

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Mary Lou Brockman/Jerry & Barb Beitman

8:00 a.m. †Lisa Gonya/Sr. Maria Christi

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

Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †William Eisenhauer, Sr./The Lohr Family

8:00 a.m. †Judy Hill/Brad & Katie Bursa

11:30 a.m. Noah Kuhlman & Family/Maria Kuhlman

Wednesday, March 17, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Mary Allen Johnson/The Finnegan Family

8:00 a.m. †Kate Kelly/The Goslee Family

11:30 a.m. †Miguel Carrillo/Elvira Carrillo

Thursday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/AnnaMaria & Jim Spurgin

8:00 a.m. †Stephen Haas/Dick & Eileen Pope

11:30 a.m. †Henry Wordeman/The Hughes Family

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

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

8:00 a.m. †Jeffrey S. Vollmer/Molly & Bruce Vollmer

11:30 a.m. †Gerald DeBrunner/Nancy DeBrunner

Saturday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Jim Belmont/Mike & Elaine O'Connell

11:30 a.m. †Margaret McCafferty/Ray & Marylyn Clark

March 20-21, 5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

†Gregory Michael Foppe/Connie Witte & Family

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased

†Ann Lukey/Pat Seanor

†Barbara Hellman/Terry & Mary Smithers

†Mary Forlini/Sal & Teri Forlini

†William Fentress/The Fentress Family

Confessions will be heard in the church each week Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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





TRIDUUM OF ST. JOSEPH

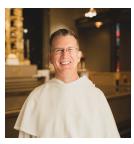
Wednesday & Thursday March 17 & 18, 7:30 p.m.

- Solemn Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament
- Preaching by the Dominican Friars
- Recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph
- Opportunities for Sacramental Confession

Friday

March 19, 7:30 p.m.

- Recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph
- Sung Mass in the Dominican Rite



ADMITTING FAULT

"Lord, have mercy." We use this phrase in the liturgy and we use this phrase when we face a trial or an injustice. It is a plea for the gratuitous love of God to save us from evil and the bondage of our sins. It is a plea for divine

help in the face of powers stronger than our own. The mercy for which we ask flows from the love of God which is stronger than a mother's love for her children and greater than the bridegroom's love for his beloved. So strong and great is God's love for us that He extends the greatest gift of His mercy: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). As St. Paul puts it in the reading today from the Letter to the Ephesians, "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (2:4-5).

However, there is an essential condition that must be met for us to receive God's mercy: "To receive his mercy, we must admit our faults" (CCC 1847). The honest and thorough examination of our conscience under the guidance of the Holy Spirit helps us to know how we have offended God and/or our neighbor through what we have done and what we have failed to do. Admitting our faults is not always easy. It is far easier to give some justification or rationalization that provides the desired excuse so that admitting sin and guilt can be avoided. Doing so, however, deprives us of the life of God within our soul. King David, whom you will remember as having committing adultery, tried to hide his guilt. He reflects upon his experience in Psalm 32: "As long as I kept silent, my bones wasted away; I groaned all the day. For night and day your hand was heavy upon me; my strength withered as in dry summer heat. Then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide. I said, 'I confess my faults to the Lord,' and you took away the guilt of my sin"(3-5).

The love of God for us is best experienced when we confess our sins and faults, ask for forgiveness, and receive the restoration of grace because of His great mercy. The graces God provides during the Lenten season help us to know our sins, to confess them with true sorrow and humility, and to find a more fulfilling way of living our life in Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation – available six days a week here at St. Gertrude – is the ordinary way we are reconciled with God and the Church. The Catechism teaches us that "the spiritual effects of this sacrament are: reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace; reconciliation with the Church; remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins; remission, at

least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin; peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation; [and] an increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle"(1496). All of these effects are worth the self-admission of sin. Remember, "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"(Jn 3:17). There is nothing to fear.

Please note that no additional times are scheduled for Sacramental Confession during the Lenten season, except during the St. Joseph Triduum (March 17-19). We will maintain the regular Confession schedule through Wednesday of Holy Week. No Confessions during the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. The regular schedule will resume on Easter Monday.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

HOLY WEEK 2021

Holy Week and Easter reservations will be conducted in a similar way to this past Christmas. In order to manage the number of people coming to any one of these liturgies, every family must **reserve spots in advance**.

Holy Week and Easter reservations will go live on Monday March 15th at 12:00 Noon at http://stgertrude.org/holyweek2021. If you do not have internet access, please call the parish office at 513-561-5954, ext. 2103 on March 15th after 12:00 Noon.

If your ideal liturgy is full, in order to ensure your attendance, we encourage you to reserve tickets for an available liturgy. Then, we ask that you put your family on the waitlist for your ideal liturgy.

Seating will be pre-assigned based upon the reservation size and social distancing requirements within the worship space.

Note: Each reservation will be assigned seating together. If you have any questions about reservations, please email reservations@stgertrude.org.

COVER IMAGE: "St. Dominic contemplates the Holy Cross." Photograph by Very Rev. Lawrence Lew, O.P. of the fresco by Blessed Fra Angelico in the cloister of the Dominican convent of San Marco, Florence.

