



YOU ARE MY BELOVED

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WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASED. - LUKE 3:22



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JANUARY 12, 2025

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, January 13, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Art de St. Aubin by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin
 8 a.m. † Carol Beech by Jay Beech
 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Mark Silbersack by Bill & Tish Shefcik
 8 a.m. † Carole Scully by Gwen & P.J. Arling
 11:30 a.m. † Andrew Goad by Jim & Anita Pappalardo

Wednesday, January 15, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Elizabeth Badinghaus by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
 8 a.m. † Peter & Marilyn Sorrentino by Kevin & Julie Kaes O'Brien
 11:30 a.m. † Albert Tallarigo by Pete & Donna Marcello

Thursday, January 16, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joe Martinelli by Michael & Mary Jo Voto
 8 a.m. The Family of Millie Elizabeth Kurowski
 by The Roseman Family
 11:30 a.m. † Charles Emmerling by The Golias Family

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony (M)

- 7 a.m. † Ruth Gumz by Nancy Beimesche
 8 a.m. † Mimi Leverone by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
 11:30 a.m. † Tom Frank by Tom & Marjorie Pater

Saturday, January 18, St. Margaret of Hungary, O.P. (M)

- 8 a.m. † Abram & Julia (Mariotti) Magol by John & Jan Cremons
 11:30 a.m. † Vito Bianco by Anna Bianco
 2 p.m. Dominican Rite Mass – Intention of the Celebrant
 4:30 p.m. † Dick Jilek by Nikki Best

Sunday, January 19, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Ray Clark by Kevin & Anne Lynch
 10 a.m. † Mrs. Charlene Huber, O.P.
 by Dominican Laity (Our Lady of Peace)
 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
 6 p.m. † Gerald Patterson by Knights of Columbus Elder Council

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.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Pancake Breakfast



Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage—and fellowship with your parish family! (Gluten-free pancakes and dairy-free scrambled eggs available.)

Children 5 and UnderFREE
 Children Grades K-8\$5
 Adult\$10
 Family\$35

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

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

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

*All proceeds go to the
 Knights of Columbus Coats
 for Kids Program.*



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 Columbus**



FUN BUNCH

A group of men and women age 55+
 that comes together for fellowship,
 activities, prayer, and education

Everyone age 55+ is invited to join us for lunch, games, fellowship, and a presentation. Parishioner Cara Schildmeyer, DPT, of the Parish Health Ministry and a physical therapist with TriHealth will also give a presentation on preventing falls. During the presentation, you will learn about risk factors for falls, how to prevent falls, assistive devices, exercises to improve strength and balance, and how to properly fall.

Lunch will be meat ravioli and cheese ravioli. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Please sign up at bit.ly/januaryfun21 to let us know what you plan to bring.

Walk-ins are welcome. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at mkennedy06@aol.com or (513) 791-6075 so we can get an estimated headcount for food. We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

12:15-2:30 p.m.

Optional 11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Gertrude Parish Center

Father John Paul was away and unable to write his normal pastor letter for this bulletin. In place of his column is an article from The Catholic Telegraph Magazine regarding the 2025 Jubilee Year, the reason for Jubilees, three Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and more.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR

Giving thanks to God goes beyond words and impacts every aspect of our lives. Whether it's through prayer, helping others or simply feeling grateful, we are invited to recognize His many blessings. Those blessings and more will be celebrated as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025.

Jubilees are held to celebrate anniversaries or events. According to the official Jubilee 2025 website, Jubilees in the church were created "to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and it involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields." In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Jubilee, a Holy Year. In 1343, Pope Clement VI set Jubilees to occur every 50 years, but Pope Paul II reduced the time span in 1470 to 25 years. Some Holy Years were "extraordinary," like Pope Pius XI's 1933 Jubilee for the 1,900th anniversary of the Redemption and Pope Francis' 2015 Year of Mercy.

