A detail from a religious painting, likely the Last Supper, showing hands washing feet in a large copper basin. The scene is set in a room with a wooden floor and a draped cloth. The hands are of different skin tones, suggesting a diverse group of people. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and the basin.

Every disciple will be
like his teacher.

Luke 6:40



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

February 27, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, February 28, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Loretta Holden by Stan & Nicole Lloyd
- 8 a.m. † Miguel Antonio Carrillo by Elvira Carrillo
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, March 1, Weekday

- 7 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke
- 8 a.m. † Virginia Marie Telecky by Gwen Arling
- 11:30 a.m. The Family of Len Marek by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. † Mary Christian Fox by Dominican Sisters of St. Gertrude
- 8 a.m. † Dorothy Grant by David & Ann Stein
- 11:30 a.m. † John Murphy by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 7 p.m. † Pauline Messer by Julie & John Murdock

Thursday, March 3, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Joe Nichols by Pete & Claudia Kimener
- 11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

Friday, March 4, Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 7 a.m. The Wainscott Family by The Cordier Family
- 8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family by The Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Lillian Rentrop by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin

Saturday, March 5, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8 a.m. † David Taylor by Don & Nancy Beimesche
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Charles & Mary Lou Garner
- 4:30 p.m. † Jim Cucinotta by Anna Cucinotta & Kadi Kelly

Sunday, March 6, 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. † Barry Auer by Peter Bertoli
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Charles Genung by Elder Council KofC
- 6 p.m. Cheryle Hunchuck by Kim Hunchuck

Confession will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no confession or Holy Hour on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. due to Ash Wednesday.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | www.stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

Please join us for Mass at
7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 7 p.m.
as we enter into the Lenten season.
Ashes will be distributed at all
Masses.

*"Remember, you are dust
and to dust you will return."*



Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays | March 4, March 18, April 1 | 5-7:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church Gym

Dine-in or carry-out. Order online for pick-up at
stgertrude.org/fishfry

Entrees

(Comes with two sides)

- Fried Hand-dipped Haddock (regular or Nashville hot) \$12
- Fried Haddock Sandwich (regular or Nashville hot) \$13
- Roasted Lemon Dill Salmon \$14

Pizza

- Large Italianette Cheese Pizza \$14
- Cheese Pizza Dinner (2 slices, 1 side) \$6

Sides

French fries, garlic green beans, mac 'n' cheese, coleslaw, applesauce

A la Carte

Extra fish, pizza slices, and sides available



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CHURCH



As we begin the season of Lent this coming Wednesday, we enter a season of grace that provides many opportunities for God to heal our sin-sick souls. Certainly, these graces are available to us throughout the year, but the season of Lent engages our minds and hearts in the ongoing work of conversion so that we may experience in our lives the dying and rising of Jesus. God desires our happiness—true happiness—which comes to us through the intentional response we make to God's call to conversion. His grace prompts us to welcome his word and his will as saving, renewing, and perfecting of ourselves. His mercy forgives our sins and restores a good and righteous relationship with him.

During this Lenten season, the parish will offer a four-part lecture series on the presence of God as found in sacred Scripture, Church history, the sacraments, and moral life. The presenters will be the resident priests here at St. Gertrude, each speaking in his area of expertise. In the upcoming successive weeks, the "Ask a Priest" page of the bulletin will include a preview of each week's speaker and topic. This series will lead directly into the parish mission during the first week of April. The mission preacher is Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P., a previous parochial vicar here at the parish. His mission theme is Living in the Presence of God, which should help all of us to integrate into our lives what we learn in the speaker series. I am looking forward to these Lenten exercises. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities offered to you so that you may grow in your personal relationship with Jesus and experience the fullness of life in him.

