



ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | AUGUST 6, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, August 7, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Rita Wellage by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. † Ted Bayer by Judy Bayer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, August 8, Holy Father Dominic (S)

- 7 a.m. † Kathleen Schirmer by Anne Schirmer
- 8 a.m. † Harry Oliver by Courtney Roberts
- 11:30 a.m. Novices receiving the habit

Wednesday, August 9, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Octavio Flores Resendiz
- 8 a.m. † Dennis L. Rapp by Jim & Terri Wood
- 11:30 a.m. † Bill Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner

Thursday, August 10, St. Lawrence (F)

- 7 a.m. Father Basil Cole, O.P., by Kevin & Patrice McCarthy
- 8 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Marriage Encounter Group
- 11:30 a.m. † Dennis Nichols by The Golias Family

Friday, August 11, St. Clare (M)

- 7 a.m. Matthew & Rose Kang by The Isaacs Family
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Bob & Carol Connors
- 11:30 a.m. † Joe Silvers by Mike & Diane Kennedy

Saturday, August 12, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Steve Rentschler by Mark & Sherri Holland
- 11:30 a.m. Connie & Ted Bishop by Joan Ratajczak
- 4:30 p.m. † David & Bridget Moreno by The Carrington Family

Sunday, August 13, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Nancy Lucas by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Tom Williams by Nancy Lucas
- 6 p.m. † Roberto Gonzalez by Jeff & Julie Rosfeld

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-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Church Hours

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

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.

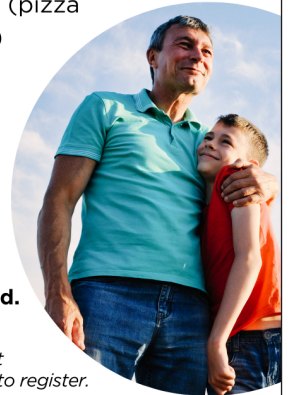
St. Gertrude Campus

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.



The Assumption of Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

On Tuesday, August 15, we celebrate the greatest holy day of the month: the Assumption of Mary. We invite you to **join us for Mass on this holy day of obligation:**

- Monday, August 14 - 7 p.m. (vigil)
- Tuesday, August 15 - at 7, 8, or 11:30 a.m. (also the Mass of Profession) or 7 p.m.



ST. DOMINIC'S GREAT PROMISE

Father John Paul is away this week. In his place—and as we approach the feast of St. Dominic—Father Luke shares St. Dominic's great promise to not only the Dominicans but also all of you.

This Tuesday, August 8, is a big day for Dominicans—the feast of St. Dominic! The 11:30 a.m. Mass will be especially beautiful and solemn to mark the occasion. Please join us and meet the new novices!

St. Dominic's feast day reminds me of the great promise St. Dominic left us. Yes, us—friars, sisters, Dominican laity, and *every parishioner* at this Dominican parish.

There he was, the day of his death . . . wrapped in his worn habit, lying sick, in a bed for the first time in years, surrounded by his brethren—his little band of friars preachers. And he said to them, “Do not weep. I shall be of more use to you and bear more fruit for you after death than I ever did in life.”

There is that great promise: after his death, St. Dominic would be more helpful to his brethren.

Three years later, St. Dominic was canonized. Now we know his intercession is sure; we know that we can rely on his promise. He is right now before the throne of grace (Heb 4:16), before our Lord Jesus, charged especially with the care of his children.

St. Dominic is our father. We call him Our Holy Father St. Dominic, *Sanctus Pater Noster Dominicus*. We do not just call him father because he founded the Order of Preachers over 800 years ago—like a “Founding Father,” if you will. We call him father because it signifies an ongoing, living relationship; a familial tie (father to son, father to daughter).

For religious, this bond came to be by our vows. We make our vow of obedience to God, to Blessed Mary, to Blessed Dominic, and to our superiors. And we make this vow *usque ad mortem*—until death. Our vows bind us to St. Dominic as our father for life. With this new familial tie, we become heirs of a great inheritance.

