

#### MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

#### Monday, April 26, Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Carol Coors/Melanie & John Sheridan 8:00 a.m. †Eleanor Bermingham/The Rose Family

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

#### Tuesday, April 27, Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Jose Licea/Mary Beth & Gertrude Stuntebeck

8:00 a.m. †Mary Schmiesing/Pam & Justin Chmiel

†Mary Lou Brockman/John & Marguerite Stowe 11:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday, April 28, Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Geoffrey Wallace/Anne Schirmer 8:00 a.m. †Barbara Dugan/The Cordier Family

11:30 a.m. †Robert & Lois Rapien/Kathy & Morris Andes

#### Thursday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, OP (F)

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

The Schirmer Family

8:00 a.m. †Dorothy Arozarena/Rita Roberts

11:30 a.m. Robert & Mary Bartel/Sal & Teri Forlini

#### Friday, April 30, St. Pius V, OP (M)

7:00 a.m. †Ann Lukey/Shari Siebert & Shirley Geglein 8:00 a.m. Rita & †George Roberts/Laura Ringenbach

11:30 a.m. †Anne Marie Reilly/Mary Petric

## **BAPTISM**



Child: Joseph Israel Ater Parents: Sarah & Sean Ater

#### **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

Marianne Branham Joseph Heyob Kim & Cynthia Caswell Hannah Hope Mark & Lisa Cook Janice Kennedy Sherri Maetzold Ted & Mary Beth DeMatteo Jonathan & Kara Doerger Patricia Raymond Mason Eckley Patricia Varner

#### Saturday, May 1, Easter Weekday

†Tim Ney/Patty & Jim Hook 8:00 a.m. †The Kohus & Bough Families/ 11:30 a.m.

John & Hilda Bough

#### May 1-2, 5th Sunday of Easter

**Saturday** – 4:30 p.m.

Family & Friends of Tom Schott/Tom Schott

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

People of St. Gertrude

†Mary Kay Feighery/John Feighery †Michael Morgan/The Morgan Family †Jane Thole/Kevin & Anne Lynch

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

### Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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



### Save the Dates June 12 & 13

St. Gertrude is a host-site for the historical Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage for the Visit of the Our Lady of Fatima Statue.

We will need parishioners to host the 10 Statue Guardians who will be arriving at our Parish Saturday June 12. We are looking for parishioners who would host one or more pilgrims in their home overnight and provide breakfast the next morning.

We are also looking for parishioners that would be interested in serving on our Marian Pilgrimage Committee. If you are interested please contact Richard Sammons at 513-675-1122 or Rick@RightPathCFO@gmail.com



Joseph & Catherine Hansbauer



# HEARING THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD DAILY

Today, on what is called "Good Shepherd Sunday," Jesus claims each of us as His own because He lays down His life for the sheep. Through His death

and Resurrection, He has delivered us from sin and death and brought us into the one flock that He shepherds. It is within this flock that we hear His voice.

Hearing the voice of Jesus in our lives is essential to the development of faith in Him. He speaks to us in many ways, primarily through the Scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and the celebration of the sacraments. As the Church teaches us in Dei Verbum (The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council), "in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life." Consequently, these words are perfectly applicable to Sacred Scripture: "For the word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12) and "it has power to build you up and give you your heritage among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32; see 1 Thess. 2:13) St. Ambrose says, "We have been given Sacred Scripture so that God and man may talk together; for we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying."

I share this teaching with you as a word of encouragement for your daily personal prayer. I frequently encounter parishioners who express a longing for intimacy with God, but find a dryness



or emptiness. Some feel they are just going "through the motions" of Catholic life without experiencing their effects; other report that prayers, devotions, etc. seem disconnected from the lived experience of marriage, family, work, school, and a whole list of problems. But innumerable people throughout the history of the church have experienced the personal encounter and relationship

with Jesus precisely through prayer with Sacred Scripture and an ongoing study of it. The Acts of the Apostles relates that the Church was continually recalling and reflecting upon Sacred Scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We see how the early Christians and the local communities struggled at times to apply the word of God to daily life, but they persevered in prayer and lived with the longing for a deeper friendship with Christ.

