

WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I SHALL GIVE

will never thirst.

JOHN 4:14



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

March 20, 2022

MASSSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Ronald Cardoza by The Bursa Family
- 8 a.m. †Ann Lukey by Carla Gutting
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Denis Wagner by Sherry Schuler
- 8 a.m. †David Taylor by Lucy & Ted Safrin
- 11:30 a.m. †Mary Ann King by The Lavin Family

Wednesday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Dolores T. Hughes by Dominican Sisters
- 8 a.m. †Peter Horan by Ray & Marylyn Clark
- 11:30 a.m. †MaryJaen Peiffer by Pete & Donna Marcello

Thursday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Frances Morris by Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 8 a.m. For Peace for our World
- 11:30 a.m. †James Weisbrod by Leroy & Cathy Egan

Friday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord (S)

- 7 a.m. †Joan Bingham by Dominican Sisters of St. Gertrude
- 8 a.m. †Anne Siebert by Jim & Diane Tomaszewski
- 11:30 a.m. †Dorothy Grant by Sal & Teri Forlini

Saturday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. Mary Sandra Whitley by Rick Sammons
- 11:30 a.m. †Bev Holbrock by Dick & Eileen Pope
- 4:30 p.m. †Harold Thomas by Lee & Tracy Luiso

Sunday, March 27, 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. †Patti Coit by Rita Gehring
- 12 p.m. †Clyde Dorn by The Smithers Family
- 6 p.m. †Richard A. Retta by Knights of Columbus

Confession 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.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
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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.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

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



*The Presence of God
in the Sacraments*

Presented by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P.

Thursday, March 24 | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria
6543 Miami Ave. | Madeira, OH

Learn more at
stgertrude.org/lent2022

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



Lenten Mission

Living in the Presence of God

Presented by Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P.

April 4-6, 2022
7 p.m. | Church

View the full schedule and learn more at stgertrude.org/lent2022

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

ALL YOU CAN EAT!



ENJOY BREAKFAST AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!

Date: Sunday, April 3, 2022
Location: Gym
Time: 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8/person | \$28/family
\$4/children grades K-8
Children 5 & under - Free

PANCAKES
EGGS
SAUSAGE

Gluten/dairy free menu available



Credit cards accepted

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Council**



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**



The following article, published on thecatholictelegraph.com, is the first in a series of articles covering each of the six foundational principles of Beacons of Light, the pastoral planning process of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. At a time when Mass participation is declining nationally and some Catholics don't even believe in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, Jeremy

Helmes, director of the Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, offers eight goals to help parishes ensure that the Eucharist is the heart and center of parish family life. I encourage you to read the article and strive to achieve these goals together.

Fr. George, O.P.

BEACONS OF LIGHT:

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES - #1: EUCHARIST

The Eucharist makes the Church. This simple statement is at the heart of what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church, the community of the baptized who gather each Sunday to do what Jesus commanded: Participate in His Sacrifice on the Cross, sharing a sacred meal – His body and blood – together in His memory.

It's no surprise, then, that Archbishop Dennis Schnurr established "Eucharist" as Beacons of Light's first principle with these words:

"The Mass is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. Accordingly, the Eucharist is the essential moment for building up and strengthening the parish community, along with the sacraments and other celebrations of the paschal mystery – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Yet, we are experiencing a Eucharistic crisis. Consistent Mass participation is declining nationally, with a sharp drop in attendance locally for the past decade. We anticipate our churches continuing to fill as the pandemic wanes, but attendance to-date remains far below even two years ago.

Perhaps it is partly because parish liturgical life isn't what it should be. The U.S. Bishops teach: "Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it." This includes diminishment of the Eucharist's importance in our lives – some Catholics even lack belief in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

When parishes shape their new Family and plan a vibrant future together, the Eucharist's centrality must be upheld. The following goals help parish Families design effective plans that ensure the Eucharist has primary importance.

- The Sunday Eucharist is life-giving, beautiful, and transformative: When gathered for Mass, especially on Sundays, we are changed to be more fully like God. We experience God's love through the sacraments and He nourishes us for mission so that we can be more faithful disciples and witnesses to the Gospel.
- Christ's Presence is felt: Sacramental celebrations and other liturgies are unique, privileged and true encounters with Jesus Christ, who is present in Word and Sacrament.
- Unity is lived: As the sacrament of unity (1 Cor. 10:17), Eucharistic celebration is an opportunity for Family parish members to worship

together, honoring and celebrating each one's cultural traditions, particularly special feast days.