This is much like Baptism: we are baptized into Christ, the Son of God, and so become adopted sons and daughters of the Father. In Christ, we become heirs to the great inheritance that is the fruits of his cross. Those fruits, those gifts, those graces that our Lord won for us are ours, and our heavenly Father delights in giving them to us through Christ.

Beginning religious life is much like Baptism. It is a deepening of the grace of our baptism. Many of us receive new names. By our vows, we become sons and daughters of our Holy Father St. Dominic, and we become heirs of a great inheritance. St. Dominic delights in obtaining graces for us from Christ.

In St. Dominic, the grace of the whole Order of Preachers is ours. The many graces that all the saints and blessed of the Order have won over the centuries by their holy lives are for our growth in holiness—and yours.

As parishioners at a Dominican parish, you can be assured that the fatherhood of St. Dominic includes St. Gertrude Parish in a special way. You can confidently ask him for the graces you need.

In particular, we might think to ask for the graces that so adorned the life of St. Dominic. Zeal for souls, contemplative prayer, joy of spirit, cheerfulness in adversity. How is it that our lives will be transformed by the grace of St. Dominic and so lead us to Jesus?

Today, then, we give thanks to God for setting so great a father over this household of the Order of Preachers and those places entrusted to the Dominicans. We give thanks that St. Dominic was granted so great a share in the Fatherhood of God, from whom all Fatherhood comes (Eph 3:15).

And so we pray, “Fulfill, father, what you have said, and help us by your prayers.”

St. Dominic, pray for us!

God bless,

Father Luke Mary VanBerkum, O.P.

ST. GERTRUDE
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CENTENNIAL GALA

Featuring
THE JAZZ COASTERS

With a blend of vintage swing, New Orleans Jazz, and pop covers, Cincinnati's premiere swing dance band will have everyone on their feet. Don't know swing? No problem! There will be swing dance instructors present to give everyone a short lesson before we open the dance floor. This is one toe-tappin' party you don't want to miss!

EARLY BIRD TICKETS
AVAILABLE THROUGH AUGUST 31.
Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/100anniversarygala

NOVEMBER 3, 2023
6:30-10:30 P.M.
THE MANOR HOUSE
7440 Mason Montgomery Rd., Mason, OH 45040

COVER IMAGE: *St. Dominic in Glory*, from the frescoed ceiling in the Chapter House of San Domenico, Bologna. Photo by Father Lawrence Lew, O.P. Photo used with permission.



What Parents Are Saying

"St. Gertrude School has created a place for our children to grow and thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. We remain simply amazed by the whole-child formation each of our children has (and continues) to experience. We feel we have true partners in education through the faculty and staff of the school. We never imagined we would have the opportunity to provide our children such a fruitful, rich community in which to learn and flourish. God's hand is truly at work within the walls of St. Gertrude School. We are beyond blessed to have such a school available to the Cincinnati community."

-Beth Clifford
St. Gertrude School Parent

NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTENDING ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

As you may have heard, recent state legislation has significantly expanded access to Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Program. This program provides state-funded scholarships to K-12 students based on household income level. As a result of these changes, **all of Ohio's students are now eligible for a full or reduced scholarship for attending private schools!**

In order to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship, students must *first* be enrolled in a Catholic school. We invite all interested parish families to enjoy a personalized, parent-led tour to learn about the St. Gertrude School difference! Meet the principal, visit a classroom, and experience the joy of a Catholic education in the Dominican tradition. Schedule a tour today!

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

Get all your children's uniform needs for the 2023-2024 school year—and receive **10 percent off your entire purchase.**

Wednesday, August 9
12–6 p.m.
St. Gertrude School
Cafeteria

Clothing may be tried on for sizing. Returns and exchanges for clothing that has not been worn, washed, or had tags removed accepted.

Can't make the sale? Visit educationalapparel.com to place an order anytime. Orders over \$100 ship free. Orders under \$100 ship for a flat \$8.



3096 Brown Park Drive, Hilliard, OH | (614) 876-3030
Store Hours: M-Th. - 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri. - 10 a.m.–5 p.m.,
Sat. - 10 a.m.–3 p.m.



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.

Scan to schedule a tour!



