few events left between now and the end of our year of preparation. In September, we have our father/son event, #Unbreakable, which will include games, a talk by a Cincinnati Bengals Hall of Famer, and food. (Side note for the ladies: There is an archdiocesan co-sponsored mother/daughter event that is happening at St. Gertrude later this fall, and there is also talk among some of the moms of the parish of putting together something similar to #Unbreakable for the girls at some point in the future. Stay tuned!)

Then, early in November, we have our Centennial Gala at the Manor House in Mason. This will be a formal evening including an open bar appetizer hour, a nice multi-course meal, raffle, auction, and swing dancing. Unlike every single centennial event we have had so far, which have all been completely free to attend, this one has a ticket price. (And yes, a substantial one.) The reason for that is pretty simple: *this event is a fundraiser*. Note that there are still only a few days left to buy tickets at the discounted price; September 1 the price goes up to the standard price for tickets.

The Centennial Gala committee has been working with me over these past months to brainstorm ways in which the funds raised by the Gala could truly help support St. Gertrude Parish and provide both needed assistance and something very special. I am happy to share publicly, for the first time, some of the results of this brainstorming. In the area of needed assistance, one very important common space used by so many church and school activities is our Parish Center. Yet, some of the space in that building is in bad need of upgrading; two areas in particular are the restrooms and the kitchen. The modernizing of those spaces will be one of the key benefits of the Gala income.

And then, the very special project. As the centennial committee began meeting about a year ago, it was noted, that while there are beautiful statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Gertrude, and St. Therese on our grounds, there is no statue of St. Dominic—despite the fact that Dominican friars have served this parish for nearly a century and the Dominican sisters have served here since the opening of St. Gertrude School in the 1930s. So, I

am happy to announce that we have decided it is time to change this oversight. Some of the funds generated by the Gala will be used to commission and install a life-sized statue of St. Dominic outside near the entrance to the church. This statue will serve as a testimony to the dedication of the friars and sisters who have served at St. Gertrude so faithfully for so many decades and as an inspiration to both present and future generations of parishioners and school children to imitate the example of holiness, virtue, and apostolic zeal for truth and the salvation of souls reflected in the life of St. Dominic.

Finally, our celebrations will reach their finale with the Mass and Procession on St. Gertrude's Feast Day (November 16), where we will welcome Archbishop Schnurr as our Mass celebrant and homilist, followed by the all-parish centennial party, which will happen the following Saturday (November 18) in the gym. As in years past, these events will be family-friendly and free of charge.

It has been an amazing road so far, and the best is yet to come. I hope you are all as excited as I am about what lies ahead of us between now and the end of November!

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**CENTENNIAL GALA**

*Early Bird Pricing*

**Ends in 4 Days!**

**Single? Married?** Gather a group of friends and reserve a table together! **Not sure who to sit with?** No worries—we will assign you to a table where you will be able to meet other parishioners or dine with Dominicans.

Visit [bit.ly/100anniversarygala](https://bit.ly/100anniversarygala) or scan the QR code to get your tickets before September 1!



All proceeds go toward renovations and improvements for St. Gertrude Church and School. Must be 21 to attend.



**November 3, 2023 | 6:30-10:30 p.m. | Manor House**

The Centennial Gala is presented by **PRECISION** SITE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

## 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.



### **Sister Jacinta, O.P.: 4th/5th Grade Teacher**

Sister Jacinta grew up in central New Jersey and has been a member of the Nashville Dominicans since 2010. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Aquinas College and is currently studying for a master's degree in Catholic

studies at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. For the past five years, she taught second and fourth grades in a K-8 parochial school near Atlanta, Georgia. Before that, she taught a range of elementary grades in Tennessee for four years. After school, Sister Jacinta loves to garden, read, and be with the sisters. She is excited to serve at St. Gertrude School and to get to know all the students, teachers, and families.



