

**Thus, the
last will be first,
and the first
will be last.**

Matthew 20:16



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, September 25, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Josephine & Antonetta Di Giustini
by Tom Tartaron & Juliana Di Giustini
8 a.m. Mark & Nancy Findley by Joanie & Mitch Krause
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, September 26, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Veronica Chenier by Her Daughters
8 a.m. † Alice Mary Tyryfter by John & Jenny Ward
11:30 a.m. Don Michael Mueller by Dolores Brandstetter

Wednesday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul (M)

- 7 a.m. † Virginia Brabham McCully by The Green Family
8 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Annie & Cam Crasto
by Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity
by Ladies of Charity

Thursday, September 28, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Tom & Audrey Ruthman by Patty Connelly
8 a.m. † Gary Leasure by Jim & Diane Tomaszewski
11:30 a.m. Herta Larison by Pat & Don Schoo

Friday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)

- 7 a.m. † James Rybak by Mary Rybak
8 a.m. † Michael Sposato by Mike & Cindy Oliver
11:30 a.m. † John Spilker by Lisa & James Bertke

Saturday, September 30, St. Jerome (M)

- 8 a.m. † Liselotte & Bill Gardner by Heidi & Ron Sparer
11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Moira & Jim Bonn
4:30 p.m. Father George Schommer, O.P., by Nancy DeBrunner

Sunday, October 1, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joshua McKenna by SGS Class of 2026
12 p.m. † Regina Micca by The Isaacs Family
6 p.m. † Salvatore Forlini by Sal & Teri Forlini

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.

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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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
7:30-8:30 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



Join us in praying for the defeat of Issue 1, a radical constitutional amendment on the November ballot that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents, and the lives of children across Ohio

Sponsored by St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry.

The Rosary A Series of Musical Meditations



Join us for the last event in our series of musical meditations on the rosary. The event is free; an offering will be taken to support sacred music at St. Gertrude Church.

September 24 | 3 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

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.

ROSARY PROCESSION & CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY

Thursday, October 5, 2023



All St. Gertrude Church parishioners are invited to join St. Gertrude School for a very special Marian celebration!

6:30 P.M.

Rosary Procession | St. Gertrude Campus

Assemble in the parking lot by the school playground, process on the grounds, and conclude with Benediction and consecration to Our Lady in the church.

If you would like, please bring your rosary to pray with and flowers to place at Our Lady's altar in the church.



PILGRIMS AND PILGRIMAGES

Early this coming Thursday morning, Father Luke and around 50 of our parishioners will get on a bus to begin the journey to Washington, D.C., for the national Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage. They go, representing our entire parish, to join with other pilgrims from all over the country in imploring our Blessed Mother’s intercession upon our nation, our parishes, and upon all of us.

Thinking about their upcoming trip, I found myself reflecting on the nature of pilgrimages. Why are they so much a part of our Christian (and especially Catholic) history? Why are they important? As I contemplated these questions, a few thoughts popped into my mind that I would like to share with everyone.

Pilgrimages break us out of our regular routine. It can be easy in our spiritual life to fall into a rut; a pilgrimage (much like a retreat) breaks us out of the usual pattern of daily life, which in turn can make it a lot easier to focus more intensely on spiritual things.

Pilgrimages have a destination and almost always that destination is a shrine, a cathedral, or some other sacred place. Often, these are locations associated with certain saints or places where miracles have occurred in the past. While we can (and ought to) pray to God wherever we happen to be, there is something special about prayers that are lifted up to God at these holy sites.

Pilgrimages are often very hard. They involve sacrifice. The difficulties of travel, meals on the road, sleeping in an unfamiliar bed, sometimes significant walking . . . all of these things take a toll on the pilgrim. Thus, every pilgrimage has an innately penitential aspect to it because of the sacrifices the pilgrimage demands.

When made in a group, pilgrimages are an opportunity to go through this difficult but spiritually rewarding journey with others. The sharing of graces and sufferings that happen on a group pilgrimage tend to knit the pilgrims together and form bonds that often last the rest of their lives.

Finally, every pilgrimage encapsulates in miniature the “great pilgrimage” that all of us are on: the pilgrimage through life to our final destination—heaven. Our destination is indeed a sacred place—the most blessed location of all! Our pilgrimage through life has both its graces and its sufferings and sacrifices. And in our pilgrimage of life, we do not walk the journey alone but with our fellow believers (and with the great “cloud of witnesses,” the saints, who have successfully walked that journey before us).