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GATHER IN FAITH



GUIDE IN TRUTH



GROW IN EXCELLENCE



SHOWER HEADS AND ELECTION SEASON

BY TYLER CASTRUCCI

Showering is important. Okay, that sounds like an obvious, “duh,” statement—and perhaps it is. But showering can become one of those fundamental things in life that we end up taking for granted in our modern society. In other words, you don’t appreciate how important a good shower is until you have a bad shower. What makes a “good shower”

you ask? Water pressure. It all comes down to water pressure. Too much and you feel like you’re getting pummeled into submission; too little and you end up like Kramer on Seinfeld with greasy hair after experiencing a “low flow” shower exclaiming, “I feel weak and ineffectual!”

As virtue is the mean between two vices, so the perfect water pressure is that right balance between too strong and too weak. This point was made obvious to me recently after returning from a family vacation. The house we had been staying at on our trip had glorious water pressure and, when we returned home, it became abundantly clear that our shower was painfully weak in comparison. Why was our brand new shower head so much weaker than the one on our trip that seemed to be decades old? After consulting YouTube, Bob Vila, and other home improvement websites, I learned that the reason new shower heads are weaker than old ones is because Environmental Protection Agency regulations now limit the flow of shower heads to 2.5 gpm (gallons per minute). For comparison, older shower heads are usually at least 4 gpm and can even be as high as 10 gpm!



When did this happen, and why wasn’t I consulted? Well, apparently legislation about shower heads was written, debated, revised, and passed years ago, all without me being

the slightest bit aware of it. This led me to reflect on what else was happening in the political sphere that I was oblivious to. Perhaps I should be paying closer attention, after all, as Catholics, our faith obliges us to be active participants in society and “to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one’s country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2239). Our faith can’t be reduced to a private matter that merely informs our personal choices and preferences; rather, it must be the guiding principle behind how we

form our consciences to make prudent decisions in the public realm. While it might not always be immediately obvious, the fact that God became man in the person of Jesus Christ so that we might be healed from sin and attain eternal life has profound implications on how we cast our ballots from matters small to big (and even shower head water pressure). We are called to bring the Good News into society, and elections are a privileged opportunity for us to do just that. Bearing witness to our faith in the voting booth means we must first form our conscience by prayerfully examining the issues at hand in light of the Gospel. As we enter this season of elections and special elections, let us all resolve to answer the call of the Church to be faithful citizens and actively participate in building up the kingdom here and now.



EVANGELIZATION 101 TIP

Get your friends together to do some activity, and invite someone who is “outside” your group to take part.

iVoteCatholic

Get a fuller picture of what the Church teaches and why—and vote with your faith in mind.

ivotecatholic.org

CENTENNIAL BOOKS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Get your copy of our centennial book, *St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years*, for just \$35 this weekend! Members of the centennial book committee will be in the Parish Center before and after all Masses. Check, cash, and credit cards accepted. You can also purchase this timeless book at The Catholic Shop (7015 Miami Ave.) or in the parish office.

MASS OF PROFESSION - ALL ARE INVITED!

Since August 2022, we have had 12 Dominican novices here at St. Gertrude Priory. They have now completed their year of formation and will make their simple profession of religious vows at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, August 15. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. (Please note, August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, which is a holy day of obligation.) Mass will be a little longer than usual—around 90 minutes. Please keep these brothers in your prayers as they begin their formal seminary education and formation at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

PARISH CENTENNIAL PICNIC

Please join us for our Parish Centennial Picnic on **Saturday, August 19, immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass**. This joyous event marks a significant milestone as we continue to commemorate our 100th anniversary.

The festivities will kick off with a blessing, and dinner—a **delicious pig roast with a variety of sides, delectable desserts, and refreshing drinks catered by Vonderhaar's**—will be served at approximately 5:30 p.m. We will also have a children's menu, including hot dogs and macaroni and cheese. To add to the merriment, the **1960s Top 40 band DeJa Vu** will play from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Other activities include a strolling **balloon artist, face painting, and temporary tattoos** between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., as well as a **corn hole and gaga ball tournament**.

We invite everyone in our parish community, friends, and visitors to come together to make this year's picnic a memorable occasion. We look forward to seeing you!