### **Ms. Jayden Connelly: 6th Grade Homeroom; Grades 6-8 Science Teacher**

Ms. Connelly is a recent graduate from the University of Louisville and a Northern Kentucky native. She studied biochemistry and philosophy and was heavily involved in UofL's

campus ministry, run by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. She was the secretary of the campus ministry for two and a half years and loved working with the students and staff alike. After graduating, Ms. Connelly briefly worked for Eurofins Genomics where she assisted in the synthesizing of DNA sequences. In her free time, she loves to read, garden, paint, sing, and adore the Lord. She is so excited to be working with both Dominicans and students again at the vibrant and faithful community of St. Gertrude!



### **Mr. Jacob Dummermuth: 8th Grade Homeroom; Grades 6-8 Math Teacher**

Mr. Dummermuth's journey in education began at Ohio University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in middle childhood education with a strong focus on mathematics and language

arts. After graduating, he embarked on his teaching career at Bluffton Middle School on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, teaching various math classes and serving as the school's athletic director, as well as head basketball coach and assistant football coach. At St. Gertrude School, Mr. Dummermuth will teach middle school math, serve as the parish's first athletic director, and coach football. He is also embarking on a new educational journey, pursuing his master's degree in educational administration from Xavier University.

## WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is looking for supervisors for its After Care Program. The supervisors assist the coordinator during the regular hours of After Care, which runs on school days from 3 to 6 p.m. Candidate must have a valid Ohio License or Pupil Activity Permit. Other requirements include the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment process prior to starting the position. This is an hourly position.

Please visit [stgertrudesch.org/employment](http://stgertrudesch.org/employment) to apply!



## 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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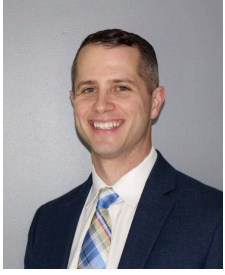


GUIDE IN TRUTH



GROW IN  
EXCELLENCE





**BECOME CATHOLIC—  
IT CHANGED MY LIFE**

BY CHRIS NAGLE, PARISHIONER

Hi! My name is Chris Nagle, a new Catholic as of this past Easter! I would like to share my testimony—my experience with the Become Catholic program—and how becoming Catholic has changed my life.

At the age of 12, I accepted Jesus as my Savior and was baptized in the Lutheran church. Sadly, for the next 26 years, I had only preconceived notions of the Catholic Church, judging the faith without truly understanding what Catholics believe and why.

Almost exactly one year ago, someone sent me a fascinating interview of a former satanist who had a radical conversion to the Catholic faith. While his conversion story was nothing short of incredible, it was his perspectives and convictions that really caught my ear. Those convictions had me question what I thought of Catholicism and, from that moment, I decided to objectively examine the Catholic faith. I started to read books, listen to podcasts, read articles—you name it.

During my exploring phase, I spoke to a longtime friend about my curiosity and journey. As a parishioner of St. Gertrude Church, he recommended I check out the church and go to a Mass. I contacted the church and met with Father Joachim Kenney who was not only gracious with his time, but also patient in answering my questions. This not only impressed me, but also drew me to attend Mass at St. Gertrude.

After two to three months of reading, questioning, and attending Mass, I enrolled in Become Catholic in December (a little late to the program, but they welcomed me with open arms!). I have to admit that the first time I attended, I was a little nervous. Let's be honest, sometimes the Catholic Church can be intimidating to a

non-Catholic. Would the priest(s) understand my situation? What would people think of me? What if I voiced my opinion and we disagreed? What if people judged me? My experience was actually the opposite. Everyone in the program (it's not just the priest, there are sponsors and others curious about the faith) welcomed me with open arms, answered *all* my questions, and engaged in conversation without judgment. I especially have to give thanks to my sponsor, Ryan Schilling, who met with me multiple times outside of the class to discuss and answer my questions.

