

YOU CANNOT  
SERVE BOTH  
*God*  
AND MAMMON.

LUKE 16:3



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

September 18, 2022

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, September 19, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Kevin Jones by Sheila & Chris Cole
- 8 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Elvira Carrillo
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions (M)

- 7 a.m. † Olga Klancher by Leonard Petkun
- 8 a.m. Amy Combs by Rick Sammons
- 11:30 a.m. † Maria Alexander by Benny Alexander

### Wednesday, September 21, St. Matthew (F)

- 7 a.m. † Jack Schuler by Sherry Schuler & Family
- 8 a.m. † Betty Schommer by Mike & Elaine O'Connell
- 11:30 a.m. † Anne Siebert by David & Kathy Miller

### Thursday, September 22, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Agnes Naberhaus by Mike & Beth Stoll
- 8 a.m. † Joan Gillespie by Francy Hughes
- 11:30 a.m. † Richard Retta, Sr. & Jr. by Laura & John West

### Friday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (M)

- 7 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. † Joseph Gregory by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne

### Saturday, September 24, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. Jane Wilton by Katie Stoiber
- 11:30 a.m. † Julie Nemzik by Bob & Jere Pulte
- 4:30 p.m. † Ronald Cardoza by St. Gertrude School Faculty & Staff

### Sunday, September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Ruth Holland by Knights of Columbus
- 10 a.m. † Rosemary Marsicano by Tom & Christin Spurr
- 12 p.m. † Joan Larason by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 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

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243  
(513) 561-5954 | [www.stgertrude.org](http://www.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

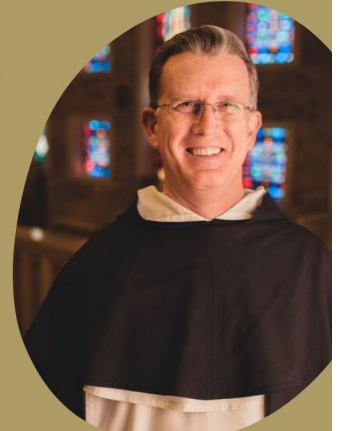
Every day: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

## FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION

For Father George Schommer, O.P.

Sunday, September 25  
10 a.m. Mass  
Reception to follow

Join Father George  
as he celebrates a  
Mass of  
thanksgiving and  
then bid him  
farewell before he  
heads to his new  
assignment.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION



In Honor of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

All are invited to a special presentation on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195. Following the talk, there will be a brief prayer service and the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of Blessed Michael.

After his ordination in 1877, Father McGivney was assigned to St. Mary Church in New Haven, CT. It was there that he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Our speaker and pastor, Fr. John Paul Walker, O.P., was the pastor of St. Mary's when Father McGivney was beatified by Pope Francis in 2020. In his presentation, Fr. John Paul will share his experiences of the beatification weekend and the many miracles worked by Blessed Michael since his beatification. Come learn more about this central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America.

TALK / PRAYER SERVICE  
Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
7 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church



SOCIAL  
8 p.m. | Parish Center  
Refreshments will be provided.





The following article, published on [thecatholictelegraph.com](http://thecatholictelegraph.com), is the fifth in a series of articles covering each of the six foundational principles of Beacons of Light, the pastoral planning process of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. As the article states, “true Christian stewardship is not a program; it is a primary way we live out our call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Through stewardship, we

recognize that everything in our lives is a gift from God: our personal talents, skills, wisdom, and expertise, our family and friends, our life circumstances.” What a perfect follow-up statement to our Parish Ministry Fair last weekend. I encourage you to read the article below and allow it to renew your focus and commitment to live stewardship as a way of life.

*Rev. John Paul Walden, O.S.A.*

**BEACONS OF LIGHT:**

**FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES #5: STEWARDSHIP**

“My need to give is more important than the parish’s need to receive.” A few years ago, I heard a priest share this statement when describing “stewardship as a way of life.” It was a stark contrast to what we normally hear, as stewardship oftentimes gets associated with campaigns or financial updates, or at best, it is viewed as a program that promotes time, talent and treasure in the parish.

But true Christian stewardship is not a program; it is a primary way we live out our call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Through stewardship, we recognize that everything in our lives is a gift from God: our personal talents, skills, wisdom, and expertise, our family and friends, our life circumstances – every morning that we wake up to a new day is a gift ... and so much more!