YOUR DONATIONS HELP THOSE WHO ARE "AFRAID"

In today's Gospel, God says: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples were afraid, but Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

This past month, your St. Vincent de Paul volunteers have been busy assisting several people in need. We purchased and installed an air conditioning/heater unit for a neighbor, walked with a neighbor with two children facing eviction, helped a neighbor get Duke services restored after disconnection, and provided food and clothing vouchers. Your donations are making a difference in people's lives! God bless you!



Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Keeping in Balance** where we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

St. Gertrude Parish Center
Fridays, September 8–March 22
8:30–10:30 a.m.
Childcare available

Join us for an **Open House on August 25**
from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

For more information, email wpp.st.gertrude@gmail.com

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LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Simon Berry, 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:

† Patricia Shannon



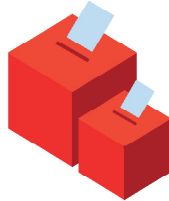
HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend collecting donations for Hope Emergency Center. The center is an agency in

Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties, serving about 250 families who are struggling to make ends meet. The center has asked that this year's August "Back to School" collection be focused on their greatest needs: sports bras (all sizes), underwear, women's personal protection products (pads and tampons) and toothpaste. Ohio's 2023 Tax Free Weekend is August 4-6—a great opportunity to purchase items to donate. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Your donations are so very much appreciated!

VOTING REMINDER!!!

Please remember to vote in the August 8 Ohio special election this Tuesday! At issue is Issue 1, the raising of the threshold required to pass an Ohio constitutional amendment. You can find information on how to vote early at ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/early-voting/.



Archbishop Schnurr has given the following for your consideration on the issue: *"Issue 1 will increase the threshold required for any proposed amendment to the Constitution of Ohio from a simple majority vote to at least a 60 percent majority vote in order to pass. Therefore, a 'yes' vote on Issue 1 will make it more difficult to pass any future amendment to the Constitution of Ohio, including this November's ballot initiative seeking an abortion rights constitutional amendment that expands and enshrines abortion at the expense of protections of preborn children and women. A 'no' vote on Issue 1 will maintain the current threshold, making it easier to pass an amendment to Ohio's constitution, including the one coming this November on the abortion expansion amendment."*

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES CONFERENCE

You're invited to a Eucharistic Miracles Conference at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood next weekend, August 11th-13th. Learn about the many Eucharistic miracles around the world. Discover what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey. Hear speakers Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Fr. Ryan Ruiz, Fr. Ethan Moore, Fr. Rob Jack and more. Music by The Vigil Project. Learn, pray, adore, and ignite your faith! Register at hostofmiracles.org or by scanning the QR code.



BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Come to a preplanning 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).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SINGLES

Looking to meet faithful single Catholics? Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the United States (and beyond!) on August 25-27, 2023, at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics in Plymouth, MI (or participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship, and more. If attending in-person, use the promo code **PARISH23** when you register to get \$50 off! (Discount for the first 50 sign-ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. Can't find your question answered on the website? Call (512) 766-5798.

SUMMER SLUMP

Summer often means vacation—and fewer volunteers and contributions coming in for many nonprofits like Pregnancy Center Plus (PCPlus), just as their needs hit year-round highs. Very often, clients' needs increase when their children are off school. At this time, PCPlus is in need of Enfamil formula (or other brands), size 6 diapers, and gas cards. If you can help, please drop off your donations at the center (4760 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45227) during open hours or order the items online and have them directly sent to PCPlus. Learn more at supportpcplus.org.

MARIA STEIN SHRINE CHAPEL TOURS

Have you been thinking about taking a tour of the Maria Stein Shrine chapels? From now until Labor Day, the Shrine is offering chapel tours at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. No RSVP is needed and tours are free of charge. The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics (2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860) is the second largest collection of relics in the United States.

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ASK A PRIEST - THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GOING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY

FATHER BRENDAN BARAN, O.P.

Q: Getting to Sunday Mass can sometimes be a real hassle for my family. Why do we have to come? Why can't we just worship anywhere?

