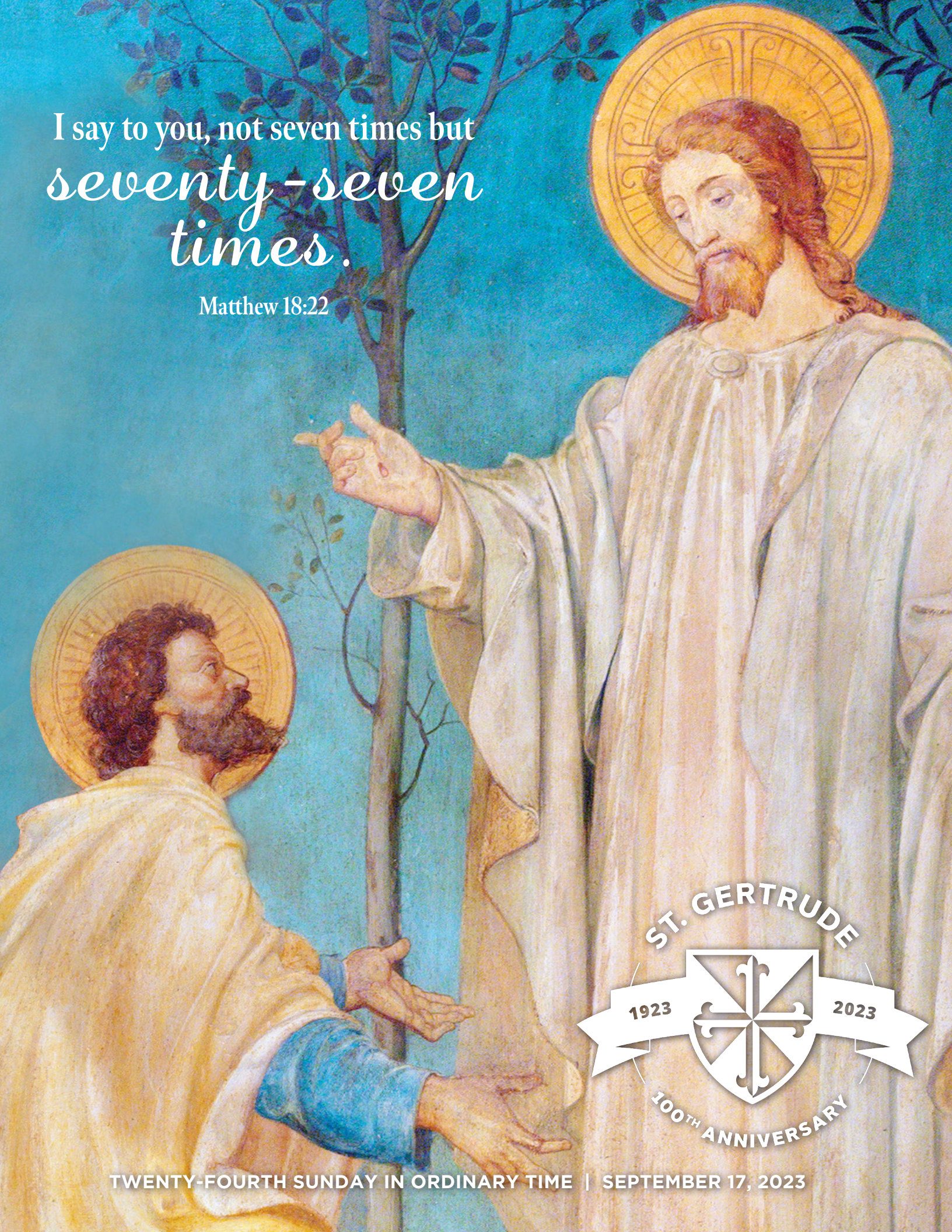


I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven
times.

Matthew 18:22



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, September 18, St. Juan Macias, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † Deceased members of the Ladies of Charity
by John & Marilyn Scherpenberg
8 a.m. † Susan Leonard by Pete & Donna Marcello
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, September 19, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Lorenzo Ramirez by The Gonzalez Family
8 a.m. † Gary Babcock by The Bissonnette Family
11:30 a.m. † Karen Romme Bay by Steve Bay

Wednesday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang & Companions (M)

- 7 a.m. † Maria Lee by The Isaacs Family
8 a.m. † John Fasola by The Stines Family
11:30 a.m. Herta Larison by Patricia Strauss

Thursday, September 21, St. Matthew (F)

- 7 a.m. † Laura Tartaron Johns by The Tartaron Family
8 a.m. † Tim Leaman by Emma Golias
11:30 a.m. † Tom Martino by Joe Martino