In thanksgiving for everything God has blessed us with, we respond by generously giving of ourselves in how we live. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pet. 4:10). Gratitude becomes central when stewardship is a way of life and leads us to live out this scripture, sometimes without even thinking about it!

God gave the greatest of all His gifts: His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died so that we may live. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn. 3:16).

Part of living stewardship is caring for and building up the Church (also a gift from God) in the world. From the pastoral letter on stewardship written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: “Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body’s health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the Church.”

Through Beacons of Light, our sincere hope is that Families of Parishes will be communities of grateful disciples where parishioners are actively involved in the Family’s life – using their talents, skills and resources to build up the Church and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Families of Parishes have a vital role in bringing people to a deeper understanding and practice of stewardship.

**STEWARDSHIP GOALS**

To make this possible, these are goals for each Family of Parishes:

**Everyday Stewardship & Vocation:** The Family of Parishes forms people to hear and respond to God’s call in their lives – from each day’s individual moments to the overall purpose of living out their vocations.

**Way of Life:** More than a program or once-a-year report to the parish, stewardship is fostered as a spiritual way of life and becomes an expression of discipleship.

**Gratitude & Giving:** Parishioners are formed as disciples who grow in gratitude and become willing to share their time, talents, faith and resources within the parish and beyond it.

**Invitation & Engagement:** The Family of Parishes actively invites and engages people in all ages and stages of life and faith to contribute in ministry, service and giving.

**Hospitality & Welcome:** The Family of Parishes is a community that warmly welcomes newcomers and offers hospitality to everyone.

**Meaningful Involvement & Leadership:** The Family of Parishes seeks to meaningfully involve people as contributing members of the community; parishioners are encouraged to take leadership roles, as appropriate, and are offered formation to equip them as leaders.

Beacons of Light provides a prime opportunity for a renewed focus and commitment to live stewardship as a way of life.

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**FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**



“Mother of God, your soul was plunged into a sea of bitterness; look upon your child and teach her to suffer and to love while suffering. Fortify my soul that pain will not break it. Mother of grace, teach me to live by the power of God.”  
(Diary, #315)

**COVER IMAGE:** Jesus Christ icon image by Fr. Andrei

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday, September 23, 2022:** No School
- **Wednesday, September 28, 2022:** 6th Grade Retreat
- **Friday, September 30, 2022:** Walkathon; First Trimester Mid-term

## 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.



### Mr. Matt Young, 5th Grade Latin Teacher

Mr. Matt Young has been serving as the head sacristan at St. Gertrude Church since April 2022 and recently took on the additional position as the 5th grade Latin teacher at SGS. A native of New

Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Young graduated from the University of Alabama in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in English literature and Latin. He and his wife, Emily, moved to Cincinnati in 2018 to serve the archdiocese as VIA Missionaries, acting as youth ministers in the Reading area. Together they have two amazing daughters, Maria and Sophia. Mr. Young is eager to continue serving St. Gertrude in these exciting ways!



### Mrs. Beth Beatrice, Junior High History Teacher

Mrs. Beth Beatrice and her husband live in Milford. They have two daughters, three sons, and four grandsons. Mrs. Beatrice has enjoyed teaching in

homeschool cooperatives and co-directing plays with her daughter and other homeschool parents for many years. For the past two and a half years, she worked as secretary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Milford. Mrs. Beatrice is very honored and happy to be teaching at St. Gertrude School now.

## OPEN POSITIONS

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022–2023 school year:

- Grades K-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist
- Substitute teachers for grades K-8
- Latin teacher for grades 3-4 (part-time)