It is quite possible, beginning on Ash Wednesday, that the Eucharistic adoration chapel will be open through the night hours on Wednesdays leading into Thursday. A few more volunteers are needed so that all the hours have a committed adorer. This moment is an important, incremental step toward the restoration of perpetual adoration in our chapel. The time of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament has brought many graces to individuals and

the parish. Time is not wasted, and sacrifices are rewarded in this commitment to prayer. Please consider a regular commitment to adoration. (See page 1 in the bulletin for more information.)

Finally, some comments regarding the announcement made last weekend about Father Paul Keller. The announcement was prepared and approved by Father Ken Letoile (the provincial) and Father Paul. It communicated a public announcement made to the seminary faculty, students, and staff, which had since been shared elsewhere leading to questions being directed to friars here at the parish. Providing the announcement to the parish is a way of giving accurate information and silencing rumor. There is enough detail in the announcement, and it is wrong for any of us to expect to know more information—it's not our business. Please be respectful of Father Paul's privacy and reputation and do not engage in gossip, speculation, assumptions, conjecture, and judgments about Father Paul, the archbishop, and the seminary. As asked in the announcement, please pray for Father Paul as he continues to serve the Lord and minister as a priest.

Lent is upon us! Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



"In an earthquake a poor woman was buried under the ruins of a house which was overthrown. A priest had the stones and rubbish cleared away, and under them found the mother with her children in her arms, alive and uninjured. On being asked what devotion she had practiced, she replied that she never omitted saying the rosary and visiting the altar of our Blessed Lady."

— St. Alphonsus Ligouri

NOMINATIONS FOR ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It is time once again to seek nominations for open positions on the St. Gertrude Parish pastoral council. The council represents the people of the parish and serves as a consultative body to the pastor. Council members are selected from among registered adults (age 21 or over) who have been parishioners for at least one year. The council meets the fourth Monday of the month during the school year. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you think may be called to this important ministry. Please do not nominate someone without first speaking with them. **Nominations will be accepted until March 7, 2022.**

Submit nominations using the form below. Drop in the collection basket or bring/send to the parish office (6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243).

I would like to nominate the following parishioner for consideration for St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

This person is being nominated by: _____

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 14 - No School (In-Service Day)
- March 18 - Early Dismissal

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is offering a limited number of Welcome Scholarships for the 2022–2023 school year to preschool and kindergarten students who are the first in their immediate families to attend a Catholic school. For more information and to apply, please visit catholicbestchoice.org.

WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is seeking a **school receptionist** and a **third grade teacher** to join our faculty during the current 2021-2022 school year. Please visit stgertrude.org/employment to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of February 27, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Where students gather in Faith, are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.



"We are building up our students in every way—teaching them to build intellectual and moral virtues so that they can go forth to build a culture of hope marked by freedom and peace that will radiate out to the whole world."

— Sister Maria Christa Greve, Principal

For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

**NOW ENROLLING
FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

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BIBLE BOWL

Our 5-8 grade students competed in the annual Bible Bowl on Monday, February 7. Homeroom representatives from each grade teamed up to answer questions about the Gospel of Luke. Congratulations to all participants, especially our seven winners!





(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: THE RIGHT RESPONSE

WALTER PLUMMER, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

Over the past two years, one of the most constant elements of my life has been change. Change in social habits, change in legislation, change in work, change within my work, change in my family. You name it, it seems to have changed.

Sometimes those changes have seemed wonderful from the start. My youngest son is walking—no, running—and trying to talk now. (Mostly he’s just asking for chocolate-covered blueberries.) My older sons have begun to read or write and show little glimpses of their personalities and sense of humor as they develop and unfold. My brother and his wife bought a house that’s five minutes from where my family and I live. Such gifts.

And as you probably expected, not all the changes have seemed great from the start, on a global level, on a national level, and here in our own parish and families. In my own family, my beloved grandma, the rock of our extended family, is deteriorating in health and ability to care for herself, just to name one of the less-than-positive changes.

