

LAZARUS,

# come out!

~ JOHN 11:43



ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 26, 2023



# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † John Murray by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Molly & Bruce Vollmer
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jerry Voegelé by A Friend
- 8 a.m. Katie Stoiber by Doug & Robin Postler
- 11:30 a.m. † Bob & Anne Siebert by The Siebert Family

## Wednesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Steve Rentschler by Mark & Sherri Holland
- 8 a.m. † Mary Elizabeth Zoeckler by Catherine Fishlock
- 11:30 a.m. † Patricia Derenak by Brother Bruno McHale

## Thursday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † W. Joseph Lemming by Dave & Donna Kallgren
- 8 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly
- 11:30 a.m. † Earl Leonhardt by Janice & Bob Tribbe

## Friday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Bertha Marie Hebert  
by Dominican Sisters of St. Gertrude Convent
- 8 a.m. † George Capehart by Friends at Kroger
- 11:30 a.m. † Kevin Shannon by Sal & Teri Forlini

## Saturday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Mary Gemma Knause by Judy Bayer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Frank Cirillo by Courtney Roberts
- 4:30 p.m. † Loretta Holden by Joy & John Belperio

## Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8 a.m. † Stephanie Conlon Hull by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 10 a.m. † The Kohus & Bough Families by John & Hilda Bough
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Enis & Jonathan Aguilar by Dina Henderson

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

## 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.



Spend an hour  
with Jesus every  
week this Lent.

## WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR + EUCHARISTIC HOLINESS SERIES

March 1, 15, 22, 29 & April 5  
7:30-8:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church

Listen to a short reflection on the Eucharist and spend time in Eucharistic adoration. Priests will be available for confessions.

March 29 Father John Langlois O.P.  
*The Eucharist and Spiritual Hunger*

View the full schedule at [stgertrude.org/lent2023](http://stgertrude.org/lent2023)

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### April 2 | Palm Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. Mass

### April 6 | Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Mass of Our Lord's Supper\*

### April 7 | Good Friday (No Mass)

3 p.m. Celebration of Our Lord's Passion  
(Communion Service)\*

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross and  
Entombment of Christ

### April 8 | Easter Vigil

9 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass\*

### April 9 | Easter Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m.\*, 6 p.m. Mass

\*Indicates liturgies that will be livestreamed on St. Gertrude Church's YouTube channel. Visit [stgertrude.org/lent2023](http://stgertrude.org/lent2023) for more information.



## **SOMETHING NEW** **THIS YEAR ON HOLY** **SATURDAY MORNING**

I have vivid memories as a child going with my family to the parish church on Holy Saturday for something we simply referred to as the “blessing of the Easter baskets.” It is something that is quite common in the Polish and Eastern European tradition (my mom’s side of the family is full-blood Polish) but has grown in popularity in more recent decades to Catholics of all ethnic backgrounds. It is a custom that, from asking around, it seems has never been done here at St. Gertrude—or at the very least, not in recent decades. I believe it is a beautiful custom, so, beginning this year, I plan on instituting it here. I know Holy Saturday is still a couple of weeks away, but I wanted to let people know in advance so that those who are interested in participating have time to dig up a basket from somewhere and plan out what you would like to bring to be blessed.

### **What is the Blessing of Easter Baskets?**

Very simply, individuals and families are invited to put together a basket containing various food items that you will be serving at your Easter meal and then bring that basket of food to the church to be blessed by a priest. In my family’s Polish tradition, we would typically include things like hard boiled eggs (whether dyed by the children or white), bread, butter (sometimes in the shape of a lamb), perhaps some Polish sausage or ham, maybe some horseradish, etc. But I could see where people from other culinary backgrounds might have baskets that look very different. If your Easter meal is a big Italian feast, I could see a basket of things like pasta noodles, fresh tomatoes, and blocks of Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. Fruits or candies that would be part of dessert would also work well. I recently spoke to a family that told me one of their customs is to include in the basket (in addition to their food items) their “Easter candles” that they will light in their home to celebrate Easter—which I thought was a wonderful idea!



