

MASSES AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, January 11, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Liana Rives/Jack & Nancy-Carolyn Smith 8:00 a.m. †Tim Petric/Craig & Teresa Babcock

11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, January 12, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer/

The Schirmer Family

8:00 a.m. †Baby Volpe/The Wood Family

11:30 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Judie & Bill Taphorn & Family

Wednesday, January 13, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Evelyn Remenowsky/Carol & Jeff Remenowsky

8:00 a.m. †Robert & Joan Rogers/The Hellers 11:30 a.m. †Shirley Seeger/Judy Bayer & Family

Thursday, January 14, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Leo Plum/James & Renee Plum

8:00 a.m. †Jim Walters/Travis & Kirsten Johnson

and Family

11:30 a.m. †Lilly Alexander/Benny Alexander

Friday, January 15, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Louise Meyers/Mike & Elaine O'Connell 8:00 a.m. †Linda Bolognesi/The Vasquez Family 11:30 a.m. †Mary Kay Feighery/John Feighery

Saturday, January 16, Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Carolyn Knueven/The Wahl Family 11:30 a.m. †Fr. Matt Gamber, SJ/Nancy DeBrunner

January 16-17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Katie Stoiber/The Isaacs Family

Sunday People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased

†Aida Gort/The Nieto Family †Jack Berger/Dcn. Mike Muse †Ray Meyer/Bob Knueven

†Yvonne Parker/Mary Lee & Don Olinger

Parish Office Info

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Updated November 1, 2020

The Archbishop dispenses the faithful from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Please do not come if you feel sick. Those who are vulnerable may consider coming to a less crowded weekday Mass.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Keep a prudent distance inside the church. Ushers will help ensure safe seating on Sundays.
- We ask that the faithful wear cloth masks for the sake of the common good. People with breathing difficulties and young children should not wear masks.
- Only friars, sisters, novices, lay ministers and a limited number of staff members will be in the sanctuary and sacristy.
- Volunteers will help wipe down high-touch surfaces between Sunday Masses.

HOLY COMMUNION

- You are not obliged to receive Holy Communion at every Mass you attend. Consider making a spiritual communion, or receiving at a weekday Mass.
- The faithful who choose to receive Holy Communion will come up to the altar rail, where one or two priests will distribute the sacred host. Keep space in line, and only remove your mask at the rail.
- You may receive in the hand or on the tongue, kneeling or standing. Note: the rail is a high-contact surface.

Mass & Confession Schedule

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Conventual Mass

12:00 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Mass

WEEKDAYS

7:00 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Conventual Mass

12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer in Church
4:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
7:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
(Wednesdays Only)

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Conventual Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

3:30 p.m. Confessions in Church4:30 p.m. Mass (Sunday Anticipated)



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and concludes its celebration of the Lord's Nativity. This feast brings us to the beginning of the

public ministry of Jesus — an initiation rite that has important significance for every baptized person. Christ is born for us and for our salvation. Moreover, He is born so that His life given up for us would reconcile us to the Father. Thus, the Baptism of the Lord is the moment of divine declaration of the restored identity of the human person. When Jesus comes up out of the waters of the Jordan River, a voice comes from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In other words, mankind is reconciled with God and the relationship between the Father and His children is renewed. The divine declaration is reminiscent of the declaration God makes after creating the man and the woman on the 6th day of creation: "God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gn 1:31).



Pope Benedict XVI once said, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Our personal encounter with God begins on the day of our personal Baptism. Through this sacramental encounter, Jesus baptizes us through the instrumentality of the minister. Christ washes away our sins; Christ heals the woundedness of our humanity; Christ reconciles us with the Father. Each of us, through Baptism, becomes an adopted son or daughter of the Father. Each of us is now beloved of the Father. He is well pleased with each of us.

We remind ourselves of our own Baptism and renew its grace each time we bless ourselves with holy water while making the sign of the Cross. This sacramental water initiates our life with God and accompanies us throughout our earthly lives. Here is a brief reflection from *Magnificat:* "With Jesus, we have entered the waters of baptism; with Jesus, we have left the land of slavery to sin and death; with Christ we have risen as members of the body of the Word made flesh whose coming we have celebrated during the season of Christmas and Epiphany now drawing to a close. We now have a journey to make: let us follow the holy Lamb of God from death to life!"

Our parish community is a place where everyone is invited to encounter Jesus and to live the journey of discipleship. The opportunities of encounter are numerous in the Masses and sacraments celebrated; the formation programs provided for children, youth, and adults; and the fellowship of brothers and sisters in the Lord who inspire and encourage one another on the path of Christ. The joy of Christmas becomes incarnate in our lives through Baptism. May the Lord renew our parish because of our continual encounter with Him.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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"YOU DO WHAT?!"

