

BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? MARK 8:29



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

September 12, 2021

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

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

- 7:00 a.m. Eddy Pappalardo & Ellen Readnour/
Jim & Anita Pappalardo
8:00 a.m. Lynn Lindhorst/Patty & Jack Norris
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

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

- 7:00 a.m. †John Gillum/The Spurgin Family
8:00 a.m. †MaryLou Serge/John & Rita
11:30 a.m. Healing of the Church and Victims of Child Abuse/
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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

- 7:00 a.m. †Patti Coit/Rita Gehring
8:00 a.m. †Jane Castrucci/Tyler & Molly Castrucci
11:30 a.m. †Laura & Jack O'Brien/Kathy Balbach

Thursday, September 16, SS. Cornelius and Cyprian (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Connie Hanna/Susan Giuliani
8:00 a.m. †Donald Jackson/Ted & Joanne Bayer & Family
11:30 a.m. †The Deceased Members of the Kohus & Bough Family/
John & Hilda Bough

Friday, September 17, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory/Anonymous
8:00 a.m. †Bob Lance/Lynda Lance
11:30 a.m. Linda Armstrong/
Lindsey, Gabrielle & Natalie Armstrong

Saturday, September 18, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Karen Hock/Sheila & Christopher Cole
11:30 a.m. †Margaretha Thung/Novilia Suhendra

September 18-19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday –

- 4:30 p.m. †Bob Volz/Peter Bertoli

Sunday –

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10:00 a.m. †Marlene Tisher/Martha Coors
12:00 p.m. †Joseph Serge/Jeanne Johantges
6:00 p.m. †James Gaede/Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel

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

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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.



SAVE THE DATE

Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including St. Gertrude. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.BeaconsAOC.org.

You're invited to offer your thoughts at one of the comment sessions at St. Gertrude:

- Monday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input for this important initiative which will shape the future of our parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.



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For more information, visit
stgertrude.org/news/win10k or edify.us.
Contest runs September 1-30, 2021.



The following article by Father Earl Fernandes appeared in the August 2021 edition of The Catholic Telegraph Magazine. Father Earl offers a unique perspective on the Beacons of Light process, and I thought it was worth sharing.

A PRIEST'S PERSPECTIVE: THE CHURCH AS THE FAMILY OF GOD

The Church is a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all men and women who are called to bring the joy of the Gospel to the whole world. One scriptural image used by the Second Vatican Council which may be helpful for understanding the forthcoming parish groupings and the *Beacons of Light* process is that of the Church as the Family of God – “the house of God in which His family dwells; the household of God in the Spirit” (cf. Eph. 2:19, 22).

The image of the Church as a family is ancient, and the idea of a family as a “domestic church” has re-emerged in recent times. Parishes are communities of families, gathered under a pastor, a “father” of the family, in communion with the bishop, to worship God and to build the Kingdom. The family is a place of belonging, a privileged place to experience love and growth, an original sign of Christ’s love for His Church, given to us by God the Father. It is both a building block of society and a critical means by which we are introduced into a decisive relationship with God.

The family exists to generate life and deepen the companionship between believers as they journey toward their common destiny. Family stability is critical for the future. This is true not only of our individual families, but also of our parish families. Every family, including a parish family, has a mission to build up the Church and increase the Kingdom of God in the world; to be a community of love in which people experience a sense of belonging; and, to be a beacon of light and hope to others.

In the Family of God we continually meet and encounter Christ who, according to Pope Benedict XVI in *Deus caritas est*, “gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” In our personal families, we learn to confront difficulties and face the realities of life, enlightened by His Presence. In family life, we encounter Christ in each other. In both our individual families and parish families, our companionship comes together in a space, in our daily living and working together, on a common journey with a common goal: our destiny with God.

The Church can be understood as the Family of God. Jesus addresses God as Father and the early Church addressed its members as adelphoi (brothers and sisters). The Church is not principally an administrative grouping, organized and occasionally re-organized like a company; rather, its distinctive characteristics are prayer and the Eucharist. Believers are called by name to be part of this family and are drawn together and constituted as a family by the Holy Spirit. No family is perfect, and there are always members of the family with different temperaments, but there is one fundamental bond: faith.