In order to be in solidarity with our pilgrims in Washington, D.C., this coming Saturday (September 30), I invite all our parishioners who are *not* going on the pilgrimage to come join me in St. Gertrude Church at 3 p.m., where we will have a special rosary with preaching and reflections on the mysteries. This is the exact time in Washington, D.C., when our parishioners and all the other pilgrims will be gathering at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception to pray the rosary there.

In this way, we will be both spiritually and temporally uniting our prayers with those of the pilgrims in Washington, D.C.

May Our Blessed Mother receive the gift of the prayers we will raise up to her and shower upon us her motherly love and intercession.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.


Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

CENTENNIAL GALA


Less than 50 Tickets Left!

Due to high demand, we have opened up a few more seats at our big Gala fundraiser. But tickets are going fast—get yours before they’re gone for good!

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/100anniversarygala to purchase your tickets.




All proceeds go toward renovations and improvements for St. Gertrude Church and School. Must be 21 to attend.



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

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

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Praise of the Blessed Sacrament with the Angels

O most Holy Sacrament, I fall down before you with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, with cherubim and seraphim, and with all the glorious array of the heavenly host, I sing to your glory, saying: blessed a thousand, no, ten thousand fold, be the most Holy Sacrament of the altar!

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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.



FUN-raiser WEEK 1 WINNERS

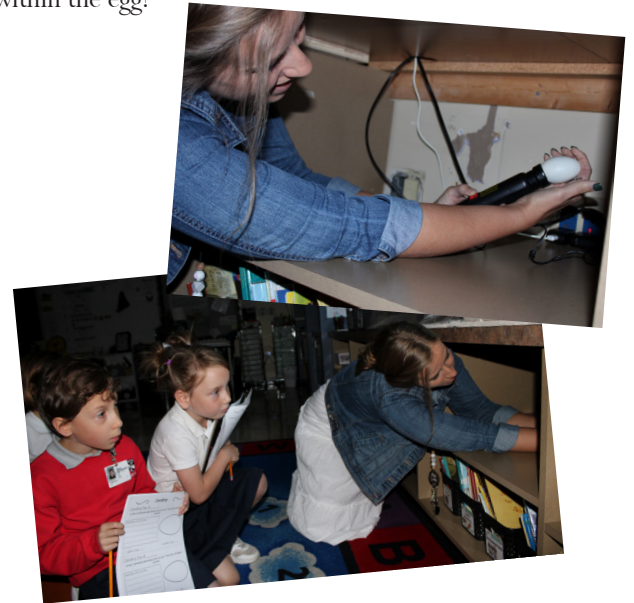
Congratulations to Mrs. Capozzoli’s fourth grade class for raising the most money during Week 1 of our FUN-raiser. Here’s a sweet picture of the students receiving the exciting news during Friday morning’s Bulldog Broadcast. Their prize is a Chick-fil-A party, and Mrs. Capozzoli gets four Diamond Level tickets and a parking pass to a Reds game. Way to go, fourth graders!

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!

WAITING FOR THEIR CHICKS TO HATCH

The second graders have been tracking the growth of their chicks in their eggs, a process called candling. The students have enjoyed watching the eggs change as the chicks prepare to hatch. They can see the chick’s eye, veins, and movement within the egg!



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



GOSPEL REFLECTION— YOU ARE THE SUM OF THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR YOU

WALTER PLUMMER, DIRECTOR OF
EVANGELIZATION

“Are you envious because I am generous?”

A few years ago, a friend of mine shared a story about ministry life. When he and his ministry team were neck-deep in the final stages of a whole-parish project led by their own pastoral staff, one critical team member walked away. For good reasons—reasons that in the long term were the best possible outcome and not at all due to scandal, avoiding responsibilities, or anything other than the pursuit of a life lived with Jesus and his Church. And in the end, the project turned out even better than the team had hoped. But still, that person walked away and left the team scrambling.

That story bothers me.

I shared it with some friends, trying to work out what it is that bothers me so much about it, and one friend said, “Oh, my response would be, ‘Now I know who you really are. Now I know your true colors.’” That put a finger right on the pain point of that story for me: who you are to me is what you’ve done for me lately.

Let me say that part again: who you are to me is what you’ve done for me lately.