- Formation is essential: Catechize (teach and make real) the faithful's understanding of what they celebrate in the liturgy and how to celebrate it well.
- Ars Celebrandi is faithful and participatory: Grant importance and attention to the "art of celebrating" the liturgy, such that the faithful's full, conscious and active participation are kindled and drawn more fully into the mystery of Christ through well-prepared preaching and music, fidelity to the texts and rubrics and the prayerful understanding of liturgical texts, feasts and seasons.
- Ministers are formed: Priests, deacons and lay liturgical ministers should be well-trained and formed for pastoral leadership of prayer communities and imbued with the spirit of the liturgy.
- Sacred Space leads to God: Churches, chapels and other sacred buildings are houses of the Church and houses of God: they should be "truly worthy and beautiful, signs and symbols of heavenly realities."
- Adoration is encouraged: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and catechesis regarding this holy practice, are readily available to prolong the Eucharistic Presence of Christ we experience at Mass and to adore Him as a community, even outside of Mass.

As we, together, plan our future in Families of Parishes, the primacy of the Eucharist comes to fruition through the prayer and hard work of both parish leaders and all the faithful. There may be difficult adjustments: changes to Mass schedules, new musical repertoires, new needs for liturgical ministers, and more. Through all of these efforts, we are called to uphold the Eucharist as the heart and center of parish Family life.

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FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I recall that I have received most light during adoration which I made lying prostrate before the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour every day throughout Lent. During that time I came to know myself and God more profoundly. And yet, even though I had the superior's permission to do so, I encountered many obstacles to praying in such a way. Let the soul be aware that, in order to pray and persevere in prayer, one must arm oneself with patience and cope bravely with exterior and interior difficulties. The interior difficulties are discouragement, dryness, heaviness of spirit and temptations. The exterior difficulties are human respect and time; one must observe the time set apart for prayer. (*Diary, #147*)

COVER IMAGE: *The Woman of Samaria*, Dyce (1860)



A RICH SPIRITUAL TREASURY

Sister Karol Marie Zachmann, O.P., is one of St. Gertrude School's fourth grade teachers. She specializes in the subjects of math and religion, and received a Master of Arts in Thomistic Studies from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., in the fall of 2021.

St. Gertrude Bulletin recently chatted with Sister Karol Marie about what it has been like teaching at SGS—she served here in 2009-2011 and then again from 2020-present—and what it is that makes the school a special place.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: What have you enjoyed most about teaching at St. Gertrude School?

Sister Karol Marie: I love teaching in a Dominican school with the presence of the friars and brothers and the opportunity given to me by such faith-filled parents and families to support them in the formation of their children. It is a privilege to serve here at a school with an academically rigorous curriculum and where students are formed in the Dominican tradition with an emphasis on virtue, freedom, happiness, and Truth!

SGB: What makes SGS a special place?

SKM: One of the things that sets St. Gertrude School apart is not only the presence and witness of consecrated men and women religious who have given their lives to God and his Church, but also the spiritual patrimony and heritage that denotes. The fruits of the sacrifices of consecrated religious being present in the parish for nearly 100 years (and almost just as long in the school) provides a

rich spiritual treasury—something intangible that can't be quantified yet real nonetheless. That, with the rich sacramental life and Christ at the center of the school—literally, being present in the chapel located in the heart of the school—makes St. Gertrude not just a "special" Catholic school but one with supernatural riches available to all students it seeks to form as Christian disciples.

SAVE THE DATE: MOTHER/SON BOWLING!

Dust off your leg warmers and 80's gear because "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" with their sons at St. Gertrude School's Mother/Son Bowling on Sunday, April 3, from 3-5 p.m.!

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 stgertrudesch.org/employment to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of March 21, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



APPLY TODAY for the 2022-2023 School Year

www.stgertrudesch.org/apply



CGS HAS CHANGED OUR LIFE

EMILY HESS,
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CATECHIST

"Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10) is a verse that we sing frequently here at St. Gertrude Church during Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). This small verse deeply captures my experience as a catechist and as a mother working with children in CGS.

I have four children ranging from nine months to six years old. While life can feel crazy and hectic at times, CGS has helped me to slow down and reflect on things that truly matter. Simply put, CGS has helped me to discover Jesus—to discover Jesus within my own heart and in the hearts of my children. I continue to stand in awe at the capacity children have to personally encounter Jesus and come to know him deeply in their own hearts.