Friday, September 22, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jim Brown by Kathy Tartaron
8 a.m. † Patricia Zickes by Bill & Tish Shefcik
11:30 a.m. † F. Timothy Leaman by The Nanista Family

Saturday, September 23, St. Pio of Pietrelcina (M)

- 8 a.m. The Thomas R. Barnes Family by Tricia Speicher
11:30 a.m. † Audrey Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich
4:30 p.m. † Megan Johnson by The Glorius Family

Sunday, September 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Joe Martini by Peter Bertoli
10 a.m. † Gregory Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter
12 p.m. Dorothy & Tom Klosterman by Ann & Fred Thomas
6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

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

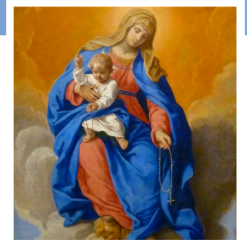
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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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A FATHER/SON EVENT #UNBREAKABLE

Dads and their sons (K-8th grade) are invited to an epic afternoon that includes fun games and activities, a motivational talk from Bengal Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz, pizza, and more.

September 23, 2023 | 12:30-3:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Campus

Visit bit.ly/2023unbreakable or scan the QR code to register.



Parish Town Hall

Concerning the November Constitutional Amendment

Come and learn from a panel of experts about the dangers of this amendment—and get your questions answered!

Tuesday, September 26 | 7-8 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym





THE POWER TO SAVE THE WORLD

As a culture, we are enamored with superheroes. The Marvel Cinematic Universe, an umbrella term for a series of superhero movies, TV shows, comics, games, and other related media, has been an unprecedented success. Just the movies alone have brought in just shy of \$30 billion in the years since the first one was released in 2008. While the magnitude of this franchise—and the sheer amount of money it has earned—is unprecedented, what lies at the root of the storytelling of the franchise is not. Everyone, it seems, loves a good superhero story. The heroes of today might be Captain America and Iron Man; a generation or two ago they were Superman and Batman (and perhaps even James Bond). In generations before that, our “superheroes” went by other names: Aragorn and Gandalf, Luke Skywalker, and Mr. Spock. Going even further back, you could point to characters who were “antecedents” to the modern superhero archetype in figures like Robin Hood, Tarzan, various heroic cowboys played by John Wayne, or even some of the mythological heroes of old like Achilles, Odysseus, and Gilgamesh.

What is the common link through all of these stories? There is some great battle of good versus evil, and our superhero bravely fights against evil and, through some power beyond what “normal people” would have, is able to overcome the forces of evil and save the world. And for normal people like us, there is something captivating about watching these amazing superheroes tap into their mysterious superpowers to save the day.

But the reality is . . . we already have at our fingertips the power to save the world. Blessed Pope Pius IX once said, “Give me an army praying the rosary and I will conquer the world.” And there is a famous quote, often attributed to St. Dominic, that says of the Blessed Virgin Mary, “One day, through the rosary and the scapular, she will save the world.” When our Blessed Mother appeared to the children in her apparition at Fatima, she told them to pray the rosary daily for peace in the world.

It is because of promises like these, and because of the extraordinary spiritual fruitfulness of praying the rosary, that our Dominican province has organized the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., later this month. It is such a blessing that we will have a busload of parishioners traveling with Father Luke to attend this event. Between now and when they leave, there will be a prayer intention notebook set up near our Mary altar in the church. Everyone is welcome to write any prayer intentions you have, and our pilgrims will be praying for those intentions on the trip. Father Luke will celebrate a Mass for all of those intentions at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Also, please know that the very moment the thousands of pilgrims from all over the country begin praying the rosary at the basilica in Washington, D.C. (3 p.m. on Saturday, September 30), we will also simultaneously have a special, preached rosary event here in our own church. More details on that will be coming soon!

In addition, understanding the power of an “army” praying the rosary, the Catholic bishops of Ohio have asked all of us to join them in a 54-day rosary novena, beginning September 15, to pray for the protection of all human life

and the defeat of the proposed radical amendment to the Ohio constitution. I pray we all enlist ourselves to be a part of this army of prayer warriors in defense of human life.

For these and other reasons, I encourage everyone to renew their devotion to Our Lady’s rosary and their trust in the power of her maternal intercession. Entrust yourself, your loved ones, our state, and our nation to Our Blessed Mother, who always leads us to a deeper relationship with her Son. I promise you will receive many beautiful graces in your life as a result.