The rebuilding and renewal of our parish life will find its strength and vitality when all of us are praying every day, not only for our own needs, but also for the needs of the parish. When led by the Holy Spirit, our daily prayer will provide the wisdom and guidance that unites us with one another in a bond of fellowship.

My hope relies on God to rebuild and renew our parish as He speaks to each person and forms him into a more perfect image of Christ His Son. I believe that we can expect the Holy Spirit to strengthen our prayer individually and manifest His grace and power in the parish. I invite you to join me in this hope.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

## FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Once the Lord said to me, Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms than he asked for, but offers thanks the more fervently. You too, should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving

greater graces when I give them to you. I know you are unworthy, but rejoice all the more and take as many treasures from My Heart as you can carry, for then you will please Me more. And I will tell you one more thing – take these graces not only for yourself, but also for others; that is, encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me – I will do everything for them. (Diary, #294)

**COVER IMAGE:** "Loving Shepherd," photo by Very Rev. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Detail of a mosaic in San Lorenzo fuori le mura in Rome of Christ the Good Shepherd, combined with an image of the Sacred Heart.

# Make An Impact

By joining others in support of the St. Gertrude School Annual Fund



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\$8,500



50 donors each giving \$100 \$5.000



Support ongoing schoolwide programming



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Although recognition levels are specific to financial giving, each gift of prayer, involvement and financial participation is cherished and will be recognized in our campaign.

For over 85 years, St. Gertrude School has been making a difference in the lives of our students, inspiring spiritual growth, intellectual challenge, and compassion for others. We ask you to reflect on the difference that Catholic education has made in your life and support St. Gertrude School through:

- Gifts of Prayer
- Gifts of Involvement
- Gifts of Financial Participation

To share your gifts of prayer, involvement, and financial participation, please complete & return our 2020-21Annual Fund Flyer or Make an Online Donation by logging in to stgertrudesch.org/giving and scrolling down to Giving, then to the Annual Fund DONATE button.

### Support the St. Gertrude School 2020-2021 Annual Fund

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### A LIFE UPDATE

BY MEGAN DICKERT

Many of you may know that Paul Nitkiewicz and I are now engaged to be married! (You will get a prize if you can pronounce his last name correctly.) Our relationship has been long distance,

but the time has finally come to move closer to each other. In mid-May, I will be moving up to the Ann Arbor, Michigan area (sorry to all my loyal OSU friends). I have accepted a position

with a Catholic high school as their registrar/ counseling assistant. Before accepting this position, I already had a trip planned for May 10-14. So my last day with St. Gertrude will be May 14th and my last day in the office will be May 7th.



Over the past twenty-one years, St. Gertrude has been my spiritual home. I have been abundantly blessed to experience this parish in a variety of ways - as a graduate from our grade school, a teen in our youth ministry program, a volunteer while I was attending college, a parish intern for a summer, and finally serving the youth of our parish for the past five years. To say the least, St. Gertrude parish has profoundly affected my life! Through my experience as a teen in the youth ministry program, I deeply encountered Jesus which led me to serve in ministry full-time.

I am so grateful for each and every teen that I have met through my time serving this parish. Many times while in this position, I have been overcome with gratitude for the work that I have been blessed to do here - from witnessing teens encounter Jesus and strive for a deeper relationship with Him, watching authentic friendships being fostered between the teens of the program, enduring sleepless nights on the bus traveling to Washington DC for the March for Life, watching teens conquer a homemade escape room, praying with teens, and getting demolished in a shaving cream fight. For all of this and so much more, I am grateful!

I will miss the parish community that has supported me and impacted my life deeply - the friars, the staff, the parishioners, and the teens that I have been blessed to journey with over the years. I will be back occasionally to visit my family. So if you see me around, please do not be a stranger. Please pray for me and Paul as we prepare for our marriage in October. Know that I am praying for you.

#### EVANGELIZATION TEAM OPENING

#### **Communications Coordinator**

Position Description: St. Gertrude Church and School is hiring a full-time communications coordinator. The coordinator must have a demonstrable desire to evangelize through beauty and the written word, and serve as an integral part of the Evangelization Team. The communications coordinator will be responsible for helping to shape St. Gertrude's communication strategy across multiple platforms including print, social media, website, email, and video.

