

My soul

*proclaims the
greatness of the Lord;
my spirit*

rejoices
in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe (M)

- 7 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gregory P. Speicher by Tricia Speicher
- 8 a.m. † Jane Thole by Chip Thole
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
- 7 p.m. † John Fasola by The Stines Family

Tuesday, August 15,

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark
- 11:30 a.m. (Mass of Profession) Novices professing vows
- 7 p.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

Wednesday, August 16, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Mary Alice Schutte by Dominican Sisters
- 8 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Bill & Tish Shefcik
- 11:30 a.m. Steve Mueller by Dolores Brandstetter

Thursday, August 17, St. Hyacinth of Poland, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † Alfred Lynch, Jr. by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 8 a.m. † Eli Williamson by The Nanista Family
- 11:30 a.m. David & Julie McLaughlin by Mary Clare Smith

Friday, August 18, Blessed Mannes, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † Jean Ellert by Tom & Christin Spurr
- 8 a.m. † Jon Sieve by Bill & Penny Cunningham
- 11:30 a.m. Rita Johantges by Jeanne Johantges

Saturday, August 19, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Chris Flanagan by Elaine & Jeff Parker
- 11:30 a.m. † Angela Maccani by Nancy & Bob Hoye
- 4:30 p.m. † Mary & Ray Kissel by Diana & Ed Doll

Sunday, August 20, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † George C. Capehart by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 10 a.m. Peter & Catherine Morris by Craig & Teresa Babcock
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Virginia Elizabeth Wahl by The Dowling Family

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.,
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Church Hours

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

A FATHER/SON EVENT #UNBREAKABLE

All dads and their sons (K-8th grade) are invited for an epic afternoon that includes . . .

- fun games and activities
- a motivational talk from Bengal Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz
- a challenge for each father/son
- pizza and refreshments (pizza served toward the end)

September 23, 2023

12:30-3:30 p.m.

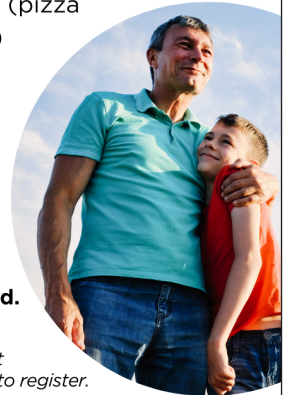
St. Gertrude Campus

Sign up by August 30 to get
t-shirts and a \$5 discount.
Prices go up August 31, and
shirt orders won't be accepted.



Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/2023unbreakable to register.

Hosted by the St. Gertrude Parish Boosters and the Knights of
Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195.



The Assumption of Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

On Tuesday, August 15, we celebrate the greatest holy day of the month: the Assumption of Mary. We invite you to **join us for Mass on this holy day of obligation:**

- Monday, August 14 - 7 p.m. (vigil)
- Tuesday, August 15 - at 7, 8, or 11:30 a.m. (also the Mass of Profession) or 7 p.m.

Father John Paul is away this week. In his place, Father Joachim shares St. Dominic's great promise to not only the Dominicans but also all of you.



**CHANGE—
AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY**

It's that time of year again. Time for change. Of course, it's always that time of year, because change is a constant. But there is a particular lot of change going on right now at St. Gertrude Parish. As of this Thursday, summer vacation will officially be over for our school families. There are a lot of new names and faces and new classes for children, parents, faculty, and staff alike to get used to. In the priory, we have seven new men beginning novitiate, and sadly (for us) the "old novices" and Father Michael Mary will be leaving on August 16. The novices will make their simple profession this Tuesday, August 15, which is a big and joyful change for them as they make a vowed commitment to the Dominican Order for the next few years of their lives. The profession will be in the context of a liturgy in which we celebrate an important change that took place in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Solemnity of the Assumption (a holy day of obligation) celebrates Mary's passing from this world into heaven to dwell body and soul there with God. We hope you'll join us for that 11:30 a.m. profession Mass if you are able to—or offer a prayer for the novices if you're not.

The prospect of all this change has brought to mind again a thought from St. Francis de Sales, that pops into my head from time to time after I came across it last year: "Every moment comes to us pregnant with a command from God, only to pass on and plunge into eternity, there to remain forever what we have made of it."