A: We can break this question down into four other questions:

Has it always been this way? Jesus Christ, resurrected from the dead, first appeared to his disciples on a Sunday and “broke bread” with them (Luke 24:30, 36). A week later, the disciples gathered again, and again Jesus appeared to them (John 20:26–29). Ever since those first Sundays in Jerusalem, Christians have come together in a common place in order to worship God in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

An early church document called the *Didache* (ca. 70 A.D.) instructs, “Every Lord’s day . . . gather yourselves together and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions” (14.1). In the original Greek, the word for “give thanksgiving” is *eucharistesate*, which refers to celebrating the Eucharist at the Mass. Even non-Christians began to notice how the early Christians gathered for worship. Around the year 112 A.D., the Roman governor wrote a letter to Emperor Trajan. The governor observed that the Christians in his territory “were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god” (Pliny the Younger, *Epistle* 102). The best description of an early Sunday Mass comes from St. Justin, writing about 155 A.D.:

“On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together in one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read. . . . Then we all stand together and pray, and . . . when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the presider in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings [*eucharistias*], according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given [*eucharistethenton*].” (*I Apologia* 67.3–7)

In these early days, attending Mass was risky. Emperor Trajan wrote back to the governor, instructing that the Christians should be put on trial for treason. Ten years after writing his *Apologia*, St. Justin was beheaded at the command of the Roman prefect Rusticus. Attending Mass has always involved some amount of difficulty.

Can't I just pray at home? “We pay God honor and reverence, not for His sake . . . but for our sake” (*ST II-II*, q. 81, a. 7). We all desire to have a connection to God. Whenever we quietly turn our mind to God, it is an interior act which we call prayer. Interior prayer can occur at any time in any place.

However, the worship of God involves both mind *and* body. By going to a church building, we show our commitment to God in a

visible and physical way. Yes, you can pray on the sofa, but worshiping in a church helps you know for yourselves how committed you are. Coming to a church building is also good because the place is consecrated especially for prayer, it keeps you close to the Eucharist, and you can then pray alongside others instead of as an isolated individual.

Also, we naturally desire to set aside special *time* for worship. In all parts of our lives, we need time for refreshment and rest. A healthy life includes time dedicated for sleep, conversation with friends, and reading. It's the same with our spiritual health—we need special times for spiritual refreshment through prayer and worship of God.

Why Mass on Sunday and not another day? The Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass is “the fount and apex of the whole Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium* 11). In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ is present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The Mass is the supreme act of worship because, during the Mass, Christ's sacrifice on Calvary is re-presented on the altar. On Sundays, the Mass has greater significance and greater solemnity because it especially remembers the resurrection of the Lord. We come to Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) in order to be united with other Christians as one body, centered around the Word in the Scripture and the Eucharistic Body of Christ.

What if I don't feel like it? Coming to Mass on Sunday is good, even if sometimes it feels inconvenient, distracting, or boring. Your mere presence pleases God; it gives testimony that you are a follower of Christ, provides encouragement to your neighbors, and strengthens your soul. As St. Paul wrote: “Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary . . . let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust. . . . We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another and this all the more as you see the day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:25).

Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, or something else? Submit your question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer in Praise of the Transfiguration and Incarnation

I praise you, O my Jesus, in union with that all-transcending praise within which all your saints rejoice in rapturous harmony, the influx of your divinity into your deific humanity, now transfigured in unfading glory in reward of the bitterness of the Passion and death you endured for man's salvation. Amen.

Monday, August 7	Tuesday, August 8	Wednesday, August 9	Thursday, August 10	Friday, August 11	Saturday, August 12	Sunday, August 13
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School New Families Parent Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	100th Anniversary Book Sales After all Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			Respect Life Meeting 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Centennial Gala Ticket Sales After all Masses Outside Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria				100th Anniversary Book Sales After 4:30 p.m. Mass St. Dominic Lobby	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
					Centennial Gala Ticket Sales After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church

Interested in Joining St. Gertrude Church?

Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find 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 July 30

Collection	\$	27,228
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	9,772)
Second Collection - L of C & St. Vincent de Paul: \$4,859		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	157,069
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	185,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	\$27,931)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
8/20/23

MATERIALS DUE
8/9/23

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