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SCHOOL NEWS

POWER OP

St. Gertrude School has some powerful student writers! Students in grades 3 through 8 participate in POWER OP – an in-house writing competition. Students pictured won first, second, or third place in their division.





MOMS RETREAT

Group picture from our Moms' retreat held at Maria Stein February 26-28. Using the book *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Father Jacque Philippe as a guide, Father Chris Geiger led the moms retreat this year.



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Save-The-Date for

Camp 3:16

Week 1 June 14-18

Week 2 June 21-25

Camp 3:16 is a summer camp offered to all youth in the parish ages 4 thru 8th grade with an opportunity for high schoolers to volunteer.* Two separate weeks will be offered in order to allow as many youth to participate as possible. Campers will be split into age-appropriate groups. Registration opens Monday, April 19th @ 6:00pm via our website. Details to follow.

*Camp 3:16 will be replacing VBS and Camp Lumen this summer.



Illuminate

Helping Parents Navigate Raising Children in a 'Pornified' Culture

Session 1, April 14: No more taboo. We're going to talk about porn. Session 2, April 21: Porn wounds. God has an answer.

Session 3, April 28: Take Action: A game plan for prevention.

All sessions will be held in the Parish Center Lobby from 1:45pm - 2:45pm. Registration is limited and opens March 22nd. Visit stgertrude.org/illuminate for more information.



All sessions will be delivered by Bryan Wells, Director of Youth Evangelization, and Brad Bursa, PhD, Director of Evangelization at St. Gertrude Church.

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LENTEN FISH FRY DRIVE-THRU

Save the date for our next Fish Fry at St. Gertrude, coming up on March 26 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Check out the menu and get all the details at stgertrude.org/fishfry.



BEACONS OF LIGHT PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

To learn more about the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's pastoral planning process, please visit catholicaoc. org/beacons.

EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

A beautiful spiritual remembrance for your family, friends and loved ones at Easter is to enroll them in the Easter Novena of Masses to be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. This Novena of nine Masses begins Easter Sunday through Monday, April 12. Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church and also at the parish office in the school.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Anthony Alvarez, Michael Bell, Lisa Bertke, Bettie Caudill, Larry & Pat Collins, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Joe Holly, Hummel Family, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Frank Merle, Sandra Munyon, Leo Napuri, Gerry Patterson, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, John Sweeney, Mary Saul, Mary Valker and Bill Van Hise

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Dorothy Arozarena – mother of Laura Ringenbach Ann Lukey – mother of Tom Lukey

My St. Gertrude

INTRODUCING MYSTGERTRUDE

We are happy to announce the forthcoming launch of MyStGertrude, an online platform that will handle your parish needs! MyStGertrude will allow your online experience as a parishioner to be more centralized with *improved communications*, easier registration processes, and housing your giving data and payments all in one place. Be on the lookout for emails and bulletin updates in the coming weeks.

Got your fill of Winter yet?



It's time to plan for a HOT Summer!

The Bulldog Football program is grearing up for the 2021 season. Be a proud part of the Dog Pack and join our long-standing tradition of player safety, character information and competitive excellence.

Registartion opens March 1st and will close on March 31st.

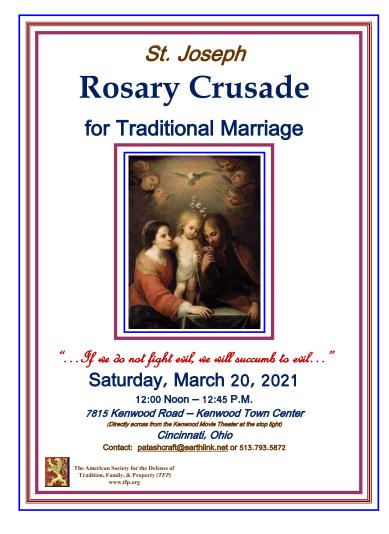
To find contacts and information, and to register, visit the St. Gertrude Booster's site at www.sgsbulldogs.org



BAPTISM



Child: Remy Frances Boese Parents: Robert & Jessica Boese



YOUNG ADULT IGNATIAN RETREAT

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this weekend retreat, for men and women in their 20s and 30s, offers an exploration of the life, ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ. The retreat invites you to seek the deep, intrinsic connection between Christ's life and your own, revealing how His ministry, suffering, and death bring new life and meaning in your faith and your daily life.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ will provide a series of presentations designed to assist you with your prayer, reflection and spiritual journey. The retreat will also include Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Silence, Small Group Discussions, and Fellowship.

When: April 23-25, 2021

Where: Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Cost: \$275.00 includes private room and meals Registration: jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults

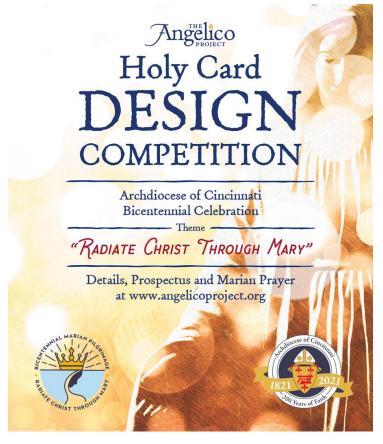
Call: Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500, ext. 10

TREASURE MART UPDATE

The Ladies of Charity are happy to announce that the annual Treasure Mart (which had to be cancelled last year due to COVID-19) will return this year. The event will be held July 17, 2021. Do you plan on cleaning out your basements or those nooks and crannies around the house? Save those treasures! We will start accepting donations July 13th. More information to come in the bulletins. All proceeds will go to charity. Please contact Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085 with any questions.