In a February 2022 letter, Pope Francis declared that 2025 would be a Jubilee Year. He reflected on the pandemic outbreak and how fragile life can be as he noted, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and farsighted vision." Hoping the forthcoming Jubilee will bring about renewal and rebirth, the Pope chose "Pilgrims of Hope" as the theme, encouraging people to work together and not ignore the poverty that keeps millions from living with dignity.

"The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole," wrote Pope Francis. "In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. Gen 2:15), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention, too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will."

Jubilee traditions and celebrations begin worldwide [in December 2024] in preparation for the Holy Year's commencement, which [was] signaled by the traditional opening of the Holy Door on December 24 at St. Peter's Basilica. Jubilee festivities will continue throughout 2025 and include celebrations focused on specific groups of people, such as religious, families, entertainers and athletes.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is planning events that coincide with commemorations in Rome, and

the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will have three pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee Year:

- **The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in Downtown Cincinnati** (325 W. Eighth Street, Cincinnati 45202)
- **The Shrine of the Holy Relics at Maria Stein** (2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein 45860)
- **Emmanuel Catholic Church in Dayton** (149 Franklin Street, Dayton 45402)

[On Sunday, December 29, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Archbishop Schnurr celebrated] the opening Mass of the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Along with in-person celebrations, parishioners are encouraged to pray and sing the official Jubilee prayer and hymn. The Jubilee prayer is as follows:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

In the 2025 Jubilee hymn, "many themes of the Holy Year are woven into the text written by Pierangelo Sequeri and set to music by Francesco Meneghello," explains the official Jubilee website. "The motto, 'Pilgrims of Hope,' is best echoed biblically in some pages from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 9 and Isaiah 60). The themes of creation, fraternity, God's tenderness and hope in our destination resonate in a language, which, although not 'technically' theological, [is theological] in substance and in the allusions, so that it rings eloquently in the ears of our time.

"With each step of their daily pilgrimage, believers trustingly rely on the source of Life. The song that arises spontaneously during the journey (cf. Augustine, Discourses, 256) is directed to God. It is a song charged with the hope of being freed and supported. It is a song imbued with the hope that it will reach the ears of the One from whom all things flow. It is God who as an ever-living flame keeps hope burning and energizes the steps of the people as they journey."

This Jubilee is a unique opportunity for Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith, express gratitude to God, and grow in unity. As the Pope encouraged, let us more fully embrace renewal, service to others and care for creation.

Written by Kary Ellen Berger, this article appeared in the December 2024 edition of The Catholic Telegraph Magazine and is reprinted here with permission. For your complimentary subscription of the magazine, visit thecatholictelegraph.com.



SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

Do you have experience in the science or engineering field? Do you love to wonder and explore the unknown? Volunteer to be a judge at this year's 7th Grade Science Fair! This year's Science Fair will be on the morning of January 27 in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. If you are interested in joining our esteemed panel of judges, please visit bit.ly/sciencefairjudge or scan the QR code to fill out a Google form. Please contact Ms. Connelly at jconnelly@stgertrudesch.org with any questions about the Science Fair. Thank you!

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN HOUSE!

To kick off Catholic Schools Week, which is January 26-February 1, St. Gertrude School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All St. Gertrude Church parishioners are invited to join us for donuts and coffee in the school cafeteria and a tour of your parish school!

Discover the St. Gertrude School Difference



OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 26, 2025
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

RSVP Today!

Scan the QR code or visit stgertrudesch.org/open-house/



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SCAN TO GIVE NOW

Ohio taxpayers who donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) are able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 for joint filers).

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is a certified SGO, and St. Gertrude School is a participating school. That means that if you pay Ohio income tax, you can choose whether you pay taxes to the state or donate to our parish school.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners who have claimed the tax credit by donating at the archdiocese's website, catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/. Step by step instructions are provided. You have until April 15, 2025, to make your donation for the 2024 tax year. Your gift will go directly to tuition assistance for SGS students.



**INTRODUCING:
THE ST. GERTRUDE
PARISH PODCAST**
TYLER CASTRUCCI, DIRECTOR OF
ADULT EVANGELIZATION

Our parish has a podcast! Last weekend, we ran a large ad in the bulletin unveiling this new project, and now I would like to fill you in a little more on some of the details.