And who knows. You might even save the world. 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

Follow Father Michael Dosch’s Travels

Father Michael Dosch has started a blog to share details and pictures about his journey from the Atlantic Ocean in Margate City, NJ, to Alaska with his father. They are about a quarter of the way to their destination! Stay up to date on their travels at fathersfather.blogspot.com.

COVER IMAGE: *The fresco of scene “Feed my sheep” St. Mary Abbots by John Clayton, Jr. (end 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.



ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL HOUSEHOLDS

On Friday, September 8, we began our bimonthly Household meetings for students grades 2–8 during the final period of the day. Households were first introduced at St. Gertrude School over 10 years ago and serve three purposes:

- **Formation in Discipleship** – Eighth grade students receive formation for facilitating the Household meetings. Through this experience, they grow as servant leaders who are committed to growing in their own life of faith and sharing it with the other students in the school. They learn to grow in their own discipleship and to disciple others.
- **Building Community** – Second through eighth graders are assigned to a particular Household and gather together for prayer, games, activities, short talks, and engaging reflection questions. Students remain in the same Household from year to year, growing in friendship and further establishing the tradition of their particular Household—each of which is named for a particular saint and has special customs and traditions
- **Fostering Belonging** – Households provide an environment in which each student knows that he or she belongs, is valued, and is essential for the growth of the community.

SGS Households are one example of how we live our mission of *offering academic excellence in the Dominican tradition: preaching the truth, practicing virtue, and loving one another in Christ.* Please join me in praying that these Households communities will be blessed this year!



ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Our annual St. Gertrude School outdoor family movie night was on Friday, September 8. Students and their families gathered by the school playground to watch *Ratatouille*, and the eighth grade class sold snacks and refreshments. This is such a fun back-to-school tradition that everyone looks forward to every year!



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 to apply!





GATHER IN FAITH

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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GUIDE IN TRUTH



GROW IN EXCELLENCE

**MEET OUR MINISTRIES:
MOMS & LITTLES HOLY HOUR**

St. Gertrude Church has many ministries, programs, and groups for children, youth, and adults—some you may be familiar with and others you may not even know exist. To give you a deeper look into some of these offerings, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature interviews with members of some of these ministries, programs, and groups throughout the year. This month, we're highlighting Moms & Littles Holy Hour.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: What is Moms & Littles Holy Hour?

Mom & Littles Holy Hour: Moms and Littles Holy Hour is an opportunity for anyone to come with their young children—crying babies and wiggly toddlers welcome—to spend an hour before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It's not a silent time of adoration, but it's certainly very joyful and prayerful. The friars also offer confession during the hour, which is often difficult for parents and caregivers to receive with little ones.

SGB: How did this ministry get started?

MLHH: Nearly one year ago, Amy Toft reached out to the parish staff to ask if there were open time slots in the adoration chapel during the school day. Her thought was that she and a couple other moms and their babies could fill an hour. Father John Paul proposed trying a Holy Hour in the Church and inviting all young families. The first Holy Hour was far better attended than originally anticipated, so this hour of adoration started happening on a monthly basis. As attendance grew over the summer, Father John Paul offered to extend this Holy Hour with littles to **every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. during the school year.**

SGB: What goes on during this special Holy Hour?

MLHH: After exposition, the priest heads to the confessional for anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament. Adults have time for personal prayer, and children love coming to the communion rail to gaze at the Monstrance. Children also spend time reading books, playing with their toys, praying with their moms, or running around the church. They aren't quiet or still, but they aren't expected to be. It's a really neat opportunity to teach our youngest parishioners about



prayer, and we do this first through example. There is typically someone leading a few songs throughout the hour as well. It's beautiful to hear the singing, especially when a child occasionally chimes in!

SGB: Why is this ministry important and necessary at St. Gertrude Parish?

MLHH: When we come together in prayer, the Lord is truly present. To have the gift of Jesus gazing upon us and our children for an entire hour is an hour of heaven. It's a great gift to come together in community and receive the sacraments, and in turn offer up our parish family to the protective arms of our Lord through the intercession of his Mother. The graces that pour forth from this



time go far beyond those who come to pray each week.

This time together also builds fellowship. After the Holy Hours, all are welcome to head to a local park for a meet-up. This gives the littles an opportunity to run and get some energy out and for moms to visit.

SGB: Who can come to this special Holy Hour, and do they have to sign up or can they just show up?

MLHH: All are welcome! Anyone can come, and there are no sign-ups. We do like to give a caveat that while it is an hour of prayer, it is not an hour of quiet! If you would like to stay up to date, receive reminders and schedule changes, and chat with other parents, you can join the Adoration with Kids GroupMe group. Simply scan the QR code!



