



SOLEMNITY OF THE

Holy Family



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH | DECEMBER 31, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (S)

- 7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (M)

- 7 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 8 a.m. † Patricia Shannon by Steve & Valerie Badinghaus
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Wednesday, January 3, Most Holy Name of Jesus (M)

- 7 a.m. † Maria Phuong Hung by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. † James Rybak by Mary Rybak
- 11:30 a.m. † Audrey Ruthman by Malissa & Nick Frohlich

Thursday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (M)

- 7 a.m. Phyllis Yenke by Ann & Dave Spaeth
- 8 a.m. † Greg Mates by Rich & Martha Grumbley
- 11:30 a.m. † Tommy Martino by Knights of Columbus

Friday, January 5, St. John Neumann (M)

- 7 a.m. † Dan Riehle by Sherry Schuler
- 8 a.m. † Rose Marie Gigliotti by The Wenstrup Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Robert McHale by Brother Bruno McHale

Saturday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Dan Riehle by Bill & Becky Karlak
- 9 a.m. Peace in the Holy Land (Mass in Arabic)
- 11:30 a.m. † John Spilker by Teri & Sal Forlini
- 4:30 p.m. † Dave Stricker by John & Joy Belperio

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. † Jean L. Ellert by John & Jenny Ward
- 10 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Jude Lusebrink by The Kellner Family

There will be no confessions on Monday, January 1. Confessions will be heard in the church Tuesday-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-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Church Hours
Every day: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024

Since this feast day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. We will have our regular daily Mass schedule (7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.) and invite you to join us to honor our Blessed Mother.



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 grades K-8*	\$5
Adult	\$10
Family	\$30

**Children 5 and under are free.*

Credit cards accepted. All proceeds go toward Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council's charitable programs.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym

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A SUGGESTED MEDITATION AS WE BEGIN 2024

Nearly all of us are familiar with the concept of “New Year’s Resolutions,” where we look ahead to the upcoming year and decide that *this* is the year we are going to eat healthier, spend more (some?) time at the gym, stop smoking,

be more involved in our community, clean the house regularly (or at least *occasionally*), or any of dozens of other good intentions. While not spiritual or religious in its origin, if the popular culture has swept you up into making some such resolutions, then good for you. I pray the Lord gives you perseverance to accomplish whatever good intentions the popular culture has inspired you to pursue!

As the last days of 2023 drift into the realm of “last year” and we turn the calendars to 2024, I would suggest everyone take some time during the upcoming week—as an individual, or perhaps as married couples or even whole families together—to prayerfully reflect and meditate on this transition from 2023 to 2024, taking time to both look *back* at the past year and *forward* to the upcoming year.

What follows below are your pastor’s suggestions for just a few questions you might ask and reflect upon if you choose to make such a meditation. I would suggest you set aside a block of time, as uninterrupted as your state in life might allow, and begin by praying to the Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind as you reflect and pray about the past year and the upcoming year. You might do all of this in one sitting, or perhaps break up this time of prayer and meditation over several days. Hopefully doing so will help you to start off the new calendar year on a spiritually fruitful note.

Looking Back at 2023

- What are some of the greatest blessings I have experienced this past year? Did I recognize those blessings immediately, or did it take some time for me to recognize them as blessings from God?
- What are the crosses that the Lord has asked me to carry this past year? In what ways have other people, and even the Lord himself, helped me to carry those crosses? How have I grown as a result of carrying those crosses?
- In what ways have each member of my family reflected the face of Christ to me this past year? How have my close friends done so?
- Who are the new people who have come into my life during this past year? In what ways have they been blessings to me?
- Who are the people who have been examples of faith and sources of inspiration to me, who have urged me by their words and examples to pursue holiness?
- What are the events I have experienced that have helped me grow in my faith? Which of our parish centennial events had the greatest impact upon me?



Looking Ahead to 2024

- What is the greatest hope I have for myself for 2024 (and how might “achieving” this hope, or being granted this hope, help me to serve God and my neighbor more faithfully?)
- What is the one sin currently present in my life that I most want God’s help overcoming during this next year?
- What is the one virtue I truly hope to grow in during the upcoming year?
- Among my family, friends, and acquaintances, who most needs my *prayers* during the months ahead? Who most needs my *words* (whether words of support, encouragement, instruction, correction, etc.)? Who most needs my *actions*?
- What is one concrete change I can make in my life that will bring me closer to being the living saint that the Lord has created me to be?

