



ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023



100TH ANNIVERSARY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, September 11, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Maria Lee by The Isaacs Family
8 a.m. † Marge Retzler by Elaine & Jeff Parker
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary (M)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
8 a.m. † Jane Sansalone by Tony & Keke Sansalone
11:30 a.m. † Marianne Nichwitz by Nancy DeBrunner

Wednesday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom (M)

- 7 a.m. † Leo & Marian Breslin by Kevin Breslin
8 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Pearson by Kim Burke
11:30 a.m. † Russell Smith by Cynthia & Kelly King

Thursday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)

- 7 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Octavio Flores Resendiz
8 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Mary Beth & Rob Thiemann
11:30 a.m. Healing of the Church and Victims of Child Abuse

Friday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows (M)

- 7 a.m. † Steve Lehrter by Jeanne Johantges
8 a.m. † Vicki LeBlanc by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
11:30 a.m. † Laura & Jack O'Brien by Kathy Balbach

Saturday, September 16, SS. Cornelius & Cyprian (M)

- 8 a.m. Michael Stoll by Beth Stoll
11:30 a.m. † Suzanne Huber by The Henderson Family
4:30 p.m. † Sister Mary Louis Russley, O.P., by Natalie Moore

Sunday, September 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Kevin Shannon by The Shannon Family
10 a.m. † Bob Lance by Lynda Lance
12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
6 p.m. † Grace Casper by The Runk 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

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | stgertrude.org
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.

The Rosary A Series of Musical Meditations

St. Gertrude Church presents three musical meditations, each focused on a different set of mysteries of the rosary and featuring a variety of internationally renowned musicians. The series is free; an offering will be taken to support sacred music at St. Gertrude Church.



September 10 | 3 p.m.

Part I: The Joyful Mysteries
Featuring soprano and organ duo Cynthia and Christopher Holman and including the world premiere of a new setting of the Canticum of Simeon.



Holman Duo

September 17 | 3 p.m.

Part II: The Luminous Mysteries
Sung by the Capella, St. Gertrude Church's outstanding choir of professional singers.

September 24 | 3 p.m.

Part III: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Featuring the eminent oboist John Dee, the Bill A. Nugent Professor of Oboe at the University of Illinois, along with organist Christopher Holman.



John Dee



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Save the Date

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

Stop by our Ministry Fair to
discover where you can share your
God-given gifts with the parish.

OCTOBER 7 & 8
AFTER ALL MASSES
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

Learn about each ministry, program,
group, and organization at
stgertrude.org.



ESCAPING TRAFFIC JAMS

A couple of weeks ago around 5 p.m., I was driving south on I-71, trying to get through the city and over the bridge into Northern Kentucky. When I first got on the highway, traffic was moving at its expected speed. But as I proceeded further south, I looked down at the maps app on my phone and suddenly saw a lot of “yellow” on the highway ahead of me, which then became a lot of “red” as I found myself at almost a dead standstill with miles of stopped or barely-moving cars ahead of me.

This is, of course, not the only city where I have experienced the reality known as the “traffic jam.” Having lived in or near major cities like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; Baltimore; New York; and Boston, I am quite well acquainted with traffic jams. One thing that has become obvious to me is that most of the larger cities in our country do not have the infrastructure to handle the number of cars trying to navigate their roads.

As I was creeping along at a snail’s pace, with every lane already maxed out in vehicles, I couldn’t help but look side to side and notice that the on-ramps were also full of cars, all trying to merge into this highway already at its capacity. And almost inevitably, a few hundred yards from the ramp, the merge lane would disappear, forcing this ever-growing mass of cars together. The highway, rather than increasing the number of lanes to accommodate the greater traffic volume, actually decreases the number of lanes!

More and more drivers, all trying to get to the same place, pouring into ever-narrowing roadways. It doesn’t take an Einstein to figure out this isn’t going to end well. The more people you have trying to get to the same place, and the narrower the roads leading there, the worse the traffic problems will be.

But there is one exception to this rule. There is one journey, one great “commute,” where this is not the case. And that is our journey to heaven.

