

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, April 17, Easter Weekday

7 a.m. Easter Novena

8 a.m. † Marge Forsthoefel by Pete & Donna Marcello 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, April 18, Easter Weekday

7 a.m. † Steven Deerwester

by Dominican Sisters, St. Gertrude Convent

8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by The Clanton Family

11:30 a.m. † Dr. Theodore Stoner, Jr. by Kevin & Susan Kane

Wednesday, April 19, Easter Weekday

7 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Sherry Schuler & Family

8 a.m. † Mary Knause by Shari Siebert

11:30 a.m. † Gregory Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter

Thursday, April 20, Easter Weekday

7 a.m. † Bettie Caudill by The Spurgin Family

8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Bob & Carol Conners

11:30 a.m. † Jane Sansalone by Tony & Keke Sansalone

Friday, April 21, Easter Weekday

7 a.m. † Fannie Fryer by Lisa Pifher

8 a.m. † Julie Nemzek by Ed & Rosemary Harding

11:30 a.m. † Earl Leonhardt by Janice & Bob Tribbe

Saturday, April 22, Easter Weekday

8 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & James Bertke

11:30 a.m. † Tom Ruthman by Jeanne Johantges

4:30 p.m. † Russell Bravard by The Vessey Family

Sunday, April 23, 3rd Sunday of Easter

8 a.m. Father George Schommer, O.P.,

by Craig & Teresa Babcock

10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude

12 p.m. † Vera & Charles Rettig by Charlene Bosken

6 p.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

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.



The Power of Divine Mercy Sunday

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (*Diary of St. Faustina*, #699)

Save the Date

Strategic Planning Process
Convocation

WEDNESDAY | MAY 10, 2023 6:30 P.M. ST. GERTRUDE GYM

Share your suggestions and vote on the top priorities for our parish and school.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Being that it is Divine Mercy Sunday, I thought the following article from The Catholic Telegraph offered a relatable perspective on God's unconditional mercy. I hope you enjoy the article and, "[d]uring the Easter season, join me in happily receiving God's mercy. Return to confession with your family, receive Holy Eucharist often and entrust your anxieties to Jesus with sure knowledge that [h]e will attend to your heart and problems.

God hears our afflictions and awaits our surrender to [h]is capable hands."

LOVE AND MERCY ITSELF

BY KATIE SKIBA

"I am love and mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for my mercy." – Jesus to St. Faustina

There's no sport as intense and simultaneously adorable as third grade basketball. With my son, Peter, on the team this season, we had front row seats to the sweetness of his young team. They were fierce, yet clumsy so that a single bump from an opposing player could result in tears. Amid one instance of rapid-fire passes and mad grabs for the basketball, one boy emerged from the pack of players to run awkwardly to the ref, where his sneakers and scuffling came to an abrupt halt. The crowd watched as the boy inaudibly pleaded with the court authority, who gently chuckled and took a knee to tie the little boy's shoe. The boy couldn't do it on his own, so he took his tiny crisis to someone who could help.

And that's what mercy is: When the capable witness or sense the difficulties of the incapable and act in place of or in conjunction with those who can't do something for themselves.

In pondering mercy, society equates it with pity or even weakness; in reality, mercy is quite the opposite. Pity in itself is a feeling, not an action; giving and receiving mercy calls for ready strength of heart over weakness.

We practice mercy daily, probably as easily as the referee that day. My 6'5" husband often grabs what is out of my reach when I ask. When my children become frustrated over homework and need a break, I get them outside to play and breathe before resuming. Mercy is noticing another's difficulty and doing something about it, whether the giver needs to take over or just be present while the receiver works through a challenge.

A favorite Old Testament reading about mercy is the Lord's appearance to Moses through the burning bush. God said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people, I have heard their cry, and know well what they are suffering, therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians" (Ex. 3:8). God told Moses that He saw, heard and knew the Hebrews' suffering well, and because they couldn't free themselves, the Lord sent a deliverer.

In the New Testament, the tax collector Zacchaeus' curiosity compelled him to climb a tree for a better look at Jesus, who was

surrounded by a crowd. Christ's act of mercy here was simply walking up to Zacchaeus, not only affording him a closer look, but also a promise for conversation during the Lord's stay at Zacchaeus' own home.

This mercy, this kindness and generosity, from Jesus is for us. God is the same as He ever was. All-loving, all-knowing, all- merciful, He offers the same mercy to us as He did to Moses and Zacchaeus. When He appeared to St. Faustina in the 1930s, He said, "Let the sinner not be afraid to approach me ... The soul that trusts in my mercy is most fortunate because I Myself take care of it." Whatever the challenge, tribulation, or minor deliberation for life-altering choices, Jesus Himself sees to our problems; not because we're helpless or clueless, but because He loves us and aches for us to know how much.