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



*“When the Holy Rosary is said well,
it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more
meritorious than any other prayer.”*

— St. Louis de Montfort

COVER IMAGE: *Holy Family*. Fresco from year 1963 by Jozef Antal in St. Michael Parish church on August 8, 2013, in Sebechleby, Slovakia.



TEACHER Q&A WITH MRS. ANDREA STROPE (LIBRARIAN)

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Why did you choose to work at St. Gertrude School?

Mrs. Strope: I chose to work at SGS because I wanted to be more involved in my parish community. When I saw that the school had a job opening, I prayed a novena

to St. Gertrude for her help in discerning. The answer to this prayer was received from the moment I entered the school, as I encountered a Christ-centered environment. Moreover, it gave me the opportunity to curate a specialized children's Catholic library and a curriculum that fosters a Catholic worldview.

SGB: What is unique about St. Gertrude School?

Mrs. Strope: The most unique part of SGS is our Dominican charism which, at the core, is the energetic and purposeful search for truth, *veritas*. With the traditions, values, and ethos of the graced life of St. Dominic close at heart, students are immersed in the thoughtful exploration of such truths through the pursuit of their academic and spiritual life.

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

Mrs. Strope: What I love most about working at SGS is working merely steps away from Jesus fully present in the Eucharist in our chapel and that my day is surrounded by our wonderful children and our books. It can't get any better than that!

SGB: Why should a parent consider a St. Gertrude School education?

Mrs. Strope: A parent should consider SGS because it offers a Catholic worldview approach to education; at the core of every student's academic experience is the pursuit for Christ through fostering a personal relationship with him through sacraments, personal prayer, and various opportunities to encounter him fully present in the Eucharist at our school's chapel.

SGB: What are some of your hobbies?

Mrs. Strope: In my free time, I love to spend my time in Eucharistic adoration and with my family. I also love to read and collect children's books, especially antique and rare books.



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“There is no value we could place on what St. Gertrude School means to our family. Many schools offer strong academic instruction, and St. Gertrude is no exception. However, it is a strong Catholic identity that truly puts St. Gertrude in a league of its own.”

At St. Gertrude, our children are surrounded by Dominican sisters, priests, and novices (men in formation)—all of whom are helping us form them in faith and virtue. There are very few elementary schools in the entire country able to provide such an opportunity! These dedicated religious, along with an exceptional and dedicated lay faculty, feel like true partners in the education of our children. We have countless examples of the love, personalized outreach, and inspiration they have provided.

We are grateful to be part of the St. Gertrude community and do not believe there is a better choice for Catholic education in the greater Cincinnati area. You must visit—you'll understand the moment you walk inside!”

—Jason Hemak, SGS Parent

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2024
9 a.m.-12 p.m.



All parishioners are invited to come over to St. Gertrude School after Mass to meet our principal and students, view demonstration classes, and learn more about our terrific parish school!



Scan to RSVP

stgertrudesch.org

THE JESSE TREE

This past December, families in our Family Faith program made Jesse Tree ornaments to help prepare for Christmas. The Jesse Tree is named after Jesse, the father of King David. As we hear in the genealogy from the Gospels, Jesus is a descendant from David and fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament. Families made an ornament for each day of Advent with an accompanying passage from sacred Scripture that details the Old Testament prefigurements and prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, all of which are fulfilled in the person of Jesus. It was a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for the Nativity of the Lord!



FUN BUNCH RECAP

Thank you to everyone who attended our third Fun Bunch meeting on December 19! It was a fun afternoon with good food, fellowship, Christmas music from Christopher Holman (our director of music), and a meditation from Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.



All parishioners age 55+ are invited to join us next month on Tuesday, January 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Center for lunch, fellowship, and a presentation by a docent from the Cincinnati Art Museum on Christian art. The Art Museum will be bringing examples of historic Christian artwork to St. Gertrude as part of the presentation.

If you plan to attend, please contact Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkenney06@aol.com so we can get an estimated headcount. We hope to see you there!

WE'RE HIRING

Are you passionate about forming teens in the Catholic faith? Do you have experience leading teams and empowering others? You could be our coordinator of youth ministry! View the full job description and apply at stgertrude.org/employment.

MASS FOR PEACE IN JERUSALEM

Please join us and Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P., for a special Mass offered for peace in the Holy Land next Saturday, January 6, at 9 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated in Arabic and end by reciting the Hail Mary in Aramaic, the language of the Mother of God. Even though you may not speak Arabic or Aramaic, the Mass is the same regardless of the language in which it is celebrated. Handouts will be provided.