Like many of the highways in our cities, the road that leads to heaven is indeed a narrow one, as Jesus himself taught us (Matthew 7:13-14). But that is where the parallel with city traffic ends. Because on the road to heaven, our fellow travelers do not “get in the way.” When someone “pulls ahead” of us in holiness, that doesn’t hold us back. Indeed, quite often, having those around us making progress on the journey to heaven will help and inspire us to work harder to grow in holiness ourselves. This is one of the deep truths about growing in the spiritual life that I’ve learned over the years: it is much easier to do so when one is surrounded by people who are all striving for it as well. The “momentum” created by others helps to carry us along, strengthening our faith and reminding us we have many brothers and sisters on this very same journey.

So the next time you are sitting in the midst of snarled traffic, whether on I-71 going through the city or even waiting in the pickup line at St. Gertrude School at the end of the school day (!!!), recall Jesus’ teaching about the narrow road rather than let frustration get the better of you. And always remember: there are no traffic jams on the way to heaven.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

CENTENNIAL GALA

Sponsor a Dominican

There are many Dominican friars, brothers, and sisters who have spent time at St. Gertrude Parish over the years. Imagine how special it would be for them to attend the Centennial Gala . . . You can make that possible by sponsoring a Dominican and buying his or her ticket to the Gala.

To buy a ticket to the Gala for a Dominican, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/100anniversarygala.



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

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

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I recall that sword of sorrow which pierced your heart when you received into your bosom your Son, taken down from the cross, and sprinkled his sacred Body with your tears. O Mother most forlorn, I pray, by all the sighs and groans wrung from your heart, by all the sorrows and the wounds of your soul: comfort mine in the hour when it goes forth from the body, wash it with your tears, and receive it into your maternal arms as you did receive the lifeless Body of your Son, and lead it up to the joys of heaven. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *The symbolic fresco of Jesus as the priest with the eucharist in the Votivkirche church by brothers Carl and Franz Jobst (sc. half of 19. cent.).*

3X3 ADULT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Every school year, the St. Gertrude School PTO has one major fundraiser to raise money to fund all its student activities for the year. The 2023-2024 fundraiser has been revamped to be a FUN-raiser—a carnival-themed challenge/activity course on Friday, September 29, that each class will work their way through. As part of the FUN, the PTO is hosting its first annual 3x3 Adult Basketball Tournament on Thursday, September 28 (the evening before the big carnival). There will be pizza, and each player will receive a T-shirt. **All adults are welcome—teams do not need to be made up of only SGS parents or St. Gertrude Church parishioners.** Total cost per team is \$60. Visit buytickets.at/sgspto or scan the QR code to sign up.



BUTTERFLY PROJECT

The first graders have started their annual butterfly project! Students learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly by observing the different stages of the life cycle: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly. The caterpillars are fed using milkweed grown in our outdoor classroom, and students use rulers and magnifying glasses to track their growth.

WE'RE HIRING

St. Gertrude School is looking for supervisors for our 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 to apply!

FREE WINTER COATS AVAILABLE FOR ST. GERTRUDE CHILDREN

St. Gertrude Parish's Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will purchase 72 coats this year for any children who may need them. The coats are brand new PVC-coated nylon winter jackets that are both wind- and water-resistant. To order a free coat or coats, simply email Mrs. Fentress at office@stgertrudesch.org and let her know your child(ren)'s name(s) and coat size(s) as soon as possible. All names are kept confidential. This is a special gift for St. Gertrude School families, so please take advantage of this opportunity!



FIRST BULLDOG BROADCAST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

On Friday, September 1, our eighth grade students led their first Bulldog Broadcast of the 2023-2024 school year! The Bulldog Broadcast is our means for morning prayers and announcements each Friday and covers topics such as sports, birthdays, and Virtues in Practice. In a new segment called "The Inside Scoop," students interviewed our principal, Sister Mary Agnes.



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



I HAVE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

LAURA POTTER, COORDINATOR OF HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

If there is one thing I've learned in the past 23 years of intentionally following Jesus and 38 years as a baptized Catholic, it's that "life with Christ is a wonderful adventure" (Pope St. John Paul II)! Our Shepherd is constantly leading us beside still waters, through the darkest of valleys, and into the new promised land (Psalm 23). We are his sheep, and we have the great privilege of recognizing his voice and following him (John 10).