Change is not something we always look forward to, at least I don't. But it is good to be reminded that those moments of change also hold potential and that we have a key part to play in bringing that potential to actuality. One of the key moments in the life of St. Dominic and of the Order of Preachers is a good example here. St. Dominic felt called by God to formalize his preaching companions into a religious order of preachers. As soon as the Order was approved, he immediately decided to disburse the 16 or so companions that he had to the chief university towns of Europe to found houses there. The others thought he was a little bit crazy to divide everyone up so suddenly and tried to talk him out of it. St. Dominic realized what God was asking, though, and the potential it held. So he followed through and sent his companions out. The Order flourished rapidly as a result of this decision.

The thought mentioned above also reminds us, though, that there comes a point when change will cease. A moment in which we ourselves will "plunge into eternity." There we remain forever whatever it is we have become in our lives. Though that sounds a bit intimidating, on some level we all have a desire for it—the eternal. Fortunately, before we take that plunge, we encounter the Eternal One—God—by faith. In the liturgy especially, we enter God's timeless and changeless presence and receive the help of his grace. May we approach with open hearts to receive his help and to make the most of the opportunities that lie before us in all the changes taking place in our lives during this time.

God bless,
Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.

P.S. Please don't forget to join us for our parish picnic at 5:30 p.m. next Saturday, August 19. It will be a great chance to see old friends and make new ones!

CENTENNIAL GALA

*Early Bird
Tickets**

On Sale Now!

**Prices increase September 1! Must be 21 to attend.*



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

All proceeds go toward renovations and improvements for St. Gertrude Church and School.



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



**News from
Father John Paul:
Laura Potter**

One of my roles as pastor is to guide and support people as they discern their gifts and vocations. Laura Potter, our coordinator of high school ministry, has discerned an invitation from the Lord to return to Denver, CO, and continue to develop her gifts of music and production. Laura's final day of work at St. Gertrude will be September 15. In just the short time that she's been on our team, Laura has made a big impact on our teens and core team members through empowering them to share their gifts in the L'alto: High School ministry. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her much success. Please keep Laura in your prayers during this time of transition and as she begins this new chapter in her life. We will soon begin a search for a new coordinator of high school ministry, so stay tuned for details.



**TEACHER SPOTLIGHT:
EMILY JONCAS, KINDERGARTEN**

Emily Joncas not only has been a St. Gertrude School teacher for 10 years (teaching third grade from 2002 to 2006, second grade from 2007 to 2008, and kindergarten from 2019 to today) but also attended SGS! Here she shares about her journey to becoming a teacher, favorite SGS memories, and more.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Hi, Emily! Would you please tell us a little about yourself?

Emily Joncas: I have lived in Cincinnati all my life, mostly living in the Montgomery area. I met my husband, Matt, at Xavier University in 1998, and we have been married for 20 years. We have three children, two of which have graduated from SGS: Christopher (17), Catherine (15), and Luke (9, a fourth grader here at SGS). We became St. Gertrude parishioners in 2010.

SGB: What role has St. Gertrude School played in your life and your desire to become a teacher?

Emily: I have been a part of St. Gertrude School in one capacity or another since 1986 when I was a first-grade student here. As a student, I was nourished—mentally, socially, and spiritually. Along with my parents, SGS built within me a strong foundation of faith and values.



When I was in fifth grade, I received my vocation to be a teacher. From that time on, I always knew St. Gertrude School was where God wanted me to be. As soon as I graduated from Xavier, I was on a mission to begin my teaching career here. What I didn't know was that the principal at that time was my then fifth grade teacher—now Sister Maria Christi—who was instrumental in my calling to teach so many years ago! She had been a lay person when she taught me, and I had *no idea* she had become a Dominican Sister. Needless to say, I got a job teaching third grade that year and have been involved in the school as a teacher and/or parent ever since.

SGB: What do you enjoy most about teaching at St. Gertrude School?

Emily: Hands down, the relationships I have formed with my colleagues, students, and families. SGS has brought so many beautiful people into my life who have taught *me* so much. It is also a great gift to grow in faith alongside all of these people—a faith that is ingrained in literally everything we do each day.

SGB: What are some of your favorite memories as a student at St. Gertrude School?

Emily: There are so many wonderful memories! But most of all, when I think back to being a student at St. Gertrude School, I just remember always feeling I belonged and that I was loved—a feeling I pray I always give to my students.

SGB: Who is your biggest role model?

Emily: Cliché as it may be, my parents. They have taught me to have a grateful heart in every walk of life, to trust in the Lord and his loving plan for me, and to give thanks in all circumstances.

SGB: Who is your favorite saint?

Emily: My favorite saint is St. Teresa of Calcutta for her belief in making the world a better place through the joy of loving others and the value she placed on doing everything faithfully and with love.

What do you like to do for fun?