CENTENNIAL ORNAMENT—OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

If you were at any of our Christmas Masses, your family should have received a centennial ornament—our Christmas gift to you. If your household did not get an ornament, you can stop by the parish office to get one or ask Father John Paul, Father Joachim, or Father Luke for one after any of the daily or Sunday Masses.



K-2 BASKETBALL INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Is your son or daughter interested in learning basketball basics? Sign him or her up for our

Basketball Instructional Skills program! This program will teach children ball handling, shooting form, rebounding, and footwork—all in a fun environment! The program begins Sunday, January 7, 2024, and runs for 12 consecutive Sundays. Registration ends today, December 31, 2023! Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.

IMPORTANT PRESENTATION REGARDING MISCARRIAGE AND STILLBIRTH

St. Gertrude Parish's Respect Life Ministry is hosting an event for Heaven's Gain Ministries on Thursday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Parish gym. Donna Marie Murphy, executive director of Heaven's Gain Ministries, will give an important presentation on why and how we need to help families who experience miscarriage or stillbirth. This presentation is for parents who have had a loss and want to help others; those in bereavement ministries, moms' ministries, dads' ministries, pro-life ministries, and Stephen ministries; priests, deacons, seminarians; and anyone else who wants to help. To RSVP or request more information, please contact heavensgain.staff@gmail.com or call (513) 607-6083. An RSVP is not necessary, but it is preferred. There is no cost to attend.

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR HOLY HOUR

Our regular Holy Hour at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, will be for the special intention of all those who came to St. Gertrude Parish for Mass this Christmas season who are distant from the Church or no longer actively practicing. We pray that they might be inspired by the joy of the nativity of Jesus to return to their true home. There will be a prayer intentions book available in which you can write the names of loved ones, friends, and people you know whom you would like us to specifically pray for their return to the Church. The evening will also include preaching from one of the friars, and confessions will be heard as usual.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS!



The St. Gertrude Parish 7th/8th grade girls basketball team ended 2023 by winning the St. Bernadette Christmas Tournament on December 27 and currently are 7-0 in GCCYS league play! Congratulations, Bulldogs!

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Linda Burke, Vicki Calonge, Carol Conners, Dan DeBow, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, 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, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Naoma Thomas, Debbie Van Hise, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† All Our Beloved Dead

LADIES OF CHARITY SHARING VAN

The weekend of January 6 and 7, 2024, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting monetary donations (cash and/or check) for Bethany House, an agency that empowers homeless and at-risk families with solutions to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency. The money collected will help Bethany House provide each client family an “Exit Basket” containing household goods as they start a new life in more stable housing. Donations can be dropped off at the white van in the parking lot. Thank you for your generous support! If you have any questions about Bethany House or Ladies of Charity, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING

The Ladies of Charity will hold an organizational meeting at 10 a.m. on January 13, 2024, in the Parish Center St. Joseph Room to discuss plans for the coming year. Any interested Catholic woman is welcome to attend. Dues of \$13 and service hours will be collected from current members at the meeting—please plan on attending. If you have any questions regarding our organization or the meeting, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AT MARIA STEIN SHRINE

From now through January 10, 2024, the Maria Stein Shrine will again be hosting a Nativity Exhibit. View more than 60 nativity sets and see how the simple scene of Christ in the manger with Mary and Joseph has been interpreted in many cultures over the years. Bring the whole family for this wonderful reminder of the reason for the season. The exhibit is free and open to the public during the normal Shrine hours (Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 12 to 4 pm on Sunday). The Shrine is closed December 31 and January 1.



BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Learning, planning, and being prepared is part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so that planning end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Attend a complimentary pre-planning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, January 23, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. 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).

THE CHURCH IN DIALOGUE

Glenmary Home Missioners is pleased to partner with The Church in Dialogue to host a theological discussion on the topic of justification. Taking place on January 12 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, this gathering will include theologians from the Reformed, Lutheran, and Catholic traditions to discuss the topic and to seek to foster greater understanding on a point that has brought much division throughout the centuries. More information and registration can be found at fb.me/c/6ogtoiztG.

WWME AT OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Would you like to resolve to improve your relationship and communication in 2024? Give the gift of yourself, better communication, and more romance with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The WWME Experience is a weekend to be alone with your spouse to energize your relationship and communication in 2024. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is February 16-18, 2024, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, right here in Cincinnati! Sign up today at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Andy or Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.