Specifically, the coordinator will implement St. Gertrude brand and style guidelines across all official church and school communications; serve as the parish bulletin editor; design, compose, and edit both print and electronic promotional materials; manage our websites; grow our social media presence (which includes Twitter, Facebook, and Youtube); assist with design and layout of catechetical materials produced in-house;

schedule and manage livestream Masses; and serve as a general editor of content produced by the Evangelization Team. The coordinator must be proficient in writing and editing, have experience with social media, and possess basic graphic design skills. Photography and videography skills are a plus.

Status: full-time, with an option to work a portion of the hours remotely

Contact: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, contact information for three references, and one writing sample to Brad Bursa, Evangelization Team Lead and Director of Adult Formation at bbursa@stgertrude.org.

Applications will be accepted through April 28, or until the position is filled.

Other Job openings can be found at https://www.stgertrude.org/ employment.html

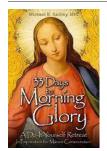
## IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING CAMP 3:16

Dear Parents, After prayerful discernment, the Office of Evangelization has unfortunately felt the need to postpone Camp 3:16 until next summer. We were eager to create a new, vibrant summer ministry experience for children ages 4 years old-8th grade. However, because of several upcoming staff changes in our office, the collaborative team that was planning the camp experience is being rebuilt. Given the extensive transition that will be taking place over the next few months, we do not feel we could offer the kind of quality summer camp experiences our parishioners are accustomed to, and frankly, the children deserve. As our team is rebuilt, please keep us in your prayers as you are in ours. We look forward to seeing how the Lord works and we will be working on a few simpler summer events for the youth of the parish. Stay tuned!

#### FLOWER SALE

The St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets and 4 1/2" individual potting plants at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 8 and 9. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. These baskets make a perfect gift for Mother's Day and for your own garden and can be purchased with cash or checks made out to Right to Life. Questions? Contact Jana Widmeyer at jmwidmeyer@gmail.com.

#### **MARIAN CONSECRATION - JUNE 12TH**



On June 12, the Fatima statue will arrive at St. Gertrude, one of the stops during the Archdiocese's Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage. Part of our celebration will include a Marian concert at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Marian Consecration ceremony.

In order to prepare for the consecration, the Archdiocese has provided PLENTY of

complimentary copies of the pamphlet version of Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. For those who wish to make the consecration on June 12, you will begin your 33 days of preparation on May 10.

The parish will be offering the video-based program for the book, as well. These talks will be shown in the Parish Center Lobby from 7:00-8:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 6th Introduction and St. Louis de Montfort
- May 20th St. Maximilian Kolbe and Blessed Mother Teresa
- ❖ June 3rd − St. Pope John Paul II and Conclusion

#### **CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS**

Are you looking for a way to share ideas with other moms on how to raise faith-filled children and strengthen your marriage? A new Cana Family — Called to Motherhood group is being formed for Fall 2021! We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, Catechism and Pope JPII's writings on the dignity of women. We share stories and advice on how to raise faith-filled children and be better wives and mothers. Please come and meet current members on **Thursday, April 29, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center to learn more. Babysitting will be provided. You can find more info at <a href="http://www.canafamilyinstitute.com">http://www.canafamilyinstitute.com</a>. Please contact Alexandra Schreck at alexandra.canavan94@gmail.com with any questions.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

A beautiful spiritual remembrance for your Mother, Grandmother, Aunts or friends is to enroll them in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses to be offered here at St. Gertrude



Church. This Novena of nine Masses begins on Mother's Day through May 17. Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church and also at the parish office in the school.