### **Why bless Easter baskets?**

The act of bringing food to the church to be blessed helps us to recall that all of the food we have is ultimately a gift from God. It is a recognition that the bounty of the earth is a gift from our Creator. It also acknowledges that there is something holy and sacred about gathering together for a meal on this holiest of all days. Finally, since most families will not have a priest present at their Easter table to say grace and bless their food, this is one way by which that “priestly blessing” is made present to families on Easter.

### **I’m excited! When will this be happening?**

This year, we will bless Easter baskets at **8:45 a.m. on Holy Saturday**. Just before that, from 8 to 8:30 a.m., the Dominican community will be praying the Office of Readings & Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours in the church, to which everyone in the parish is invited to come and join in. After those prayers conclude, there will be a brief pause, during which those with Easter baskets will be invited to come forward and place the baskets in the sanctuary in front of the altar. (If you are coming for the prayers with the Dominicans beforehand, please keep your baskets with you in your pew until after the Liturgy of the Hours has concluded and families are invited to bring forward their baskets.) The brief pause will also allow the celebrant to vest and prepare for the blessing. The blessing ceremony itself will start at 8:45 a.m. and last less than 15 minutes.

This custom is near and dear to my heart. It is my hope that many in our parish will find it a meaningful and moving addition to your celebration of Easter this year and beyond.

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

## **PRAYER FROM** **ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



### **Prayer before Penance**

O most tender and loving God, because I have so grievously sinned against you, I am ready to make perfect satisfaction to your divine justice. Look, therefore, O most loving Father, on me, your shackled debtor, and grant me strength and grace to offer my penance according to your most holy will. Amen.

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Raising of Lazarus*, Bonnat (1870)



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 30:** Talent Show Auditions
- **April 2:** Mother/Son Bowling | 3-5 p.m.
- **April 3:** Passion Play | 7 p.m.
- **April 5:** Third Trimester Midterm
- **April 6:** Holy Thursday (No School)
- **April 7:** Good Friday (No School)
- **April 10-16:** Easter Break

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

On the morning of Friday, March 17, we welcomed our students' grandparents and special guests for Grandparents Day. Students gave their grandparents and guests tours of the school and then attended Mass with them. After Mass, our kindergarten through third grade students put on our annual Primary Program, a short production in which the students sing songs. The students were then dismissed early to enjoy lunch with their grandparents and guests. Here are a few pictures from the day.



## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of March 27, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WE'RE HIRING!**

Check out our new open positions for the 2023-2024 school year at [stgertrudesch.org/employment](https://stgertrudesch.org/employment).

## MOMS' RETREAT

The weekend of March 17-19 was our annual St. Gertrude School Moms' Retreat. Themed "I Am with You Always, Christ's Presence to Us in the Blessed Sacrament," the retreat was held at Maria Stein Spiritual Center and led by Father Peter Fegan, O.P. Everyone enjoyed stepping back from the craziness of everyday life to focus on their faith and build meaningful friendships with other SGS moms. There were opportunities for Mass, reflection, adoration, Reconciliation, and walking the beautiful grounds.



## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



Apply at [stgertrudesch.org/apply](https://stgertrudesch.org/apply)

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## **(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: ENTER IN**

