

AMONG THOSE BORN OF
WOMEN THERE HAS BEEN
NONE GREATER THAN
JOHN THE BAPTIST;
YET THE LEAST IN THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS
GREATER THAN HE.

MATTHEW 2:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 11, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)

- 7 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly
- 8 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. David E. Miller by Tricia Speicher
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy (M)

- 7 a.m. † Mary Teller by Joan Ratajczak
- 8 a.m. † Paul Arling by The Hughes Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Anne Siebert by The Stines Family

Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross (M)

- 7 a.m. † Sandra Michaels & Family by A Friend
- 8 a.m. † Dr. Jack Gluckman by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel
- 11:30 a.m. † Margaretha Thung by Goedde Family

Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. Jim & Diane Tomaszewski by Don & Nancy Beimeche
- 8 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by John & Jan Cremons
- 11:30 a.m. † Betty Schommer by Charles & Mary Lou Garner

Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joe Bride by Cincinnati Right to Life Staff
- 8 a.m. † Lilly Rentrop by The Carrington Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Russ & Kathy Bravard by The Stuebbe Family

Saturday, December 17, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Ethel Harding by Dolores Brandstetter
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin
- 4:30 p.m. † Loretta Holden by Caitlin Shipp

Sunday, December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Doug & Robin Postler
- 10 a.m. † The Kohus & Bough Families by John & Hilda Bough
- 12 p.m. † Jeff Schubeler by Knights of Columbus
- 6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday evening, due to the St. Gertrude School Christmas pageant staging.

Parish Information

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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.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

- 3 p.m. Vigil Mass (church, gym)
- 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (church)
- 12 a.m.* Midnight Mass (church)
- *11:30 p.m. choir concert

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

- 8 a.m. Mass at Dawn (church)
- 10 a.m. Mass During the Day (church)
- 12 p.m. Mass During the Day (church)

stgertrude.org/christmas2022





Advent is one of the busiest—if not *the* busiest—times of the year. There's so much to do to get ready for Christmas, and we often get wrapped up in all the shopping, baking, shopping, holiday parties, shopping, decorating, and . . . shopping. We want everything to be perfect and easily lose sight of what matters most: The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and being present to those in our lives.

The following article, published in the December 2022 issue of *The Catholic Telegraph Magazine*, inspires all of us to be *present* during this Advent season and spread joy, hope, and peace.

WHAT'S UNDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Kids sure can be tough on parents.

If I'm gone one night a month for work, they tell me I'm never home to spend time with them. If I lose my temper one time in a month with my 13-year-old for . . . well . . . acting like a 13-year-old, he asks why I'm always so mad at him.

Even though I know these are just natural, albeit irrational, reactions of kids, it still stings! After all, I want to be a great dad. And as we approach Christmas, parent-mode goes into overdrive—cutting down the tree, hanging the Christmas lights, buying and assembling the gifts, planning all the special activities, working so you can pay for all of it . . . But last year I was struck with an idea that changed how I thought about the season. Picturing the Christmas tree on Christmas morning with mounds of gifts stacked high and wide around it, I wondered: What if the only thing I could put under the tree was who I am, not what I can do or buy?

What if I could only set out my love or dreams for my family? What if all they could see was my joy, hope or peace? How would the tree look then? Let's shine a light on ways you can be a gift of joy, hope and peace for your family this Advent season.

JOY

Joy is a disposition, a brightness of the heart and an exercise of the mind. It is found in the darkest and loneliest of places because you bring it with you; it is not something that happens to you. While we foster joy through our relationship with God, I've found another way to foster it, even when joy isn't yet there: gratitude.

Gratitude fosters joy. You can't be grateful and joyless at the same time. Make it a practice this Advent to be thankful. Remind yourself frequently of all the gifts God has given you. Say, "Thank you," to others, even for the little things. Talk about gratitude at dinner with your family.

When you're grateful, you will be joyful without even trying.