Ouch. When I write it down like that, that’s pretty harsh. It reduces a person to simply the worth of his or her actions relative to a temporary goal. And that’s a very worldly perspective. “You’re worth what you can do for me,” it says.

Now, contrast that with the parable from the Gospel this week (the parable of the landowner who pays the same wage for unequal work). As the workers who labored through the heat of the day grumble about their pay, the landowner says, “Are you envious because I am generous?”

I repeat: ouch.

Why did those workers get their wages? Because the owner of

the land promised it to them. He said to them (in my own words), “This is what I will do for you.” And they said yes. His promise wasn’t made after the work was done. It wasn’t dependent upon how long they had been in the field. It wasn’t dependent upon the labor of others or their time in the field. It was only dependent on the landowner’s promise and the laborers’ willingness to say yes and work in his vineyard. What does the story reveal about the landowner’s perspective of those laborers? Maybe something like this: you are not the sum of your weaknesses and failures. You are the sum of the Father’s love for you and your real potential to be with him as he is (cf. Pope St. John Paul II’s World Youth Day Address, 2002).

Generosity is not deserved; it’s given because of the love the giver has for the receivers. We are not reducible to what we’ve done or haven’t done, what people say or don’t say, what we have or don’t have. We are his, and he is ours.

So here’s my invitation for you (and me) this week: Where do you feel like your relationships are simply contractual and not based on the dignity of each human person? How can you shift your role in that relationship to be a bit more like the landowner in today’s Gospel—in the end, to be a bit more like Jesus?



VOTER REGISTRATION THIS WEEKEND

St. Gertrude Church will be conducting a non-partisan voter registration drive after all Masses this 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!

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.

PILGRIMAGE—PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week, 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 two national shrines and St. Dominic Church in Washington, D.C., and offer Mass 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 that is by the Mary altar.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples from St. Gertrude Parish who this year are celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 30, 35—every five years up to 75 years) are invited to attend our 12 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2023. The celebrant will bestow an anniversary blessing to honor these couples. Reserved seating will be available for the couples and their families. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and planning to attend this special Mass, please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954 no later than Monday, October 2, to reserve your spot and ensure you receive your certificate from the archdiocese.

TOWN HALL—NOVEMBER AMENDMENT

Join us Tuesday, September 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the gym as Dr. Angela Beale Martin (board certified OBGYN), Rachel R. Citak (attorney and president of Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati), and Bob Wurzelbacher (director of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Respect Life Ministries) explain the dangers of the amendment on the November ballot.



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, 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:

† All Our Beloved Dead

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Natalie Almeter	Christopher & Theresa Johnson
Erich & Elizabeth Boomgarden	Isaac & Catherine Johnson
Paul Brunner	Lauren Mays
Peter & Joy DeNicola	Austin & Hayley Michael
Justin & Amanda Drahman	Kelsey Moran
Logan & Kerry Dunnahoo	David & Kelley Neumann
Josh & Staci Henderson	James & Kelsey Solimine
Ryan Henry	Nicholas & Abigail Valin
Tyler & Dana Huls	David Wessel

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, what parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend. The seminar will be in the St. Peter Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).

HEALING SERVICE

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) is having a Healing Service on Wednesday, September 27. The rosary will begin at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

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.

50TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION FOR LIFE

Northern Kentucky Right to Life's 50th Annual Celebration for Life is next Sunday, October 1, at 1 p.m. at Receptions (1379 Donaldson Hwy., Erlanger, KY 41018). Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life, will be the guest speaker. Exhibits and refreshments will be available, along with the viewing of a pro-life film; Kristan will speak at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Stan Barczak at (859-431-6380) or at the door. Free childcare will be available.

KOC ARCHBISHOP ELDER COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This past fiscal year, Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 raised and donated \$12,000 to pregnancy care centers and maternity homes, received the Star Council Award, and much more. Read about some of the fantastic things that these men were able to accomplish in 2022-2023 at bit.ly/eldercouncilhonors.

CATHOLIC MEN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The ninth annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession will be held on Saturday, October 21. The event will begin with 8 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Men will then process with the Eucharist through downtown Cincinnati, concluding at 11 a.m. with final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church. Join the seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other Catholic men of all generations, and invite your father, sons and friends—we expect the largest turnout yet this year! Please contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or davidwillig@gmail.com if you have any questions.