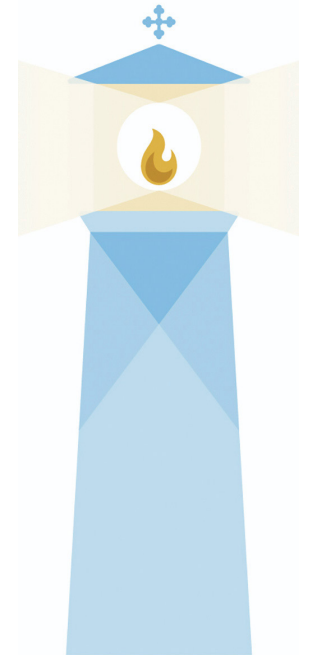
The Church, constituted by God, is mandated to evangelize. Every family and every parish must have a missionary outlook. We must

radiate Christ to the world, and yet, we are experiencing profound change, which makes the task of evangelizing more challenging. Pope Francis frequently says, “we live not so much in an epoch of change as in a change of epoch.” Acknowledging this and the current reality of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which includes demographic shifts and fewer priests, it is essential to adapt to effectively carry out the Church’s mission in a changed environment.

Beacons of Light is not principally about a priest shortage; it is about the mission of evangelization. At the beginning of his Pontificate, Pope Francis described his dream for the Church in *The Joy of the Gospel*: “I dream of a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.”

I invite you to dream about how our parishes can be evangelizing communities, beacons that radiate the light of faith and respond to the needs of the whole Family of God.

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FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



O Mary, today a terrible sword has pierced Your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of Your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin, pour courage into my heart and guard it. (*Diary, #915*)

COVER IMAGE: *Christ the Saviour (Pantokrator)* (6th century, Sinai) © www.shutterstock.com/mtryggvadottir

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.

Maria Kuhlman, First Grade Teacher



Maria Kuhlman grew up on Cincinnati's west side and attended St. Ignatius and McAuley High School. Miss Kuhlman recently graduated from the University of Dayton, and she is excited to begin her teaching career at St. Gertrude School. Her hobbies include teaching, dance, and traveling.

Kim Krekeler, Third Grade Teacher



This is Miss Kim Krekeler's third year of teaching, and she is very excited for her first year here at St. Gertrude! Miss Krekeler grew up in Madeira and is very happy to be back in her hometown. After high school, Miss Krekeler attended the University of Cincinnati and received a degree in early childhood education. She is the youngest of four children (two boys and two girls) and very family-oriented. When she's not teaching, Miss Krekeler enjoys being with her nephews and niece, reading, writing, traveling, scrapbooking/photography, and cheering on the Reds. She loves being a part of the wonderful St. Gertrude community and cannot wait to see what the year holds!

SAVE THE DATE

All SGS families with children currently enrolled in the school are invited to join us this Friday, September 17, for a movie night! We will be watching *How to Train Your Dragon* outside on the school playground (behind the school where the kids have recess). Plan to arrive around 7:00 p.m. to get your spot, but the movie won't start until the sun goes down. Grab some chairs, a blanket, and your favorite snacks, and get ready for a fun evening!

PTO MEETING

The next PTO meeting is Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

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 SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P., principal, at smchristi@stgertrudesch.org. Catholic Candidate: Required

After School Care Program Assistant – St. Gertrude School is seeking joyful Catholics who feel called to assist with our After School Care program for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants should be practicing Catholics, at least 18 years old, and willing to be trained in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's child protection training program via SafeParish. This is a paid, part-time position from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, with the flexibility to commit to just one day per week, five days per week, or anything in between. The After School Care program assistants will help with homework and supervise indoor and outdoor play within a nurturing Catholic atmosphere based on the Dominican tradition of practicing virtue and loving each other in Christ. This is an excellent opportunity for parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and students who are interested in developing their resume through work experience. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, contact information for three references, and a résumé (if available) to info@stgertrudesch.org.

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 September 13 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MORE PICTURES!

Here are some more pictures from the first day of school on August 19!



Do You Know Someone Who Is Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Invite them to join you at our Come & See event, so they can discover what our Become Catholic program (formerly RCIA) is all about.

COME & SEE

Monday, September 13, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Parish Center Lobby

For more information, visit stgertrude.org/become-catholic.



CGS Parent Orientation

Is your child enrolled in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? We invite you to come to a parent orientation in the atrium to learn more about this unique method of teaching that your son or daughter will experience this year. Parent orientations will be held:

- **Sunday, September 12, at 9:05 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. (following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses)**
- **Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.**

Meet in the lower level of the school in the Fish Lobby.