HOPE

Hope is an infectious mix of anticipation and desire. You expect something good just past the horizon. There's a reason you find the world a more naturally hopeful place during Advent: It is filled with

an anticipation and desire for Christmas. Sure, some people hope for the wrong reasons— but it is hope nonetheless. And hope is never a bad thing.

To best build hope, remind yourself and those you love of the good things to come. Advent's traditions help foster hope: Advent wreaths, nativity scenes and reflection books. Commit your family's Advent traditions with special focus this year.

PEACE

Peace is only found in the present moment. With so much to do and many places to be, Advent isn't known as the most peaceful time of year. It's easy to get so caught up in preparing for the next thing that you aren't present in the current one.

Be a steady rock in Advent's swirling storm of chaos. Put your phone away—not in a pocket or on the table near you, but upstairs or in another room, and silence it. Look at people, and really listen to them. Walk slowly. Speak softly. These little actions are signs of peace in the present moment, and they won't go unnoticed.

Kids love to run downstairs on Christmas morning and see a Christmas tree surrounded by mounds of presents, but you are the greatest gift to those you love—just as they are to you. If all your family found under the tree on Christmas morning was your joy, hope and peace, what would the tree look like?

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PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



A Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, surpassingly sweet, who has said with your own gracious lips that your delights are to be with the children of men: my soul longs for you, my heart yearns now toward you. Come, Lord Jesus, heavenly Physician, come and heal my stricken soul.

Come, O Friend, a thousandfold above all others beloved, come and enrich my great poverty. Come, O bright and genial Sun, and scatter the thick darkness which hangs upon my soul. Come, O sweetest Manna, and satisfy my exceeding hunger. Amen.

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thursday, December 15:** Christmas Pageant
- **Friday, December 16:** Early dismissal
- **December 19, 2022–January 2, 2023:** Christmas Break
- **January 3, 2023:** School resumes

F IS FOR FORT FRIDAY!

Kindergarteners built forts with classmates to celebrate learning about the letter F. They spent the afternoon under their creations for a fun learning environment!



GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

On a Friday night in November, a big group of St. Gertrude School moms gathered for Moms Bunco Night Out to learn some Bunco and enjoy delicious food.



WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is seeking a strong Catholic teacher to join our faculty as a long-term substitute teacher for third grade for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. This position includes teaching religion, math, writing, phonics, spelling, literature, and history. The long-term substitute teacher will be responsible for following and executing the teacher's curriculum plans, including creating weekly lesson plans and managing all classroom duties and responsibilities. For more information and to apply, please visit stgertrudesch.org/employment.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of December 12, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Support the St. Gertrude School Annual Fund

For over 85 years, St. Gertrude School has been making a difference in the lives of our students—inspiring spiritual growth, intellectual challenge, and compassion for others. We invite you to support our mission and work by participating in the St. Gertrude School 2022-2023 Annual Fund.

Whether you offer a gift of prayer, finance, or involvement, your contribution makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Student Services

GOAL
\$30,000

Math tutor, nurse,
school counselor

To make your gift to the 2022-2023 Annual Fund, please visit stgertrudesch.org/donate by June 30, 2023. Thank you for your support!



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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Spend the third Sunday of Advent listening to and singing beloved Advent hymns with our Parish Choir and Schola cantorum.

Based around the traditional format of seven lessons and seven carols that trace salvation history, this Advent choral prayer service includes carols ranging from the Middle Ages to present day.

This is a beautiful way to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

December 11
3:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude
Church

6543 Miami Ave.

L'ALTO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Enjoy ice skating, snacks, and social time with your friends! Christmas sweaters are highly encouraged.

WHEN: Sunday, December 18, 2022
4-6 p.m.

WHERE: Northland Ice Center
10400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati

WHO: Anyone in grades 7-12

COST: \$10/person online
Due by 11:55 p.m. on December 16
\$12/person at the door

To register online, please visit
tickettailor.com/events/stgertrude/801707

Permission forms are available at
stgertrude.org/highschool and stgertrude.org/jrhigh



JOIN US FOR

Christmas Caroling in Madeira

Saturday, December 17
After 4:30 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Pizza dinner (gym)
6:30 p.m. Head out for carols
7:30 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies (gym)

Learn more and RSVP at
bit.ly/Caroling2022 or by
scanning the QR code.