During the Easter season, join me in happily receiving God's mercy. Return to confession with your family, receive Holy Eucharist often and entrust your anxieties to Jesus with sure knowledge that He will attend to your heart and problems. God hears our afflictions and awaits our surrender to His capable hands.



Katie Sciba is a national speaker and Catholic Press Award-winning columnist. Katie has been married for 14 years and is blessed with six children. This article appeared in the June 2022 edition of The Catholic

Telegraph Magazine. For your complimentary subscription, please visit thecatholictelegraph.com/subscribe.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Divine Mercy

Hail Jesus, full of grace, mercy is with thee, and blessed art thou among the sons of men; and blessed be thy most Holy Name, thy Life, and thy Passion. O sweet Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

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PRAYING PARENTS

St. Gertrude School is forming a community of Praying Parents. Praying Parents is open to everyone and has the sole objective of praying and sacrificing each month for the school.

Every month, we will have a different theme and offer a community event. There will also be an "at home" option for those who want to participate from their own home.

For the month of April, the theme is "Adoration for the Mission of the School." Parents who would like and are able to may attend the third Wednesday of the month (April 19) Holy Hour to pray for the mission of the school. For those who cannot attend, please commit to sign up for one Holy Hour during April to pray for the mission of the school. Contact Monica Wenstrup at mkleinky@yahoo.com or Molly Morande at mbspurgin@gmail.com with any questions.

FIFTH GRADE PRESENTATIONS

Our fifth grade students have been hard at work! This semester, they each researched a Native American tribe and then presented their projects—complete with a backboard of information and a model of their tribes' dwellings—to the St. Gertrude School community. Way to go, fifth graders!



NEWS FROM MRS. CREGAN

Dear St. Gertrude Families,

After 38 years in Catholic Education, I have decided that it is now time to retire. It was a tough decision but through lots of prayer, I know it is the right one. I am eternally grateful for the years of love and support I have received here at St. Gertrude. Each child has touched my life in some way and I hope I have made a difference in theirs. I will never forget my years here. Thank you. God Bless,

Mrs. Cregan

We are grateful to Mrs. Cregan for all that she has given to the students, families and teachers of St. Gertrude School. She has been a faculty member since 2007 and has contributed much to our math program. We will miss her and wish her the best in her retirement.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **April 17:** School Resumes
- April 18: 3rd Trimester Progress Reports Published
- **April 20:** Talent Show
- April 21: Spirit Wear Dress-Down; 8th Grade Retreat
- April 22: First Communion

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of April 17, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.













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WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude Church is seeking a director of evangelization to join our team. Visit stgertrude.org/employment to learn more and apply!

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Parishioner Lisa Pifher is planning a Medjugorje Pilgrimage (leaving from Cincinnati) June 12–22. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$2,720 per person and includes airfare, transfer, hotel, and two daily meals. If you are interested in going, please contact Lisa at (513) 377-6780 or lpifher@hotmail.com.

DEFEAT THE PRO-ABORTION BALLOT

The St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Committee is hosting the Leadership Institute on Wednesday, April 19, for a special training on defeating the pro-abortion ballot initiative. In short, the abortion industry recently proposed a dangerous amendment, which would outlaw basic health and safety protections for women, eliminate parental notification and consent laws that protect minor girls, and allow painful abortions up until birth in the State of Ohio. The training is open to everyone (families are welcome), and dinner will be provided. Please sign up at bit.ly/pro-lifetraining.

Here's a complete schedule:

5:30-6 p.m. – Sign in, Dinner, Social time

6-6:30 p.m. - Introductions and information from local leaders

6:30-7 p.m. - Campaign Strategy 101

7-7:45 p.m. – Pro-Life Communications

7:45-8:30 – Voter Education and Slowing Down Circulators

For more information, please visit <u>protectwomenohio.org</u> and <u>resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/respect-life-ministries/media-events/being-pro-life</u>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of them and says: "Peace be with you!" Jesus is our model for mercy and compassion. Because of your generous donations, in March we were able to help three neighbors



with rent (totaling \$1,162) and three neighbors with utilities assistance (totaling \$1,011). We were also able to provide food and Kroger gift cards to three families. As you place your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes, rest assured that your donations are being used wisely! God bless you for showing your compassion and mercy to our neighbors in difficult situations.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Joseph & Kelsey Breitenbach Jeffrey & Tara Hogle

David Kelly Carrol Mascarenhas Lauren Reder Joseph & Karen Rizzo Don & Karen Schornak David & Janelle Thompson Susan Tuke

Children & Youth Faith Formation

Registration for our summer 2023 and 2023-2024 academic year faith formation programs is now open!