#### **LET US PRAY**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Michael Bell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Ed Doll, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Nancy Lucas, Sandra Munyon, Gerry Patterson, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker and Bill Van Hise

#### THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Martha Bunker

#### THE FEAST DAY OF **BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM**



Every year, on the last Sunday in April, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul around the world celebrate the Ozanam Sunday in honor of the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Born in 1813 in Milan, Frederic was a

gifted scholar who studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. At that time, religion was under attack in Europe, and Frederic became a champion for the Catholic faith. At one point, one of his fellow students challenged him by saying, "show us your works!" Frederic rose to the challenge. He and a group of his fellow students formed the "Conference of History," and working with Daughters of Charity, began to visit and help the poor in some of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Paris. All St. Vincent de Paul members are still based in groups called "Conferences" because of this first Conference founded by Frederic.

#### **Meeting People Where They Live**

The Daughters of Charity who taught Frederic and the first Vincentians felt strongly that those in need should be met in their homes. Frederic wrote, "The knowledge of social wellbeing and reform is not to be learned from books...but by sitting by [the person in need's] bedside, feeling the same cold that pierces him, hearing the secret of his lonely...mind." This tradition of meeting people in their homes, maintaining their confidentiality and dignity, and truly seeing Christ in them, is still the heart of what we do as members of St. Vincent de Paul today.

#### Frederic's Legacy Lives On

Frederic was a pioneer in many ways. He spoke out against abuse of children, unsafe conditions in industry, and government corruption. He envisioned the establishment of a network of charity that would span the world. His dream has been realized there are now Conferences in over 140 countries around the world. Sadly, he died in 1853 when he was just 40 years old, but his legacy lives on in hundreds of thousands of Vincentians who have followed in his footsteps, still meeting with and serving those in need in any way possible.

You can be one of those people by getting involved in the St. Gertrude SVDP Conference by leaving a message on the SVDP voice mail at 513-561-5954, extension 2112 and you will be contacted by a Volunteer member of SVDP.

"Do not be afraid of new beginnings. Be creative. Be inventive. You who have energy: who have enthusiasm; who want to do something of value for the future; Be inventive, launch out; Do not wait!"

-Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853)

#### KOC BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER



A reminder that the Knights will Knights of be collecting baby bottles filled Columbus\* with cash, coins, or check at all Masses on Sunday, April 25

(including Saturday vigil Mass). All proceeds will be donated to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-The-Rhine. If you are unable to return bottles on these dates, please drop off at the parish office.

#### **MAY SHARING VAN**

On May 1st & 2nd, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting for Mary Magdalen House in Over-the-Rhine. The center serves the homeless by providing bathrooms and shower facilities, use of the telephone, and laundering of one set of clothing. They do not provide meals. Mary Magdalen House has special needs for the following items in addition to cash donations:

- Brown paper grocery bags to hold clients' clothes.
- Clothing (can be used unless noted): Men's underwear sizes 30-36 (new), thermal long johns, men's and women's white socks, men's and women's belts, shirts (particularly flannel) sizes L, XL, shoes (particularly gym shoes). OF SPECIAL NEED: women's underwear and washable pants.
- Cleaning supplies: Drano, Lysol (liquid), laundry detergent, bleach, windshield fluid, Top Job, plastic bags, dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet tissue, Mr. Clean.
- Personal Care Items: towels, face cloths, aftershave/perfume, Vaseline, baby powder, toothbrushes/paste, combs, Kleenex, personal size shampoo and soap, lotion, Q-tips, spray deodorant.

Please call Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085 with any questions about Mary Magdalen House or Ladies of Charity. Thank you so much for your help!





# ASK A PRIEST CHURCH-SHOPPING AND PARISH-HOPPING

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** I don't really like the parish and pastor near my house. Do I have a responsibility to my "territorial parish"?

A: Until recently in the US, Catholic daily living had a lot to do with the neighborhood church, school, and its pastor. Of course, a parish is more than mere geography. It is a spiritual association with a distinct purpose. A parish is defined as "a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church [i.e., a diocese] whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor (parochus) as its proper pastor (pastor) under the authority of the diocesan bishop." Pope St. John Paul II emphasized this above all as a Eucharistic community (koinonia) in which the ordained pastors and all the faithful are spiritually refreshed, joined together, and encouraged to share the gifts they have received from Christ for the building of God's kingdom. The parish makes the universal Church present close to where people live their lives and provides access to the Gospel and the grace of the sacraments. The priest selected by the diocesan bishop to preside over this group represents and channels the bishop's authority, joining the local neighborhood to the diocese, the local Church.<sup>2</sup> "Pastor" is much more than an honorary title among Catholics and their clergy.