The first question you might be asking is, “Why have a parish podcast?” Here at St. Gertrude, we are very blessed by the faithful and inspiring preaching of the Dominican friars, which is at the heart of their charism as a religious order. While the friars preach in many different ways and settings (e.g. parish Holy Hours, prayer services), the Sunday homily is the principal way that our friars live out this charism in our parish community. So the first and primary reason for the podcast is to make the preaching of the Dominican friars at St. Gertrude, which is a great light, more accessible so that it might shine more brightly in our parish community and beyond. In many ways, having a parish podcast featuring Sunday homilies is a modern continuation of an ancient tradition of the Church. For centuries, Catholics have been blessed by reading and praying over the written versions of ancient homilies delivered by the likes of Origen, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and many others. Now, in the 21st century, we can also do this through easily accessible audio recordings.

But why make homilies more readily accessible outside of Mass? Here it can be instructive to look at the motto we have chosen for the podcast, which is that we “preach the truth, so that you can live the truth.” This gets at one of the main purposes of the homily, in general, which is to enable us to not only understand Scripture and the mysteries of the faith better, but also—strengthened by the Eucharist—actively live them out in our lives. As St. James says, we are not only to be hearers of the word, but doers also (cf. James 1:22). Bringing the homilies of our Dominican friars directly to you via a podcast simply provides more opportunities to pray with the message of the preaching and to respond in faith. Perhaps you were at Sunday Mass but, during the homily, became distracted or had to step out to wrangle with a screaming toddler (speaking from personal experience!). Now you can go back and listen to the homily again and pray with it and open yourself up to be moved by God’s grace through it.

Finally, I would like to give a very special thanks to parishioner Daniel Roberts, who has generously shared his time and talents with us in helping create and produce this podcast. Daniel will also serve as the primary host of the podcast. We could not have done this without him. Thank you, Daniel!

Here are some other pertinent details about the podcast:

Whose homilies will be featured?

As the pastor is the primary shepherd of the souls of our community, we will generally try to feature the homilies of Father John Paul as much as possible. We’ll also add homilies from Father Joachim, Father Luke, and the other Dominican friars in residence.

How often will new episodes be released?

New episodes will be released on a weekly basis. As of this publication, there are six episodes available to listen to now, including Father John Paul’s Midnight Christmas Mass homily!

Where can I listen?

You can listen to the podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Follow the QR code or search for “St. Gertrude Parish Podcast” in either Spotify or Apple Podcasts to start listening.

Should I share this podcast with others, even non-Catholics?

Yes! It is our hope that this podcast will reach beyond the limits of our parish and even our archdiocese. Help us share the fruits of the contemplation of our Dominican friars by sharing it with anyone you think might be interested.



Scan the QR code to listen on Spotify!



Scan the QR code to listen on Apple Podcast!

DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE NOVENA

You're invited to join the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph, your fellow St. Gertrude Church parishioners, and Catholics across the country in praying a nine-month novena in preparation for the third annual Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The novena will be prayed on the last Saturday of each month, starting January 25, and ending September 27, the day of the pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

You do not need to go on the pilgrimage to pray the novena. **To receive a reminder email from St. Gertrude Church on the last Saturday of the month with the novena prayer, please sign up at bit.ly/drpnovena2025 or scan the QR code.** Novena cards will also be available at the entrances to the church closer to the start date of the novena.



HELP PROMOTE OUR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Do you live in a neighborhood with school-aged children? Do you want to show your St. Gertrude School pride? This weekend after all Masses, St. Gertrude School parents and students will be outside handing out lawn signs to advertise the school's open house on Sunday, January 26. Please consider taking a sign to advertise our event and share the good news about our parish school.

CAREGIVER NEEDED

A parishioner is in need of 24/7 caregivers in order to return to her home in Madeira. Caregivers need to have received training/certification (i.e. nurse's aide, nurse, etc.). Please contact Anne Marie at (859) 486-3183 if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendars for our first parish mission in several years! Host of the popular *Godsplaining* podcast and editor of Our Sunday Visitor, Father Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P., will be the preacher on the theme *O Sacred Banquet: How St. Thomas Aquinas Can Help You Better Know and Love the Eucharist!* Father Patrick will preach at all Masses the weekend of March 8-9, 2025, and give conferences March 10-12 at 7 p.m. each night in the church. More details to follow!