USCCB STATEMENT ON JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE

The USCCB's Committee on Doctrine and Committee on Pro-Life Activities have issued a statement on the recently-approved Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. The bottom line is that, while it is morally acceptable to receive any of the vaccines, "if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortionderived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's." For more details, visit www.usccb.org/newsroom.





ASK A PRIEST THE MINOR EXORCISMS OF THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: In the Gospels we hear about Jesus casting out demons and then asking his disciples to

do the same. Do the Church's ministers still do this?

A: This is a good question; it sounds like you'd like to know whether Christ's priests are asked to perform exorcisms today or whether there's less need of these rites today. First, I'd like to answer "yes" and explain that exorcisms are conducted in the Church much more frequently than you might think. In fact, every Baptism includes one. St. Paul taught us that Christians are in a struggle against not only "flesh and blood" but "the wiles of the devil" (See Ephesians 6:11-12). The language may sound old but is no less accurate: on this side of eternity, the baptized are members of the "Church Militant." Good angels are our friends and wish for us to inherit God's Kingdom. Wicked angels are our enemies and desire our damnation. Second, I'd like to explain why those who commit themselves to be "soldiers of Christ" and resolve not to "rendezvous" with the enemy actually have very little to fear. This is part of the reason why the Church prefers not to make "a big deal" over exorcisms. Christ has won the victory. It's best to fight on the winning side and leave the Devil to his own self-done defeat!

Whether in simple or solemn form, exorcisms are performed by authorized ministers frequently. The *Catechism* teaches that an exorcism is an occasion "when the Church asks publicly and

authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected from the power of the Evil One and drawn from his dominion" (CCC 1673). Most Catholics have witnessed a simple exorcism, maybe without realizing it, in the Baptismal Liturgy. The minister of Baptism prays over a child to be baptized: Almighty ever-living God, who sent your Son into the world to drive out from us the power of Satan, the spirit of evil, and bring the human race, rescued from darkness, into the marvelous Kingdom of your light: we humbly beseech you to free this child from Original Sin, to make him (or her) the temple of your glory, and to grant that your Holy Spirit may dwell in him (or her)...

If we were to be left in the state of Original Sin, the condition we inherited as members of a sin-marked race, we would likely not have the strength to resist Satan and his cohorts. Yet God did not want to leave us without His powerful help, and so Jesus scattered the darkness of sin and robbed it of any lasting power through His saving Cross. The Sacrament of Baptism applies Jesus' saving sacrifice to the life of every child or adult who approaches the consecrated waters. The baptized are not under Satan's shackles anymore but are made grace-filled "temples of God's glory." Simple-form or "minor exorcisms" of infants and adult catechumens help prepare the way for them to embrace this amazing destiny.

Exorcisms, whether simple form or solemn form (reserved to a specially-appointed exorcist in cases of authentic diabolic influence), enable people to experience the freedom and security that belongs to the children of God. While human beings may be prone to the attacks of fallen spirits who surpass us in intelligence and power from the perspective of nature, all who arm themselves with the grace of Christ through Baptism and other Sacraments are equipped to "quench the flaming darts of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16). Anecdotally speaking, priest-exorcists are the first to remind the Christian faithful that those who dedicate themselves to Jesus Christ through fidelity to the sacramental life of the Church and friendship with the good angels have nothing to fear. In such a case, the devil is the one who is more afraid.

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



Monday, March 15	Tuesday, March 16	Wednesday, March 17	Thursday, March 18	Friday, March 19	Saturday, March 20	Sunday, March 21
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Prayer Shawl 10:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Consoling the Heart of Jesus 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry 5:00-8:00 p.m. School Entrance		Religious Education 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria & Atrium
SportsLeader 6:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Religious Education 4:30 p.m. School Atrium	Rosary Makers 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	St. Joseph Triduum with Confess., Ador. and Bene. 7:30 p.m. Church	St. Joseph Triduum & Dominican Rite Mass 7:30 p.m. Church		RCIA Talk on Triduum 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Boosters 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		St. Joseph Triduum with Confess., Ador. and Bene. 7:30 p.m. Church				HSYM Discipleship Cells 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church						
RCIA 7:00 p.m.			ll l	se Note: There wi		

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

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OFFERING

Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby

> St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for March 7

Weekly Budget	\$	38,235
Collection	\$	31,457
Weekly Deficit	(\$	6,778)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2021)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,416,471
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,408,105
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	8,366)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

March 19 due to the Dominican Rite Mass for the Solemnity

BULLETIN 3/28/21 MATERIALS DUE 3/17/21

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

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