“Allowing the youngest parishioners of St. Gertrude to encounter our Eucharistic Lord each week is a true gift. I can only imagine the fruits that will come from this.”

- Holly Hemak

**ST. GERTRUDE PARISH
MOMS & LITTLES
HOLY HOUR**

Are you a parent, grandparent, or babysitter of young children? Bring your little ones to a special hour of adoration just for you and your kids. Silence isn't expected, so don't worry if your youngsters cry, won't sit still, or talk.

**Every Tuesday | 9:30-10:30 a.m.
St. Gertrude Church
6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati**



VOTER REGISTRATION

St. Gertrude Church will be conducting a non-partisan voter registration drive after all Masses next weekend, September 23 and 24. There will be tables outside (or in the Parish Center in case of rain) where you can register. If you are not registered to vote or have recently moved, please take time to register so you can vote in the November 7 election. Early voting begins October 1!

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 our next altar server training on **Friday, September 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church.**

DO YOU HAVE A SECOND GRADER?

If your second grader is not enrolled at St. Gertrude School, we invite you to register him or her for our Sacramental Formation program. Through monthly group parent/child sessions, we will help you and your son or daughter prepare for his or her first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Classes begin next Sunday, September 24! For more information and to register, visit stgertrude.org/sacramentalformation.

NEW CHOIR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

It's not too late to sign up for the Collegium, St. Gertrude Parish's new choir for high school students. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, followed by free pizza. We'll then sing for the 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 1, with rehearsal at 11:15 a.m. Email Dr. Holman at cholman@stgertrude.org if you are interested or if you have any questions.



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

BAPTISM

Sunday, September 3, 2023



Child: Samuel Alan Arguello

Parents: Amanda & Alan Arguello



Child: Giuliana Rose Ratajczak

Parents: Ashley & Jay Ratajczak

Priest: Father Christopher Tipton (brother of Ashley)

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:

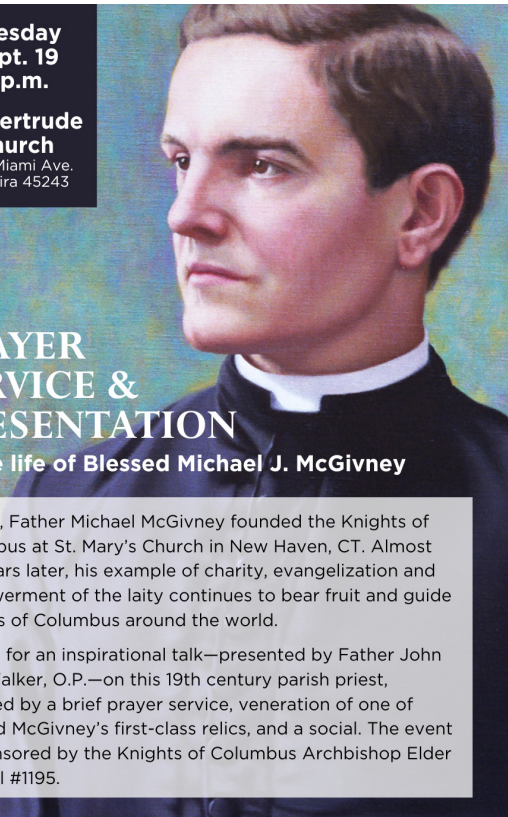
Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Krumb, John Krumb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Ian Tester, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† David Castrucci

**Tuesday
Sept. 19
7 p.m.**

**St. Gertrude
Church**
6543 Miami Ave.
Madeira 45243




PRAYER SERVICE & PRESENTATION
on the life of **Blessed Michael J. McGivney**

In 1882, Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT. Almost 150 years later, his example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.

Join us for an inspirational talk—presented by Father John Paul Walker, O.P.—on this 19th century parish priest, followed by a brief prayer service, veneration of one of Blessed McGivney's first-class relics, and a social. The event is Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195.

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.

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.

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).




Join us in prayer

for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of Issue 1.

Catholics across Ohio are praying a 54-day rosary novena for the defeat of Issue 1. This week, the joyful mysteries will be prayed each day.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers at pray54ohio.org or by scanning the QR code.



CAREGIVER MASS

This year's Caregiver Mass is scheduled for November 19, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr will preside at the Mass. Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver—from nurses and physicians, to dietary staff and lab workers, from those who care for a sick or elderly friend or relative, to those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities or parishes. These Masses aren't just for Catholics. People from all faiths are welcome. **You can nominate an individual for this year's Mass and reception at forms.office.com/r/J5Vt18tc2z.** All nominations are due by September 22, 2023.