GIVING TUESDAY FINAL NUMBERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Giving Tuesday campaign on November 29. We received 238 donations, totaling \$82,244.50. We also received a very generous donation of \$100,000 from a parish family, bringing the grand total to \$182,244.50!

As previously mentioned, churches of our size that have successfully completed projects like the one we are undertaking have spent an average of \$165,000. Thanks to the gifts we received on Giving Tuesday, we are able to not only overhaul the AV system in the church and install a high-quality camera, but also make this a long-term, permanent solution that will be a significant enhancement for our parish, both now and for generations to come.

ST. GERTRUDE MUSIC PROGRAM

Schola Cantorum: Does your child love to sing? Sign them up for St. Gertrude Church's Schola Cantorum. This mixed-voice ensemble sings weekly at the 12 p.m. Sunday Mass and consists of children ages 8-13, professional singers from the Cincinnati area, and our high school Choral Scholars. For information about the rehearsal schedule and what the children will learn, please visit stgertrude.org/schola. Rehearsals begin again January 4, and the cost is \$200/student. Please contact Christopher Holman, director of music, at cholman@stgertrude.org for more information and to sign up your child. Need-based scholarships are available.

Choral Scholars: The St. Gertrude Church music program is seeking a soprano, an alto, and a tenor to join our Choral Scholars program, a scholarship program for high school students who pursue rigorous vocal training by singing in St. Gertrude's Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum on a weekly basis. Each \$3,300 scholarship includes free weekly voice lessons, opportunities to learn from and sing alongside many of the finest professional singers in the Cincinnati area, a monetary award, and professional experience being part of a significant church music program. Interested teens should contact Christopher Holman, director of music, at cholman@stgertrude.org.

BAPTISM

Friday, November 25, 2022



Child: Dominic Gabriel Tenegra
Parents: Johnny & Nicole Tenegra
Priest: Father Christopher Tipton

SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

In preparation for the school Christmas pageant in the church on December 15, we will be celebrating daily Masses in the gym, beginning with the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 14. Mass in the church will resume with the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday, December 17. Confessions will still be in the church from 4 to 5 p.m. during these three days, and on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. However, we will not have the regular Holy Hour on Wednesday evening.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Christmas with our annual Christmas novena of Masses offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena will begin on Christmas Day, December 25, 2022, and go through Monday, January 2, 2023. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office. Please return your novena offering envelope in the collection basket or to the parish office before Christmas.

WISH THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS

If you are interested in wishing friars and sisters who formerly served at St. Gertrude Church a very Merry Christmas, please visit stgertrude.org/christmas2022 for a list of their contact information or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

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

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

All Our Beloved Dead

VETERANS DAY COLLECTION - THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 graciously thanks all St. Gertrude Church parishioners for your generous contributions to the Veterans Day collection. We collected 18 bags and boxes of personal items, toiletries, stationary products, puzzles, and detergent, as well as \$1,470 in cash and checks and \$100 in gift cards. All items and money go directly to the veterans in the Cincinnati area. Thank you for showing your gratitude to our veterans for all they have done for the United States of America.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - THANK YOU

The Ladies of Charity would like to thank all St. Gertrude Church parishioners, families, and friends for a remarkably successful Christmas Giving Tree project. Your generosity helps make Christmas special for many needy families throughout our community.

NATIVITIES FOR BREAD PROGRAM

Do you have any nativity sets, individual nativity pieces, stars, or nativity creches that you no longer want? Donate them to the Ladies of Charity Nativities for Bread program. All profits from the program go directly to help charities in our surrounding area. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please contact Mary Lou Doran at (513) 543-3696. Thank you!



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. **Also available in Spanish.**

Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and experience the Mass in a whole new way.