CONTACT

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



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REVITALIZE

Do you sense that God has something more planned for you, but you don't know what it is—or how to find it?

Join us for Revitalize, an invigorating 7-week formation program that will deepen your friendship with God and invite you to profoundly open your life to his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Program begins in October! Visit stgertrude.org/revitalize for more information and to register. Space is limited.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK RESUMES

As we move out of the pandemic, St. Gertrude Church will be resuming our Communion to the Sick ministry. All current members, as well as those who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to the sick who are homebound or in health care facilities, are invited to a training session on Saturday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. The training session will be followed by 11:30 a.m. Mass in the church, during which all returning and new volunteers will be commissioned to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those in need. Please contact Judy Hartmann at jhartma2002@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending the training or have any questions.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All 3rd-8th graders of the parish are invited to sign up for the 2021-2022 winter basketball season. Please visit sgsbulldogs.org/registration for more information and to register.

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?

Mourning the loss of a loved one is never easy. To comfort you in your sorrow, St. Gertrude offers Seasons of Hope, a unique, adult support group for the bereaved. This free program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God’s consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflection, faith sharing, and fellowship. We welcome anyone who has suffered a loss, whether it be recent or years ago. Please visit www.stgertrude.org/seasonsofhope for more details, including meeting dates and locations and registration information.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Are you already trained to be an altar server at Mass? Please plan to attend a refresher training session on Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact Father Jordan with any questions at frjordan@stgertrude.org, or call the parish office.

Do you want to become an altar server and need to be trained? Any boy in fifth grade or higher can become an altar boy. Please plan to attend an information and training session on Saturday, September 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the church. Please contact Father Jordan with any questions at frjordan@stgertrude.org, or call the parish office.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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| Devon & Kayla Austermann | Alex & Nicole Linz |
| Josef & Caroline Beyersdorfer | Robert & Tricia Livingston |
| Lisa Campbell | Emily McCormick |
| Alfred Colas & Maria Gullon | Robert & Keri Rickenbaugh |
| Michael & Kathryn Cousino | Lauren Roth |
| Emiley Hoffman | Joseph & Carolyn Trauth |
| David & Anne Hoffmann | Laura Wooten |
| Brian & Peggy Hogan | |

CHILDREN’S CHOIR BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Any child of the parish age eight through eighth grade is welcome to join the Children’s Choir. **Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Parish Center beginning this Tuesday, September 14.** The children will learn about basic singing technique and reading notes and rhythms. They will have the opportunity to sing at Sunday Mass four times during the school year, as well as for the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The year wraps up with a spring concert dedicated to Our Lady! To sign up, email Catherine Fishlock at musicdirector@stgertrude.org.

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, Kim McClung, 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

James Nolan – brother-in-law of Sherry Schuler

BAPTISM



Saturday, August 21:
Child: Felicity Clare Diesslin
Parents: Jared and Kaelyn Diesslin

17TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS CELEBRATION

All active or retired police, fire, and/or emergency responders in Greater Cincinnati are invited to attend the 17th Annual Blue Mass Celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Police chaplain, Father Steve Angi, will be the celebrant. Police, fire, and emergency responders are encouraged to appear in uniform and will receive a special blessing before Mass at 10:45 a.m. This celebration is a wonderful community opportunity to prayerfully honor those who assist in making our neighborhoods safe and who have given the ultimate sacrifice to save others. For more information, please visit stgertrude.com/news/bluemass2021.

ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER'S BANQUET

Please join us for a lovely evening of food and inspiration on Thursday, October 14, as we raise support for moms and babies! Elizabeth's New Life Center's 2021 South Partnership Banquet will be at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio, and feature guest speaker Kirk Walden of Heartbeat International. To register, visit www.ElizabethNewLife.org, or contact Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414, ext. 430 or l Ernest@ElizabethNewLife.org.

LEGION OF MARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati) on September 19, 2021, to pray the rosary at 10:20 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and then join Archbishop Dennis Schnurr for 11:00 a.m. Mass. After Mass, a social with light refreshments will be held in the cathedral undercroft. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Mr. Ennis Dodd at (937) 999-1263.