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS

Sherrin Ashcraft	Mary Elfers
Thomas & Amanda Bradley	Edward Gentile
Carole Brigante	Donald Harley
Sarah Brossart	Christian & Michelle Mairose
Analinda Caballero	Mary Ollinger
Clifford & Rochelle De Silva	

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



"The Rosary is a sort of machine gun and atomic bomb, namely, a weapon that is far superior to all the weapons of modern warfare in overcoming the enemy of God."

– Servant of God Joseph Kentenich

Dominican Rite Mass

In honor of St. Margaret of Hungary, O.P.



**JANUARY 18 | 2 P.M.
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH**

**Music
Zoltán Kodály, Missa brevis**

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Melissa Britt, Vicki Calonge, Triset Defonseka, John Castrucci, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Robert Lantz, Ed and Karen Larkin, Ted Leugers, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Paula Scalo, Pegge Schuermann, Cyndy Sellers, Nancy Silvers, Judy Sullivan, Kathy Swart

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, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Michael Stein, Ian Tester, Jack Thornton, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† Brigitte Vielhauer
† Rocco Jude Hester, son of Ryan and Darcie
† Carmen Conlin, mother of Mary Ann de St. Aubin

MARY'S WARDROBE

Maternity Clothing Drive

*Benefitting Pregnancy Center Plus
and Mater Filius*



St. Gertrude Parish Respect Life Ministry and St. Gertrude School invite you to donate new and gently used clean maternity clothing for their maternity clothing drive.

A few things to keep in mind:

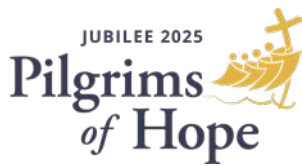
- Please do not bring shoes or socks.
- Undergarments must be brand new and in original packaging that has not been opened.
- We will also accept things to pamper moms, such as nice toiletries and accessories.
- Clothes can be for any season and include coats.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Campbell at lisaredig61@gmail.com.

January 25-February 2, 2025

Please place your items in the wicker basket behind the pews in front of the Marian altar in the church or in the bins across from St. Gertrude School library.





JUBILEE 2025

On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee, a historic event that takes place every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The celebration of Jubilee 2025 will continue through the closing of this historic door on January 6, 2026. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope." Learn about celebrating Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025.



IRENA'S VOW - CATHOLIC CULTURE AT THE ARONOFF!

Step into the shadows of Nazi-occupied Poland and witness the gripping, true story of Irena Gut Opdyke, a young Catholic housemaid who risked her life to shelter over a dozen Jews in the home of a German officer.

Presented by The Angelico Project, this is more than theater—it's a chance to support local Catholic culture and invite friends and family to encounter Truth, Goodness, and Beauty! Learn more at AngelicoProject.org. Showtimes are January 17, 2025, at 7 p.m. and January 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The show will be in Jarson-Kaplan Theater at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. Get your tickets at CincinnatiArts.org or by calling (513) 621-2787.



BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Learning, planning and being prepared is a part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is here to help you understand Church teachings, so that planning end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Preplanning is truly a gift to your loved ones. Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar on Saturday, January 18, at 10 a.m. or Tuesday, January 21, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

A PRO-LIFE GATHERING FOR HER

Cincinnati Right to Life is excited to announce A Pro-Life Gathering for HER on February 22, 2025, at St. Susanna Church (616 Reading Road, Mason, OH). This inspiring event will begin with 8 a.m. Mass at St. Susanna, followed by coffee and a morning snack kick-off before our three speakers, lunch, and time to visit with local pro-life organizations. Cost is \$40, and a boxed lunch (choice of Turkey or Veggie) will be provided. Please indicate your preference when registering. For more information and to register, please visit cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org/inspire_events/a-pro-life-gathering-for-her-3/ or contact Anne Marie Schmidt at (513) 728-7870.