What is the pastor supposed to be for the Christians who come to the parish in order to "actualize" their lives as Catholics? What implied responsibilities do Catholics have to the parish in which they reside or where they exercise the legitimate option to register (as is permitted within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati)? Canon law offers us a picture of the good pastor and how he is to relate to his parishioners:

"The pastor (parochus) is the proper pastor (pastor) of the parish entrusted to him, exercising the pastoral care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for the same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the cooperation of other presbyters [i.e. assisting priests] or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law."<sup>3</sup>

As Pope St. John Paul II emphasized, the pastor must place his ministry at the service of all the faithful who are under his care. Much of the exercise of his unique priestly gifts is meant to stimulate similar albeit different gifts of teaching, sanctifying, and governing among the people. In fact, the pastor could not carry out his mandate to teach the Catholic faith, celebrate the Sacraments, and guide the baptized if it were not for the cooperation of many dedicated lay people who want to play their part in teaching, worshipping, and serving for the growth of the Kingdom of God. The way the pastor is called to exercise his priestly gifts among his parishioners is also very personal:

"In order to fulfill his office diligently, a pastor is to strive to know the faithful entrusted to his care. Therefore he is to visit families, sharing especially in the cares, anxieties, and griefs of the faithful, strengthening them in the Lord, and prudently correcting them if they are failing in certain areas. With generous love he is to help the sick, particularly those close to death, by refreshing them solicitously with the sacraments and commending their souls to God; with particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those in exile from their country, and similarly those weighed down by difficulties. He is to work so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their proper duties and is to foster growth of Christian life in the family."

As the bishop is for the entire diocese, so the pastor is for the parish. Modeling his life and ministry after Jesus, the Good Shepherd, he must know his sheep well, remain near them, and lead them toward safe pastures. In an era of "Church shopping" and "parish hopping," devout Catholics should make sure to

and "parish hopping," devout have steady and personal contact with their pastor, his assistant clergy, and their fellow parishioners. How can one receive adequate spiritual care otherwise? How can one be fully "Catholic" without living as a habitual member of a local Christian flock, bound through its pastor to the diocesan bishop and, through him, to the rest of the worldwide Church?



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Code of Canon Law (CIC), 515.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Pope St. John Paul II, Christifideles Laici, 26-27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CIC 519.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CIC 529.1.

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

Monday, April 26	Tuesday, April 27	Wednesday, April 28	Thursday, April 29	Friday, April 30	Saturday, May 1	Sunday, May 2
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	True Devotion 12:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Amiguitas del Corazon de Jesus 4:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	RE First Communion Retreat 9:00 a.m. School Cafeteria	LOC Mary Magdalen House After All Morning Masses Sharing Van
Core Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Illuminate 1:45 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Music Room		SGS First Communion 2:00 p.m. Church	Rosary Sales After All Morning Masses Outside (weather permitting) or Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church	Religious Education 4:30 p.m. School Atrium	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby			LOC Mary Magdalen House After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	Religious Education 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria, Classrooms
RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				Religious Education 8th Grade Breakfast 9:15 a.m. School Cafeteria
Please Note: D	ue to 1st Holy Con	nmunion on May 2	at the noon Mass	. the entire front s	ection of the	HSYM Discipleship Training Cells 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

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

church will be filled with 1st Communicants that day. Therefore, seating in the church will be limited.

### **OFFERING**

Thank you for your understanding and for your prayers for our children.

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

#### Collection for April 18

Weekly Budget	\$	38,235
Collection	\$	23,835
Weekly Deficit	(\$	14,400)

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

Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 1,647,647 Fiscal YTD Actual \$ 1,595,154 Fiscal YTD Deficit (\$ 52,493)

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

BULLETIN 5/9/21 MATERIALS DUE 4/28/21

Please submit your Mass announcements & bulletin articles to: bulletin@stgertrude.org 6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243 513.561.5954 | FAX 513.561.7184 | www.StGertrude.org

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