I am so grateful that Jesus led me to volunteer for L'alto: High School and then step into the full-time role as coordinator of high school ministry this past year. I have been incredibly inspired by the faith of the teens, parents, and the whole St. Gertrude Parish community. Your love for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and enthusiasm for sharing Christ's love through your time, talents, and treasures are what fuel the life of this parish. Thank you for receiving me so well and for your constant prayers and support for the youth in this region. Please continue to pray for the 17 adult volunteers, 60+ teens involved in L'alto: High School, and for the new coordinator of youth ministry to hear Jesus calling him or her to St. Gertrude!

I have heard the voice of the Shepherd inviting me to move back to Denver, CO, where I lived for seven years. My last day of work at St. Gertrude will be this Friday, September 15. I look forward to continuing to develop my gifts of music and production and to seeing where the Lord leads me next. May God grant each of us the grace to continue to believe and live the truth that, "[d]iscovering Christ, always again and always more fully, is the most wonderful adventure of our life (Pope St. John Paul II)."



EVANGELIZATION 101 TIP

Ask one person (preferably someone you don't know well) how you can pray for him or her this week.

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

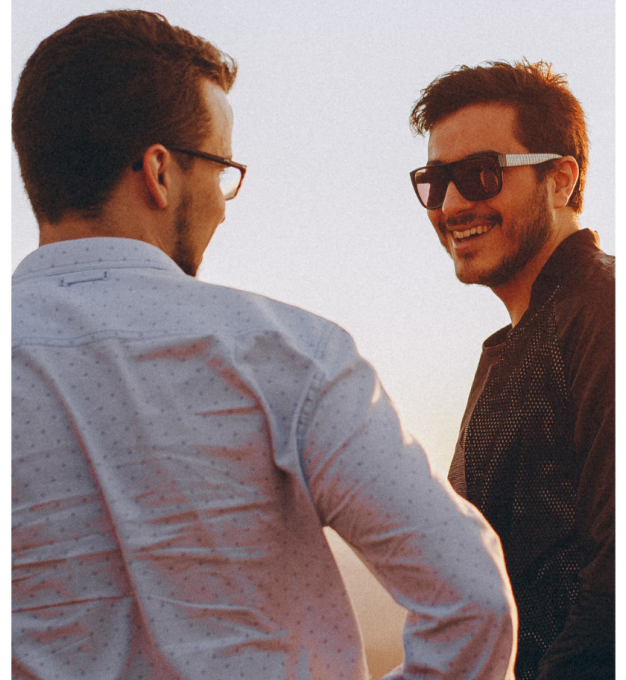
September 11
6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Church
Parish Center

6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, 45243



stgertrude.org/become-catholic



PURCHASE YOUR CENTENNIAL BOOK ONLINE

You can now order your copy of *St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years* online! Visit bit.ly/stg100book to purchase your book for just \$35! You can also get your copy at The Catholic Shop (7015 Miami Avenue) in downtown Madeira or in the parish office. Cash, credit card, and check accepted.

PILGRIMAGE— PRAYER INTENTIONS & 3 SPOTS LEFT

In just a few weeks, Father Luke and a group of St. Gertrude Church parishioners will be going on the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Along the way, they will stop at the national shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the St. John Paul II National Shrine, and St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C., and offer Mass at each of these locations for your intentions. If there is something that you would like these pilgrims to pray for, please write your prayer requests in the special Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage prayer intentions book by the Mary altar.

If you would like to join the group on this exciting pilgrimage September 28–October 1, please visit bit.ly/rosarypilgrimage to sign up. But hurry, there are only a few spots left!



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Respect Life committee meeting will be next Saturday, September 16, at 9 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center. Anyone interested in this ministry is invited to attend.

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.

SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS

St. Gertrude parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, September 24, and Sunday, October 22. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati. Sign up outside (or in the Parish Center lobby if it's raining) before or after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Masses this Sunday, September 10. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.

IN THE MIDST OF THEM – SVDP

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: “. . . where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

In the month of August, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was been able to help those in need experience Jesus' presence by providing \$2,700 for rent, \$811 for utilities, \$1,060 for car payments, \$400 for telephone bills, \$200 in groceries, and \$150 in gift cards, and twinning \$100 to another conference to help their neighbors in need. None of this would be possible without your gifts and contributions. May God bless you for your generosity.