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2024 CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

Christian men are called to be leaders when times get tough. At the Cincinnati Men's Leadership Conference on Saturday, January 20, 2024, Father Nathan Cromly will show you how to succeed in leading the culture of your family and your career by using your God-given power to aspire for greatness. This framework will provide the foundation for action as you become the leader you are called to be in your family, in your workplace, and in our culture. The day will include inspiring presentations from Father Nathan, fellowship and discussion with Catholic leaders in the community, reconciliation, adoration, Mass (non-vigil), prayer time, continental breakfast, catered boxed lunch, drinks, and snacks. Learn more and register at <https://bit.ly/48vPzec>.



ASK A PRIEST—SOULS OF THOSE BEFORE CHRIST

FATHER DAVID ENDRES, PROFESSOR
AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY &
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Q: What does the Church believe happened to the souls of those who lived before Christ?

A: Many presume that those souls who lived before Jesus had no opportunity to attain heaven, but the Catholic Church teaches that salvation is a gift from God offered to all people. Those who lived before the coming of Christ were able to attain salvation by their faith in God's promises and by their responses to Jesus when He preached to them in the realm of the dead.

The People of the Covenant

In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with Abraham, promising to be the God of his descendants and to bless all nations through them. This promise was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, the "Lord of Life" and the savior of the Jews and Gentiles.

The Church believes that the Old Testament patriarchs and prophets, such as Abraham, Moses and Elijah, were saved by their faith in obedience to God's promises and obedience to God's commands. As we read in the Book of Genesis, Abraham "put his faith in the Lord, who attributed it to him as an act of righteousness" (15:6). God's grace was at work in their lives, enabling them to respond in faith. This is why the Church venerates the saints of the Old Testament as heroes of the faith and examples of obedience of God.

The Abode of the Dead

In the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim that after His crucifixion, Jesus "descended into hell." This phrase is often a source of confusion, leading some to believe that Jesus raised the damned. But "hell" in this context is different: it is the abode of the dead (Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek).

In this so-called hell, all are deprived of the vision of God—but not necessarily for eternity. Rather, in this abode of the dead, souls awaited the Redeemer, and the just responded to his call to salvation: "Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 633).

Salvation Through Christ

Even for those who lived centuries before Jesus, their salvation is from Him. The saints in the abode of the dead were saved by divine grace and their response of faith to Jesus, not by their pre-Christian religious observance. As St. Peter writes in his first epistle: "The gospel was preached even to the dead" (4:6). In going to the dead, Jesus brought the message of salvation to fulfillment. All—from the beginning of time—have the opportunity for redemption. Jesus' descent to the dead was the last phase of His mission, which, though "condensed in



time [is] vast in its real significance" (CCC, 634). Christ's redemptive work spread to all humanity—peoples of every age, language, religion and place.

The Souls of the Just

Christ's descent to the dead reminds us that just men and women have lived throughout history. As we hear in a passage from the Book of Wisdom, which is often proclaimed at funerals: "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them . . . They are in peace" (3:1, 3).

Those who lived before Christ had the opportunity for redemption when Jesus descended into the realm of the dead. This act is considered the fulfillment of the Gospel message and the completion of Jesus' redemptive work, extending salvation even to those who lived before His time on earth.

Father David J. Endres, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is academic dean of the Athenaeum of Ohio and professor of Church history and historical theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology. He holds a doctoral degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and is editor of the scholarly quarterly U.S. Catholic Historian. In addition, Father Endres is a regular contributor to The Catholic Telegraph. This article is in the November 2023 edition of The Catholic Telegraph Magazine and is reprinted here with permission. For your complimentary subscription, visit thecatholictelegraph.com.

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

Monday, January 1	Tuesday, January 2	Wednesday, January 3	Thursday, January 4	Friday, January 5	Saturday, January 6	Sunday, January 7
St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Cana Family – Year 3 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	LofC Bethany House Collection After 8, 10, & 12 Masses Sharing Van
Adoration Chapel Closed	Evangelization Team Meeting 7 p.m. Classroom 15	CGS Level 1, 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II		LofC Bethany House Collection After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	Rosary Sales After 8, 10, & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Parish Office Closed		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	CGS Parent Group Meeting 11 a.m. St. Joseph Room			CGS Classes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
			KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall			Family Faith – Parent & Child Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
			Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						L'alto: HS Kick-off & Parent Session 7 p.m. Parish Center

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection
and Budget Report
Collection for December 24

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BULLETIN
1/14/23

MATERIALS DUE
1/3/23

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Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

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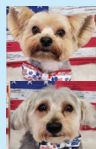
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