DEEPEN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Looking for a good venue to help in deepening or growing your faith? The Adult Spirituality Institute (ASI) offers short term non-credit courses at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Our mission is to foster ongoing spiritual development through Scripture and theology presented by outstanding regional scholars. Our next class begins October 30 and runs for four weeks on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information or to register, please visit spirituality-institute.com.

Issue 1 is an extreme amendment on the Ohio ballot this November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of preborn babies up to 9 months.



Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena

for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of this dangerous amendment.

This week the Sorrowful Mysteries will be prayed each day.

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





ASK A PRIEST COLUMN— CONFESSING OUR SINS TO A PRIEST

FATHER JOHN LANGLOIS, O.P.

Q: “Why do we need to confess our sins to a priest rather than simply confessing directly to God?”

A: Being able to confess our sins directly to God would be easier, wouldn't it? It's embarrassing to have to admit our wrongdoing to someone else. By confessing directly to God, we wouldn't have to suffer that humiliation and shame of revealing our sins to another person. But at the same time, we would never know for sure if we were truly forgiven, would we? That is the huge benefit of confessing to a priest—he lets us know that whatever we've confessed is absolved! But here's a fuller answer to the question . . .

First of all, Jesus himself instituted the sacrament of penance when he told his Apostles on more than one occasion, “whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (for example, see Matthew 18:18). This power to bind and loose refers to the power to forgive sins, and this will be specifically confirmed when Jesus appears to the Apostles after his resurrection, and says to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven them” (John 20:23). Now, God alone can forgive sin. But Jesus, before ascending to the Father, gave his Apostles the authority to forgive sins in his name, and they in turn passed on this power to the bishops and priests who succeeded them as leaders of the Church.

So Christ instituted the sacrament of penance as the normal way for us to receive the forgiveness of our sins, both our sins against God and our sins against one another. And he did this for a few reasons. To start, we need to realize that every sin we commit has a repercussion, not only for ourselves or for the specific individuals we have hurt, but also for the entire Church, which is the Body of Christ. You see, we're not independent individuals who are disconnected from a larger entity. No, we are members of the one Body of Christ. As members of that body, whatever we do affects not just us, but the entire body. When we have a wound or an infection in a part of our physical body, it doesn't just affect that part, does it? The pain or the sickness is somehow experienced in the whole of us. Similarly, because we are not isolated individuals but members of the Body of Christ, our sins have a damaging effect well beyond us personally. Our sins, in some way, negatively impact the rest of the Church itself. And so when we sin, we need to be reconciled to the Church through the sacrament of Reconciliation. In the sacrament, the priest represents not only Christ, but also the Church. So in confessing our sins to him, we are in effect acknowledging the damage our sins have done to the rest of the body. And when he forgives us through the power of Christ, he also brings about the healing of our relationship with the rest of the body. Through confession, we are reconciled both to God and to the

Church that we've offended by our sin.

The other important reason why Christ instituted the sacrament of penance was so that we could have the full assurance of forgiveness through the voice of the priest. This is the wonderful benefit of going to confession. As difficult as it is to confess to a priest, he is there to assure us with his voice that God forgives it all. When the priest says, “I absolve you from your sins,” that is God speaking to us through him. And so we don't have to wonder, “Am I really forgiven?” We've heard it with our own ears. Our sins are wiped away. We have a clean slate, the gift of a fresh start. And God not only forgives us through absolution, but also gives us those graces that we need in our struggles with particular temptations and patterns of sin.

What a blessing we have then in the sacrament of Reconciliation!

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



Monday, September 25	Tuesday, September 26	Wednesday, September 27	Thursday, September 28	Friday, September 29	Saturday, September 30	Sunday, October 1
St. Gertrude School No School	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Special Dominican Rosary 3 p.m. Church	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	PTO Basketball Tournament 6 p.m. Gym			CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Collegium Rehearsal 6 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
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					L'alto: HS Youth Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
	Fenwick Council Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room					
	Pro-Life Town Hall on Amendment 7 p.m. Gym					

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for September 17**

Collection	\$	35,132
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	1,868)
Second Collection - Dominican Missions: \$4,307		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	405,632
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	444,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	38,368)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
10/8/23

MATERIALS DUE
9/27/23

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

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.



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.

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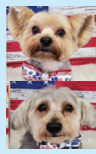
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