And so I find myself challenged by the readings this weekend, even as I write this article. “When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear . . .” (Sir 27:4). “The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow” (Ps 92:13-14). “[B]e firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Cor 15:58). And, “from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks” (Lk 6:45).

Perhaps the thread moving through these excerpts is as clear to you as it is to me (or perhaps this is the overflow of my own heart here), but what I keep hearing is that the change itself isn’t so much what matters. Change brings clearly perceivable goods and losses—that seems to be clear enough. But in the end, perhaps my response to my son’s first words and my grandmother’s failing health is just as important, or even more important, than the change itself. Perhaps all things truly work for the good of those who love the Lord because all things are an invitation to enter more deeply into right relationship with the Father. To respond with faith.

In all things, times, places, and conversations, I am called to have faith, because faith is the bottom line of what it means to be in right relationship with God. Faith allows the husks that once protected the kernel of grain to be shaken away so that its life can be given as food or seed. Faith allows our lives to flourish and stand tall and straight as a cedar. Faith allows us to be firm and steadfast to know that our work is not in vain, even when it seems to have come to a dead end. And faith, in the end, allows hope and love to be in the words that I speak, because my heart is full of those truths.

Peter Kreeft has a quote that always sticks with me: “Faith is the right response to reality.” (If you can find the citation for this quote, a free handshake is yours, because I did not.) Perhaps the reality is that, in all things, what the Lord wants most is not our projects and goals to always work out, but rather that you and I would want him more than anything else. And perhaps that’s a change I (and maybe you, too) will continue to need.

The fourth Sunday of each month, we’ll feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in the ordinariness of life.

SPEAKER SERIES

The Presence of God

7 p.m. | March 10, 17, 24, 31

St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

Be enlightened and inspired as you listen to four Dominican friars speak about God’s presence in sacred Scripture, Church history, the sacraments, and moral life.

LENT 2022

Speaker Series & Parish Mission

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

MISSION

Living in the Presence of God

April 4-6

St. Gertrude Church

Presented by:
Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P.

- 11:30 a.m. Mass, followed by adoration
- 7 p.m. Talk, followed by adoration and benediction (confession available)



For more information and to view the list of speakers and the mission schedule, please visit stgertrude.org/len2022.

LENTEN REMINDERS - FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone at St. Gertrude Church who has supported the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. As a reminder, 50 percent of our over-goal funds come back to St. Gertrude for our use here at the parish. Thank you for your participation!



DO YOU HAVE HISTORICAL PHOTOS?

In 2023, St. Gertrude Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary! As part of the celebration, we are publishing a commemorative book entitled *St. Gertrude Parish: The First 100 Years*, which will be available September 2023. If you have any historical photos (like the above picture of Sister Mary Edward, a Dominican sister who taught seventh grade at St. Gertrude School) and are willing to share them, please drop them off at the parish office. Be sure to include the name and date of the event, as well as your contact information so we can return your photos to you. We are especially looking for photos from 1923 to 1980. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Holland at mholland3353@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you passionate about St. Gertrude Church's mission? Do you sense that God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to serve him in a new way? We're looking to hire a **director of music – organist and choirmaster** and a **head sacristan**—and you may be the perfect additional to our team! To view the job descriptions for both of these positions and to apply, please visit stgertrude.org/employment.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FATHER PAUL KELLER, O.P.

The following announcement that was sent electronically by the rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology (The Athenaeum): "[Recently], I became aware that the content of conversations and guidance offered by Fr. Paul Keller, O.P., over a period of time, was not in keeping with the responsibilities and trust placed in him as a priest and member of our faculty. These conversations constituted a serious, non-physical boundary violation for which he has been removed from the faculty and is no longer employed at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology." Father Keller is in conversation with the provincial about possibilities for ministry in a new assignment. Please remember Father Keller in your prayers. Thank you.