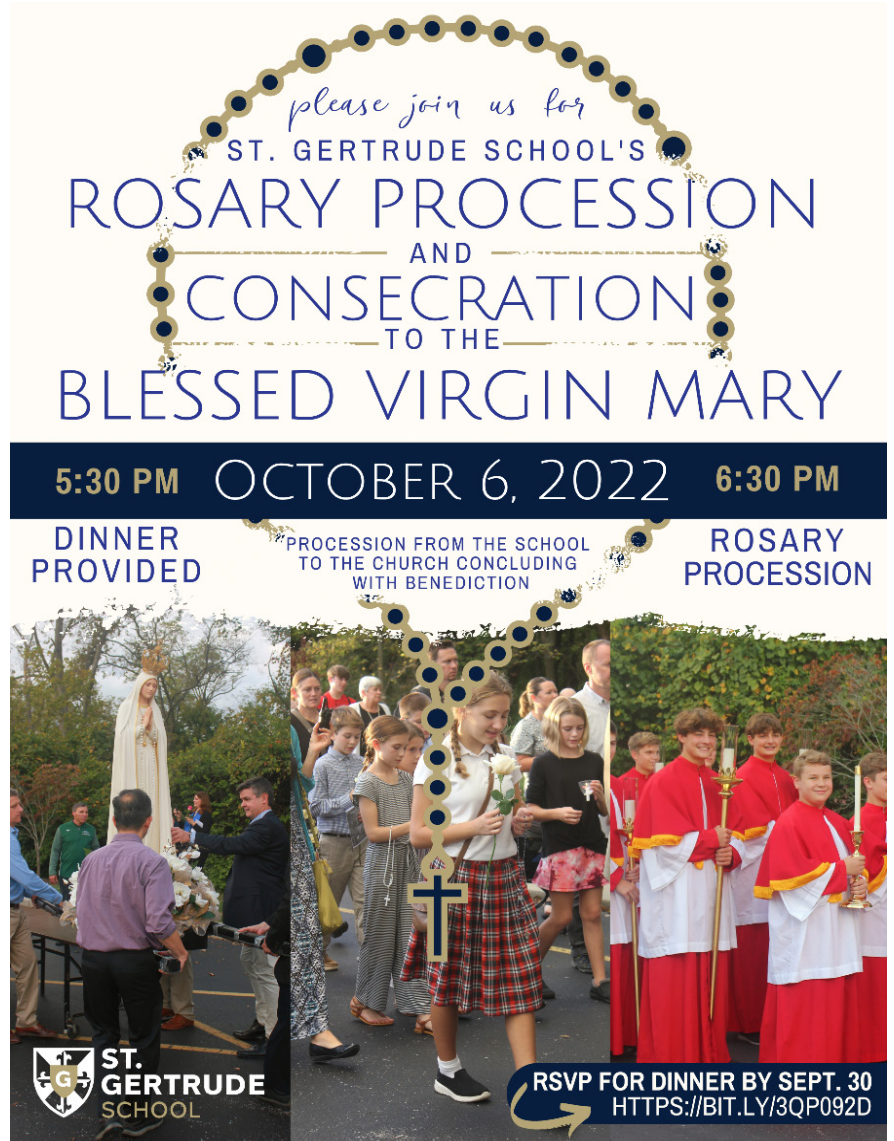
Please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment) to view the job descriptions and to apply.

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of September 19, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed on Friday.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION

All St. Gertrude Parish families are invited to a very special Marian celebration on Thursday, October 6, the day before the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This is a powerful opportunity to gather together as a school community and bring all our needs to Jesus through Mary.



The poster features a decorative arch of blue and gold dots at the top. Inside the arch, the text reads: "please join us for ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL'S ROSARY PROCESSION AND CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY". Below the arch, a dark blue banner contains the date and time: "5:30 PM OCTOBER 6, 2022 6:30 PM". Underneath the banner, three sections are listed: "DINNER PROVIDED", "PROCESSION FROM THE SCHOOL TO THE CHURCH CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION", and "ROSARY PROCESSION". The bottom half of the poster shows a photograph of a group of people, including children in red and white robes, participating in a procession. A large blue cross is overlaid on the photo. In the bottom left corner is the St. Gertrude School logo, and in the bottom right corner is a call to action: "RSVP FOR DINNER BY SEPT. 30" with the URL "HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QP092D".

## THE MOST IMPORTANT COLOR OF THE RAINBOW

BY JEN HARRIS, FAMILY FAITH PARTICIPANT

Hello! My name is Jen Harris. I have been a parishioner at St. Gertrude Church most of my life. My husband and I were married at St. Gertrude in 2008 and have four beautiful children. We both work full-time and, while I make sure our kids get to all of their extracurricular commitments, my husband works on finishing his doctorate in nurse education. Like you, we are busy. We have a very large, color-coded calendar that hangs by our door to keep track of everyone's comings and goings. The calendar is full of pink commitments for our 7-year-old daughter; orange commitments for our 9-year-old son; green commitments for our 11-year-old son; blue commitments for our 13-year-old son; yellow commitments for my husband; and red commitments for me so that I don't lose track of them in our "rainbow" of activity. Much of the time, competing colors occur at the same time or are back-to-back and, more often than not, happen at different locations. It seems like we're always rushing this way and that, from one activity to another, with just enough time in between to say a quick hello as we pass each other on our ways out the door.