The more I attended Mass and attended Become Catholic, the deeper peace I felt. I knew I was diving into a beautiful tradition of which I was only scratching the surface. It had become more obvious to me as to why Catholic and not Protestant. My faith was taking deeper roots than it had ever before and got me excited about what was to come. It's about learning, but even more importantly, it is about gaining confidence and trust that you are committed to Catholic teaching and way of life.

I still have so much more to learn as a new Catholic, but I cannot emphasize enough the peace I now experience. My daughters attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), and one will start classes for First Communion. It is an exciting journey ahead for my family and me, and I hope to meet you soon.



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.

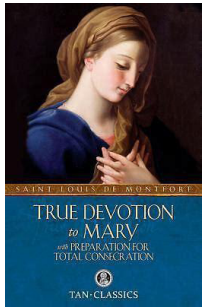
St. Gertrude Church  
Parish Center  
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, 45243



[stgertrude.org/become-catholic](http://stgertrude.org/become-catholic)

## IMPORTANT SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

An amendment to the Ohio state constitution is being proposed and will be on the ballot this November which, if passed, will enshrine the right to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process. At all Masses next weekend, September 2-3, we will have a second collection to help provide resources for pregnant mothers and to get the word out about the dangers posed by this amendment. Proceeds from this collection will be divided such that half of the monies raised will benefit pregnancy care centers and agencies across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and half would fund efforts to inform Ohioans on the need to reject the deadly amendment. Thank you for your support!



### 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](mailto:stgertrudedm@gmail.com). Visit [stgertrude.org/tdm](http://stgertrude.org/tdm) for more information.



### 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](http://canafamilyinstitute.com). Please contact Anita Pappalardo at [pappacinci@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cholman@stgertrude.org) for more information.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers—or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher—are invited to altar server training on Thursday, August 31, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church.

## 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.**

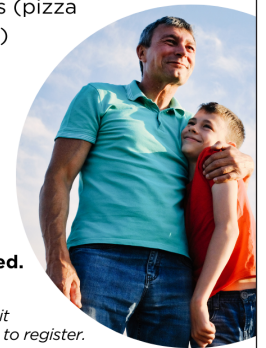
**St. Gertrude Campus**

**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](http://bit.ly/2023unbreakable) to register.

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



## 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:

† Barbara Myres, sister of Jim Spurgin

## **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](http://ourladyoflight.org) or by calling Our Lady of Light office at (513) 531-MARY to register.

## **LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING**

There will be a Ladies of Charity organizational meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room. There is much to discuss as we plan the end of 2023 and our 2024 activities. Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join the Ladies of Charity or just come to the meeting to find out the many ways we provide much-needed love, support, and financial assistance to families. If you need more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**

Please join us for a memorial prayer service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati) at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. The prayer, which will take place in the Baby Garden in section 28, is to honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion and to ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten. As we hold this solemn prayer service at Gate of Heaven, thousands of prayer services will be held simultaneously at other gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer, pastor of The Community of the Good Shepherd, will lead the service. Key speaker will be announced.

Please bring a folding chair or blanket and an umbrella for your comfort. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Thesing at [kthesing@gateofheaven.org](mailto:kthesing@gateofheaven.org). For more information on this national event, visit [nationaldayofremembrance.org](http://nationaldayofremembrance.org).

## **FRIENDS OF JESUS**

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age or older) that focuses primarily on support, prayer and socializing. We come together in prayer, do some craft-making, and enjoy refreshments. Please join us for our next gathering on Saturday, September 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at **All Saints Parish Center (8939 Montgomery Road)**. New members are always welcome but must RSVP prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. If you have any questions, or to RSVP, please contact Jane Callan at (513) 793-3546.

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Fall is right around the corner. It's a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is like autumn because it's full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy time away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences are September 29–October 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati and November 3-5 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling again. Apply today at [esharing.org/applyWeekend.php](http://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php). If you have any questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org), or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org).