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. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.



ASK AN EXPERT— SINGING IN LATIN

CHRISTOPHER HOLMAN,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Q: Why do we sing chant, and why do we sing in Latin?

A: One of the biggest points of contention in the liturgy following the Second Vatican Council—especially in a culturally diverse country like the United States—is the style of music and the language we experience at Mass. Within our archdiocese alone, you can find almost every possible style of music within liturgies and attend Mass in many different languages. At St. Gertrude, there are two overarching reasons why most of our weekend liturgies involve a lot of chant in Latin. First, the Church gives chant and the organ the given pride of place in basically every liturgical document relating to music over about the last millennium. As Catholics, doing what the Church asks is obviously important, but there are some deeply profound reasons that this music has resonated through the ages.

The texts and melodies that we sing at Mass are ancient; the most recently composed chant we sing at the Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses is the Gloria from the *Missa de angelis*, which is only 400 years old (give or take). The manuscripts of some Kyrie settings we regularly sing date from the ninth century—however, they are probably much older, and were only written down in the ninth century. I mention all this, because when you sing a chant melody, you're not just singing some random song in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2023—you are singing the same melodies and words that billions upon billions of Christians around the world and throughout history have all used to praise God for centuries (not to mention the choirs of angels throughout eternity). More spectacularly, by singing chant in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2023, you are *continuing* that tradition.

So, why Latin? We are the *Roman* Catholic Church, after all, and the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Liturgy* explicitly says

that "All the faithful should be able to sing or say in Latin the parts of the Mass which concern them." But beyond Latin being something we've simply had forever, Latin unifies the Church and God's people. Today, English is the default international language, but for the Western world, the first common tongue in recorded history was Latin. Further, the kind of active participation that Vatican II encouraged takes many forms; it can, of course, include speaking and singing, but by far the most important theme in all liturgical documents is prayer, which can be spoken/sung, mental prayer, or ideally, both.

"But," you might be thinking, "I still don't get how I'm supposed to sing and understand Latin." When a professional singer is learning a piece in another language, he or she uses several techniques to internalize the meaning of what he or she is singing. The singer will start by making a literal word-for-word translation, then from that create a poetic translation, and from there will memorize his or her translation alongside the original language. The result is that, when they go to perform, they are actually singing in two languages at the same time: with their lips they proclaim the author's language, and in their minds and hearts they're singing in their native tongue. In that sense, the performance takes on a new depth, because not only is the spirit engaged, but also the mind is engaged.

We can and should learn from this example. When we sing the rich, ancient texts of the liturgy in Latin and we intentionally think about the scriptural context from which each portion of the Gloria, Sanctus, or any other part of the Mass comes, the mind, heart, body, and soul engage in beautiful, complex, and profound ways. Consider taking time to connect what you know of the same text in English and in Latin as an exercise of prayer, first without any music. Then, keep what you discover in mind the next time you're singing chant. Over the coming weeks, months, and years, I'm certain your faith and spiritual life will grow exponentially. And in the end, we will join the saints and angels in our Church's ancient Latin chants—not only from our pews, but also hopefully face-to-face in the heavenly kingdom.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE – Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer to St. Matthew and the Blessed Virgin Mary

O most blessed Matthew, most glorious evangelist, I invoke you together with Mary the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and beseech that you would, in union with her, bestow your aid upon me. O two gems of heavenly brilliance, two lights shining with divine luster in the presence of God, scatter with your bright beams the mists and clouds of my sins. Amen.

Monday, September 18	Tuesday, September 19	Wednesday, September 20	Thursday, September 21	Friday, September 22	Saturday, September 23	Sunday, September 24
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	St. Gertrude School PTO Meeting 8:10 a.m. School Cafeteria	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Voter Registration <i>After all Masses</i> Outside Church
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. PC Choir Room	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts <i>After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses</i> Gym
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Altar Server Training 3 p.m. Church	#Unbreakable Father/Son event 12:30 p.m. Parking Lot	St. Gertrude School Used Uniform Sale <i>After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses</i> St. Dominic Lobby
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby	Cub Scouts – Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Rosary Pilgrimage Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Voter Registration <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden						Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. School Cafeteria
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
						Musical Meditations: The Rosary 3 p.m. Church
						L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for September 10

Collection	\$	31,566
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	5,434)

Second Collection - St. Gertrude School: \$2,577

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	370,500
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	407,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	36,500)

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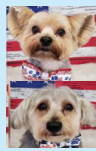
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