PREGNANCY CENTER WEST - UPCOMING EVENTS

PCW is hosting three fun events to benefit our ministry and the women we serve:

- **"The Odd Couple"** – September 15, Covedale Center for Performing Arts, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- **22nd Annual Marilyn Reinhold Memorial Golf Classic** – September 17, Pebble Creek Golf Course, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- **"All Shook Up,"** – October 20, Covedale Center for Performing Arts, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for these events, please visit pc-west.org and click "News & Events," call (513) 244-5700, or email richard@pc-west.org.

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!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Fall is a beautiful season, full of color and crisp fresh air. A Marriage Encounter Weekend 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—and enjoy time away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 15-17, 2021, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, and November 5-7, 2021, at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. To register, visit <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, or visit esharing.org.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

On Saturday, September 18, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Join us at 9:30 a.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery for a prayer service in the Gate of Heaven Chapel and refreshments. For more information, contact Sandy Robinson at sprobinson1035@gmail.com.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the Resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love. By providing a monetary donation or gift of nonperishable food to SDVP, you are making it possible for God, in a miraculous way, to touch someone who is suffering. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING

BY FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

Part two in an 8-part series

Basic Beginnings

We began our consideration of the liturgy with one of the most fundamental parts of our lives: the Sign of the Cross.

Have you thought about the Sign of the Cross throughout this last week? Have you thought about how often we make the Sign of the Cross during the day? Have you considered *how* you make the Sign of the Cross? If someone were watching you, could they tell by the way you make the Sign of the Cross that, through this action, you are recalling the very foundation of our life of faith?

If the Sign of the Cross has such significance, what other fundamental parts of life do you think might have a much greater importance than we might think? Think for a moment . . . You walk into church, place your *hand* in the holy water font, make the Sign of the Cross with the *fingers* of your right hand, *walk* to your pew, *genuflect*, *kneel* down, and begin to say your prayers. What greatness and beauty is found in the “language” of our hands? Have you ever thought that *we carry our souls in our hands*? Walking: We walk all day long. Hospitals will have signs posted throughout different surgical units, “walk to the cure.” How do we walk to our pew or in the Communion procession? Do we walk toward our pew or down the aisle with the awareness that this is our taking our place in the great procession of life, and ultimately our walk into the new and eternal Jerusalem?

Monsignor Guardini writes, “Walking is the outward make of man’s essential and peculiar nobility. It is the privilege of man alone to walk erect, his movement is his own power and choice. The upright carriage denotes the human being!” How do you and I walk forward to receive Our Lord in holy Communion? Are our minds and hearts centered upon the great gift we are about to receive? At the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth proclaims, “and who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?” Is our procession, our walking to the Communion rail so directed that the same words might be found on our lips and in our hearts?

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

How can considering the Sign of the Cross, our hands, or the way we walk, genuflect, or kneel lead us from prayer, to believing, to living? And how does it teach us about the liturgy? Very simply: we bring our bodies to the worship of God—and through our bodies, begin to experience the transcendence of God and the eternal wedding feast that the liturgy prefigures.

Do you have questions about the liturgy? Submit your question to parishoffice@stgertrude.org, and I will answer them in this column.

The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that will be featured in our bulletin over the next few months. The series strives to deepen our understanding of the liturgy and strengthen our unity as a community who worships God in Spirit and in Truth.



Monday, September 13	Tuesday, September 14	Wednesday, September 15	Thursday, September 16	Friday, September 17	Saturday, September 18	Sunday, September 19
Charism Lunch 'n Learn 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Seasons of Hope 10:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Rosary Makers 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	SGS PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria		Genesis to Jesus Study 9:00 a.m. School Cafeteria	Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	True Devotion to Mary 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		Training for Eucharistic Min. to the Sick 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Family Faith 9:00 a.m. School Cafeteria
Become Catholic Social 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 a.m. School Atrium 1 & 2
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church		Cub Scout Join Night 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria			Family Faith 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria					Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 10:30 a.m. School Atrium 1 & 2
	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parent Orientation 7:00 p.m. Lower Fish Lobby					L'alto: High School 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.					

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 September 5

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	26,866
Weekly Deficit	\$	(8,428)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	352,940
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	328,871
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(24,069)

2nd Collection: \$4,785 Haiti collection

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
9/26/21

MATERIALS DUE
9/15/21

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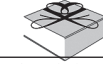
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