Emily: I love traveling with my family and discovering new places and things to do together where we can be away from all technology and distractions. I value my time with my family so much. Second to that, I love waking up early to a steaming cup of coffee, some quiet time with the Lord, and curling up with a good book.





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!





GUIDE IN TRUTH

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GROW IN EXCELLENCE



FAMILY FAITH KICKOFF EVENT

Grades 4-6



Family Faith begins next month! Get ready to engage in discussions, activities, and prayer as a family, using the Family of Faith series from Sophia Press. Learn more at stgertrude.org/familyfaith.

Sunday, September 17
10-11:15 a.m. | 11:30-12:45 a.m.
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria



Not registered yet? scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/faithformation23-24 or to sign up.



SAVE THE DATE

FALL KICKOFF & PARENT SESSION

High schoolers (grades 9-12), join us in the gym for night of fun activities to kick off the year!

Parents, join us in the St. Dominic Lobby for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as you learn about the L'alto mission, vision, and elements and how it will serve your teens.

Sunday, September 10
7-9 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center



stgertrude.org/highschool

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our 2023-2024 CGS program is right around the corner! To help you prepare, at least one parent per family is asked to attend an orientation session. Catechists from Levels 1, 2, and 3 will give an overview of what your child(ren) will experience this year. Information about first classes and the schedule will be forthcoming.



Parent Orientation

Sunday, September 10
9 a.m. | 11:15 a.m.

St. Gertrude School, Atrium 1

Haven't registered yet for CGS?

Visit bit.ly/faithformation23-24 or scan the QR code to sign up for one of the available classes.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We're looking forward to seeing all 7th and 8th graders who are signed up for our 2023-2024 Confirmation program (and their parents) at a parent/child session!

Parent & Child Kickoff

Sunday, August 27

10-11:15 a.m. | 11:30-12:45 a.m.

St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

Candidate-only formation meetings begin September 10! View the schedule at stgertrude.org/confirmation.

Want to register for Confirmation prep?

Visit bit.ly/faithformation23-24 or scan the QR code to sign up.



MASS OF PROFESSION – ALL ARE INVITED!

Since August 2022, we have had 12 Dominican novices (see bulletin insert) here at St. Gertrude Priory. They have now completed their year of formation and will make their simple profession of religious vows at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, August 15. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. (Please note, August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, which is a holy day of obligation.) Mass will be a little longer than usual—around 90 minutes. Please keep these brothers in your prayers as they begin their formal seminary education and formation at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

PARISH CENTENNIAL PICNIC NEXT WEEKEND!

Please join us for our Parish Centennial Picnic on **Saturday, August 19, immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.** This joyous event marks a significant milestone as we continue to commemorate our 100th anniversary. The festivities will kick off with a blessing, and dinner—a **delicious pig roast with a variety of sides, delectable desserts, and refreshing drinks catered by Vonderhaar's**—will be served at approximately 5:30 p.m. We will also have a children's menu, including hot dogs and macaroni and cheese. To add to the merriment, the **1960s Top 40 band Deja Vu** will play from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Other activities include a strolling **balloon artist, face painting, and temporary tattoos** between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., as well as a **corn hole and gaga ball tournament.**

We invite everyone in our parish community, friends, and visitors to come together to make this year's picnic a memorable occasion. We look forward to seeing you!

BAPTISM

Sunday, July 30, 2023



Child: Samuel Edwin Tepe
Parents: Tim & Katherine Tepe



Child: Aleah Grace Bissonnette
Parents: Ethan & Cianna Bissonnette

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?

It's not too late to sign up your child (ages 8–13) to sing in the St. Gertrude Schola Cantorum! As part of the choir, your child will learn the great music of the Church, receive private voice lessons, develop lifelong skills in reading music, and sing weekly at the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass with leading professional singers in the region. Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. and begin Monday, August 21. More information can be found at stgertrude.org/schola. To sign up, please email Christopher Holman, director of music, at cholman@stgertrude.org. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, August 16.

