MY GOD, MY GOD WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

VERITAS ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, April 11, Monday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke
- 8 a.m. Marie Hunchuck by Kim Hunchuck
- 11:30 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Nancy DeBrunner

Tuesday, April 12, Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. †Lee Walsh by Julie & John Murdock
- 8 a.m. †Anne Siebert by Sherry Schuler
- 11:30 a.m. Catherine Darnell by Nancy Lucas

Wednesday, April 13, Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8 a.m. †Dave Taylor by Margaret Hess
- 11:30 a.m. †Maria Xuan Dang by Thien Cao

Thursday, April 14, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) No morning Masses are permitted No scheduled Confessions

No scheduled Conlessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - Incense, Procession, Adoration until 10 p.m.
 - 10 p.m. Night Prayer

Friday, April 15, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) No Masses are permitted

No scheduled Confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion
- 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross with the Entombment of Christ

Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday

No Masses are permitted until the Easter Vigil No scheduled Confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 9 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Incense For the newly received Catholics from the RCIA program

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant Incense
- 12 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant Minimal Incense
- 6 p.m. Easter Novena

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confessions will resume on Tuesday, April 19.

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

April 10 | Palm Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. Mass

April 14 | Holy Thursday 8 a.m. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Church)

7:30 p.m. Mass of Our Lord's Supper 10 p.m. Night Prayer (Church)

April 15 | Good Friday (No Mass)

8 a.m. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Church) 3 p.m. Celebration of Our Lord's Passion (Communion Service) 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Entombment of Christ

April 16 | Holy Saturday

8 a.m. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Church) 9 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

April 17 | Easter 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. Mass

No reservations are needed for any of these liturgies.

CHAPEL CLOSURE

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Wednesday, April 13, through Sunday, April 17. The chapel will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 18.





PALM SUNDAY

Today, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. The blessing of the palm branches and our jubilant singing of the processional hymn unites us with the mystery of God's love for us. We sing "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in

the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest" (Entrance Antiphon). We sing with fervor and celebrate with joy this holy day; we confidently enter into this Holy Week during which we recall the great events of our salvation and redemption.

Why do we have such fervor, joy, and confidence? We believe and experience in our lives that the death of Jesus has washed away our sins and his resurrection has purchased our justification. We live on the other side of the Resurrection and now live in the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Most certainly, we confess and acknowledge that it was our sins that he bore; it was our sufferings that he endured. St. John teaches us: "If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 Jn 1:9).

Forgiveness and new life in Christ are the gifts we receive through confession of sin and faith in Jesus as the Son of God raised from the dead. The love that is revealed and offered to us through the events celebrated during Holy Week intends to penetrate our hard and sinful hearts. Why? Because love, not coercion or punishment, changes our hearts to love, follow, and obey the One who has first loved us. The grace of salvation gives us the hope that Christ will continually transform us so that we, too, may participate in the victory and freedom of the Resurrection.

Let us pray for one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.



GOOD FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REMINDER

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Good Friday (April 15) is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. 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.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

REVERENCE FOR BLESSED PALMS

During the Palm Sunday liturgies, palms are blessed and distributed to the congregation. Because the palms are blessed, they are now sacramentals, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1667). Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away (they may be burned or buried). Displaying blessed palms in the home is a long-standing Catholic practice.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT HOLY COMMUNION

Archbishop Schnurr has announced that the reception of the Precious Blood of Jesus at Holy Communion in the archdiocese may resume on April 24, 2022. The availability of this option will be considered in the administration of the new pastor, taking into account health concerns and logistics.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



"... a countless legion of the most saintly men of every age and of every condition have not only held [the rosary] most dear and have most piously recited it but have also used it at all times as a most powerful weapon to overcome the devil, to preserve the purity of their lives, to acquire virtue

more zealously, in a word, to promote peace among men." - Pope Pius XI

COVER IMAGE: Christ's Entry into Jerusalem (Detail), Flandrin (1846)

Palm Sunday | April 10, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, April 11, 7 p.m. Passion Play
- Thursday, April 14 No School (Holy Thursday)
- Friday, April 15 No School (Good Friday)
- Monday, April 18–Friday, April 22 Easter Break (School and office closed)

MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following St. Gertrude Church parishioners who made Moeller High School's third quarter honor roll.