We have programs for children and teens of all ages, including:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3-grade 3)
- Sacramental Formation (generally grade 2)
- Family Faith (grades 4-6)
- Confirmation Preparation (grades 7-8)
- Junior High Youth Ministry (grades 7-8)
- L'alto: High School (grades 9-12)

Register today at <u>buytickets.at/stgertrude</u>.





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, Debbie Van Hise 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

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 is holding its annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church located in the Overthe-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. Over the past 12 years, the generous parishioners of St. Gertrude Church have donated \$87,000 to help Old St. Mary's provide education and care for women during and after pregnancy.

The Knights will be handing out baby bottles after all Masses this weekend, April 15-16. Please fill the bottles with change, currency, or checks and bring them back when you attend Mass the weekend of April 22-23 or April 29-30. You can also return the filled bottles to the parish office. The Knights will donate 100 percent of the funds raised to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center on behalf of St. Gertrude Parish. We thank you, in advance, for your generous support of life!

LADIES OF CHARITY WELCOMES 6 NEW MEMBERS

On Saturday, March 11, the St. Gertrude Church Ladies of Charity (LoC) celebrated six new members with an investiture Mass and luncheon. Please join us in welcoming Lynn Alley, Patricia Borger, Jan Cremons, Jeannie Mueller, Michelle Ruscher, and Jennifer Sammeroff to our mission.



The Ladies of Charity is a group of women who are passionate about helping vulnerable people in our community move from marginalization and despair to participation and hope. The LoC at St. Gertrude Church live this call in several ways, including the annual fall Craft & Gift Show and Bake Sale (proceeds go to help local charities), Annual Treasure Mart (proceeds go to help local charities), Thanksgiving Food Drive, Annual Christmas Giving Tree Project, and weekend collections for local charities. You can learn more about the LoC at steperstrude.org/ladiesofcharity or aic.ladiesofcharity.us/. If you would like to be a part of this dynamic team, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or jeanhwilkinson@gmail.com.

RETREAT FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Office for Persons with Disabilities invites adults with special needs (18 and older) to a retreat on April 22, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Albert the Great (3033 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, OH 45429). The retreat, hosted by NET Ministries, will include a Family Mass at 12 p.m. with Father Kyle Schnippel. The cost is \$25, and caregivers/parents are welcome to attend. To register, visit resources.catholicaoc.org/event/adults-with-special-needs-retreat. (Registration required; limited space.) If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Averion at laverion@catholicaoc.org or (937) 281-4128.

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING!

Lent prepares us for Easter Joy—and now we sing, "Alleluia is our song." In hope, we sing of new life in Christ. In faith, we believe that one day we will share in that new life. Being prepared is everything! Setting aside time to prepare for final arrangements will be hopefilled. Gate of Heaven Cemetery Family Services advisors invite you to attend the April Preplanning Seminar on April 25, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249). Please RSVP by April 24 to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

"BEING PRO-LIFE" PODCAST



Groups in Ohio are proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution that would enshrine abortion rights at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. In his latest podcast, Bob Wurzelbacher, director of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Respect Life Ministries and St. Gertrude Church

parishioner, talks with Peter Range, executive director of Ohio Right to Life, about the 2023 Ohio Ballot Initiative, "Right to Reproductive Freedom." Listen now at resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/respect-life-ministries/media-events/being-pro-life to learn more about this extreme amendment that will instill a right to abortion and other "reproductive services" with no restrictions.

MADE FOR MORE

Renowned speaker and author Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione are coming to St. Susanna Catholic Church (616 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040) on May 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with a beautiful multi-media event called *Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land*. This is being offered through a collaboration of St. Ignatius, St. Gertrude, and St. Susanna parishes, The Angelico Project, *Embodied* magazine, and The Cor Project. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at M4Mcincy.eventbrite.com. Bring your family and friends.

ASK A PRIEST—

NEW ASSIGNMENTS FOR FATHER MICHAEL AND FATHER JOHN MARK

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Are any of the friars being reassigned this summer?

A: Here are two separate messages from Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P. (novice master), and myself, Father John Mark Solitario, O.P. (parochial vicar):



Message from Father Michael

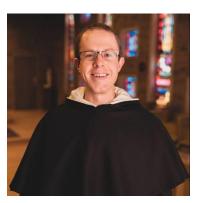
Dear Parishioners,

Thanks be to God for my years at St. Gertrude Church and Priory! I have enjoyed being the novice master for seven classes of novices, but my term is coming to end. While I am sad to depart this August, I am excited that Father Darren Pierre, O.P., will be the new novice master for the class arriving on July 22. I have often thought Father Darren would be my ideal replacement, so I can easily see God's providential guidance in this decision.