ST. DYMPHNA PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

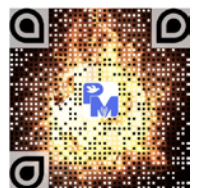
All those who battle with or are praying for those with anxiety, depression, and mental health issues are invited to join us for a prayer service on Sunday, January 26, at 2 p.m. in the adoration chapel at the Maria Stein Shrine. The service includes praying for the intercession of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental health, and veneration of St. Dymphna's relic. Nick Clune, certified CPMAP Mentor trained through the CatholicPsych Institute, will speak at the service. Nick specializes in helping men and women build fulfilling relationships, overcome anxiety and depression, and discover deeper meaning in life through the integration of psychology, spirituality, and Catholic anthropology.

MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A MEDICAL STUDENT TO ATTEND AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

The future of pro-life medical care needs your help! Each year, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists has a keystone conference called The Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference which brings together pro-life researchers, physicians and other medical professionals, medical students and residents, and policy makers to review important topics related to the pro-life movement. Many medical students sadly cannot afford to attend. However, these students are the *most* in need of the conference to help connect them with a large pro-life medical community, give them tools to navigate pro-life issues, and feel brave enough to choose obstetrics and gynecology and battle for pre-born children. You can help by contributing any amount you can to a scholarship to sponsor a medical student's attendance! For more information, visit conference.aaplog.org/. To donate, visit give.cornerstone.cc/aaplog.

A POWERFUL EXPERIENCE

Come on retreat Friday, February 7, 2025, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.! Enjoy praise and worship, praying with Scripture, guided prayer exercises of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Ignatius of Loyola, learning about your spiritual gifts, and more. There will be Mass on Friday night and Saturday morning and confessions available both days. Lunch is provided, and babysitting is available to all who pre-register. Cost is a freewill offering. The retreat, held at Royalmont Academy (200 Northcrest Drive, Mason, OH 45050) is hosted by Presentation Ministries and the Gone Fishing Home-Based Community. Speakers include Father Jesús Salinas, Father Brice Berger, and Deacon Russ Feldkamp. Register at forms.gle/hW2n4yMHCAEhtkte6 or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact us at (937) 587-5464, (513) 373-2397, or retreats@presentationministries.com.



Monday, January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, January 15	Thursday, January 16	Friday, January 17	Saturday, January 18	Sunday, January 19
Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 8:40 a.m. Church	Fall Bible Study 8:45 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	St. Gertrude School PTO Meeting 8:10 a.m. School Cafeteria	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Men's Group 7:30 a.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Sessions 8:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 3 9:00 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:45 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby		L of C Planning Board Meeting 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	KofC Pancake Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Gym
CGS Sessions 4:00 p.m. Atrium I & II	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Makers 3:00 p.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Sessions 11:00 a.m. Atrium I & II		L of C Planning Meeting 10 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Family Faith – Parent & Child Separate Session 10:15 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Formation 6:00 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	CGS Sessions 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7:00 p.m. PC Choir Room		Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Sacramental Formation Parent/Child Session 4:00 p.m. Atrium II	Cub Scouts – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby				Sacramental Formation Parent/Child Session 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Confirmation Teaching Mass (Option 1) 6:30 p.m. Church	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				L'alto: High School Night 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Room					

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
1/15/25

BULLETIN
1/26/25

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

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for December 29**

Collection	\$	53,913
Weekly Budget	\$	43,137
Weekly Surplus	\$	10,776
Christmas: \$64,614		
Second Collection – Fifth Sunday: \$3,688		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2025)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,102,415
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,171,569
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	69,154)

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcstrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at frluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.



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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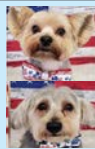
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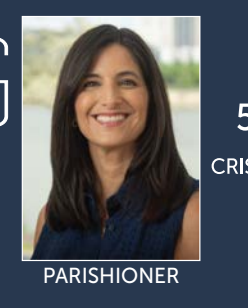
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