When I tell my friends about CGS, I tell them it is truly an education in humanity. CGS has helped me to discover more fully what it means to be human—our innate desire for God and our unique personal relationship with him. As I discover this more and more for myself personally, the more I am aware of this in each child I encounter in the atrium. "Young children have a natural ability to enjoy their relationship with God in a very deep way. . . . How important this is to realize. If we can enjoy the presence of God in our life, then our faith is established on the only sure foundation. If children are helped to enjoy God, they really have a strong foundation for their religious life" (Sofia Cavalletti, *Joyful Journey*, pp. 12-13).

Why do I do CGS? Because I noticed a difference in everything once I began working in the atrium: I was different, my family was different, and my children were different. I noticed a deep and beautiful relationship with God stirring in my own heart and the heart of each of my children. It was nothing I had done as a mother or as a catechist; rather, it was God working and dialoguing with my children through their time spent working in the atrium.

Everything we do in CGS is deeply rooted in sacred Scripture and the liturgy. All is about Christ, and all we do helps to lead us back to him. In CGS, we meet in a room called the "atrium." I love this name because it refers to the entrance of the Church building, which is also called



the "atrium." The CGS atrium, therefore, is the entryway into the life of the Church for the child; everything we discover and learn about in our CGS atrium leads us more deeply into the life of the Church.

The atrium has changed the way we live as a family in our own home. My children are very aware of the liturgical year and are filled with such joy as we celebrate the different seasons and feast days within the Church calendar. They are fascinated with the liturgy because of what and how they learn about the liturgy in CGS. They can't wait to get to Mass to see what color the priest will be wearing. They beg me to sit in the front row so they can watch the priest set the altar. My two-year-old has recently started whispering, "I love you Jesus" as he sees the priest elevate the body and blood of Christ. As I am sitting here writing this, my four-year-old is singing to my nine-month-old a song she learned from CGS about the Annunciation: "The angel came from heaven, his name was Gabriel, and he came to tell Mary she would have a baby named Jesus."

The life of the Church is lived in a very tangible and relatable way within my home because of our experience in CGS. The awareness of Christ's presence is living and active and shines through my children. I am so grateful for the gift of CGS and how it has helped us to have a continual awareness of Christ's presence in our day-to-day life. As I observe children in the atrium and within my own home, I am constantly reminded that God is here now in the present moment, speaking softly to me through the gaze of my children, "Be still and know that I am God."



LENTEN FASTING REMINDER

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholics are obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. 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.



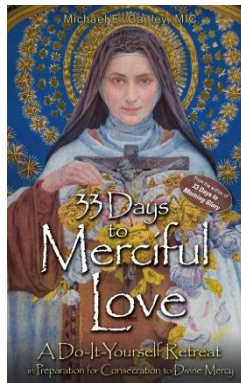
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Thank you to all who have responded generously to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Currently, we are at 97 percent of our \$84,363 CMA goal. If you haven't had a chance to make a gift yet, you are encouraged to do so this week. For more information and to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you for your participation!

CONSECRATION TO MERCIFUL LOVE

Do you want to deepen your love of Divine Mercy? Journey with us and St. Therese of Lisieux through 33 Days to Merciful Love, a do-it-yourself retreat that concludes with a consecration to Divine Mercy. We will start the book on Tuesday, March 22, and meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center lobby on March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11 to watch the accompanying videos. If you have any questions, please contact Anne at acollins4mary@aol.com.



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The St. Gertrude Catholic Men's Fellowship meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. All men are welcome to attend! Join us for prayer, fellowship, Scripture, and to discuss how faith topics apply to our lives as Catholic men. The next meeting is March 26 ("Sin and Forgiveness"). Come, and bring a friend!

EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Easter by enrolling them in our Easter novena of Masses, beginning Easter Sunday and ending Monday, April 25. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office.