It is crazy. But, if you look closer at that rainbow of color on our wall, a couple of times a month you'll see my favorite commitments. The commitments written in purple. These are the very rare times we do something as a family each month. And, if you look even closer at the purple commitments on the first and third Sundays of the month, you'll be able to read the two words that have come to mean so much to our family over the past two years: Family Faith.

"Family Faith? What is that?" you might ask. In its most basic form, and as the name implies, it's a time for a family to come together and learn about their Catholic faith. It follows a structured format that usually involves a theme-based ice-breaker or team-building type game where each family or a group of families engages in friendly competition with the other families or group of families that are present. My family will never forget our first Family Faith session when we were "challenged" to build a structure using toothpicks and mini marshmallows. Much to our surprise, we succeeded in building the tallest and most stable structure; thereby, securing a very much desired gift card to Graeters! (That gift card facilitated yet another purple entry on our calendar!) The opening activity is followed by a more formal presentation of information or a deep dive into parts of the Bible via family discussion questions. The sessions then wrap up with a review or summary activity that pulls together everything done and discussed during the session, and you're provided ideas for extending the "lesson" at home.

On a deeper level, Family Faith is so much more! It's interactive and hands-on. It's experiential and family-centered. "What does that even mean?" you might ask. Well, as I see it, for each family, Family Faith means and is something different. It ends up being exactly what your family needs it to be, and that's what makes it amazing. For our family, it is a time to put aside the chaos that seems to rule our lives throughout the rest of the month. It's a time to take a deep breath. A time to quiet the noise and activity of our day-to-day lives. A time to learn about our faith . . . to learn about God . . . and Jesus . . . the Bible . . . and the Catholic Church. It is a time to learn about our relationships with each of these wonderful, awe-inspiring things and deepen our understanding of them. As parents, we find Family Faith is not only a time to teach our children about these things, but also a time to share with them our personal experiences with these things to deepen their connection to them. But, as my husband and I have come to realize, it is also a time for us to learn from our children. We get to hear their thoughts, feelings, and personal experiences with each of these things. We entered into Family Faith thinking how great of an experience it would be for our kids not realizing what a great experience it would be for us, too.

Best of all, Family Faith is fun. Our family has come to cherish these particular purple times in our activity rainbow. Everyone in our family knows these are the most important commitments on our calendar—not only because of what we're learning and doing during these times, but also because of who we're doing it with. My understanding of and connection with God, Jesus, the Bible, and my Catholic faith primarily came through time engaged in the many beautiful traditions of the Catholic faith and from time spent at Mass with my family growing up. Thankfully, my own family has Family Faith as another meaningful connector.



### **ST. GERTRUDE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

All are encouraged to participate in a meeting on Saturday, September 24, at 9 a.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby at the Parish Center to discuss and help organize our parish pro-life efforts. St. Gertrude has very generously carried out quite a number of pro-life works thanks to the dedication of many parishioners, especially Debbie Graham, who has been our Respect Life coordinator for many years. As we all know, the landscape has shifted quite a bit since the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* this past summer. So, now is a great time to examine where we are and what new needs and opportunities have opened up. We will be setting up a leadership board to share the responsibilities of our Respect Life efforts.

### **SACRAMENTS FOR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Did you know that those who are homebound or laid up, even temporarily, can arrange to have the Eucharist brought to them? If you know someone who is—or if you are—a sick or homebound parishioner, we invite you to connect with the Communion to the Sick ministry by contacting Judy Hartmann at (513) 984-8003. (Opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation can also be arranged.) Please help us ensure that those who are unable to make it to church due to infirmity or age are able to receive the sacraments. Unfortunately, it can be easy to lose touch with the parish in these situations, and we are not always made aware of the need.

### **CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT**

The annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, sponsored by St. Gertrude Church's Catholic Men's Fellowship group, will be Friday evening, December 2, until 4 p.m. Saturday, December 3, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Father Henry Stephan, O.P., who previously served as a parochial vicar at St. Gertrude, will be the retreat master. Themed "How to Live Honestly in a Time of Lies," the retreat will consider the challenges men face today as we learn how to live with peace of heart in a world that's gone off-kilter. Registration details to follow.