BY BRYAN WELLS

The holiday season creates a plethora of opportunities for meeting new people and, often, the topic of conversation can turn rather quickly to what I do for work – to which I respond that I work at St. Gertrude Catholic Church serving the youth, particularly Junior High youth.

Now, people tend to have a range of responses, but one I usually hear goes something like, "Wow, I bet you have your hands full. That sounds wild." And they're right, it is. Endless games of Gaga Ball and No Rules

Baseball, loads of snacks (read: sugar), messy games, and energy to spare are enough to make me feel like I've run a half-marathon (the step-count on my watch proves this) by the end of most of my youth nights. Truly, there's never a dull moment with a room full of junior high youth.

But honestly, I can't think of a group I would rather be in ministry with. Amidst their over-energized inability-to-focus-more-than-2-minutes selves, there's something much deeper. There's a youthful spirit with an unquenchable thirst for adventure and truth, a yearning to be challenged and seen as capable, and, ultimately, a desire to know who God is personally and how He *really* matters in their lives. Their outlook and mindset on life and on the faith challenges me in my own faith journey to never settle for living a mediocre life. There's something truly special about this age that I believe we all could learn from; and I have the joy and privilege to be able to walk with the Jr. High youth of St. Gertrude as my job.

This past semester, in place of large-group gatherings, we offered opt-in small groups for youth in grades 7 and 8 which allowed for these youth to develop faith-filled friendships and be challenged in their prayer and faith life by one another. This last semester, our small groups discussed prayer, took a 60-day spiritual journey, and grew in holiness and relationship with the Father. In total, we had 5 small groups with over 40 7th and 8th graders which met every other week. These small groups gave these youth the chance to play a few fun games, be with their friends, and to have a place they know they'll be welcomed as they are.

We are currently scheduling for the current semester and are opening up the opt-in period to participate in Jr. High Youth Ministry small groups. If your 7th/8th-grade child and his/her friends want to be involved in a small group, visit stgertrude.org/jrhigh and fill out the form found on the webpage. You can also reach out to Bryan Wells (bwells@stgertrude.org) with any questions.



Bryan Wells is a Director of Youth Evangelization at St. Gertrude. He is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville and has spent the last 3 years in Cincinnati, where he met his wife, Megan.

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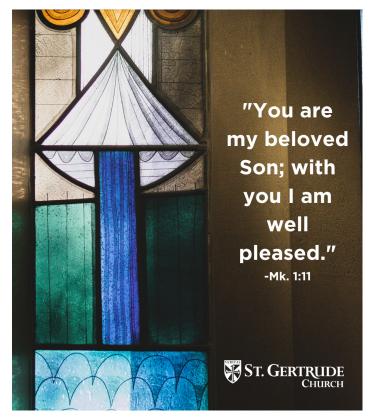
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THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Elizabeth Schneider - mother of Ken



BAPTISM



Child: Evelyn Ruth Ratajczak Parents: Ashley & Jay Ratajczak



Child: Aiden Joseph Burwinkel Parents: Shannon & Allan Burwinkel



Child: Lukas Tomás Ibarra-Palacios Parents: Karisa & Victor



CATHOLIC RETREAT: LIVING THE BEATITUDES DURING THIS PANDEMIC

Dates: Friday & Saturday, February 19 & 20, 2021

<u>Location</u>: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212

Who should attend? Individuals, groups, entire families (all ages welcome!)

We are living through unprecedented times — a culture that has become very anti-Christianity, a pandemic that has isolated us from the rest of the Body of Christ... What can we do? Why has the Lord allowed this at this time in history? How can we respond? Can these challenges be veiled opportunities for tremendous growth in holiness? This retreat will be an all-inclusive experience for entire families, your close friends that

you may have been keeping in contact with, as well as for all retreatants attending alone. We will provide individual as well as family-oriented thought-provoking questions for discussion or meditation after each talk as well as activity pages geared for younger family members. (There will be plenty of room at this very large venue to safely attend and remain socially-distant.)

To register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catholic-retreat-living-the-beatitudes-during-a-pandemic-tickets-134914285259
Questions: Call Nancy at 513-282-6544 or email pmcoworker@gmail.com

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:



After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

The St. Vincent de Paul St. Gertrude's Conference would like to thank everyone who so generously donated their time, talents and treasures to make the Christmas Season a blessing to our neighbors who are struggling, so they too would experience the love of Jesus.