First Honors: James Collins, John Cordier, David Platt, Jack Rentrop, Michael Roncallo, Aidan Sargent, John-Paul Schuette, Chase Snyder, Henry Wordeman

Second Honors: Nicholas Gerwel, Zachary Gerwel, Kemper Hassman, Wyatt Hawk, William Holt, Christopher Joncas, Samuel Rayburn, Dean Seeger, Zachary Singler, Thomas Stines

WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

- School receptionist
- Second grade teacher
- Third grade teacher
- Latin teacher
- Social studies teacher (grades 6–8)

Please visit <u>stgertrude.org/employment</u> to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 11, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The office will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 14, and Good Friday, April 15.

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to the five SGS students who competed in the District Science Fair on Saturday, March 19! Three of these five students received awards, three of them received nominations for the Broadcom Masters National Competition, and three of them qualified for the State Science Fair! Here are the five students with their projects.





APPLY TODAY for the 2022-2023 School Year www.stgertrudesch.org/apply

EVANGELIZATION



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS: LIZ PEARSON

For the next several months, the St. Gertrude bulletin will feature an interview with one of our dedicated volunteers. This month, we're highlighting Liz Pearson, one of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechists.

Could you explain how you became involved with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)? Why were you drawn to this ministry?

I was first introduced to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2018 when we signed my daughter, Nora, up for Level 1 at St. Gertrude. I had heard many wonderful things about the Atrium experience for little children and was excited to have one of my children begin. I was immediately captivated by the beauty and child-sized environment of the Atrium. Nora would come home excited to share songs of praise, parable stories, and parts of the liturgy that she had learned in CGS. In 2019, our two 3-year olds, Felicity and Isaiah, joined the Level 1 Atrium and I was given the opportunity to assist in the Atrium. I fell in love with CGS even more! The Atrium environment fosters such peace as the children work and allows for each child to really contemplate the work they are doing for and with God. It is incredibly beautiful to accompany a child as they realize that the Lord cares for them deeply and longs to have a relationship with them. CGS helps my children understand scripture and liturgy in a way that a textbook cannot, because it is hands-on, personal, and relational. When the opportunity to be trained as a Level 1 catechist was presented to me, I was excited to say "yes."

What is the role of the catechist during a CGS session in the atrium?

The role of the catechist is primarily to *assist* the children in the atrium. As a catechist, I make sure the environment is set up in such a way that allows the children to fully participate in the works throughout the Atrium and to maintain a prayerful environment. I am constantly reminded throughout my time in the Atrium, that it is the Holy Spirit who is moving and working in the hearts and minds of the children. I am there simply to be His instrument. I present the scriptures and lessons to the children and invite them to discover the deeper meaning of the works they are doing. It is such a joy to witness their little eyes grow big as they understand, in a profound way, God's love for them.

Can you share any specific experiences or memories of children coming to know Christ and experiencing his love through CGS? I can honestly say that I get as much out of my time in the Atrium as the

children do. One Sunday, I was presenting the 'Mingling of the Water and Wine' to the children. This beautiful lesson teaches them that as the priest prepares the chalice during Mass, he mixes the wine with a few drops of water. The wine symbolizes God and His Divinity and the water symbolizes us and our humanity. As each child looked into the prepared chalice with the mixture of water and wine, I asked the children "What can this mean about how close God wants to be with us?" After a little silence, one child connected his index finger and thumb as if with magnets and said "Click! So close!" with a big smile on his face.

Another time a child was having a difficult time deciding what work to do in the Atrium. He had been wandering around for a while, when I told him to try asking the Holy Spirit to inspire him with what work he should do next. He proceeded to close his eyes tight and said a beautiful prayer out loud to the Holy Spirit. When he was finished, he smiled, said " I got it!" and turned around to work at the model altar.

Please tell us a little bit about your family and what you enjoy doing in your free time.

Doug and I were married at St. Gertrude in 2011. We have 4 beautiful children, Nora (8), Isaiah (6), Felicity (6) and Leo (10 months). Our oldest 3 love attending St. Gertrude School and I am blessed to stay

home with Leo. It has been a joy to serve in the Atrium with my own children and see their growth. Outside of school and church, we love going on hikes, bike rides, and exploring at parks. We are all very excited for Spring and the warmer weather!





Registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist training <u>ends April 25!</u>

For registration information, visit stgertrude.org/news/cgstraining.



Dickert, coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, at mbdickert@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-8369, ext. 2110.