NEW CHOIR FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Hey, high school students: Are you interested in music, serving the church, and free pizza? Beginning this fall, St. Gertrude Parish is creating a new choir for high schoolers called Collegium. Together we'll sing and learn about the great music of the Church, from chant to newly-written music for choir. Collegium will meet the last Wednesday of most months from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by free pizza. We will then sing on the first Sundays of most months at the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass. Our first rehearsal will be on September 27, and our first Mass will be October 1. To learn more or sign up, email Christopher Holman, director of music, at cholman@stgertrude.org.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

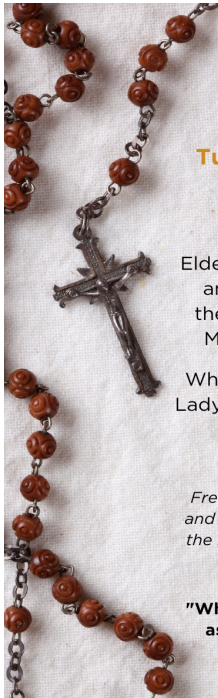
Simon Berry, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude 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 and Kerry Walden

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



ROSARY SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them and their families to pray the rosary and then listen to Fred Thomas present "Two Marian Apparitions that Stopped Wars."

Who is the Black Madonna? What did Our Lady of Hope do? Fred's awe-inspiring talk provides the answers—and more! Refreshments will be provided.

Fred Thomas is a parishioner of both St. Gertrude and St. Philip parishes, a life-professed member of the Dominican Laity Our Lady of Peace Fraternity, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

"Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an Army with banners?"
 - Solomon 6:10

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Come to a preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, August 22, 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's Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

Looking to meet faithful single Catholics? Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the United States (and beyond!) on August 25-27, 2023, at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics in Plymouth, MI (or participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship, and more. If attending in-person, use the promo code **PARISH23** when you register to get \$50 off! (Discount for the first 50 sign-ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. Can't find your question answered on the website? Call (512) 766-5798.

SUMMER SLUMP

Summer often means vacation—and fewer volunteers and contributions coming in for many nonprofits like Pregnancy Center Plus (PCPlus), just as their needs hit year-round highs. Very often, clients' needs increase when their children are off school. At this time, PCPlus is in need of Enfamil formula (or other brands), size 6 diapers, and gas cards. If you can help, please drop off your donations at the center (4760 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45227) during open hours or order the items online and have them directly sent to PCPlus. Learn more at supportpcplus.org.

MARIA STEIN SHRINE CHAPEL TOURS

Have you been thinking about taking a tour of the Maria Stein Shrine chapels? From now until Labor Day, the Shrine is offering chapel tours at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. No RSVP is needed and tours are free of charge. The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics (2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860) is the second largest collection of relics in the United States.

2023 DAYS OF PRAYER AND MERCY

Our Lady of Light Ministries invites you to its 31st Days of Prayer and Mercy on August 31 and September 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45212). Bud McFarlane Jr., the most popular Catholic novelist in America, will be the featured speaker! Please mark your calendar for this special once-a-year event and secure your reservation by visiting ourladyoflight.org or by calling Our Lady of Light office at (513) 531-MARY to register.

The Gift of Fertility

A Workshop for Mothers and Daughters

Saturday, October 7, 2023

St. Gertrude Church
Madeira, OH 45243

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.




Sr. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM Geneva Ulmer

"Glorify God in Your Body."
1 Cor. 6:20







Co-hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the St. Gertrude NFP Team, this event is geared toward moms and their young daughters (ages 10-13) to spend time together learning about God's beautiful plan for the gift of fertility.

Starting with Holy Mass at 8:00 am, this workshop will include presentations on puberty by highlighting authentic femininity, modesty, the biology of the reproductive system, and the development of a baby in utero. Featured speakers include Sr. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Geneva Ulmer of Pregnancy Center Plus, and certified NFP instructors from St. Gertrude's Parish. Coffee and a light lunch will be provided. The cost is \$30 per family. Please RSVP online no later than September 30, 2023.

<https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/eve/the-gift-of-fertility-a-workshop-for-moms-and-daughters>

QUESTIONS?
Contact Adriana Vasquez at avasquez@catholiccaoc.org or Jenna Bernardo at jennamarquetter@gmail.com



ASK A THEOLOGIAN— OLD TESTAMENT GOD VS. NEW TESTAMENT GOD

SAM JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Q: I've been listening to Father Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year podcast and have been struggling with the violence in the Old Testament. It almost feels like there's two Gods—the Old Testament God who gets angry with the Israelites and allows, or even instructs, violence (i.e. ordering someone to be stoned to death if they violate the Sabbath), and the New Testament God of love and mercy. How do you explain the violence and what appears to be an angry God in the Old Testament? I'm not sure how to explain the more violent stories (i.e. Jericho) to my young children.

A: Believe it or not, this exact set of questions was asked even more forcefully in the generation right after the last books of the New Testament were written! Early in the second century, Marcion of Sinope drew up a whole series of apparent scriptural contradictions between (as he saw it) the vengeful creator-God of the Old Testament and the God of Jesus Christ. For Marcion, the "good news" of the Gospel was really that Jesus came to save us *from* the God of the Old Testament.