LADIES OF CHARITY JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The annual Ladies of Charity in-person, organizational planning meeting, held in January each year, is being reconsidered due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns. The organization provides goods and money to worthy groups around the Cincinnati area. Any interested Catholic woman wishing to join the Ladies of Charity organization is asked to contact Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085.

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Hello! I am searching for a nurturing, kind and articulate person to mentor a 22-year-old educated young man with Mental Health concerns. Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at \$20.00/ hour. This would be a great job for a part-timer who lives near Mariemont, and is comfortable with Autism and Mental Health issues. Please call me anytime with any ideas or questions at 859-748-0433 and ask for Chris. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Dear Fr. Shommer and All St. Gertrude Parishioners,

Many thanks to all who donated, collected and delivered the gifts for the Hope Emergency Program this Christmas season!

Special thanks to the Brockhoffs, Sue Clarke, Jean Wilkinson and their Elves. We can never thank you enough for all you do for Hope year round. We were able to distribute gifts to 700+ children and food for 468+ families! We are truly blessed. Thank you. May you and your parish family enjoy a Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year!

Gratefully,

Sr. Lucia Castellini and Mrs. Dianne Vollman Co-directors

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ASK A PRIEST - WHAT DETERMINES THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER?

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q. I have wondered if there is a prescribed order for which "Eucharistic Prayer" a Celebrant prays during Mass,

or, is he free to select any one of them? If he can select any Eucharistic Prayer what might he use as a guide?

Fr. John Mark: The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass, which begins after the "Sanctus" and continues until the "Our Father," surrounds the most sacred part of the Liturgy. This is because it disposes the priest and the faithful for the words of institution at the Consecration and provides them with appropriate words of prayer and thanksgiving for this memorial of His Passion that so graces our lives as Catholics. Various Eucharistic prayers have been in use since the earliest days of the Church and are associated with the distinct *rites* or official local variations of the Church's Eucharistic Liturgy.

There are four Eucharistic prayers offered for regular use at Mass in the Roman Rite contained in the *Roman Missal*, or the book which contains all the prayers the priest needs at the altar. Eucharistic Prayer I or "the Roman Canon" is the preferred Eucharistic Prayer of the Roman Rite. It can be used on any day, especially on the most solemn feasts of the Church year. It contains special inserts for Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. It offers very explicit prayers for all who seek to benefit from participation at Mass: for the entire Church, for "redemption...

hope of health and well-being... [and] paying their homage" to God. Overall, the tone of the prayer is humble and hopeful, associating the prayers of the Church on earth with those of specific lists of saints who have been significant since the earliest days of the Roman Rite.

Eucharistic Prayer II is based off an ancient composition of St. Hippolytus and is recognizable for its brevity and focus on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It may be used on weekdays or even Sundays and higher feast days if necessary. Eucharistic Prayer III is derived from the Roman Canon, although slightly shorter, and contains a special focus on the priestly sacrifice of Christ: "Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with the Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ." This Eucharistic Prayer may be used especially on Sundays and feast days and contains a beautiful insert for the funeral Mass.

Eucharistic Prayer IV, adapted from a Eucharistic Prayer of St. Basil, contains a poetic narrative of salvation history. Probably the least used of the four mentioned prayers, it is appropriate for special occasions in which its rather biblical *Preface* is useful for the congregation and there is no "proper" preface already required. This is why this prayer is not used on Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

There are other Eucharistic Prayers offered for use in the Roman Rite, but these are mostly employed for specific pastoral needs such as Masses with young children. Whether prayed in Latin or the vernacular, recited or chanted, these prayers reward those who become familiar with them and can be very helpful in increasing our devotion to the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood offered at every Mass.

"Ask a priest" will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!



Monday, January 11	Tuesday, January 12	Wednesday, January 13	Thursday, January 14	Friday, January 15	Saturday, January 16	Sunday, January 17
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	True Devotion 12:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Consoling the Heart of Jesus 9:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		LOC Organizational Meeting 10:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Religious Education 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria, Atrium
Dominican Laity: Our Lady of Peace 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	SGS PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria			HSYM Discipleship Cells 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Outside (weather permitting) or Church	Religious Education Flexible Family Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Health Ministry Cabinet Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.				
RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Dominican Laity: Bishop Fenwick Chapter 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				
	SGS SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Library					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.					

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit: stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

	Christmas:		December 27:	
Collection	\$	43,727	\$	39,206
Budget	\$	40,000	\$	45,000
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	3,727	(\$	5,794)
YTD:				
YTD Budget			\$ 1	,025,000
YTD Actual			\$ 1	,052,097
YTD Surplus			\$	27,097

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BULLETIN 1/24/21 MATERIALS DUE 1/13/21

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