I have been offered a two-month sabbatical with my 94-year-old father, and if he is strong enough, we will pursue his dream of driving to Alaska together. Afterward, I will be moving to St. Dominic's Priory in Washington, D.C., to help with a new preaching initiative. At least, that is the current plan.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, my mind goes to the beautiful teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas on God's mercy. Whenever God reaches down into difficulties, imperfections, sadness or evil, and draws forth something good, that is his mercy. Although I may be sad to leave behind the many friends in this wonderful parish and priory, I fully trust in God's goodness toward me and to each one of you. With my prayers,

Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P.



Message from Father John Mark

St. Gertrude Church Parishioners,

Some of you have already anticipated this, and now it's time to say: after three grace-filled years as a parochial vicar at St. Gertrude, I have received a new assignment. Dominican life is shaped by the vow of obedience we make on our profession day; I have been asked by our prior provincial to assist in an exciting, relatively new preaching apostolate: the Thomistic Institute (T.I.) based at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Starting this summer, I join a team of priests and lay people who devote themselves to fostering the conversation between faith and reason on college campuses around the nation (check out thomisticinstitute.org). The T.I. supports chapters at 80+ campuses around the country, develops online content accessible to all, and hosts intellectual and spiritual retreats in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere. It will be an adventure for me!

But of course, I would be remiss not to celebrate the fact that Dominican life is also shaped by God's mercy. Especially during the past years at St. Gertrude Church, I have received an outpouring of God's love through my confreres and so many people in our parish. I have learned here in profound ways how to be a mercy-full priest after the heart of Jesus. I have loved my life and ministry here, at once challenging and wonderful, to help you have a deep encounter with him. I want to ask your mercy for the times I failed to do this faithfully. Following Pentecost, I will depart St. Gertrude a richer priest than when I arrived. As I go and another friar takes my place, I beseech your ongoing prayers.

Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.

Ask a Priest is the 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!

Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18	Wednesday, April 19	Thursday, April 20	Friday, April 21	Saturday, April 22	Sunday, April 23
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Prayer Shawl 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	St. Gertrude School PTO Meeting 8:10 a.m. School Cafeteria		Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	KofC Baby Bottle Pick-up After all Masses Outside Church
Angelico Project Philosophy Study Group 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I & II 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Cana Family – Year 2 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m Masses Gym
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	LofC Craft Fair Planning meeting 6 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		SGS First Communion 2 p.m. Church	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Respect Life Training Event 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		KofC Baby Bottle Pick-up After 4:30 p.m. Mass Outside Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 <i>p.m.</i> Church	KofC Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria			Marriage Encounter Group 5 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
KofC Executive Meeting 7 p.m. KofC Hall	Moms of Special Needs Support Group 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				L'alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
	SGS SAC Meeting		INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH?			

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We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

OFFERING

School Library

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for April 9

 Collection
 \$ 42,029

 Weekly Budget
 \$ 50,000

 Weekly Deficit
 (\$ 7,971)

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: \$3,181

Easter Flowers: \$4,077

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

Fiscal YTD Actual \$ 1,567,425 Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 1,523,500 Fiscal YTD Surplus \$ 43,925

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN 4/30/23

MATERIALS DUE 4/19/23

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Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

Father Darren Pierre, O.P.

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Liturgical Ministries

Parish Choir - Christopher Holman cholman@stgertrude.org Contemporary Music Ensemble - Paul Kindt (513) 697-9208 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (513) 561-5954 Lectors -(513) 561-5954 Resurrection Choir - Marty Cunningham (513) 891-4226 The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild -(513) 382-3513 Ann McCormick St. Joseph the Worker Society (513) 561-5954 **Ushers -** Douglas Postler (513) 791-6298 Viri Selecti - Ben Hoffmann pxaw@hotmail.com Youth Choir - Christopher Holman cholman@stgertrude.org

Spiritual Groups

Adult Bible Study -	(513) 561-5954					
Angelic Warfare Confraternity – Father John Mark Solitario, O.P.	(513) 561-5954					
Benedictine Oblates - Mark Milliron	(513) 536-6275					
CANA Family For Mothers -						
Anita Pappalardo	(513) 248-8237					
Catholic Men's Fellowship - Stan Lloyd	(513) 289-5268					
Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary -						
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Dominican Laity (Our Lady of Peace) -						
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Seasons of Hope - Cindy Hertzel	(513) 368-8941					
Special Needs Moms Support Group -						
Laura Nanista	(513) 301-6317					
True Devotion to Mary - Anne Collins	(513) 984-4708					

Parish Groups

Martha Thompson

Athletic Boosters - Rob Gruber	(513) 256-2566
Boy Scouts - Rob Schuette	(513) 333-0040
Cub Scouts - Chris De Brunner	(513) 379-1010
Garden Club	(513) 561-5954
Lenten Fish Fry – Rob Mancini	(513) 520-6360
Little Flower Library - Susan Santos	(513) 504-0205
Parish Coffee - Mark Findley	(513) 417-9227

Walking with Purpose Bible Study (Women) -

mbthom22@gmail.com





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