WALTER PLUMMER, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

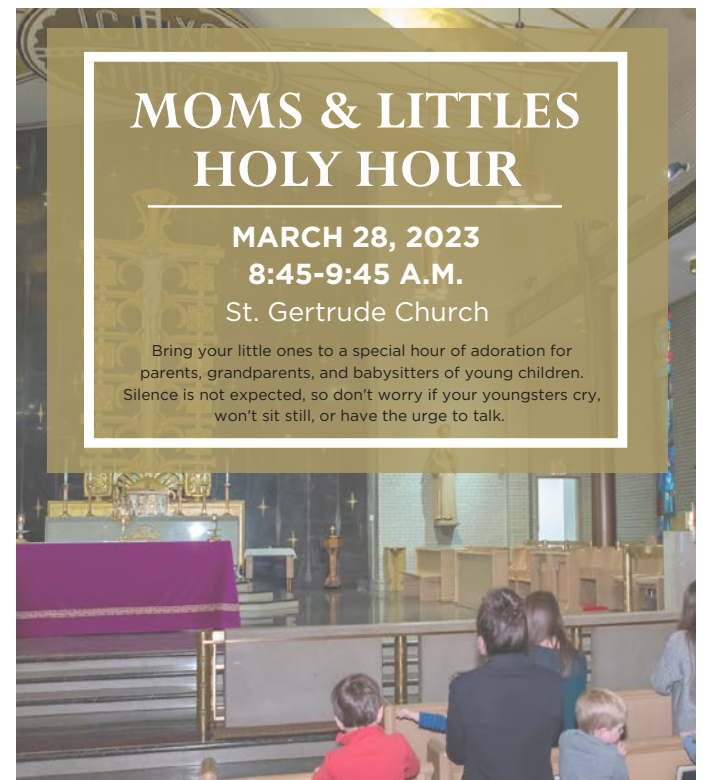
When I was in college, I was blessed to be able to attend RCIA with my dad. At the session, our pastor, Father Neil, led us through a reflection on the same Gospel we hear this Sunday—the raising of Lazarus. Like any good pastor, Father Neil had the Father’s heart for his people. He wanted to see his spiritual sons and daughters come close to Jesus, to be with him, to be like him. So he invited us to enter into that story with our hearts and minds and personally encounter Jesus.

Maybe it’s because I’m a child of the feelings-driven culture of the 1990s and early 2000s, but I’m always a little leery about “entering into the story” and “seeing what it feels like.” That imagination stuff somehow feels too . . . touchy-feely. The heroes of my adolescence and young adulthood are men like Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, C.S. Lewis, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Jason Evert, and Chris Stefanick, whose clear-eyed and not-so-warm-and-fuzzy reiterations of the Gospel message are a cool breeze in the self-enclosed “do-what-feels-right-to-you” culture. The anchor-less feeling soup of a me-centered culture needs something it can’t find on its own: a firm foundation and a destination. My life and yours need a real stake in the ground of something bigger than just our appetites and preferences. Life needs purpose, a destiny that is beyond us, because none of us actually created ourselves, which means that none of us has sole ownership of where we’re headed. Rather, we have been dropped in mid-story, and a good life is one lived in right response to reality, not in fitting reality to ourselves. It is only in knowing where we are from and where we are going that we can truly find where we’ve been and find ourselves today. So entering the Lazarus story to “personally feel” the love of Jesus Christ just seemed . . . off. But (as you are probably already anticipating because y’all are holier than me), entering into the stories of the Gospels is anything but a self-centered experience. Being confronted with the presence of the incarnate Son of God has a funny way of drawing us out of ourselves. As C.S. Lewis puts it in his book *Miracles*, “An ‘impersonal God’—well and good. A subjective God of beauty, truth and goodness, inside our own heads—better still. A formless life-force surging through us, a vast power which we can tap—best of all. But God himself, alive, pulling at the other end of the cord, perhaps approaching at an infinite speed, the hunter, King, husband—that is quite another matter.”

As we sat and entered into the mystery of Christ’s life in the story of Lazarus, I didn’t get to “Walter-ize” Jesus - he “Jesus-ized” me. I knew that call, that hunt, that pursuit from Jesus the Bridegroom in my own mind, in my own heart. I knew him and knew that he had told me all that I had ever done, all my desires and fears and gifts and brokenness. I knew that he knew me and looked at me with love, like the rich young man who came to him seeking eternal life. He had entered into my story as I entered into his. And then he said, “Untie him, and let him go.” He had entered

my feeling-soup, and in those words, invited me to remember where I am going. He knew how I felt and what I wanted most. And without losing those desires, he invited me into my destiny. The clear-eyed truth was united to love in his invitation to come, follow him, to remain in him, to know the Father and to know the Son, for this in itself is eternal life. Through him, with him, and in him, I had been invited to come and share in my master’s joy—which meant to share in his work. To get his life, his light, his mercy, his peace, his freedom, his very self into my bones, into the very squishy, soupy middle of who I am and join him in his mission. To participate in his destination and so to find mine. Raised up with Lazarus, I heard clearly that my life’s work is to join my Lord in untying the ties of the tomb, those falsehoods, wounds, and vices that hold us back from the fullness of life that he offers. And the reason I’m telling you this is because I think it’s your work, too, because he’s my God and your God, my Father and yours.