PARISH NEWS



Do you sense that God has something more planned for you, but you don't know what it is or how to find it? Join us for Revitalize, an invigorating 7-week formation program that will **deepen your friendship with God, help you cultivate a more intentional prayer life, open your heart to the Holy Spirit,** and more.

April 28–June 9 7–9 p.m. Parish Center Lobby The spring program begins Thursday, April 28. For more information and to register, visit <u>stgertrude.org/revitalze</u>. Space is limited

ST. GERTRUDE

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 on Easter, April 17, and ending Monday, April 25. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has once again asked parishes around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Your support will help ensure that these faithful Christians will have a place to live and thrive—now and in the future. Please plan to participate in the collection this Friday, April 15. For more information about the Christians in the Holy Land, please visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

The St. Gertrude Catholic Men's Fellowship meets every second and fourth Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria. All men are welcome to attend! Join us for prayer, fellowship, Scripture, and to discuss living our faith as Catholic men. Upcoming meetings are April 9 ("Finishing Strong: Lenten Challenges") and April 23 ("Bearing Fruit"). Come, and bring a friend!

2022 CMA GOAL SURPASSED

A big thank-you to everyone who has supported the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The archdiocese has now exceeded its \$5 million goal in pledges! Our parish has also surpassed our CMA goal by 13 percent. We are very grateful for your contributions!

WE'RE HIRING!

Are you passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing and implementing faith formation content and programming for children in grades 4–8? Apply to be St. Gertrude Parish's coordinator of youth formation. Learn more about this position and apply at <u>stgertrude.org/employment</u>.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Remember your mother, grandmother, aunts, sisters, and/or friends in a beautiful way this year by enrolling them in the Mother's Day novena to be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena, consisting of nine Masses, begins on Mother's Day, May 8, and ends May 16. Novena cards will be available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office after Easter.

TEMPORARY CARETAKER NEEDED

A parishioner who is recovering from a fall needs assistance as soon as possible with morning daily living activities in her home (Madeira). The maximum amount of time per week would be 9 to 10 hours. If you are interested, please contact Katia at (214) 505-5957 to set up an interview. A background check will be required, and Council on Aging will pay the caretaker \$11.52 per hour.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Scott Boone, 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

Rita Vetter, mother of Mary Vetter Ruth Holland, mother of Mark Holland

COMMUNITY

BENGALS BACKUP BABIES AT BANQUET FOR LIFE

Join Pregnancy Center East and Cincinnati Bengals favorites Anthony Muñoz, Bob Trumpy, Dave Lapman at the Banquet for Life on Monday, April 11, at the Hyatt Regency. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and presentations from Muñoz, Trumpy, Lapman and special guest Rocky Boiman. Tickets are \$100 for individuals and \$1,000 for a table of 10. For more information, visit <u>SupportPCE.com</u>, or contact Karen at (513) 236-8006 or Anne at (513) 207-1631.

CHRISM MASS

All are invited to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. This unique Holy Week liturgy brings together the entire archdiocese, as Archbishop Schnurr will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders and then give each parish a vessel of each oil to use throughout the liturgical year.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Come to a pre-planning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (Administration Building Chapel, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249) on April 19 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and can be helpful in communicating your wishes to loved ones, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300 by April 18, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend.



HIKE WITH POETRY

Are you ready to escape winter's gray and take in some springtime green? Grab your hiking boots and join the Angelico Project for Nature Hike with Poetry at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at French Park. Nature and poetry are both known for their relaxing effect on weary souls, and poetry opens us to truths that plain spoken language can't express-—especially when viewed from a Catholic perspective! Tickets are \$5/person and available at <u>angelicoproject.org</u> or at the park on the day of the event.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING - KEEP KIDS SAFE



Misinformation about human trafficking in Ohio abounds in the media. If you want to know, firsthand, what is happening in Ohio with this issue and how to recognize, respond, and keep your loved ones safe, come to St.

Maximilian Kolbe Parish (5720 Hamilton Mason Road, Liberty Township) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, to hear Tonya Folks' presentation, "Sex and Labor Trafficking: Everyting You Need to Know, Including How to Keep Kids Safe." Tonya is the co-founder of a national anti-sex trafficking organization, owner of Human Trafficking Essentials, LLC, COO of Oasis House, and more. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., and there will be light food fare. It is recommended that no one under the age of 15 be in attendance due to the adult nature of the subject matter. The event is free, but registration (<u>saintmax.org/trafficking</u>) is encouraged for planning purposes.