BRING LOVE AND PEACE TO OTHERS

In today's Gospel, Jesus is quite clear in his message: "Bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent, we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives

through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

By placing a donation in the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes located at the church entrances, you can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear, doubt, loneliness, and dread.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked parishes around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. Please plan now to make a donation on Good Friday. For more information about the collection and the Christians in the Holy Land, please visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

2022 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Is your daughter interested in playing volleyball next fall? Sign her up for volleyball! St. Gertrude Parish's volleyball is open to all girls who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Practices will tentatively start in August, and the season runs through mid-October. Early bird registration (save \$25) is open now through April 24. Regular registration ends May 8. For more information and to register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org/registration.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, 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 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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Andrea Hamilton
Thomas & Kristen Hurst
Daniel & Hildy McNulty
Jared & Haley Moore
Tom & Kathy Mueller

William & Deborah Roebel
Sydney Sparks
Ryan & Anne Sullivan
Daniel & Aimee Wanstrath

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



40 Days for Life is an international pro-life organization that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. From March 2–April 10, 2022, people all over the world will unite in a 40 Days for Life Campaign. St. Gertrude Church will participate in the campaign on Thursday, March 31, keeping vigil at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up after Mass next weekend, March 26–27. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252.

HEALING SERVICE

Come to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood) on Wednesday, March 23, to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, and participate in a healing service. The rosary begins at 6:45 p.m. and Mass is at 7:15, followed by the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

MEN'S CONFERENCE - GET \$10 OFF

The Cincinnati Men's Conference is just two weeks away—and now you can save \$10 on registration by using code CMC22 at checkout (code is case sensitive). Themed “Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing,” the conference is intended to inspire all men, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey or which faith you identify with, to become the best versions of themselves as men of Jesus Christ. For more information and to get your tickets, visit CincinnatiMensConference.com.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO LENT

The Catholic Telegraph's 2022 Ultimate Guide to Lent is beautifully designed to help you experience a life-changing Lent. Equal parts practical and inspirational, the Guide is packed with recipes, ideas for prayer, saint stories, and other enjoyable content. It's totally free and sent right to your email inbox. Get yours today at thecatholictelegraph.com/lent2022.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Join Father Michael Sparough, S.J., March 25–27, 2022, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford for an Ignatian weekend retreat entitled *What's Next? Discerning Your Decision in the Ignatian Tradition*. Father Michael will prayerfully lead you through St. Ignatius' methodology for decision making and how it can be applied to the big and small decisions in your life. The retreat includes Mass, Reconciliation, adoration, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, and time for personal prayer. For more information or to register, please call Mary Ellen at (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/march2022.

HELP FOR COUPLES WITH MARITAL DIFFICULTIES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue—or have you just stopped talking to your mate? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced *retro-vi*, with a long *i*) has helped thousands of couples who are experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2022 program, beginning with a weekend April 1–3, 2022, call (513) 486-6222, or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

ANNUAL CISE PARTY IN THE CITY

You are invited to the 12th Annual Catholic Inner-City Education Fund (CISE) Party in the City on Saturday, April 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Backstage Event Center (625 Walnut Street, Cincinnati). Proceeds provide summer learning opportunities for students attending ten Catholic inner-city elementary schools in Cincinnati. Tickets are \$85/person in advance or \$100/person at the door and include open bar, live music, dancing, fun, food, friends, raffles (win \$1,200 in gift cards to local restaurants or \$300 in top shelf liquors and bar accessories), and a silent auction. For more information or purchase your tickets, contact Mikayla at the CISE office at (513) 263-3474 or mbishop@cisekids.org. You can also purchase tickets at secure.qgiv.com/event/cise.



HEALTHY THOUGHTS

Do you have a family member who lives with mental illness? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is an excellent resource. Through education, support, and advocacy, NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of families and individuals affected by mental illness. Visit stgertrude.org/parishhealthministry to learn what NAMI has to offer you and your loved one.

HOPE FOR WOMEN HEALING FROM BETRAYAL TRAUMA

Hope Blooms is a powerful virtual retreat for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us April 22–23 (Divine Mercy weekend) as we lay our pain, our sorrow, and our betrayals at the Lord's feet and open our hands and our hearts to receive his merciful outpouring. Talks include “Uprooting Shame and Guilt,” “Understanding Trauma and Its Impacts on Body, Mind, and Spirit,” “Freedom Through Forgiveness,” and more. There will also be time for small group healing prayer and adoration. To view the full schedule, learn about the retreat leaders, and register, visit hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats, or email De at de@youaremadenew.com.



ASK A PRIEST: THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE SACRAMENTS

FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

Today's Ask a Priest column is devoted to our parish Lenten Speaker Series. This 4-week series on the Presence of God will take place on Thursday, March 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 7 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. We hope you can bring a friend or family member!