SCAM ALERT

In light of a recent scam, this is a reminder that our pastor and parish employees will never ask anyone for money or gift cards via email or text.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

St. Gertrude Church has resumed our Communion to the Sick ministry. If you have a family member who is homebound or you are aware of a parishioner who is homebound and he/she would like to receive holy Communion, please contact Judy Hartmann at jhartma2002@yahoo.com. She will arrange for someone to bring the Eucharist to your loved one. Also, if you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Judy.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Dolores Brandstetter, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? Sign up to serve lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on March 27 and/or May 1. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up in the Parish Center lobby before or after 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass this Sunday, February 27. You can also sign up online at my.stgertrude.org beginning the evening of February 27. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.

“EGGS & YOST”

Ruah Woods' Annual Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious all-American breakfast of scrambled eggs, potato cakes, bacon, and pastries as our esteemed Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost, speaks about Religious Liberty, Orthodoxy and Humility. The event, hosted by Ruah Woods, is on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the Hilton Netherland Plaza in downtown Cincinnati (35 W. 5th Street). Doors open at 7:45 a.m. and the program is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$50/person. For more information and to register, please visit ruahwoodspress.com/upcoming-events/.

MOTHER OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) the weekend of March 5-6 collecting items for Mother of Christ Food Pantry. The pantry serves the poor and needy families in the St. Bernard Parish area who are struggling to make ends meet. In addition to all nonperishable food items, the pantry needs toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers (like Pine-Sol), toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash and check donations are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your help!

BE A HERO

Elizabeth's New Life Center is looking to hire a part-time male mentor. In this role, you will: meet with expectant dads and consult on the new life they've created, take these new dads through various situations and help them make decisions for life, and help teach dads how to be the best fathers and partners they can be. For more information about this position and other job opportunities at ENLC, please visit elizabethnewlife.org/careers/.

PREGNANCY CENTER WEST IS HIRING

PCW is looking to hire a full-time client services manager. This role is very important to the center, as the CSM is responsible for managing all client-related services! For more information or to apply, please contact Lorrie McNickle at lorrie@pc-west.org, or call (513) 244-5700.

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults (18 years of age or older) with developmental disabilities. With a focus on support, prayer, and socializing, the group comes together to pray, make crafts, and enjoy refreshments. The next gathering will be on Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 1 to 3 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center (8939 Montgomery Road), and we will be praying the Stations of the Cross. New members are welcome to attend! All participants must RSVP to Jane Callan by March 7 at (513) 793-3546.

ANOTHER MARRIAGE-SAVING WEEKEND COMING SOON

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. During a Retrouvaille weekend, a team of three couples and a priest gives a series of presentations and introduces a communication technique that enables you to take a good look at different areas of your relationship. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2022 program, beginning with a weekend on April 1-3, 2022, please call (513) 486-6222 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

Jesus Is Waiting for You

"The Church and the world have a great need for eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him . . ."
— Pope St. John Paul I

Our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. As you can see from the chart below, Guardians (people who commit to spending an hour with our Lord at a set time each week) are still needed during many of these hours. Nevertheless, we will begin overnight adoration on Wednesdays, starting with Ash Wednesday, March 2.

Please consider committing to spend just one hour each week with Jesus in his eucharistic presence.

Adoration Coverage Chart

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
MIDNIGHT	●							MIDNIGHT
1:00 AM	●							1:00 AM
2:00 AM	●							2:00 AM
3:00 AM	●							3:00 AM
4:00 AM	●							4:00 AM
5:00 AM	●							5:00 AM
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Legend Updated 02/14/2022

● In need of adorers

● Empty, Most Urgent Need



For more information about adoration and to sign up, please visit stgertrude.org/adoration



ASK A PRIEST - THE FLAWS WE FACE (AND HOW LENT CAN HELP)

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: *If humans are created in the image and likeness of God, why are we so flawed?*

A: Original sin isn't quite as original as we commonly imagine! Indeed, we were "flawed" as an effect of the sin of our first

parents, but our nature wasn't designed as "fallen." Furthermore, Jesus came to deliver us not only from the guilt of sin but also from all its *traces*. Yet another Lent promises us the graces we need to turn back toward the *original holiness* in which humanity was made. Jesus wants us to benefit from these graces here and now.