The Father’s heart is made known to us in his Son (cf. CCC 516) so that we might be with him as he is (cf. 1 John 3:2). He wants us to be with him. To be like him. To enter into his heart always means to meet Jesus personally. Today, I think you and I need to do that again. (We might need to do this tomorrow as well. And maybe the next day, too.) Spend some time with the Gospel story. Enter into the mystery of his life and let him into yours. And then let him invite you on mission. Share in his joy, not just in your head but in your very bones. Go to confession this week. Go to Mass. And set the captives free.





**HELPING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND**

Christians in the Holy Land rely heavily on our help. The proceeds from the annual Good Friday collection instill hope in them by providing funds for their parishes, academic institutions, religious education programs, and for the preservation of sacred shrines in the Holy Land. You can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who live and work where Jesus walked on this earth. Please plan now to make your donation on Good Friday to this vitally important work.

**BAPTISM**

Saturday, March 4, 2023



Child: Paul Ezra Burwinkel  
Parents: Joseph & Jennifer Burwinkel  
Priest: Father Robert Barnell

Sunday, March 5, 2023



Child: Logan James Berger  
Parents: David & Kara Berger

Sunday, March 12, 2023



Child: Cecilia Marie Mascarenhas  
Parents: Rio & Meaghan Mascarenhas

**LENTEN FISH FRY**

Friday, March 31  
5-7:30 p.m.  
St. Gertrude Gym

Dine-in and carryout available.  
View the menu, place your carryout order, or sign up to volunteer at [stgertrude.org/fishfry](http://stgertrude.org/fishfry).



**FALL 2023 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Is your daughter interested in playing volleyball next fall? St. Gertrude Parish's volleyball is open to all girls of the parish who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2023-2024 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 28. Regular registration ends May 17. For more information and to register, please visit [sgsbulldogs.org](http://sgsbulldogs.org).

**EASTER NOVENA**

The Dominican fathers will be celebrating a novena of Masses starting on Easter, April 9. If you would like them to include any special intentions, please fill out a novena card (available at the entrances of the church) and return it, along with the remittance envelope, before Easter. All donations go to support the priory.

**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

THE SICK:

Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, 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, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Judy Sullivan, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† All Our Beloved Dead

## LENTEN MORNING REFLECTION

During this sacred season of Lent, take time to slow down, pray, and listen to God's Word. Join us on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a Lenten Morning Reflection at the Jesuit Spiritual Center Arrupe Retreat House (5361 South Milford Rd., 45150). The morning will include Lectio and Visio Divina and help you find peace in community, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. To register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or email [reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com](mailto:reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com). Freewill offering.

## HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION

Next weekend, April 1-2, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) collecting items for Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties. The center's greatest needs this year are sheets, blankets, hand/bath towels, Crock-Pots, and handheld can openers. Items needed on a regular basis include personal hygiene items (bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and men's and women's deodorant) and practical household items (paper towels, toilet paper, Tide PODS laundry detergent, and dish soap). Additionally, they need Tupperware bowls with lids and mattresses with built-in air pumps for clients. Cash or check donations are also gratefully appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

## JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All men of the parish (18 years old+) are invited to the Parish Center after any Mass this weekend to learn more about the Knights of Columbus—the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world—and to watch a short video about the Knight's founder and soon-to-be-saint, Father Michael McGivney. Our very own pastor, Father John Paul Walker, is featured in the video! Members of St. Gertrude Parish's Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be present to answer any questions and provide information about becoming a Knight. Fun fact: All of St. Gertrude Church's priests and novices are members of the Knights of Columbus.



Join Us!  
Saturday, April 15, 2023  
Lunken Airport Playfield  
Benefiting the work of Cincinnati Right to Life



REGISTER NOW! [RUNSIGNUP.COM/HEARTBEATSFORLIFE5K](https://RUNSIGNUP.COM/HEARTBEATSFORLIFE5K)  
Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., Race starts at 10!

## YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced "retro-vi" with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2023 program, beginning with a weekend April 14-16, 2023, call (513) 486-6222 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](https://HelpOurMarriage.com).

## PREGNANCY CENTER WEST IS HIRING

Pregnancy Center West, saving the unborn since 1981, seeks a new executive director for its westside ministry. If you, or someone you know, have wanted to take a leadership role in the pro-life cause, here's a wonderful opportunity. For more information and to apply, please visit: [catholicjobs.com/job/5042157038](https://catholicjobs.com/job/5042157038).

## PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Cincinnati area, especially RN/RDMS positions. Please visit [enlc.life/careers/](https://enlc.life/careers/) for more information or to apply.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Jewish Hospital – Mercy Health (4777 E. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati) is in need of volunteers to serve in our hospital. Now that we have returned to some state of normalcy post-COVID, we are excited to rebuild our volunteer community. We are warmly welcoming new volunteers to become an integral part of our healthcare team. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, including welcoming and assisting patients and visitors at our hospital lobby, the Women's Center, and family waiting rooms; providing clerical support; delivering mail and flowers, and more. Please call (513) 686-5330 for details.

## 40 HOURS OF DEVOTION

You are invited to "behold the Lamb of God" in 40 Hours of Devotion at Presentation Ministries' Devotion and Family Campout Retreat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio, June 9-11. Enjoy family, fellowship, and teaching—in addition to daily Mass, confession, and spending time in the True Presence of God in the Eucharist. This is for those beginning in their faith journey, as well as those who have been on the path for a while. The Lord will meet you where you are. The cost is a freewill offering. Register early for dorm rooms and to view the schedule for meals and other details. To register, visit [presentationministries.com/events/view/event-40-hours-devotion-and-family-campout](https://presentationministries.com/events/view/event-40-hours-devotion-and-family-campout) or call (513) 373-2397.



### **ASK A PRIEST— CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** What is the difference between a catechumen and a candidate?

**A:** Lately it's been great to see St. Gertrude Church welcoming so many new people into the parish, often entire families!

Among these, to my special delight, have been individuals and families who are seeking to learn about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith and who are coming from different faith backgrounds and/or Christian communities.

Our **Become Catholic program** has been a helpful “landing pad” for many such people, in addition to attendance at our parish Masses and events. Further, the **RCIA/RCIC** component (i.e. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) of the Become Catholic program becomes very visible this time of year, with minor exorcisms and special blessings for “catechumens” and “candidates” at select Sunday Masses. Starting with Holy Week through Easter Sunday, the Become Catholic participants will be very visible at our main parish liturgies.

**Catechumens** are unbaptized people who have been recognized at a Rite of Acceptance as desiring the faith of the Church. They are more or less slated to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion at the upcoming Easter Vigil. They include children beyond age seven through adulthood.<sup>1</sup> The Church takes special care to give them the time and space to ask questions and learn about being a member of the Catholic Church. St. Gertrude Church provides instruction in Catholic doctrine, the Christian moral life, the sacraments, and prayer for catechumens through Become Catholic, whether they are little children, teenagers, or adults.<sup>2</sup> Become Catholic is more than just a class, and priests and parishioners act as catechists and mentors in the Catholic life. Formation continues even after Easter with a 50-day period of spiritual formation (i.e. “Mystagogy”) and incorporation into parish life.

**Candidates** are fellow Christians who desire full communion with the Catholic Church and the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Although people in this situation can be received into the Catholic Church throughout the year, we usually designate a special Mass for their reception and sacraments on Easter Sunday (this year, the 12 p.m. Mass). The Become Catholic program usually includes some fellow Christians who have decided to seek full, visible communion with the Catholic Church. A third group we frequently

include in formation as well as the rites of initiation are adults who were baptized Catholic once upon a time, but were prevented until now from receiving Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Finally, I should mention **inquirers**, or those who join us for Mass and Become Catholic formation without having yet made a firm commitment to pursue the sacraments. It's been marvelous to see individuals and families come into our parish at various points during the year and then decide to seek out some advice and formation through the Become Catholic program.