Our third speaker is Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., who will be talking about the Presence of God in the Sacraments. Here is a short preview of his presentation.

Q: On Thursday, March 24, you will speak to us about the Presence of God in the Sacraments. I bring my family to Mass on Sundays and my children have received Baptism, first Communion, etc., but I'm no expert in theology. Will your talk be good for me to hear?"

A: This talk will be great for you to hear! To understand more about the presence of God in the sacraments, you don't need to be an expert in theology—you just need to be willing to allow God to move your heart and soul into deeper union with him. It's wonderful that you bring your family to Mass on Sundays and that you are attentive to their sacramental preparation, but God longs to give us so much more in life!

In this talk, you will learn more about *why* Sunday Mass is not only required by the Commandments but also essential to having a vibrant, alive, and mystical union with the Trinity and the communion of saints. You will learn why being prepared for the sacraments of Baptism,

Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation is both the beginning, as well as the way, to encounter Christ in every circumstance of our lives. In this talk, you will also learn about the importance of the sacraments in family life today.

You might want to ask me, "Father, why are the sacraments important in the life of my family? Can the sacraments help?" First, yes! Knowing the presence of God in the sacraments will help your family life. Why? The sacraments will be of the greatest assistance in family life because sacraments affect what they signify. In other words, the graces of each of the sacraments change our hearts to encounter Christ and his presence in every person. The pulls and tugs of family life can be healed through the graces of the sacrament of Reconciliation and strengthened and united by the graces of the Eucharist. The family is preserved through the transforming graces of the sacrament of Matrimony, as husband and wife vow to Almighty God and to one another the great mission of fidelity, forgiveness, and unity all the days of their lives. And because sharing in the sacraments of the Church always deepen the unity of those who have received the sacraments, the sacramental presence of God will deepen and perfect the unity of family life.

So, will this talk be good for you to hear? I would offer you these three simple words, "Come and see!"

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!



Monday, March 21	Tuesday, March 22	Wednesday, March 23	Thursday, March 24	Friday, March 25	Saturday, March 26	Sunday, March 27
Merciful Love Video Series <i>12:30 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary <i>12 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice <i>8:30 a.m.</i> PC St. Joseph Room	Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series <i>9:45 a.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	No Stations of the Cross	Catholic Men's Fellowship <i>7:30 a.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Little Flower Library Open <i>8-10 a.m.</i>
SportsLeader <i>6 p.m.</i> PC St. Joseph Room	Children's Choir <i>3 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir <i>7 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd <i>11:15 a.m.</i> Atrium I		K of C Ceremony <i>9:30 a.m.</i> School Cafeteria	40 Days for Life Sign-ups <i>After all Masses Outside or PC St. Dominic Lobby</i>
Become Catholic (RCIA) <i>7 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Family Faith <i>6 p.m.</i> School Classrooms	Cub Scouts <i>7 p.m.</i> School Cafeteria	Cana Family Year 1 <i>7 p.m.</i> PC St. Joseph Room		Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby <i>10 a.m.</i> Lower Fish Lobby	Parish Coffee & Donuts <i>After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym</i>
Boosters Meeting <i>7 p.m.</i> PC St. Joseph Room	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd <i>6 p.m.</i> Atrium I & II	Benediction <i>8:50 p.m.</i> Church	Lenten Speaker Series <i>7 p.m.</i> School Cafeteria		40 Days for Life Sign-ups <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside or PC St. Dominic Lobby</i>	Family Faith <i>9 & 10:30 a.m.</i> School Cafeteria
K of C Executive Meeting <i>7 p.m.</i> K of C Hall	Neighbors Digital Sign Meeting <i>7 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby					Catechesis of the Good Shepherd <i>9 & 10:30 a.m.</i> Atrium I & II
Healing Rosary <i>7 p.m.</i> Church	Boy Scouts <i>7 p.m.</i> School Cafeteria					Baptisms <i>1:15 p.m.</i> Church
L'Alto: Confirmation Adult Core Team Meeting <i>7 p.m.</i> OE Conference Room						Benedictine Oblates <i>2 p.m.</i> PC St. Joseph Room

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for March 13

Collection	\$	49,968
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Weekly Suplus	\$	14,674

2nd Collection: \$7,318 Little Sisters of the Poor

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