Genesis affirms that God's creation—with humanity at its apex—was "very good" (Gen 1:31). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* voices the age-old teaching of the Church:

*The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ.*¹

The Catechism goes on to call this state of our parents before the Fall "original holiness." Thanks to the divine life (i.e. grace) in which Adam and Eve shared, they experienced a profound harmony both within and without. This experience of peace and justice was very different from the various forms of interior and exterior tyranny we know all too well.

It is a truly beautiful thing to contemplate: each human being is still made in the image and likeness of God (see Gen 1:26-27). The work of Jesus Christ and the work of his Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, is to bring this original "image," blemished by sin but not erased, back to the center of our human experience. St. Augustine taught that if Baptism washed away the guilt of sin in an instant, the other effects of sin would only be taken away as part of daily Christian

living. He liked to cite St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians: "Even if our outer man is decaying, our inner man is being renewed day by day" (4:16).

During Lent, we look once more to Christ, who is the perfect image of God, and ask ourselves, *Do I wish to be renewed as a man or woman made in God's image and likeness? Will I look to Jesus and invite the power of God's Spirit into my mind, heart, and body?* Some of the blemishes of original sin such as confusion, stubbornness, proneness to sin, and mortality will only be undone completely in the future life of the Resurrection. However, sin's deepest and most significant scars can begin to fade "day by day" for those who welcome Jesus' luminous power. In the words of St. Augustine:

*So then the man who is being renewed in the recognition of God and in justice and holiness of truth by making progress day by day, is transferring his love from temporal things to eternal, from visible to intelligible, from carnal to spiritual things; he is industriously applying himself to checking and lessening his greed for one sort and binding himself with charity to the other. But his success depends on divine assistance. . . .*²

We Christians were indeed made in the image and likeness of God. Despite our current physical and spiritual flaws, we know by faith the uncreated image of God, Jesus, who also has a graced and perfected humanity. We creatures can make a daily *choice* in favor of the love of God, the Holy Spirit, who wishes to restore us as images of God after the model of Jesus. This will loosen the grip of those earthly "loves" that define our current disorder. This Lent, may our God-inspired prayer, penance, and works of charity better bind us to the source of grace and begin our complete healing.

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

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), no. 374.

² St. Augustine, *The Trinity*, XIV, 17.23, translation by Edmund Hill, O.P. (New York: New City Press, 1991).



Monday, February 28	Tuesday, March 1	Wednesday, March 2	Thursday, March 3	Friday, March 4	Saturday, March 5	Sunday, March 6
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 p.m. Parish Center	Genesis to Jesus 9 a.m. School Cafeteria	KofC Super Cash Raffle Sale <i>After all Masses</i> Breezeway
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. Atrium I	Peer Ministry Team Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	L'alto: Confirmation 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting 10:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	LoC Mother of Christ Food Pantry <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> Sharing Van
L'alto: HS Core Team Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5 p.m. Atrium II		Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church	First Saturday Prayer Service 12 p.m. Church	Rosary Sales <i>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. KofC Hall		KofC Super Cash Raffle Sale <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Breezeway	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
					LoC Mother of Christ Food Pantry <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Sharing Van	Family Faith 9 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for February 20

Collection	\$	27,176
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Weekly Deficit	(\$	8,118)

2nd Collection: \$2,700 Catholic Education

Fiscal Year-To-Date

(for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,278,675
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,244,996
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	33,679

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
3/13/22

MATERIALS DUE
3/2/22

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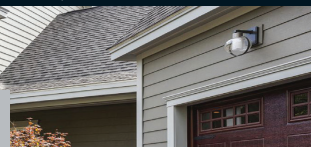
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