## BAPTISM



**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

Child: Maren Elizabeth Hamm

Parents: David & Jacqueline

### **SINGING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEENS**

We are excited to announce the St. Gertrude Church Choral Scholar Program, scholarship program for high school students who are pursuing rigorous vocal training by singing in St. Gertrude Church's Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum on a weekly basis. Each scholarship is worth \$3,300 and includes free weekly voice lessons, a monetary award, and more. If you are interested in becoming a Choral Scholar (all voice types welcome), please visit [stgertrude.org/choralscholar](http://stgertrude.org/choralscholar) for more information and to sign up for an audition, or contact Christopher Holman, Director of Music, at [cholman@stgertrude.org](mailto:cholman@stgertrude.org).

### **JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR**

Do you enjoy singing? Join our parish choir. The choir primarily sings at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Experience singing with a choir is helpful but not necessary. For more information about the parish choir, please contact Christopher Holman, our Director of Music, at [cholman@stgertrude.org](mailto:cholman@stgertrude.org).

### **2022-2023 BULLDOGS WRESTLING**

All boys in grades K-8 are invited to join the Bulldogs wrestling team for the 2022-2023 school year. The regular season runs November 1, 2022, through February 15, 2023, and the state qualifying season runs February 16 through April 1, 2023. Registration is open now through November 1 at [sgsbulldogs.org](http://sgsbulldogs.org), and the cost is \$160/athlete. For more information, visit [stgertrude.org/22-23wrestling](http://stgertrude.org/22-23wrestling) or email the program coordinators, Jonathan Fritinger and Alex Linz, at [bulldogswrestling413@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogswrestling413@gmail.com).

## LET US PRAY

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

#### THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Bob Perazzo, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Joseph Silvers, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, and Brigitte Vielhauer

#### 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, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED

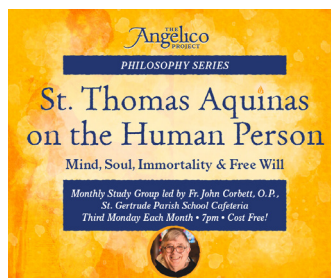
All Our Beloved Dead

## CAREGIVER NEEDED

A 90-year-old, longtime St. Gertrude Church parishioner needs care in her Indian Hill home two days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Responsibilities include assisting with personal care, dressing, meal prep, medication reminders, socializing, and assistance with toileting. Experience preferred. Compensation is \$20/hour. If you are interested, please contact Vickie at (513) 598-4663.

## PHILOSOPHY SERIES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19

The Angelico Project presents a monthly study group that will delve into St. Thomas Aquinas' thoughts on the human person—mind, soul, immortality, and free will. Father John Corbett, O.P., renowned professor of moral theology and most recently at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., will lead the group. Meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria (6543 Miami Avenue, Madeira). The group will be lecture-style followed by Q&A. Everyone, from serious scholars to beginners, is welcome. The group is free, and the optional textbook is *The Human Person*, by Steven J. Jensen. Upcoming dates include September 19, 2022; October 17, 2022; November 21, 2022; December 19, 2022; January 16, 2023; February 20, 2023; March 20, 2023; April 17, 2023; May 15, 2023.



## 1972 ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

Did you graduate from SGS in 1972? Join us on Saturday, September 24, from 4 to 10 p.m. at Sellman Park Shelter (6700 Marvin Avenue, Madeira) for a casual picnic-style 8th grade class reunion! Bring your own food and drink (alcohol is allowed). All are encouraged to bring photos and mementos to share (be sure to put your name somewhere on the items). For more information, please contact Joe Mock at [jmock@cutlerhomes.com](mailto:jmock@cutlerhomes.com) or Janet Blanck at [jlblanckneu@gmail.com](mailto:jlblanckneu@gmail.com).

## ENLC BANQUET

You are invited to Elizabeth's New Life Center (ENLC) annual South Partnership Banquet on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. The keynote speaker will be pro-life trailblazer Pastor Arnold Cullbreath, and funds raised will support ENLC's free programs and services offered through Women's Centers of Ohio, Holy Family Prenatal Care, and Marriage Works! Ohio. For more information about attending the banquet, contact Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414, ext. 430, or [lernest@ElizabethNewLife.org](mailto:lernest@ElizabethNewLife.org). You can also register at [ElizabethNewLife.org](http://ElizabethNewLife.org) (click "Events" and then "Donation Link for Guests" under "2022 South Partnership Banquet").

## PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Cincinnati area. The following open positions are all part-time, typically three to five days per week:

- Associate Director of Women's Centers: Ensure ENLC's primary mission is carried out and responsible for four women's centers' operations located in Southwest Ohio.
- Community Relations Officer: Work with area organizations to ensure communities are aware of ENLC services.
- Women's Center Manager (Mt. Healthy location): Supervise staff and volunteers.
- RN/RDMS: Perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds.
- Consultant: Work with women clients facing crisis pregnancies.
- Men's Consultant: Mentor, coach, and educate fathers.

For more information and to apply, please visit [elizabethnewlife.org/careers/](http://elizabethnewlife.org/careers/).

## Annual Cincinnati Rosary Crusade



Saturday, October 1, 2022  
12–1:30 p.m.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

For more information, please contact  
Patrick and Mary Ashcraft at (513) 793-5872 or  
[patashcraft@earthlink.net](mailto:patashcraft@earthlink.net)

[AmericanTFP.org](http://AmericanTFP.org)



## UPCOMING MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

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 October 14-16 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH, and November 4-6 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. These weekend experiences are for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling again. Register today at [esharing.org/applyWeekend.php](http://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php).

For more information, please contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org), or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org).





**ASK A PRIEST—SCHOLA CANTORUM FOR OUR CHILDREN AND PARISH**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** Why are we bolstering our music program with a Schola Cantorum for children?

**A:** The Dominican friars and sisters are very happy about

this opportunity for children at St. Gertrude Parish! A Schola Cantorum for children means good things for the future of our parish and the entire Church. The Second Vatican Council emphasized the teaching of sacred music in not only novitiates and seminaries but also all Catholic schools. Children have a special claim on musical formation and liturgical training since sacred music is the greatest “handmaid” of Catholic worship, and our children are our future.

Christopher Holman, our parish Director of Music, has already begun to form a Schola Cantorum, or “school of singing,” that will offer theoretical, technical, and liturgical/spiritual involvement more than your typical children’s choir. Christopher had this to say regarding the Church’s encouragement that children learn to sing the Mass:

“Children are the next generation, and the ancient traditions of the Church can only remain alive if young people are actively learning about and embracing them. Singing the Mass is one of the Church’s

greatest artistic treasures; the melodies we sing at St. Gertrude on a weekly basis in countless ways reflect how people have praised and continue to praise God in their own times and cultures. Moreover, everyone is called, regardless of their age, to offer whatever gifts they are given to God. If our children are learning what it is to truly sing the Mass—intellectually as well as spiritually—they are joining and

helping perpetuate the tradition which Christ himself established.”

St. Paul instructs the Christian community in Ephesus: “Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart...” (Eph 5:18b-19b). Speaking for myself, joining a

choir in seventh grade (it was a mandatory part of the curriculum!) changed my experience of worship and life as a Catholic. The beauty of chant and sacred polyphony “cued me in” further to the beauty of Jesus Christ, who is ever ancient and ever new, and to what he has done for his Church.

Next week, we’ll discuss how our choirs are meant to help us actively participate in the holy Mass.

*Ask a Priest is the regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*





Monday, September 19	Tuesday, September 20	Wednesday, September 21	Thursday, September 22	Friday, September 23	Saturday, September 24	Sunday, September 25
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>CGS Level I &amp; II</b> 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	<b>Rosary Makers</b> 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Cana Family – Year 2</b> 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>St. Gertrude School</b> No School	<b>Catholic Men’s Fellowship</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Parish Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
<b>Seasons of Hope</b> 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Holy Hour with Confessions</b> 7:30 p.m. Church	<b>CGS Level I</b> 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		<b>Respect Life Meeting</b> 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>CGS Level I &amp; II</b> 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
<b>K of C Executive Meeting</b> 7 p.m. K of C Hall	<b>St. Gertrude School SAC Meeting</b> 7 p.m. School Library	<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Parish Choir</b> 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			<b>Farewell Gathering for Father George</b> After 10 a.m. Mass Parish Center
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	<b>K of C Talk, Prayer Service &amp; Social</b> 7 p.m. Church		<b>100th Anniversary Committee Meeting</b> 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room			<b>Baptisms</b> 1:15 p.m. Church
<b>Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Children’s Choir</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room					<b>Benedictine Oblates</b> 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room						<b>L’alto: Junior High Night</b> 7 p.m. Parish Center
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Collection for September 11

Collection	\$	30,971
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(5,529)
2nd Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$3,727		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	357,706
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	401,500
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(43,794)

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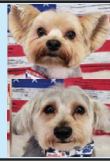
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