- 1 In our Roman Catholic tradition, unbaptized “infants” (from birth until age 7) are eligible for an abbreviated process, namely, infant Baptism. They receive Confirmation and Holy Communion at the normal times with other Catholic children.
- 2 Our main group meets on Monday nights, September-late May/ early-June, in the Parish Center. Children receive special preparation through parish and school catechists and teachers.

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



### **LENTEN REMINDERS - FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 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.



| Monday,<br>March 27                                      | Tuesday,<br>March 28  | Wednesday,<br>March 29  | Thursday,<br>March 30                                     | Friday,<br>March 31  | Saturday,<br>April 1   | Sunday,<br>April 2   |
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| Schola Cantorum<br>3:30 p.m.<br>PC Choir Room            | Moms & Little<br>Ones Holy Hour<br>8:45 a.m.<br>Church                                | SGS PTO Exec.<br>Board Meeting<br>8 a.m.<br>School Cafeteria                        | Cana Family –<br>Year 2<br>9:30 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby | Walking with<br>Purpose Bible<br>Study<br>8:30 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby | Las Guadalupanas<br>9 a.m.<br>St. Joseph Room                                      | LofC Hope<br>Emergency Center<br>Collection<br>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses<br>Sharing Van  |
| Become Catholic<br>(RCIA)<br>7 p.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby | Cana Family –<br>Year 1<br>9 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby                                | Schola Cantorum<br>3:30 p.m.<br>PC Choir Room                                       | CGS Level I<br>11:15 a.m.<br>Atrium I                     | 33 Days to<br>Merciful Love<br>12:30 p.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby           | St. Anne & Child<br>Mary Guild<br>9 a.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby                      | Rosary Sales<br>After 8, 10 & 12 Masses<br>St. Dominic Lobby                           |
| Healing Rosary<br>7 p.m.<br>Church                       | True Devotion to<br>Mary<br>12:30 p.m.<br>St. Dominic Lobby                           | Cub Scouts<br>6:30 p.m.<br>School Cafeteria   | Parish Choir<br>7 p.m.<br>PC Choir Room                   | Lenten Fish Fry<br>5-7:30 p.m.<br>Parish Center Gym                      | First Saturday<br>Anointing of the<br>Sick<br>After 11:30 Mass<br>Church           | CGS Level I & II<br>9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>Atrium I & II                               |
| Pastoral Council<br>Meeting<br>7 p.m.<br>K of C Hall     | Strategic Planning<br>Executive/Core<br>Team Meeting<br>5:30 p.m.<br>School Cafeteria | Special Lenten Holy<br>Hour with Reflection<br>& Confessions<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Church |   | Stations of the<br>Cross<br>7 p.m.<br>Church                             | LofC Hope<br>Emergency Center<br>Collection<br>After 4:30 p.m. Mass<br>Sharing Van | Family Faith –<br>Parent & Child<br>Session<br>9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>School Cafeteria |
| Seasons of Hope<br>7 p.m.<br>St. Joseph Room             | Strategic Planning<br>Workshop #3<br>6:30 p.m.<br>School Cafeteria                    |   |   |  |  | L'alto: High School<br>Night<br>7 p.m.<br>School Cafeteria                             |
|  | Boy Scouts<br>7 p.m.<br>Gym   |   |   |  |  |  |
|  | Cana Family –<br>Year 1<br>7 p.m.<br>Holy Family<br>Conference Room                   |   |   |  |  |  |

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**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report**  
Collection for March 19

|                |     |        |
|----------------|-----|--------|
| Collection     | \$  | 32,333 |
| Weekly Budget  | \$  | 36,500 |
| Weekly Deficit | (\$ | 4,167) |

2nd Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$2,799

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

|                    |    |           |
|--------------------|----|-----------|
| Fiscal YTD Actual  | \$ | 1,449,653 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget  | \$ | 1,400,500 |
| Fiscal YTD Surplus | \$ | 49,153    |

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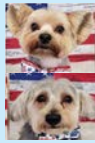
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