GENDER IDENTITY: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR ACCOMPANIMENT

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Center for the New Evangelization (CNE) is hosting a luncheon on Friday, April 22, 2022, that offers formation on the beauty of the Church's teachings on sexual identity with tips for accompaniment. The event is geared toward parents, educators, parish catechists—anyone desiring formation on this important topic. Damon and Melanie Owens, founders of Joyful Ever After and contributors to various marriage enrichment initiatives will give the keynote presentation. The luncheon is \$10 and begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Engelwood, OH. Childcare is not available; however, mothers with infants are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit centerforthenewevangelization.org/events.

FATHER EARL K. FERNANDES APPOINTED BISHOP OF COLUMBUS

On April 2, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis has appointed Father Earl K. Fernandes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati the thirteenth bishop of the Diocese of Columbus. Father Fernandes will be consecrated and installed on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Read how Father Fernandes has ministered to the archdiocese in Archbishop Schnurr's letter to the faithful, posted at <u>stgertrude.org/news/</u><u>fernandes</u>.

DATE NIGHT WITH FR. NATHAN CROMLY

Enjoy an evening with your spouse on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212) as you learn how your marriage can change the culture. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$90 per couple and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and live music. Register at <u>bit.ly/DateNightFrNathan4302022</u>.

ASK A PRIEST



ASK A PRIEST—WHO IS ENTERING THE CHURCH THIS EASTER?

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P. Q: I heard that only some of our RCIA candidates are entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. Has something changed in our program from years past?

A: RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults) at St. Gertrude has morphed over the past few years! Whereas Become Catholic is our new label for the catch-all annual program for anyone who feels the tug to start or complete Christian initiation, RCIA envisions something narrower and more specific.

St. Gertrude always has a lot going on, so it's easy for any one of us to miss the finer points of a neighbor's faith journey. Hopefully, Jesus is the Way for each of us, but that doesn't mean everyone's journey is identical! At the Easter Vigil, the Church takes special joy in welcoming *catechumens*, those called to act upon the initial invitation to faith and approach Baptism, Confirmation, and holy Communion as *neophytes*. During the first days of the Easter season, we will hear this intention in Eucharistic Prayer I:

"Therefore, Lord, we pray, graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your own family, which we make to you also for those to whom you have been pleased to give the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit; granting them forgiveness of all their sins . . ."

Catholic adults seeking Confirmation and our fellow Christians desiring full communion with the Catholic Church have already

received the blessed rebirth of Baptism! With us, they are members of Christ who have been redeemed and graced through Jesus' death and resurrection. With us, they live a life of *ongoing conversion* that should include sacramental confession and works of penance. And so the Church offers this guidance: "Anything that would equate candidates for reception with those who are catechumens is to be absolutely avoided."¹ For the past two years, we have desired to make clear liturgically the fact that candidates are already fellow Christians. The newly-baptized join *them and us* at the Easter Vigil, because all of us have been joined to the risen Christ in Baptism.

When will we welcome our fellow Catholics missing sacraments of initiation and our adult candidates who are seeking full communion? One group of candidates will be received into the Catholic Church and/or experience Confirmation and holy Communion at the 12 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. It should be a joyful occasion for our parish and the entire Church! Others seeking to become Catholic may well enter the Church at another time during the year, with the support of our priests and lay catechists. St. Gertrude Church wishes to keep open the pathway to becoming Catholic, no matter where a person is on his or her journey with Christ and his Church. Our Monday Become Catholic program has been a great help for many in this regard.

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

¹ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), no. 477.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 11	Tuesday, April 12	Wednesday, April 13	Thursday, April 14	Friday, April 15	Saturday, April 16	Sunday, April 17
Merciful Love Video Series 12:30 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary <i>12 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Children's Choir <i>3 p.m.</i> PC St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room		Parish Office Closed		
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 4:30 p.m. Atrium II	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby		Stations of the Cross and Entombment of Christ 7 p.m. Church		
St. Gertrude School Passion Play 7 p.m. Church	Family Faith 6 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				
	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6 p.m. Atrium I & II					
	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church					
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room					

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for April 3

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Collection	\$ 38,848
Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Weekly Surplus	\$ 3,554

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,499,085
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,456,760
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 42,325



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