**Special Needs
Moms Support Group**

Do you have a child with special health care needs? Join our moms group for a listening ear, prayer, support, and help throughout the year.

When Third Tuesday of the month, starting September 19 | 7 p.m.

Where St. Gertrude Parish Center
St. Joseph Room

Learn more at stgertrude.org/momsofspecialneeds

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, Kerry Walden, Ann Walker and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

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:

† David Castrucci

**BETHANY HOUSE COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) collecting items for Bethany House, an agency which empowers homeless and at-risk families with solutions to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency. Their immediate needs include household items to fill the “Exit Basket” provided to each family as they start a new life in more stable housing. Kitchen needs include pots/pans, dishes, glassware, silverware, cooking utensils, baking pans, garbage bags and cans. Bathroom needs include shower curtains/liners, towels/washcloths, toilet brush/plunger. Bed linens for twin- or full-size beds, blankets, comforters, and pillows are requested. Household goods, such as brooms/dustpans, mops/buckets, cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, and laundry detergent are also needed to help previously homeless families set up new households. Thank you for your generous support. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

**CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE
INFORMATION NIGHT**

Discover how Christendom College helps students learn the Truth, live the faith, and thrive as Catholics. This is an ideal event for those with high school-aged children and/or those interested in learning more about Christendom. Join us at from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, at Geoff and Colleen Pearson’s house (6373 Ludlum Road, Morrow, OH 45152) to hear more about the college that led Pope St. John Paul II to say: “Christendom College is doing a great work for the Church.” Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Geoff.Pearson@outlook.com or (513) 604-2308.

ST. JOHN PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

A Catholic priest began the St. John Passion Play as a prayer of protection for his parish’s men serving in WWI. The St. John Passion Play has been performed annually ever since. Be a part of this inspirational Cincinnati tradition! Auditions are September 17 and 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. at 231 Mill Street, Lockland, Ohio 45215. For more information, call or text (513) 410-8761 or email director@stjohnpassionplay.org.

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Come to a preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, September 26, 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, which 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).

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



**Join Catholics across Ohio
in praying a 54-Day
Rosary Novena
beginning
Friday, Sept. 15,
for the defeat of this
dangerous amendment.**



Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here → or at pray54ohio.org.



**28TH ANNUAL DAY OF
PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

The 28th Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for women and men is on Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Clare Campus (60 Compton Road, Cincinnati 45215). This powerful day, led by Jeanne Hunt and Father Norman Langenbrunner and hosted by Roger Grein of Magnified Giving, includes lunch and Mass at 3 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Please RSVP to Roger Grein at (513) 821-9044 or (513) 247-3162 by September 18.

Calling all lawyers!



The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild of Greater Cincinnati hereby invites you and your families to attend:

The 25th Annual Red Mass

Thursday, September 21, 2023

at 5:00 PM at the

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, KY

Visit CincinnatiRedMass.org for more and information on other events of interest to the legal community.

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “individual” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a “burden” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** “health” includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman’s age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

1. Every individual has a 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.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual’s voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual’s health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.
4. As used in this Section, “Fetal viability” means “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”; and “State” includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303
** Based on Doe v. Bolton

www.ohiocathconf.org



Monday, September 11	Tuesday, September 12	Wednesday, September 13	Thursday, September 14	Friday, September 15	Saturday, September 16	Sunday, September 17
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Respect Life Meeting 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Catechetical Sunday Blessings at all Masses
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Church Closed for Sound System Review 9-11 a.m. Church	CGS Parent Group Meeting 11 a.m. St. Joseph Room		Catechetical Sunday Blessings at all Masses	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			Family Faith – Parent & Child Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II				Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Become Catholic Come & See Event 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Ministry Leader Summit 7 p.m. Gym				The Rosary: Musical Meditations 3 p.m. Church
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					

We're Hiring!

St. Gertrude Church is seeking a full-time coordinator of youth ministry to join our Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation. Visit stgertrude.org/employment to learn more and apply!

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for September 3

Collection	\$ 38,774
Weekly Budget	\$ 37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$ 1,774
Second Collection - Special Pro-Life Collection: \$3,814	
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 338,884
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 370,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$ 31,116)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN 9/24/23	MATERIALS DUE 9/13/23
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Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
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