Sign up for free at CatholicAOC.org/theMass

NEXT EVENT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

Are you single and looking for opportunities to hang out with other Catholic singles? Join the Catholic Alumni Club of Cincinnati, a social organization that provides a friendly setting for single Catholics of similar educational background to meet and develop friendships with people who share their faith. The next event is a Christmas dinner this Sunday, December 11, at 5 p.m. at Montgomery Inn (9440 Montgomery Road). Call Larry at (513) 520-1323 or Don at (513) 574-8573 to RSVP.

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

During this busy season, take time for yourself to slow down, pray, and listen to God's Word at an Advent morning of reflection on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford (Loyola Building). The morning will include *Lectio* and *Visio Divina* and help you find peace, community, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. To register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or email reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com. There is no cost to attend, just a freewill offering.

PREPLANNING SEMINAR

Thinking of a wonderful Christmas gift for your loved ones? Peace of mind is priceless! Attend a Preplanning Seminar on Tuesday, December 13, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road). Please RSVP by December 12 to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

Save the Date

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
9-11 a.m., 12:15-3 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, OH

Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome. Schedule your appointment at hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude or by calling (513) 451-0910.

Every donor receives a Cincinnati NFL Sweatshirt!





ASK A PRIEST—ADVENT DOMINICAN LIFE

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: What is a day in the life of a Dominican priest or novice like this time of year?

A: It's the reaction of many novices who join our way of life to express surprise and joy in being able to observe the Advent season. The contrast between life "in

the world" and religious life is stark in many ways, and the fuller discovery of the liturgical seasons is part of that. Advent in Dominican life is preparation rather than a full-out party! This is not to say that December is a joyless time in the priory (quite the contrary), but it's a time when the friars aim *not to lose focus*. As we begin the Divine Office each day this time of year, we sing, "Come, let us worship the Lord, the King who is to come."

The daily schedule (or *horarium*) of the friars helps us to remain expectant in prayer, even when there are many other community and parish jobs to preoccupy our work time:

7:30 a.m.	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11:30 a.m.	Conventual Mass
12 p.m.	Midday Prayer, followed by lunch together
5 p.m.	Rosary and Evening Prayer, followed by common recreation and dinner
7:15 p.m.	Night Prayer

This schedule is adjusted on weekends and feast days to enable work in our parish *and* to cultivate a real fraternal life of prayer and time spent together. It is important for parishioners to know that "no Dominican preaches alone" and our common life, with its internal rhythm, is essential to an effective Dominican presence for our parish and broader Church.



Thankfully, St. Dominic structured our way of life so that it can flow into our active mission for the Church. Besides inviting others to pray with us in the priory life, Advent is filled with many ways to "worship the King who is to come." We assist with retreats and Masses, opportunities for sacramental confession, the great Marian feast days of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and a renewed engagement in our preaching charism. Hopefully, the structure of our days in the priory and parish help us to contemplate God who became man for our sake, to live Christian charity each day with our brothers and sisters, and to be ready for the Lord's return in glory.

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



Monday, December 12	Tuesday, December 13	Wednesday, December 14	Thursday, December 15	Friday, December 16	Saturday, December 17	Sunday, December 18
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Daily Mass moved to Parish Center 11:30 a.m. Mass Gym	Daily Masses moved to Parish Center 7, 8 & 11:30 a.m. Masses Gym	Daily Masses moved to Parish Center 7, 8 & 11:30 a.m. Masses Gym	Christmas Caroling 5:30 p.m. Parish Center	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I & II 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	SGS PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria			Family Faith – Child only Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			NFP class 1 p.m. St. Joseph Room
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour (no Confessions) 7:30 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			
			SGS Christmas Pageant 7:00 p.m. Church			

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

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 December 4

Collection	\$	50,724
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	14,224

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	810,233
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	839,500
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(29,267)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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12/25/22

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12/14/22

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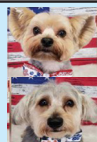
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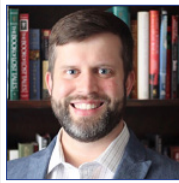
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