## **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](http://tinyurl.com/CSA-Regional-Director). For any questions, please contact Andrew Musgrave at [amusgrave@catholicaoc.org](mailto:amusgrave@catholicaoc.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](http://ccswoh.org/careers2).

## **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](mailto:katie@sbalistfield.org).

## **PREGNANCY CENTER PLUS IS HIRING**

PCP is searching for a freelance graphic designer, specifically with a degree in graphic design or communication design, who will design and produce final art for various pieces, such as our quarterly newsletter, letterhead, fundraiser invitations, etc. To apply, please send your resume and samples of printed pieces to [lcurran@pcplus.org](mailto:lcurran@pcplus.org).





### ASK AN EXPERT—WHAT'S REALLY AT STAKE

PHILIP WILLIAMSON, PARISHIONER AND PRO-LIFE ATTORNEY

**Q:** I've heard that the proposed abortion ballot initiative for the November election uses vague terms and sly language so that the average voter wouldn't really understand the

implications if this amendment is passed. What do Ohioans need to look out for?

**A:** The proposed amendment *is* vague and deceptive—on purpose. And it has a lot of moving parts. But if you ask two questions for each section of the amendment, the whole thing will make a lot more sense: “who?” and “what?”

The first section (section A), sets up the “right” to an abortion. It states that “every individual has the right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one’s own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.” What is the point of the list of rights? It is to smuggle abortion in with things you already have the right to do. Now, there are certainly things on the list that Catholics *should not* do; the Church’s teaching on contraception is clear. But you have always had the right to carry your baby to term. You have always had the right to miscarriage care. The only *new* right in this amendment is abortion. The pro-abortionists want you to think you have to say yes to abortion in order to say yes to keeping your baby. That just isn’t true.

The next section (section B) tells us how far that abortion right goes. Wrapped in a lot of legalese, that section says that the State cannot “burden” or “interfere with” either an “individual’s” decision to get an abortion, or with any “person or entity” who helps her do so. So who does this section protect? An “individual” is not just an adult. Pro-abortionists think that minors should be able to have abortions, and you can be sure that’s how they will read “individual.” And what about the “person or entity” who helps? Most obviously that would include the abortionist and abortion clinic.

You should also know what a “burden” is. In the 50 years since *Roe v. Wade*, courts have described a lot of things as “burdens” on abortion: Parental consent and parental notification laws, waiting periods, informed consent requirements, and even clinic safety and reporting requirements. All of these things would be forbidden under the proposed amendment.

Section B also says that the State can prohibit abortion after viability, *but* that the State cannot prohibit *any* abortion at any time if “in the judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician,” the abortion is necessary to preserve the mother’s life or health. Well, who is the pregnant patient’s treating physician? The abortion provider. And what does “life or health” mean? *Roe v. Wade* said it is not just the emergency situations that pro-abortionists want you to think about it.

Rather, it includes “emotional, mental, financial, and familial factors that bear on health.” In fact, *just last year* abortionists in Ohio argued that abortion is safer than childbirth (obviously not for the baby, but I digress).

So a woman can have an abortion at any time—right up to her due date—if the abortionist himself says that having the baby will make her sadder, sicker, or poorer. And Ohio’s abortionists have already told us that they will say so every single time.

And even if the amendment gave the State a meaningful ability to restrict abortion after viability, you should read the definition of “viability” in Section C: “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis.” There’s that phrase, “pregnant patient’s treating physician” again. The abortionist—the person hired to kill the baby—gets to decide “on a case-by-case basis” whether the baby is worthy of protection.

I highly recommended that every Ohioan, before walking into the ballot box in November, take time to read the amendment and think about the legal implications that could come from this.



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 Collection for August 20

Collection	\$	36,893
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	107)
Holy Day Collection 8/15/2023 – Assumption: \$6,574		
Second Collection 8/20/2023 – St. Gertrude School: \$6,599		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	275,142
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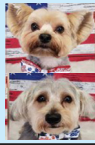
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