Marcion's teaching soon drew condemnations from churches in every corner of the empire, and he was excommunicated in Rome around 144 AD. Marcionism became the post-apostolic Church's first heresy. However, knowing this doesn't provide an answer to the very real challenges—*scriptural* challenges—Marcion poses to us. We don't even need to know Marcion existed to have had very similar thoughts cross our minds!

Now, to do true justice to your question, we would need to read each difficult narrative very closely and carefully. In this, we could learn how many of these stories, even as they depict scenes of judgment, often look to subvert ancient paradigms of violence. We would also discuss whether these stories were intended to be read literally to begin with (Christian and Jewish tradition alike tend, primarily, to read them figurally or spiritually). But for now, we can at least say that within the Old Testament itself, there is certainly a growth and progression of thought, and there are retellings and reinterpretations of even the most troubling of these kinds of stories at every turn—and never in ways that are contrary to the Gospel.

A good example of this might be the book of Jonah: Nineveh appears as the prototypical pagan city destined for judgment (kind of like Jericho). In this story, though, it is not the wicked city—the capital of an empire known for its cruelty and savagery—that suffers judgment, but rather the prophet who refuses to intercede on its behalf.

In fact, for St. Irenaeus (who lived in the generation just after Marcion and wrote a great deal in response to him), the story of Jonah can be seen as the story of all humanity. Irenaeus recalls how Jesus himself uses the "sign of Jonah" to describe his passion (Matthew 12:38-42). The whole "plan of salvation," Irenaeus says, is therefore revealed most clearly when we see that it is the eternal Word of God who enters into the depths of our humanity, consumed as it is by destruction and failure, and cries out with us: "In my affliction I called to the Lord, and He heard me . . ." (Jonah 2:2).

In other words, if I were trying to explain this story to my own kids, I might say something like: In all of the trials we see facing the people of Israel in the Old Testament, God does not simply stand on shore, far away from the wind and waves, flicking a wand in judgment here and mercy there. No, God is already with us in the belly of the whale! Even his words of judgment are spoken, finally, to call us to participate in his work of mercy.

The mystery of Christ's passion thus offers us a way to see, sort of in miniature, the mystery of a God who isn't above the grit of our own very troubled history, who isn't above entering into our own stories of oppression (both committed and suffered), but rather lowers himself into these very stories in order to help us learn to retell them and redeem them in light of his own long-suffering with us and for us, even "in the belly of Sheol" (Jonah 2:2). In this way, he reveals his power most clearly and most radiantly as a "power made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Samuel B. Johnson (PhD, University of Notre Dame) is assistant professor of Biblical Studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, specializing in the New Testament and early Christianity. He, his wife Jessica, and their four children are parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish.

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.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer on Assumption Day

O most compassionate Mother, my most faithful advocate, turn your pitying eyes to me, your servant, and by the fragrance of that unimaginable delight that you did feel as you went up from this world to the royal court of heaven, be with me in the hour of my death; and in that dread hour offer for me to the most Holy Trinity the merits of that tranquil and consummate perfection which raised you, on the day of your assumption, far above all human and angelic dignity, and made you an object of supreme and everlasting glory. Amen.

Monday, August 14	Tuesday, August 15	Wednesday, August 16	Thursday, August 17	Friday, August 18	Saturday, August 19	Sunday, August 20
	Parish and School Offices Closed	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room			Parish Picnic After 4:30 p.m. Mass Gym, Parish Event	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	Profession Reception Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass Parish Center	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			100th Anniversary Book Sales At the Parking Lot	L'alto: HS Core Team 7 p.m. OE Conference Room
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					
	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby					

CENTENNIAL BOOKS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Get your copy of our centennial book, *St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years*, for **just \$35** this weekend! Members of the centennial book committee will be outside (in the Parish Center if it's raining) before and after all Masses except the 6 p.m. Mass. Check, cash, and credit cards accepted. May God bless you

Interested in Joining St. Gertrude Church?

Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



COVER IMAGE: *Painting of Immaculate Conception in church Chiesa di San Agostino by Antonio Licata (1820).*

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for August 6

Collection	\$ 49,444
Weekly Budget	\$ 37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$ 12,444
Second Collection - L of C & St. Vincent de Paul: \$4,859	
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 206,513
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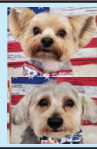
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